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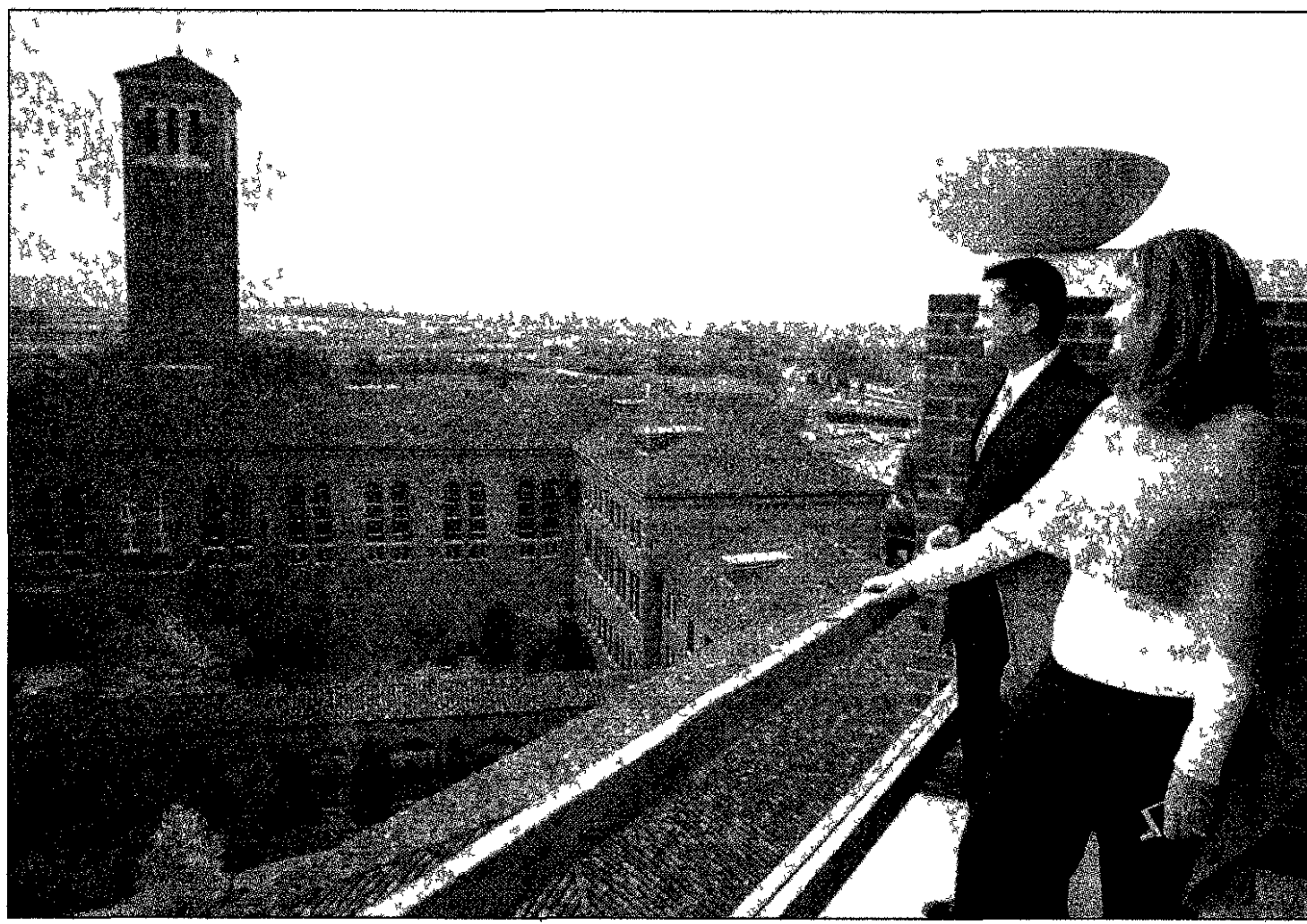
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The best view in Plymouth Township might be from a suite on the seventh floor of the new Inn at St. John's, scheduled to open in January

## District could face tough sell

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Beginning early next year, Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators and the Board of Education will begin framing a campaign to convince district residents to vote "yes" on two bond proposals in May worth a total of \$118.3 million.

The toughest sell might not be the amount of money or the projects the bonds are intended to support but could be the fact the tax hike question will come 20 months after a \$109 million bond proposal that was passed by 71 percent of the voters in September 2004.

School board trustees voted 6-1 Tuesday to approve the two-question ballot proposal. The first will ask voters to approve \$102 million for a \$32 million career and technical education center at the high school park, \$28.3 million for a new middle school to be constructed in Canton Township, a total of \$24 million for growth and equity improvements at elementary and middle school buildings, and \$12.9 million for renovation and repurposing of Central Middle School, among other items.

The second ballot question for \$16.3 million includes \$12 million for a new theater to be constructed at Plymouth High School, \$3 million for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School and \$1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

"Because the 1997 bond (for construction of Plymouth High School and Dodson Elementary) was challenged and didn't go until '99, we're just behind," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We didn't build Plymouth High School hoping to fill it, we were so over-crowded at Canton and Salem that we had to disperse the kids. Now, we've got to look at space again."

"My job is to help the community imagine what these additions will do, not only for the educational system but the whole community," he said. "We need for the parents who have kids in kindergarten now to see how important it's going to be to do things in middle school and at the Park. When you get there, you can pick out what you think you want to do."

When Rosemary Maul of Canton moved with her family from the east coast, she did her homework in deciding

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A7

## Workers in 'Super' stretch run

### St. John's hotel project set to wrap in January

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

The new Inn at St. John's has already sold out for four nights of the week when the Super Bowl comes to town in February.

So it's a good thing the inn, being added to the St. John's Golf & Conference

Center, is scheduled to open on time in mid-January. Workers are moving along on the plans for the seven-story, 118-room structure that will allow the center to service the residential needs of people using it for weddings and other gatherings.

"The hotel portion has always been in the master plan for the center," said St. John's general manager Paul Wegert. "There's a huge demand from a wedding standpoint for one-stop shopping, and there's also a big demand on the corporate side."

The property, a former seminary owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit, reopened in the late 1990s as a conference center. Developers back then hunted they'd eventually be putting a hotel on the property.

"We've been somewhat limited to local meetings and one-day events," said Ron Wilson, CEO of Hotel Investment Services Inc., the firm that runs the complex. "The hotel will allow for significant increase in business in both the corporate market and the social market."

Expanding its ability to host large conferences and weddings has been a big part of the game plan at St. John's. Next up on its to-do list is the opening of the Grande Ballroom, a converted gymnasium that will now be able to hold some 450 people.

Wegert said that adjustment alone will allow St. John's to expand its offerings. "That will certainly allow us to have weddings over 400 people," he said.

PLEASE SEE ST. JOHN'S, A8

## City waits for election payback

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Days after the Nov. 8 general election — and more than three months after holding the August primary — Wayne County said it would pay for — officials in Plymouth and Canton Township are among those in 19 communities still waiting for the promised reimbursement.

The municipalities were required to hold an election, despite not having any local issues, so Wayne County could propose a parks millage to voters, with the promise to pay back the communi-

ties for their expenses. "They're the ones who said we had to hold a special election, even though we didn't have the need for a primary," said Bob Marzano of Plunkett & Cooney, the city attorney for Plymouth. "We were told by the county we would be reimbursed if we didn't have anything else on the ballot."

"We submitted a bill for \$13,057 and they sent us a check for \$11,174," said Marzano. "They indicated we would have to send more detailed documentation. We just want our \$1,883."

Canton Township submitted a bill of \$55,459 to

Wayne County, and received reimbursement totaling \$42,890.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said the costs for those communities that didn't have primaries were determined by the Office of Management and Budget.

"We estimated how much it would cost each community to run the election," said Helmkamp. "They shouldn't have needed more than the most minimal of staff. Some of the communities submitted billings beyond our estimated budget."

"Communities that sent bills that were 10 percent or

more above our estimated costs were sent a letter to send documentation," he said.

Both Plymouth and Canton were questioned about two line items in their billings, rentals and programming.

Helmkamp said the estimated costs were based on the 2000 presidential primary in Michigan. He noted Wayne County budgeted \$520,000 for election reimbursements, and received bills from municipalities that totaled \$60,000 more than expected.

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## Parade gets 'craving' for briefcase sponsor

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The estimated crowd of a million people who line Woodward Avenue for the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit will be craving for the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

For the first time in the 20-year history of the Plymouth-based brigade, the group will lay down their trademark briefcases in exchange for a corporate logo.

White Castle is donating \$25,000 to The Parade Company in exchange for the 16 business-like men in blue suits, red ties and red stocking caps marching down Woodward with white briefcases that will look like the fast food chain's trademark hamburger. Crave Case.

"People love White Castle, and poke fun at the fact you don't eat just one," said Jamie Richardson, director of marketing — and self-anointed Keeper of the Crave — for White Castle. "And, the Brief Case Brigade acts serious, but does their march tongue-in-cheek."

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### Coming Thursday in Filter

More than 300 area cheerleaders are set to kick off this year's Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Detroit.





**Toy drive**

Mel's Golden Razor sponsors its 26th annual toy collection for needy families and First Step

Owner Mel Bobcean will accept toys and cash donations, which he then turns into food and clothing for needy families. The drive runs through Dec 20.

Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-9057.

**Santa welcome**

The Plymouth community gets a chance to welcome Santa back to town when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the jolly elf at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at the band shell in Kellogg Park. The crowd will be led in Christmas carols, and Santa's arrival is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the welcome, Santa will begin accepting visitors in Santa's House, set up on the perimeter of Kellogg Park on Main Street.

The visits will continue on weekends through Dec 23. Visiting hours are 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There is also the opportunity to have pictures of pets taken with Santa. Proceeds will then be donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, call

the chamber, (734) 453-1540

**Native art**

Native West in downtown Plymouth celebrates its 16th annual Holiday Jewelry Festival featuring a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest.

Trunk Show of Native American Jewelry offers an assortment of sterling silver using turquoise, opals, coral and gold. The event will also feature a selection of inlay pieces with hand-cut stones, finished in one-of-a-kind designs and inlaid with gold and silver.

The show opens with a Dec 1 reception from 5-9 p.m., then goes 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec 3 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec 4.

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For details, call (734) 455-8838.

**TAG screening**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are screening students for admission to the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2006-07 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the PCCS district boundaries and be in grades two-seven. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school prin-



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**Lots of candles**

Fifty plus 50 equals 100, as the balloons say for Mary Motsinger who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Family and friends spoiled Mary with a party, complete with balloons and all the trimmings, at Plymouth Church of Christ.

cipals or counselors by Dec 23.

Nomination forms also are available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Nominations for nonpublic school students should be returned to the TAG Office at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

**Civil War roundtable**

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Roundtable presents Barbara Shafer to talk about the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment and its participation in the civil war at its meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Plymouth Historical

Museum.

Shafer, a teacher from Dearborn, will have letters and personal artifacts of her great-grandfather, a member of the 50th Regiment. She has written articles for *Civil War Times*, *Michigan History Magazine* and other publications.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

**Toys for Tots event**

Spa Juliana sponsors an evening of support for the Toys for Tots program from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth. Linda Lanci of WMGC 105.1-FM will be the celebrity

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bartender for the event. Each individual who brings in a new, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl gets 20 percent off their personal dinner bill, and will be entered into a drawing for a spa getaway at Spa Juliana, located in the Mayflower Centre in downtown Plymouth.

E.G. Nicks is located at 500 Forest. For more information, call (734) 414-6400.

**Christmas production**

The Plymouth Uptown Players and the Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Too Wrapped Up for Christmas" on stage at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts. This children's theater group, made up of first- through fifth-grade actors, will perform Dec 2 at 7 p.m., Dec 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Dec 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, or by phone, (734) 416-4278.

**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.

**Kiwanis speaker**

Saginaw Valley State University President Eric Gilbertson is the scheduled guest speaker at the Thursday, Nov. 17, meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Wong will discuss Saginaw Valley State University during

the meeting, which runs noon-1:30 p.m. at Ernest's Italian Country Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

Cost for the meeting is \$13 at the door. For more information, call (734) 934-7653.

**Dessert theater**

The Educational Excellence Foundation, serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, hosts a Dessert Theater Evening at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Salem High School.

The award-winning PCCS Culinary Arts team will prepare a variety of desserts, accompanied by a coffee/tea bar. After dessert, patrons will enjoy reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium for the Park Players performance of the comedy, *I Remember Mama*.

Tickets are \$25 and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the performing arts. Only 100 tickets are available, and advance ticket sales only can be paid for with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard.

To buy tickets, call Carole Kody, (734) 416-2718.

**Art exhibit**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council features the exhibit, "Nature Revisited," a new collection of watercolor paintings by Leslie Moorer through Nov. 26.

A member of the Michigan Watercolor Society, the artist likes to describe her new work as images of nature when she looks down at her feet.

In conjunction with "Nature Revisited," The Village Potters Guild will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a members' exhibit through Nov. 19. The Guild was founded by Kris Darby, a former art teacher at Salem High, and six other potters. They are located at 340 N. Main in Plymouth.

This year, 40 current and past members will exhibit their functional and decorative pottery at the PCAC, ending with a holiday sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. For information call (734) 416-4278.

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# Newcomer mission evolves from social club to community activity

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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After spending 18 years living in southern California, Rose Bonifacio of Plymouth Township remembers how she felt when her husband, John, was transferred to the Detroit area by Comerica Bank two years ago.

Rose, a working mom with plenty of friendships in California, soon found herself a stay-at-home mom with very little adult interaction.

"I was so depressed when I first moved here, all I did was go to the gym and wonder when winter was going to end," remembered Bonifacio. "I started feeling this move might not have been the best thing for me."

Bonifacio said everything changed when she received an invitation from the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors.

"We were invited to a wine tasting, and the kids and I were invited to a play group," said Bonifacio. "The people were so kind, and one of my closest friends is like a sister to me."

"Newcomers have a common thread, everyone is seeking friendship," said Bonifacio, who now serves on the group's board. "You could live in Plymouth all your life and not know a soul. If you're looking for opportunities to meet new people in a non-threatening environment, this group really makes it a comfortable thing."

Nearly 43 years ago, Plymouth Newcomers started out as a ladies social club, which invited speakers to talk to the group and held a fashion show as its annual fund-raiser.

The group has evolved over the years, according to Colleen Abb, Newcomers' president. The group now gets involved in a number of community events, including the BenchArt Plymouth, which in September held an auction of benches



Sisters Julia (left), Alexa and Anna Arapoff took part in the Fall Festival Coloring contest, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers

Painted by local artists. The event raised \$8,000 for the Plymouth Community Arts Council and \$4,000 each for Plymouth and Plymouth Township beautification projects.

"I think we're trying to get involved in our community a bit more, rather than just having activities for our members," said Abb.

On Monday (Nov 14), the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors is holding a free Holiday Marketplace show, featuring 20 vendors with holiday gift ideas, 6-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The proceeds will be used to purchase holiday gifts and meals for families in the Plymouth Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program.

"It's our third year sponsoring a family for the holidays," said Abb. "Each year has become bigger and better."

Abb said along with efforts to get involved in the community, group events like the annual road rally, euchre and poker nights, kids' play groups and dinner parties are popular for the 112 families who belong.

"We also have a Friendship Circle group, with the sole objective to identify members who have just had babies or have had a death in the family," said Abb. "Volunteers reach out to those families and coordinate bringing meals to them."

Suzy Fanning of Plymouth Township lived in Plymouth for six years before joining Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors.

"It was a sense of wanting to become more involved in the community, a chance to meet new people in the area and participate in activities that I wouldn't otherwise have done," said Fanning. "It's also a good networking opportunity for my husband (Rick). Men don't often get a lot of opportunities to meet other men socially because of work."

"Newcomers is really a misconception," added Fanning. "People never seem to leave."

Anyone interested in joining Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors can contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840, or at janetkeller@aol.com

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The Santa Claus and kids in bed at the museum represent 'Visions of Sugar Plums Danced in their Heads.' Santa is a real Santa Claus mannequin from the downtown Hudson's store from the 1930s.

## Museum hosts toys from bygone days

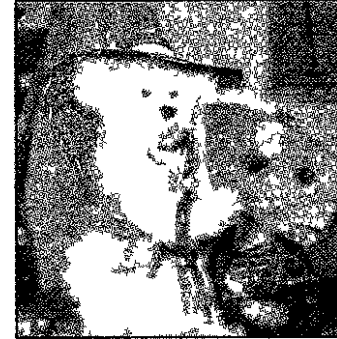
BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

If you'd like to see toys from your childhood – and you're of a certain age – why not stop by the Plymouth Historical Museum?

The museum, 155 S. Main, is hosting a "Toys of the Generations" exhibit through Jan. 22. "We've gotten some really great toy collections," said Beth Stewart, museum director. "This exhibit sort of runs the gamut."

Some toys are from the Victorian era, others more recent from the 1920s/1930s or 1940s/1950s. Museum officials borrowed a couple collections from a woman, including doll-size furniture. "They're really unique and lovely," said Stewart, a Plymouth Township resident. She also collects doll-size and child-size glassware.

Those items, such as punch sets and cake sets, were made by glassmakers



This rocking horse and bear in the exhibit are from the 1950s.

and given as a premium for women to pass on to their young daughters. Girls learned to set the table. Some items were broken or lost in the process, so those putting the exhibit together are pleased to have what they do.

There are also trucks, fire engines and windup toys. There are board games and an original Hopalong Cassidy costume on a mannequin holding the costume

box. The museum has been decorated for the holidays, with the Trailwood Garden Club doing indoor trees and the Plymouth Club wreaths for outside.

"We have a number of dollhouses in the exhibit, too," Stewart said, adding there are dolls as well.

A special day is planned for Sunday, Dec. 4, when the museum will host Santa Claus with gifts for children. There will be holiday decorating styles and trends with Allen Odell. The museum also encourages visitors that day to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.

Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, and there is an admission charge of \$3 for adults, \$1 for students 5-17, under 5 free, and \$7 for a family. For information, call (734) 455-8940.

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Army National Guard Pvt. Zachary M. Deters has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Robert Deters of Canton and Andrea Gee of Lincoln Park. The private is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Naval grad

Navy Seaman Recruit Rick C. Bernard, son of Fran M. and John M. Bernard of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Bernard completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

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Bernard is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Credit union honored for student efforts

Community Financial has made a commitment to teach thousands of Michigan students, from grade school through high school, how to manage their money.

In recognition of those efforts, the credit union recently received the Desjardins Financial Literacy Award from the Michigan Credit Union League. A special awards presentation was held at Northville's Hillside Middle School, where Community Financial opened its 21st student credit union last winter.

"We're honored that our school was chosen as the site for Community Financial to receive this award," said Hillside Middle School Principal Jim Cracraft.

Since 1991, Community Financial has opened 23 student-run credit unions within Michigan schools in its service area. Starting with student-run credit unions in elementary schools, this program has expanded to middle schools and high schools.

More than 900 student volunteers will serve this year as credit union tellers, branch managers, marketing repre-

sentatives, computer operators and bookkeepers at Community Financial's student-run credit unions in Michigan. These student volunteers handle transactions for approximately 2,000 student members.

"This program provides continuity to our financial literacy programs and gives students real life, hands on experience in handling and managing money," said Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton. "These student-run credit unions have also strengthened our relationships with area schools, educational foundations, students, teachers, and the community-at-large."

Community Financial staff will deliver classroom presentations to nearly 1,000 students during the school year. Presentation topics include learning how to use checking accounts, establishing and maintaining credit, teen investment options, economic concepts such as goods and services, and career opportunities.

The award is named for Alphonse Desjardins, a credit union pioneer who was



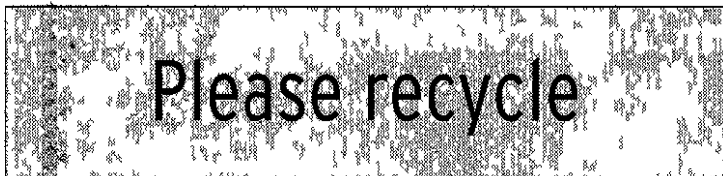
Hillside Middle School student credit union volunteers and sixth-grade teacher Megan Monk (bottom left) attended the financial literacy award presentation to Community Financial. Also present were from top left Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft, Community Financial Education Partnership Coordinator Beth Troost, Michigan Credit Union League Consulting Services Director Brian Paul, who presented the award to Community Financial Senior Education Partnership Coordinator Natalie McLaughlin and CEO Bill Lawton.

instrumental in forming the Canadian and U.S. credit union movements. In addition to founding the first credit unions in the U.S. and Canada, Desjardins pioneered youth savings clubs and in-school "banks."

Our mission and success can be credited to the participation of all our staff in

developing and implementing financial literacy programs, Lawton said.

Other Community Financial programs include servicing youth accounts, conducting credit union tours, attending school events, and presenting financial seminars for young members and their families.



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# American Girl fashion show hits the stage

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

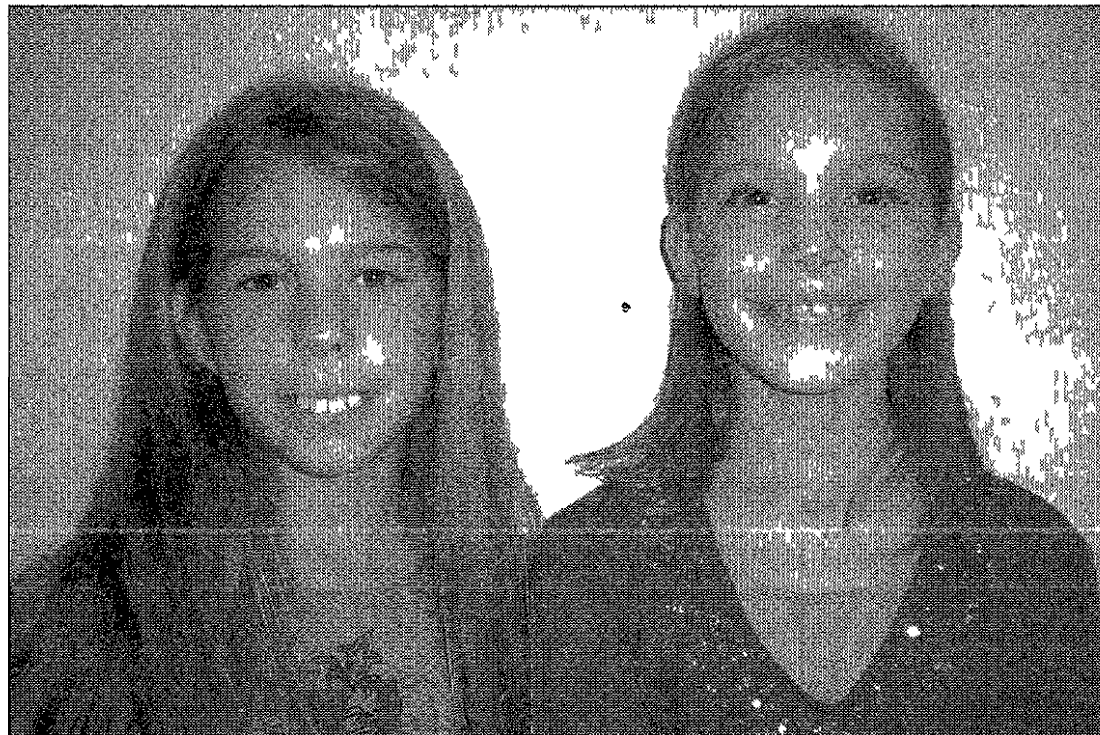
You might say it'll be like seeing an American Girl catalog come to life.

Dozens of local girls, including Brittany Cameron and Abby Meyers, from Plymouth, will take to the stage next weekend for an American Girl fashion show to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

The popular American Girl dolls and accessories have swept the nation over the past several years. Now, a local group called Friends of Suzette is pairing American Girl fans with popular fashions for four shows — at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 and at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi.

The second annual event will feature an engaging program showcasing the styles of girls yesterday and today, with historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl and Bitty Baby, for the younger girls.

"If your daughter, granddaughter or niece is an American Girl doll fan, this is the perfect opportunity to see their favorite dolls come to life on stage through this fashion show," said Leah McLean, one of the show organizers and a founder of Friends of Suzette. "In addition, the shows provide an entertaining and educational look at how generations of American girls have used



Brittany Cameron and Abby Meyers of Plymouth are among dozens of girls in the American Girl fashion show to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit set for Nov. 19-20 in Novi.

clothing to express their own unique style and personality.

Each show will include a light meal, favors, door prizes, souvenirs and a raffle for American Girl packages.

Tickets are \$30 per person. For ticket information, call Leah McLean at (248) 620-9515 or email Debbie Bienstock at dbienstock@twm1rr.com. The shows are not recommended for girls under age five.

Friends of Suzette is a group of women who came together to continue the fight against

breast cancer when their friend Suzette Herskovitz

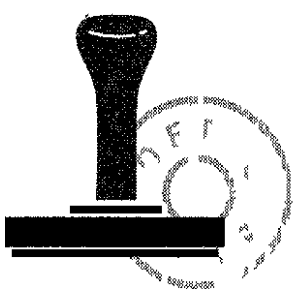
Suzette battled and lost her fight with the disease in 2001 at the age of 32. Initially, the group came together to raise funds for a bone marrow transplant that Suzette needed. Now, the group is committed to raising \$50,000 to endow an art room in memory of Suzette at Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Gilda's Club is a nonresidential clubhouse located in Royal Oak where people affected by

cancer find social and emotional support in a home-like community atmosphere with others who are living with cancer. In addition to programs for adults and teens, Gilda's Club offers support groups and activities specifically for children under 13. Named to honor the late comedian Gilda Radner, this free cancer support organization held a special place in Suzette Herskovitz's heart.

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## FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

### B

**Eric E. Bentlage**  
Bentlage 89 of Waterford formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Nov. 9.

**Violet V. (Dumke) Bitz**  
Bitz 86 died Nov. 9.

### C

**Patty Ann Cool**  
Cool died Nov. 8.

### F

**Helen Marie McNamara Feys**  
Feys 81 formerly of Redford died Nov. 7.

### H

**Richard M. "Dick" Hansz**  
Hansz 88 of Traverse City died Nov. 9.

**Amber Marie Harrison**  
Harrison 19 died Nov. 8.

**Phyllis M. Henderson**  
Henderson 86 of Beverly Hills died Oct. 30.

**Merlin Holmquist**  
Holmquist 92 formerly of Birmingham died Oct. 30.

### O

**Barbara G. Oliver**  
Oliver 87 of Chelsea died Nov. 7.

### R

**Helen F. Rice**  
Rice 87 of Northport died Nov. 7.

**Richard C. Reilly, M.D.**  
Reilly 74 of Birmingham died Nov. 3.

### T

**Sheridan M. Thurston**  
Thurston 54 of Plymouth died Nov. 3.

### W

**Joel "Jimmy" Weiner**  
Weiner 65 of Bloomfield Hills died Nov. 6.

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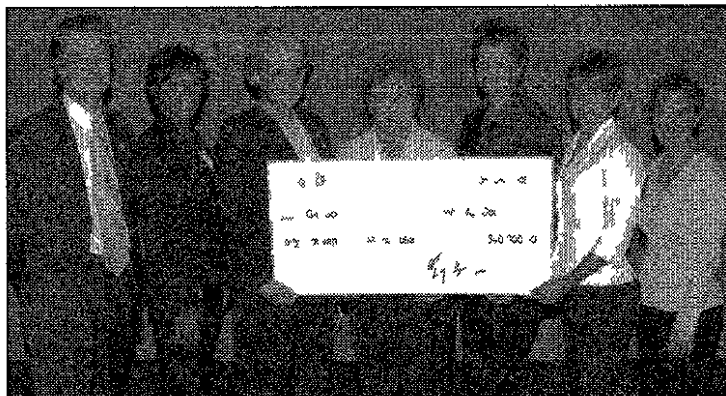


**FIRE RUNS**

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Nov 2-8

- Tuesday, Nov 8 — Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Parkview, on Newport, on Haggerty and on Pacific, investigation on Northville Road, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 east of Sheldon, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road
- Monday, Nov 7 — Residential rescue runs on Woodgate, on Maple Wood, on Northville Road, on Penniman, on Morrison, on Hartsough and on Joy, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, investigation on Wing, single-family fire on Hartsough, rescue run on westbound M-14 west of Napier
- Sunday, Nov 6 — Downed wires on Thornridge and on Wing west of Main, residential rescue runs on Burroughs and on Newport, fire on Sheldon at Hartsough
- Saturday, Nov 5 — Residential rescue runs on Woodgate, on Man and on Fairground, vehicle accident with wash-down on southbound I-275 at M-14
- Friday, Nov 4 — Residential rescue runs on Erik Court, on Sheldon, on Palmer and on Elizabeth, vehicle accidents with wash-down on 5 Mile west of Sheldon and at Ann Arbor Road and Main, fire on Edinburg, rescue run to a public building/school on Main, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at Haggerty
- Thursday, Nov 3 — Wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, vehicle accident at Haggerty and Hines, residential rescue runs on Shadywood and on Northville, rescue run on northbound I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road
- Wednesday, Nov 2 — Residential rescue runs on Lenden, on Main, on Sheridan, on Provincetown, on Harvey and on Newporte, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, multiple-family fire on Newporte

**'NEWS BRIEFS**



Accepting the first installment of a three-year grant from The Dove Self-Esteem Fund are (third and fourth from right) Gail Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley, and Diane Hockett, Director of Membership GSHVC, along with Philippe Harousseau, Marketing Director-Dove Skin Masterbrand, Dominique Dawes, uniquely ME! spokesperson and three-time Olympian Mary Lee Hoffman, Senior VP Development-National Funding Girl Scouts of the USA, Patti Wakeling, Dove Masterbrand Senior Marketing Manager, and Christy DeSantis, Dove Global Medical Manager

**Girl Scouts grant**

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council received a grant from the Dove Self-Esteem Fund to implement the uniquely ME! program in the communities they serve. The council will receive an estimat-

ed \$95,000 from 2005-2008, designating them as a uniquely ME! council

Uniquely ME! helps to build self-esteem by empowering girls to recognize the pitfalls of risky behaviors like smoking, drinking, drug use, eating disorders, and unsafe sexual

behavior, which are all linked to low self-esteem. The program also aims to make girls feel better about themselves, both physically and emotionally. Armed with this knowledge and confidence, the girls can build a foundation for a healthy self-image

"Everything we do at Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council is aimed at uplifting and empowering girls and making sure they can make informed decisions throughout their lives," said Gail Scott, council CEO. "We are very excited to be a part of the uniquely ME! program and we thank Unilever and the Dove Self-Esteem Fund for enabling us to spread these important life lessons to our girls"

In 2002, Girl Scouts of the USA teamed with Unilever, Dove's parent company, to create uniquely ME! The Girl Scout/Unilever Self-Esteem Program designed to reach thousands of girls from diverse backgrounds who deal with issues of esteem and confidence in many facets of their

lives. In its first three years, uniquely ME! reached more than 166,000 tweens and teens, ages 8-14. Due to the success of the program, Dove has committed to the partnership with Girl Scouts through 2008

**Artist spotlights**

Staff members from 88.1-FM, The Escape, the student-run radio station of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will spotlight their favorite artists on Artist Spotlight Day Saturday, Nov 19

The Escape is planning special, hourlong features on artists that span the spectrum

"Our staff members have some really diverse tastes in music," said station manager Bill Keith

Plymouth junior Ryan Winn will do a feature on the music of Led Zeppelin, while Keith will feature the music of Steve Wonder. A complete list of artists to be featured will be posted on the station's Web site, www.881theescape.com starting Nov 14

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- 3. Sign up on time**  
If you want a PDP, your premiums will likely be lower if you enroll between November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006. If you don't join during this time, your premiums may be increased by one percent every month you delay.
- 4. Two ways to get your drug coverage**  
You'll have two types of plans to choose from:
  - A PDP (Prescription Drug Plan)
  - A Medicare Advantage plan with a PDP
- 5. New guidelines for changing Medicare plans in mid-year**  
In the past, you could change Medicare plans at different times during the year. Beginning in 2006, the new Federal law generally allows you to make only one change during the year - and the kinds of changes you can make are limited.

**What is Medicare Part D?**  
Beginning January 1, 2006, Medicare prescription drug coverage will be available to all people with Medicare. Most people will be able to get this coverage through Medicare prescription drug plans. Medicare will also work with employers and unions to ensure that people who currently receive drug coverage through their former employer or union can continue to do so.

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# Workshop to help grieving families get through holidays

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The weather's turning brisk and southeast Michigan could get its first dusting of snow this week, reminders that the winter holidays are growing ever more near. But not everyone finds this time of year a happy one, particularly if grief is part of the season.

To help people who are trying to deal with grief during the holidays, L. J. Griffin Funeral Home is for the 12th year inviting the public to attend a memorial service and grief workshop for families who have experienced loss and personal grief during the past year.

"Every year we have a grief counselor come in for a bereavement support group and a workshop on coping during the holidays," said David Griffin. "We have to do this every year. It helps."

The evening will begin with a half-hour memorial service at 7 p.m., then a workshop on grief. The counselor is also available to offer personal one-on-one sessions, Griffin said.

"It's not just for our clients. About half of the families who attend every year have heard about the workshop from a friend or in the newspaper," Griffin said. "Sometimes people just need a

**Not everyone finds this time of year a happy one, particularly if grief is part of the season.**

little extra support to make it through this time of year."

It's difficult, he added, because so often it's the holidays that brings families together, and the holidays can remind grieving people of happier times.

"With busy schedules and families being so scattered, very often they only get together during the holidays. It's too bad that we can't focus on the family daily or weekly. So during the holidays, the grieving family may have sort of a flashback of the memories and the times they did have together," Griffin said.

The L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 12th annual memorial service will be held 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 42600 Ford Road in Canton. For more information or to RSVP, call (734) 981-1700.

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## DISTRICT

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which school district to send her middle school- and elementary-aged children. After looking at all the factors, she decided on Plymouth-Canton, and has no problem in supporting a second bond issue in less than two years.

It's not that much extra money, and doesn't affect you significantly," said Maul. "Central Middle School could definitely use some refurbishing."

And, the prospect of a technology and career center at the Park to house studies in areas like public safety, health occupations and robotics, is a good idea to Maul.

In reality, not everybody goes to college. And, even if they do, not everybody succeeds," said Maul. "If they have something someone can do while they're paying for college, or that they can do when they come out of school, all the better."

Sheryl Babb of Canton has

two kids at Eriksson Elementary, one at East Middle School and another at Salem. Babb said she "loves" the school district and would be in favor of any improvements.

"We moved to Canton from Westland for the schools and the TAG program," said Babb. "The last bond wasn't that big of an increase. Just as long as they don't get rid of Central because it's got history. It's so easy to tear things down these days, so just as long as it's kept."

Board of Education trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski was the dissenting vote on the bond issues, warning of poor economic conditions in Michigan, and the burden another tax could have on residents. An e-mail from Don Knapp of Canton, whose two children attended Plymouth-Canton Schools and now live in Plymouth, also warns the Board of Education about the economy.

"Many people are fortunate to have one income, where 13

months ago they were living 'too well' on two incomes," said Knapp. "Look at Livonia as an object lesson. They built and expanded their school system to hold the number of students which are no longer there due to an aging population and job loss and moving to the outer suburbs."

"(Plymouth-) Canton could very well face the same situation in just a few years, with still years to pay for half empty buildings," Knapp added.

Ryan said work with the bond advocacy committee will begin before the end of the year.

"You'll see us working late March through April with presentations to community groups," said Ryan. "We'll go anywhere that people will talk to us."

"All I want is for people to vote," he said. "Make an informed decision and we'll take whatever decision the community dishes out."

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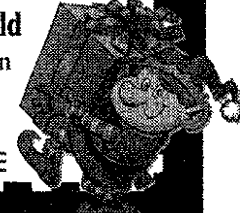
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**ST. JOHN'S**

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**PARADE**

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Our Crave Case has a handle and is like a briefcase, so why not bring the two together?" he said. "It seems like a natural fit."

Hill said the only other time the drill team performed without its traditional briefcases was in 1997, when the group marched in the victory parade for the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings, which swept the Philadelphia Flyers, 4-0. That time, the 16 drill team members used brooms instead of briefcases.

Hill admitted he had overtures last year from General Motors to march with suitcases at the North American International Auto Show And, in the past, from medical centers to march as doctors. But, they've always declined to become commercialized.

"That's not who we are," said Hill, the self-appointed General, about taking on sponsorships. "White Castle called us with the idea, knowing we probably wouldn't go for it."

After Hill discussed the promotion with a few of the drill team members, he agreed to scrap the briefcases for Crave cases.

The big deal for us is that this is a huge financial benefit to the parade," said Hill. "We think the crowd will enjoy it. It's the antithesis of what the drill team seems to be."

Are we their (White Castle's) demographic?" questioned Hill. "Maybe we are."

After the parade, each drill team member will sign his briefcase, which will then be auctioned on eBay, with the money to go to charity.

"We're still finalizing where the money will be donated," said Richardson. "It's all in the spirit of Thanksgiving, which is what it's all about."

This will be the 17th Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade for the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team. The group marches at the Cherry Festival in Traverse City, and has performed at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.,



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For just the second time in 20 years Fred Hill's drill team will put down their trademark briefcases when they march in Detroit's Thanksgiving parade

the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, and the Indianapolis 500.

But, always, the only money changing hands covered expenses.

"I don't care what a group's rules are, there's always an exception," said Jim Eldridge of Plymouth, who has marched with Hill for 16 years. "When we're out there, we make the crowd laugh. And, if we can use it as a fund-raiser, that's even better. We can't take ourselves too seriously."

It will take everyone off guard, no one will expect it, said Eldridge, who admits to stopping at White Castle a couple of times a year for a few cheeseburgers, with mustard, pickles and onions.

Tavi Fulkerson of the Fulkerson Group, the sponsorship consultant for The Parade Company, said the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team's efforts will help trim some of the expenses associated with the annual parade.

"Fred has been very generous with us," said Fulkerson. "His generosity is letting us marry a very nice contribution to The Parade Company from White Castle with his band of performing artists. It helps to contribute to our bottom line."

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"I never thought we would march even once," remembered Hill. "But, once we turned the corner and people started to cheer, I had 16 stars."

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Duties include serving as a sounding board for new programs and ideas, recommending new products, and offering recommendations.

"The customer advisory councils provide local two-way communication between the Michigan Blues and our customers," said J. Paul Austin, senior vice president of Michigan Sales and Services for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

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# Politics takes sordid turn in Cox, Fieger soap opera

Politics is an ugly game sometimes. For some, nothing is out of bounds, no one's privacy is beyond breach, no misstep can't be turned to political advantage.

This became all too clear this week when Attorney General Mike Cox, R-Livonia, came forward to admit to an extramarital affair. Cox made this private matter public because, he claims, attorney Geoffrey Fieger was using the information to blackmail him into dropping an investigation into Fieger's contributions to a political action committee opposed to the re-election of Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman. Fieger has also put his name forth as a potential Democratic candidate to challenge Cox in next year's race for attorney general.

The accusations will be sorted out through the legal process. We wouldn't presume to take sides in this matter. Neither Cox nor Fieger will come out of this without being soiled.

The scandal raises some interesting thoughts about our perceptions of the political parties, the rights of privacy and the sheer viciousness of some people who claim to be champions of liberal ideals.

Let's start with the last. Whether or not Fieger did what Cox alleges, his response to the accusation is a blood-chilling example of cut-throat politics.

In published comments, Fieger accuses Cox of serial adultery while proclaiming (or is it feigning) his innocence with his usual over-the-top rhetoric. "The people of the state of Michigan should also be offended by Mr. Cox's admission that he has so many skeletons in his closet that he feels personally threatened by his political opponents."

He says, "This is an intensely private matter, which should have remained private. I am offended that Mr. Cox has publicly attempted to deflect his own improper behaviors by repeatedly engaging in extramarital affairs and then making accusations against myself and others to deflect his guilt."

Parse that if you can. It adds insult to injury if Cox is telling the truth, of course. He disclosed this "intensely private matter" rather than cave in to extortion and do his duty as the state's top law enforcement official. The alternative, under that scenario, would be to drop the investigation and save himself the embarrassment (until the next time). If Cox is not telling the truth, then why would he reveal this private matter? On the spur Wednesday press reports say Fieger fumed "(Cox has) lost his mind."

The political pundits are saying that Cox will be most hurt in this matter. They reason that the Republican Party is the party of "morality

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and that Cox has seriously damaged his image as an upright Eagle Scout kind of guy.

I suppose that depends on your definition of morality. Certainly Cox has spent a lot of his time in office supporting positions of the religious right. He's been their darling on what they perceive as moral issues: gay marriage and benefits for homosexual couples and their families, abortion, family values. His admission makes those positions smack of hypocrisy. But he's always given off the impression that he was looking out for the next higher political office and playing to his base.

But personal morality or immorality isn't limited to one party or the other. I've met Democrat and Republican politicians that I respect as honest, fair, decent human beings who disagree on the role of government, social and economic issues. I've also met Democrats and Republicans that I thought were more than a little shady, more interested in their personal ambitions than in the public good (though some of them were quite effective political leaders).

The idea that the Republican Party represents morality to some pundits only shows how effective the GOP PR has been in recent years.

Just as Republicans defend their positions as moral, Democrats would argue that concern for the poor, racial and sexual equity, more funding for schools and social programs, a responsible foreign policy and other issues make them the moral party.

Certainly, Cox's admission takes the steam out of his implied claim to a higher morality and that won't play well with his more church-going supporters. The pundits are right, this will hurt.

But Mike and Laura Cox are no strangers to hardball politics. Just ask Lyn Bankes who was boxed out of running for re-election to the county commission to make a place for Laura Cox.

He'll tough it out. They'll tough it out. By early this week, we'll see what Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca will make of all this.

We can only hope that this isn't a prelude to a year of nasty, character-destroying political attacks. If it is, we might all want to run for cover from Democrats and Republicans.

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# Let's connect the dots and say enough is enough for Bush

Failure to 'connect the dots' became a very popular phrase to explain why the terrorists were able to hijack four passenger airplanes and fly three of them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. There is another set of dots that needs to be connected, so everyone can see who benefits.

1. The cost of the Iraq war is \$1 billion per week.

President Bush is the only US president who has reduced income taxes in war time. His first term started with a financial surplus. Now our country is in more debt than at any other time in our history. US companies received very lucrative contracts to rebuild Iraq's infrastructure after our military destroyed it. It has also been very expensive in terms of lives lost and people permanently injured.

Without broad-based economic development where Iraqis can earn a living wage, without effective institutions of civil society and without a form of government that is responsive to the needs of its people, there will be no peace in Iraq.

2. The cost of rebuilding the Gulf Coast will be as expensive as the war in Iraq.

Private corporations are again the beneficiaries of very lucrative contracts. We are told that to avoid any hindrances with redevelopment, the Bush administration wants to waive the minimum wage and EPA standards.

The residents of the Gulf Coast need long-term employment where they receive a living wage, not a minimum or lower wage. This huge rebuild should be organized as a federal public works program that hires those who are victims of the hurricane.

With oil, chemicals and e-coli bacteria in the water and land, EPA standards need to be fully enforced, so the Gulf Coast will be a safe and healthy place to live and visit.

3. Speaking from New Orleans, President Bush told us taxes will not be raised.

The funding of the Iraq war and the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast will be the excuses for making drastic cuts in the food stamp program, Medicaid and The Women, Infants and Children's nutrition (WIC) program. If the legislation is passed, it will diminish these programs by more than \$13 billion.

Once again, the president and Congress have decided to make life more difficult for the poor. The WIC program pays for itself by reducing the number of problem pregnancies and birth defects.

We saw how the poor of New Orleans were treated. We've read that Detroit is the poorest city of its size in the United States. Many other cities in Michigan and throughout the country struggle to provide basic services to their residents.

My statement about what is needed in Iraq can be slightly modified to describe what is needed in New Orleans, Detroit and other central cities. Without broad-based economic development that will enable people to earn a living wage, without effective institutions of civil society and without elected officials who are responsive to the needs of its people, violence is inevitable.

4. One percent of the population holds more wealth than the entire bottom 90 percent combined, according to the US Federal Reserve Watch. The tax cuts in 2004 meant an extra \$170,000 for taxpayers in the nation's most affluent 1 percent.

It is absolutely amazing that the richest people in the United States have already received a significant tax break, but the president is still not satisfied. If the next proposed tax deductions are approved, it will amount to \$70 billion.

We are the richest country in the world and we do not take care of our own. As of 2004, the US Census Bureau published the following statistics: 35.9 million people live below the poverty level, 1 in every 8 individuals and 1 in every 10 families lives in poverty, more than 1 in 6 children live in poverty, poverty rates have risen for three straight years, 1 in 3 Americans living in poverty worked, but didn't earn enough to cover food, housing and other essential expenses. The bureau's benchmark of poverty for a family of three with two children is \$14,824.

5. The number of people without health insurance has increased from 30 million during the Clinton administration to currently 45.8 million.

In the Sept. 22 *Detroit Free Press*, Derrick Jackson wrote about the Kaiser Family Foundation report. This report states that health insurance premiums continue to increase at triple the rate of inflation. The average annual cost of family coverage is \$10,880.

George W. Bush told us that he is a compassionate conservative. He never defined what he meant by that, but his actions tell us a great deal. Let us connect the dots to see what kind of president and Congress we've voted into office.

The president and Congress have approved enormous tax cuts for wealthy individuals and large corporations. Large corporations have become war and natural disaster profiteers. The middle-class economic squeeze gets tighter, and the safety net for our poorest and most vulnerable citizens is being destroyed by the greed of people in power and influence.

It is time for us to stand up and say enough. We will no longer continue down this path of increasing inequality in income, wealth and health.

Find out more at [www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org](http://www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org). In addition, the 11th Congressional District Citizens for Peace has published a Political Action Guide.

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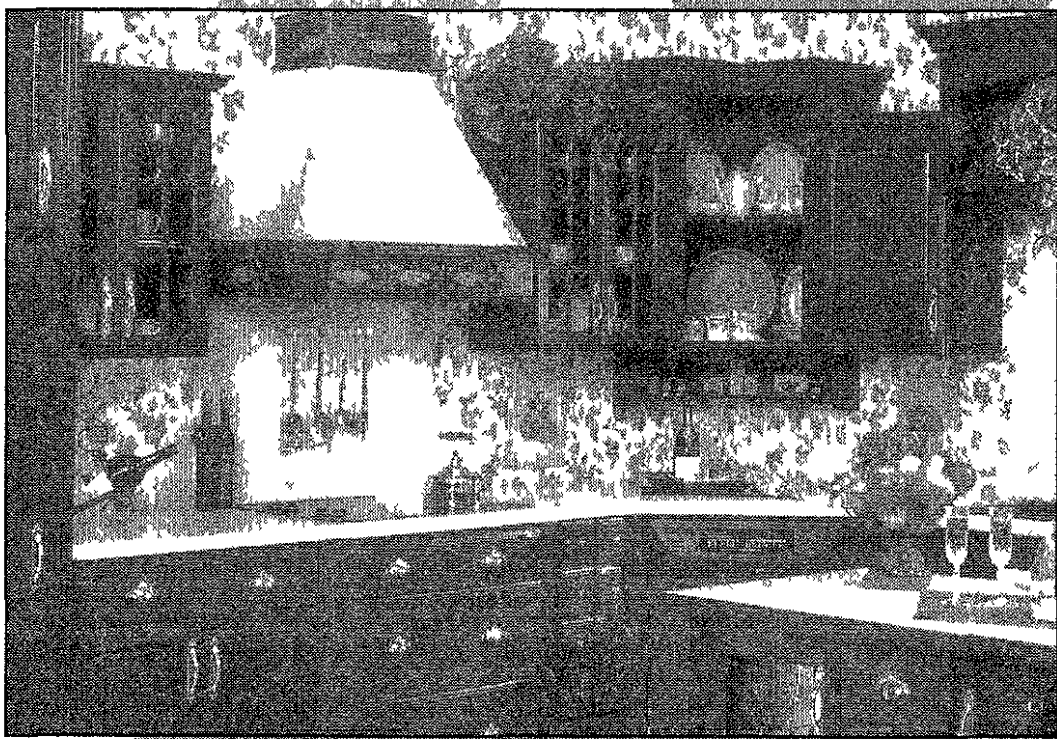
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## March of Dimes lunch, NICU tours to raise prematurity awareness

Once again, the March of Dimes is hosting a "Prematurity Awareness Day" luncheon to increase public awareness about the serious issue of preterm birth.

This year's luncheon is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pasquale's, 31555 Woodward Ave. in Royal Oak. Reservations are required and should be made as soon as possible.

The awareness day is part of a multi-year, multi-million dollar campaign launched by March of Dimes with the goal of reducing premature births by 15 percent by 2010.

According to the March of Dimes, prematurity "is a common and serious problem" with premature births occurring "without warning and for no known reason." Between 1992 and 2002, the rate of infants born preterm in Michigan has increased by more than 10 percent with 25 percent of preemies suffering lifelong health problems including

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cerebral palsy and blindness.

There also will be informational tours of three hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Units this week. Those will be 3:30 p.m. Monday at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and 2 p.m. Thursday at Dearborn's Oakwood Hospital.

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## Lawyer discusses doing business in Poland

Michael H. Traison, a principal at the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C., will discuss "Doing Business in Poland," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Madonna University, Kresge Hall, in Livonia.

Traison will highlight various aspects of doing business in Central and Eastern Europe as a commercial matter and as a historic event post-World War II. He will discuss cultural and language differences and standards, as well as American capitalism as a

means of promoting stability and democracy.

The event is presented by the McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series of Madonna University School of Business. It is free and open to the public. Call (734) 432-5354 for more information.

Although resident in Miller, Canfield's Detroit office, Traison also works out of the firm's three offices in Poland. He practices international law, commercial law, and debtor-creditor relations, with particular emphasis on the represen-

tation of unsecured creditors, committees, trustees and debtors under Chapter 11 and out-of-court workouts. He lectures extensively in and about Poland, including its legal developments.

He is active in professional organizations including the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Illinois State Bar Association, International Bar Association, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, and Oakland County Bar Association. His civic organizations include the

Israel/Poland Chamber of Commerce, Jewish Vocational Service, North American/Israel Chambers of Commerce, Detroit Branch of the NAACP, Jewish Community Counsel of Metro Detroit, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, Polish American Jewish American Council, and the American Friends of Shaarey Zedek Hospital of Jerusalem, Israel.

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## Schoolcraft scholarship encourages adults to 'Return To Learn'

Schoolcraft College is offering a special scholarship to adults who are aged 25 years or older and enrolled in a degree or certificate program for credit. The funds are being made available as part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's "Return To Learn" initiative, designed to encourage adults to earn college certificates or degrees.

Michigan lags behind other states in the percentage of citizens with college degrees, and Granholm has called for a doubling of the number of college graduates. She has declared November "Return to Learn" month, encouraging adults to go back to the classroom for a post-secondary degree.

"According to the 2000 census, there are 42,725 people in our district who have some college, but no degree," said Conway A. Jeffress, college president. "We want this group, which represents 24 percent of the adults, to know that Schoolcraft has multiple programs that can lead to a better job or a new career, and can be completed in one or two years."

"As an added incentive, we have set aside a pool of funds to help them get back into school, and have designated a counselor who is assigned to work on a one-to-one basis with returning adults."

The Return To Learn Scholarships are offered in \$500 and \$1,000 amounts, and are limited to one per ac-

ademic year. Students must apply to enroll for the winter 2006 semester and must complete three forms: a college application for admission, a Return to Learn Scholarship application, and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

All forms are available in the Schoolcraft Admissions Office or online at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

Schoolcraft representatives also will visit area plants to explain college programs and procedures to employees. The first visit is scheduled for Nov. 15 at the Visteon plant in Belleville. Many United Auto Workers members can receive assistance for degree programs through joint union-corporate funds.

For questions about the Return to Learn Scholarships, Schoolcraft programs and degrees, or the transfer of credits earned at another post-secondary institution, contact Cindy Cichelli in the Counseling Office at (734) 462-4429, or e-mail her at [ccichelli@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:ccichelli@schoolcraft.edu).

Schoolcraft offers several options for earning credits, including traditional classes during the day or at night, online instruction, video courses, open entry/open exit classes in which students chose their start and stop times, and hybrid instruction that combines classroom and online work.

## Schoolcraft winter registration under way

Registration for the winter 2006 semester at Schoolcraft College began Monday, Nov. 7, with classes starting Saturday, Jan. 14. Students can choose from online, touchtone telephone or walk-in registration.


In addition to the traditional 15-week classes, students may choose 7-week and 12-week courses. Learning options include classroom settings, online Internet-based courses, video instruction, open entry/open exit classes where students chose their start and stop times, and hybrid courses that combine classroom and online delivery.

New initiatives for winter '06 include a second cohort of the

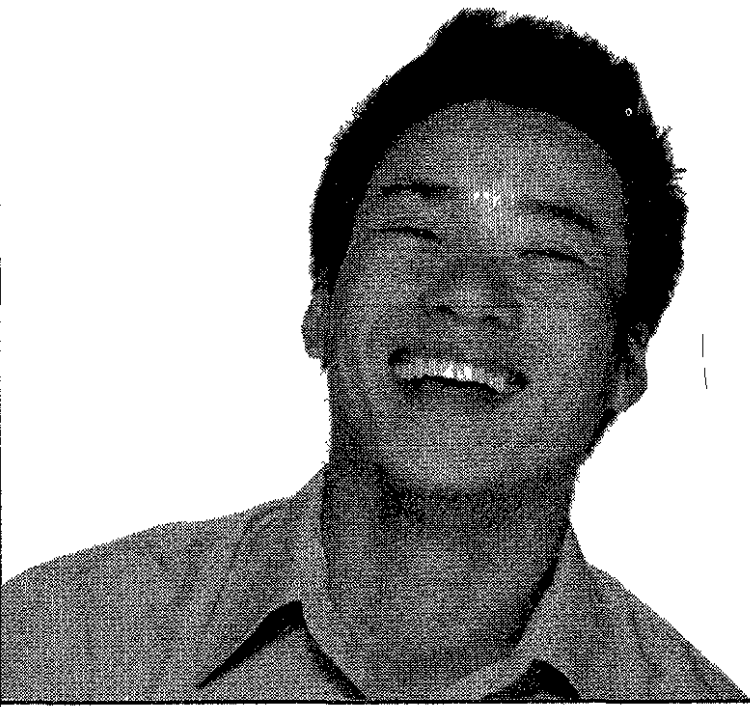
massage therapy program, an accounting class focusing on Michigan income taxes, a world literature class examining universal themes, and a firefighter course on terrorism awareness.

Students can register easily online at the Schoolcraft Web site, [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) by clicking on WebAdvisor for Students. Telephone registration is available at 734-462-4800. Walk-in registration is in Room 200 of the McDowell Center. Registration ends Jan. 20.

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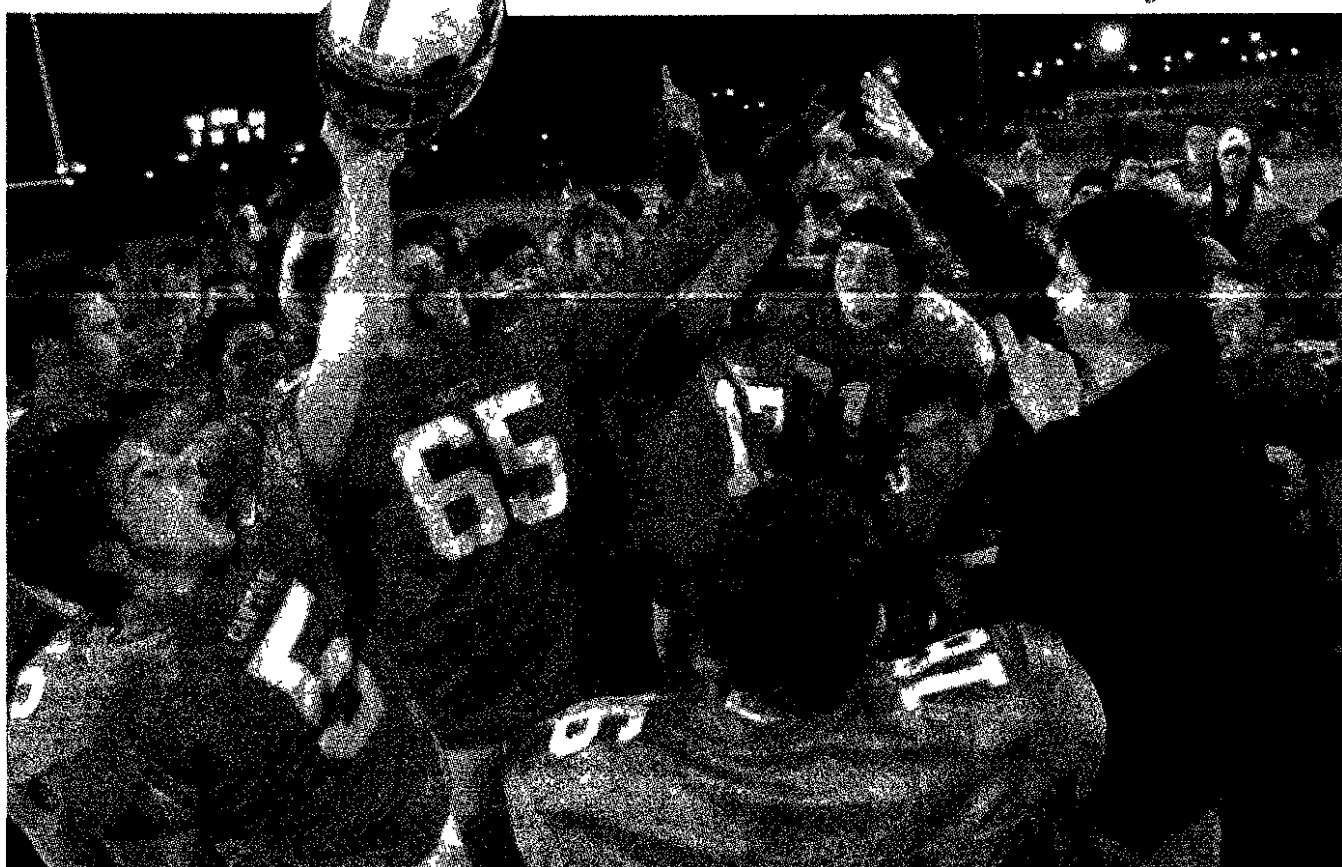
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## Canton 48, Detroit King 21



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Canton celebrates its first-ever Division 1 regional football title moments after knocking off Detroit Martin Luther King, 48-21, Friday night. The Chiefs will face Macomb Dakota in a D1 semi-final game set for Saturday at 1 p.m. at Troy Athens High School.

### ON DECK: MACOMB DAKOTA

The only team standing between Canton and a trip to the Division 1 final game at Ford Field Nov. 26 is Macomb Dakota. Here are a few facts about the Chiefs' next opponent:

- **Nickname:** Cougars
- **Record:** 10-2
- **Head coach:** Mike Giannone
- **Playoff history:** This will be the Cougars' third 'Final Four' appearance in the school's 10-year history.
- **How Dakota advanced:** The Cougars rallied from a 13-6 halftime deficit to defeat Lake Orion, 27-13, Friday night.
- **Top players:** Offensively, Dakota is led by quarterback James Stallons, who completed 17-of-24 passes for 341 yards in the Cougars' regional final victory. Other offensive stars include TE Derek Knapp, WR Marcus Lancaster and RB Greg Gay. Defensively, LB John Sipek is the Cougars' top tackler.

## Sidelines

### Free throw contest

The annual Elks Turkey Shoot free-throw contest will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. The competition will offer the following age divisions for both boys and girls: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Winners will receive free turkeys that will be donated by Holiday Market and Kroger.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

### Britons honored

A pair of local Albion College soccer players were lauded recently for their performance on the field and in the classroom during the past three months.

Albion senior mid-fielder Aaron Schmidt, a graduate of Canton, and senior defender Jeff Bennett, a Salem alum, were both named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Team.

Schmidt and Bennett both played key roles for the Britons' offense. Schmidt finished with three goals and an assist and he often played the ball up to the forward line. Bennett, who was credited with four assists, opened up space in the middle of the field for Albion.

Senior goal-keeper Tavio Palazzolo, a Salem graduate, earned All-MIAA honorable-mention recognition.

### Hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold a number of two-day Christmas clinics for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 at the Novi Ice Arena Dec. 22-23 and 29-30. The clinics will focus on Mite Power Skating for kids between the ages of 6 and 8, Mite Puck Skills (6-8) and Squirrel/Pee Wee Power Skating for 9-through 12-year-olds.

Contact the Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 or visit [www.suburbanhockey.com](http://www.suburbanhockey.com)

### HVS camps

Management at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township has decided to offer its popular summer kids camp programs during the fast-approaching holiday breaks this winter. Scheduled camps include all-sports, crafts, basketball and soccer.

The all-sports camp will include a variety of activities, including soccer, flag football, floor hockey, basketball, kickball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capture-the-flag and hide-and-seek.

The camps will be offered on a full-day basis (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for 8- to 12-year-olds or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) for 5- to 8-year-olds. The cost is \$45 a day or \$189 a week. The camps will be offered Nov. 25, Dec. 27-29, Jan. 2-6, Jan. 16, Feb. 27-March 3, April 14 and April 17-21.

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# History in the making

## Chiefs' aces trump King for school's first regional title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When it hits the road next Saturday for a Division 1 semi-final football game against Macomb Dakota, Canton's football team will be traveling in the fast lane.

The surging, never-say-punt Chiefs made history Friday night when they accelerated past Detroit Martin Luther King, 48-21, at the P-CEP football stadium. It was Canton's first regional football title since the school opened in 1973.

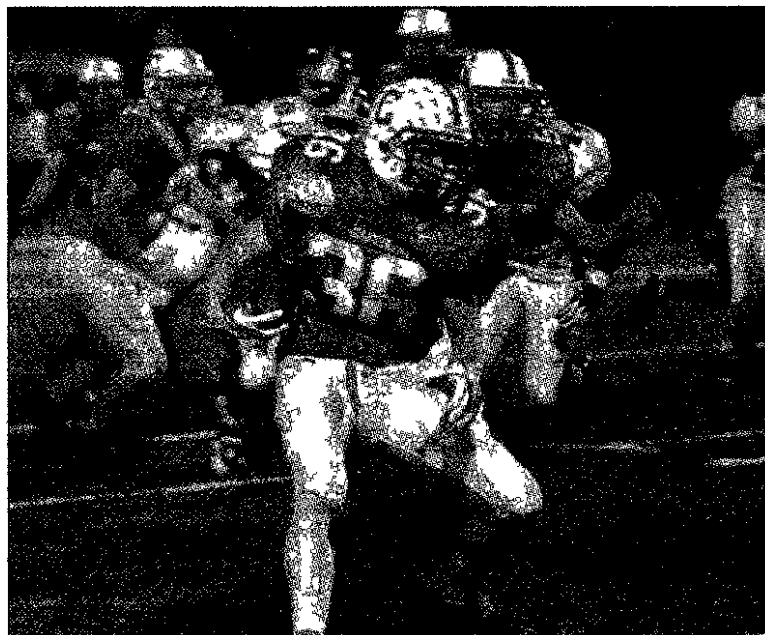
Canton will battle Macomb Dakota in Saturday's 1 p.m. D-1 semifinal contest at Troy Athens High School. A victory over the Cougars would propel the Chiefs into the Nov. 26 state final game at Ford

### Field

"This feels great, but I'm especially happy for the school," said Canton junior running back Deshon McClendon. "Our offense is peaking and our defense really stepped up tonight."

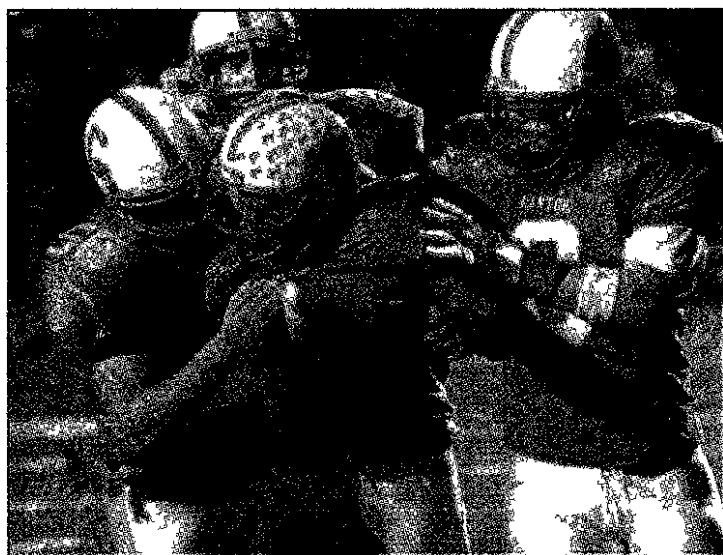
Canton's first-team defense turned in a dominating performance, holding the Crusaders' high-octane offense to just seven points before giving way to the second-teamers mid-way through the fourth quarter. King rushed for a paltry 55 yards through the first three quarters before busting a couple long, meaningless runs late in the contest.

Meanwhile, Canton's offense produced another one of its 'How to Run the Wing-T Offense' tram-



Canton's Dalton Waiser is pictured making a move during his 41-yard touchdown run in Friday's 48-21 victory over Detroit King. Waiser finished with 111 yards rushing.

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Canton's Deshon McClendon (middle) is congratulated by teammates Mike Edwards (55) and Brandon Fender (8) after scoring a TD in Friday night's 48-21 regional final over Detroit King.

# Canton gridders are hitting stride

Take a good look at the photo on the left, the one that shows Canton running back Deshon McClendon getting mobbed by teammates seconds after one of his touchdown runs Friday night.

What makes the photo unique is that it shows one of the few times McClendon has been stopped in his tracks this season.

And it may be the only time this year three football players have laid their hands on McClendon without at least two of them getting knocked on their rear.

Heck, it's one of the few times any member of the Chiefs' offense has been slowed down during their eight-game winning streak that has taken them to the doorstep of a Division 1 state championship.

Canton has averaged 51 points a game the past three weeks against fast, talented defenses. That's more points than most boys high school basketball teams average and more points than the Detroit Lions score in a month.

### POWER TO SPARE

When I visited the Detroit Martin Luther King side of the field during halftime of Friday night's regional final game, a King teacher stopped me and asked how tall McClendon actually stands. When I told him he's only 5-foot-6, he shook his head and said, "That's some powerful 5-6."

While McClendon is the brightest star of the Chiefs' offense, they have enough talented backs to form their own constellation. Seniors Andy Rossov

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# Worth the wait

## Clarín's patience has been rewarded with productive senior season for Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Dribbling, shooting and passing weren't problems for Salem basketball player Brianne Clarín last season.

It was the sitting and waiting that eventually took a toll on the talented junior's confidence.

After serving as a vital component on her successful freshmen and junior-varsity squads the previous two seasons, Clarín found herself on the Rocks' bench last year as she played behind the team's multi-talented senior trio of Ellen Canale, Kathryn Wheatley and Alyssa Guern.

Clarín understood how things worked, but it didn't make the situation any easier.



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regular basis.

"Even though I knew I wasn't going to play a lot last year, I came in hoping I would get some time," Clarín said. "By not playing much, I lost a lot of confidence in myself and I was on the verge of quitting. I wasn't even sure if I was going to try out this season."

"Now, the way things have worked out, I'm glad I stayed with it."

So is Salem coach Fred Thomann, who plugged Clarín into his starting back-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior point guard Brianne Clarín has been an instrumental part of the Rocks' 17-3 season.

# Local hoop teams ready for districts

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Life has been good this season for all three P-CEP girls basketball teams.

It's about to get much better for one of them. Plymouth, Salem and Canton will be vying for a Class A district crown this week at Novi High School along with Northville, Novi and South Lyon.

### The district will open Monday at 5 p.m. when Canton plays Northville

All three local teams head into the post-season with outstanding records and some kind of trophy. The Wildcats (16-4) and Rocks (17-3) earned hardware by tying for the Western Lakes Activities Association title. Canton (16-4) won its trophy Wednesday in the WLAA tournament championship game.

The district will open Monday at 5 p.m. when Canton plays Northville. At 7 p.m., Plymouth will take on Novi in a game that will pit Wildcats against Wildcats.

On Wednesday, Salem will play the winner of the Canton-Northville match-up in a 5 p.m. game followed by a game feature South Lyon against the Plymouth- Novi victor at 7 p.m.

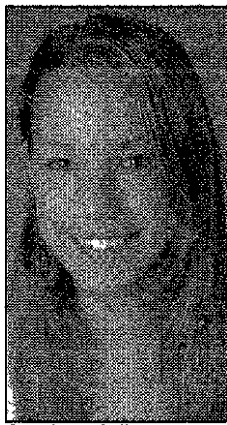
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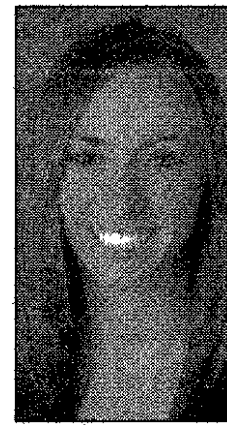
# All-Observer harriers set a blistering pace

**FIRST TEAM**  
**Courtney Calka, Fr., Liv. Stevenson:** The ninth grader broke the Stevenson school record for 5,000 meters with a time of 17 minutes, 55 seconds (for 5,000 meters) at the Division I state meet held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. She also took firsts at the regional (18 20), Western Lakes Activities Association (18 34), Center Line Invitational (18 38) and New Boston Huron Invitational (18 34) meets. Calka added seconds at the South Lyon Invitational (19 43), Livonia Public Schools Meet (18 15) and Catholic Central Invitational (19 20). She also placed sixth at the Portage Invitational (18 14).  
 For the season, the All-Stater averaged 18 54.  
 In her third varsity meet she posted a time that placed her fifth all-time on our top 15 list and she worked her way from there all the way to the top, Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "Courtney had an outstanding season for an outstanding runner and an outstanding person."  
**Rachel McFarlane, Soph., Liv. Churchill:** Churchill's co-MVP already owns the school record with a time of 18 32.2, which placed her third at the regional. McFarlane earned All-State honors with a 28th place overall in the Division I state meet (18 35.5).  
 She also placed fifth in the WLAA meet (18 58.83) and was runner up in the Wayne County Championship (18 51.5) and Toledo Invitational. McFarlane added a fourth in the Livonia Public Schools meet and was 10th in the Jackson Invitational. "Rachel has definitely elevated herself to the next competitive level this season," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said of the two-time first team All-Observer pick. "She made the decision that she was going to work hard and close the gap between herself and the other talented runners in the area. She peaked at the right time and ran her best races when it counted."  
 "She is an amazing runner with loads of talent and desire. Rachel has learned how to focus. It was exciting watching her break the school record at the regional and garner All State honors. I'm looking forward to watching her continue on this upward trend."  
**Kristen Frey, Jr., Liv. Stevenson:** The junior, making her third straight appearance on the All-Observer squad, owns the third fastest time ever for a Stevenson runner (18 16).  
 Despite a quadriceps injury this season, Frey finished 67th in Division I (19 16), was runner-up at the regional (18 28) and fourth in the WLAA meet (18 52).  
 She also captured the Livonia Public Schools meet (19 05), Catholic Central Invitational and South Lyon Invitational (19 26).  
 Frey added seconds at the West Bloomfield Invitational (19 24) and Center Line Invitational (18 38), as well as a third at New Boston Huron (18 36) and a 17th at Portage (18 55).  
 "Kristen is a talented runner and a tireless worker," Holmberg said. "She led virtually every workout we did this year. Every race she ran this year, she posted a time that would have made our top 15 all-time list."  
 "She is a natural choice for captain of next year's team."  
**Alyssa Mira, Fr., Liv. Churchill:** The ninth-grader already holds the second fastest time for a Churchill runner at the state meet (18 58.95), which resulted in a 47th-place finish. She placed fifth at the regional (18 42.3) and added a ninth at the WLAA meet (19 11.53). Mira also finished sixth at the LPS Meet and was 11th at the Jackson Invitational. Her time of 18 42.3 at the regional is third all-time fastest by a Churchill runner and is a new freshman record.  
 "Alyssa is a remarkable young athlete who is blessed with a great amount of talent and desire," Tatro said.  
 "She ran like a true veteran who peaked in the most important races. She is currently the best freshman in a line of awe some runners."  
 "I'm confident that Alyssa will

continue to make an enormous impact on the Churchill cross country program due to her talent level, work ethic and competitive drive."  
**Hannah Cavicchio, Jr., Salem:** The junior earned a 43rd in the Division I state meet with a time of 18 41.3 after becoming the Rocks' school record holder for 5,000 meters with a fourth-place time of 18 41.3 at the regional. Cavicchio also placed sixth in the Western Lakes meet (19 03.7) and added a third at the Wayne County Championships (18 52.4).  
 She also crossed the line first at the Rochester Adams Invitational and was the P-CEP champ.  
 "Hannah is a very determined athlete who sets her goals high and strives to reach them," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "Hannah's work ethic is second to none as she holds herself to high standards of success. Hannah leads by example by training at a high level, always trying to maximize her abilities."  
**Kylen Cieslak, Sr., Liv. Churchill:** The two-year captain is a four-time first-team All-Observer selection who owns the fourth fastest time ever by a Churchill girl (18 48.1) en route to a runner-up finish at the WLAA meet. Cieslak wound up 55th overall at the state meet (19 01.2), third fastest in Churchill history. Churchill's co-MVP also placed ninth at the regional (19 01.4).  
 Cieslak was the Wayne County Meet (18 50.9) and University of Toledo Invitational champion. She also finished third at both Lakes Division jamborees and the Livonia Public Schools Meet. "Kylen capped off an exceptional high school cross country career by having her most successful season," Tatro said of the WLAA Scholar-Athlete. "She has helped elevate Churchill to new levels and was the backbone of a solid team due to her outstanding character, consistency, competitive drive and great work ethic."  
 "She has also emerged as one of the most talented and successful cross country runners in Churchill history. It was a complete pleasure coaching Kylen during the past four years, and she will be greatly missed."  
**Lisa Arrowsmith, Sr., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior ranks No. 7 on Stevenson's all time list with a clocking of 18 45, which earned her a sixth at the tough Division I regional hosted by Schoolcraft College. Arrowsmith contributed a 71st at the state meet (19 18) and was eighth in the WLAA meet (19 11).  
 Among her other top finishes third, South Lyon (19 47), fourth, Huron Invitational (19 37) and Catholic Central Invitational (19 48), fifth, Livonia Public Schools (19 36), sixth, West Bloomfield (19 52), and 36th, Portage (19 28).  
 "Lisa jumped from the JV ranks to a top varsity runner in a year's time," Holmberg said. "She worked extremely hard to accomplish that and had a major impact on the success of this year's team. She was one of our co-captains a quiet person who truly led by example."  
**Sarah Thomas, Fr., Canton:** The ninth-grader placed 58th in the Division I state meet (19 10) after qualifying at the regional in 11th place (19 07). Thomas added an 11th in the Western Lakes meet (19 18) and finished fourth (20 43) and sixth (20 17), respectively, at the Western Division jamborees. The Canton MVP also took fourth in the P-CEP meet (20 45), 11th at Wayne County (20 13) and 17th at the Haslett Invitational (20 06).  
 "Sarah has been our fastest runner since the second meet of the season," Canton coach Tracy Himmelspach said. "We have been very pleased with her peaking at the end of the season, especially at the conference, regional and state meets."  
 She is talented and hard-working. We look forward to having her as a leader on our team for the next three years.  
**Megan Macerati, Jr., Liv. Churchill:** The junior, a WLAA scholar-athlete, recorded the fifth fastest time (19 12.8) in Charger history at MIS with a 61st-place finish in the Division



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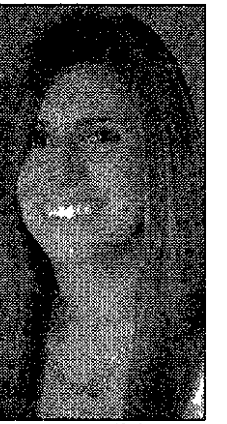
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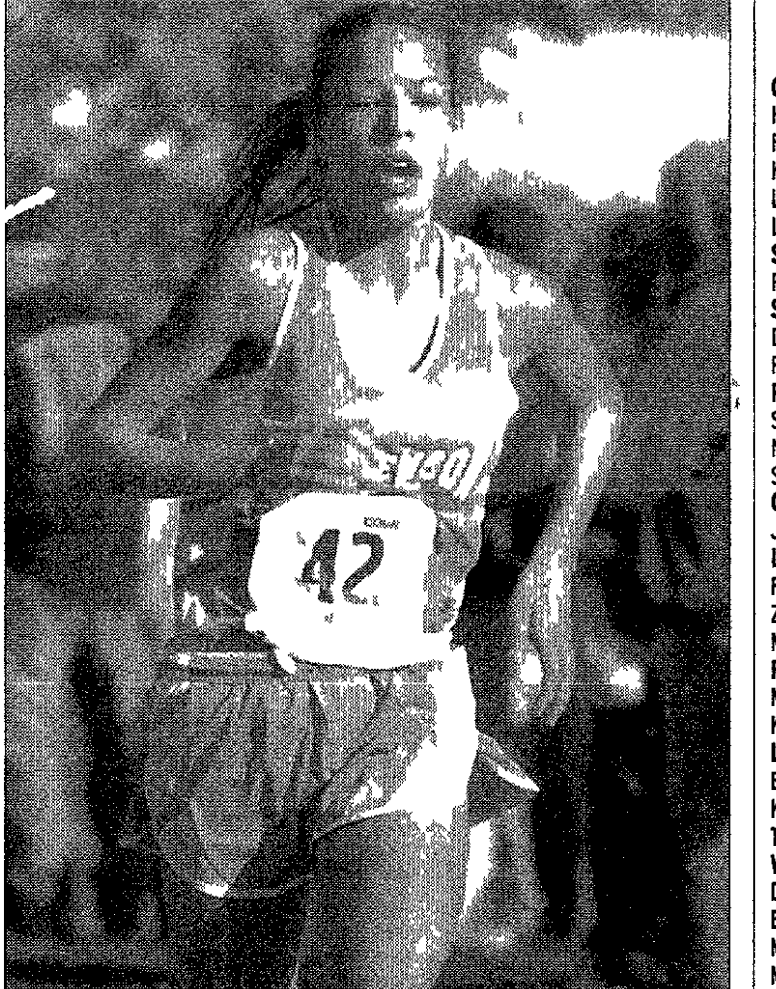
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Megan Macerati Livonia Churchill



Marisa Carpinelli Plymouth Salem



Stevenson freshman Courtney Calka was WLAA and regional champion. She also took 5th in the Division I state meet.

I state finals. Macerati also placed eighth at the regional (19 05.6), which ranks her sixth all-time on the school list. She also garnered 12th at the WLAA meet (19 18.22), sixth at Wayne County (19 22.5), seventh at the LPS Meet and fourth at the University of Toledo Invitational. "Megan has made great strides this season earning Churchill's Most Improved Runner Award for the second year in a row," Tatro said. "She is one of the most reliable and consistent runners that I have ever coached. Megan is a focused and mature young lady who has the ability to mentally and physically prepare for an important race - and this carried over to the other athletes." "Megan is a natural leader with a great future as a distance runner."  
**Marisa Carpinelli, Sr., Salem:** The senior earned a 70th-place finish in the Division I state meet (19 17.3) after earning 12th in the regional (19 08), the latter time which ranks third fastest in Salem history. Carpinelli, the team captain, also took a 10th in the WLAA meet (19 13) and finished seventh at Wayne County (19 32). Marisa bounced back after an injury-plagued junior year by having a stellar season and running the third fastest time in Salem history," Gerlach said. "Marisa's passion for competitive distance running and love of her teammates helped lead

this team to the state finals for the third straight season." All-Area Boys Cross Country will appear Thursday, Nov 17

# Top coach: Churchill's Tatro earns area honor

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER  
 Sue Tatro got a lot of satisfaction out of her 10th season as Livonia Churchill girls cross country coach. It wasn't a perfect 10th, but it was mighty close as her Chargers equaled the school's best finish at the state finals since 1982 with a fourth place in the Division I meet held Nov 5 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. "This is by far the strongest group I've ever coached," said Tatro, who also guided the Chargers to a runner-up finish in the regional and a Western Lakes Activities Association title (ending rival Livonia Stevenson's three-year reign). "We were able to compete with the top Division I schools because of great team leadership, a strong work ethic and lack of injuries."



Sue Tatro Livonia Churchill coach

During the WLAA season, Churchill and Stevenson met four times with Churchill winning both Lakes Division jamborees along with the conference meet. Only a total of 18 points separated Stevenson and Churchill in five meetings (including the regional). Ironically, the former Sue Tatigian ran as a prep at Stevenson under coach Paul Holmberg, who remains with the Spartans and was recently inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tatro was a two-time All-Observer runner (1983-84). The 1985 Stevenson alum went on to run cross country and track at Michigan State University where she graduated in 1990. An accomplished runner herself, Tatro posted a pair of top-five finishes at the Detroit Free Press Marathon including a personal best 2:51 clocking in 1994. For her efforts with the Churchill cross country program this fall, Tatro has been selected Observerland Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff. She credits her team's success to seniors like Kylen Cieslak and Amy Drinan. "They will be greatly missed," said Tatro, an instructor in Churchill's Special Education Department. "But having five returning girls bodes well for next season."

## 2005 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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 Sarah Thomas, Fr. Canton  
 Megan Macerati, Jr. Churchill  
 Marisa Carpinelli, Sr. Salem

### SECOND TEAM

Amy Ostrowski, Sr. Plymouth  
 Meghan Horgan, Jr. Franklin  
 Amber Cicala, Jr. Stevenson  
 Stephanie Perez, Jr. Stevenson  
 Hannah Otto, Fr. Churchill  
 Katherine Galm, Fr. Canton  
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### COACH OF YEAR

Sue Tatro, Liv. Churchill

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Churchill:** Amy Drinan, Erica Hope, Courtney Benson, Karen Freeman, Alana Herron, Danielle Kalajian, Alexis McFarlane, Lindsay McMullen, Tiffany Pao, Laura Tomassi, Anna Zgorecki  
**Stevenson:** Meaghan Burke, Rebecca Stahrr  
**Salem:** Sarah Kosteva, Kristen Dondzila, Amanda Kassem, Rachel Gizicki, Allie York  
**Plymouth:** Pam Bhuller, Sarah Sherwood, Jackie Beeler, Nichole McLaughlin, Molly Slavens  
**Canton:** Becky McCormack, Jennifer Thomas  
**Livonia Ladywood:** Amanda Field, Emily Bambach, Becca Zajac, Laura Bou-Maroun, Mallory Tomaszewski  
**Franklin:** Kari Saarela, Laura Marshall, Elizabeth Reinke, Kelsey Kaplan  
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ing videos, amassing 450 yards without throwing a single pass. As usual, McClendon did the most damage, running for 178 yards on 22 carries. Sophomore halfback Dalton Walser also had a big night, cutting and weaving for 111 yards on just 14 tries.

The Chiefs put together short drives (one play/41 yards) and monstrous ones (12 plays/97 yards) against a King defense that got bruised and battered by Canton's lane-opening offensive line.

For the third time in the past four games, the Chiefs did not attempt a pass.

"I don't think this has really set in yet," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, when asked about his team's historical run to the state semifinals. "I don't think it will totally sink in until I see that 'Final Four' banner hanging up in our gym."

"Our offensive line is really jelling and our defense really came on tonight."

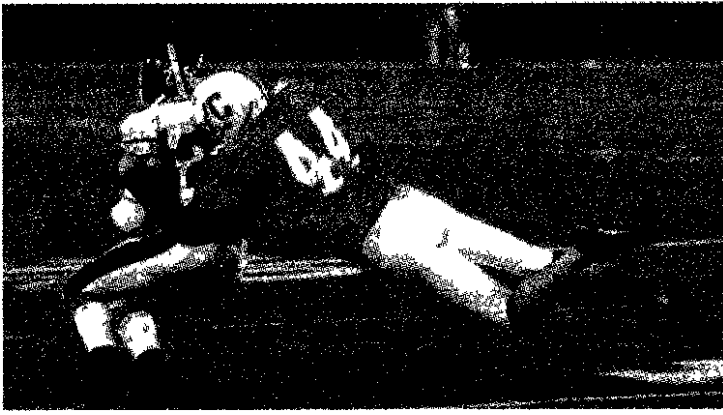
Baechler said his team's accomplishments are extra-special considering the Chiefs mediocre start this season.

"When we were 2-2, people were calling me bad names and asking me 'What's going on with you guys?'" Baechler said, smiling. "But we have seven or eight juniors starting on defense, so I knew it was going to take some time. The kids are playing with no pressure on them and they're having fun. It's great to still be practicing and playing this late in November."

Canton cruised to a 6-0 lead the first time it touched the ball. McClendon turned the ignition with a 56-yard return of the opening kickoff. Following a 17-yard run by Walser, McClendon scored from six yards out.

"Deshon's opening return was huge," Baechler said. "He is one of those kids who wants the football in his hands. And when he gets it, he usually does something with it."

King advanced to the Canton 33 on its first drive, but McClendon slammed the door when he stepped in front of a Donovan Dickerson pass in the end zone. Canton senior line-backer Jeff Piper set the tone for the Chiefs' defense on the third play of the drive when he laid



Canton's Jeff Piper goes air-borne to bring down Detroit King's Darrin Williams.

out Crusader running back Darrin Williams with a hit that could be heard as far away as the intersection of Joy and Beck roads.

The Chiefs turned around and marched 80 yards in seven plays, scoring on quarterback Shawn Little's 22-yard keeper around right end. Colin O'Shaunessy tacked on the first of his six straight extra points to make it 13-0 with 4:42 left in the first quarter.

The Crusaders' lone TD against the Chiefs' first-string defense came on the ensuing drive when they drove 52 yards in seven plays and scored on an improvised play that you're more likely to see in a pick-up game. On a third and goal play from the 3, Dickerson handed off to Samuel Lilly on a drive play that appeared to be stuffed by Canton's defensive line. However, as he fell to the turf, Lilly pitched the ball to Darrin Williams, who scampered into the end zone to cut the Chiefs' lead to 13-7.

Just when King thought it had earned a chunk of momentum, McClendon seized it back with a 29-yard touchdown run to make it 20-7. The TD capped a 13-play, 80-yard ground-it-out drive that included only two plays of more than nine yards.

Senior running back Andy Rossow closed the first-half scoring when he raced 25 yards to paydirt to give Canton a 27-7 cushion.

Canton's most impressive drive of the night came on its first possession of the second half. After Lilly's punt was downed at the 3, the Chiefs put the frosting on the victory cake by going 97 yards in 12 plays, scoring on McClendon's five

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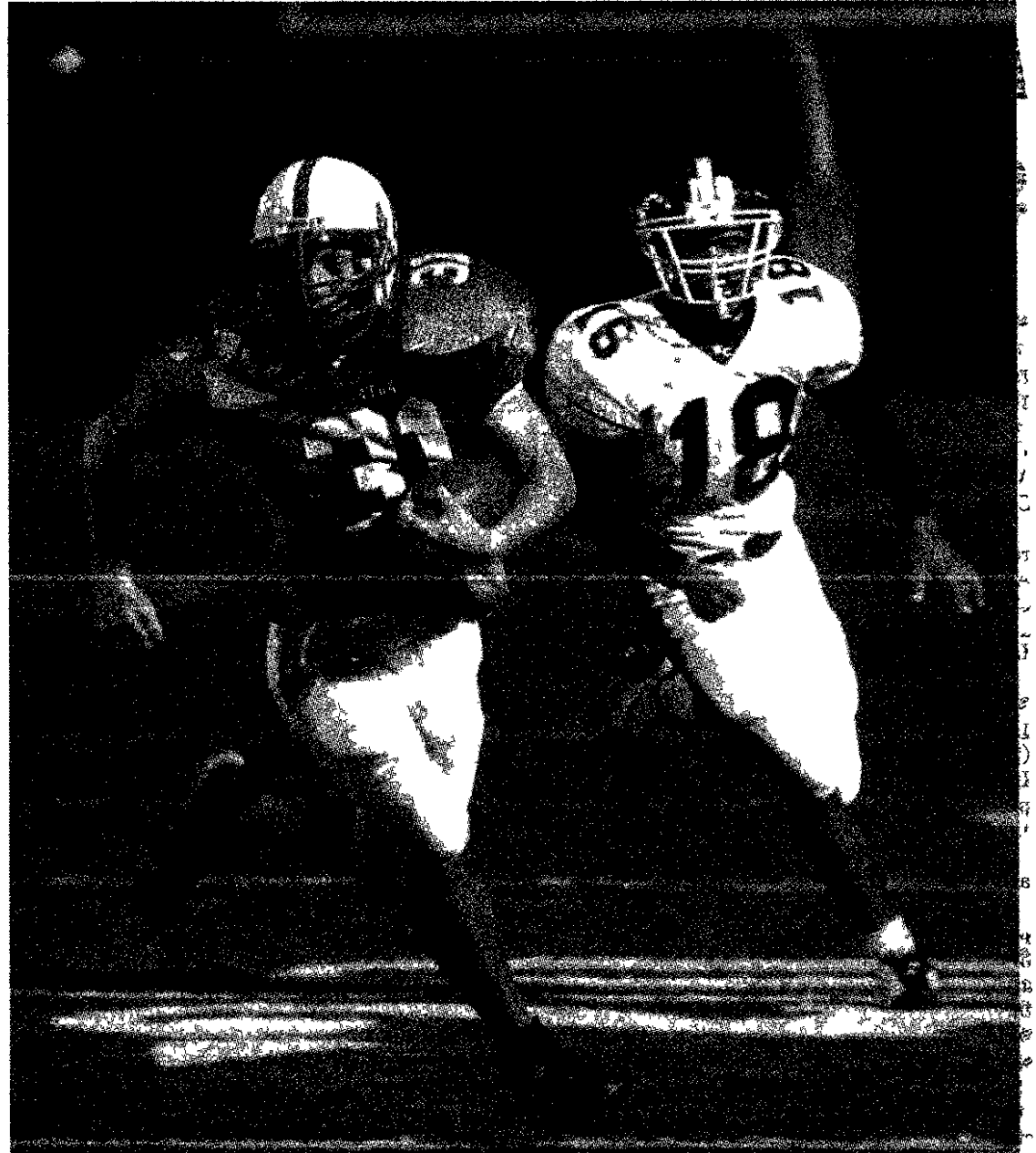
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- When: 1 p.m., Saturday
- Where: Troy Athens High School
- What's at stake: A berth in the Nov. 26 Division 1 state final at Ford Field.

yard burst up the middle to make it 34-7.

The Chiefs' most dazzling — and quickest — drive came two minutes later when Walser spun a Crusader defender into the turf with a double-swivel move before scoring from 41 yards out to put the Chiefs up, 41-7. Canton's final points came on Little's four-yard run with 8:47 to play.

After Canton's No. 1 defense exited, the Crusaders scored twice on 64- and 10-yard runs by Williams.

Dickerson, the son of former University of Pittsburgh standout quarterback Darnell Dickerson, was the brightest light on a dim night for the Crusaders. The sophomore completed 14-of-26 passes for 203 yards. Dickerson's favorite



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Canton's Andy Rossow scores a touchdown during the final seconds of the first half to put the Chiefs up, 27-7. He is being pursued by King's Sean Anderson.

target was Lilly, who reeled in six passes for 82 yards. Williams gained 129 yards on 12 attempts.

Rossow was effective and efficient for Canton, picking up 73 yards on just six carries. Little picked up 38 on three and

Devin Murphy added a 27-yard sprint on the Chiefs' final drive.

Piper, O'Shaunessy, Chris Woudstra, McClendon, Rossow and Chris Hasse all had solid nights for the Chiefs. Jerrell Herring and Devin Mack led the Crusaders in tackles.

Canton won the first-down battle, 18-14. Penalties were rare as Canton was whistled four times while only one yellow flag was thrown in the Crusaders' direction.

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Lake Orion's Troy Anderlie (No. 9) and Joe Barnes (No. 14) team up to haul down Macomb Dakota's Marcus Lancaster during Friday's Division 1 regional final. The Cougars ousted Lake Orion for the second straight year, 27-13, to advance to the state semifinals.

## Dakota rallies to derail Lake Orion, 27-13

BY DAN STICKRADT  
STAFF WRITER

In order to prevail deep in the state tournament, a football team must find ways to convert big plays. Macomb Dakota did that Friday against Lake Orion.

Overcoming five turnovers during the first three quarters, the host Cougars rallied to tame Lake Orion, 27-13, to claim the school's second straight Division 1 regional championship.

Dakota scored 21 unanswered points during the final 14:48 of play to eliminate the Dragons for the second straight year. The Cougars bounced Lake Orion 24-14 in last year's first round.

Just a school in its 10th year, Dakota (10-2) advances to the Division 1 Final Four for the third time and will play Saturday, 1 p.m., at Troy Athens, against first-time regional champ Plymouth Canton, a 48-21 winner Friday over Detroit King. The right to advance to the state championship game will be on the line.

Lake Orion, playing in its third regional final in eight years, finished with a 9-3 record.

"We made some changes at halftime, some blocking schemes, and we made some big plays," said Dakota head coach Mike Giannone. "In the locker room, we had to make changes and ignite us somehow. I think we were a different team in the second half."

"We've been there twice before, now we want to make history," added Giannone.

Down 13-6 at the break, even though the Cougars held a 254-143 edge in total first-half yards, Dakota continued to run into some misfortune in the third quarter.

Quarterback James Stallons hit Derek Knapp with a 24-yard pass play down the right sideline, but Knapp coughed up the ball into the end zone, and recovered the ball with his feet out of bounds for the touchback.

Forcing the Dragons to punt on their next possession, Dakota put together a quick four-play drive which ended with a 25-yard touchdown run by Greg Gay and an extra point by TJ

Gore, which tied the game at 13-13 with 2:48 left in the quarter. Stallons was picked off by Orion's Joe Barnes on Dakota's next drive, but again forced the Dragons to punt.

Getting the ball back with 9:55 to play on their own 15, the Cougars put together a six-play drive capped by Gay's 6-yard scamper. The drive was aided by a 69-yard reception down the middle of the field by Knapp.

"We just didn't cover him," said Lake Orion coach Chris Bell of Knapp, Dakota's big-play tight end. "That kid made some big plays for them. A five-yard pass play turned into a (69-yard) play. We had coverage on him, but our guy got tripped up and he ran it (69) yards. It was those type of big plays that hurt us."

Lake Orion struggled to move the ball in the fourth quarter, and found itself in a big hole after turning the ball over on downs on its own 30-yard-line inside three minutes. Five plays later, Gay rushed in untouched from 18 yards to put the Cougars up 27-13 with 1:44 to play.

"We knew if we let them continue to drive, that we would not have time to come back," said Bell. "We had to let (Gay) run it in with the hopes of putting together a quick drive of our own, score, and then try to get the onside kick and score again. We just weren't able to move the football (in the second half) and you have to credit their defense for that."

Lake Orion made some big plays of its own in the first half, which enabled the Dragons to build its seven-point halftime advantage.

An interception by Joe Nowicki gave Lake Orion the ball on the Cougars' 24. On the next play, quarterback Brad Hood found David Wurst for a 24-yard scoring toss, followed by Dylan VanFossen's PAT, for the 7-0 lead with 7:04 left in the first.

Dakota finally answered with 6:38 left in the second, when Gay plowed in from 2-yards out, but Gore's extra point was blocked by Nowicki.

It didn't take Lake Orion long

to add to its lead. David Wurst made an eye-catching grab just inside midfield, which he bobbled four times before hauling it in and rambling 75 yards for the score.

This time the PAT was wide left for the 13-6 lead — but the Dragons didn't score again. After going 4-of-8 for 112 yards in the first half, Hood only finished 11-for-40 for 211 yards in the contest. The Dragons also picked up just 62 yards rushing in the contest.

The idea for us was to shut down their running game and make them be one dimensional and have to go with the pass," offered Bell. "We forced them to pass and their kids made the big plays."

Stallons was 17-for-24 passing for 341 yards with two interceptions, and Knapp had 153 receiving on six catches. Marcus Lancaster had four catches for 89 yards and Gay hauled in seven catches for 94 yards and rushed for 111 yards on 14 carries and scored all four touchdowns.

He stepped up and had one of his better games. "Hes really starting to come into his own," said Giannone of Stallons. "He had some big passes and Derek (Knapp) came through with a couple big catches. He dropped one and fumbled it (at the Orion 3), but one than made up for it. And Greg (Gay) stepped up when we needed him to and ran it in."

Nowicki had 170 all-purpose yards for the Dragons, with 43 yards rushing on 10 carries, four catches for 53 yards and 74 return yards.

Wurst had five catches for 149 yards and both touchdowns, but only 37 of his yards after halftime. Lake Orion could only muster 101 yards offense in the second half.

Defensively, the Dragons had five sacks of Stallons, led by two sacks and nine tackles by Josh Alhson. James Monko had eight tackles and two sacks, and Nowicki had an interception, blocked an extra point and recovered a fumble.

John Stupek had 10 tackles for Dakota.

easier week-by-week.

In the opener, Monroe raced to a 20-7 lead before the Chiefs found their bearings and won by eight. Last week, Canton won handily against Detroit Cody, which is equipped with one of the more entertaining offenses you'll ever see. Then Friday night, the Chiefs led 48-7 before the Crusaders punched in a couple late TD's.

Personally, I don't think this is a reflection of Canton's opponents as much as it is a reflection of how the Chiefs' offense and defense are coming together at just the right time.

### JUNIORS' ACHIEVEMENT

The X-factor for Canton the next two weeks will be its defense. As many as nine juniors have started on the defensive side of the ball for the Chiefs this season, so it took them a while to jell.

But with 12 games under their belts this year, it's almost as if the juniors are three games into their senior year. It showed Friday night when the starters held the Crusaders to

just seven points through three-and-a-half quarters.

Canton defenders Jeff Piper, O'Shaunessy, Rossow, McClendon and Matt Sweda run like Amtrak's and hit like freight trains, which isn't a good combination for opposing running backs.

### TOUGH CHALLENGE AHEAD

Life is bound to get more difficult for the Chiefs Saturday when they take on Macomb Dakota, a team that has advanced to the DI football "Final Four" three times in the school's 10-year existence. The Crusaders are a very good football team with weapons on both sides of the ball.

But the odds are good they haven't seen anything like Canton's Wing-T offense this season — or any season, for that matter. It's a tough system to figure out if you have a month to prepare. The Crusaders have a week.

And they haven't seen anyone like McClendon, who, like the man said, is some powerful 5-6

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and Matt Sweda are good for at least six yards every time they touch the ball and sophomore Dalton Walsler has made a couple moves the past three weeks that would make LaDorian Tomlinson proud.

The most glaring testament to Canton's offensive success during the playoffs has been the inactivity of its punter, Colin O'Shaunessy, who has been as busy as the guy who's been responsible for printing Detroit Tiger playoff tickets the past 18 years.

### ROLLING THUNDER

Canton's juggernaut-like run through the playoffs the past three weeks has defied opposing defenses, opposing offenses — and logic. In most cases, games get tougher for teams as they grind through the survival-of-the-fittest high school football playoffs. The Chiefs' victories have actually gotten

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# Whalers notch big road victory

The Plymouth Whalers used excellent goal tending, good penalty killing and just enough offense to upend the Sarnia Sting, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before a crowd of 3,386 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

With the win, the second-place Whalers (11-6-1-1) keep pace with division-leading Saginaw (13-4-4-0) in the OHL's West Division. Saginaw beat Oshawa, 4-2, on Friday night. Plymouth remains three points back.

Dan Collins, John Vigilante, James Neal and Jared Boll scored for Plymouth. It was Collins' team-leading 15th net-finder of the season.

Michael Haley, Chad Panchaud and Harrison Reed scored for the Sting, which fell to 10-9-0-0, which is good enough for third place in the OHL West.

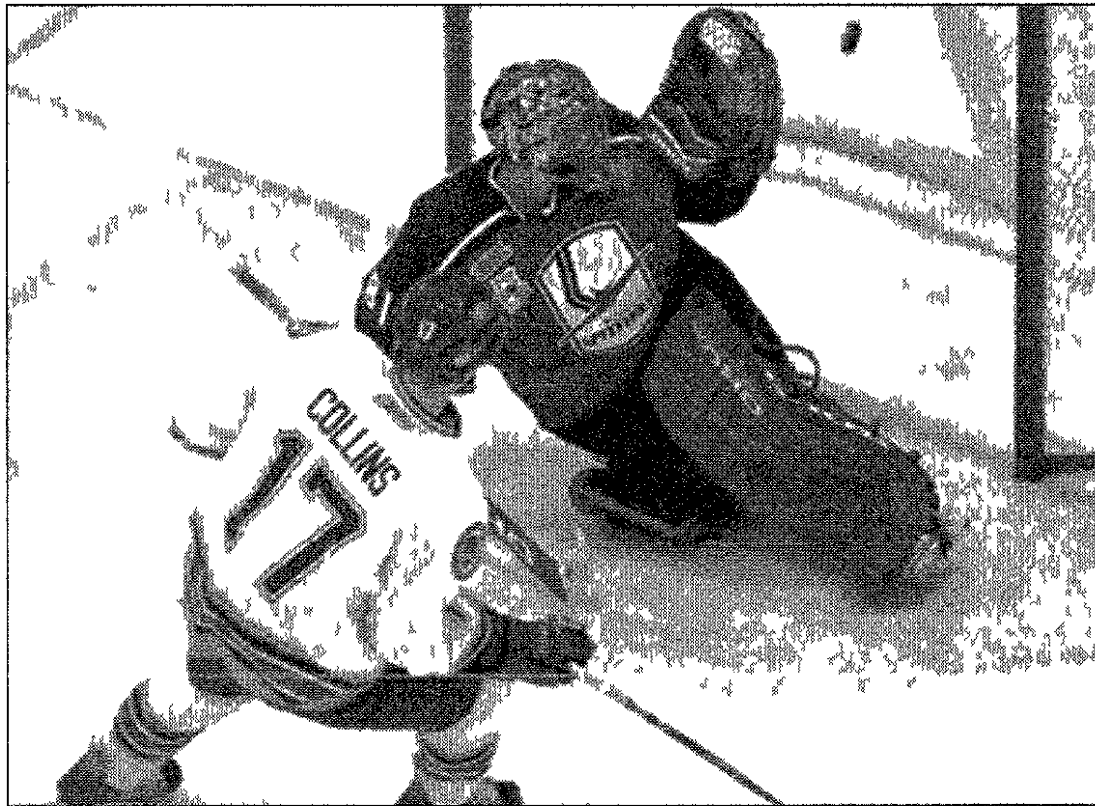
Plymouth goal-tender Ryan

Nie allowed two Sarnia goals early in the game and buckled down the rest of the way, stopping 33 of 36 shots for his seventh victory of the season. Whaler penalty killers did their part too, allowing just one Sarnia power-play in 10 attempts.

Sarnia grabbed a 2-0 lead early in the first period on goals by Haley (4-32) and Panchaud (6-54), out-shooting 7-1 during that period of the game. But Plymouth started to turn the game around in the second half of the first period when Collins scored after snapping a shot through traffic from the left wing. Ondrej Otcenas assisted on the goal.

The Whalers' power play went back to work when Vigilante added the equalizer on a snap shot from the hash marks at 17:31. Neal then scored at 18:08 to give the Whalers a 3-2 advantage.

Boll scored the eventual



Plymouth's Dan Collins, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored his team-leading 15th in the Whalers' 4-3 victory over Sarnia Friday night.

game-winning goal at 3:10 of the second period when he followed up his hard slap shot from the left dot and stuffed the puck by Sarnia goal tender Jeff

MacDougald when he couldn't find the rebound in his crease area. Reed cut the Plymouth lead to 4-3 on a power play at 11:51 of the second period.

The third period was scoreless, but not uneventful. Plymouth killed off four Sarnia power plays and was two men short with 1:06 remaining in

regulation when Sarnia head coach Shawn Camp called a time-out and pulled MacDougald, giving Sarnia a 6-on-3 advantage.

Although the Sting had the play in the Plymouth end much of the remaining 1:06, Whalers defenders blocked five shots during that time to seal the win.

## CLARIN

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court on Day 1 of the 2005 season. The move has paid dividends as the senior point guard has been one of the main catalysts in the Rocks' 17-3 regular-season and co-Western Lakes Activities Association title.

### PASS 1ST, SHOOT 2ND

Clarin's primary role this season has been unselfishly distributing the ball to her teammates, including Teresa Coppellie, Taylor Langham, Lauren Kurtz and Alaya Mitchell. She also helps break opponents' full-court pressure with her slick ball-handling skills and adept decision-making abilities.

"When I was in the fourth grade, my dad used to make me go to my older brother's basketball practices," Clarin said, when asked how she developed her advanced dribbling skills. "While the boys were practicing, he'd have me dribble around the outside of the court with just my left hand. I'd get so mad at him back then, but now I thank him because it made me a better player. I can dribble as well with my left as I can with my right now."

### FAST FRIENDS

Clarin, who moved from Dearborn Heights to Canton with her family when she was 12, attended middle school at a parochial school in Melvindale.

"I still remember my first day of tryouts for Salem's freshmen team," Clarin recalled. "I walked into the gym and I didn't know one person. It was kind of scary. But basketball has always been a way for me to make friends. Before too long, I had met a lot of nice people who are still my friends today."

Clarin has started nearly every game this season. In the few games she didn't start, she played substantial minutes.

"This year has gone really well so far," she said. "I have learned how much hard work pays off. Even though I didn't play much last year, I realize now how much better I've become just by practicing against the three senior guards last year."

Clarin said she and her sophomore back-court mate Mitchell clicked on the court almost instantly.

"It's awesome playing with 'Mitch,'" Clarin said. "We trust each other out there and we have confidence in each other. When we're out there together against a press, we know we can break it."

### GRADE-A STUDENT

Clarin is a talented and gifted student. She's compiled a sterling 3.8 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She's also president of the P-CEP Asian-Pacific American Club, which has over 40 members.

"We hold workshops that discuss a number of issues that relate to Asian-American students," she said. "We also participate in the 'Celebration of Diversity' program."

Clarin, who would like to be a nurse some day, said she has learned several valuable life lessons from high school athletics.

"Most importantly, I've learned that hard work pays off," she said. "And that giving up is not the answer. You have to stick with things, in good times and bad."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday December 5, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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SECTION 17

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday December 1, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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# Old Timers Bowling tournament marks 75th year

This year's Old Timers Bowling Association tournament and party marks its 75th anniversary for this grand event

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Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

It was decided to stage a tournament restricted to quarter-century bowlers, held on Jan 6, 1932 at the Cadillac Alleys, owned by Maurice Hotchkiss, one of the nine

A total of 85 bowlers took flings in the inaugural tourney, won by Frank "Cookie" Smith's 640 series

Immediately after the tourney, the bowlers ventured over to the old Barnum Hotel on Cadillac Square for lunch, refreshments, prizes and an organizational meeting

It was unanimously resolved to make the event an annual affair

Ed Heiden was elected president, Ed Helwig, vice-president, and George Niepoth sec-

retary-treasurer

This trio continued to serve in those capacities for the first nine years of the organization's history

The format calls for competition in seven age groups under-50, 50-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80-and-over

The tournament championship went to the bowler 50-and-over who bowls the highest actual three-game actual total pinfall series

This event has attracted not only the area's finest and most famous bowlers including Joe Norris, Johnny Crimmins, Fred Wolf, Lou Ode, Herb Fach, Eddie Lubanski, Billy 'G Golembiewski, Syl Thiel, Harold Allen, Walter Reppenhagen, Bill Tucker, George Young, Bob Kwolek, John and Hank Gavie, Fred Buyack, Tony Landemann

It also attracts bowlers from other parts of the country as far away as San Diego and Minnesota And for the first time this year, a group of 35 bowlers and Altoona, Pa will also be on hand

A group from our area traveled to Altoona earlier this year and now they are returning in the favor

American Bowling Congress Hall-of Famer Jimmy Schroeder of Tonawanda, N Y has sent in his entry form as

well

If you are old enough, you might remember when they had a 'crow's nest' overlooking the lanes

This is where the lane judge would sit and watch for foul line violations

Twenty-five years ago, the Old Timers held their 50th golden anniversary event and the venerable John Chmelko served in the dual capacity of president and secretary-treasurer

By then the action had found a permanent home at the 96 lanes of Thunderbowl in Allen Park

This year's tourney is dedicated to John Chmelko, Jr, an Old Timers' past president who has been a great help to his dad in running the show

The Old Timers committee has selected two deserving

young men who are currently high school seniors to receive \$500 each in college scholarships, which will be awarded at the opening ceremonies

The defending champion is Garden City's Rick Eierman, who will have to go an extra mile or two to equal the amazing feat of Windsor's Scotty Laughland, a six-time champ (including three years in a row)

How about four in a row, Scotty? He hopes to equal Herbert W Case, who won it all in 1951-52-53-54

Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield won in 1991, while Jarv Woehlke of Dearborn, the oldest bowler ever to roll two 300s in the same season, won it in 1997

Redford's Ted Kress and myself will be taping and editing this year's event It will be

televised locally on several occasions during the following month Openings remain for the 2005 edition for both morning and afternoon squads And be sure to join in at the banquet, which follows at approximately 3 30 p m

You can pick up entry forms at most bowling counters around town or call John Chmelko at (586) 756-3240

The Sunday morning leagues at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills experienced a power failure (Nov 6) during the middle of the second game

Power was out for two hours and everybody left for home Games will have to be made up at a later date

The first-round games were all recorded, but the scores of the second game (still in progress) were all wiped out

Fortunately, the power came back on just in time for Ebonite's Demo Days, which proved to be highly successful at Aleta Sill's Bowling World

The Printcraft League bowls each Sunday morning at Garden Lanes in Garden City

A couple of their members performed "big-time" lately with G Thomas Bowen, III of Detroit leading the way on games of 279-289-245 for an 813 series

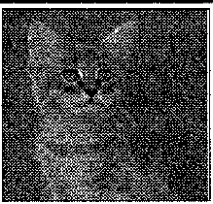
Ten days later, Bowen rolled a 300 game in another league at Oxford Lanes

Meanwhile, John Mezo came up with games of 290-226-289, giving him an 805 series

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association He can be reached at (248) 477 1839

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# Madonna spikers in WHAC final

One more victory and Madonna University will get to host the 2005 Region VIII volleyball tournament

The Crusaders defeated Indiana Tech Friday night in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinal contest at MU, 30-12, 30-18, 30-17. Coach Jerry Abraham's squad took a 41-0 record into Saturday's WHAC final against Cornerstone

If the Crusaders prevailed against Cornerstone (33-10), they will be the WHAC No. 1 seed and thus serve as tournament host in the regional

Against the Warriors (15-21), senior outside hitter and Redford resident Natalia Timna sparked the offense with 15 kills, while middle hitters Caryn Inman and Laura Lesko chipped in with 10 and eight kills, respectively

Augmenting that trio with six kills was freshman outside hitter and Livonia Churchill grad Kelsey Mack

Senior setter Ashley Frost again orchestrated the MU attack with 41 assists. Defensive stalwarts included Frost and senior Libero Stefame DeNardin (seven digs each) and sophomore outside hitter Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill), with six digs

Indiana Tech received a 10-kill night from freshman middle hitter Ashtyn Humerickhouse while freshman setter Jenny Vogelgesang contributed 30 assists in a losing effort

Cornerstone made it to the WHAC final earlier Friday, defeating UM Dearborn (28-12), 30-21, 30-22, 30-25

Pacing the Golden Eagles was senior outside hitter Allison Park (13 kills) and senior setter Holly Panches (33 assists)

Despite the final outcome, several area players had good showings for the Wolves

Junior outside hitter Lynnea Harris (Belleville) tallied 11 kills and 12 digs, junior outside hitter Amy Rathsburg (Walled Lake Central) contributed 14 digs and junior middle blocker Kristi Igo (Wayne Memorial) helped out with nine kills. Adding five digs was junior defensive specialist and Livonia product Lauren Merian

# Axon leads way as Ocelots roll past St. Francis JV

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team opened its season Wednesday night at home with a 109-77 victory over the University of St. Francis (Ind.) JV squad

Second-year guard Jarred Axon (Jackson) finished with a team-high 19 points for the victorious Ocelots, who led 54-40 at halftime

James Davis, a 7-foot center from Minneapolis (Minn.)

North, added 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Ryan Williams and Darnell Patterson each contributed 13 points off the bench

Matt Webb scored a game-high 28 points for the Cougar JV team (3-1), which helped the Ocelots with 21 turnovers

Schoolcraft shot 58.2 percent from the field (46-of-79), including 9-of-19 from three-point range (47.3 percent). The

Ocelots were only 7-of-20 from the foul line, but outrebounded St. Francis 44-21

"We got off to a pretty good start, we got a chance to look at everybody and everybody played hard," Schoolcraft coach

Carlos Briggs said **IOWA WESLEYAN 76, MADONNA 71:** In Friday's opening round of the Bethel (Ind.) University Tournament, Iowa Wesleyan (2-0) downed Madonna University (1-2) to advance to Saturday's championship final

against the host Pilots. MU's Antoine Stewart scored 13 points in a losing cause while Joe Calhoun contributed 12. The Crusaders faced Indiana University-Northwest in Saturday's consolation final

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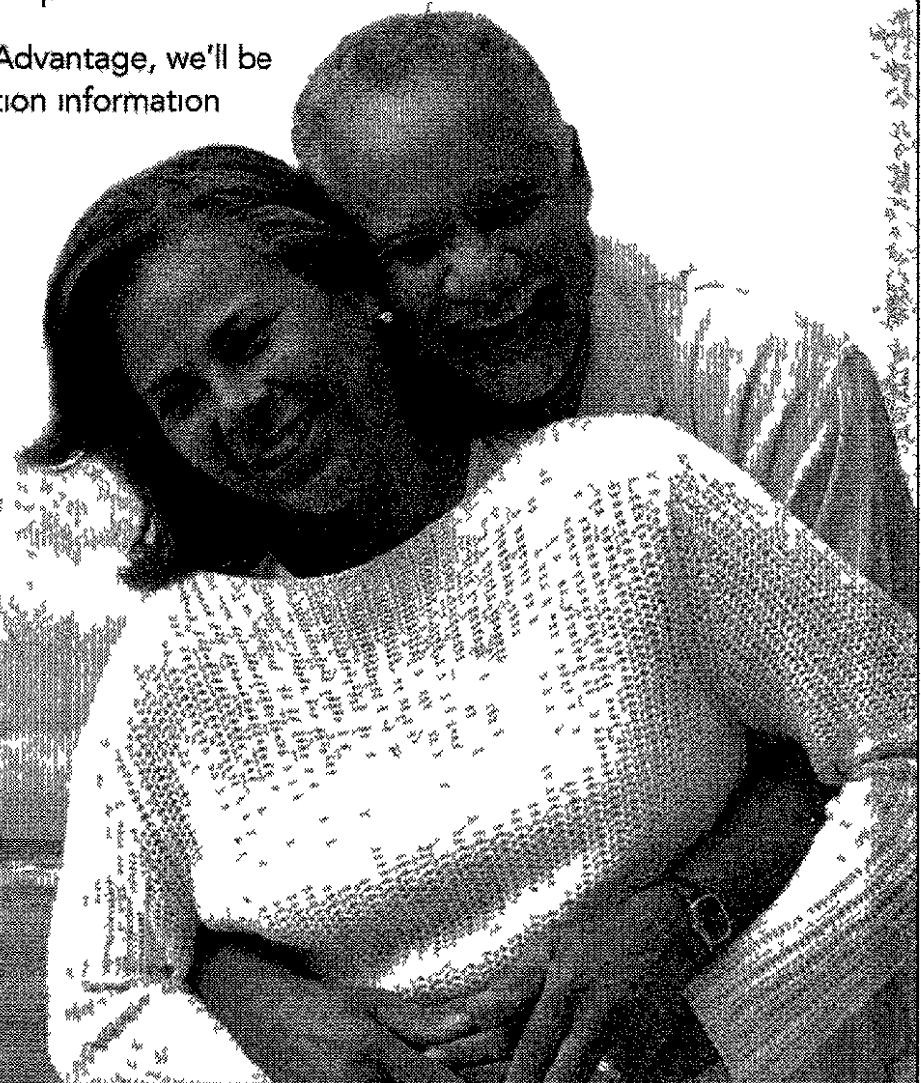
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The continuous schedule each day will have games starting at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 25, the games in the even-numbered divisions will take place beginning with Division 8, followed by Division 2, then Division 6 and Division 4.

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Bobbie Jones

## A home for us all

Lately, there has been some unimaginable devastation taking place here in America

Property has been destroyed, lives uprooted and many Americans have been left homeless

I've heard it said too many times many Americans are just a couple of paychecks from the streets And whether we believe it, it's truer than we think Although the hurricanes were able to reduce individuals to homelessness in a split second, many hard-working people have been living this nightmare for years

When it comes to homelessness many of us have that image in our minds of the person on the street begging for spare change and we can't believe how someone could have gotten himself into this hopeless situation We think a homeless person was not responsible with his finances or he committed some crime that left him this way I have seen those myths destroyed

I now know that a person working two jobs can reside in a shelter because the two minimum-wage jobs he holds still do not afford him the ability to save for the \$1,500 down payment to secure a decent dwelling

I also know that a person can become injured on the job she holds so dear and, in the three months she is laid up recovering, bills pile up and in that fourth month that recovered person could find herself with a whole new set of problems

As a child, my family and I lived our lives teetering on the edge of homelessness In our case we had a landlord my dad worked for and every time he got angry, or business was bad or the weather changed, we were threatened with eviction I truly believe it was only by the grace of God we did not end up on the street

The recent storms that hit Alabama, New Orleans and Mississippi brought the almost-forgotten issue of poverty soaring back to the forefront

In those areas affected by the storm, national numbers offered for 2004 showed that 14.5 percent of families and 23.2 percent of individuals in New Orleans lived below the poverty line That same year, in Alabama's Mobile County, which was also affected by Hurricane Katrina, the rates were 19 and 20 percent living below the poverty line As wealthy as America is, I believe we can do much better

That's why for the past 15 years I have been honored to have been involved in one capacity or another with Habitat for Humanity, and it has been their working mission for years to provide "a home for us all"

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for low-income individuals and families and works with banks and organizations and businesses in these areas in which they build to secure financing and donated supplies to provide decent and affordable homes for the working poor

This week is Homeless Awareness Week and the SOS Crisis Center, which has been providing assistance to those in need of a dwelling for years, will offer a week of activities to raise awareness about the problems of homelessness and poverty in America

So please, if you can take time out of your busy lives to help in the lives of others, for we are all neighbors

To contact Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, please call (734) 459-7744 If you are interested in donating your time to the SOS Crisis Center, please call (734) 485-8730

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# Holiday Greetings



*Purchasing holiday cards from nonprofits sends a special message. Commercialism is temporarily put on hold to help worthy causes. A number of charities are offering a variety of images this holiday season.*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Marian Renaud expects last year's holiday greeting cards to be as popular this year. Visitors to Greenmead Historical Park never tire of Robert Perrish's painting of the Hill House and Lawrence Diggs' photograph of the Shaw House front door. Proceeds from both will be used to finish work on the village's Alexander Blue House built in the mid-1800s.

"They're beautiful," said Renaud, program supervisor at Greenmead in Livonia. "We're presently working on finishing the Blue House. We've renovated for reuse to have space for meetings, conferences, special activities like birthday parties for the community. People already use Historic Newburgh Church for wedding ceremonies. Now they can use the Blue House for receptions and rehearsal dinners."

In addition to the Hill House (10 cards for \$10) and the Shaw House (20 cards for \$16), a new three-dimensional brass ornament of the Joshua Simmons/Hill House is available for \$15. Call (248) 477-7375.

"We did really well with them last year," said Linda Wlasek, Greenmead staffer. "We're a small gift shop. During the Christmas walk we brought them to the Simmons/Hill House and people saw them, appreciated them and purchased them."

A Select from 11 holiday cards to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Each card can include a personalized message or a pre-printed general holiday, religious, business, or Hanukkah greeting. Images range from the Detroit skyline to nature photos of Kensington Metropark and Cranbrook and historic photos of holidays past. Cost is \$14.95 a box. Call (800) KARMANOS or visit [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org).

B Proceeds from the card sale by Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will be used to build homes for families in Wayne County. Cards feature drawings by Habitat partner families. Each package contains 13 cards with four different designs. Cost is \$10 per package and can be ordered by contacting Habitat at 638 Starkweather, Plymouth or by phone at (734) 459-7744.

C The Ann Arbor Art Center will be selling four different holiday card designs, created by young artists in the center's education program. The cards can be purchased at the gallery shop, 177 Liberty, Ann Arbor. The cost is \$12 for a box of 10. All proceeds go to the center. For more information, call (734) 994-8004.

D The New Hope Center in Northville helps children, teens and adults grieving the loss of a loved one. A packet of 20 cards with envelopes is \$20, \$15 tax deductible. To order, go to the Website [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net) or call (248) 346-6115.

E The Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan is a greyhound adoption organization. The cards designed by artist Don Ignazi are available in a set of eight cards for \$12. To order, go online at [www.gemgreyhounds.org/gem\\_store/xmas\\_cards.htm](http://www.gemgreyhounds.org/gem_store/xmas_cards.htm).

F The Michigan Humane Society is offering six designs featuring photographs by Waterford resident Mari Latozas. Each box of 15 cards costs \$15. They are available at the three Humane Society locations (including 900 N. Newburgh, Westland), by phone at (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) or online at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

G The Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders is offering five designs. The card shown is by a 14-year-old from the Detroit area. Cards are available in packages of 10 for \$10, plus shipping and handling. Order forms available at (248) 433-2200 or by e-mail at [info@michkids.org](mailto:info@michkids.org).

PLEASE SEE CARDS, C3



# Gala supports work of Presbyterian Villages

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

*It's a Wonderful Life* is a popular 1940s movie starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, shown on TV at Christmas. That's also the name chosen for the gala fundraiser for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, held Nov. 5 at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

"We have all different types of senior housing," said Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton, a regional vice president for

Presbyterian Villages. She oversees two Westland facilities (Our Saviour's Manor and The Village of Westland) and one under construction in Gibraltar, due to open January 2006.

There are 15 facilities in operation, with three more slated to open by early 2006. The Nov. 5 foundation fundraiser helped to raise money to support that work.

"We're initiating wellness programs in all the Villages," said Moon-Dupree. "Those encourage healthy aging and also receive foundation support."

Housing ranges from nursing homes to assisted living for seniors, including subsidized apartments. Earlier this year, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan broke ground on the first of two Green Houses at The Village of Redford Senior Living Community, the first in the state. These are homes for the frailest of seniors who would otherwise be in a nursing home.

Speaker for the gala fundraiser (held this year for the second time) was Neal J. Shine, columnist and retired executive editor of the *Detroit Free Press*. Honorary chairs were Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. (Mary) Schroeder.

Shine told of talking with his grandson about God, and what would happen if equal numbers of fans prayed for the Detroit Pistons and the Milwaukee Bucks. "I told him God cares about everything," he said to the more than 600 attending.

Prayer's always been an important part of Shine's life, and he noted the multitude of saints to whom Catholics pray, "everything from lost articles to finding your way."

As a copy boy, he took home children whose parents forgot to pick them up after the newspaper-sponsored camp. Shine would pray a parent would be

## ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGES

A faith-based nonprofit organization, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan sponsors, develops and manages a growing number of retirement communities, senior housing facilities and programs for older persons. Presbyterian Villages of Michigan offers a variety of retirement living and senior care options including independent living and skilled nursing care to approximately 2,000 individuals of all faiths in Michigan. Founded in 1945, PVM is a nonprofit community agency. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and managed by an executive staff. Equal opportunity housing and non-discrimination is practiced in every respect. Offices are located at 26200 Lahser Road, Suite 300, Southfield, Michigan 48034-7157. (248) 281-2020. Fax (248) 281-2060. TTY # 800-649-3777.

home and he wouldn't have to arrange housing with a society department staffer.

He also told of a young doctor setting up a clinic in Honduras, to whom he helped to get donations shipped. It's now a 60-bed hospital where University of Michigan med-



Eleanor Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Farms and Laura Rice of Redford enjoyed their time at the 'It's a Wonderful Life' fund-raiser which drew some 600 people.



Monsignor John Zenz of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Damone of Troy and Neal Shine of St. Clair Shores were among those attending. The Damone Group was the event's presenting sponsor. Shine was the keynote speaker and Zenz gave the invocation.

ical students and others help. Shine concluded with a prayer of thanks for "your efforts in making so much possible for so many."

Dinner and dancing were part of the evening, along with a silent auction. The event is "to get our name out in the community," Moon-Dupree said, adding it's beneficial to get information out that sen-

iors of all income levels and faiths are served.

"We really haven't had a lot of events like this," said Melinda Conway Callahan of Rochester Hills, PVM foundation president.

Last year's dinner was a coming out party in which programs and services were introduced.

I think people left last year

saying "Wow!" Callahan noted that aging baby boomers will need housing.

This year's event had a \$100,000 goal divided between the Green Houses and wellness initiative, which was met. The theme was chosen to remind people that all lives make a difference and elders shouldn't be taken for granted, Callahan said.

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J Right to Life/Lifespan is offering two designs Mary and Infant (shown) is \$16 for a box of 20, Bethlehem Scene is \$7 for a box of 10 Cards are available by calling (248)478-8878

K Northwest ARC Athletic Fund, which supports children in the Special Olympics, is offering four designs by Livonia schoolchildren A packet of 20 cards is available for a minimum \$10 donation To order, call (734)655-2300

L Make-A-Wish offers three cards - Wish kid photos feature three cards of five different children for \$15, a snowman drawn by a wish kid (10 cards for \$10), and a professional card with gold foil (10 cards for \$10) Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions Call (888) 857-9474 or visit www.wishmich.org

M The Alzheimer's Association has nine holiday cards available this season A box of 25 sells for \$37.50 To order go to the web site at <http://alzgmcc.org/invite.htm> or contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center Drive, No 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or by phone at (248)351-0280

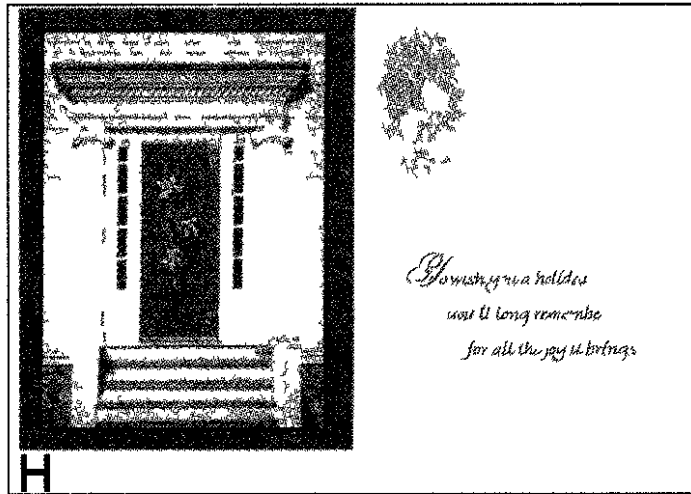
N Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, which provides an organ, tissue and eye donor registry, is offering a box of 10 cards for \$12 To order on line, go to [www.donatelifemichigan.org](http://www.donatelifemichigan.org)

O Proceeds from sales of nine different cards from Paws With A Cause go to fund the training of Assistance Dogs nationally for people with disabilities All cards are pre-packed in quantities of 10 and sell for \$7 per package To order, visit [www.pawswithacause.org](http://www.pawswithacause.org), or call (800) 253-7297

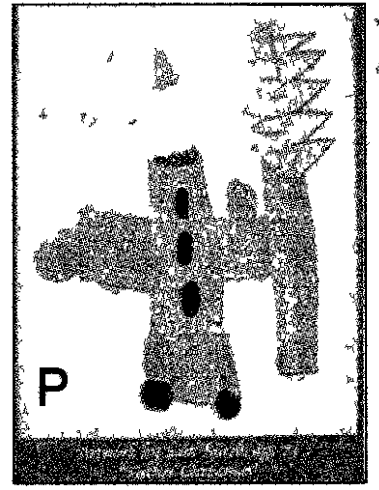
P The St. Louis Center in Chelsea is a residential care facility for children with developmental disabilities, managed by the Servants of Charity Order of the Catholic Church The center is selling five cards designed by residents of the center Each packet contains 12 cards and sells for \$15 with an additional \$2 added for postage and handling To order contact Jill Wesolowski at (734) 475-8430 or through the Web site at [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org)



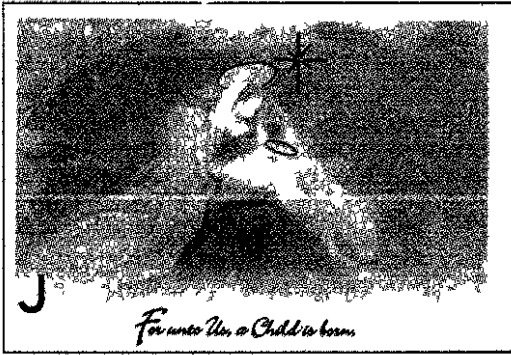
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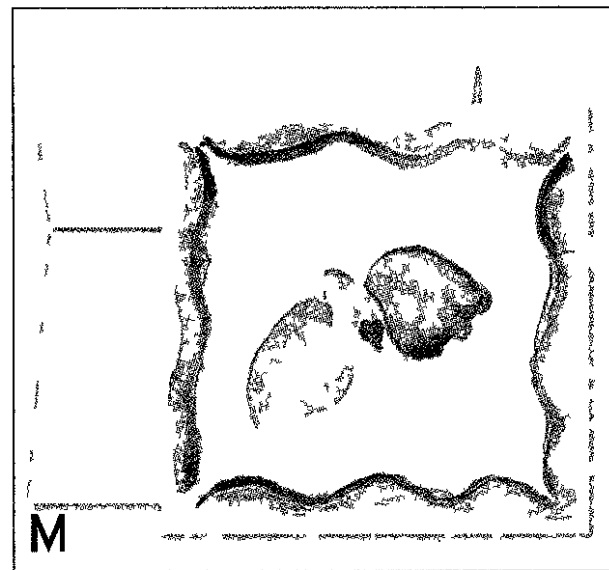
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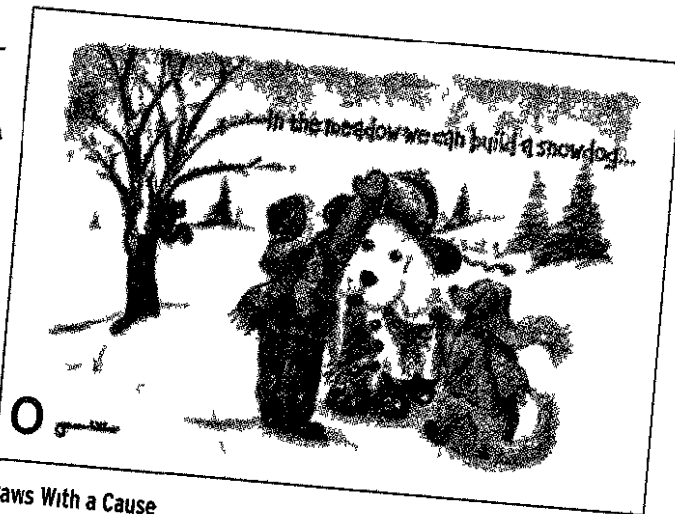
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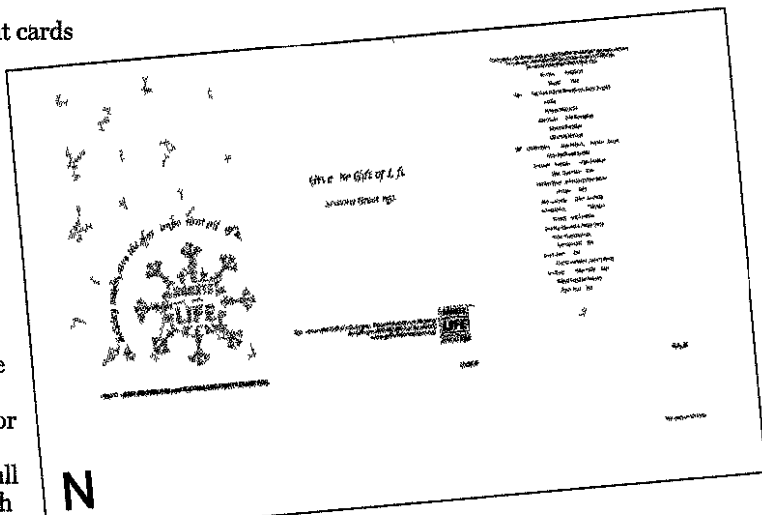
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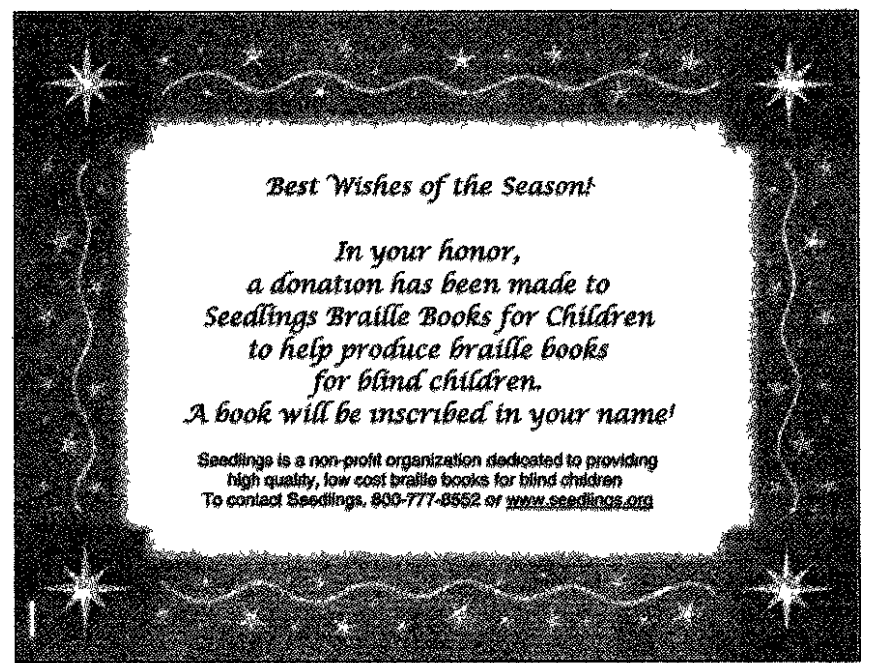
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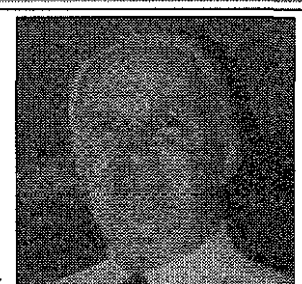
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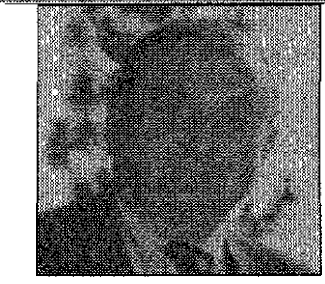
### ERIC E. BENTLAGE

Age 89 Died Nov 9 2005 at Lourdes Nursing Home Waterford Mi Born in Essen Germany lived in Bloomfield Hills most of his adult life since leaving Germany to the US Eric was age 14 and his first job was working on a farm in Idaho when arriving in US He was self employed manufacturing mostly for the automobile industry Member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham and a member of and past District Governor of Rotary International also a member of Orchard Lake Country Club Eric was a avid Fisherman Hunter and Golfer Survived by his wife Frances B Bentlage one son Roger E ( Mary) Bentlage of Lake Orion Mi Three step daughters Leslie (Robert) Cowan of Colorado Randy (John) O'Hara of Bloomfield Village and Holly Baird also survived by 8 Grandchildren Eric was formerly married to E Joyce Bentlage who died in 1977 Memorial Service at The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham 589 W Maple Monday November 14 2005 at 11 00 A M Visitation at the Wm R Hamilton Co of Birmingham, 820 E Maple Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8pm Officiating The Reverend Dr John E Harnish Interment will be private Memorial tributes may be made to Lourdes Nursing Home 2300 Watkins Lake Rd Waterford MI 48238



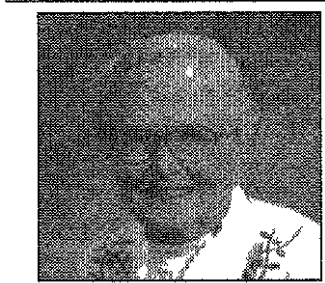
### RICHARD M. "DICK" HANSZ

Age 88 of Traverse City passed away Wednesday November 9 2005 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions He was born May 31 1917, in Highland Park, Michigan and attended Wayne State University in Detroit In 1940 he was married to Edith Harwood of Marshall Michigan They had three sons Larry (Maureen) of Traverse City Michigan Robert (Sue) of Folly Beach South Carolina and Timothy (Carol) of Plymouth Michigan who survive him Also surviving are seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren He was a member of St Paul's Episcopal Church of Winona Minnesota where he was a Vestryman and lay Eucharistic Minister He was past president of the Order of St Andrew of the Diocese of Michigan and a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club After living in Winona for twenty five years Richard and his wife moved to Traverse City Michigan in September 2001 Per Dick's wishes cremation has taken place and private family services were held Interment is scheduled to take place in the Columbarium at Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grace Episcopal Church 341 Washington Street Traverse City MI 49684 Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guestbook at www.reynolds.jankhoff.com



### RICHARD C. REILLY, M.D.

November 3 2005 Age 74 of Birmingham Retired Orthopedic Surgeon from St Joseph Mercy Hospital Pontiac Dear father of William Richard Steven Jeffrey James (Cathy) and Laura Bradshaw (Joe) Also survived by 8 grandchildren Brother of Philip (Ann) William (Vicki) Joan Stanton (David) Rita and the late Judith Boyer Funeral Mass was Tuesday at St Regis Church, Bloomfield Hills Memorials to Hospice of Michigan 400 Mack Ave Detroit MI 48201 For information call A J Desmond & Sons 248-549 0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



### ALTHEA MAE SHOEMAKER

Age 85 of Plymouth died October 21 2005 She was born June 10 1920 in Monroe Althea came from Petersburg Michigan after attending Virginia Farrell School of Cosmetology in Toledo Ohio to reside in Plymouth She owned her own business in Plymouth since the age of 20 first in the city and then in her residence of 42 years on Penniman Avenue Althea left the beauty business for a short while in the 1940 s during World War II to become a Rosie the Riveter at the Phoenix Mill Factory The County of Wayne Michigan gave her a resolution honoring Althea for her hard work and dedication as a worker at the Phoenix Mill Village Industry Factory, the first factory where only women worked She was also a charter member of the Phoenix Mill Women's Museum Althea volunteered her services at the Plymouth Historical Museum and was deeply involved with the Plymouth Elks (BPOE #1780) and the Vivians Club since the 1950 s She had twice been voted Vivian of the Year and had retired as Vice President of the club this year due to ill health Althea was devoted to customers and friends When in good health she was always on call at Schrader Howell Funeral Home to do the hair of a deceased friend or relative Althea was also a devoted wife, mother and grandmother She took care of her late husband Harry at home for 4 1/2 years after his paralytic stroke Always strong she never complained and always managed to make several jokes along the way She is survived by her daughter Susan (Byron) Taylor and her granddaughter Candy Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Wednesday November 16 11am with Sanford Burr presiding Friends may visit with the family beginning at 10am A bereavement luncheon will be held at the Plymouth Elks Lodge BPOE #1780 immediately following the service Memorials may be made to Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 41700 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI

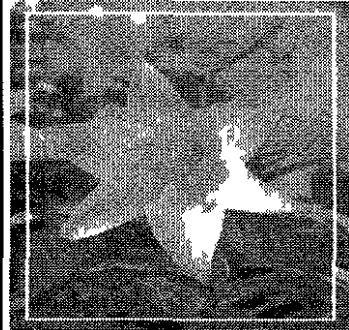
### SHERIDAN M. THURSTON

Age 54 of Plymouth November 3 2005 Dear brother of Norm (Sheila) Dear son of the late Eleanor F Dear nephew of Samuel and Lillian Adams Also survived by many cousins Long time custodian of Tonda Elementary School in Canton where he was dearly loved and will be deeply missed Family & friends will gather Friday 4:30 PM until the memorial service at 5 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army Corp To leave a message of condolence log on www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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### VIOLET V. (DUMKE) BITZ

Age 86 November 9 2005 Beloved wife of the late Mathew for 60 years Loving mother of Carolee Bill (Nancy) and Michael (Kathy) Dear grandmother of William (Kelly) Michelle (Clark) Rob Jackie and Brad Great grandmother of Marley Katelynn Madelynn and Conor Visitation Sunday, 4:30pm at the R G & G R Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd Livonia Rosary Service Sunday 8pm Instate Monday 10:30am until time of Mass 11am at St Alexander Catholic Church 27835 Shawwassee Farmington Hills Memorials suggested to St Alexander Catholic Church or The American Diabetes Foundation



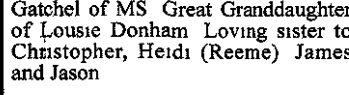
### JAMES R. CARR

November 11 2005 age 92 Beloved husband of Doris Dear father of James M Carr Daniel W Carr Kathleen Martin and the late Donald M Carr and the late Judith Myers Loving grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 12 Service Tuesday 11 AM at the Sawyer Fuller Funeral Home 2125 W 12 Mile Rd (2 blocks W of Woodward) Berkley Visitation Monday 4 8 PM Burial at White Chapel Cemetery Troy Memorial contributions may be made to Cranbrook Hospice



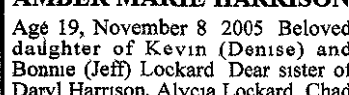
### BARBARA G. OLIVER

Of Chelsea Michigan age 87 died Monday November 7 2005 at the Chelsea Retirement Community Born January 29 1918 in London Ontario the daughter of Paul B and Catherine S (Former) Elson She attended the University of Western Ontario earning a teaching certificate and worked at St Mary's Hospital in Livonia MI for many years She married George H Oliver in London Ontario on April 28 1945 They moved to Detroit in 1953 Surviving her are five sons George John C Gary Wayne and Robert Also three daughters Janice Nicol (California) Laura Gubord and Carol Hasroum (California) Also surviving is her stepister Loreen Taylor of London Ontario Preceding her in death were her husband George, her brother Howard Elson and her sister Muriel Lewis A memorial service will be held at Newburg Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia MI 48150 at 11 00 AM on Monday November 14th Memorial donations may be made to the church or the Towsley Village 805 Middle St Chelsea MI 48118 Arrangements by Staffan Mitchell Funeral Home



### PATTY ANN COOL

June 20 1971 November 8, 2005 Beloved wife of Camron Loving mother of Cammie Dearest daughter of David and Margarete Branner of Livonia Granddaughter of Louise Gatchel of MS Great Granddaughter of Louise Donham Loving sister to Christopher, Heidi (Reeme) James and Jason



### AMBER MARIE HARRISON

Age 19, November 8 2005 Beloved daughter of Kevin (Denise) and Bonnie (Jeff) Lockard Dear sister of Daryl Harrison, Alycia Lockard Chad Oldre and Logan Lockard Dearest granddaughter of Don and Shirley Ralph and Maude Lockard Henry and Gail Broniak and the late Glenn and Audrey Harrison A Funeral Service was held Sat Nov 12 at Revival Outreach Center (ROC) in Northville Township R G & G R Harris Funeral Home Livonia was in charge of arrangements Memorials are suggested to Holy Hands c/o Revival Outreach Center Please sign the online guestbook at rgrharris.com

**Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One**

### HELEN F. RICE

November 7 2005, in Northport, MI Age 87 Formerly of Detroit and Mesa, AZ Proud to be in the first group of commissioned WAVES Officers in the United States Navy Wife of the late Francis E for 41 years Loving mother of Elizabeth Rice-Munro (Roderick) Dear sister of John Chambers Funeral Mass was held Saturday at St Gerald Church Farmington Memorial tributes to Catholic Relief Services P O Box 17090 Baltimore MD 21203 7090 For further information call A J Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## Meningococcal vaccine recommended for teens

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending routine vaccination of young adolescents with a newly licensed meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) when your pre-adolescent has his or her checkup (11-12 years old)

Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria that infect the bloodstream and the linings of the brain and spinal cord, causing serious illness Every year in the United States, 1,400 to 2,800 people get meningococcal disease Ten to 14 percent of people with meningococcal disease die, and 11-19 percent of survivors have permanent disabilities (such as metal retardation, hearing loss, and loss of limbs)

The disease often begins with symptoms that can be mistaken for common illnesses, such as the flu Meningococcal disease is particularly dangerous because it progresses rapidly and can kill within hours

For those who have not previously received meningococcal vaccine, ACIP recommends vaccination before high school entry (15 years old) as the most effective strategy towards reducing meningococcal disease incidence in adolescence and young adulthood

Other adolescents who wish to decrease their risk of meningococcal disease may elect to receive the vaccine The risk continues for all young people ages 18-24

Dr John S Moran, acting chief of the bacterial vaccine preventable diseases branch of the CDC, said in *The New York Times* (Education Life, Nov 6, 2005), "Meningococcal bacteria,



### Teens In 2005

Alice McCarthy

which can cause a fatal spinal infection, should be a concern of those living in a dorm's close quarters

Infection rates for dorm residents can be nearly five times as high as those for a similar age group living elsewhere"

Moran also suggests that parents check with the health department in the state where their child goes to college for local regulations New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, for example, require immunization for new students living in campus housing

### WHOOPIING COUGH IMMUNIZATION

Referred to by the Chinese as the "cough of 100 days," whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory infection that is characterized by a prolonged, dry cough sometimes associated with a signature "whoop" sound The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted in June to recommend that adolescents be given a whooping cough booster

Adults, as well as adolescents, become vulnerable to whooping cough (pertussis) as childhood immunizations wear off, leaving people in these age groups at risk to acquire and transmit the disease Cases of whooping cough in adults increased 150 percent between 2003 and 2004, more than 7,000 cases were reported in adults in 2004

The National Center for Infectious Diseases, a nonprofit

dedicated to providing education about causes, treatments, and prevention of infectious diseases (www.nfid.org) recommends that both adolescents and adults receive the whooping cough booster

Check with your doctor and see if you and your adolescent can be immunized again against whooping cough Your young children can be vaccinated against this scourge until the age of 7

Be sure to obtain the meningococcal vaccine for your adolescent in middle school, high school or college

For more information *Immunizations & Infectious Diseases An Informed Parent's Guide*, edited by Margaret C Fisher, M D, FAAP (November 2005, \$14.95, 447 pages) A fine, user-friendly source available for raising healthy children Available at your local bookstore or by calling (800) 888-4741 or online at www.ipg-book.com

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site All of her columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are on www.bridge-comm.com

Alice R McCarthy Ph D the mother of five professionals is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools curriculum writing in health and health publications She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book *Healthy Teens Facing the Challenges of Young Lives* Write to her in care of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150

### CLASS REUNIONS

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

### REUNIONS

#### Bishop Borgess

Class of 1985  
A 20 year reunion is planned for Friday Nov 25 2005 at the Novi Sheraton 6 pm to midnight Tickets \$65/person include dinner entertainment open bar For details contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718 2720 or dlundberg@comcast.net

#### Central High

Class of 1946  
A 60 year reunion is planned for June 4 2006 at Glen Oaks Country Club Both January and June class mates will celebrate over dinner and dancing January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737 9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851 6625 June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646 7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932 5177

#### Dearborn Heights

**Crestwood High School**  
Class of 1985  
A 20 year reunion is planned for 6 pm on Friday Nov 25 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn For information send e mail to Crestwoods1985@aol.com or call (248) 842 0510

#### Denby High School

Class of 1956  
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739 3840

#### Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan June and Summer 1956  
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Novi Sheraton For more information call Harold Kappen at (734) 261 0325 or okapen@earthlink.net

#### Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events Final activity will be a Black and White Ball on Saturday May 20 2006 About the activities www.geocities.com/edsel50th To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Centers-Pelc

Thomas and Christine Centers of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Nichole, to Jason Pelc of Westland

Elizabeth is a graduate of Oakland University She is a middle school science teacher in Canton

Her fiance, Jason, is the son of Michael and Lorraine Pelc of Dearborn Heights He is a graduate of Western Michigan University He is an engineer at Ford Motor Co

Jason and Elizabeth are planning a December wedding



They will be taking their honeymoon to Spain in July, and are making their new home in Historical Dearborn

#### Brewer-Covert

Patricia Strickland of Cartersville, Ga announces the engagement of her daughter, Melame Rose Brewer, to Shaun Edward Covert of Marietta, Ga, formerly of Livonia

Melame is currently attending Georgia Highlands College She is employed by the Immanuel Broadcasting Network

Her fiance, Shaun, is the son of Charles and Carol Covert of Buena Vista, Colo, formerly residents of Livonia for 30 years He is a 1998 graduate of Stevenson High School, Livonia He is employed at



Vanderlande Industries in Marietta, Ga  
Melame and Shaun are planning a December wedding in Marietta, Ga.

#### Powers-Kuehn

Jesse and Susan Powers of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Marie, to Steve Kuehn

Jacqueline is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Eastern Michigan University

Her fiance, Steve, is the son of Gary Kuehn and Rosemary Knott He is a graduate of Elk Rapids High School He is in management of Buffalo Wild Wings

Jacqueline and Steve are planning a fall 2006 wedding



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

**Crafters needed**

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Alley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Sunday, Nov. 27. For information, contact Sue or Paul at 734-843-3128.

**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 throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's 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 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 are priced at \$25 with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at the symphony office next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth or ordered by calling Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. For more information, call the symphony office at (734) 453-2112.

**St. Mary's classes**

St. Mary's Mercy Hospital offers six-week Childbirth Education classes. Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby, 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital, Tuesdays, Nov. 15, Dec. 20 and Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Jan. 11. Students will learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery, classes based on the Lamaze method and include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. There is a fee; registration is required. For details, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162.

St. Mary's Mercy sponsors a presentation, "Surviving the Season: Coping With Holiday Stress," from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the Northville Senior Center, located at 303 W. Main Street in Northville. Speaker will be St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's Darlene Doute, advanced practice nurse in psychiatric mental health nursing. Registration is required; call the Northville Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

**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, 470 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. It's 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.

**Genealogical societies**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society hosts its holiday meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at its new location, First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. Speaker, Mary Ellen Ahmad, owner of Aria Booksellers, will talk about Christmas books, stories and historical tidbits.



**Sister act**

Courtney Pickard was crowned Plymouth High School's first Homecoming Queen earlier this season, the school's first with a senior class and a full student body. Ironically, she was crowned by last year's Homecoming Princess, her twin sister Chelsea. The King crowned the same evening was senior Andy Wang. The 2005 Homecoming Court members included seniors Josh Dillon, Brad Wiley, Janet Hanchett and Tatiana Imamura; juniors Karan Okolo and Andy Stoscup; sophomores Victoria Conwertino and Andrew Justus; and freshman Ellen Palczynski.

The public is invited for more information, call Margaret Bowland at (810) 227-7745.

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road, just south of 5 Mile. William J. Priest will speak on "Descenders Do Occur to Genealogists Too." His program will start earlier at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and classes are open to the public, free of charge. For information, call Pat Moon at (734) 425-3079.

**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.

LIBRARY PICKS

These books are available by placing a request with the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750 or on line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

**FICTION**

- 1 Predator Patricia Cornwell
- 2 At First Sight Nicholas Sparks
- 3 The Camel Club David Baldacci

- 4 Toxic Bachelors Danielle Steel
  - 5 Knife of Dreams Robert Jordan
- NON-FICTION**
- 1 The Truth (With Jokes) Al Franken
  - 2 The Year of Magical Thinking Joan Didion
  - 3 Team of Rivals Doris Kearns Goodwin

- 4 The World is Flat Thomas Friedman
  - 5 Driven from Within Michael Jordan
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- 1 A Play's the Thing Aki
  - 2 Ten in the Den John Butler
  - 3 Caramba Marie Louise Gay
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  - 5 Baby Brother Tanneke Wigersma

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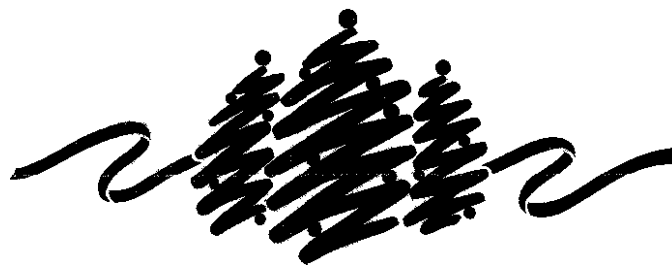


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**DATES AND TIMES**

- Friday, November 25  
Noon - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, November 26  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, November 27 through  
Saturday, December 3  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
- Sunday, December 4  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm



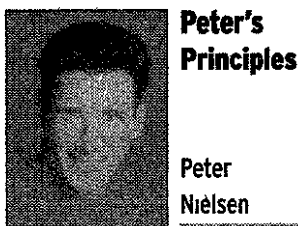
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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

## Choose equipment you enjoy

Louanne from Ferndale e-mails asking about which piece of workout equipment burns the most amount of calories when you only have a half hour each day. Louanne, it will take 30 minutes for a 150-pound person to burn 150 calories on a bicycle. You can burn 200 calories if you walk on a treadmill at 4 mph, 250 calories on a stepper, and 300 calories on an elliptical machine. The bottom line is when you're picking any piece of equipment to use, make sure you enjoy it. Because if you don't enjoy it, you're not going to do it - no matter how many calories it may burn!

Mary from Centerline e-mails asking if bagels are a healthy choice for breakfast

Before you eat the next bagel, Mary, listen up! Did you know that the average bagel packs 300 calories? Let me paint you another picture of 300 calories. For example, you could have three egg white omelets, packed with high protein and low fat, and that's only 36 calories. In addition, you can also have a bowl of puff rice cereal, a half of an English muffin and I'll even let you have your coffee (if you have it black). All that together equals 300 calories! Psychologically, that's mind boggling! The choice is definitely yours! So make sure when choosing foods you're making your calories work for you not against you. If you have a question e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950.

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# A good night's sleep

## Survey finds older adults recognize its importance

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Carol Bielamec agrees with the new Gallup survey that older adults don't always get a good night's sleep. While Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorder Center does treat patients into their 80s, children as young as 6 can have problems.

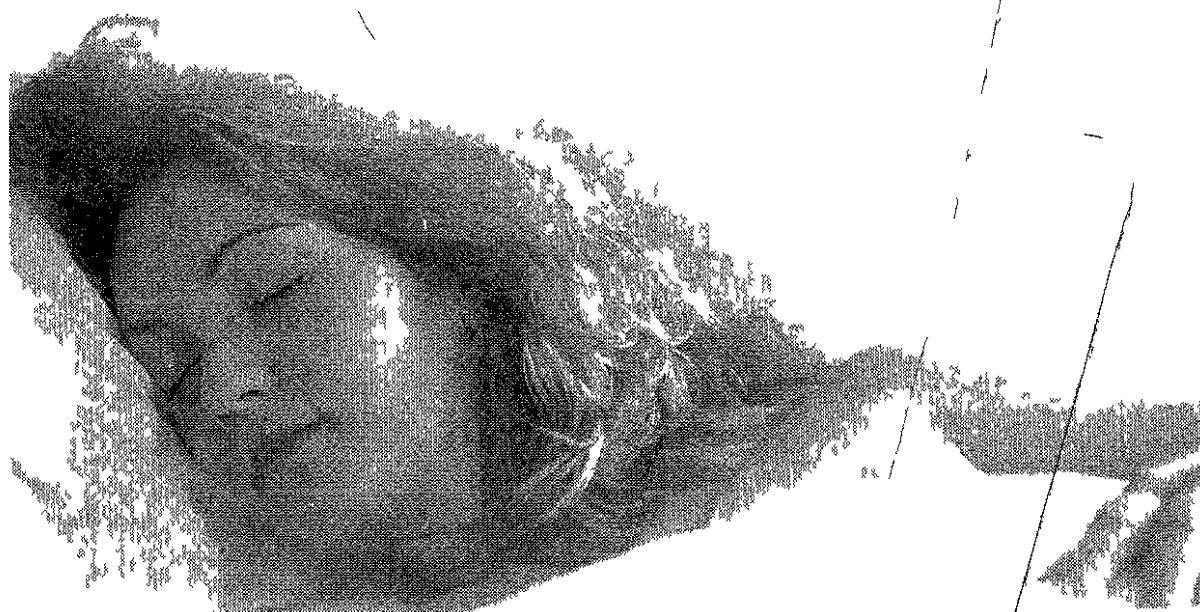
The survey, released Nov. 3 by the International Longevity Center-USA, found 46 percent of older adults receive fewer than seven hours of sleep each night. The good news is that 80 percent of older adults realized the importance of sleep to remain healthy. Recognizing a problem is the first step to finding help.

Several area hospitals offer sleep clinics including Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Just last week, Garden City Hospital added a sixth bed to its sleep center which opened in 1994.

### GREATER RECOGNITION

The fact that people have sleep problems is becoming more widely accepted," said Bielamec, director of the Garden City Hospital sleep center. "Physicians are starting to pick up on problems such as restless leg syndrome and sleep apnea. The population is aging and becoming overweight and there's more sleep apnea. There's more of a recognition factor and the fact it's tied in with cardiovascular disease."

Garden City's sleep center regularly receives referrals from cardiologists as well as primary care physicians for patients with symptoms such as high blood pressure, snoring, and obesity since it may be a sign



of sleep apnea. But more often patients, especially older adults, are suffering from nothing more than poor sleep habits.

"As people age their sleep does tend to be more fragmented," said Bielamec. "They're up more often to go to the bathroom. For some elderly they have a tendency to go to bed earlier. They may shift their internal time clock. They complain they're waking up at 5, but take a catnap during the day so sometimes they can't sleep at night."

Older adults usually take more medications which can also disrupt sleep. The Gallup survey revealed 77 percent of older adults expressed concerns about the long term effects of prescription sleep aids to remedy the problem. The results were obtained by calling 1,003 adults age 50 or older in a random telephone survey for the New York City-based International

Longevity Center-USA, a research policy organization focused on aging. Nearly seven in 10 of the respondents were concerned about becoming addicted to prescription sleep aids.

At Garden City Hospital's sleep center, physicians try to avoid prescribing drugs to sleep. Rather they search for solutions. There are medications for restless leg syndrome, and a CPAP breathing device for those suffering with sleep apnea which is most often caused by an obstruction in the airway.

### DEPRESSION LINK

Worrying at night isn't as easy to cure. The Gallup study found 40 percent of older adults couldn't sleep because of their active minds. This was especially

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## CPR kit helps you learn life-saving

The national cardiac arrest survival rate in the United States is 5 percent or less and approximately 75-80 percent of sudden cardiac arrests occur at home.

Recognizing that too many Americans aren't prepared to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when it's needed, the American Heart Association created a simple, affordable way for people to learn CPR in less than 25 minutes, for around \$30 - CPR Anytime for Family and Friends. Everything needed to complete this self-directed CPR training comes in one kit, which can be used in the convenience of the living room or family room. The single kit allows an entire family to learn CPR. The kit includes a on-of-a-kind CPR manikin, 22-minute DVD and resource booklet.

"The thing I like about it is we'll be able to reach a lot of people we wouldn't have reached," said Nancy Dufour, a CPR instructor with the American Heart Association and owner A-1 Health and Safety, a health education company in Sterling Heights.

Dufour said she will be using the kits in classes. Dufour is planning to give the kits as gifts.

The CPR Anytime manikin is an inflatable version of the traditional CPR manikin, designed exclusively for CPR Anytime for Family and Friends by Laerdal Medical Corp. An instructional DVD walks users through each step of the training, from inflating the manikin, to doing chest compressions and rescue breathing. The CPR Anytime for Family and Friends program allows users to keep the kit, so it can be used in a variety of training settings - from community group meetings with multiple trainees to families and individuals at home.

"I've watched the DVD and it's fabulous, very upbeat, set to music to keep time with the



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A JVD and Mini Annie manikin to practice are part of the CPR Anytime kit.

pumping," Dufour said. "It gets into compression right away without a lot of lecture."

The American Heart Association's goal is for each person who receives a kit to take it home and share it with other family members.

"Many people don't take a CPR course because they don't have time, are afraid of embarrassing themselves in the classroom, or don't think they'll ever have to provide CPR," said Ed Stapleton, American Heart Association editor for community products.

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Caregiver support group

Meets 10:11-11:30 a.m. Thursday Nov 13 meets regularly the second Thursday of the month at The Village of Redford 17383 Garfield. Respite services provided for free during the session. For more information call Linda Peak at (313) 843-2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387-2788.

Recovery Inc

The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday Nov 13. 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.

De-stress your holidays

Learn a variety of methods to calm you and boost your immunity against winter illnesses at a presentation by Marian Schulte, licensed nurse and aging specialist. 2 3 p.m. Tuesday Nov 15 at American House Farmington Hills 24400 Middlebelt Road north of 10 Mile. No charge. For more information call (248) 471-9141.

Take off pounds sensibly

TOPS Chapter MI 53 Westland hosts an open house 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov 16 with Westland resident Gail Washburn, who lost over 100 pounds and has kept it off for nearly two years. She will speak about her struggles and successes at St. John's Episcopal Church 555 S. Wayne Road. The event is free and open to the public. Women, men, teens, preteens and seniors interested in losing weight are invited to attend. For more information visit www.tops.org or call (734) 740-0606.

Depression lecture

Darlene Doute, an adult psychiatric mental health nursing and clinical

nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents a lecture 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday Nov 21 at the Northville Senior Center 303 W. Main St. Registration is required. Call (248) 349-4140.

Divorce support

Getting through the holidays staff member from Northbrook Psychological Clinic in Novi will discuss the intense emotions triggered by holidays and other special occasions and offer helpful coping skills. 7 9 p.m. Tuesday Nov 22 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.

Flu shots

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer flu shots. Priority flu vaccinations will be given to persons age 65 years and older with and without a chronic health condition, residents of long term care facilities, persons ages 18-64 with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out of home caregivers of children. Cost is \$20. Appointments required. Call (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

UPCOMING

Parenting classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents parenting classes at the Marian Women Center 36475 Five Mile. Livonia. Registration required. Call Mary Jane Peck at (734) 655-1100 or send e-mail to peckm@trinityhealth.org. Time Out for Parents Time to Think Rest and to Plan 7 9 p.m. Wednesday Dec 14 (\$10 per family). Individual consultations also available at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

ONGOING

Group fitness classes

Start thinking about your fall fitness plan. The Center Fitness Club at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield offers senior fitness, water exercise, yoga, Pilates, step spinning and back care classes at convenient times year round. For more information call Marni Stone at (248) 432-5427 or the membership office at (248) 432-5404.

Lite fitness classes

Senior Fitness Specialist Marni Stone and the Sports Club of West Bloomfield are starting a fitness program for beginners, mature adults and people struggling with illness or injury. 11 15 a.m. to 12 15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 6343 Farmington Road. Call (248) 626-9880 Ext. 4050.

Arthritis classes

Began in September in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Westland and other loca-

tions throughout Michigan. For more information about locations, schedules and fees, call the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter at (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org. Classes include a warm water exercise program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as PACE (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), a graceful flowing sequence of movements from Sun style tai chi, and a six-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Arthritis Foundation programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthritis in its more than 100 different forms.

Therapy choir

Of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc located in Farmington Hills is opening membership to volunteers from the community. The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries. Volunteers with or without disabilities are welcome as singers or helpers. Good singing ability not required. Call (248) 474-BROE for details.

Meningitis vaccinations

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses are offering meningitis vaccinations by appointment at the Ann Arbor office. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (734) 677-0020. Meningitis (Menactra®) immunizations cost \$115 payable by cash, check or charge (Visa or MasterCard). A proof of vaccination record and receipt of payment are provided at time of immunization. Students younger than 18 must attend the clinic with a parent or guardian and all patients must be older than 12. For more disease and vaccination information, visit www.umvn.org.

Meningitis shots

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is administering the life-saving meningitis vaccination. The shot costs \$105 and is available by appointment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday at VNA of Southeast Michigan at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 Oak Park. To learn about bacterial meningitis or schedule an appointment, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

Parkinson's support

A new group has formed at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester and meets 7 p.m. Wednesday. Call (248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781. The Waterford/West Bloomfield group is moving to Canterbury on the Lake 5601 Hatchery Road (between Airport

and Crescent Lake roads). Waterford MI 48239. They meet Monday at 7 p.m. Contact person is Warren Oberlee (248) 887-8840.

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Arthritis Foundation Class

The Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield offers Arthritis Foundation exercise classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with two four-week sessions during the summer months. Exercises aim to increase flexibility, ease aches and pains and promote blood flow. For information call (248) 432-5502.

Eating disorder support

Meetings for those with anorexia, bulimia, compulsive and binge eaters, male and female 7 8 30 p.m. Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital 3601 W 13 Mile west of Woodward use East entrance, take central elevators to 10th floor classrooms A & B and 7 8 30 p.m. Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster between Ford and Warren use main entrance, take elevators down to the auditorium on the right. Family and friends support is on second Wednesday of each month, parent only support is on the fourth Wednesday, same time and place as the Monday night closed group listed above. For more information call (734) 324-3089.

Self-help mental health

Weekly meetings in Livonia 2 30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 7 30 p.m. Mondays at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church and 11 15 p.m. Tuesdays at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. Recovery Inc teaches a self-help method of mental health that parallels principles found in cognitive/behavioral therapy. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living. No charge. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org.

SLEEP

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true for caregivers who may suffer from depression, one of the symptoms of sleep apnea. "We look at sleep hygiene - what time they go to bed, if they took in too much caffeine, too much alcohol, if they were smoking," said Bielamec. "Nicotine is a stimulant as is chocolate."

Bielamec avoids eating heavy meals too close to her 11 p.m. bedtime. The 48-year-old Livonia resident doesn't typically eat dinner later than 6 p.m., and tries to keep her sleep schedule the same on weekends. Unfortunately that's not true for her teenage daughter. Teens frequently are in front of the computer or watching television into the early morning hours. Then they're tired during the day. "I have two dogs. One is a puppy so I don't sleep much past 7 a.m. even on weekends," said Bielamec. "For women, sleeplessness can go with their menstrual cycle. It's not uncommon that the night or two before they have insomnia."

"My favorite recommendation is to turn the clock so you can't see what time it is. It's common sense stuff but sometimes people get into such bad habits."

Whatever is causing a sleep disorder, it's important to resolve the problem. Lack of sleep can not only lead to health problems over time, but might cause a person to fall asleep driving. Bielamec estimates that at least 4 percent of males have sleep apnea and the numbers are increasing.

**'My favorite recommendation is to turn the clock so you can't see what time it is. It's common sense stuff but sometimes people get into such bad habits.'**

Carol Bielamec  
Garden City Hospital

because people are growing heavier. Most medical insurance covers sleep studies that uncover these disorders. At the Garden City Hospital sleep center, patients come in for a consultation with a physician to determine if a sleep study is appropriate. Then they return around 7 p.m. and are shown to a private bedroom where they change into night clothes and are hooked up to electrodes that record sleep patterns. Two belts around the abdomen and chest monitor breathing.

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For more information about the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorder Center, call (734) 458-3330 or visit the Web site at www.gchosp.org.

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IN ARTHRITIS, DO DOCTORS MEAN WHAT THEY SAY?

If you have arthritis, doctors are likely to make comments that cause a problem. Your physician may say your arthritis has flared or it looks like it is in remission, or your condition is active or stable. The words are common and indicate to you that he thinks you are doing well or not. However, in the medical world, terms such as remission, active and stable have a specific meaning. Doctors tend to forget that your understanding differs from what the profession intends to convey with such terms.

To a physician, remission means that your arthritis has left you completely. Such a state occurs in approximately 5% of patients with rheumatoid arthritis. In other conditions such as Lupus or psoriatic arthritis, the remission rate is unknown, but remissions occur.

Flare in arthritis means that one or possibly two joints are swollen, tender, warm and painful on motion, but the rest of your joints are unchanged from the past. In this case, local therapy such as a joint injection may suffice to control the problem. If your arthritis is active, it means that many joints are aching, and that you likely note fatigue, poor sleep and difficulty moving not only in the morning, but also throughout the day. In that instance, your physician would look at your therapy and increase the medication you are already taking or add a new drug.

A term I often use is quiescent. To me that means that you are doing well, but the time of being so is short. Your arthritis may be like a resting volcano. It is not safe to decrease your medication, but the time offers an opportunity to undertake increased activity and exercise. Now is your chance to regain stamina and build up reserve strength.

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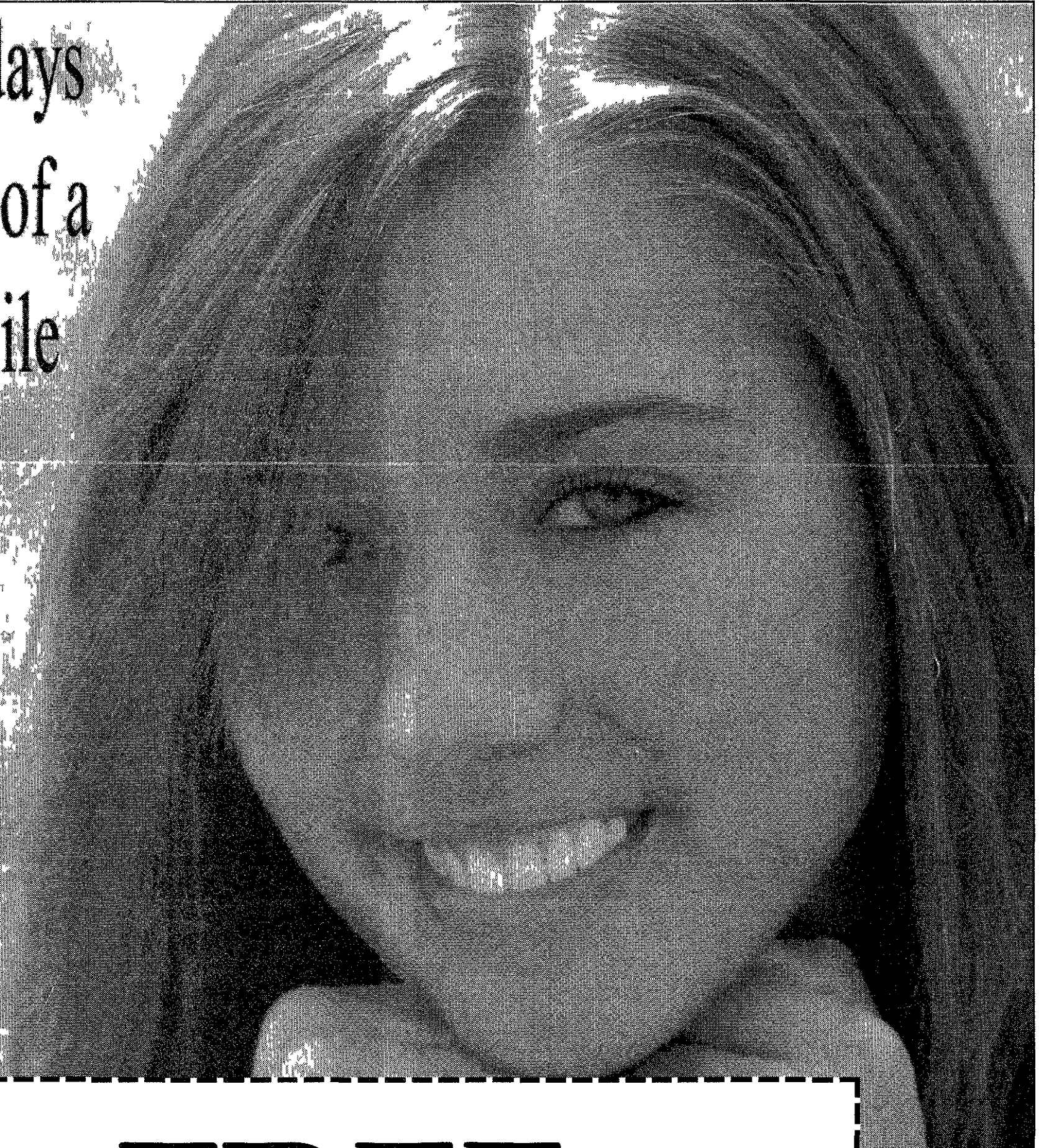
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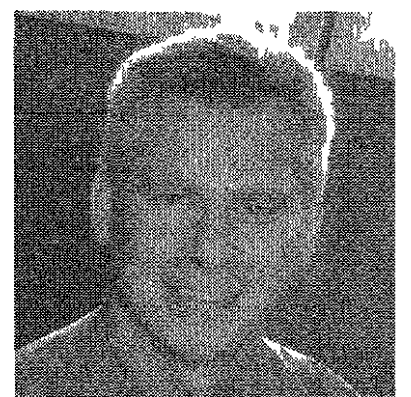
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By Crystal Hayes

### Wear It!

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A cute purse that doesn't cost more than the amount of money you hold in it

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*The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman

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Crystal Hayes, Miss Michigan USA 2005, recently turned in her crown and is working as an image consultant and photographer for her own business, Image is Everything — Consulting and Photography. The Northville resident can be reached at [missmichiganusa05@yahoo.com](mailto:missmichiganusa05@yahoo.com)

### Use It!

Common Sense — DUH!

### Understand It!

Life is what's happening while we're busy making other plans

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I did, and I won Miss Michigan USA 2005!

## Mercier makes up beautiful Holiday Table

By Diane Gale Andreassi

**H**oliday Tables will feature a place setting by national cosmetics guru

Laura Mercier As personal makeup artist to celebrities such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Julia Roberts, and a contributor to magazine cover designs and editorial shoots, Mercier creates flawless looks that accentuate natural beauty PINK caught up with her to hear what's on her plate



Laura Mercier

### What should every woman's dressing table have?

There is no generality It all depends on who you are and what your priorities are So for some it could be skin care (foundations, moisturizers, etc) and for others it could be mascara and glosses I think everyone should have something to hide their pimples, so camouflage is good to have They should have concealer to hide dark circles if they are really tired And always use a translucent powder to set your makeup at all times Obviously she should have the right skin care for day and night The rest is really personal and up to you

### Is there something you always make sure you have on the table when you entertain guests?

I love to have great light and candles in the house so everybody feels beautiful It's also nice to put a candle in the guest bathroom/powder room with nice smelling soaps

### What do you recommend every woman have in her make-up bag whether she's going to a dinner party or a hockey game?

It depends on the person if you have dry lips, always have a lip balm, if you are always oily carry a translucent powder compact, if you tend to lose color on your cheeks, carry blush or bronzer If you love color on your lips, you can bring your red lipstick. It's a great way to move from the office to a cocktail party Perhaps take your favorite fragrance

### What is the biggest mistake women make with their make-up?

Not paying enough attention to their skin — putting makeup on and still having pimples showing Wearing too much founda-

### Cranbrook House Holiday Tables

■ **General admission** is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 18-19, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.  
 ■ **Benefactor Gala** at Turtle Lake in Bloomfield Hills Nov. 10 includes a strolling cocktail reception. Tickets are \$150 per person, and include entry to Patron Tea at Cranbrook House.  
 ■ **Two Patron Teas**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Nov. 17 are sponsored by DuMouchelle Art Gallery at the house and offer eventgoers a preview of the tables along with tea sandwiches and desserts. Tickets are \$60 per person. All proceeds benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House. Call (248) 645-3149 for information and tickets.

tion A lot of women put too much concealer outside the eyes on the crow's feet even though there is no darkness there Sometimes women apply the wrong colors on the eyes — for example if your skin is pale with brown-yellow dark circles under the eyes, don't put yellow, taupe or green colors because it won't make your eyes pop A lot of women also look at their skin and emphasize that

For example, if someone has pink skin, they may wear too much pink, such as pink eyeshadow, pink lipstick and pink blush

### COME TO THE TABLES

Too much on your plate to think about designing your holiday table?

There's inspiration to be found at "The Art of the Table" at Cranbrook House. The 30th annual event features 21 themed dining room tables decorated by local residents and professionals including world renowned cosmetic specialist Laura Mercier of Laura Mercier Cosmetics, Skincare, Body & Bath and Fragrance.

Mercier studied at a painting school in Paris before becoming a cosmetic specialist and make-up artist, using the face as her palette.

She plans to design a vignette for Holiday Tables that showcases the art of the dressing table.

Another table this year will be prepared by The Henry Ford in Dearborn. Master potters and glass blowers from the com-

plex's Greenfield Village will handcraft wares for a table display and feature an arts and crafts inspired setting in the Cranbrook House library.

"Holiday Tables" kicks off the holiday season for so many area residents," says Fair Radom of Bloomfield Hills, co-chair of the event with Ellen Rogers of Birmingham.

"As they begin to think about celebrating the holidays in their own homes, visitors will get a lot of great ideas from viewing these tables."

DuMouchelle Art Gallery Detroit and Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy have sponsored settings for this year's event along with Laly Lembree, owner of Pettit Maison, in Northville who is planning a French-themed display.

Each of the designers will provide visitors with different ideas from royal and formal to rich and luscious, like Jane Schulak of Birmingham who is presenting "Reflections on a Palace, 18th century Russia" using blue and white Delft china, and Nancy Gershenson of Franklin who is designing a table called, "13 Desserts of Christmas."

Gwenn Rosseau of Birmingham shows us what's hot with "Holiday Chic" and Faye Alexander Nelson of Troy is decorating a table based on Detroit themes including art from Pewabic Tiles in Detroit.

Some have gone way out of the box with table settings that will surprise, like Pam Johnson and Jamie Rae Turnbull of Turtle Lake Home Development in Bloomfield Hills who have decorated a table with an equestrian theme.

Kris Appleby and Kay Pomcall chose to bring the outdoors in with lots of greenery and pieces from Detroit Garden Works in Sylvan Lake. Appleby and Pomcall are founders of Suite Dreams, which decorates bedrooms for children who are seriously ill.

The tables are diverse and the crowd they attract is varied, too. Holiday Tables has something to please people of all ages and interests.

"We've seen men, children, historians, people who love the home, lots of gal pals do the special tea," explains Megan Swoyer, volunteer publicity coordinator.

"The idea is to showcase area residents and things they use in their own homes," Swoyer says.

"It's a real nice kick-off to the holiday season without it being a typical red and green holiday palette. It's more about the winter holidays whether you are Jewish or celebrate Kwanza or you want to have cozy dinners in, which is such a big trend now. It's to inspire people to use what they've got and make it something special."

## pink list

### Champagne Preview Party

The holiday shopping season begins with Shop & Champagne 6:30-9 p.m. Wed., Nov. 30 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Enjoy champagne and a strolling buffet as you browse booths hosted by 150 artists from across the country selling jewelry, fibers, ceramics, wood, glass, garden art, holiday merch and more. All purchases are 10 percent off and include free wrapping. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door and \$100 for patrons. The BBAC's 25th annual Holiday Shop continues Dec. 2-17 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Mon-Sat, noon-4 p.m. Sun. Call (248) 644-0866 ext. 108.

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### Juicy Couture Spa Event

Give the great look of a Juicy Couture track suit this season and take a break with spa service during your hectic holiday shopping. Purchasing customers will be treated to pampering 2-4 p.m. Dec. 8 at Marshall Field's Somerset.

### Scents Event

Find the right scent for everyone on your holiday list (or one for yourself) during the Marshall Field's scent event 5-8 p.m. Dec. 8. RSVP to receive a \$10 gift card. Call (248) 816-4133.

### Native American Jewelry

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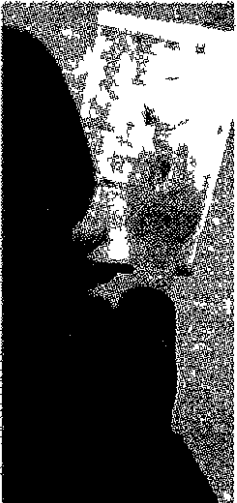
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## Internet helps turn dreams into reality

(NAPSI) — The Internet has helped a number of Americans get down to business and start working for themselves.

According to a new Yahoo! poll conducted by Harris Interactive, 72 percent of U.S. adults have thought about owning their own business, and more than half of those with entrepreneurial aspirations plan to launch a business within five years. Experts say a key driver of the growth in entrepreneurship is the revolution in new technology, particularly the Internet, which often lowers both the costs and risks of going into business. Indeed, 75 percent of respondents to the survey agreed that the Internet has made it easier to launch a business.

"The development of affordable, easy-to-use, e-commerce solutions and broad consumer acceptance of online shopping have enabled hundreds of thousands of people to make their entrepreneurial dreams a reality," said Rich Riley, vice president and general manager of Yahoo! Small Business. Of course, going into business is still very hard work, but the Internet can be a partner in your success.

Businessman Mark Williams of Menlo Park, Calif., is a good example of new technology helping the entrepreneurial spirit. Williams launched ShavingCream.com from his home in 2003, following a 30-year career in sales and marketing.

The chance to work for myself, to put my ideas into play, and to answer only to myself are what drove me to start my own busi-



A "cutting edge" business on the Internet — ShavingCream.com owner Mark Williams' entrepreneurial dreams have come true.

ness, Williams said. I recognized that the Internet was the new sales frontier and felt that it would hold great potential for the years ahead.

In addition to creating market opportunities for niche businesses like Williams' shaving products store, the Internet also provides a number of helpful tools and information. For example, Yahoo! recently launched a new online Small Business Resource Center (<http://smallbusiness.yahoo.com/resources>) filled with articles and advice on topics such as e-commerce, legal, finance and hiring practices. The Web portal also offers free Web sites to small local businesses

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As economic and demographic trends such as the aging baby boomer population continue to impact small-business growth, Americans are holding tight to their entrepreneurial dreams. According to the poll, nearly half of those who have considered starting a business (47 percent) said they would "never be too old" to do so. Williams, who is in his late 40s, agrees.

My online business enables me to have a healthy and satisfying lifestyle — and a kind of freedom that I could not achieve in other jobs," he says.

## Bridging the 'digital divide'

(NAPSM) — Many upwardly mobile persons of color are dealing with something more difficult than the glass ceiling: the digital divide. Closing economic gaps between blacks and whites, concerned citizens say, could be affected by the difference in computer and technology skills that tends to exist among people in different groups.

Studies suggest that 60 to 90 percent of jobs in 21st century America will require skills in computer and network use. In addition, those with computer skills are expected to earn 43 percent more than those without.

According to a report issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce, computer usage by blacks lags behind that of non-Hispanic whites by more than 14 percent, while Internet usage by blacks trails that of non-Hispanic whites by nearly 20 percent.

In an effort to close the "divide," students of all ethnic backgrounds are being encouraged to take math, science and computer classes in school. It's thought the course work will help them in a variety of professional

fields. In addition, different education programs have been established to reach out to traditionally underserved communities.

For instance, Black Family Technology Awareness Week (BFTAW) is a global public awareness campaign. It was established by Tyrone Taborn in an effort to communicate the value of technology to black families, as well as its importance in the career and educational preparation of children.

"We've generated awareness and I'm tremendously proud of that," Taborn says. "However, our task is nowhere near complete. We've got to inspire a movement."

The program is sponsored by IBM and Career Communications Group (CCG), a company for which Taborn serves as chairman. The initiative involves seminars, conferences, hands-on workshops and symposia that take place on three continents and provide thousands of people with opportunities to access technology and enhance their technological skills.

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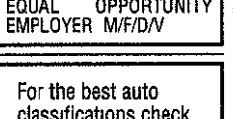
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Here is a sampling of some of the most popular innovations to hit the market recently.

■ **High-tech appliances**  
The newest appliances seem to offer as many options as the most cutting-edge DVD player, cell phone or portable messaging device. There are dishwashers that accept an entire bottle of detergent and dispense just the right amount each time, limiting refills to approximately every three months.

Some dishwashers hold 16 place settings and still others have short wash cycles. Interactive computerized appliances have also debuted. One refrigerator sports Internet capabilities, e-mail, messaging and TV/DVD features and tells you when to replace food items. Industry experts talk about soon using onsite computers to turn on home ovens to begin dinner.

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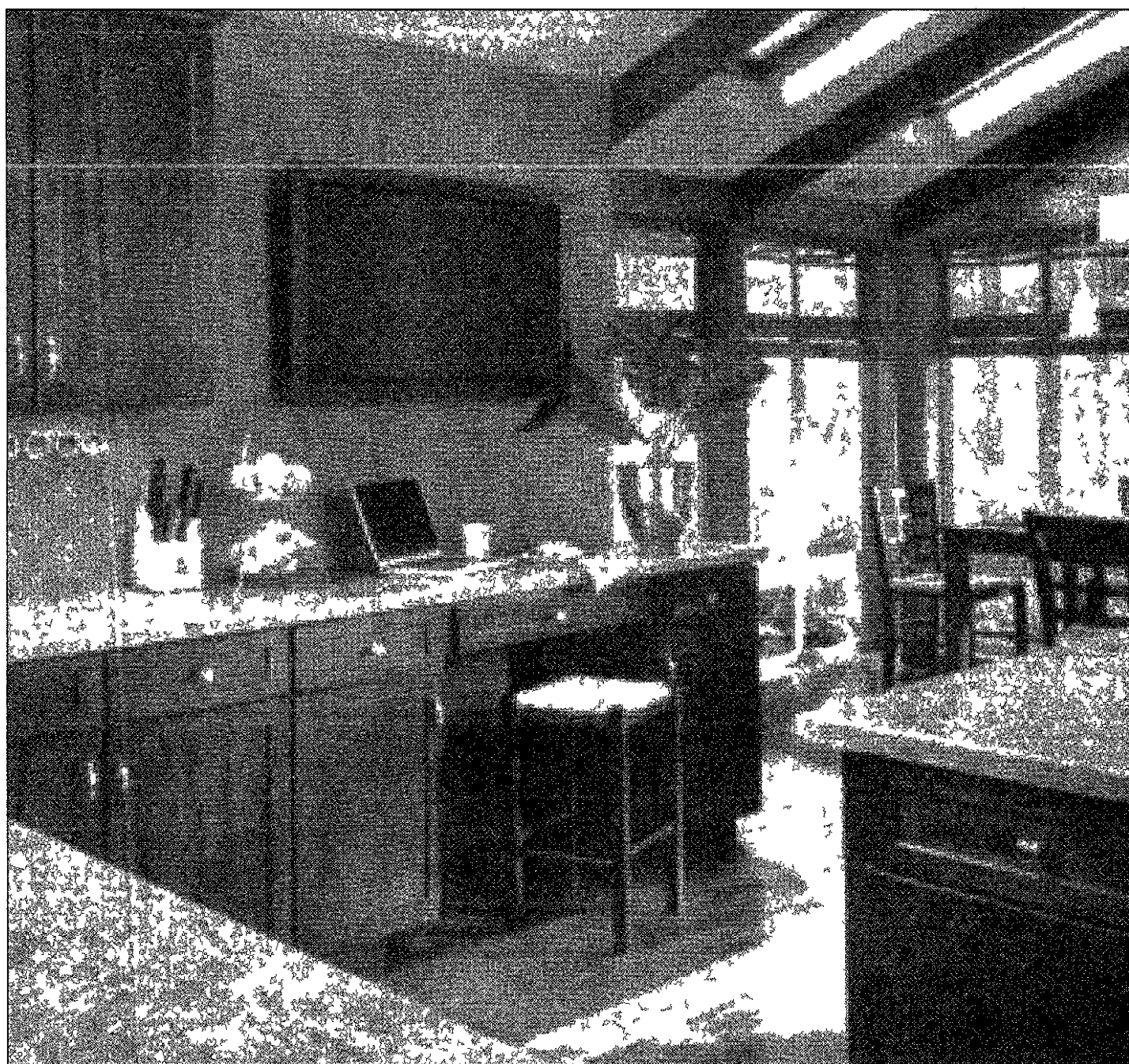
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■ **Wine refrigerators**  
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■ **Chandeliers**  
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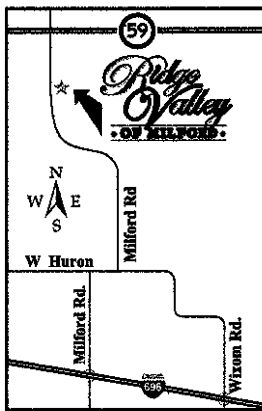
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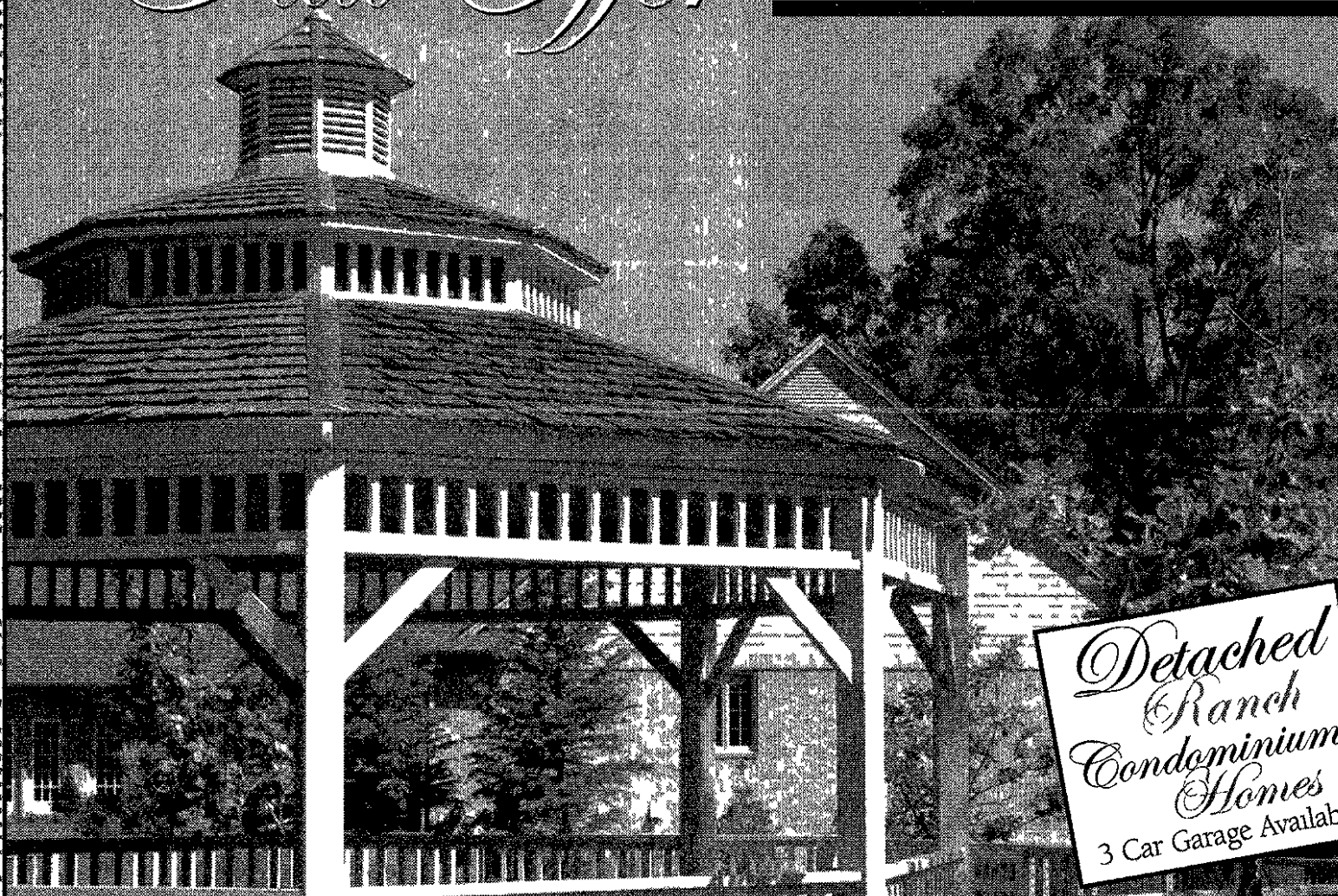
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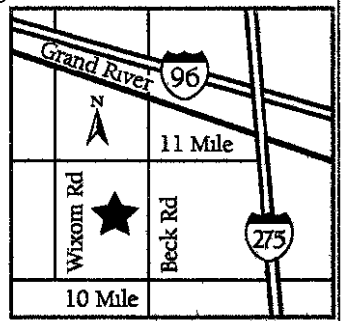
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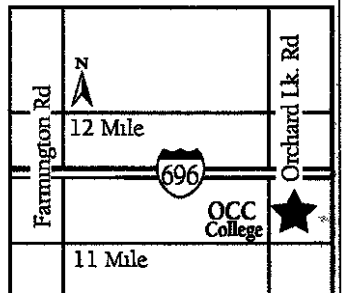
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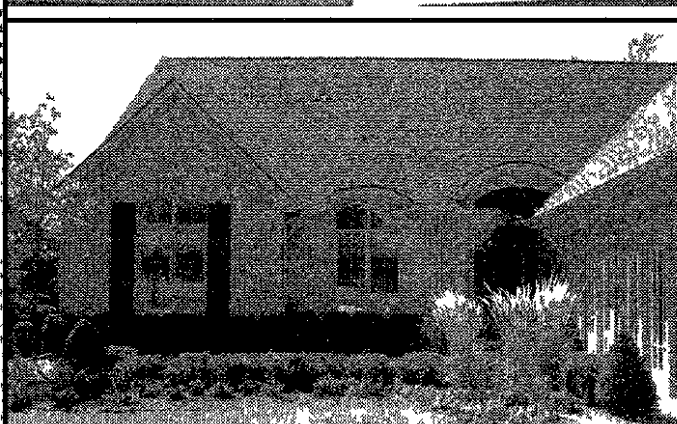
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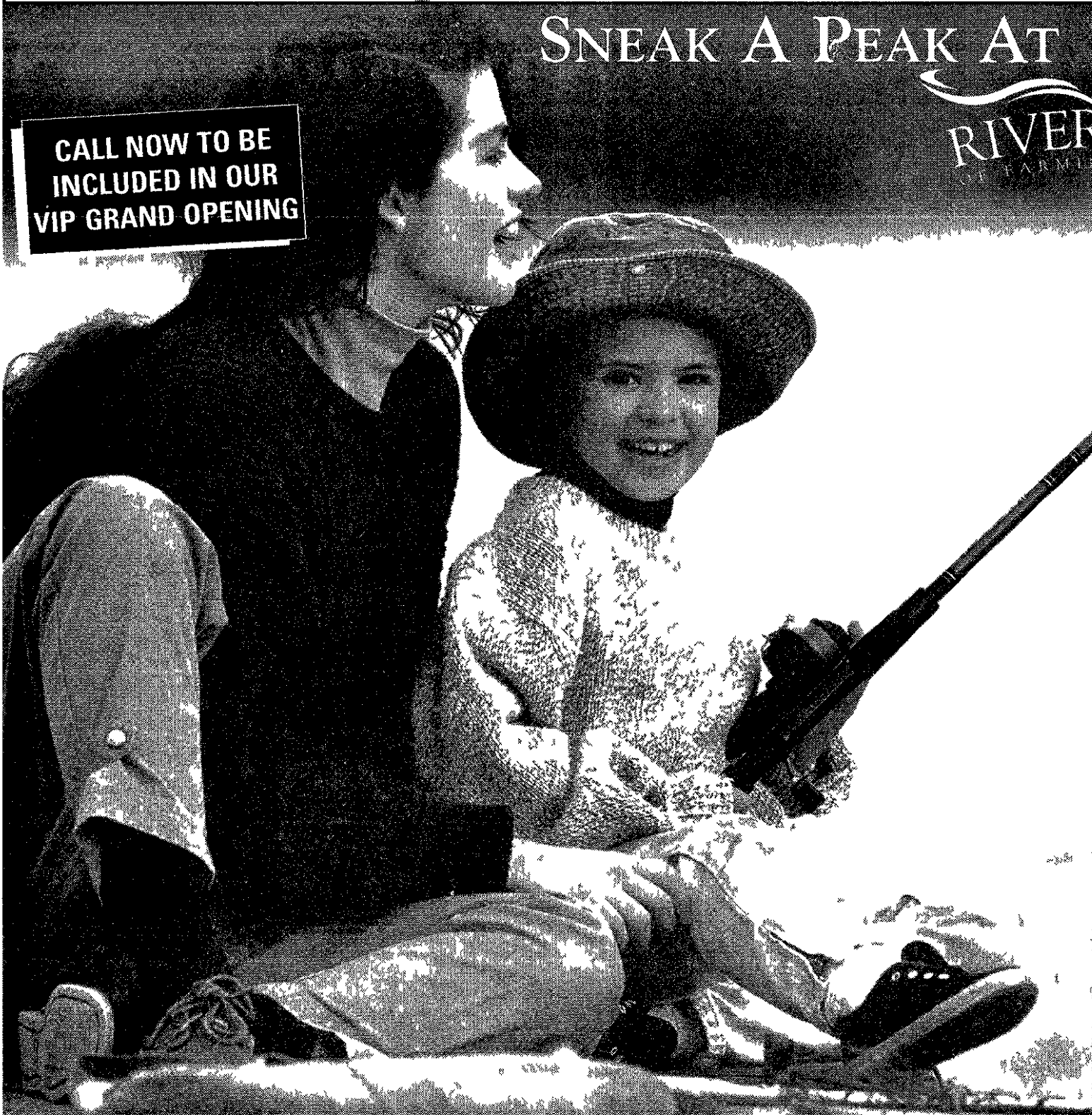


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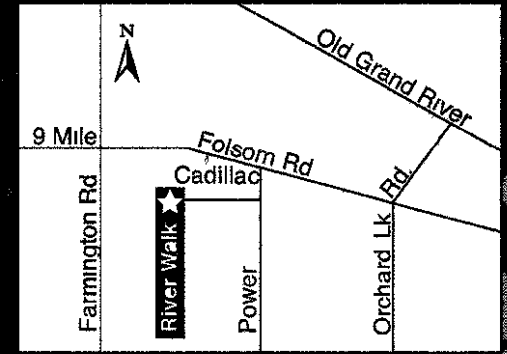
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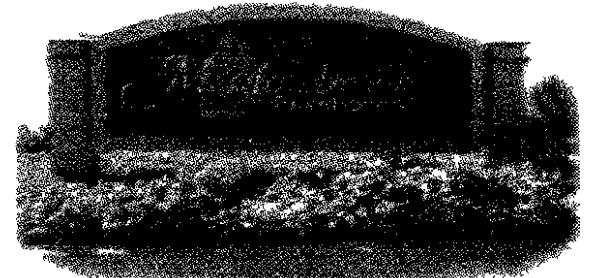
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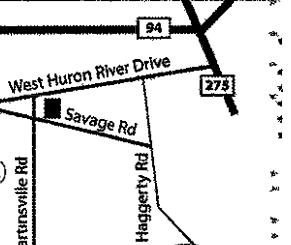
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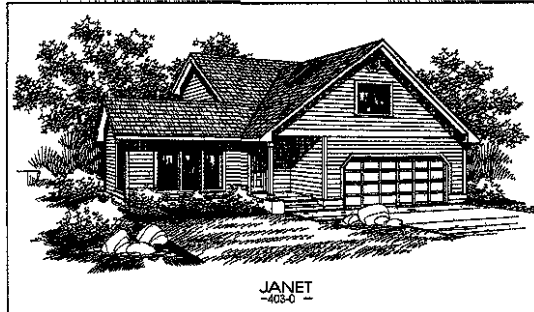
This long room, illuminated by four skylights, makes an ideal play space for rainy-day activities. And because it's over the garage, the clumping of active little feet will hardly be noticed elsewhere in the house.

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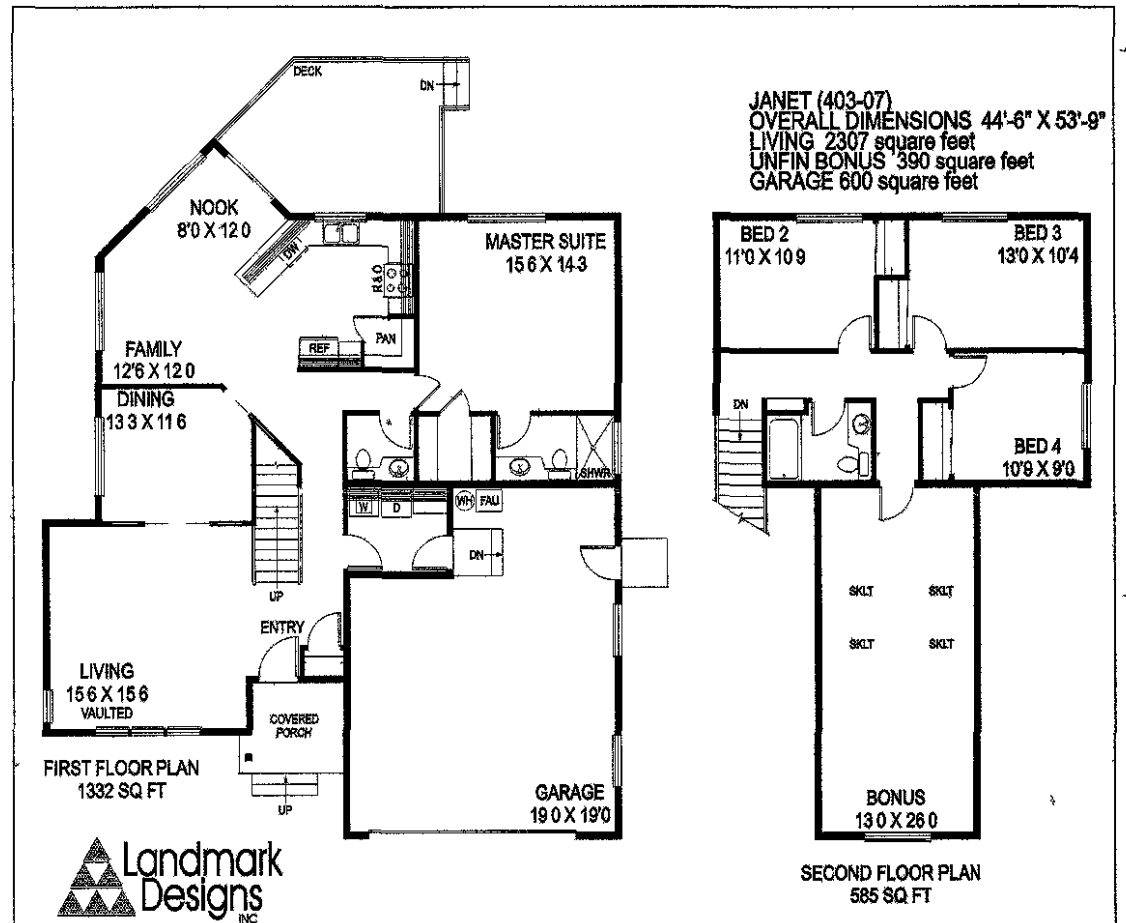


ments cupboard space, and more cabinets line the wall over the washer and dryer in the nearby laundry room. The utility room provides access to a two-car garage with extra storage or workbench space at the back.

The master suite is large, but modest in its amenities. Features include a walk-in closet and an oversized shower.

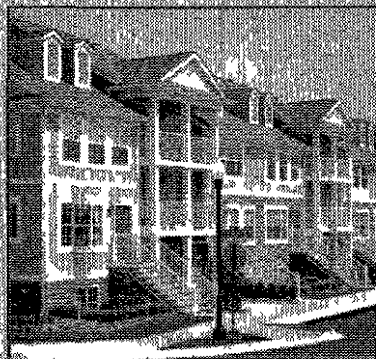
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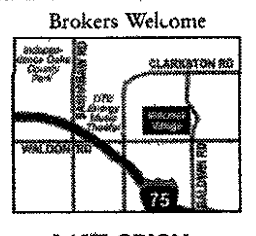
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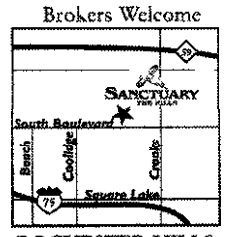
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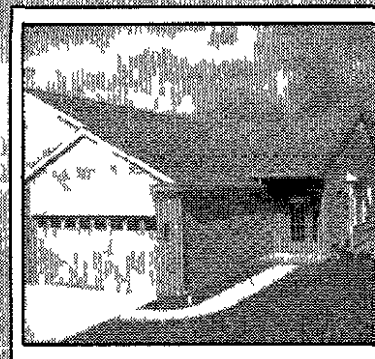
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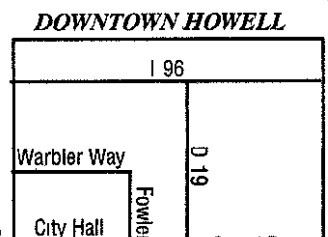
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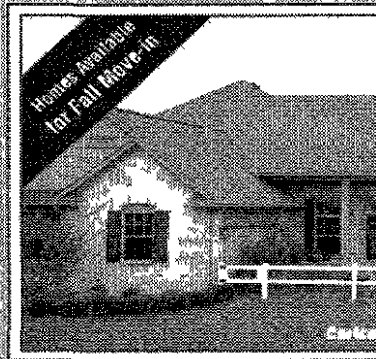
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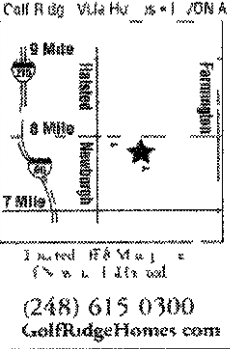
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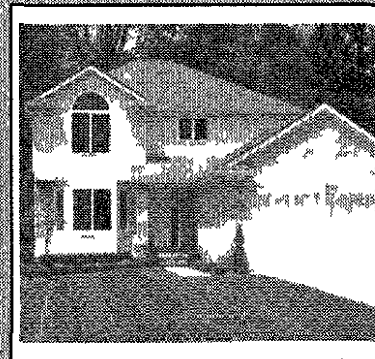
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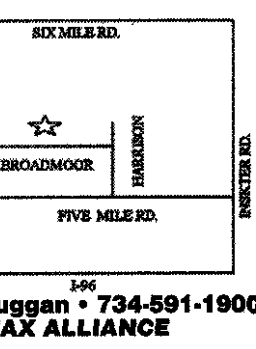
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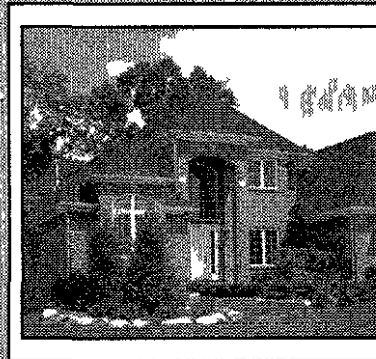
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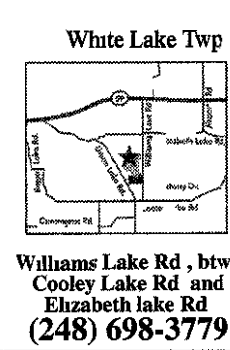
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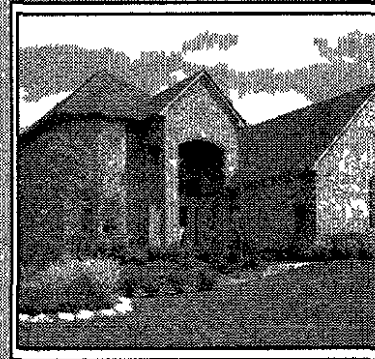
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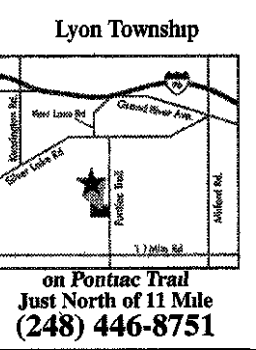
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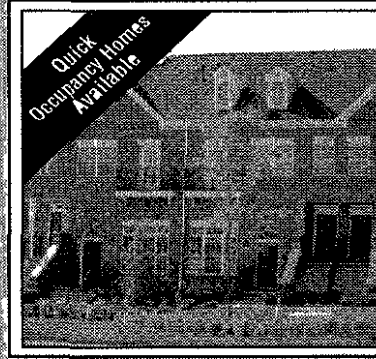
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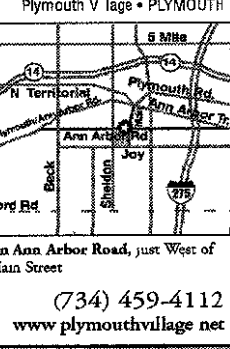
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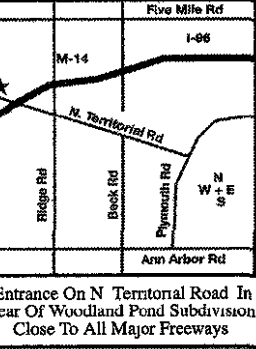
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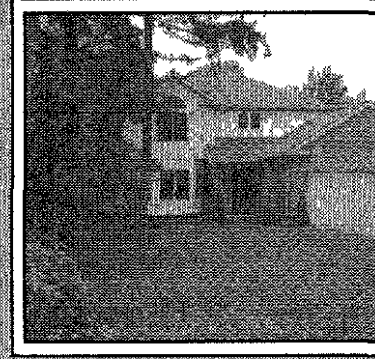
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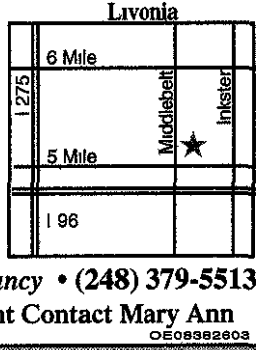
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The top residential industry professionals in southeastern Michigan will be recognized Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Rutz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn when Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) host their 2005 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night. This year's premier event sponsor is LaSalle Bank.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of all our honorees," said Dominic J. Moceri, president of BIA. "These members help advance the professionalism of our industry, which ultimately benefits consumers in our area by giving them access to the highest quality homes and services possible."

Receiving the highest honor bestowed upon a member, Melvin Rosenhaus, of Uniland Corporation in Bingham Farms, will be inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame.

The Builder of the Year award will be presented to Sam and Buster Palazzolo of Palazzolo Brothers in Sterling Heights, for their dedication to the association and their contributions to the home-building industry.

Other honors at the banquet include special recognition as BIA's 2005 President to Dominic J. Moceri, Moceri Companies, Auburn Hills. AAM's 2005 President to Sheldon Gordon, Gordon Management Co., Royal Oak, Young Builder of the Year to Richard Kligman, Superb Homes, Plymouth, Developer of the Year to Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Development of the Year to Novi's Bellagio by Cambridge Homes, Novi, Thomas Ricketts Annual Award to the Regions Outstanding Building Official to Don Saven, City of Novi, Remodeler of the Year to Bob Johnson, Johnson

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Several professionals will receive Distinguished Service Awards, including Gerald Kosmenschky, Gerald Building Company, Southgate, for service to the building industry, Michael J. Chirco posthumously, M.J. Chirco Development Company, Utica, for service to the housing industry, John P. McCulloch, Oakland County drain commissioner, for service in government, Michael Gordon, A.I.A., Moiseev Gordon Architects, Royal Oak, for his service in architecture and service to the remodeling industry, Richard Landgraff, National City Bank for service in banking, and Tom Hackman, H & H Title Company, Farmington Hills for service in real estate.

"Spike" awards recognizing outstanding membership recruitment efforts are as follows: Builder Spike of the Year to Adriano Paciocco, Multi Building Company, Plymouth, Insurance Spike of the Year to Myron Archambeau, FDI Group/George B. Ford Agency, Novi, and Associate Spike of the Year to Marsha Suwinski, PrintComm, Flint.

The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, awards ceremony and dessert. Reservations are \$200 per person for the reception, dinner and program. For reservations, or for more information, call (248) 737-4477.

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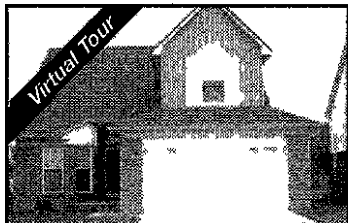
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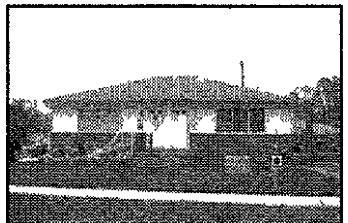
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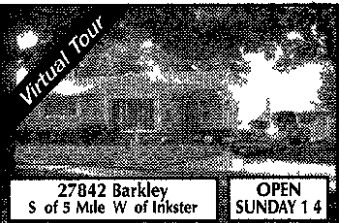
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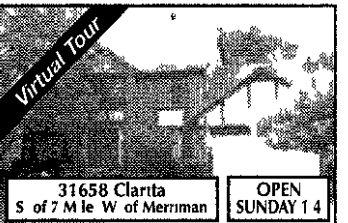
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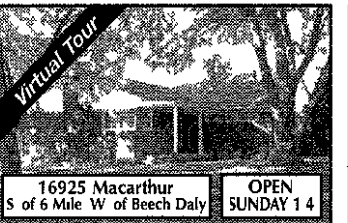
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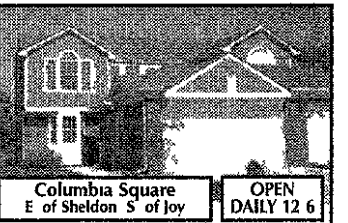
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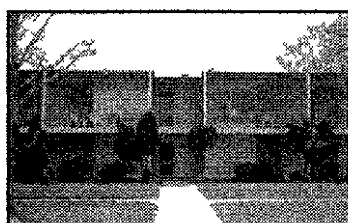
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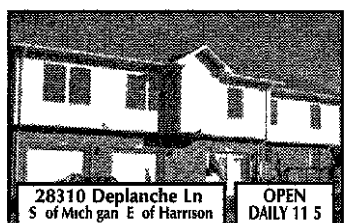
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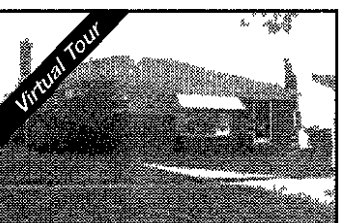
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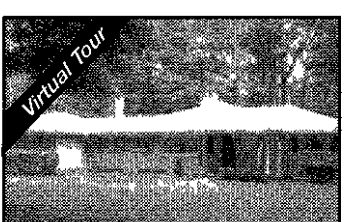
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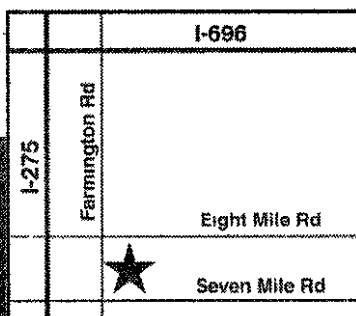
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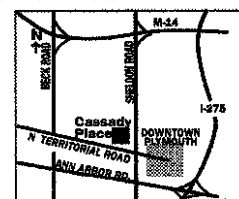
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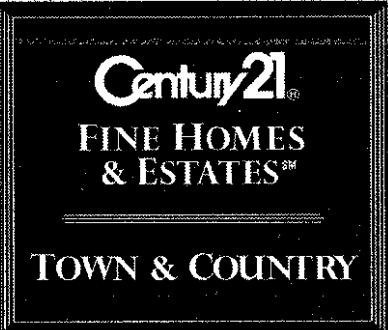
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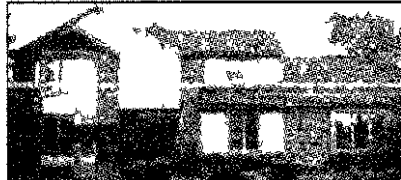
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**CANTON Impeccable Colonial**  
 Exceptional 4 BR 3 1/2 BA home 3 car attached garage part finished basement up and down wood floor s kitchen master suite with cathedral ceiling sitting area & gourmet bath FP in FR-DR library breakfast room & buffer pantry  
**(B71DEL) 734 455 5600 \$454,000**



**TROY Absolutely Stunning Colonial**  
 Two story foyer formal living room dining room a game family room with gas fireplace den first floor laundry four bedrooms 3 1/2 baths and finished basement Professional landscaping with awesome Waterfall garden  
**(B17CAP) 248 524 1600 \$478,000**



**COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront**  
 Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood Two full baths upstairs laundry Ext a garage over evel with great room and second kitchen and full bath Sun room This is a must see home  
**(B16DRI) 248 363 1200 \$659,900**



**ORCHARD LAKE Exceptional Quality & Design**  
 5 BR 4 1/2 BA gourmet kitchen w ample room for cooking and gathering Soaring ceilings marble granite hardwood 2 story foyer and GR custom built fireplace MBR w/jetted tub and shower Fin WO w game area large FR w triple 5th BR  
**(B00DEE) 248 628 8800 \$940,000**



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS Updated Colonial**  
 Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath beautiful newer kitchen with granite counter stainless steel appliances family room with fireplace a very formal dining room and living room central air 2 car attached garage and Bloomfield Hills schools  
**(B50WIN) 248 642 8100 \$434,900**



**NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Spacious Colonial**  
 On beautiful lot in C. Eastwood Manor Everything from the woodwork 2 story foyer with wood staircase to full p.o. finished basement - 6 ma. DR FR w th FP den bay w window master suite with walk in closet & Jacuzzi attached garage  
**(B10ROL) 734 455 5600 \$684,000**



**ROCHESTER HILLS Spectacular Condo**  
 This 2 bed 2 1/2 bath w th private marble floors top notch kitchen and two car garage T.O. 2 story foyer and Great Room F.st floor laundry P.vale y.A. on a premium lot in the Sanctuary  
**(B41WIN) 248 524 1600 \$499,900**



**HIGHLAND Lakefront & Golf Community**  
 Yes you can have it all a fabulous house with approx. 6000 sq. ft. of living space in a prime location on a 3 car garage over an acre and a half to the point of Dunham Lake Custom built walk out Ranch  
**(B15ADD) 248 363 1200 \$799,900**



**ORCHARD LAKE Totally Custom Showcase**  
 Breathtaking luxury home features 1st floor master bed room with 2 dress rooms and huge marble bath with fireplace and private balcony In law quarters 4 BR 4 BA 2 powder rms 6 1/2 pcs App ox 4 acres w th pond  
**(B47PON) 248 628 8800 \$2,499,000**



**BIRMINGHAM Lovely, Well-Built**  
 Clean 4 bedroom 2 bath home Natural fireplace hardwood floors under carpet oval walk out and 2 car attached garage Co. ne. of Brookdale w and pro landscaped yard Newer furnace and plumbing & roof  
**(B65HIL) 248 642 8100 \$425,000**



**CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005**  
 New construction on approx. 1 acre of w th 4 BRs 3 1/2 baths 4 car attached garage 2 story foyer w th DR hearth room off kitchen breakfast room a 1 bedroom with walk in closet full basement & you can pick your special wishes  
**(B50ROL) 734 455 5600 \$1,060,000**



**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP Spectacular Location**  
 Four bedroom 3 1/2 bath home with views P.vale cul de sac on main lake Heated in ground pool Newer kitchen baths seawall and MBR w th sauna Two fireplaces peto deck 1 k bar 3 ca garage 1 n shed LL walk out  
**(B92RAV) 248 524 1600 \$749,900**



**ROYAL OAK Exquisite Colonial**  
 This 4 bed 2 1/2 bath home is on a double lot that is splitable Very elegant and well appointed A great home for entertaining Part finished basement huge 3 car garage 1 lovely deck gardens and pond Sh ne area  
**(B19NOR) 248 363 1200 \$649,000**



**MILFORD Welcome To Royalty Home**  
 This home has it all sits on a wooded 3 1/2 acres of two story foyer and GR w th 2 beautiful spiral staircases FF MBR 4 additional BR on second floor w th Jack and Jill baths two study rms 1 n va k out basement w th k.t. L.b ary toy room  
**(B56TAL) 248 628 8800 \$1,999,000**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Approximately 3 Acres**  
 Four bedroom 3 bath Cape Cod w th Birmingham schools Remodeled kitchen with tiled floor & stainless steel appliances Living room fireplace walk out lower level 2 car attached garage and in ground pool Endless possibilities!  
**(B85GLE) 248 642 8100 \$400,000**



**PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home**  
 Five bedroom 4 bath 19th century Colonial on approx. 2.0 acres 6 car attached garage 2 story foyer w th DR hearth room off kitchen breakfast room a 1 bedroom with walk in closet full basement & you can pick your special wishes  
**(B66HOM) 734 455-5600 \$519,900**



**ROCHESTER HILLS What A Showplace**  
 Features a grand 2nd floor master suite w th 2 walk in closets second floor suite with dressing room Jack & Jill bathroom Octagon nook 2 story great room and walk out basement with fireplace  
**(B48CAN) 248 652 8000 \$679,900**



**20+ ACRES Log Home, Pole Barn**  
 You chance has come Beautiful setting highlights this 3 bedroom 3 bath log home built with stunning detail Fin shed walk out basement leads to an open area w th 3 ca garage and pole barn Property features a spring fed pond  
**(B82GOL) 248 363 1200 \$599,000**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Sitting On A Hill**  
 Welcome to view of Walnut Lk 2 story foyer c.r.c. sta s marble formal DR w butlers pantry gourmet kitchen 2nd floor w 2 way triple to FR FR MBR luxury BAs LL walkout w fireplace sauna peto hot tub Decks private bar on site  
**(B96WAB) 248 628 8800 \$1,575,000**



**BEVERLY HILLS On Over An Acre**  
 Three bedroom 2 bath brick Ranch Extensively updated with newer kitchen w th Co. an and hardwood floors remodeled baths new roof windows furnace central air water heater driveway deck and more Fin shed basement  
**(B05FOU) 248 642 8100 \$399,900**



**CANTON Gorgeous Colonial**  
 Located on a cul de sac off of world class golf course and fine oak trees enhanced throughout This is a 4 car attached garage full basement FR with spa ng ceilings & gas FP a n th 4 bedroom 2 bath home built in 2003  
**(B85CAM) 734 455 5600 \$429,900**



**OAKLAND TOWNSHIP European Flair**  
 Entering is a paved driveway leading to a 2 car garage 4 bed home with views of Lake St. Clair 1st floor master suite w th 2 walk in closets 2nd floor master suite with dressing room Jack & Jill bathroom Octagon nook 2 story great room and walk out basement with fireplace  
**(B80CAJ) 248 652 8000 \$674,900**



**COMMERCE All Sports Lakefront**  
 This is our best home on the lake with a 100' x 100' lot and a 3 car garage 3 way fireplace sandy beach over 120 feet of frontage Huron Valley schools  
**(B21COM) 248 363 1200 \$550,000**



**FARMINGTON HILLS Absolutely Gorgeous**  
 On a huge lot beautiful view of the lake and woods 4 full bedrooms 4 full baths and 2 half baths 10 car garage family room living room dining room and den Walk out to pool & spa 3 fireplaces 4 furnaces ec room 3 sun rooms  
**(B56RAM) 248 642 8100 \$1,200,000**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Designer Perfect**  
 House built in 2005 w th a wooded cul de sac Maple cabinets granite counter tops hardwood floors remodeled kitchen w th granite island granite bath Granite master suite w th g.mou. bath Jack & Jill guest suite private backyard & 3 ca garage  
**(B43CHE) 248 349 5600 \$699,900**



**CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005**  
 New construction on approx. 1 acre of w th 4 BRs 3 1/2 BA 4 car attached garage 2 story foyer w th DR hearth room off kitchen breakfast room a 1 bedroom with walk in closet full basement & you can pick your special wishes  
**(B52ROL) 734 455 5600 \$875,000**



**CLARKSTON Spectacular Wooded Lot**  
 Custom home on one of a kind Styl sh open floor plan great for entertaining Gourmet kitchen with Sestone sunken breakfast nook fabulous master suite professional finished walk out basement abundance of deck and pavers  
**(B98ELK) 248 652 8000 \$489,900**



**HIGHLAND South Bay Shores Model**  
 Bring your boat Private cul de sac on prestigious Sub Custom built 4 BRs 3 1/2 BA 3+ garage 3 way fireplace gourmet kitchen w th master suite w th granite maple attention to detail 1 acre & Lots available  
**(B48ANC) 248 363 1200 \$500,000**



**NOVI Beautiful Private Estate Home**  
 On approx. 1 acre of w th custom amenities Extensive use of marble 7 BRs 5 1/2 BA 2 half BAs and 2 master bed rooms 2nd floor w th 2 way triple to FR FR MBR luxury BAs LL walkout w fireplace sauna peto hot tub Decks private bar on site  
**(B22VAS) 248 642-8100 \$999,000**



**NOVI Exceptional Home**  
 Fresh & bright 4BR 3 1/2 BA on an approx. 1 acre w th pond 1st floor laundry w washer/dryer Custom light fixtures Granite w th Italian marble Fin shed W/O w th workout room Replace concrete patio & deck Northville schools  
**(B2165T) 248 349 5600 \$649,800**



**TROY New Construction With Troy Schools**  
 Four bedrooms 3 1/2 baths ceramic laundry foyer kitchen nook and powder room Maple cabinets granite counter master suite with jetted tub and separate shower Formal DR library 3 car side entry garage  
**(B99EVA) 248 524 1600 \$517,900**



**ROCHESTER HILLS Better Than New**  
 Sharp 3 year new Three car garage cul de sac tiled off family room w th fireplace library w th wood floors and French doors master suite w th kitchen w th all appliances Two staircases and neutral decor  
**(B66CHA) 248 652 8000 \$479,500**



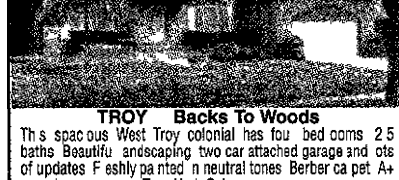
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP All Sports Lakefront**  
 Lake Sherwood Open layout & unique architecture Three bedrooms 3 1/2 baths custom built 1st floor master suite w th deck overlooking water large in ground sandy beach over 120 feet of frontage Spectacular views  
**(B21ECOM) 248 363 1200 \$550,000**



**BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored**  
 Five bedroom 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod w th 1st floor master bed room suite fully remodeled kitchen w th stainless steel appliances 2nd floor w th 2 way triple to FR FR MBR luxury BAs LL walkout w fireplace sauna peto hot tub Decks private bar on site  
**(B81LIN) 248 642 8100 \$558,900**



**NORTHVILLE Ranch On Secluded Lot**  
 Fabulous ranch w th W/O LL on wonderful secluded lot just minutes from downtown 5BR 3 1/2 BA w th FR rec rm 2 fireplaces cathedral ceilings skylights & gorgeous master kitchen w th granite island granite bath Granite master suite w th g.mou. bath Jack & Jill guest suite private backyard & 3 ca garage  
**(B51FEN) 248 349 5600 \$675,000**



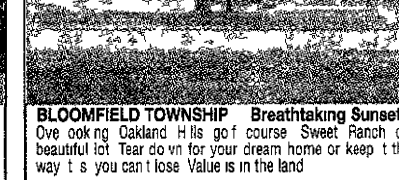
**TROY Backs To Woods**  
 This spacious West Troy colonial has four bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Beautiful landscaping two car attached garage and lots of updates Fin shed w th neutral tones Neutral decor peto A. av and winning new Troy High School  
**(B04LAN) 248 524 1600 \$409,900**



**ROCHESTER HILLS Deluxe Detached Condo**  
 Four or five bedrooms 3 baths fabulous upgrades 2 furnaces AC great room fireplace & cathedral ceiling walk out lower level w th fireplace granite in kitchen hardwood floors marble foyer 2 decks hot tub w th views of woods  
**(B47FA) 248 652 8000 \$469,900**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful 4 Bedroom**  
 Open floor plan ext a high ceiling double staircase master suite with shower granite kitchen w th hardwood floor spacious basement w th full bath extra bedroom and office Home backs to protected woodlands  
**(B20BRA) 248 626 8800 \$598,888**



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Breathtaking Sunsets**  
 One of a kind view of Lake St. Clair Sweet Ranch on beautiful lot Year to year for your dream home or keep it the way it is you can't lose Value is in the land  
**(B95GOL) 248 642 8100 \$549,000**



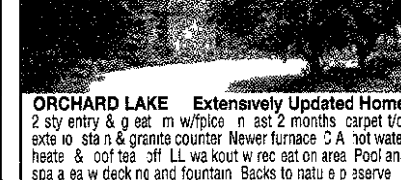
**NOVI Spectacular Custom Home**  
 Beautifully built 4 1/2 acre w th 4 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths Master suite features fireplace 2 W/O & granite bath Gourmet kitchen w th granite island granite bath Granite master suite w th g.mou. bath Jack & Jill guest suite private backyard & 3 ca garage  
**(B55VAS) 248 349 5600 \$989,000**



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Well Cared For**  
 Colonial with open floor plan 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths finished basement deck and private yard landscaping in v th pantry GR w th vaulted ceiling MBR w th dress ng area tub and shower Nce caation n great family sub  
**(B19HIC) 248 524 1600 \$480,000**



**COMMERCE Breathtaking**  
 Enter through a gorgeous gated court yard w th stamped cement & landscaped for privacy Gourmet kitchen w th granite and granite island w th wood floors and all appliances P.Hared dining and living rooms fabulous master suite  
**(B35BIR) 248-652 8000 \$569,000**



**ORCHARD LAKE Extensively Updated Home**  
 2 story entry & 2nd floor w th 2nd floor carpet to be replaced to stone & granite counter Newer furnace A hot water heater & roof tea off LL walk out w th rec area Pool and spa a ea w th deck and fountain Backs to nature preserve  
**(B13CHE) 248 626-8800 \$539,000**



**BIRMINGHAM Better Than New Built In 1995**  
 Three BR 2 1/2 BA w th updates Kitchen w th granite counter s & tiled spa ash hardwood floors & FR w th gas FP DR w th crown mo dings & F end door to deck Master suite w th walk in closet basement with vet ba & 2 ca garage War anty  
**(B31BIR) 248 642 8100 \$519,900**



**NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community**  
 Best kept secret in the golf club Custom built floor plan Huge kitchen & breakfast room opens to 2 story great room G an th T/O Extensive view T/O Fin W/O w th kitchen BA rec room 3 fireplaces MBR suite w th walk out room & huge bath  
**(B10MER) 248 349 5600 \$979,000**



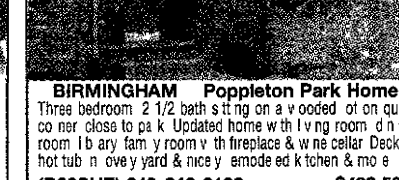
**TROY Interior Sub With Troy Schools**  
 New 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial Formal living room dining room den Great Room with vaulted ceiling Large kitchen with granite island Breakfast area with patio doors P.ess onally landscaped w th paved patio  
**(B16SEM) 248 524 1600 \$424,900**



**ROCHESTER Desirable Sub**  
 Bright 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home w th 2 story foyer open ng room to living room w th window wall view of yard bordered by trees and double wall Three car garage island kitchen w th cherry cabinets C.Lb house w th pool and tennis  
**(B29KEN) 248 652 8000 \$415,000**



**FARMINGTON HILLS Detached Site Condo**  
 Unique with a service provided Located in very sma Farmington H's enclave 3 levels total over approx. 4000 sq. ft. Every amenity huge windows high ceilings Jacuzzi tub Must be seen Owner priced to sell quickly  
**(B42CRO) 248 626 8800 \$500,000**



**BIRMINGHAM Poppleton Park Home**  
 Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath setting on a wooded lot on quiet corner close to park Updated home w th living room dining room 1 b ary family room w th fireplace & wine cellar Deck & hot tub n ove yard & nice y emode ed kitchen & mo s  
**(B80SHS) 248 642 8100 \$469,500**



**SOUTH LYON Classic Custom Cape Cod**  
 Two toned cherry cabinets granite counters upgraded trim and molding T/O Two story GR w th granite island fireplace & custom mantle Four car garage insulated and finished Park 1 1/2 acre w th mature trees 27 hole golf course  
**(B60POJ) 248 349 5600 \$689,900**

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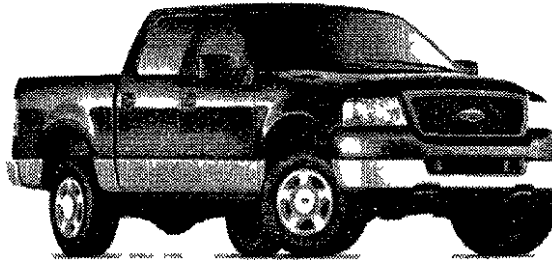
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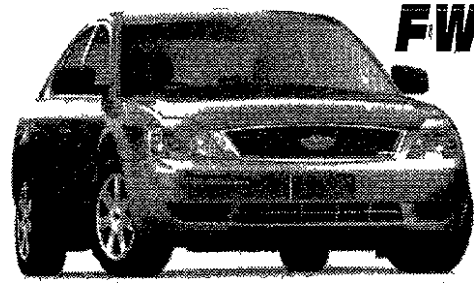
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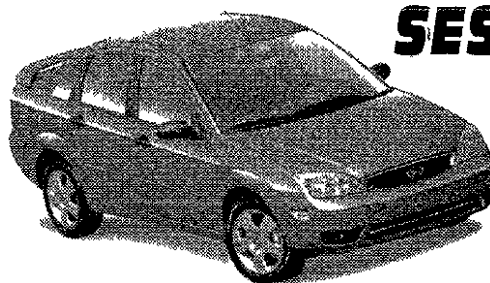
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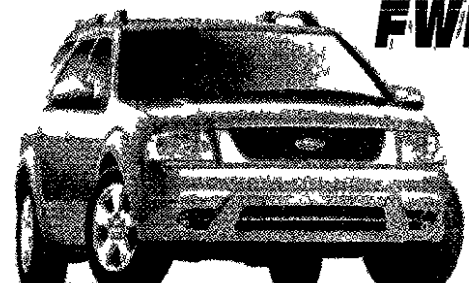
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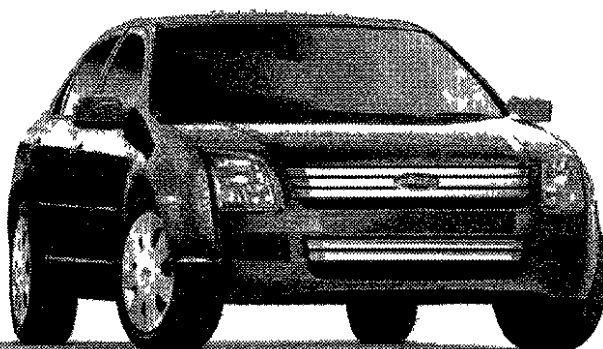
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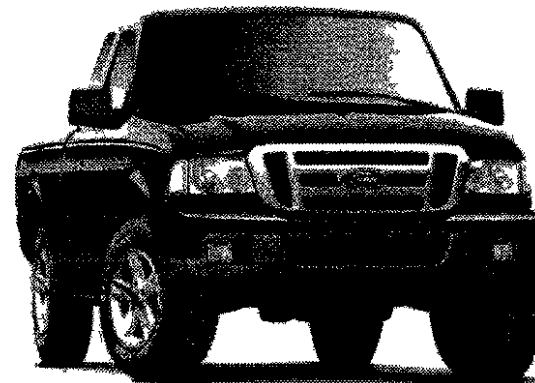
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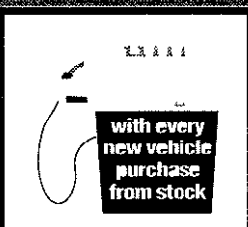
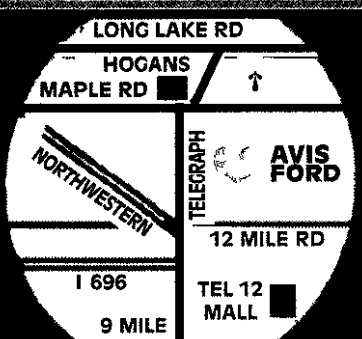
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# 2006 Lexus GS 430 brings out the kid in you

Advertising Feature

## CA Report



Anne Fracassa

By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

I'm the oldest of four children in my family and when I was a kid, that could sometimes be a problem (stay with me I do have a point and it does relate to cars)

When you're the oldest, you're the one that's supposed to "know better." You're the one who gets in trouble for hitting your brother, even when he started it. You're the one that should have kept your sister from breaking the lamp, you're supposed to know better and act older. You, my friend, are the victim of expectations.

Expectations that everything you do you'll do a bit better. Here comes my point - Lexus has put out so many quality cars and SUV's that it could be getting to the point where another great car is really no big deal. After all, Lexus is supposed to put out great vehicles, right?

Lexus has itself another winner with the all new GS 430 sedan. This is a car that provides plenty of power, is fun to drive, surrounds you with luxury and puts it all in a great-looking package.

The new GS 430's wheelbase is two inches longer and its rear track is an inch wider for 2006. The hood is longer and the front valance is lower this year. That, combined with the short rear deck, dual exhaust with stainless steel tips, fog lamps, and the tight front grille really highlights the sporty look. The GS 430 comes with 18-inch aluminum wheels and Z-rated performance tires.

There's a lot inside the cabin, too. There's plenty of head and leg room, even for tall drivers. The heated power seats easily adjust to a good driving position and are comfortable with good support. The instrument panel has been redesigned for 2006, new aluminum facings and special glass make the instruments easily readable in all lighting conditions. There's plenty of wood and leather, too. One feature I'm not-so-wild about is the drop-down panel that holds some of the less used switches and buttons. It's located on the left side of the steering wheel and holds the mirror adjustment switch, the fuel door release button, trunk release, headlamp washer, odometer/trip reset, rear sunshade and interior lamp controls. It's just a personal preference, but I like all my switches out where I can see and use them.

The GS 430 comes with a bunch of standard features



2006 Lexus GS 430. Type: Midsize automobile. Where built: Japan. Mileage: 18 city/25 highway. Base Price: \$51,125. Price as tested: \$59,709.

including dual zone climate control system Bluetooth technology, power locks and windows, cruise control power tilt steering wheel, steering wheel audio controls, memory system for front seats, theft-deterrent system and rear window defogger. Rain sensing wipers with headlight cleaner, clearance sonar, moonroof, ventilated seats, and GPS navigation system with rear camera and voice commands are all optional.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer system with 10 speakers automatic sound levelizer and 134 watts of power. You can upgrade to the Mark Levinson system (available only with the GPS system) that gives you 14 speakers, 330 watts of power (at 0% THD - Total Harmonic Distortion), and DVD audio and video capability. It's a very impressive system, and had better be, for \$4,000 (for both the GPS and audio system). An integrated XM satellite radio is also available, but don't forget that it requires a monthly subscription.

That system provides the soundtrack while you enjoy the power and handling of the GS 430. The standard engine is a 4.3 liter double overhead cam 32 valve V8 that produces 300 hp at 5600 rpm and 325 lb ft of torque at 3400 rpm. It does require premium fuel and EPA rates it at 18/25 mpg. The engine is mated with a six-speed automatic with a sequential manual shifting mode. I'm fine letting the car do the work, but I know some like the control that the auto-stick system can give you. Shifting is smooth and sure and there's plenty of power for merging, passing (which you'll be tempted to do a lot in this car) and getting off the line (0 to 60 in 5.7 seconds).

The ride is quiet and comfortable, thanks to what Lexus calls Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS). Standard on the GS 430, AVS allows you to select the type of shock absorber dampening you prefer. I like the setting which takes away the bumps along the road, others like the road feel. Either way, you're OK.

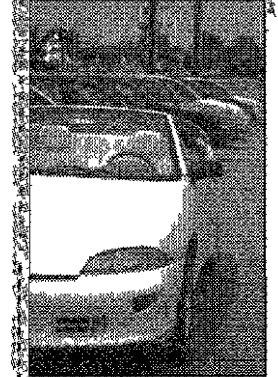
Anti-lock brakes are standard, and perform very well. The GS 430 also offers an option we hope never to have to actually use. It's a Pre-Collision System (PCS) that can help reduce the possibility of a collision or to reduce the severity of an imminent impact. It uses a millimeter wave radar sensor to help detect obstacles in front of the car and feeds the information to a computer with vehicle speed, steering angle and yaw rate inputs that help to determine in advance whether a collision is unavoidable. It then switches the AVS to Sport mode, preemptively retracts front seat belts and pre-tensionizes Brake Assist so that increased braking is applied the instant the brake pedal is depressed. The GS 430 also comes with knee airbags for the driver and front passenger as well as front and rear side-curtain airbags as standard equipment.

The 2006 GS 430 starts at about \$51,000. Add the GPS and upgraded sound system, rain-sensing wipers, moonroof, and G Spider alloy wheels and you're in the neighborhood of \$59,000. Not cheap, but you get a great driving experience for the money.

Just the kind of ho-hum, no big deal we've come to expect from Lexus. Write Dave Menard at [avanti1054@aol.com](mailto:avanti1054@aol.com)

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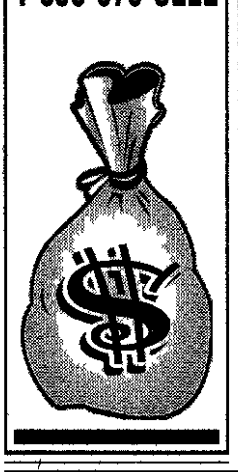
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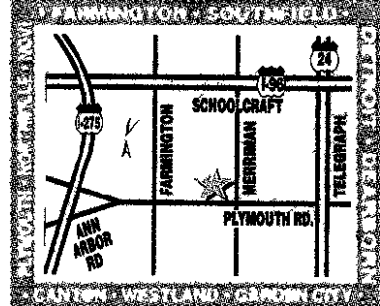
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