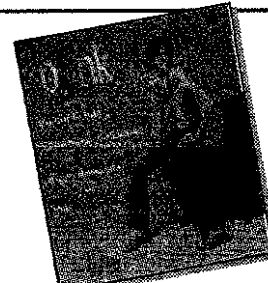




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An emotional coach Tim Baechler congratulates the team on Saturday's victory

Chiefs earn 1st title shot

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Game coverage Sports B1

Linda Manni of Plymouth might have been wearing her blue Salem Rocks sweatshirt at Saturday's Division I prep football state semifinal game between the Canton Chiefs and Macomb Dakota.

But she was definitely bleeding Canton red.

And the support paid off big when the Chiefs, shooting for their first chance at a state football championship, used a dominating second half to down the Cougars, 35-21. The win puts them in Saturday's state championship game against Rockford.

"We're a family, we're a community,"

said Manni, mom to Heath Parling, a freshman football player at Salem. "My sons' friends are on (the Chiefs). We support each other."

It looked like the support wasn't going to help when the Cougars jumped out 14-0 in the first quarter. But it was all Canton after that, with the Chiefs crowd coming to their feet with every exciting turn.

More than 100 students crammed the student section, and Canton fans turned the grandstand at Troy Athens High School into a sea of red as the Chiefs stormed to the first final in school history.

Lori Peck doesn't have a child in the football program — hasn't since her son played in 1999 — but she still calls herself the Chiefs' No. 1 fan, and she was proud to see what they accomplished Saturday.

"I love high school football," said Peck, a Plymouth resident. "I know a lot of the kids, and I love supporting them."

"The boys have done an awesome job," she added. "They should be proud of what they've accomplished. It's been an awesome season."

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Wake-up call about weight

Plymouth man heeds dad's plea to take care of himself

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Weight has been a lifelong struggle for Dave Woods.

He was bigger than all the kids in elementary school. When he graduated from Canton High School, the 6-foot-7 Woods weighed 356 pounds. He hit his peak at 472 pounds, and he let it affect relationships with family and friends.

The epiphany came in July, when his ailing father told him, "You have to take care of yourself and your wife first, and worry about other people afterwards."

Two days later, cancer claimed his father's life and Woods woke up. "It really affected me," said Woods, who runs Juicin' Up, a company that distributes 100-percent juice to day-care centers. "I'd found myself in a position I never thought I'd be in, letting my weight dictate my relationships. I was going through life with blinders on, and they were put there by me."

Like most people battling their weight, Woods tried diet after diet. Once, using a fat-free diet and simply cutting down on his eating, Woods dropped all the way to 223

pounds. But, at 6-foot-7, many people told him he "needed to eat."

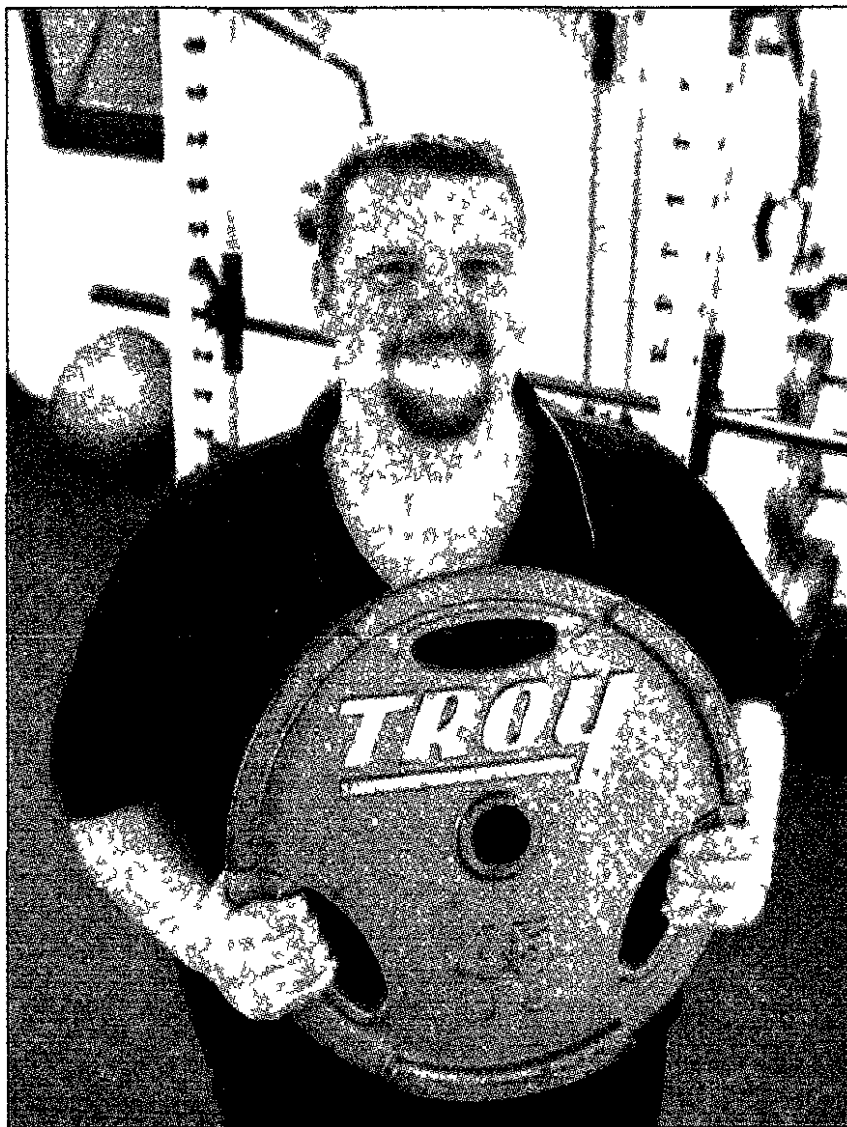
He took them up on it and, with my body telling me we need this old habits started kicking in, Woods said. "The weight went right back up."

It was taking a toll on him in a lot of ways. Woods would avoid parties, avoid people. The physical toll was even worse. A part-time bartender at Doyle's Tavern in Plymouth, Woods would work his Wednesday shift — they call it "Woody Wednesdays" at the bar — then go home and ice his ankles, which were bearing the brunt of his weight.

He was also hard on his wardrobe, going through two pairs of shoes every couple of months because his feet kept breaking through them. When his father was ill, Woods had to go to Southfield to find a suit.

"That killed me, because I had to leave me dad to do it," Woods recalled.

A doctor's appointment confirmed another fairly common occurrence in overweight people: High blood pressure. At the age of 29, Woods was already on medication. But it was also part of his wake-up call.



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Dave Woods holds a 45-pound weight to represent the first 45 pounds he lost in his journey to shed 200 pounds.

PLEASE SEE WEIGHT, A6

Board adds pool to bond proposals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education voted last week to ask residents to approve \$118 million in bond projects next May, the co-chair of last year's \$109 million bond for major renovations — which passed with 71 percent approval — was a bit surprised the newest effort didn't include a swimming pool for Plymouth High School.

Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township led a group of students, parents and community groups to a special board meeting Wednesday, asking trustees to reconsider their two-question bond issue next May and include a pool to relieve the overcrowded practices that come

PLEASE SEE POOL, A7

Bosch breaks ground on technical center

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Despite the recent struggles of the automotive industry in Michigan, the future looked bright Thursday afternoon in Plymouth Township as automotive supplier Robert Bosch Corporation held ground-breaking ceremonies for a \$37.5 million technical center.

The 225,000-square-foot facility at the corner of Five Mile and Haggerty should be ready for occupancy in the first quarter of 2007, and will initially house 475 employees. Bosch's technical center will

house research and development, as well as administrative space for its automotive body electrical and electronics division. Bosch officials say innovations to be engineered at the Plymouth Township technical center will include adaptive cruise control, predictive safety systems and driver assistance technologies.

"Michigan continues to provide an ideal location for Bosch operations, offering close proximity to customers and an atmosphere that fosters growth for the future," said Kurt Liedtke, chairman, president and CEO of Bosch. "We

look forward to becoming part of the Wayne County and Plymouth Township community."

Among the several dozen dignitaries on hand for noon-time ceremonies were Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume.

"We're the number one place in the world for research and development investment," said Granholm. "We are the number one place in the world for automotive engineers, number one in the world for the loca-

tion of automotive suppliers. "We as a state want to continue to grow, and the fact that Bosch has made its decision to expand here is further evidence of that," she said.

Bosch currently employs nearly 1,500 people at its Farmington Hills headquarters. With the Plymouth Township technical center, Bosch will be able to house nearly 3,400 people.

Reaume said plans submitted by Bosch indicate the new technical center is only a quarter of the future plans for the

PLEASE SEE BOSCH, A7



Rick Nork of Bosch, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Bosch Board of Management member Peter Marks, Bosch CEO Kurt Liedtke, Gunther Oettinger, minister president of Baden-Wuerttemberg and Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm gathered for the ground-breaking ceremony for Bosch's new Plymouth Township facility.

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Your guide to the season's most anticipated movies. See more in the next issue of Filter.



Chorus hands out annual scholarship

The Plymouth Community Chorus has awarded its 2005 scholarship to Christopher Olsen who graduated with honors from Franklin High School in Livonia in June.

The chorus has given the scholarships annually since 1984 to students pursuing an education in vocal performance, applied vocal music or the academic study of voice. The program offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior and two \$500 scholarships to students in grades 9-11.

Olsen this fall entered Houghton College in western New York as a Music Education voice major, among his classes are Music Theory, Foreign Language Dictation, Aural Skills and Voice Lessons.

At Houghton, Olsen is a member of Men's Choir, Camarata Singers (an auditioned SATB group), and Symphonic Winds, where he sits fourth chair trumpet. In his spare time he is the freshman class Social Chairman, and is in Stage Crew, an a



Olsen

cappella group of eight freshmen chosen from the Men's Choir.

Stage Crew has already performed for the college student body and visiting alumni

at Parent's Weekend Variety show and also at Houghton's Homecoming Senate Spot, receiving a standing ovation after two encores. Olsen's plans include traveling with the college touring choir to Eastern Europe in spring 2006.

While at Franklin, Olsen

■ Was in Franklin Chorus for a year, Bel Canto Choir for three years, Declaration (Men's Ensemble) for four years, spent three years in BCC Ensemble (Mixed Small Ensemble), four years in the Barbershop Quartet, a year in concert band and three in Symphonic Band, and two years in Orchestra Spring Concert winds.

■ Participated in State Solo

and Ensemble, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Scholarship (awarded to 1 outstanding singer from a choir of 128 members), Michigan State University Choir Invitational, Barbershop Quartet, was featured at choir concerts, community events and all-school assemblies.

The quartet, "Trebled Youth," of which he's been a member for four years, was featured at the graduation ceremony and was spotlighted at the Dearborn Performing Arts Center for Dearborn Community Chorus production of *Pirates of Penzance* in May.

Olsen sang the role of the Sergeant of Police, the other quartet members backing him as the bumbling policemen. At Franklin's spring Vocal Music concert Christopher was a soloist, and the quartet sang several numbers.

His all-school musicals included *Grease*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *West Side Story*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution celebrate the chapter's 79th birthday with a noon meeting Monday, Nov. 21, at Station 885 in Plymouth.

The program will feature "First Ladies."

Station 885 is located at 885 Starkweather in Old Village. For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

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.

Holiday shopping

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Holiday Open House," noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, during which downtown merchants will be decked out for the holidays. The event will

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also include a window-decorating contest.

Shoppers will be able to vote for their favorite window decorations in downtown Plymouth, ballots will be available in the shops. The decorating contest runs Nov. 20-Dec. 11.

Voters will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Plymouth Gift Certificate.

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 PCCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Dec. 23.

Nomination forms also are available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Nominations for non-public 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 stan-

dardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

Christmas production

The Plymouth Uptown Players and the Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Too Wrapped Up for Christmas" on stage at the Joanne Winkleman 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.

Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fundraisers.

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

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

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Seamstress ready for new challenge

Boutique owner targets Plymouth to start new chapter in life

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Like many people who lose a spouse, Margaret Grigorian lost the will to do much of anything when she lost her husband in May 2004.

She admits she spent a year or so "moping," before starting to come out of a depression and wanting to find a way to go on with her life.

For her 50th birthday, Grigorian took her daughters — 27-year-old Jackie, store manager at Brookstone at Briarwood Mall, and Lisa, a Northville High School senior — to Las Vegas. It was during that trip Grigorian decided the time had come.

"I didn't have much will for a year," admitted Grigorian, 50, of Northville.

"When we went to Las Vegas, I thought, 'I've got to do something with my life.'" What to do wasn't much of a question. A seamstress by skill and trade for 30 years, Grigorian decided to go into business for herself. Having spent a great deal of time shopping in Plymouth, she knew it was a town she loved and began scouting locations for a new boutique.

After all, after spending four years as alterations manager at David's Bridal in Westland, she figured dealing with brides-to-be would be plenty of training for opening her own business, and Perfect Fit @ Margaret's was born.

"That gave me a heck of an experience with the toughest clientele you can find — brides," Grigorian said with a smile. "It was time for me to find a different challenge."

She consulted with her sister, Barbara Wdziekonski, who she said helped her design the boutique, located on Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village. Grigorian admitted she consulted her sister and brother-in-law before making the leap into her new business.

Her sister accompanied Grigorian on her first shopping trip to Chicago, and Grigorian credits her sister with the design and building of Perfect Fit.

But her sister said the effort was all Grigorian's.

"I think she's over-estimating my input, Wdziekonski said, laughing. "I'm pretty handy with tools, so I can do those things (But) She's capable of doing everything herself, she's a very strong person. We are there just for support."

Grigorian still does alterations and seamstress work out of the back room of



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Margaret Grigorian decided to put 30 years of experience into her own new boutique, Perfect Fit@Margaret's in Old Village.



It's all family at Perfect Fit, with (from left) Lisa Grigorian, owner Margaret Grigorian, Margaret's sister Barbara Wdziekonski, and Jackie Grigorian.

her boutique, while the front of the shop features sweaters, jackets, purses, scarves, tops, wraps and other gift items and accessories.

She said she spent a lot of time in Plymouth, learning what other shops had, in the hopes of providing something unique.

"I have some unique items that come from New York or Los Angeles, things no one else has because I didn't want to step on anyone's toes," Grigorian said. "I wanted something unique and different, not something you could find at the mall."

Desperate to find something to occupy her time, and her mind, after losing her husband, Grigorian took to knitting scarves. Now, those scarves are on sale in her boutique.

"When I was going through my depression, I had to have something to do, so I knitted," she said. "I knit and crochet, so I

was always in the shops (in Plymouth). My favorite thing is to park downtown and walk around, maybe grab a coffee."

"That's why I decided to build my business here," she said. "I absolutely adore Plymouth."

A seamstress for 30 years, Grigorian first worked out of her house before moving to David's Bridal. Now, she's graduated one more step and owns her own business.

And none of it comes as a surprise to her family.

"We always thought of her, especially my husband, as someone who is independent enough to do something on her own," Wdziekonski said. "We all knew she has the skills, she's an excellent seamstress, so we thought this was just made for her."

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County: Election check is in the mail

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The check is in the mail. Well, almost. Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said the City of Plymouth and Canton Township will soon receive the balance of money that is due them for holding elections in August, despite not having a local ballot question.

Nineteen Wayne County communities, including Plymouth and Canton, were required to hold an election in August so voters could cast ballots for a Wayne County parks millage, which was approved by voters.

City officials asked for reimbursement of \$13,057, while Canton billed the county \$55,459.

Wayne County sent the communities checks for only partial amounts because the charges were more than what the county's Office of Management and Budget determined.

City officials expressed their dissatisfaction with a letter sent by its attorney. After submitting a revised bill, which Helmkamp said was \$100 less than the original, the county will send the city the balance of \$1,783.

Canton officials will receive a balance that is only \$1 less than they requested, and will soon get a check for \$12,568.

"By asking for all the communities to recalculate, we were able to save taxpayers \$5,000," said Helmkamp.

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Robber hits Charter One Bank branch

A white male thought to be in his mid-40s walked into the Charter One Bank on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township Thursday and walked away with an undisclosed sum of money.

The robbery occurred shortly before 11:30 a.m. when the suspect entered the bank, approached a teller and handed her a note demanding money.

"He walked in and passed a note that was threatening in nature," Plymouth Township Police Detective Marc Hoffman said. "Fearing for her safety, she complied with his demands and handed over the money."

The suspect was described as being approximately 5-foot-8, weighing around 160-170 pounds. According to witnesses, he was wearing a brown jacket with a hood, a knit cap and large dark sunglasses. Images of the suspect were



Police are searching for this suspect in the robbery Thursday of the Charter One Bank on Ann Arbor Road.

captured by the bank's security cameras.

Hoffman said no one was injured in the incident.

"We're working a few angles," Hoffman said. "Obviously, we're working with the FBI, as well."

Anyone with information about the incident is being asked to call the township police department, (734) 453-3869.

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 Devine 86 of Rochester Hills died Nov 9

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 Gladfeiler 90 of West Bloomfield died Nov 11

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 Green 72 of Owosso formerly of Northville died Nov 16

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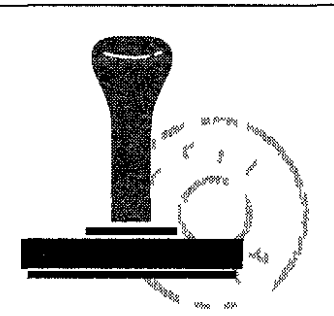
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Harry Carl Markle Jr
 Markle of Rochester Hills died Nov 12

Dorothy I Pavlik
 Pavlik 91 of Bloomfield Hills died Oct 26

Evelyn M Primeau
 Primeau 84 of Richmond died Oct 22

R
Beatrice C Rutkowski
 Rutkowski 89 of Macomb formerly of Rochester Hills died Oct 27

S
Helen M Siewert
 Siewert 82 of Rochester died Oct 26

V
Vera M Valade
 Valade 88 of Farmington Hills died Nov 3

Catherine A Van Hartesveldt
 Van Hartesveldt 79 of Bloomfield Hills died Nov 15

Louis C Venegoni
 Venegoni 82 of Rochester Hills died Nov 14

Carol J Voytas
 Voytas 51 died Nov 15

W
Jessie Jane Williams
 Williams 84 of Rochester died Nov 6

Z
Karen Zoltowski
 Zoltowski 58 died Nov 14

Whalers support radio endowment

WSDP is sending a letter to alumni seeking donations for the 88 1FM endowment campaign.

The letter will be mailed in mid-November. The Plymouth Whalers Hockey team is supporting the campaign by providing the manpower to prepare the fund-raising packages.

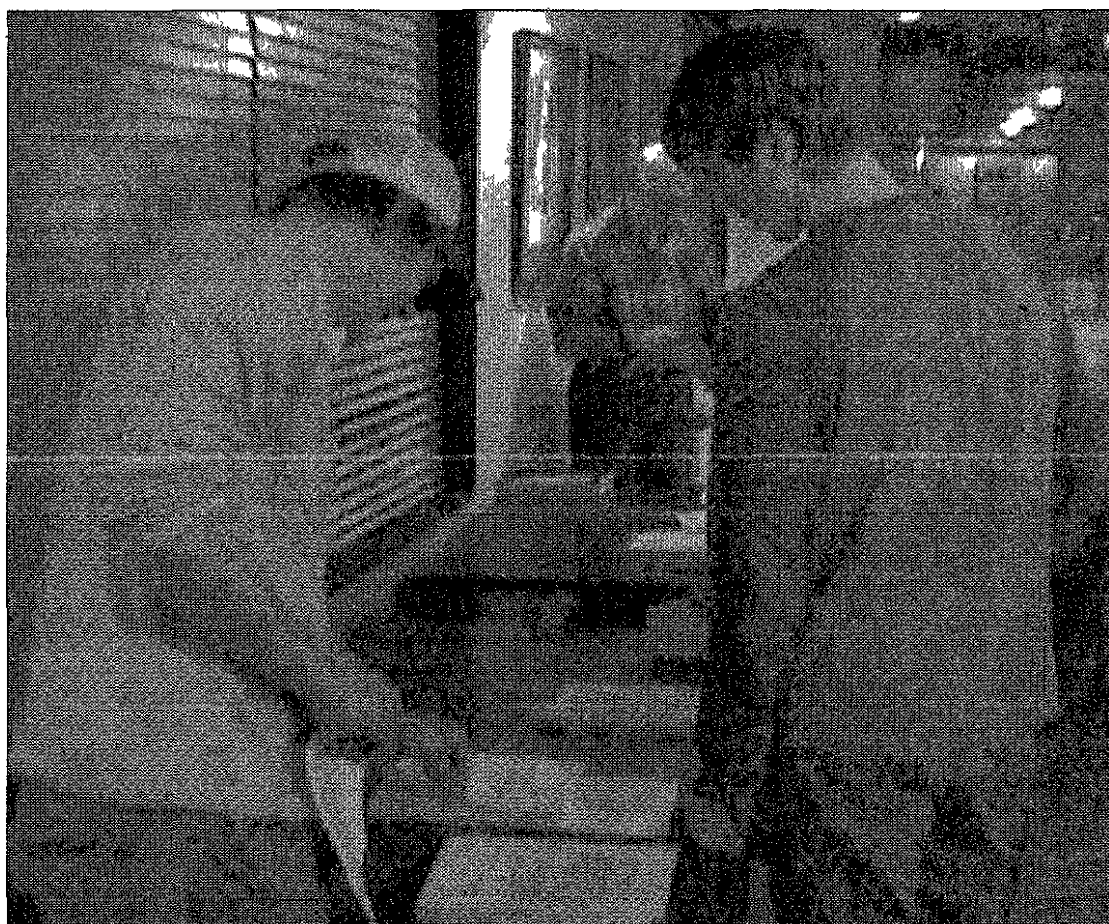
Many of the Whalers team members, past and present, have attended school in the Plymouth-Canton district. The team is grateful for the relationship they have with the schools and see this as an opportunity to give back to the school district.

"We have always had a great relationship with the Plymouth Whalers," said Bill Keith, station manager. "We've had a chance to broadcast Compuware Ambassadors games in the past, and the team has always stepped up to support our annual fund-raising auction. I can't thank them enough for their support."

This is a win-win situation for everyone, said Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and head coach Mike Vellucci. Many of our players go to school in the Plymouth-Canton District, so we're happy to support WSDP in this effort.

A Past Worth Celebrating, 'A Future Worth Preserving,' is a two- and-a-half-year effort to build an endowment fund for 88 1FM.

The campaign also will benefit from the involvement of eight Honorary Ambassadors: Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, Paul Sincok, City of Plymouth manager, Beth Stewart, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Chuck Portell, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, Joan



Plymouth Whalers players, many of whom have attended school in Plymouth-Canton, provided the manpower for sending out letters in the WSDP endowment campaign.

Noricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, Jerry Trumpka, Campaign/Communications, for Plymouth United Way and Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce have agreed to provide the campaign with behind the scenes support.

The station is developing an endowment fund due to the instability in educational funding throughout the state. The fund will provide a constant base of support for the station. The station needs to raise \$2 million to cover the nearly \$80,000 budget the district provides each year.

Throughout the 33-year history of the station, WSDP has continued to provide unique programming to the Plymouth-Canton Community. WSDP began as a 10-watt station at 89.3FM. After several years of planning, on February 14, 1972, founding General Manager Bonny Dore led the station staff through a six-hour broadcast day.

Since then WSDP moved to 88 1FM, increased power to 200 watts and began broadcasting in stereo. Now the station is on-the-air 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will soon begin broadcasting 24 hours per day. The station is in the same

area at Salem High School but has seen many equipment changes and improvements as technology has changed. The students continue to produce award-winning programming that has been recognized by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters.

The fund is being endowed through the Educational Excellence Foundation. Donations to the endowment fund are tax deductible. Those interested in donating to the fund can contact Keith at (734) 416-7732 and at keithb@pcsc.k12.mi.us.

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Serial killings are basis for her 1st book

BY SUE MASCO
STAFF WRITER



Stockwell

There's excitement in Robyn Stockwell's voice as she announces that she found the book on Amazon.com. It's not just any book, it's her book her first published book.

The 30-year-old Westland woman is on Cloud Nine with the release of *Archetype*, a fictional piece about obsession and serial killings, by PublishAmerica.

"The first letter I sent out (to a publisher), got a response, said Stockwell. "When I wrote PublishAmerica, I never dreamed I would be published. I didn't think it would be good enough, I didn't think it would sell."

The title is a Greek word for pattern, and the tale that Stockwell weaves through her book is that of a young man, Ryan Balander, who becomes obsessed by the infamous coed killings in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor in the late 1960s.

Balander is a transfer student at Eastern Michigan University where his obsession with the killings leads him to visit cemeteries where the victims are buried, the crime scenes. Hallucinations lead him to believe that the ghosts of the dead women are stalking him, seeking the truth about their deaths. It changes his own life and that of seven innocent women as he recreates the fear and frenzy of the late 1960s in the two college towns.

"I created an outcast," she said of her character. "It gets to the point where he eats, sleeps and drinks the case. It gets to the point where he can't control himself and snaps. He loses it totally and starts hunting girls."

Stockwell's interest in convicted killer John Norman

half mile down the road where three of the victims were found.

"No one at Concordia wanted to talk about," she said. "It wasn't a taboo subject, it was just something they didn't want to remember."

So Stockwell did what her main character did. She visited the cemeteries, the crime scenes, houses and went everywhere in the EMU and UM campuses related to the killing spree.

She talked to a close friend of one victim, the woman who discovered the body of the third slain woman and the fiancé of the sixth victim. Using an Internet people search, she found a friend of the first victim and a friend of the third victim.

She went to the towns where the victims had come from - Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Romulus. She even corresponded with Collins, who serving out his life sentence at Marquette State Prison for the murder of EMU freshman Karen Sue Beineman in 1969.

She changed her name and presented herself as a married woman in hopes of getting some additional information from Collins.

"I was at the point where I knew he was guilty, but I wanted to know why," she said. "I worded the letters in a way that I could get some subliminal information from him."

She gave up when it looked as though Collins was about to hit her up for some money, but points to a paragraph in a letter he wrote to her on Nov. 7, 2001, as quite telling.

"You mentioned reading the Keyes book (author Edward

Keyes' 1976 book, *Michigan Murders*) that is SUPPOSED to be about me," Collins wrote. "You may not believe this, but I've had that book in my cell for the past 25+ years and NEVER read it from cover to cover - only portions of it. Whenever I opened it and began to read it, it seemed like I was reading about someone else - CERTAINLY NOT ABOUT ME."

Stockwell grew up in Westland, moved to Plymouth and then Las Vegas before returning to her roots. She decided to look into the murders because of an interest in true crime. She started writing it in 2002 and finished it in 2004.

"I don't glorify it in any way what John Norman Collins did," she said. "I feel for the victims. If I do make any significant money, I'll donate some back to their families because they've been through enough and I don't want to profit from what they lost."

With her first book ready for publication, Stockwell is switching gears and starting to work on a non-fiction piece about the crash of Flight 255 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in August 1987.

She was 12 years old when the crash took place and remembers the night very distinctly.

I've already talked to the lone survivor, she said.

As for *Archetype*, it will go on sale Jan. 1 through PublishAmerica. Stockwell is excited to have the Maryland based company handle her first book. It uses digital printing technology so it can publish books one at a time as orders made and has a proven track record with first-time authors. Its largest customers are Barnes and Noble and Borders.

The cover is a 1969 photograph of the LaForge Road farmhouse where it was confirmed that at least one of the victims died. On the back well, Stockwell would like nothing better than having a quote from a famous true crime author.

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The following events are being offered at the Plymouth District Library during November. The library is located at 223 S. Main.

■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Nov. 21, 7-15 p.m. - This group continues to study *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. Utilizing this anthology, the group will continue meeting every other Monday through May. The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site: <http://www.great-books.org/>

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Youth Programs

■ **THANKSGIVING MOVIE TIME**, Friday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. - Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy the movie, *Robots*. No registration, no admission charge - just come on over have fun.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., repeated Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - This lively program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Play days are the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is not required.

■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Session one Tuesdays through Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Session two

Wednesdays through Nov. 23, 7 p.m. - This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration begins on in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays through Nov. 22 - The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk, or at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Teen Program

■ **TEEN KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB**, Wednesdays, Nov. 23 and 30, 7-8:30 p.m. - Meets every other Wednesday in the Teen Zone. All levels are welcome. Adult volunteers will help you learn to knit or crochet. Supplies provided. Make a chemo cap or other project for charity and make your own projects too.

■ **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOKS & BAGELS**, Monday, Nov. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Snack on bagels and juice and discuss this month's book, *Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer. Advance registration is required, and attendance is limited to the first 12 teens who register. Pick up books at the circulation desk. For more good books, visit plymouthlibrary.org/yabibs.htm

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■ **ADVANCED E-MAIL**, Monday, Nov. 21, 1 p.m. - For Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts, you will learn how to create an address book and signature file. Tell electronic junk mail good bye - you will learn how to use an e-mail filter to get rid of it once and for all. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **INTRO TO MS WORD**, Monday, Nov. 28, 11 a.m. - Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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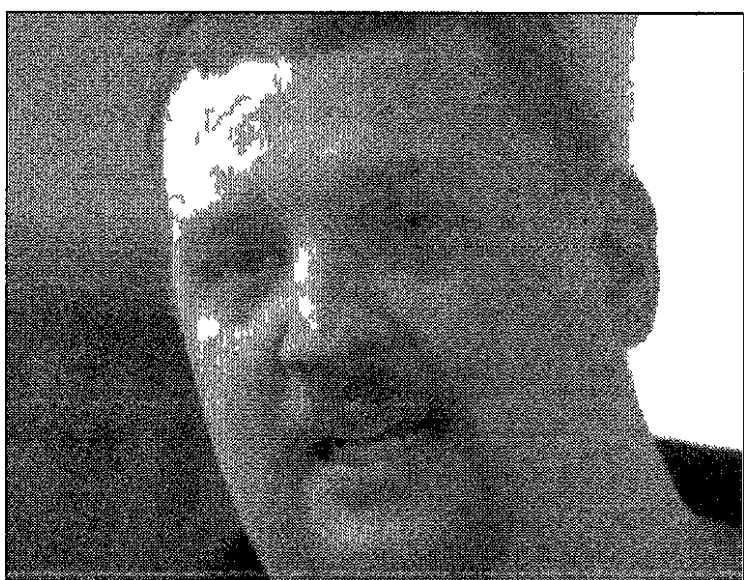
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'I think most people who are heavy would rather be thin; it's not like they're happy about it. It's important for people to know they're only a week away from feeling better. That first week for me was so huge.'

Dave Woods
Plymouth



WEIGHT

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"It's not that I was surprised," Woods said "It was just the reality of it"

With his weight at 472 pounds, Woods finally sought help After seeing the sign for Rejuvenation Personal Training, he consulted with owner Terry Pratt, who agreed to help Woods lose his personal goal of 200 pounds

"He has such a big journey," Pratt said "For him, it's really a marathon"

Pratt and partner Jeremy Daum had to start slowly with Woods, who couldn't do a lot of physical activity The 30-minute sessions sometimes included as little as sitting still and passing a large ball back and forth, and have since graduated to include 30 seconds of boxing, some weight lifting and cardiovascular work

Woods' size makes him a unique case "We have to minimize the amount of activity he does with his legs," Pratt said "It's all about how he feels, it's not just about lifting In time, he'll move even more"

Pratt and Daum also immediately set Woods up with a nutritionist through the Canton health and wellness department at the Summit

Woods was told that, to maintain his body at his current weight, he was probably putting

some 8,000 calories a day into it

"I've always been the classic emotional eater, and I realized I was putting food in my mouth that I didn't need," Woods said "(The nutritionist) sat me down, gave me an idea where I need to be What I learned is not to eliminate anything from my diet You have to have balance"

He's getting there On a diet that cut him to 2,400 calories a day, Woods has lost more than 50 pounds, with a target weight of 200 pounds He wants to weigh 272 or less by November 2006

His trainers figure Woods' struggle — and his fight — can help others

"That's so inspiring to me, seeing this guy who can be an inspiration to people," Daum said

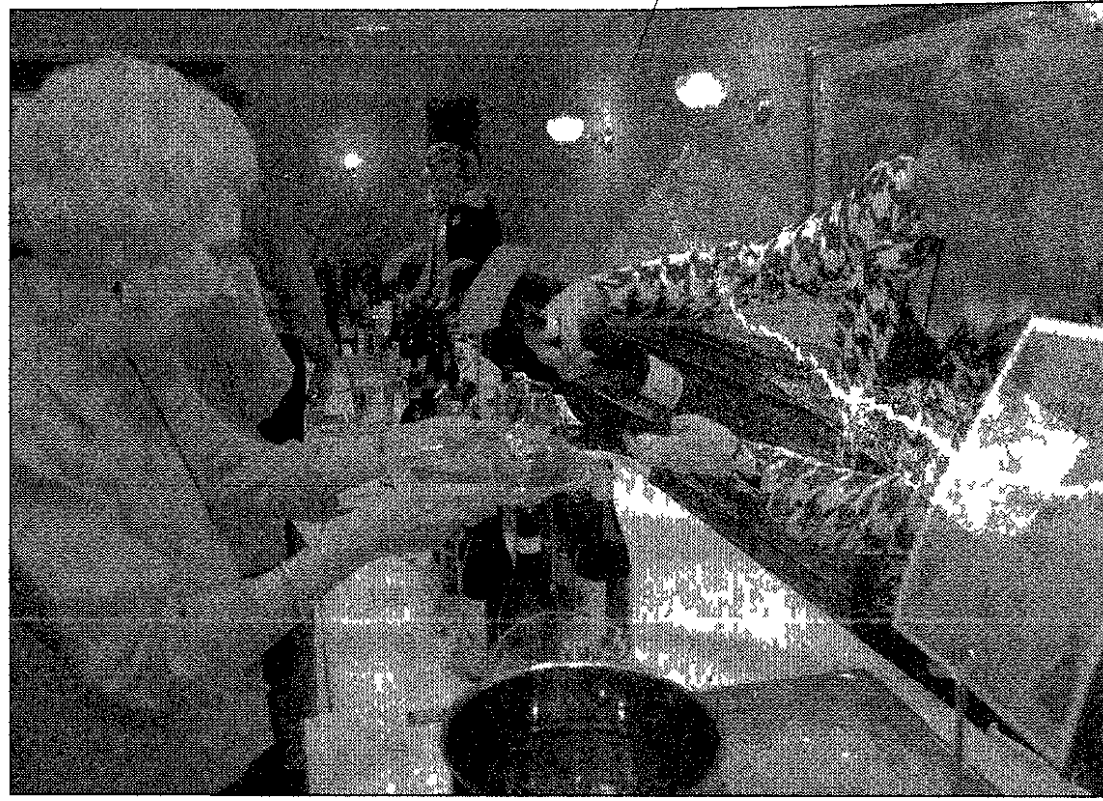
If that's the case he's glad, but Woods is taking his father's advice and worrying about himself first He felt better after the first week, and he's feeling even better now If other overweight people can learn or be inspired from his battle, all the better

"I think most people who are heavy would rather be thin, it's not like they're happy about it," Woods said "It's important for people to know they're only a week away from feeling better That first week for me was so huge"

And now? Woods smiles wide

"I don't mind hanging out with myself any more," he said

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Sharon Bonemer pours a taste of Moscato D' Asti for June Sansom at Fridays A Toast of Canton event

Wine tasting draws a crowd

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Though being among friends and wearing the perfect dress in which to mingle were certainly elements of a great evening out at last Friday's A Toast to Canton event, it was Charlotte Potes' wine find that had her the most excited

"This is just great," Potes, of Canton, raved about the 2004 Altos malbec she found, affordably priced under \$15

"This is just great," she said of the wine "The event is very nice this year too, because there's room to mingle"

It was the event's seventh year, and it was also its first sell-out Proceeds benefit the

Canton Rotary, Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and the newly created Police and Fire Emergency Fund

"I'm not sure exactly how much we raised yet, but it's approximately \$10,000," said Debbie Zevalkink, who helps coordinate the event

A Toast to Canton featured 19 tables, each with about eight wines In addition to the wine tasting was a sampling of hors d'oeuvres

"Wine tastings are just huge right now There's a lot of interest in them, which is part of why the event was so popular this year," Zevalkink said "It's also a truly social evening that is really affordable"

Tickets for the event were \$30

Far more than half of the people who attend are people who are not affiliated in any way with Canton charities, community groups or the township government

"They're just people who like wine and picked up tickets," Zevalkink said

A Toast to Canton started seven years ago when John Pardington first opened Holiday Market in Canton

"When I first opened the store, I was looking for a way to introduce people to Holiday Market, and had an idea to do a big wine tasting," Pardington said I approached the township and said if they could find a venue and a charity to donate the money to, I would put together the party"

The first year, the event raised about \$8,000, and Pardington said that was a big success

Now I coordinate all the wines and do all the food, and Debbie (Zevalkink) takes care of administration and coordinating the volunteers," he said

Pardington hadn't even made it through the first hour of this year's toast before he started thinking of additions to the event for next year

Recently he did a fund-raiser at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, which featured a martini bar and outdoor cigar tent

"I think that doing those kinds of things at Toast to Canton would work out really well Or maybe adding a silent auction," he said

But across the room, Beth Marshall of Canton and her significant other, Dwight Clotter of Plymouth, were focusing on the moment, and not the future, as they stood at a table enjoying a glass of wine This was the second year the couple attended

"I think it's just a great way to sample a lot of wines for not a lot of money," Marshall said "I actually take notes and write down what kind of wines I like I don't really know wine as well as I would like to, but I love the opportunity to try them"

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with three high school swim teams sharing two pools

This is another time for us, as a community and as a school district, to pass a bond that has everything that is needed, and I really believe a pool is needed," said Eggenberger, who has two teenage daughters on swim teams. Sharing is really good in theory. In reality, it can be a big problem. This is a chance to build a pool for the next generation.

After hearing from some of the dozens of people in attendance and receiving nearly a hundred e-mails, the five board members present voted to reconcile the second bond question to include an \$8.5 million swimming pool for Plymouth High School.

The first bond will be addressing the academic needs, and the second bond gives people the option if they want a theater and a pool," said board President Mark Slavens. It's obvious, from what we've heard in the community, that we have a very crowded situation with the two pools servicing the three schools.

The net gain for the bond issue will be \$3.5 million, as trustees also voted to eliminate \$5 million from the proposed career and technical center at the Park by deleting welding, HVAC and CAMM (computer aided manufacturing and machining) courses.

Plymouth High School swim coach Doug Schade knows about the overcrowded conditions. His teams always have to swim in the evening hours, when Canton and Salem are finished with more convenient afternoon practice schedules.

It's hard for the kids to maintain a semblance of a normal life, said Schade, "to get home and eat dinner, and pay attention to their homework and concentrate on academics."

I'm concerned that our kids don't have the opportunity, if they choose, to join a club or go to whatever social events are happening on campus, and take part in the great life the Park provides," he said. "We have a lot of great kids and they work hard, and they deserve the same opportunities as Salem and Canton (high

school) kids.

Trustee Tom Wysocki said it's about time the construction of a third pool at the Park is put before voters.

"My disappointment was way back, when we first passed a bond to build Plymouth High School and it wasn't there," said Wysocki. "A new pool will enhance the district's reputation, which will help maintain the value of our community."

The first bond issue will ask voters to approve - in preliminary numbers - \$97 million for a \$27 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 \$24.8 million includes \$12 million for a new theater to be constructed at Plymouth High School, \$8.5 million for the pool at Plymouth High School, \$3 million for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School, and \$1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

If the first bond issue doesn't pass, the second becomes void, even if it receives enough votes.

Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services, said she will know next week the final numbers on the bond issue.

"The total amount will be less than \$123 million, which represents construction costs less anticipated interest," Brand said. "If both proposals pass, it will cost the owner of a median value home in the district (\$275,000) approximately \$100 a year."

Eggenberger said she believes Plymouth-Canton voters will approve another bond proposal, despite the fact it comes within 20 months of the last bond issue. "I think we have community support," said Eggenberger. "People understand they have a good school system, and they want an opportunity to improve it."

They understand how important education is and they want their kids to get a good education, she said.

BOSCH

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76-acre site

"They have plans to grow this project into the year 2010," said Reaume. "They've submitted a plan that shows the full growth of the property, including engineering laboratories, four office buildings and a welcoming center."

"The first building is 25 percent of the project, and they will build in 25 percent increments," he said. "They'll already be working on 2012 and 2013 cars when they move in during 2007."

Reaume said the corner property at Five Mile and Haggerty is significant because it's one of the last tracts of land visible from I-275. He said Bosch has been sensitive to the needs of near-

by residents as part of its construction plan.

"They've put their main entrance on Five Mile instead of Haggerty, with only a small visitors entrance on Haggerty, which will allow for very little impact on adjoining residents," said Reaume. "They will also increase tree plantings and wetlands along Haggerty, which will also buffer the building from the neighborhood."

And, like the Unisys and Visteon properties in Plymouth Township, Bosch will allow soccer fields to be constructed on as-yet unused land along Five Mile.

"We understand what jobs mean for all the communities," said Reaume, "and for Plymouth Township to have an international company like Bosch Corporation is a real advantage."



Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm greets Bosch CEO Kurt Liedtke (right) and Peter Marks, a member of Bosch's Board of Management, at the groundbreaking ceremony Thursday.

VETERAN LAUDED

Seven military heroes, among them U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Gerald A. Towler of Canton, were honored Veterans Day at the VA.

Ann Arbor Healthcare System's combined Veterans Day/Wall of Heroes recognition program.

The veterans, whose time in service range from World War II through Vietnam, each made distinguished and heroic contributions during their military tours, VA officials said in announcing the honors.

Towler, who served in Vietnam, earned several honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, Air Medal with 'V' Device and 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

The nominations of Towler and the other honored veterans were reviewed by veterans service organization representatives, who also made the final selections.



Towler

Reaching out: Bosch helps its neighbors with grant to Farrand

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The new Robert Bosch Corporation technical center being constructed at Five Mile and Haggerty roads in Plymouth Township is about a stone's throw from Farrand Elementary.

Principal Ann Kuhn said she was ecstatic when told a week before the automotive supplier's ground breaking for the \$37.5 million facility that her school would be the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Bosch.

I was thrilled, said Kuhn, who was introduced by Bosch officials during groundbreaking ceremonies Thursday afternoon. "We've put the money in the (Plymouth-Canton Schools) Education Excellence Foundation, to be used for developing a second language program for our students, maybe Japanese or German. The other part of their criteria is that it be used for something multi-cultural."

We want to do some solid thinking so the money can benefit children over a long period of time, she said. It's nice seed money to build a program that might last a long time.

Bosch's Rick Nork, chief financial officer,

said the German-based company wanted to do something to benefit its new neighbors.

We would like to see a program that fits our philanthropic philosophies and goals, and helps with a real need of the school," said Nork. "It fits a cultural enhancement-type program, and I think it will be beneficial for the school and the kids that are part of the program."

We're just glad to have an opportunity to do it, he said.

Farrand PTO co chair Trish MacDonald was also on hand for groundbreaking ceremonies and announcement of the grant.

"I think it's wonderful," said MacDonald. "We really need to promote diversity, and beginning with our elementary school-age children is a good place to start."

Superintendent Jim Ryan said he was "doubly-thrilled." Not only for the grant, but the career possibilities that Bosch's presence within the school district brings.

I'm thrilled about the potential for partnership, as we talk about building a career and technical center at the (high school) Park," said Ryan.

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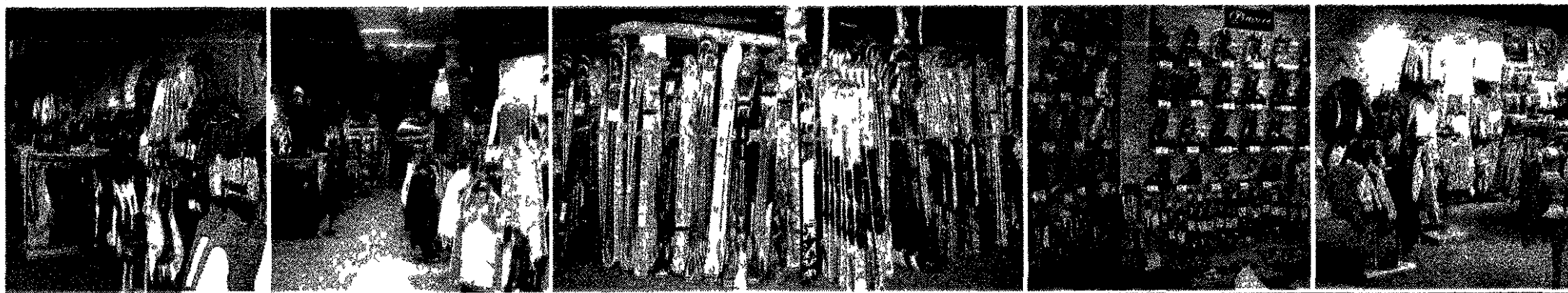
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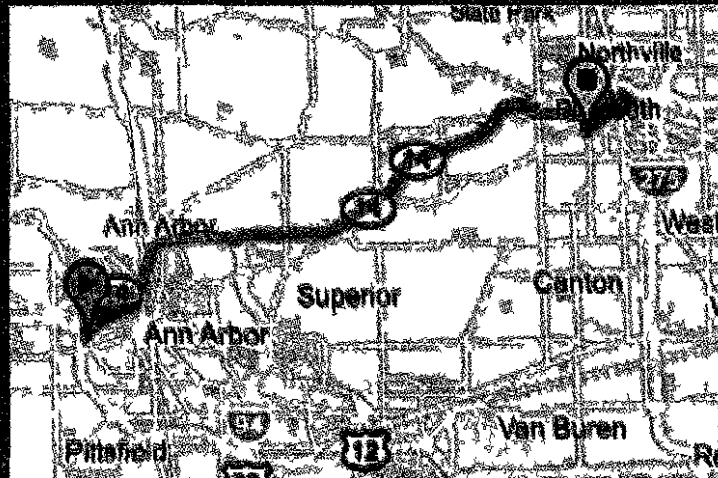
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There are no likely winners in the continuing Cox vs. Fieger debacle

What a mess. That's the only way to describe the political circus enveloping state Attorney General Mike Cox and flamboyant Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

And while Fieger and Cox remain the center of the maelstrom, expect a few more prominent politicians to be sucked into the eye of the storm.

By the time this whole sordid affair has worked its way through the legal system, the biggest loser in the political arena likely could be the state Republican Party, which runs the risk of having the political future of three of its rising stars seriously damaged.

The general feeling among area politicians is Cox's political future is toast. Cox, who held a press conference to tell the world he was unfaithful to his wife as part of his accusations that Fieger was trying to blackmail him to drop an investigation against the bombastic attorney, can forget about being governor one day, and may not even survive the rest of his first term as attorney general.

Given his flair for the dramatic, I am surprised Fieger has not suggested that Cox prosecute himself for adultery, which technically is still a crime in the state of Michigan.

Fieger still faces potential criminal charges over his financing of a campaign to unseat a state Supreme Court justice. And even though no charges were brought in the alleged blackmail scheme, he still could face disciplinary action by the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.

But anyone who has followed Fieger's career knows he won't let Cox — who he has announced he will challenge in next year's election — off the hook with just political egg on his face. You can bet that Fieger will spend a considerable amount of his political and financial capital in an effort to force Cox to resign in disgrace.

Which brings us to Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca. It was Gorcyca who held his own press conference to announce that, while he was sure that Fieger and his sidekick, Lee O'Brien, did in fact conspire to blackmail Cox into dropping his investigation of Fieger, there was not sufficient evidence to actually bring charges.

I found it a bit odd that Gorcyca could look into the television cameras and so confidently proclaim that Fieger was the horrible person that Cox claimed, but that his office just couldn't prove it. He also warned Fieger he was not out of the woods yet, saying he had no reason to gloat.

In my business, we don't name a suspect until that person is formally charged with a crime, for fear of facing a big fat libel suit. Something tells me that Fieger still may have something to say regarding Gorcyca's behavior and accusations.

It has been suggested that Gorcyca, who himself has aspirations of higher political office,

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wanted no part of a battle with Fieger not even to save the hide of fellow Republican Cox. And with Cox out of the picture, the Republican Party would need someone else to run for attorney general next year, say an ambitious county prosecutor, for example.

One person who has not been heard from in this saga is Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard. It was Bouchard's office that investigated Cox's allegations against Fieger.

Typically, when an investigation is concluded the law enforcement agency presents its findings to the prosecutor with a recommendation of what charges, if any, should be brought. We don't know what charges, if any, were recommended nor how the sheriff felt about Gorcyca's decision not to bring charges.

Bouchard, who spent the early part of the week up north hunting and far away from the mess faces his own uphill battle in his campaign for U.S. Senate.

The sheriff put his fellow Oakland County Republicans in a tough spot by announcing he was running then pulled out of the race only to change his mind again and re-enter the campaign after many of his friends had endorsed the Rev. Keith Butler for the seat.

If for some reason the sheriff department's investigation is called into question as to why charges against Fieger were not brought, it certainly will not help Bouchard's efforts to unseat U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and could further fracture the Republican Party.

The next likely chapter in this soap opera is whether a special prosecutor will be appointed to complete the investigation into whether Fieger violated campaign finance laws by anonymously bankrolling an ad campaign aimed at defeating state Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman in 2004.

Cox, it seems, would be hard pressed to argue his office can remain impartial in the case given all that has transpired in the past couple of weeks. And the attorney general might be happy to distance himself from Fieger and the case now that the matter has blown up in his face.

If the heat gets turned up on Fieger, it's a pretty good bet he won't go down without another fight, and this time he likely will have more than just Cox in his sights.

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Joe Bauman

Michigan needs bold plan to thrive in new economic reality

The come-from-behind victory of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick can be viewed as a metaphor for our region and state. Michigan leads the nation with the worst rates of employment, racial integration, literacy and high school graduation, among a number of other troubling statistics. Challenges from within and without call attention to our deficits. Yet others triumph our strengths.

The metropolitan region and the state need a campaign and a champion who will lead a collective effort to develop a shared vision and common agenda to bring Michigan to the vanguard of innovation and productive change. After all, we led the way to putting the world on wheels.

We are living in a rapidly changing, technologically driven, disruptive global economy that defies predictability. This fact is driven home by the restructuring taking place at Delphi, General Motors and Ford.

The impact is being felt in our schools, government and other workplaces. These changes will also be felt by our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and neighbors throughout the state.

These changes will be seismic in scope and as disruptive as the discovery of the printing press, the transition from sail power to engine power, and the progression from the agricultural age to the industrial age. What we once knew is now ancient history. A new reality is upon us. What we make of it is up to us.

We have a moral obligation and a social and economic mandate to help our fellow citizens cope with the transition to this new reality. We are living on borrowed time. Without bold action and decisive leadership we will teeter on the brink of something resembling third-world status.

We must move to not just survive, but to thrive in this new reality. If we do nothing, we will surely be engulfed by this transformational sea change. With the tide of change rising, it is time for us to learn how to surf. The plan must be strong and as bold as it is visionary.

Similar to the transformational, disruptive historical changes we have experienced, there is no road map to guide us into the future. Times like these call for a leader to emerge to inspire Michiganders to become pioneers — like Rosa Parks, Max Fisher, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison — rather than settlers.

A baseball player cannot steal second

base if he still has his foot firmly planted on first base. Neither can Michigan leap into the 21st century by holding onto a past that is long gone. In a world flattened by technology, instant communication and the emergence of billions of new capitalists, work will flow to locations with workers who produce high quality for the lowest cost. This is not a phenomenon that is only taking place in Michigan. China is losing textile workers to the industrious and lower-cost environs of Bangladesh. Mexico is losing its manufacturing work to China.

Like it or not, this is the new world order and, consequently, Michigan's new reality. The wave put into motion by these changes will not be stopped by political boundaries or political rhetoric. The siren has sounded and an economic tsunami is on its way. It is sure to sweep over cities and suburbs, carrying with it black, white, red and yellow as well as Republican and Democratic citizens.

We need a plan that mirrors the intensity and purpose of a political candidate who is 20 points down with two weeks left until election day. It will require collaboration, cooperation and many sleepless nights to create and implement. Yet without this plan, leadership, intensity and sense of urgency, Michigan citizens will surely sink.

There has been talk in political, social, civic, labor and business circles regarding a "summit" to discuss racial issues in our region and state. While a discussion about race is important, it is at least equally important to integrate a discussion of our economic state — or we risk losing that race for all of our sakes.

It has been said that people will attend a party because of who sends the invitation. Who is the leader that will call together diverse constituencies throughout Michigan to lay out a plan of action that will propel us into the future? Fractional suburban, city, Republican or Democratic plans will not suffice. We need a Marshall Plan for Michigan. The plan of action must come from within Michigan or loss of hope will result.

Who will be the 21st century Rosa Parks who will spark a revolution for the people of Michigan? The tide is rising and the bus has left the station. Michigan, with leadership and hard work, can make a comeback. The only question that remains is: Will we?

Our election day is fast approaching.

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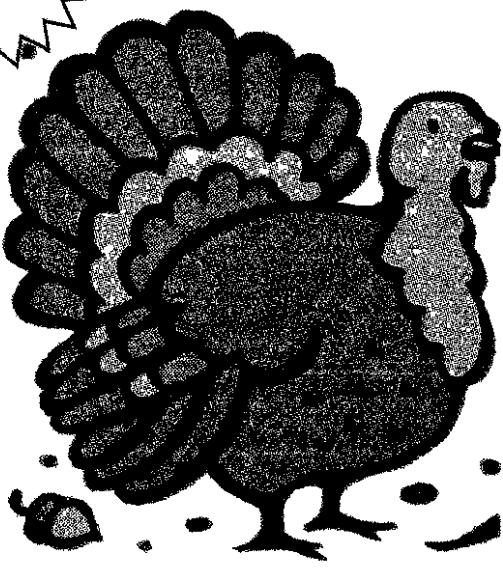
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2005 Division 1 Semifinals

Ford Field next stop for surging Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The biggest stage in Michigan high school football awaits Canton following the Chiefs' stirring, come-from-behind 35-21 victory over Macomb Dakota Saturday afternoon in a Division 1 semifinal game played at Troy Athens High School.

Canton (11-2) will be making its first-ever appearance in a state final football game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ford Field against defending Division 1 champion Rockford.

The biggest win in Canton's 32-year history came nine short weeks after the Chiefs dropped their second consecutive game, dropped out of the state rankings and dropped out of the state championship radar screen.

"I've been coaching 17 years, and you always talk about something like this happening, and now it's here," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, moments after his team's big win.

While Canton's Wing-T offense was its usual self, racking up 307 total yards, it was the Chiefs' defense that stepped up and made several big plays to help wipe out a 14-0 first-quarter deficit. Junior defensive backs Chris Bogdanski and Deshon McClendon recorded



Canton's Shawn Little ran for 57 yards and passed for 111

clutch interceptions while the Chiefs' front seven sacked Dakota's prolific quarterback James Stallons four times. Stallons entered the game averaging 158 yards passing.

The Cougars finished with just 289 yards in total offense and amassing over 200 in the first half alone.

"Our defense really stepped up in the second half," Baechler said. "At halftime we made some adjustments and decided to come after them. Our defensive coaches — Scott Dickey, Casey Randolph, Jeff Powers and Dave Smilo — deserve a lot of credit."

Canton quarterback Shawn Little out-shined Stallons, both with his arm and his legs. Little rushed for 57 yards on nine carries and completed 3-of-6 passes for a season-best 111 yards. McClendon rushed for 96 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns, including a 55-yarder that gave the Chiefs a 35-21 lead with 3:25 left.

Andy Rossow grinded out 32 yards on seven carries and hauled in two huge receptions — a 41-yard TD that knotted the game at 14-14 with 8:40 left in the first half and a 14-yarder on fourth-and-three from the Dakota 15.

Dakota scored on its first two possessions on a pair of 1-yard runs by Ron Vigneau.

Little cut the gap to 14-7 when he sprinted in from 12 yards out to cap an 11-play/87-yard drive.

Less than a minute later, Bogdanski made a diving pick of a Stallons' pass, giving Canton the ball at the Cougar 30. Two plays later, Little hit a wide-open Rossow coming out of the backfield for a 41-yard score.

After Dakota rebounded to grab a 21-14 lead, McClendon's 1-yard dive sent the Chiefs into the half with some momentum.

Canton's go-ahead TD came with 11:58 left in the game when McClendon finished off a 11-play/53-yard drive with a two-yard run. He then iced it with his 55-yard dash.

Jeff Piper, Rossow, Marwan Faraj and Matt Sweda notched sacks.



Canton's Andy Rossow is hauled down by Dakota's Josh Jarvie during Saturday's semifinal victory.

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First-place Whalers fall to Kingston

The Kingston Frontenacs scored twice in a span of 1:53 early in the third period and went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 7-5, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 3,352 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The near-sellout is the best crowd of the season for Plymouth in 12 home dates. In spite of the loss, Plymouth (12-7-1-1) did not lose any ground at the top of the OHL's West Division as Saginaw lost, 5-3, to Brampton on Friday. Plymouth and Saginaw are on top of the OHL West with 26 points each.

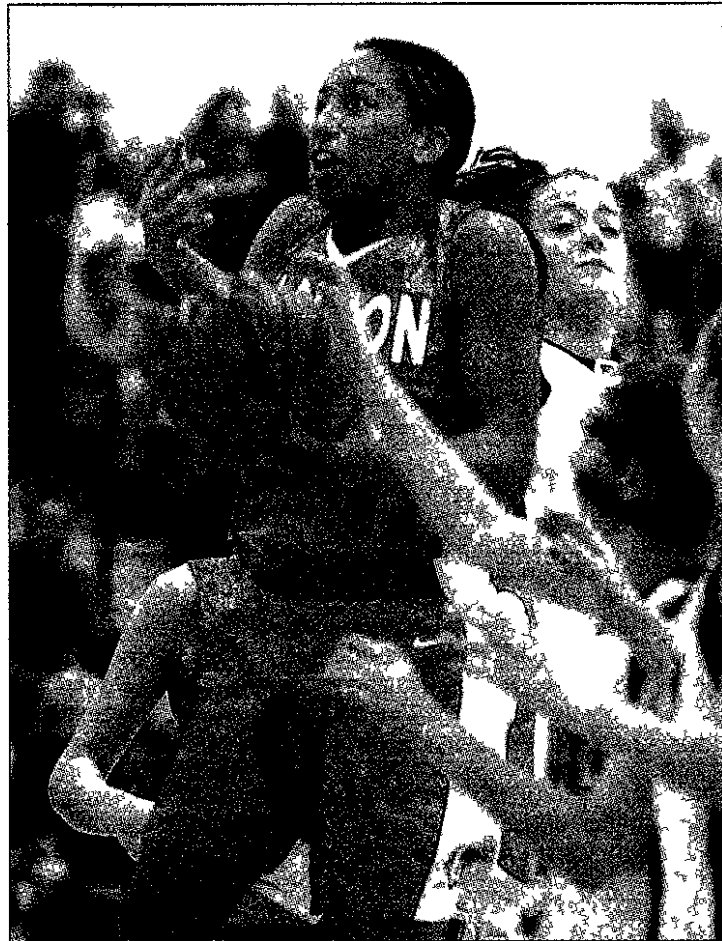
Cory Emmerton led the Kingston attack with two goals and an assist as the game's first star. Former Michigan State player Peder Skinner scored twice and was voted the game's second star. Todd Griffith, Andrew Wilson and Radek Smolenak added singles for Kingston. Dan Collins led Plymouth with a pair of goals and an assist and now has a team-leading 18 goals on the season. Andrew Fourmer, Vaclav Meidl and John Vigilante all scored single goals for Plymouth.

After Collins scored a power-play goal to open the scoring at 11:09 of the first period, Kingston scored a pair of power-play goals later in the first by Griffith and Emmerton.

Fourmer tied the game at 2-2 for Plymouth at 0:23 of the second, but Kingston came back at 1:51 of the period on Wilson's first OHL goal.

Canton 41, Novi 38

Heart of a champion



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ja'nee Morton goes up strong with a shot during the first quarter of Friday night's district final basketball game against Novi. Morton scored 11 points in the Chiefs' 41-38 victory over the Wildcats.

Chiefs overcome adversity, Novi for district title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

During Friday night's district final girls basketball game against Novi, Canton had a three-word response for the mountain of adversity that seemed to grow with every tick of the second-half clock: Bring it on.

With two of their top three scorers on the bench for most of the second half, the Chiefs withstood several Wildcat rallies to pull out a 41-38 win in a game played at Novi High School.

The inspirational victory earned Canton (19-4) a berth in Monday night's first-round regional contest against West Bloomfield (19-6). Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Northville High School.

"We've had 57 practices so far this season, and there hasn't been one practice when every girl on this team didn't come to com-

pete and play hard," said first-year Canton coach Brian Samulski. "That's why I never doubt them when we face tough situations like we did tonight."

Canton built a 19-16 halftime lead thanks in large part to the play of juniors Becca Houdek and Ja'nee Morton, who combined to score all but two of the Chiefs' first-half points. However, Morton played just four minutes of the second half due to foul trouble and Houdek left the game for good 38 seconds into the fourth quarter when she injured her arm after hitting the floor hard while coming down with a rebound.

Instead of crumbling, the Chiefs turned to the depth and clutch play that helped them capture the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament title last week and a second-place finish in the

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Sidelines

P-CEP hockey

A meeting for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Hockey Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current and potential players, and anyone with an interest in the PCEP hockey program are invited to attend.

Contact Neva Nahan-Werda at the following e-mail address: neva1255@aol.com

Youth lacrosse

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer youth lacrosse for the spring 2006 season for boys and girls who are in the third-through eighth-grades. The program is designed to be instructional at the beginning with competitive scrimmages added as the course goes on.

The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played on mid-week nights only.

Registration will run throughout the month of January. For more information visit the City of Plymouth Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or call (734) 455-6620 (extension 304).

Gymnastics event

The Euro Stars Gymnastics club will host the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Rock Gymnastics Competition at Plymouth High School Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4. The first day of the competition will be a fun meet while Sunday's will be a competitive meet with level 4 through 10 gymnasts from throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana participating.

Whalers news

On selected Wednesdays throughout the Plymouth Whalers' season, Ginopolis on the Ice Restaurant, which is located inside the Compuware Sports Arena, will offer a special attraction to hockey fans. On Whalers Wednesdays, two Whalers will be available at the restaurant to sign autographs, pose for photos and mingle with guests.

Discounts will be given to children 12-and-under for the event. Ginopolis on the Ice proprietor Bob Bannatz is offering an additional discount on "Whalers Wednesdays."

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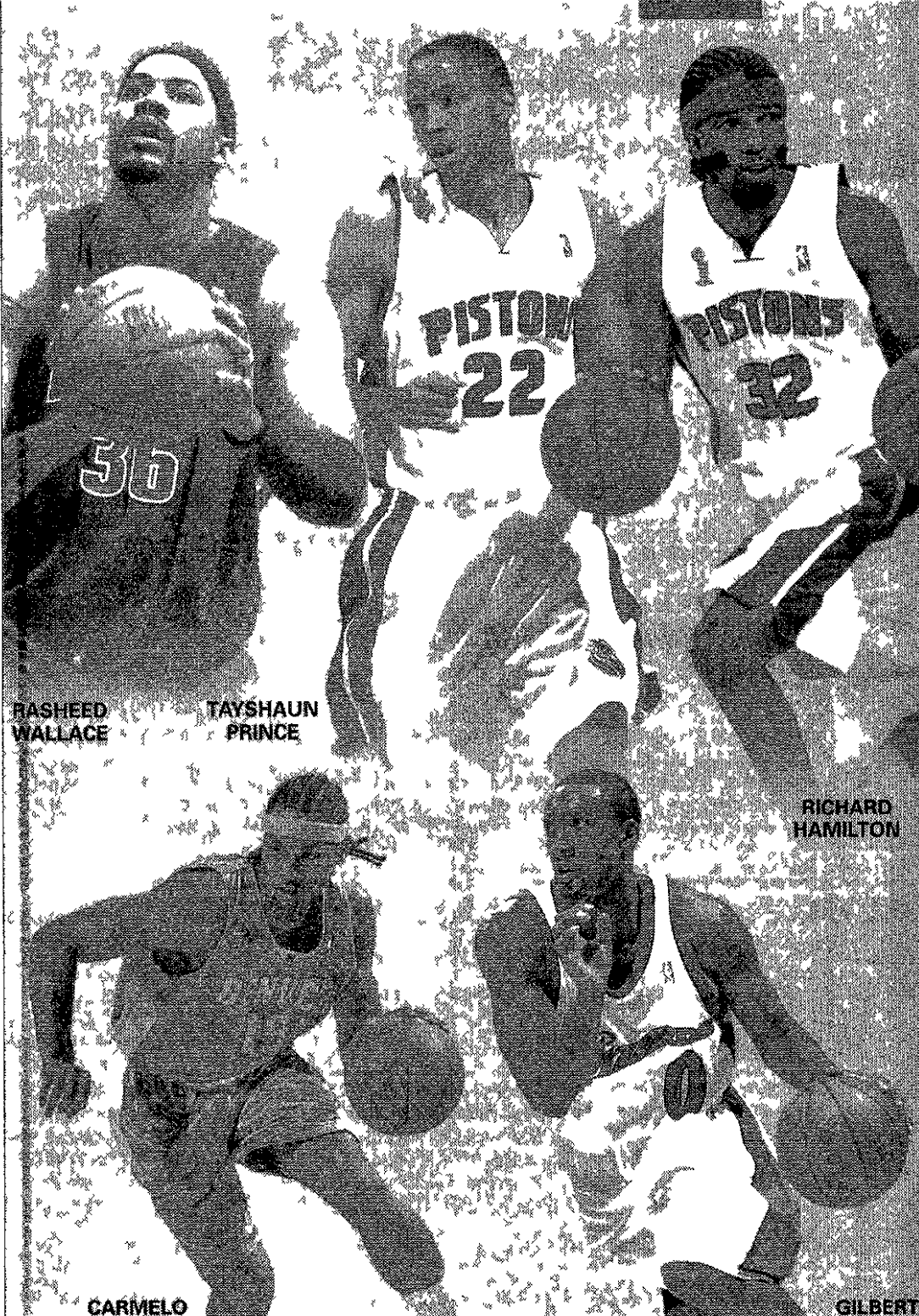
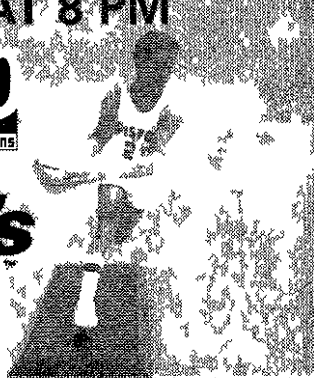
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WLAA regular-season standings

"I've never played on a team that showed more intensity and heart than this one," said Canton senior captain Lisa Ealy, who tallied nine of her 11 points in the pivotal second half. This game showed how a team is supposed to work. "Everybody stepped up when they had to. Marie Martin made a huge shot in the fourth quarter, Leslie Olech stepped up and played great defense, Lauren Delapaz made some big plays and Kelsy Zemanski hit a huge shot. I can't tell you how proud I am to be a part of this team."

During the game's early moments, it looked as though Canton was still riding the momentum it collected in Wednesday's 37-25 semifinal victory over Salem. The Chiefs jumped out to a 9-2 lead behind six points from Morton, but Novi came back to cut the lead to 11-8 after one quarter.

Houdek opened the second quarter with a long triple to put Canton up 14-8, but the resilient Wildcats battled back to narrow their deficit to 19-16 at the half. Novi senior forward Rachel Folino, who is taking her talents to Niagara University next year, scored seven of her team-high 13 points in the opening 16 minutes.

Ealy's put-back following an offensive rebound with 4:08 left in the third quarter extended Canton's lead to 26-20, but one minute later Morton was forced to the bench when she committed her fourth foul.

The Chiefs' largest lead of the second half came with 2:56 left in the third when Zemanski drained a pair of free throws to put Canton up, 28-20. Undeterred, Novi stormed back behind Folino and fellow senior Nicole Stephen to narrow the gap to 30-27 with eight minutes left.

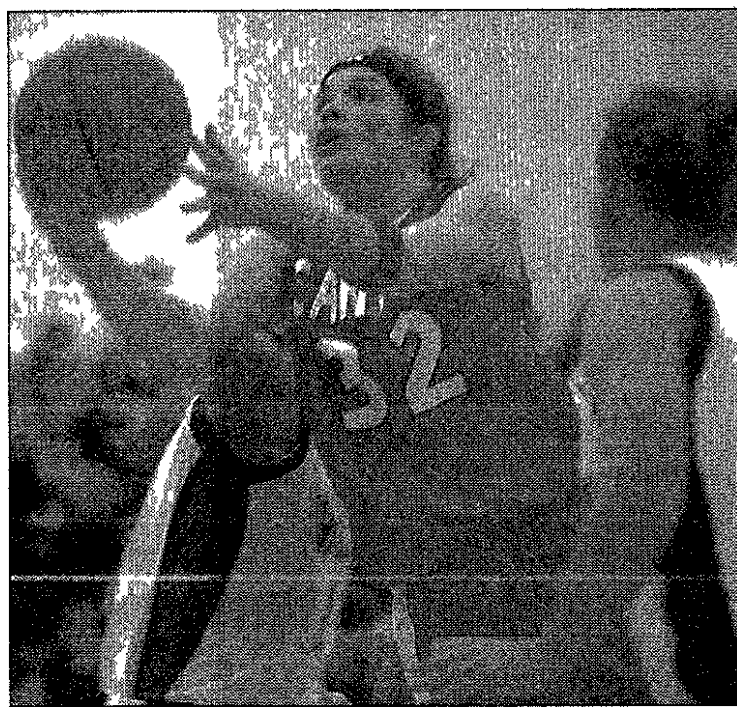
A few seconds after Houdek left the game with her injury, Martin hit a 15-foot jumper to give Canton a 32-27 lead. The Wildcats' Jessica Gasiorek answered one minute later when she swished a long three to cut the Chiefs' lead to 32-30.

With Canton leading 36-32 at the 4:21 mark, Morton re-entered the game, but she fouled out a few seconds later after fouling Taylor Graybiel, whose one-and-one basket brought the Wildcats to within 36-34.

Novi, which never led in the game, knotted the score at 38-38 on a pair of Stephanie Crawford free throws with 1:11 to play.

That set the stage for Zemanski, who calmly swished a wide-open 15-foot jumper with 41.3 seconds remaining to give her team a 40-38 lead. Zemanski struck again on the Wildcats' next possession when she intercepted a Novi pass with 28 seconds left.

"I was nervous, but I knew I had to shoot because nobody else was open," said Zemanski, recalling her game-winning basket. "On the steal, they had been running that same play all night, so I figured it was



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Canton's Lisa Ealy drives to the basket for two of her 11 points in Friday night's 41-38 victory over Novi.



The Chiefs celebrate their Division 1 district title a few minutes after upending Novi 41-38 Friday night.

about time we stopped it. "It was great tonight the way everybody stepped up with Becci and Janee out. Winning the district is a great feeling."

Ealy sealed the district title when she out-hustled the Wildcats for a rebound with 18 seconds left then managed to zip a pass to Delapaz, who moved it up court to Olech.

The closing seconds of the game bordered on bizarre. As Olech prepared to shoot her free throws, the Wildcats were whistled for a two-shot technical foul due to an illegal substitution. All of the players were ordered behind the half-court line except for Ealy, who split the two technical-foul shots to give Canton its final three-point advantage.

After Olech missed her second free throw, the Chiefs took the ball out-of-bounds. Ealy secured the in-bounds pass with 2.6 seconds left then pushed the ball up-court as the game-ending buzzer sounded.

Novi kept making pushes, but they never led, which says a lot for our kids," Samulski said. "They're a great team and they never quit."

Ealy finished with six rebounds to complement her 11 points. Morton also had 11 points despite her limited minutes.

Houdek netted nine points and five steals and Olech was solid, contributing four points and six boards.

Gasiorek and Crawford both finished with seven points for the Wildcats. Stephen netted five points and seven

CHIEFS' CLUTCH PLAYS

There were several key fourth-quarter plays in Canton's thrilling 41-38 victory over Novi Friday night. Here are the five biggest preceded by the time that was left when they occurred:

■ 7:05: Marie Martin cans 15-foot jumper to put Canton ahead 32-27. The shot comes seconds after Becci Houdek leaves game with injury.

■ 5:30: Leslie Olech buries baseline jumper to extend Canton's lead to 34-30.

■ 41.3 seconds: Kelsy Zemanski hits 15-foot jumper to give Canton 40-38 lead.

■ 28.0 seconds: Zemanski steals Novi pass with Canton leading 40-38.

■ 18.0 seconds: Lisa Ealy grabs rebound of Novi missed shot to help seal win.

rebounds in her final high school game.

Both teams handled their opponent's half-court pressure defenses well, committing just 11 turnovers each. Novi, which finished 15-8, out-rebounded Canton, 25-21.

Patriots excel under Mato's guidance

See All Observer Boys Golf Team on page B5

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

In his 13th season as coach, Steve Mato obviously didn't worry about any superstitions as he guided Livonia Franklin's boys golf team to new heights.

Mato's Patriots pulled off a big surprise by capturing their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association tournament after going 6-5 in dual meets.

Franklin also won the Livonia Public Schools Invitational for the first time in school history, along with the Western Wayne Invitational and Fellows Creek Cup.

"A majority of the players have been with me since their freshman year," said Mato, who was named Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff.

And this year the key was that they started believing in them-



Steve Mato
Coach of Year

selves. I knew they had the talent."

"We set a lot of goals at the beginning of the season and one was to be among the top three in the Western Lakes

(the Patriots were tied for second based on their dual and league meet finish). They went above and beyond those goals."

Mato also credits the team's 2005 success in part to his assistant coach, Kyle Gierada, a 1998 Westland John Glenn graduate who played at Wayne State University.

"Just having him around with me was a big help and the kids also took a liking to him," Mato said.

The 45-year-old Mato has been with the Livonia Public Schools for seven years and currently teaches Special Education at Riley Middle

School. Prior to that, Mato spent 22 years as Director of Golf at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton (where he still works part-time on Sundays).

After graduating from Glenn where he played baseball, the Eastern Michigan University alum began playing golf in college.

"I played for my PGA card a couple of times and missed, that's when I felt I was more suited for coaching," Mato said.

Franklin loses two All-Area players in seniors Steve South and Ryan Leidal, but the Patriots coach remains optimistic about the 2006 season thanks to the return of four players including WLAA medalist Austin Stillman and All-Division player Alex Chisholm, along with Justin Adams and Tony Semonick.

"We've got a core of kids who can step up and be competitive," Mato said. "I expect a lot out of next year's team."

Canton hoop captains get 'A's in team chemistry

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There were no test tubes beakers or lab coats anywhere to be found in the Wayne Memorial High School gymnasium on the night of Nov. 9, but there was some serious chemistry taking place.

Team chemistry. With their team facing a 13-point halftime deficit in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, Canton girls basketball chemists, er, captains Lisa Ealy, Leshe Olech, Kelsy Zemanski and Becci Houdek relied on the team chemistry they had established over the previous two seasons to help lead the Chiefs back to a memorable 32-29 victory over Walled Lake Central.

The on-court cohesiveness and strong leadership qualities the four some utilized along with their teammates in the face of adversity that night have been ongoing traits this season for the Chiefs, who have rode their captains strong play to a 19-4 record and district championship.

FOLLOW THE LEADERS

"All four captains — Lisa, Leslie, Kelsy and Becci — are all great leaders in their own way," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "But they all work together to make sure the team is in a position to win. If one of the captains or someone else on the team is down, the other three will do whatever they can to pick them back up again." "During halftime of the Walled Lake Central game, all of the captains remained positive. They kept saying, 'We can still win this. We can still win this.' And they're not only great basketball players and leaders — they're great kids, too."

The seeds of the friendship for Ealy, Houdek and Zemanski were planted six years ago when they played on the same premier soccer team. Olech and Zemanski — who live in the same Canton neighborhood — became fast friends in the sixth grade at Pioneer Middle School.

The first time all four captains came together on the same team was last fall when they helped lead the Chiefs to 18 victories and a Western



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Canton's four captains provide the team with a strong mix of chemistry and talent. Pictured (clockwise from left) are Kelsy Zemanski, Lisa Ealy, Leshe Olech and Becci Houdek.

Lakes Activities Association conference tournament title.

CLOSE ON COURT AND OFF

Probably the biggest reason they share good chemistry is because they're not just teammates — they're good friends.

"We hang out a lot together," Ealy said. "We go to (Canton) football games together on Fridays and sometimes we get together before our games and watch Disney movies. We have a lot of fun together."

The best thing about the team this year is that everyone gives it their all every minute they're in the game or at practice. A lot of people didn't think we'd be as good as we are this year because we lost Katie (Cezat). But I think we've exceeded expectations because of how hard we work and because we all work together.

Olech said each of the four captains' leadership styles vary.

"We all have different roles," the senior said. "I like to talk to the players who maybe aren't playing as much as they would like to and offer them encouragement." Becci and Lisa are

the more vocal leaders and Kelsy leads more by example."

When you've played and practiced together as much as the four Canton captains have, a sixth sense develops on the court.

"We know what the others are going to do in different situations," Zemanski said. "If one of us gets in trouble with the ball, we know where to look for the others."

I think we work well together because we've played together for so long," Houdek said.

They know what I'm thinking and I know what they're thinking.

DIVERSE SKILLS

While all four are outstanding leaders, they possess different strengths on the court. Ealy and Houdek — along with junior forward Ja'nee Morton — are the Chiefs' go-to players on the offensive end. Ealy entered this week's district tournament with a 12.2 points-per-game scoring average. She has also pulled down a team-high 7.2 rebounds per game. Houdek has proven to be



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multi-faceted, averaging 8.6 points, 4.4 assists, 4.2 steals, 5.0 rebounds and 1.5 blocks.

Olech averages five points and four rebounds a game, but her biggest asset is the defensive intensity she brings to the court.

Z (Zemanski) is great at pressuring the ball, Samulski said. "She doesn't get as many steals as Becci, but her ball

pressure leads to some of Becci's steals. We usually put 'Z' on the other team's top guard."

Although the season is winding down and the captains' time together grows shorter, they're all going to keep in touch down the road.

"It's going to be really sad once we play our final game together," Ealy said, "but I'm happy knowing that I got to play with them for the past couple of years. Becci will be a senior next year, so I'm sure we'll all come back and watch her play, just like last year's seniors have come back to watch us."

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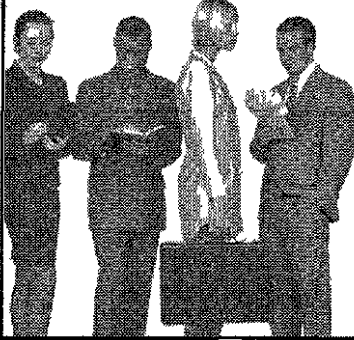
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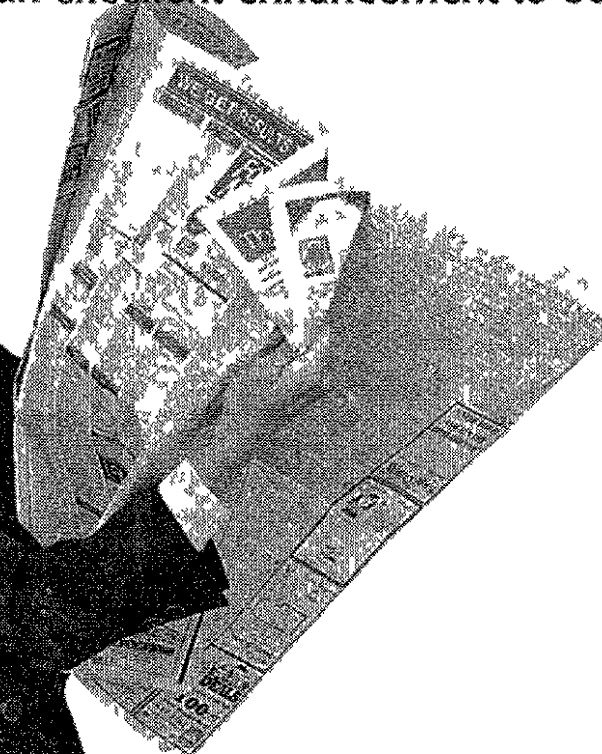
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Boys Golf team members shine on course, off

FIRST TEAM

Matt Talbot, Jr., Plymouth: Talbot earned a trip to the Division 1 state meet after shooting a solid 80 at the regional meet. The three-year letter winner sculpted a team-best 38.5 nine hole average while leading the Wildcats to a stellar season.

Matt put in more practice time than anybody on our team," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore. "Some nights he'd stay a couple hours after practice to work on his game, so this honor is well deserved."

"He's very accurate and he hits the ball a long way for his size too."

Tommy Lucko, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior co-captain and three-year letter winner averaged 37.2 for nine holes and sported an 18-hole tournament average of 76.6.

He was medalist in the Division I district tourney, winning in sudden death playoff after shooting a 69 at Whispering Willows.

Lucko shot 76 at both the Pinckney and Brighton invitationals along with an 80 at University of Michigan regional. He also shot 82 in the Western Lakes tourney.

"Tommy is the consummate golfer," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "He was very tough on himself wanting to excel for the betterment of the team."

Richard Wyman, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior co-captain and team MVP averaged 38.54 during the dual match season and 77.3 for 18-hole tournaments.

Wyman earned medalist honors an impressive 11 times out of 16 matches.

He tied for first in the Western Lakes tourney at Pheasant Run with a 73 and also shot a 1 under 72 to capture the Pinckney Invitational. Wyman also added a 77 each at both the Western Wayne and Huron Valley invitationals.

In the Division I district at Pontiac Country Club, Wyman shot an 85 to qualify for the regional at Dunham Hills in Hartland where he just missed the state cut by only three strokes with a 79.

"This season Richard not only improved his scoring average but learned to control his emotions and focus on being a positive force on the team," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said.

Mike Lawton, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior co-captain and three-year letter winner earned Churchill's MVP honors as he averaged 38.5 in nine-hole dual matches and 77 in 18-hole tournaments.

Lawton took third at the Division I district with a 72 and carded a 79 at the regional. He also tied for 14th at the Brighton Invitational (76) and fired a 79 at both the Pinckney Invitational and WLAA tourney (earning All Division honors).

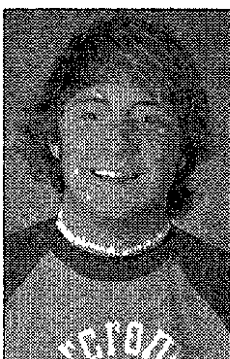
He was medalist in two dual matches and co-medalist in another during the regular season.

"Mike's demeanor was his strength as he showed great resolve and patience on the course which led to his consistent and excellent play this season," Worley said. "Mike's leadership and integrity will be missed."

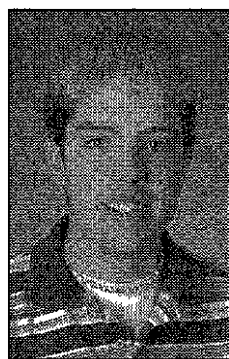
Steve South, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior averaged 39.3 per nine and earned All WLAA honors with a 75 at Pheasant Run.

At the Division I regional at U-M South fired a 78 and just missed qualifying for the state finals in a playoff. South added a 76 to lead Franklin at the district tournament and tied for third in the Western Wayne Invitational with a 72. He also shot a 73 at the Fellows Creek Cup.

"Steve had a great senior year," Franklin coach Steve Mato said.



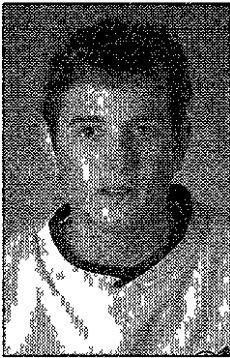
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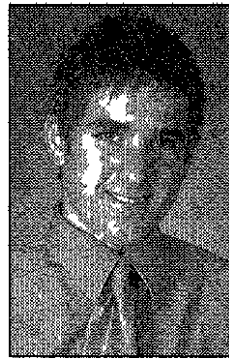
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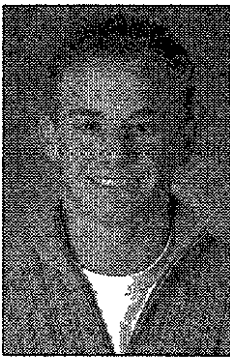
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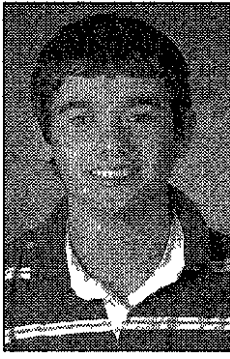
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He's a four-year varsity player and developed into a true number one guy. He's got great hands and a great short game. He really worked over the summer playing tournaments and developed some length on his drives. He's got an all-around good game.

Adam Grady, Sr., Salem: A transfer student from Redford Catholic Central, Grady was one of the Rocks' steadiest players, compiling a nine-hole stroke average of 40.5 and an 18-hole average of 79.5. The senior's best round of the season may have been the sizzling 79 he fired at the Division I district meet at Whispering Willows. Grady was one of the key components in the Rocks' late season run to the D1 state meet.

"Adam was a great teammate from the first day he joined our team after transferring," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "He was probably our most consistent player and he provided the team with a lot of valuable lead-

ership skills. I think he has the ability to play in college at a DII or DIII school."

SECOND TEAM

Eric Frankowicz Sr., Garden City: Consistent excellence was his trademark, said Cougars head coach Ron Pummill.

Frankowicz averaged 39.2 per nine, 81.6 per 18 and was team and match medalist four times each. Down the stretch, he registered an 80 at the U-M regional.

"He's been a pleasure, a four-year varsity player, one of the few ever at Garden City and all-league for three years," said Pummill, noting the player's ability to keep the ball in play.

Others might hit the ball longer off the tee, but Frankowicz is described as a "sneaky" hitter by his coach, averaging about 240 yards per drive.

Another example of his consistency, Frankowicz was the No. 2 golfer in the Mega White (regular season

and tournament play combined) for the third consecutive year.

Tyler Jelenewski, Soph., Salem: Only a sophomore, Jelenewski played a pivotal role on the Rocks' state qualifying squad. He compiled team best scoring averages of 40.0 (nine holes) and 79.5 (18) and he earned All Division honors at the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet.

"Tyler probably has the most game of anybody on our team," Wilson said. "He hits the ball a long way and he's solid from tee to green. He was one of the main reasons we made it to the state meet, and once he got there, he shot two rounds in the 70s, which was great."

Jimmy Vleck, Jr., Plymouth: Vleck had an eye-opening junior year, compiling stroke averages of 40.5 for nine holes and 78.0 for 18. His most impressive effort was a school record 69 in the Division I district tournament at Whispering Willows. He also owns the Wildcats' record for lowest nine-hole round (32).

Jimmy worked hard this past summer playing the junior tours with Matt Talbot. Moore said, "He's grown a lot since last year and he hits the ball a lot longer. He's one of those kids who always hits the ball in the fairway."

Travis Dodson, Jr., Garden City: Dodson made great strides in his junior season, averaging 38.3 per nine and 80.2 per 18 while nabbing all-league honors.

Travis had an awesome year," Pummill said. "He just pounded it off the tee."

But the fact he drives the ball more than 250 yards is only one rea-

son why he was a team and match medalist three times each or was the fourth best Mega White golfer (regular season and tournament play combined).

Pummill said Dodson is a complete player who manages his way around courses. He has a really good short game.

Dodson capped off his year by shooting 79 at the league tournament 76 at the districts and 87 at the U-M regional.

Ryan Leidal, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior averaged 39.8 per nine and was consistent throughout the year, shooting a 79 at the U-M regional 82 at the WLAA tourney and 79 at the Western Wayne Invitational.

His only high score was an 88 at the district tourney.

Ryan's the Rodney Dangerfield of our team," Mato said. "He's never won a tourney, but he shoots a solid number every time out."

I never had to throw his score out. He doesn't have the prettiest swing, but his swing is real effective. Just a nice kid, too."

Matt Howe, Sr., Garden City: The third member of the Cougars to make the second team, Howe (No. 7 in the Mega White) earned team and match medalist honors four teams each while averaging 39.4 per nine.

Howe also an all-league team member, finishing off his season in style by shooting 84 at the districts and 79 at the regionals at U-M.

In addition to his steady play, Pummill cited Howe for providing team leadership that helped the Cougars capture the division championship.

His determination and leader-

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ship from a team standpoint really helped us have the season we had," Pummill said.



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Penguins fly high in opener, 10-0

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BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls high school hockey team picked up where it left off last year when it humbled Farmington Hills Mercy, 10-0, Tuesday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The game was the season-opener for both teams.

"It's always nice to start the season with a win," said Penguins' coach Lori Callahan, whose team finished third last year in the Metro Michigan Girls High School Hockey League with a 14-5-1 record. "We lost our two pre-season scrimmage games, 3-2 and 4-2,

to Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, so we needed this win to fuel our confidence."

The Penguins led 2-0 after one period and 7-0 after two. Sophomore goal-keeper Kristie Kowalski notched the shutout and recording six last season. Offensively, PCS was paced by senior defenseman Kelli Bargowski, who netted three goals. Emily Patton, Adrienne Cercone and Kristen Schwan all found the back of the net twice for the winners. Freshman Kelsey Nikkila also scored a goal for the Penguins.

Earning multiple assists were sophomore Ashley LaBlanc (three), Nikkila (two) and Amy Coleman (two). Patton and Nikkila spearheaded the Penguins' victory by scoring first-period goals

Crusaders' title hopes dashed, 1-0

Madonna University's successful women's season ended Friday with a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Concordia University (Ore.), in the second round of the 2005 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship in Olathe, Kan.

Concordia's Samantha Smith scored on a header past Crusaders goalkeeper Brittany Cervi (Canton) in the 76th minute of the match to break a scoreless tie and enable the No. 8 Cavaliers (18-4-0) to reach Saturday's quarterfinal against top-seeded Martin Methodist College (Tenn.), 22-1 overall.

The Crusaders were outshot in the match, 14-4. Ashley Stoychoff and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year Kelly Japowicz had the only shots on goal for the Crusaders. Other shots were taken by Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) and Tessa Adkins-Caitlin Boyak (Stevenson). Cervi served a yellow card, one of 15 fouls by the Crusaders to Concordia's 13.

Concordia had five corner kicks to MU's three. Cervi made a total of four saves for the Crusaders, while

Kali Smith posted the shutout in goal for Concordia MU, the No. 9-seeded team and an at-large qualifier, finished the season with a record of 16-2-4. Other Saturday quarterfinal matchups had No. 12 Westmont, Calif. (11-3-3) vs No. 4 Houghton, N.Y. (20-0-1), No. 3 Azusa Pacific, Calif. (17-0-4) vs No. 6 Simon Fraser, Wash. (11-4-3), and No. 7 Lee, Tenn. (18-4) vs No. 2 Graceland, La. (15-2-2).

The semifinals will be 6 and 8 p.m. Monday followed by the championship match 7 p.m. Tuesday (CST).

Short-handed Ocelots oust Rochester

Despite three starters out for disciplinary reasons, Schoolcraft College rolled to a 98-45 men's basketball victory Wednesday night over the visiting Rochester College JV squad.

"We had some guys come late to practice and not doing their schoolwork," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "They weren't doing what they were supposed to do and you can't change your philosophy as far as doing the things you're supposed to do."

Guard Darryl Garrett, a transfer from Eastern Michigan, led the Ocelots (3-0) with 17 points.

Derrick Coleman and Wallace Hall added 15 points apiece, while James Davis and Donnell Patterson finished with 14 and 12, respectively. Jarred Axon finished with 11.

Schoolcraft outrebounded the Rochester JV, 40-19, as Coleman, a transfer from Oakland University, grabbed a team-high nine Davis, the 7-footer from Minneapolis

(Minn.) North, added six. Marcus Jenkins dished out six assists, while Hall finished with three steals.

The Ocelots shot 57.3 percent from the floor (39-of-68), including 7-of-17 from three-point range.

Schoolcraft was 13-of-19 from the foul line (68.4 percent).

Rob Fragoso (Catholic Central) paced the Rochester JV, which trailed 50-14 at half-time, with 11 points. Steve Steucher added 10.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WRESTLING CLUB

Practice for Salem's 2006 Team Chippewa begins Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Salem High School wrestling room. Team Chippewa will be participating in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) season, which begins in January. Registration for the team is free. Kids 15 and under are eligible to compete.

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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 1-4 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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GCYBSA NEWS

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Mail-in and walk-in registration for the GCYBSA's 2006 campaign will begin Jan. 16 at the Summit on the Park and the Canton Sports Center. Two general mass registrations will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and on Sunday, March 12, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Summit.

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GET TO KNOW ME

SBF 39, 5'6" provides care for the elderly. N/S loves action mystery and suspense movies. Seeking man 25-45 for friendship possible romance. ☎853842

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SWF 42. *Anes smoker never married* looking for companion ship. Seeking good hearted hard working SWM 30-50. ☎819435

LIKES TO HAVE FUN

SWF 40-52 125lbs Sagittarius N/S very sexy seeks SWM 38-40 smoker with no children and no trouble in his life. ☎836662

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

SWF 57 N/S seeks intelligent kind hearted young at heart WM 57-68 N/S who enjoys traveling camping boating (Great Lakes or ocean) music book stores and laughter. ☎759907

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy. Need the attention of a WM 65-75 enjoys everything easy to please. So hurry up and call me! ☎449585

DOWN-TO-EARTH HOMEBOY

SBF 37 5'10" single mom of 2 nice smile hard-working N/S seeks teddy-bear type SBM 37-42 N/S kids + for friendship maybe LTR. ☎848200

READY FOR CHANGE

SBF 37 5'9" 170lbs no children N/S outgoing trustworthy fun loving seeks SM 31-52 for new adventures quality time and LTR. ☎844970

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF, 43 N/S, would like to meet an outgoing friendly non-smoking man 35-53, who likes outdoors bicycling walking family. ☎115795

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF 58 5'3", 170lbs attractive intelligent, creative articulate, seeks SWM 57-73 who is kind-hearted articulate who enjoys dancing walking traveling movies, dining out. ☎812098

SOULMATE SEARCH

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

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty, blue-eyed blonde 55 plus-sized warm and bright seeks intelligent handsome man for dating Troy area. ☎827007

LIKE HAVING FUN?

SF 5 112lbs blonde/green looking for a romantic guy 20-25 who is tall handsome nice and knows how to treat a lady. ☎845044

HI

SBF 48 Aries N/S, seeks man 45-60, who loves movies plays and dining out. Lets spend some time together. ☎853245

SLIM AND PETITE

Easilygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bidge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then. ☎271793

GOOD MAN WANTED

Attractive SBF marriage-minded 5'6" average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks BM 40-51 N/S to enjoy life and more. ☎692032

RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 5'5" average build enjoys church family shopping much more. Looking for SBM 43-47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman. ☎408635

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE

Active sociable SWF 44 5'4" size 10 Auburn/green mother home/business owner enjoys horror for eign films Middle Eastern cuisine the beach reading dancing cycling Seeking romantic sociable happy man open to life/love. ☎746704

VERY OLD-FASHIONED

Widowed BF 58 185lbs would like to meet a very nice man to be my good companion. ☎837276

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 33-50. ☎481293

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE

SF 47 years young 55 very out going loves family fun life. Would like to spend time with someone 40-60 who loves jazz concerts movies dinners weekend get-aways. ☎208051

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

Are you a big tall handsome man? DWF 47 very attractive lov ing fun seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

A KIND HEART

SBF 56 mother enjoys dining in/ out swimming horseback riding camping picnics Seeking socia ble honest, fun employed man N/S to share happiness friend-ship and possible LTR. ☎780769

FORMER MODEL

SWF 50 5'6" slender intelligent ce creativity passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50 who is attractive and fit to share this interests and more. ☎600106

59 YEARS

OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty charming SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere caucasian gentlemen 55-80 please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

WILDFLOWER

SWF 63 5'6" average build Aries N/S enjoys dancing dining out seeks WM 58-75 N/S with a sense of humor for friendship possible romance. ☎720594

TALL BRUNETTE

SWF 51 marriage-minded N/S has a great smile likes romantic comedies music plays outdoors seeks SWM 49-60 N/S for LTR. ☎790785

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Refined full of life easilygoing well dressed professionally employed affectionate romantic, kind early very youthful 60s 5'3" feminine shapely, fit enjoys dining travel music theatre dancing family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated college graduate gentleman over 50s N/S with a youthful pas sion for life. Sincere replies only. ☎652360

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid-50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar inter ests. I love jogging walks con certs quiet evenings. ☎574342

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving attractive SWCF 74 trim fun N/D N/S homebody type seeks lasting friendship and happi-ness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Lets talk! ☎794040

GREAT COMPANION

SF 65 looks 55 5'2" unique bright w/many talents and inter ests. I'm well traveled very attrac tive health conscious. How about you? Seeking non smoking coun terpart. ☎270 ☎633527

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68 5'2" long dark brown/ brown N/S N/D with positive atti tude enjoys leisurely drives mov ies and dining out. Seeking man 58-75 for LTR. ☎689606

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 5'6" enjoys blues animals gardening home-owner no kids. Seeking SM 5'10" N/S social drinker for LTR. ☎548938

GOOD LOOKER

Positive caring easilygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger) N/S not into bars enjoys jazz old school mus ic and fun times. Seeking special secure man 48-60 N/S for laugh ter good times and LTR. ☎725001

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S loves music and dancing stays physically active would like to hear from friendly hon est man 56-68 N/S. ☎672174

CALL ME

Attractive charming ex business woman 60 loves movies plays concerts dining dancing travel ing financially comfortable gour met. ☎743556

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF 55 enjoys dancing and all types of music likes working with animals seeks good-natured single man 44-60. ☎742466

I WON'T GO BREAKING

your heart SWF 19 5'7" long blonde hair N/S loves baseball. Seeking WM 19-22 N/S also into sports to hang out with. ☎757592

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF 53 5'9" brown/ brown N/S nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating swim ming and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM 50-62 with similar interests. ☎759316

MUST BE SWEET

SBF 27 likes bowling movies long walks concerts dancing din ing more. Hoping to meet a sin cere sweet honest BM 26-40 to share happiness with. ☎839851

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF 61 5'4" aver age build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf. Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companion ship. ☎962703

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF 30 5'5" 240lbs N/S N/D no kids employed Seeking nice look ing SM 20-35 who kids N/S for friendship possibly more. ☎534802

HOMEBOY

SBF 63 5'8" 155lbs retired (but does work part time) very honest and caring. Scorpio N/S seeks BM 58-65 honest and caring. ☎553674

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship. Lets cre ate sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three 37 loves family outdoors biking barbe ques cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF 30-45 to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful easilygoing SWM 46 likes movies concerts boating. Seeking attractive SWF 40s-50s, with a lively spirit good sense of humor friendly positive outlook. ☎642092

TIME FOR A CHANGE?

SWPM 58 brown/blue fit en joys biking jogging being out doors music movies reading concerts good conversation be ing with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF 28-44 who is passionate about life. ☎611391

MUSCULAR GUY

SWM 46 6'2" 209lbs brown/ blue college grad enjoys working reading travel dancing sports. Seeking outgoing SF with similar interests for friendship and more. ☎431926

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE

SWM 58 5'10" 175lbs N/S employed business manager kind considerate seeks SF 50+ N/S who enjoys the simple things in life. Race unimportant. Wood land Beach MI. ☎506600

WHAT'S UP, LADIES?

SBM 26 5'10" 180lbs athletic Libra N/S independent training to be a truck driver seeks woman 22-34. ☎53741

LOOK ME UP

SM 23 likes music reading writ ing quiet walks relaxing at home ISO nice creative cute affection ate girl to share good times dates, talks and fun. Possible LTR. ☎854991

SHARE THE FUN

SM 34 driver enjoys family time playing sports hockey playing pool fine dining good movies. W/LTM a nice woman who likes the same. Friendship first possibly more later on. ☎854879

TRY ME

SM 23 6'4" 155lbs works con struction likes bowling bars time with friends. Looking for honest sexy SF tanned A+ to get to know date and the who knows? ☎854896

HOPE YOU'RE THE ONE

SBM 23 5'8" 130lbs N/S no kids hazel brown black hair dark com plexion loves comedy films. Seeking sweet reliable understanding kind hearted down-to-earth good wo man to share friendship fun laughs, possible LTR. ☎855494

SMILE WITH ME

I'm a tall professional SJM 51 fit handsome Seeking fit affection ate SJF under 45 who is smart monogamous down-to-earth for LTR. ☎829549

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM 40s 6' 175lbs N/S home-owner auto worker easilygoing honest and secure enjoys hunting Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50 N/S D/D free comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes. ☎798519

A GENTLEMAN

SWM 39 N/S works in the con struction business interested in sports art likes to have a lot of laughs seeks SWF 27-37. ☎808365

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent self-sufficient DWM 45 sturdy build carpenter sociable affectionate likes boating walks drives cycling cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

HANDSOMELY HUMBLE

SBPM 43 5'11" 215lbs H/W pro portionate respectful gentleman looking for professional SF 30-45 N/S for LTR. ☎578139

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE

WM 62 220lbs loves working out dining out sports more. Looking for an attractive WF 33-45 for dating possibly leading to more. ☎853146

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND

SWPM 44 5'7" dark hair mous tache father of one loves children outdoors. Seeking SWF 35-46 to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. ☎266345

WELL, HELLO

SM very young-looking 50 5'7" 180lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D-free easilygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF 40-55 200 350lbs. ☎597126

MAN WITH PIZZAZZ

Sincere affectionate SWM 40s clear mind fit body enjoys artsy cultural events outdoor activities seeking witty pretty SWF 35-55 for friendship and possible rela tionship. ☎517123

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open. ☎547524

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easilygoing agreeable cute SWM 40s eager to please willing to try new things seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF for dating and relating. ☎210772

SOFT-SPOKEN

HM 35 5'6" 170lbs muscular build very open and honest has strong family values. Want to meet a smart energetic female 18-40 who know what she wants. ☎842238

SWM DESIRES SBF

Call me if you desire a nice shape blue eyed blonde 50-year old 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

CUTE TEDDY BEAR

SWM 29 5'6" 180lbs a lot of curly brown hair looking for SWF 21-35 who likes to talk and is a night owl. ☎836249

LET'S TALK

SBM 37 6'3" Gemini smoker likes to fish bowl hunt seeks nice SWF 37-45 who wants to talk and have fun. ☎840203

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Good looking friendly SWM 41 5'11" 180lbs no children N/S, easilygoing enjoys movies music travel dining. Seeking very attractive pretty SH/A/WF 28-39 friendship, possible relationship. ☎760359

LET'S TRY IT OUT

Just call this friendly social easilygoing SWM 40s humorous opti mist seeks kind sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. ☎513284

SHARE THE SUNSET

SWM 47 6'1" 210lbs N/S reli gious likes to do things outdoors seeks SWF 38-54 N/S who likes to have fun and enjoy life. ☎781471

ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY

SWM 46 5'10" athletic build Libra smoker enjoys walks on the beach cabin getaways, wants to meet SWF 39-48, for friendship possible romance. ☎836810

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY

SWPM 49 tall dark/dark N/Drugs N/S seeks attractive sen sitive kind-hearted good natured SF 42-52 N/S N/Drugs who enjoys home cooked meals nights on the town or home for dating possible LTR. ☎765893

NEED 2 BE TREATED LIKE A LADY?

I'm your man DWM 49 6' 190lbs easilygoing fun loving seeks romance with 30-50 year-old woman. Don't miss your oppor tunity to be treated the way you deserve. ☎781311

LET'S TALK!

SM 47 employed secure easy going fun loving homeowner enjoys sorts weightlifting fishing boating keeping active. Seeking health conscious energetic with similar qualities and interests. ☎818838

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

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

LOOKING FOR WHAT

I've been missing SWM 32 6' 195lbs brown/hazel good-look ing Libra N/S loves to keep fit. Seeking woman 18-60 N/S. ☎846777

WELL-BALANCED MAN

Emotionally/physically healthy SWM 52 Sagittarius N/S enjoys travel weekend getaways theater concerts bicycle riding and karaoke. Seeking WF 38-54 N/S. ☎848173

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM 48 6'2" 209lbs brown/ blue degreed outgoing personali ty enjoys outdoors workout new activities seeks friendly SF age/location open. ☎531308

GREET AND MEET

SWM 50, looks young fit active enjoys fishing, picnics water sports. Seeking easilygoing friendly light hearted SWF age open. ☎241526

ARE YOU OUTDOORSY?

SM 35 6' 180lbs athletic build enjoys biking rollerblading and more outdoor activities. Looking for a female 30-40 H/W proportionate for dating. ☎750433

WEST SIDE GUY

Easilygoing SWPM 46 brown/ brown tall slim, enjoys arts mu seums outdoors more. Seeking slim WF 35-47 for summertime fun and LTR. ☎749445

ROMANTIC BIKER

SWM 40 6'1" 155lbs brown/ hazel N/S loves the beach shoot ing guns and dining out. Seeking woman 18-45, for friendship pos sibly leading to more. ☎758605

EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM 56 who enjoys keeping in touch with cur rent events heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Lets meet over coffee and see what devel ops. ☎259844

CUTE & CUDDLY

Nice SWM 50s with wisdom wit and warmth can be fun charming helpful and who knows what else would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. ☎478746

ADVENTUROUS

SWM 41 seek SF to become friends maybe more. She must be smart have SOH I love friends family, music life. If you want to share these please call. ☎595394

SENSE OF HUMOR!

Attractive SBM 6 220lbs N/S occasional drinker 40-ish very laid-back and family oriented likes din ner movies and going to Canada. Seeking SF 20-45 race open H/W proportionate for friendship possi ble LTR. ☎822912

KIND OF QUIET

Tall easilygoing BM 51 would like to meet a WF 45-65. I enjoy the park sports and more. Call me soon. ☎843175

Winners: Lady Ocelots impress in Owens Tourney

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Hitting shots from the floor at a record-shattering pace, Schoolcraft College won last weekend's Tip-Off Classic Women's Basketball Tournament in Toledo, Ohio

Connecting on nearly 60 percent of their shots over the weekend, the Lady Ocelots routed the Ohio State University Club Team 95-53 on Nov 11. They came back the next day to win the tourney championship with a 100-70 drubbing of Owens Community College.

Schoolcraft's field-goal clip of 59.3 percent against OSU Club (38 of 64) broke the school record of 58.1 percent. The Lady Ocelots eclipsed the old mark on Saturday, too, making 58.4 percent from the floor (38 of 65) including six of 17 three-point attempts, said SC assistant coach Marty Simmonds.

"I'd love to think we'll be shooting the ball well" all season, said Simmonds. "It's a good start. This team probably will shoot about 40 to 45 percent."

The hot shooting helped the Lady Ocelots break out to 46-29 halftime advantage.

Leading the SC barrage against OSU Club (1-1) was sophomore guard Tomica Hodge, who made seven of 10 field goal tries and finished with 18 points.

Chipping in with 17 points (six of 11 from the floor) was sophomore forward Charlese Greer, who led the Lady Ocelots with six rebounds.

Also in double figures were sophomore guard Mikko Williams (14 points), freshman forward Maricka Seay (14 points on a seven-for-seven night from the floor) and freshman forward LaShanda Thomas (11 points).

Briggs sits down trio, Ocelots roll

Despite three starters out for disciplinary reasons, Schoolcraft College rolled to a 98-45 men's basketball victory Wednesday night over the visiting Rochester College JV squad.

MEN'S HOOPS

"We had some guys come late to practice and not doing their schoolwork," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "They weren't doing what they were supposed to do and you can't change your philosophy as far as doing the things you're supposed to do."

Guard Darryl Garrett, a transfer from Eastern Michigan, led the Ocelots (3-0) with 17 points.

Derrick Coleman and Wallace Hall added 15 points apiece, while James Davis and Donnell Patterson finished with 14 and 12, respectively. Jarred Axon finished with 11.

Schoolcraft outrebounded the Rochester JV, 40-19, as Coleman, a transfer from Oakland University, grabbed a team-high nine. Davis, the 7-footer from Minneapolis (Minn.) North, added six.

Marcus Jenkins dished out six assists, while Hall finished with three steals.

The Ocelots shot 57.3 percent from the floor (39-of-68), including 7-of-17 from three-point range. Schoolcraft was 13-of-19 from the foul line (68.4 percent).

Rob Fragoso (Catholic Central) paced the Rochester JV, which trailed 50-14 at halftime, with 11 points. Steve Steucher added 10.

Rochester JV made only 29.1 percent from the field (14-of-48), including only 3-of-18 from beyond the arc (16.6 percent), to go with 53.3 percent from the foul line (14-of-24).

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Hitting all seven of her shots from the floor was freshman forward Maricka Seay (14 points).

Schoolcraft then improved to 2-0 on the young season against Owens (1-2), following the same recipe for success.

It was 49-27 at the break, again thanks to field-goal pro-

iciency and solid defense which Simmonds said contributed to a number of turnovers and transition baskets.

Greer scored 25 points, along with seven boards, while Williams hit seven of eight from the floor on the way to a 16-point game.

Thomas helped out with 15 points and seven assists and Seay pulled down 10 rebounds while dropping in eight points

Contributing 10 points was freshman center Lauren Braun.

IND WESLEYAN 86, MADONNA 38 In the MCC WHAC Challenge Friday in Marion, Ind., host Indiana Wesleyan (7-0) handed Madonna University (3-3) its worst defeat of the season.

Brooke Amstutz led Indiana Wesleyan with 14 points off the bench. Liz Howarth and Stephanie Culp added 12 and 11, respectively. Indiana Wesleyan shot a blistering 66 percent from the floor (33-of-50)

and 17 of 24 from the foul line (70.8 percent).

Stephanie Childs scored a team high 11 for the Crusaders, who trailed 46-20 at intermission.

MU made just 13-of-45 shots from the floor (28.8 percent) to go along with 24 turnovers.

Schoolcraft's Charlese Greer lifted the Schoolcraft women's basketball team to a pair of wins in the Owens (Ohio) Classic.



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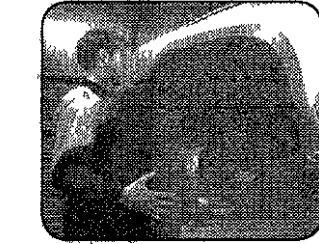
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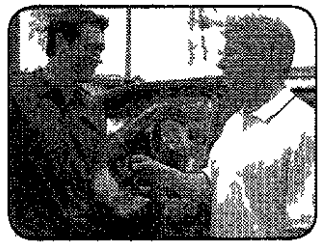
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L.J. McCulloch

Talking out problems does help

I think everyone has had this experience — You are distressed about something and think, "If only I could talk to someone" In this scenario, you happen across a friend who perceives your distress and says, "Is something troubling you? Just by being asked, you feel some relief Then you talk You "spill your guts"

Recently I worked with David Kesler, who worked with Mother Teresa and Elizabeth Kuebler-Ross, experts in listening He recently authored a book called *On Grief and Grieving*, further describing how he thinks talking helps

He said there is something about taking the inner thoughts of your mind and speaking them out loud to another person that helps put things in order and gives structure to shapeless, unspoken thoughts

Sigmund Freud was first to coin the term "talk therapy" In the field of mental health today, there are many varieties of "talk therapy" Behavioral therapy, cognitive therapy, gestalt therapy, hypnosis, exposure therapy, life coaching, counseling, and eye movement desensitization therapy are but a few examples Many of these forms of therapy are presented by their practitioners under the generic term of "psychotherapy" This can be confusing

However, these various forms of "treatment" have some things in common They intend to use talking and listening in order to help a person in distress to feel better They utilize a person-to-person relationship towards this goal They all hope to "lighten the load" of the distressed person and they all share the belief that "two heads are better than one" when it comes to solving problems

I think that a helpful, distinct description of "psychotherapy" is needed and can be helpful to people considering entering into "talk therapy" From my experience, I think that psychotherapy is a professional, working relationship between two people The patient is motivated to seek out the psychotherapist because of distress

Typically this distress will be in the form of anxiety or depression The goal of the talking and listening together in psychotherapy is to help the distressed person learn more about him or herself, including the underlying conflicts of his or her deeper, personal experiences of themselves It will eventually become the task of the patient, or learner, to utilize what is gained in psychotherapy outside of the therapeutic room and the psychotherapeutic relationship to solve his/her own life problems

In psychotherapy, as defined above, there is a beginning phase, a middle phase, and an end or termination phase The beginning is characterized by the establishment of rapport between two human beings and the emergence of a therapeutic relationship

Throughout the middle phase, strides are made to identify personal patterns or styles of life including conscious and unconscious origins, motivations, or "ingredients" which contribute to distress

If you are considering getting help, you may want to ask if the therapy will resemble the description of psychotherapy above, increasing self-knowledge, utilization of same to solve one's problems and stages of a beginning phase, middle phase and termination phase

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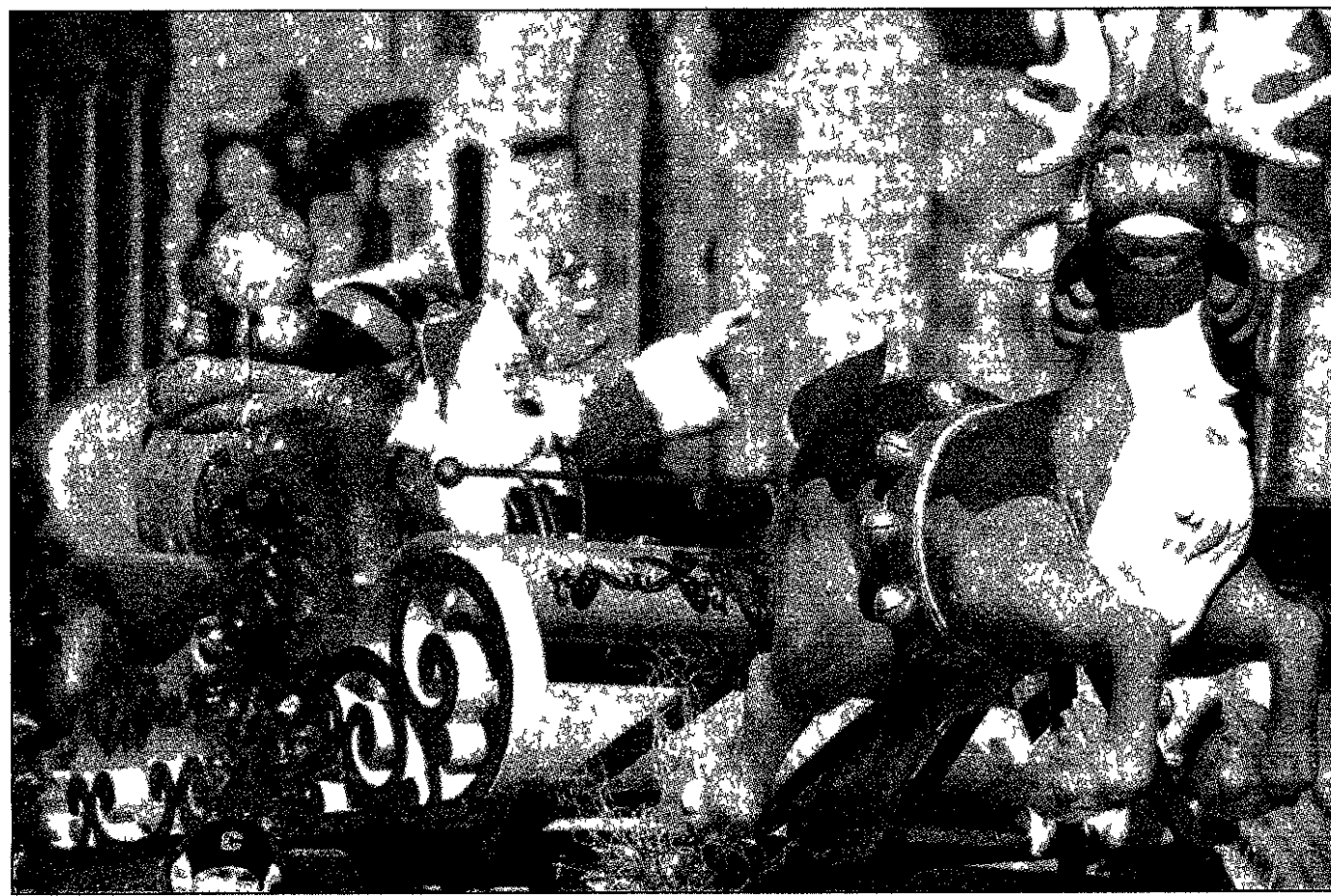
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Love a parade

Volunteers keep floats rolling out for Thanksgiving tradition



Santa Claus waves to the crowd at the Thanksgiving Day Parade down Woodward

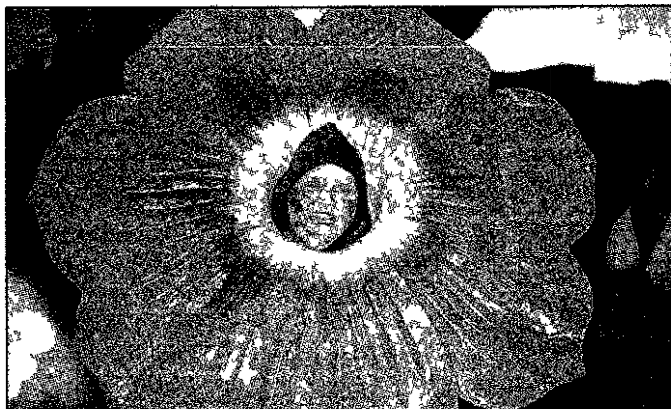
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN *STAFF WRITER

Thursday is going to be a long day for Denise Zinkvach, but she doesn't mind If the Canton resident can make just one child smile as they watch the Thanksgiving Parade floats rolling down Woodward Avenue, she will be happy "It's the effect on the adults and children When you see the children's faces it's worth getting up at 3:30 a.m." said Zinkvach, who will be unit marshal for the float her husband Mark walks alongside The Good Ship Lollipop is sponsored by Northwest Airlines for which he is an employee During the year the couple works at events hosted by The Parade Company, the Detroit-based nonprofit which produces America's Thanksgiving Parade

A lot of work goes on before the 79-year-old tradition rolls out at 10 a.m. Some 4200 volunteers are needed to put on the parade every year — among them Dance Electric from Farmington Hills Although the young dancers won't be in the parade this year, they performed at the Parade Preview Party on Nov. 3

"There are a lot of meetings and a week ago I had to dress as a Munchkin and do a fashion show of new costumes The cat walk was a yellow brick road from the Wizard of Oz We had 21 brownies at the

PLEASE SEE PARADE, C2



Livonia resident Theresa Zakrewski has been everything from a flower to a turkey in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit



Redford resident Bob Waite is a volunteer with The Parade Company In past years, he has performed as a clown in the Thanksgiving Day Parade In addition to volunteering with The Parade Company, he clowns for various charities Once a year, he puts on his makeup to appear with the Royal Hanneford Circus to raise money for nonprofits

'I have six children and I'm making Thanksgiving dinner. I put in the turkey before I leave and then they take over. I've done this in all kinds of weather. It's the interaction with the people that keeps me going.'

Theresa Zakrewski

Walter Reuther's daughter carries on his liberal tradition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER *STAFF WRITER

What: Elisabeth Reuther Dickmeyer talks about her father, the late UAW president Walter Reuther, sponsored by the Livonia Historical Society
When: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28
Where: Livonia Senior Center, Card Room, Farmington Road, south of Five Mile
Cost: Free and open to the public

Elisabeth Reuther Dickmeyer was 22 when her parents, Walter and May Reuther, were killed May 9, 1970 The small plane they were flying in crashed on approach to the Pellston Airport killing the Reuthers and three others

At the time Reuther, then president of the UAW, was the best known labor leader in the country and a leading advocate for liberal causes Officially the crash was attributed to a faulty altimeter that caused the pilot to misjudge his altitude for a safe landing

Dickmeyer believes that the crash was no accident and that her father's liberal activism made

him a target for right wing enemies

"The findings of the investigation were never revealed," she said "There was an article in *The New York Times* that said no sabotage was found in the crash, but at my age I knew there was sabotage I made a vow that I would follow through and find the truth about the accident"

The accident is just a small part of her memoir about her father, *Putting the World Together My Father Walter Reuther The Liberal Warrior*, first published in 1989 and revised and expanded in 2004 Dickmeyer will discuss her book 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Livonia Historical Society meeting at the Livonia Senior Central Card Room, Farmington

Road just south of Five Mile Road The talk is free and open to the public Her book can be ordered for \$20 plus shipping through the Web site www.puttingtheworldtogether.com

At her modest older home in Lake Orion, Dickmeyer talks about her father's accomplishments with a sense of awe

"Many people today don't realize what my father did," she said "For one thing, he gave President Roosevelt the idea of 500 planes a day that transformed Detroit's auto plants into the Arsenal of Democracy during World War II He gave President Kennedy the idea of the Peace Corps He was



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Elisabeth Reuther Dickmeyer at her home in Lake Orion

PLEASE SEE TRADITION, C3

Many teens are in violent relationships

Twenty-five years ago, violence programs addressed high school students. Eventually, presenters found that teens were as tied to violent relationships as married couples. Presenters heard stories of date rape, emotional abuse, explosive jealousy and control by boyfriends.

The fact is that an estimated 28 percent of young people experience violence in a dating relationship, about the same rate as adult domestic violence. It happens in all communities, regardless of ethnicity or class, whether urban, suburban or rural. Lesbian and gay teens experience violence in intimate relationships at about the same rate as heterosexual teens do.

The National Center for Victims of Crime at the United States Department of Justice further defines the problem:

- Approximately 1 in 5 high school girls reports being abused by a boyfriend
- 40 percent of teenage girls ages 14-17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend
- 50 percent to 80 percent of teens report knowing someone involved in a violent relationship
- 33 percent of teenage girls report experiencing physical violence at the hands of a dating partner
- Young women ages 16-24 experience



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

ence the highest rates of relationship violence

- Date rape accounts for almost 70 percent of the sexual assaults reported by adolescent and college age women. 38 percent of those women are between 14 and 17 years old

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

- Victims may remain in an abusive relationship for many reasons including fear of the perpetrator, self-blame, minimization of the crime, loyalty or love for the perpetrator, social or religious stigma, or lack of understanding
- Sexual assault victims experience more anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide than non-victims
- Initial reactions to rape and sexual assault include anger, depression, embarrassment and guilt
- If you suspect your daughter is in an abusive relationship, here is a simple set of questions developed by the Texas Women's and Gender Equality Resource Center at Texas A&M University (www.tamu.edu/women/genderequality)
 - Does your partner have a quick temper?
 - Are you afraid to disagree with your partner?
 - Do you apologize for your partner's

violence?

- Have you been hit, kicked, shoved or had things thrown at you?
- Do you not see friends or family or do things because of your partner's jealousy?
- Have you been forced to have sex?
- Do you have to justify everything you do and every place you go and every person you see to avoid your partner's temper?
- Does your partner use intimidation to get you to do things you don't want to do?

Dating violence can occur at school, in the hall, the classroom, parking lot, on the bus, during after school activities, at a dance, or at your daughter's home.

A close relationship with both mother and father can save your daughter much grief and perhaps her life.

Next week, Teens 2005 will discuss teen dating and sexual assault, self-defense strategies, and what to do if your teen is assaulted.

Resources for daughters
Call Common Ground at (800) 231-1127 to talk with a counselor or be referred to a shelter.

Call the Lighthouse, an Oakland County shelter, at (248) 920-6000.

Read *In Love and Danger: A Teen's Guide to Breaking Free of Abusive Relationships* by Barrie Levy (Seal Press, 1998, \$10.95)

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PARADE

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function. One little girl was enthralled by the pink boa. I said, do you want to try on the feathers? I asked her to be in the fashion show and showed her how to strut," said 42-year-old Denise Zinkvach who owns a housekeeping business and volunteers on the side.

"Life gets so complicated. When you see the children and the little girl like Gwen, life becomes so simple and so enjoyable. As adults we tend to forget the true meaning of fun or the holidays."

Theresa Zakrewski has kept the holiday spirit alive by volunteering to be a costumed marcher in the parade for the last 20 years. On Nov. 24, the Livonia resident and her friend Sister Mary Ann Markel, an IHM from Detroit, will don strawberry costumes.

Zakrewski has been everything from a flower to a turkey.

"If you want to be a costumed marcher you must give 25 hours of your time," said Zakrewski who's done a variety of tasks from patching paper mache heads to washing the floats. "You have to be there on the street by 8:30 a.m. to get to your float then march in the parade."

That won't be easy for the 76-year-old Zakrewski who had hip surgery in spring after falling.

"I have six children and I'm making Thanksgiving dinner," said Zakrewski. "I put in the turkey before I leave and then they take over. I've done this in

all kinds of weather. It's the interaction with the people that keeps me going."

John Japenga doesn't have to worry about walking. He'll be driving one of the floats while wife Bonnie Tucker-Japenga navigates. The Garden City couple have volunteered with the parade since 2001. The first year they wore paper-mache heads of the Grinch. The second year they handled the penguin balloon. This year on Oct. 1 they began dusting off and preparing the floats at The Parade Company Studio in Detroit.

"We kind of enjoy it," said John Japenga, 56. "It's something we can do together. Parade Day is our favorite part when everything comes together and people come out. Our first year it was 52 degrees and we were sweating because we had to be in the heads by 9 a.m., caught our float at 11 a.m. and had them on till 1 p.m. We said no more of that. We became qualified float drivers, went to float school and had to qualify. We listen to commands from spotters who walk in front of floats to guide the driver. There are fewer float drivers because economic times are bad."

Bonnie, 58, makes sure drivers not only stay on the parade route and get back to the warehouse safely, but that they reach their destination on roll-out the day before. This past weekend she was sculpting plastic foam stars for centerpiece on tables at the Hob Nobble Gobble, the gala that takes place 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Call (313) 923-7400.

"Until I can't walk or talk anymore I think I'll be doing this," said Bonnie Tucker-Japenga. "It's so much fun."

Like her husband, Bonnie worries about the need for volunteers.

"Usually the studio opens in late September when the majority of work is done on new floats, but throughout the year there's the fireworks downtown and other events that you can get involved in. On Thanksgiving Day you just have to layer up to keep warm. The roll-out last year there was sleet, rain, hail. By the time we got done about 7 p.m. we were all ice cubes. We were tired, cold and hungry. That's what

makes it all fun."

Bob and Velma Waite plan to have plenty of fun fixing breakfast before the parade for the Distinguished Clown Corps, a group of business and community leaders who pay for the privilege of marching in the parade. The Redford husband and wife have been dedicated volunteers for the last 4 years. Each worked more than 600 hours in 2004.

"We do everything from creating the framework of floats, from chicken wire to sweeping the floors and running the souvenir store selling clown pins, caps and clothing," said Velma Waite, 75. "This morning we'll be working in the store and getting ready for the tours. Students, seniors, Brownies, Cub Scouts and Red Hat Societies come through during the week and after the parade the studio is open to everyone."

America's Thanksgiving Parade doesn't just thrill children and adults on one day of the year. A number of activities occur before and after like the Holidays on Parade Nov. 26-27, and Dec. 3-4, at the studio at 9500 Mt. Elliott. The open house gives a behind the scenes look at the parade. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit www.theparade.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"Last year we were on the float of clowns who handed out the candy," said Bob, who has appeared in the parade under the name Patches. A retired accountant from Marathon Oil, Bob took a 10-week clowning course through Livonia Public Schools to learn how to act the part. In addition to volunteering with The Parade Company, he clowns for various charities including the March of Dimes, Make-A-Wish, Karmanos Cancer Center, and Gilda's House. Once a year he puts on his makeup to appear with the Royal Hanneford Circus to raise money for nonprofits.

"I don't have money so I contribute time to pay back to the community," said Bob Waite, 74.

For more information on volunteering, call Donna Taylor at (313) 923-7400, Ext. 239.

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influential in getting Kennedy elected."

HAUNTING MOMENT

Dickmeyer's book combines personal reminiscences of her parents with a biography of Reuther's colorful life and dynamic ideas, but begins with an incident that has continued to haunt Dickmeyer. In 1948, someone shot a gun through the window of Reuther's modest east side Detroit home. The bullet shattered the bones in Reuther's right arm and the sense of security for his family. After that, Dickmeyer and her older sister, Linda, would be surrounded by bodyguards, guard dogs and high fences. Dickmeyer was just nine months old at the time.

In her book, Dickmeyer writes "One day, when I was older, I approached my father while he was building a table and haltingly asked him about the assassination attempt. He explained that the investigation afterward had been partially successful, but that the witnesses had disappeared."

"You see Lisa, when you are fighting for human dignity, it is inevitable that you have enemies. And sometimes your enemies are the very people who are supposed to uphold law and order."

Reuther took a leading role in fighting for civil rights alongside Martin Luther King Jr., for the environment (he was a key supporter for the first Earth Day), for universal health care and many other causes. The UAW parted ways with George Meany's conservative AFL-CIO because of its commitment to social issues in addition to labor contract issues.

"That was unionism to him, called social unionism," Dickmeyer said. "That was the basic premise of his life, whatever you negotiate at the bargaining table you not only give to the members but to the

whole community. His vision was social unionism. He was working for the whole community and the whole world."

ANTI-COMMUNIST

But Reuther was also well known for his opposition to communism. In the early 1930s, Reuther and his brother, Victor, traveled through Europe and worked for a time in Russia.

"He said that communism is a dehumanizing system that doesn't value the worth of the individual," Dickmeyer said. Although some of its ideals may be good, it fails in so many ways. Daddy believed that capitalism could work but he believed that unionism was the conscience of capitalism."

Dickmeyer said her father and mother were "soul mates" who shared the same strong liberal views. May Reuther had organized teachers before meeting Reuther in the mid-1930s.

Dickmeyer's home is adorned with paintings and objects reflecting her devotion to Krishna through Bhakti-yoga, which became a solace following her parents' death.

"After the plane crash, I sensed my parents' presence still. I sensed something that didn't die," she said. "I read the Bhagavad-gita and it explained it clearly: the soul goes into another body after death."

She said she has chanted the Hare Krishna chant every day for the past 30 years as part of her devotion.

Dickmeyer and her husband, Bruce, have three adult children. She continues to champion her father's liberal ideals and his deep integrity.

"Ethics gives you tremendous power and I think that's where my father got his power. He had an ascetic nature. He didn't drink, he didn't smoke. He was someone who understood the value of living a simple life," she said.

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At the Gala (from left) are Al Muskavito from WOMC 104.3, AJ Wagner, president of Ford Credit North America, Christine Bodie, Gala chair and board member of Habitat For Humanity of Western Wayne County, Mark Bealfield, president and board member of the affiliate, Alice Dent, executive director of the affiliate, and the Rev. John Hagan, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville.

Habitat cause gets boost from Gala

Some 255 revelers helped the cause of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County during the 2005 Gala Nov. 12.

"It was a great event and it was to help a great cause," said Christine Bodie of Plymouth Township, event chair. "We were glad to honor our volunteers."

The Gala was held at Schoolcraft College's VistaTech Center on the Livonia campus. Keynote speaker was Jim Vella of Ford Motor Co.

"It's our largest fund-raiser for the year," said Bodie. The total raised isn't in yet, but it's about halfway to building a home "wherever we're building next."

The Habitat affiliate, based in Plymouth, earlier this year finished up work on a home off Ford Road in Canton and is involved in building other homes for lower-income residents.

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Christine Bodie
Plymouth Township

This was the third year for the Gala, which featured international stations for dining. Entertainment was by the Keith Malinowski Jazz Band with special guest Odessa Harris as vocalist. Master of ceremonies was Big Al Muskavito from 104.3 WOMC radio. "We had a silent auction and a live raffle," Bodie said. She praised Yazaki, Ford Credit and the many other sponsors.

By Julie Brown

Joyful sound

Chorus offers bounty of yule performances

Add a nice note to your holiday experience by catching the sounds of the Livonia Civic Chorus at one of their public appearances this season. A traditional part of the community's holiday happenings for more than 40 years, the chorus will be spreading harmony around the town again this year.

Some of the local venues where you can catch the chorus doing some of their seasonal serenading include the Northville Christmas Walk 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, Greenfield Village 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 21, Greenmead Historical Park 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, and 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, and Laurel Park Mall 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

There is also the opportunity to do some caroling with the chorus at the annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony which takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Livonia City Hall.

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents "A Christmas from the Heart," its annual holiday concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Churchill High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, with proceeds helping to fund vocal music scholarships for local students.

Additional information can be found on the chorus' newly revamped Web site, www.livoniacivicchorus.org, or by calling (734) 591-0978.

The Livonia Civic Chorus is a nonprofit organization sponsored in part by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation. The chorus exists to cultivate the cultural enrichment of the community and contribute to its civic pride by supporting and providing opportunities for choral music experiences that are accessible and enjoyable to participants and audiences.

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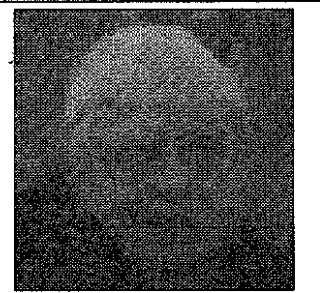
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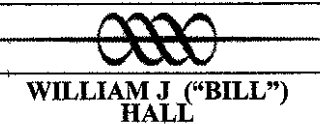
Dr. BRENDA CAROL CHURCHILL

Age 53, died Thursday November 10, 2005 in her home A memorial service will be held at a later date Dr Churchill was born September 1, 1952 in Greensboro North Carolina Her family moved to Michigan in 1956 where she grew up in Huntington Woods Brenda graduated from Wayne State University Medical School in 1988 and after finishing her residency in Internal Medicine worked within the Providence Hospital system as a primary care physician She was also an attending physician for Applewood Nursing Center and MediLodge of Monroe In 2000 Dr Churchill opened her private practice office in Livonia where she continued to work until her battle with cancer forced her to retire

Brenda was a loving wife devoted mother, and a good friend In her private life she enjoyed breeding and showing Tennessee Walking Horses and training and showing dogs She loved music and movies and spending time outdoors on her farm As a physician Dr Churchill touched hundreds of lives and her legacy will live on with each and every one of the patients she cared for Brenda is survived by her daughter Adrian Michelle Schoenherr brother Raymond Earl Whitlock parents Roy Earnest & Sarah Jane Whitlock ex husband and friend James Kenneth Churchill and countless other friends family members and colleagues who will remember her with love Her daughter asks that cards and well wishes for the entire family be sent to 4775 Victorian Square East Canton MI 48188

**GAIL ANN GREEN**

Age 72 of Owosso formerly of the Northville/Ann Arbor area passed away Wednesday November 16 2005 at her daughter's residence in Owosso after a courageous battle with cancer Gail was born March 22 1933 in Saginaw Michigan the daughter of Lesley and Ann (Sonderman) Bemish She graduated from Northville High School and attended Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University Gail retired from the State of Michigan in 1997 In 1955 she married William L. Green in Northville Michigan They had two daughters Gail was a member of St Paul Catholic Church the Shawassee Arts Council and the Owosso Historical Society She enjoyed taking watercolor or classes and spending time with her grandchildren Gail is survived by her 2 daughters Lisa (Garry Collins) of New York City and Sara (Thomas) Edwards of Owosso her beloved grandchildren Dylan Abigail and Maya Edwards brother Lawrence (Eugene) Bemish of Northville and many nieces and nephews She was predeceased by her parents A memorial service will be held 10 am Monday November 21 2005 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church 770 Thayer Blvd Northville Michigan Friends and family will gather immediately following the service at the Bemish home 8800 Napier Road in Northville Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelsonhouse.com

**WILLIAM J. ("BILL") HALL**

69 of Palm Beach Gardens Florida and Waynesville North Carolina passed away November 14 2005 after a long illness He was born and raised in Detroit and Birmingham Michigan the son of the late Harold J. and Alice (Smith) Hall Bill was involved at a young age in his family's electrical contracting business Hall, Engineering Company, until he started his oil & gas exploration business Hallwell Inc In the mid 1970s he relocated from Bloomfield Hills to Palm Beach County Florida where he owned WGMW Radio and various other enterprises He was an avid deep sea sport tournament fisherman and past commodore of the Old Port Yacht Club He and his adored bride of 17 years Gisella (Gigi) nee Helten (formally of Bad Neuenahr, Germany and Toronto Ontario) spent their time together enjoying numerous activities including gardening and golfing as well as their many international traveling adventures Bill will be lovingly remembered by his wife Gigi his children Kristin (David) Shwicki of Lake Forest Illinois and William (Bill) J. Hall Jr (Debi) of Palm Beach Gardens Florida his beloved grandchildren Jon and Ryan Hall and Andrew and Amy Shwicki his brother Harold J. (Jim) Hall Jr (Betty) of Surprise, Arizona and the many friends he made over the years Memorial services are planned for Waynesville and Palm Beach Gardens, details to be announced at a later time In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to (1) Haywood Regional Medical Center Hospice, 560 Leroy George Dr Clyde NC 28721 (828 452 8292) or (2) the charity of your choice

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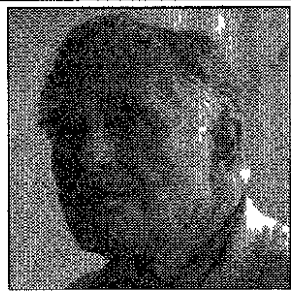
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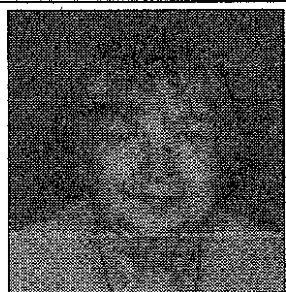
Age 56 died at home after a long illness on November 6 2005 Mother of James and Lauren LoPrete of Troy Michigan daughter of the late Stanley and Pearl Hergenroeder, sister of Penny Hergenroeder and lifetime friend of Robert Michalka Known for her quick wit, laughter and humor She will be missed Memorial to be held on November 23rd at her sister's residence in Bloomfield, Michigan

**ARTHUR TOWNSEND LOUGEE**

Arthur Townsend Lougee an influential art director at the Ford Motor Company in the 1940s and 1950s and an outspoken conservationist died November 6 2005 at his home in Parsonsfield Maine Mr Lougee served from 1946-61 as the Executive Editor and Art Director of the Ford Times magazine He was also the Art Director of other Ford publications including the Lincoln-Mercury Times Ford Truck Times New England Journeys and annual Ford cookbooks and almanacs During his 15 years at Ford he commissioned thousands of articles on America and Americana by writers who celebrated their country and regions in articles and literature among them William Faulkner J. Frank Dobie Wright Morris, John Steinbeck William Saroyan John Gould Edmund Ware Smith Stewart H. Holbrook John Updike and E.B. White Mr Lougee also purchased for Ford over 7000 works by regional artists publishing and mentoring a number of important and well known painters including, among others Charles Harper John Holmgren, Paul Sample William Barss and Maurice Day He founded and directed the Ford Times Collection of American Art which was displayed in over 30 national exhibitions and at least a dozen international exhibitions through the USIA His honors were numerous Mr Lougee was President of the Art Directors Club of Detroit in 1951-52 In 1953, he was named Art Director of the Year by the National Society of Art Directors which he also served as President of from 1959-63 In 1959 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts by Colby College Mr Lougee was born June 9 1913 in Limerick Maine the son of Arthur Fogg Lougee and Bernice Dow Townsend Lougee He attended Phillips Andover Academy and later studied and taught at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts and other art schools in Boston He was also a freelance artist designing and illustrating a number of books Mr Lougee married Laura Henderson Barr on June 12 1937 While at Ford he lived in Birmingham Michigan When he retired from Ford in 1961 he moved back to his ancestral farm in southwestern Maine Throughout his life Mr Lougee was a staunch conservationist and in 1965 he became the first Executive Director of the York County (Maine) Regional Planning Commission Survivors include a sister Jane Lougee Bryant of Limerick Maine three children David G. Lougee of Palo Alto California Eleanor Lougee Chapin of Steep Falls, Maine and Arthur James Lougee of Parsonsfield Maine four grandchildren and six great grandchildren His wife Laura predeceased him in 1997

RICHARD "MIKE" SCHWARTZ

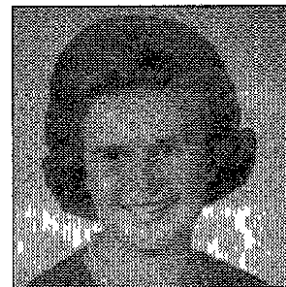
Mike Schwartz formally of Redford passed away Friday he will be sadly missed by all who knew him Mike was born May 15 1960 The son of Richard and the late Josephine Schwartz After graduating from Redford in 1979 he moved to Sarasota FLA where he did construction work Mike leaves to cherish his memory father & stepmom Patty, sister Dawn (Randy) Burkey of Ohio stepbrothers Mike & Duane stepmother Linda Linder and special friends Judy & Chancellor Services pending

**HAZEL F. SPENCE**

Age 90 went to be with the Lord on October 31 2005 Born May 21st 1915 Hazel enjoyed a life of wonderment having had the opportunity to see our world's many achievements in her lifetime A resident of Westland MI she spent many years volunteering at Garden City Hospital loved caring for children, watching basketball & playing the ukulele Preceded in death by her parents Edwin & Jessie Harvey brother John (Jack) Harvey She is survived by her daughter Sandra Armstrong grandchildren Tracy Serbick (Ron) Todd (Gypsy) Armstrong, Jeffrey Armstrong Heather Armstrong & five great grandchildren A Private Service will be held upon interment at St. Marcus Cemetery Clear Lake MN The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the Senior Alliance (especially Linda) their Transportation Department & Meals on Wheels for helping Hazel to maintain her independence & dignity

VERA M. VALADE

Age 88 November 3, 2005 of Farmington Hills Beloved wife of the late Merle Dearest mother of Sharon (Rudy) Golla Susan (Michael) Bur Mary (Philip) Levin Alan (Kris) David (Sandy) Laura and the late Jerry Brian and Gregory Also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren The funeral liturgy was celebrated on Saturday November 5 2005 at St. Patrick Church in Brighton Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchin Fathers 1820 Mt. Elliott St. Detroit MI 48207 3496 Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home 248 553 0120

**CATHERINE A. VAN HARTVELDT (nee Pennanen)**

November 15 2005 Age 79 of Bloomfield Hills Beloved wife of Paul E. for 56 years Dear mother of Lois A. Fraser (Brent) and Peter J. (Allison) Sister of Ruth Payton (Jack) Funeral services were held privately Memorial tributes to The American Cancer Society 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd. Southfield MI 48076 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CAROL J. VOYTAS, M.D.

Died November 15 2005 at Rose Arbor Hospice Dr Voytas was born December 18 1953 in Ann Arbor MI the daughter of Joseph and Joan (Karr) Voytas She was a medical doctor specializing in Family Practice Learn more about Carol view her Life Story Film and visit with her family and friends today from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes Kalamazoo 1 800 822 7594 where a prayer service will be held tonight at 7:30 PM Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church Kalamazoo Following the Mass family and friends are invited to a time of food and fellowship in the Bennett Building Interment St. Joseph Cemetery Whitaker MI Dr Voytas was preceded in death by her mother Joan in 1997 Members of her family include her father Joseph Voytas & Christine Stout of Royal Oak MI one brother Paul Voytas of Springfield OH four nieces and nephews To read Carol's Life Story archive a memory order flowers or contribute to Family & Children Services Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan or Covenant House please visit her personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com

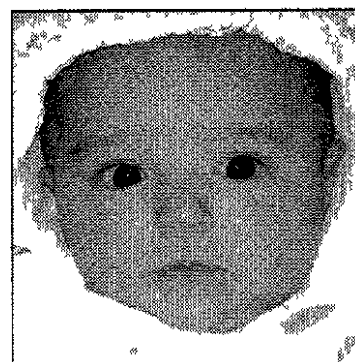
**Brace-Adams**

Amy Beth Adams and Michael Douglas Brace were married Aug. 21, 2005, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth A reception followed the ceremony at Fiamma

Amy is the daughter of Jim and Connie Adams of Plymouth Her grandparents are Milton and Dorothy Krieger of Hobart, Okla., and the late Alvena and Idus Bradley Adams, of Hobart, Okla.

Michael is the son of Marie Brace Campbell and Bill Campbell Michael's father is the late, Frank Brace His grandfather is Lawrence Setter of Dearborn

The new Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brace spent their honeymoon at the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Ariz. They are making their new home in Plymouth

**Lynette Medrek Cipolla**

David and Lindsay Cipolla of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Lynette Medrek Cipolla, on Aug. 31, 2005, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long

Lynette's grandparents are Jerry and Renee D'Ortenzio of Livonia, and Frank and Jan Cipolla of Canton Her great-grandparents are Sam and Mary D'Ortenzio of Phoenix, Ariz., Vivienne Melnik of Livonia, and John Cipolla of Beaverton, Mich.

**McCue-Proctor**

Tanya Proctor and Michael McCue were married Oct. 8, 2005, at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills A reception was held in the barn at Lazy J Ranch in Milford

Tanya is the daughter of Max and Myrna Proctor of Farmington Hills She is a graduate of North Farmington High School She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and art from Madonna University She completed a master's program at Marygrove College Tanya is an art teacher in the Rochester Community School District

Michael is the son of Norman and Elizabeth McCue of Farmington Hills He is a graduate of Redford Union High School and received his bachelor of science degree in business administration with a marketing major from Wayne State University He is the manager of a Pet Supplies Plus store in Waterford

The new Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCue are making their new home in Farmington Hills

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robbins-Davidson

Roland and Felicia Robbins of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Annette, of Northville to Alan Edward Davidson of Livonia

Cheryl is a purchaser with PSI Repair Services

Her fiancé, Alan, is the son of Jon and Pat Davidson of DeBary, Fla. He is a truck driver with PVS Chemical

Alan and Cheryl are planning an April 2006 wedding

**Ransome-Metz**

Nicolle Lee Metz and Peter Frederick Ransome were married Sept. 17, 2005, in Charleston, S.C., before the Rev. Kenn Cobb, brother-in-law of the groom A reception was held at The Charleston Place

Nicolle is the daughter of Raymond and Sandra Metz of Livonia She is a graduate of Churchill High School and Walsh College She is employed by Sprint Business Solutions as an account manager

Peter is the son of Richard and Dorothy Ransome of Walpole, N.H. He is a graduate of Vermont Academy and Keene State College He is employed by Active Date Systems as executive vice president and chief marketing officer

The bride elect was attended by her sister, Michelle Simpson, as matron of honor Bridesmaids were Jalen Timms, Cynthia Todor, and the bride's niece, Courtney Simpson The bride's niece, Brittney Simpson, was her flower girl



The groom elect was attended by Tom Boyle as best man, Arun Singh, and Fred Baybutt Readings were by Tom Simpson and Kathleen Ransome

The new Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ransome spent their honeymoon in Hawaii They are making their new home in North Carolina

Lyons-Bewersdorf

Karrie Bewersdorf of Livonia and Evan Lyons of Livonia were married April 29, 2005, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church before the Rev. Tom Eggebeen A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia

Karrie is the daughter of Gary and Diane Bewersdorf of Livonia She is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn She is a fourth grade teacher in Farmington Hills at Highmeadow Common Campus in her fourth year of teaching

Evan is the son of Venez and Debbie Lyons of Livonia He is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School He is an iron worker for American Steel

The bride elect was attended by matrons of honor, Jenny (nee Nowak) Eckerman and Lisa (nee Castell) Rigley, bridesmaids, Kelli Wills, Gina Bewersdorf, Missy Schiller, Tina Fischer, Sarah Humphry, Erin Lyons, Jill (nee Nowak) King, and Jill Peito, and flower girls, Olivia Hauser and Micaela Rigley

The groom elect was attended by best man, Erik Lyons, groomsmen, Grant Bewersdorf,



Ryan Bewersdorf, Steve Desjardin, Mike Friedland, Adam Sulek, Dale Rykse, Tom Pichler, Jim Rogers, and Don Miller III, and ushers, Walter Dietz and Bill Hanes

The brides entire class of then third graders sang during the lighting of the Unity Candle, as their present to teacher and her groom

Karrie and Evan have been friends since first grade at Hull Elementary School They didn't date until after college

The new Mr. and Mrs. Evan Lyons spent their honeymoon at Playa Car, Mexico They are making their new home in Livonia, in the same neighborhood where they both grew up and both sets of parents are presently living

SINGLES

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Moon-dusters
Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia Admission guest/\$6 associates/\$5.50 members/\$5 Dress Ladies date style clothes gentlemen jackets and ties For more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968 5197

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dinner Thursday Dec 1 at De Lucas corner of Warren and Inkster Roads Call Kathy for reservations (734) 513 9479
Monthly Dance Saturday Dec 3 at Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246 3117 Plymouth Road just east of Merriman Livonia Call Michele (313) 996 8644
Advent Mass Sunday Dec 11 9 a.m. at the Felician Sisters Mother House Madonna College Newburgh Road entrance Breakfast to follow Call Judy for details (734) 261 5630
Monthly Breakfast Meeting Saturday Dec 17 9:30 a.m. at Leons Ford Road across from Kmart Call Kathy for details (734) 513 9479
New Years Eve Party Saturday Dec 31 8:30 p.m. catered dinner beer wine and other refreshments Music dancing and champagne toast at midnight Advance tickets \$45 Call Michele for details (313) 996 8644

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Euchre

Every Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drake's Lakes 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu \$5/members \$6/non members

Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ cash bar hors d'oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes Admission \$5/members \$9/non members unless otherwise noted Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted

Trips

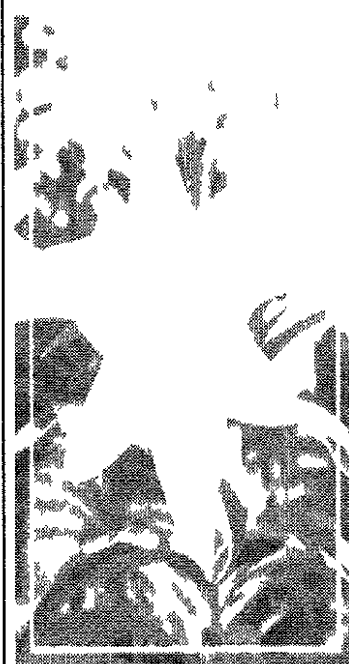
Trip information meetings and sign up Sunday Monday Dec 5 in the main lounge at Drake's Lakes 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills Las Vegas 6:30 p.m. Cozumel 7 p.m. Punta Cana 7:30 p.m.
Cozumel Jan 7-14 2006 All inclusive plan includes accommodations all meals and snacks A pre-trip meeting will be 7:30 p.m. on Monday Jan 2

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AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed
The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Admission is \$2. For information, contact Sue or Paul at (734) 844-3128.

Entertainment books
Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books 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, Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2 for 1 and 50 percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment, and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25 and can be delivered if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6824.

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 book is priced at \$25 with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at the symphony office next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth or ordered by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453-0161. For more information, call the symphony office (734) 453-2112.

Cookie walk
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12 Annual Cookie Walk is Dec. 10. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls, and over 50 different assortments of ethnic (kufel, kolachy, rugela, koulourakia, biscotti, linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the sale starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until it is sold out. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile Road (south side) 3/4 mile east of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

St. Mary's class
St. Mary's Mercy sponsors a presentation, *Surviving the Season: Coping With Holiday Stress*, from 10:30 a.m. to 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 (248) 349-4140.

Handspinners fair
Holiday shoppers and collectors of fiber art will find much of interest at the 17th annual Handspinners Holiday Fair, Friday, Nov. 26, at Matthea's Bookstore & Gardens in Ann Arbor. In addition to handspun yarns, the sale features knitted, woven, and felted



Gowns galore

A visit to the Plymouth Historical Museum's Four Centuries of Bridal Gowns was a big hit for Amanda Terranella (from left), Alaina Peerbolter and K.C. Sawyer from Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1347. The visit included a chance to try on wedding dresses from Anna Lopez's collection of costumes. According to Lopez, even the mothers had fun trying on some of the dresses. The girls plan to return for a visit to the Underground Railroad quilt exhibit in February.

garments as well as hats, purses, jewelry, toys, dolls, ornaments, and felted wall hangings. Books, spinning wheels, and related equipment will also be available. Demonstrations of hand spinning and other fiber crafts will take place throughout the day. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and the site is wheelchair accessible. Matthea's Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 769-1657 or (734) 475-2306.

Handcrafters show
Handcrafters sponsors its 23rd annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, Dec. 9-11, at the Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School, located at 8 Mile and Sheldon/Center. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as floral stained glass, seasonal items, including Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood items, and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 10, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 11. Admission is \$2, no baby strollers. For more information, call (248) 459-0050.

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. The public is invited. For more information, call

Margaret Bowland (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 "Disasters 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 (734) 425-3079.

Christmas Open House
The Moss Rose of Northville holds its annual Christmas Open House, noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 20. The Moss Rose offers the experience of stepping back in time for their customers in the Victorian atmosphere of their circa 1874 storefront. Browse an eclectic collection of American antique furniture, antiques, books, vintage sewing items, and antique jewelry. Sprinkled among the antiques are pillows, woven linens, beeswax candles, American primitive prints, and a variety of American-made goods that are unique. During the Open House, you will see an array of beautiful Christmas ornaments and tabletop décor, holiday pillows, and a variety of goods perfect for gift giving. Colin Mehaffey carves St. Nick, Noah, and Uncle Sam figures, as well as crosses and relief carvings in the store and will be on hand. As a special treat, Sandra Somers, American Primitives

artist, will be in house signing her prints and visiting with our guests. Music of the season, a surprise discount tree refreshments, and fun await. The Moss Rose is at 124 E. Main in Northville. Call (248) 374-5586.

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

Wine event
The wine event, Taste Michigan, takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Metro Detroit. The Royal Park Hotel at 600 E. University Drive, Rochester, will host the Annual Taste Michigan. A Wine Event with hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, and silent auction. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes tasting of several different wines from Michigan wineries. Tasteful and creative hors d'oeuvres will be provided by The Royal Park Hotel, along with musical entertainment by Dr. Dave Bauer. This event also features an impressive silent auction, which will feature items from the tasting and other items. Sponsorships are still available at several levels from \$500 to \$5,000. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships should call Jill

Katynski at the CF Foundation (248) 269-8759.

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

CLUBS

Rotary A M
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at tim@philipshq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September. May for moms and their children, new-born kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small group discussion time, crafts, and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@uno.com.

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734) 458-8143 or Martina (734) 464-0481.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the third Monday of each month, except January, July, and August. A group with ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools, and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club - Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 Predator Patricia Cornwell
- 2 At First Sight Nicholas Sparks
- 3 The Camel Club David Baldacci
- 4 Christ the Lord Out of Egypt Anne Rice
- 5 Toxic Bachelors Danielle Steel

NONFICTION

- 1 The Year of Magical Thinking Joan Didion

- 2 Team of Rivals Doris Kearns Goodwin
- 3 The World is Flat Thomas Friedman
- 4 Driven from Within Michael Jordan
- 5 The Truth (With Jokes) Al Franken

PARENTS' CHOICE

- 1 Emma Kate Patricia Polacco
- 2 A Was Once an Apple Suse MacDonald
- 3 I Love You Dude Vladimir Radunsky
- 4 Seven Spunky Monkeys Jackie Koller
- 5 Baby Bear's Chair Jane Yolen

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Charter Township of Plymouth decided on February 22, 2005 to submit the following projects for funding from the 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

LOCATION	2005 PROJECTS	ALLOCATION
201 South Main 1160 Sheridan	SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	13,900.00 24,800.00
42375 Schoolcraft	MULTI YEAR SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS	71,100.00
46555 Por	ADMINISTRATION	12,200.00
	TOTAL	\$122,000.00

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of 150-200 copies of Units of Study for Primary Writing for the PCCS Instruction Department. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2005. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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CRAFT CALENDAR

Road to Reading and Link to Creative Teaching. Tickets are \$75. For ticket information, call Judy Preston at (248) 652-6478.

Gift Gallery
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Rochester (248) 651-4110.

Elf Shelf
This 34-year-old juried arts and crafts show, sponsored by Troy Women's Association, runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at Troy High School, located at Northfield Parkway and Long Lake Road. Proceeds from the \$2 admission benefit charitable organizations. More than 150 crafters will sell their works. For more information, call 248-988-0426. Or email elfshelf_twa@yahoo.com.

Mistletoe Marketplace
Assistance League's annual Mistletoe Marketplace runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. It features boutique shopping, raffles, and 12:30 p.m. luncheon. Exhibitors will sell holiday items, children's clothing, women's clothing, jewelry, and more. The event last year sold out with 450 guests. All proceeds benefit Assistance League projects such as Operation School Bell, Assault Survivor Kits, Buddy Bears, Early

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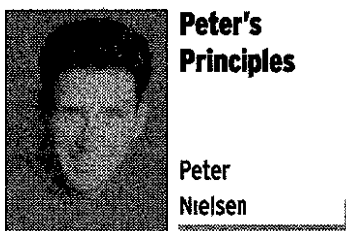
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Watch your G-I before workouts

Jill from Union Lake has heard the term "G-I" buzzing around on various health-oriented shows lately and asks for information. "G-I" stands for "glycemic index," a measure of how fast your body absorbs carbohydrates and increases blood sugar. It's best to avoid high G-I foods, such as jam and white bread, before working out. It's better to try to eat low G-I foods, such as wild rice, pasta or beans, because they give a slower, more sustained release of sugar. If you're concerned about performance during your workouts, recent studies have shown that glycemic levels really have little or no effect at all. However, research indicates that focusing on a low G-I can provide long-term benefits.

Steve from Birmingham e-mails that he's ready to hire a personal trainer and asks for tips

Anyone can call him or herself a personal trainer. Some of the best certification programs are The National Strength and Conditioning Association, The American College of Sport Medicine, The American Council of Exercise and The ISSA. Some questions to ask:
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End of life

Angela Hospice reaches out to community

November is National Hospice Month, a time when hospice providers across the country are working to educate people about the range of issues regarding end-of-life care. But education is an ongoing goal for the staff and volunteers at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

"We make education a real priority because that is what helps to ensure that people will receive the best quality care as they face the end of life," said Carol Ann Laverne, Angela Hospice education coordinator. "Whether we're providing a field experience for medical students, teaching family caregivers to support their loved ones, giving a presentation at a local church or business, or informing seniors of the care options available to them - when we're getting the message out about hospice's special way of caring, we know we are making an impact on how terminally ill people will be cared for."

Angela Hospice's outreach is in line with the national campaign launched by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization encouraging people to plan for the care they would want and to share their wishes with family and healthcare providers. One way to do this is by completing an advance directive. Just as important, however, is for people to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare professionals.

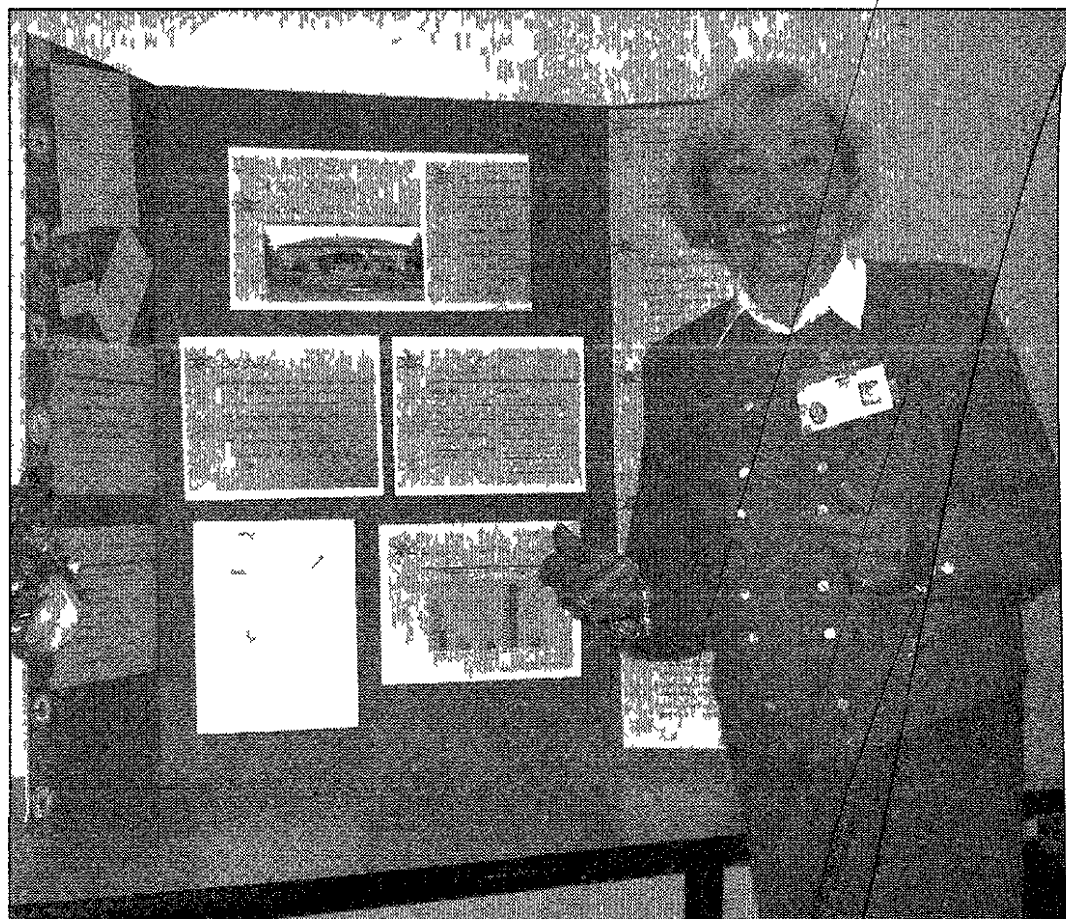
These are important steps for people to make sure their wishes will be honored should they face a serious or life-limiting illness.

To encourage individuals to take these steps, Angela Hospice offers talks on advance directives through its volunteer Speakers Bureau. The Angela Hospice Speaker's Bureau gives these presentations free-of-charge to groups throughout the community.

"We've presented to groups as small as 10 people or as large as 2,500 people," said Donna Kolodsick, Angela Hospice's Volunteer and Spiritual Care manager and coordinator of the hospice's Speakers Bureau. "We just hope to help open a dialogue about hospice and the options for end-of-life care."

Educational initiatives emphasized locally and nationally throughout National Hospice Month really center on encouraging communication among families and loved ones on a personal level.

"The end of a life is never easy, but we can take steps to make sure our wishes are honored and that our families receive the support they need. The conversations we have with each other about our end-of-life decisions - what we want and what we do not want, the care we choose to receive, and the caregivers who provide it - bring up important questions that each of us should



Volunteer Dort Burtch promotes education about hospice and end-of-life issues as a member of Angela Hospice's Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau makes presentations free-of-charge to businesses and groups throughout the community.

Angela Hospice is committed to informing the community and local health care professionals about the benefits of hospice and palliative care, and the importance of advance care planning.

answer, regardless of age," said Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "Talk now, before a crisis, to ensure that family conflict or uncertainty about end of life treatment decisions don't

make a difficult situation even more complicated."

NHPCO reports that one million patients were served by the nation's 3,300 hospice providers last year. Hospices helped these people live with dignity, comfort, and compassion. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families. They also serve as important sources of information about care options.

Angela Hospice is committed to informing the community and local health care professionals about the benefits of hospice and palliative care and the importance of advance care planning.

"As an organization our mission is to provide compassionate, comprehensive, and Christlike care to those we serve. We do everything we can to care for each person according to their wishes. But it is helpful for families to know and understand in advance how their loved one wants to be cared for. It eases the mind of the patient and the caregivers," said Kolodsick.

For more information about hospice care, or to request a presentation from the Angela Hospice Speakers Bureau, call (866) 464-7810. Information on advance directives is also available from NHPCO at www.caring-info.org or from the HelpLine at (800) 658-8898.

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The Sign Say & Play class is a 6-week theme program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment. The series begins Friday, Jan 20. Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents.

Pre-registration required. There is a materials and instructional fee. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com for information.

Caregiver support group

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 group meets every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information call (734) 464-0027.

Depression lecture

Dariene 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.

Gala benefit

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America

Michigan Chapter holds its 28th Annual Gala Evening at the Movies on Monday, Nov 28 at The Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. The event begins with a Pre-Glow at 6:30 p.m., movie premiere at 8 p.m. Funds raised by the event go towards research programs and services of CCF. Tickets are \$75. Opportunities for Movie Gala Souvenir Journal listings are available. Call (248) 737-0900 for tickets or more information. Jean and Howard M. Dubin of Bloomfield Hills are the 2005 Honorees. More than 1.5 million people throughout the United States suffer from Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, known collectively as IBD. Both are painful diseases that affect the gastrointestinal tract.

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 locations 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 for merly 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. The exercise programs also present a wonderful option for people who are seeking a gentle exercise alternative and people who are new to exercise.

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. 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 1:15 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. No charge. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org.

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Angela Hospice Care Center. The Loss of an Adult Child group addresses those who have experienced the loss of a child age 18 or over. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 3-5 p.m. The Heartstrings group is designed to support parents and caregivers coping with the loss of a child through illness or disease. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. All grief support groups take place at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. Call Joan Lee at (866) 464-7810.

Is it the flu or something else?

The start of flu season in Michigan coincides with National Epilepsy Awareness Month in November. Some of the symptoms of epilepsy can masquerade as flu symptoms or even small strokes (TIAs). It's important to know the symptoms of epilepsy, as well as common conditions that can be mistaken for epilepsy.

The following symptoms may indicate that someone has epilepsy. A medical exam is advised if you or a loved one experiences one or more of these symptoms.

A convulsion (with or without a fever), odd changes in the way things look, sound, smell or feel, short periods of blackout, dazed behavior or confused memory, episodes of blank staring, occasional fainting spells where bladder or bowel control is lost, followed by extreme fatigue, episodes of blinking or chewing at inappropriate times, sudden stiffening or falls for no apparent reason, muscle jerks in the arms, legs or body - in babies, look for clusters of swift, jerking movements, repeated movements that look out of place or unnatural, or sudden fear, anger or panic for no reason.

Some common conditions that might be mistaken for epilepsy include:

Seizures associated with high fever, migraine headaches, fainting, sleep disorders, such as nightmares, narcolepsy or cataplexy, psychiatric disorders including panic attacks, transient ischemic attacks (TIAs) which indicate brief interruptions of blood flow to the brain, or childhood breath-holding episodes.

Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder in the U.S. after Alzheimer's disease and stroke. It strikes most often among the very young and very old, although anyone can get it at any age. Epilepsy affects 2.7 million people in the U.S. and 50 million worldwide. In Michigan, approximately 100,000 people are affected by epilepsy, 30,000 of these are children.

To learn more, register to attend the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan's Midwest Regional Consumer Conference, being held Nov. 18-19 at The Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport. For more information, call (800) 377-6226, or go to www.epilepsymichigan.org.

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The folks at New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville are putting a lot of faith in the restorative powers of chocolate as they host their annual holiday open house, "Evening of Elegance," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

The annual event will be done at this year's home, located in Novi's Asbury Park community off of 11 Mile, just east of Beck Road at a model home provided by Superb Custom Homes.

According to Sandy Prebenda of Plymouth, New Hopes outreach and special events coordinator, the highlights of the evening will include a tour of the model home, feasting on a broad array of appetizers donated by numerous local restaurants, and the music of guitarist Kris Kurzawa.

To soothe the sweet tooth of potential guests, the event will also feature a chocolate fountain, one New Hope officials figure could be renamed the "Fountain of Hope." The fountain was added for the first year last year, and Prebenda said it helped make the event a big success. "Most of us think 'chocolate around the holidays, my dad



Patti LaBurn (from left) of South Lyon, Mary Calhoun of Lathrup Village, Gwen Sawicki of Redford, Pauline Smart of Commerce and Jim Borton of Redford enjoyed the chocolate fountain at New Hope Center for Grief Support's 2004 holiday event.

always lucked off the season with a gift of Whitman's Chocolate sampler boxes," Prebenda said. "But I never really saw how it could cure more than a sweet tooth until last year when we added it to our holiday event. "Now, I have seen chocolate curing heavy hearts, even if only for a moment," she added. Tickets for the event are \$35

per person. Proceeds benefit New Hope Center's services and programs, designed for those who are grieving, "which can be a very challenging process to negotiate with the pressures of the holiday," Prebenda said.

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Emma Boylan (from left, front row), Emily Keenan, Lauren Hansen, Marguerite Woolley (from left, back row), Rachel Szopko, Alisha Jones and Lydia Rund perform with the Moscow Ballet on Saturday, Nov. 26

Nutcracker gets help from local ballerinas

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Rachel Szopko admits to being a "bit nervous" about performing in The Nutcracker with the Moscow Ballet on Nov. 26. Even though the Livonia dancer has been studying ballet for nearly seven years, she's just 10. On Saturday, she joins more than 100 local children for 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances at Masonic Theater. Look for her in a red pajama-like costume as she twirls her way through the Russian dance number. Szopko loves dancing. Five nights a week she takes classes in ballet, pointe, hip hop, and jazz at Dance Unlimited in Plymouth.

"It's not difficult," said Rachel Szopko. "There's no part where you can take a breather, but it is very fun."

John Szopko says his daughter, Rachel, is beside herself from the excitement. This is her first time dancing with the Moscow Ballet.

"She'd given up gymnastics and Tae Kwon Do to do ballet four nights a week," said John Szopko. "That's her love."

Donna Szopko agrees. She is grateful to the Moscow Ballet for giving her daughter this chance to dance in a professional production.

"She has a real passion for her dance," said Donna Szopko. "What is so beautiful is that it has built her confidence."

Kathy Jones has seen her daughter Alisha grow as a dancer as well. The young Plymouth resident will recreate the Chinese number.

"Because of the Moscow Ballet dance is much more important in her life," said Kathy Jones. "She had to be more conscientious of her dance and take it more seriously. She always wanted to dance and loves it. We're excited to go next Saturday. She's been telling everyone and carries a flyer about the performances everywhere we go."

Alisha takes three classes a week at Dance Unlimited in Plymouth. Both Jones and Szopko study with Barbara Raschke.

"I'm just a little nervous," said Alisha Jones, a fifth-grade student at Bird Elementary. This is her first year with the Moscow Ballet. "The Chinese Dancer has to do some silly things. I've been doing ballet seven years and like my teacher, and you can do some really cool moves."

The mutual admiration goes both ways. Raschke is proud of her young dancers. 21 Dance Unlimited students will be in the Moscow Ballet performances.

Raschke is the local dance coordinator for the children who were chosen from an open audition by a member of the Moscow Ballet in September. Earlier this year, she had one of the Moscow Ballet dancers teach master classes at her studio.

"I had seen their performance last year in Ann Arbor and was impressed by the way the professional dancers worked with the children on stage," said Barbara Raschke, who's been teaching at her Dance Unlimited studio for more than 30 years.

Raschke has been working hard as well with Alisha Jones, Rachel Szopko and the local children including Kelsey Young, Madison Frifer, Macee Logerstedt, and Ashley Polydoros of Canton, Emily Keenan, Emma Boylan, Natale Sheng, Rebecca Birman, Cara Gross, Grace Wine, Marguerite Woolley, Lydia Rund,

Christ Our Savior Church members aid community after reading book

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Linda Hollman calls it a spiritual growth campaign, but it benefited more than the members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. The series of projects helped seniors and the needy in the community.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, church members will celebrate their contributions by holding a worship service followed by a meal. Later families from congregation will make an advent wreath to take home for Christmas preparations. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

It was based on Rick Warren's book 40-days of Purpose and was designed for the congregation after we met in small groups for Bible study a year ago. We were focusing on how we can improve our own individual growth as Christians," said Linda Hollman, director of outreach and the women's ministry.

"We wanted to extend this beyond ourselves. There are 45 small groups from the congregation that are reaching out to do various projects."

Some of those projects included volunteering for the Wayne County Family Center, the Lutheran Home in Livonia, and Habitat for Humanity houses. Hollman estimates about 450 to 500 church members donated their time and labor.



Members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church recently packed food for families in the Detroit area. The project was part of a church effort based on Rick Warren's book 'Forty Days of Purpose.'

"They did everything from working with a family in hospice care in Livonia to raking leaves for seniors and the disabled and collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in the Detroit area," said Hollman. "It's ongoing. We're going to have small

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The nursing faculty shortage limits student capacity at a time when the health care system demands more. According to a Vanderbilt School of Nursing study, the nursing shortage is expected to approach more than 800,000 positions by 2020.

Recognizing the nursing shortage crisis and the need for more nurse educators, hospitals and universities are relying on help from unconventional sources, including corporations like Johnson & Johnson, which launched a campaign to strengthen the nursing work force by enhancing the image of the profession, recruiting new nurses and faculty and retaining nurses currently in the profession.

"Too many qualified nursing school applicants are being turned away due to lack of faculty," said Andrea Higham, director of the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. "The numbers are staggering. The nursing profession needs assistance in recruiting educators, who will train and prepare new nurses, all in hopes of beginning to address the nursing shortage crisis."

To help raise funds for nursing school grants, scholarships and faculty fellowships, the campaign sponsors Promise of Nursing galas, which have raised more than \$7 million. By supporting graduate nursing programs, the campaign is helping to supply teachers and mentors to prepare the next generation of nurses.

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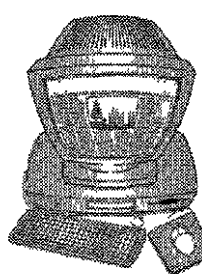
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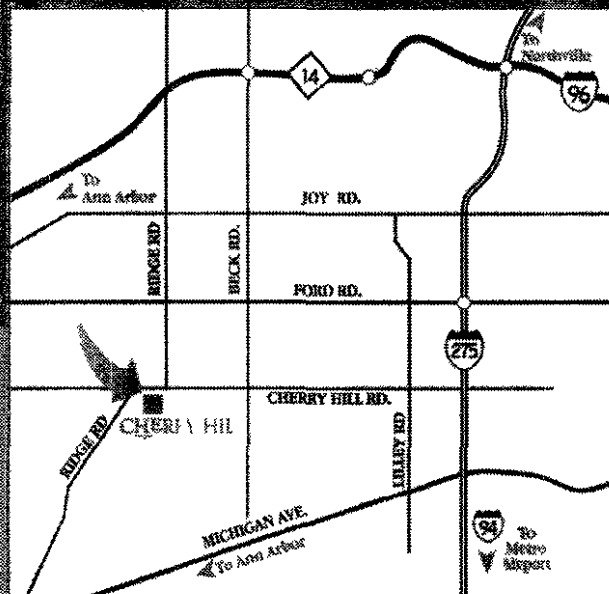
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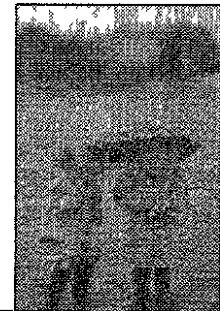
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Historic hotel latest addition to midtown residential boom

In January, John Peabody and Matthew Summers of Boulder Development, LLC looked upon three abandoned and dilapidated buildings at the corner of East Canfield and John R. in Detroit's midtown area.

While many considered the area a blight on the community, in their eyes, it was a piece of history worth saving for a growing community. The result of that vision is Mid-Med Lofts, an \$8 million renovation of the 1927 Melrose Hotel and adjacent buildings.

Boulder Development turned to local architect John Gardner of Gardner/Niagara Murano to bring the project to life. The construction uses the existing architecturally detailed facades, yet integrates a newly constructed steel and glass building that will provide for the living space expansion and modern day amenities.

"There is something friendly and comforting in the old worn materials, kind of like an old baseball glove that you had as a kid that keeps on improving with age," Gardner said. "The joining of the old 'base' with the new above, is what I believe will give this project a bit of an enlightened twist and make this a project that people will relate to and enjoy."

Construction started shortly after purchase. The retail spaces broke ground in May, and the residential portion followed in August. Final construction is scheduled for completion next fall.

The three retail spaces have already been leased. Coming soon will be a deli (a satellite business of River Town Bagel on East Jefferson), a gift shop serving the nearby hospitals and a copy/business center. Pre-sales of the lofts has

been brisk, with more than 30 percent of the units already secured prior to last month's official grand opening.

The entire midtown region has been seeing an influx of investment. Enhancing the growth are projects like UCCA's Midtown Loop — a \$7 million project creating a two mile walk/bike path, which will include public art and serve as a connector between the educational, cultural and medical institutions in the area.

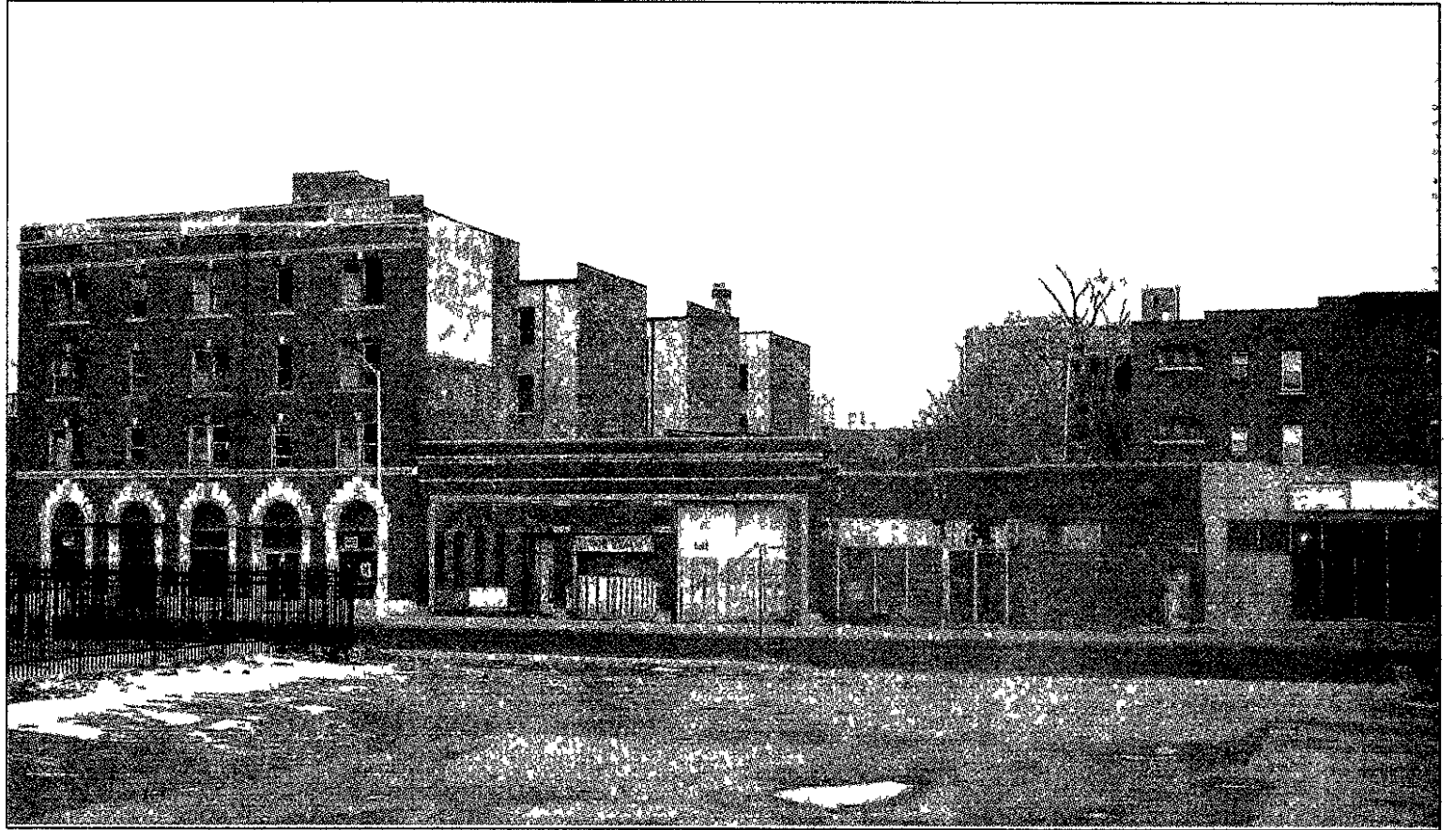
Peabody said such signs of economic growth combined with Detroit city tax incentives make the Mid-Med Loft project an attractive investment.

"Detroit is doing a lot of things right. Supporting growing economic centers like Wayne State and the DMC is good for business," he said.

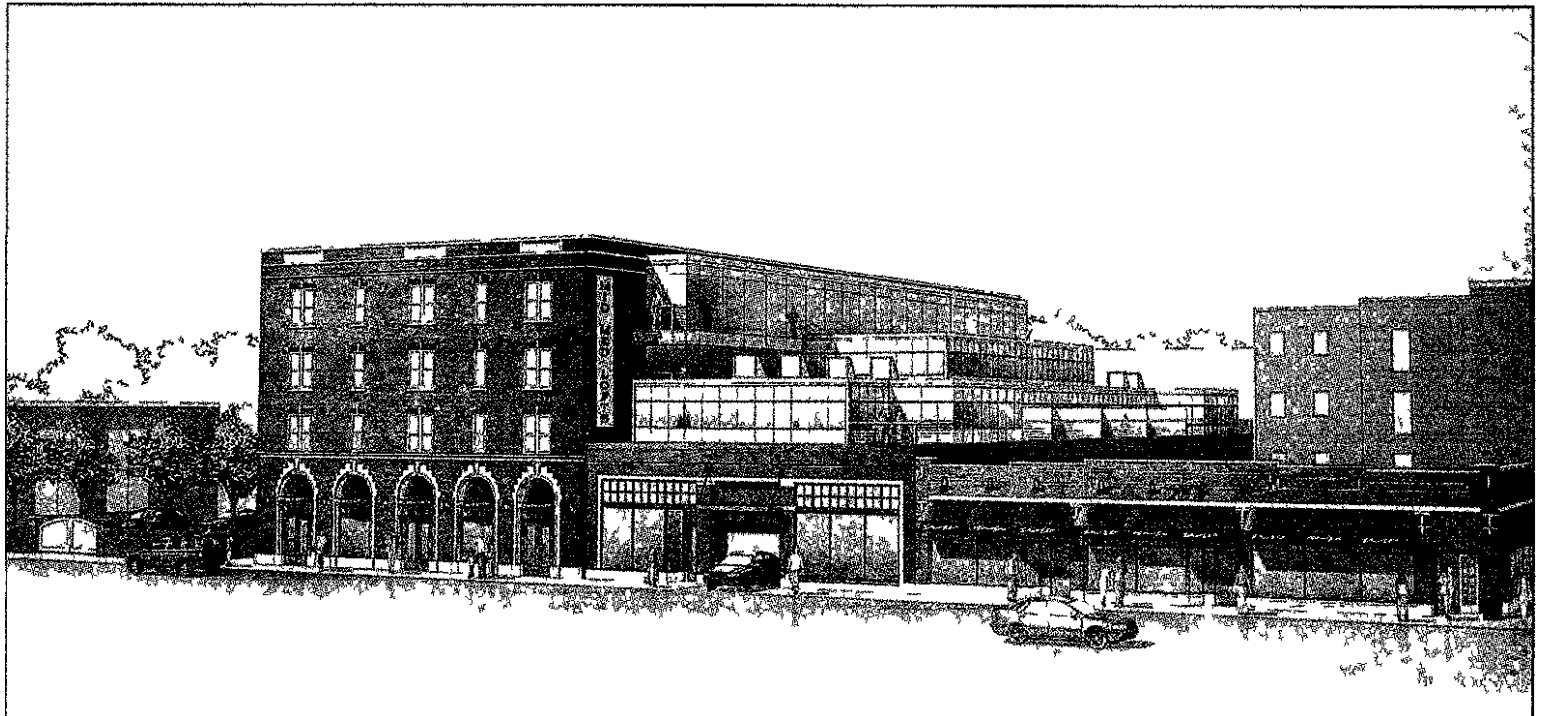
Mid-Med Lofts partner Matthew Summers agrees. "The opportunity to revitalize this neighborhood and save an old building, bringing all the masonry and craftsmanship back to life, makes sense on every level," he said.

Summers said it's the building's unique historic features juxtaposed with the new construction that give the structure many of its distinct characteristics: glass light filled hallways, a four story glass pyramid, exposed original brick, private balconies, soundproof concrete, and with all units built to the newest code with fire suppression and universal access units available.

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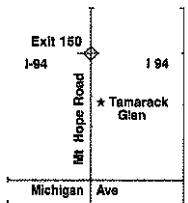


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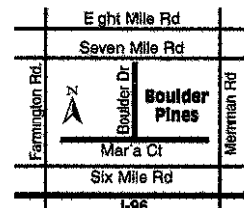
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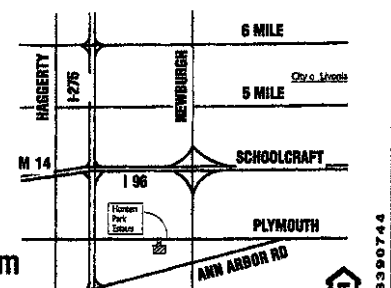


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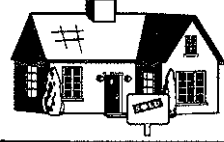
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Buying a house is an emotional experience, it's important for buyers to have a good feeling when they see your house. I suggest doing the following to make your house is more showable.

- **The yard** Make sure that there are no weeds showing. The lawn should be nicely mowed. Put in plants that make the yard look more visually appealing.
- **Front entrance** This is the first thing that buyers see of the actual house. Make sure that the door unlocks easily. Little gives a worse impression than having a hard time trying to unlock the lock for the front door. Unfortunately, I have encountered this many times taking buyers on showings. Also, make sure that the front door itself is clean and looks freshly painted. And of course the doorbell should work.
- **Kitchen and bathrooms** Check that counter tops are clear. You can leave canisters and little things. Clean the microwave, stove, and refrigerator. If really dirty have the tub re-caulked and remove mineral deposits and grime. Bathrooms should be gleaming.
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rule the less furniture the bigger the rooms appear. However, you still want it to look homey.

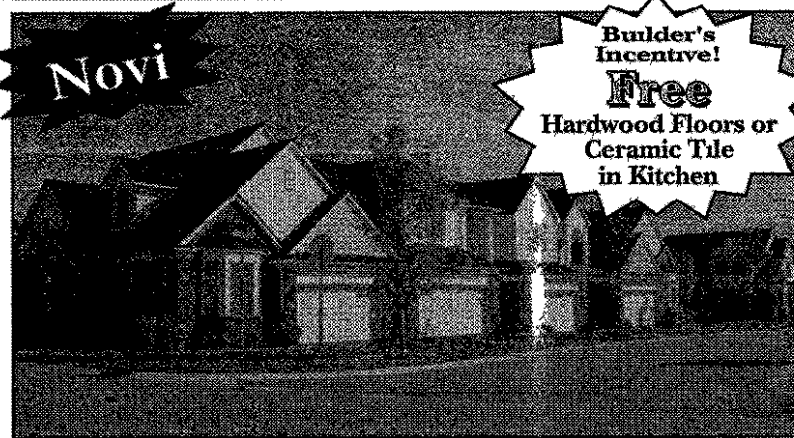
■ **Cleaning** Have the carpet shampooed, wax the floors, wash the walls, drapes, windows, blinds, and lighting fixtures.

■ **Try and add light** into the house. Raise the blinds and open the drapes. Turn on the lights. Do everything you can to add more light.

■ **The garage** Don't let your garage look cluttered. Throw out what you don't need.

■ **Walk through the house** as if you were a buyer. Examine anything that looks unkempt or dirty. Repair or replace anything that looks like a sore spot.

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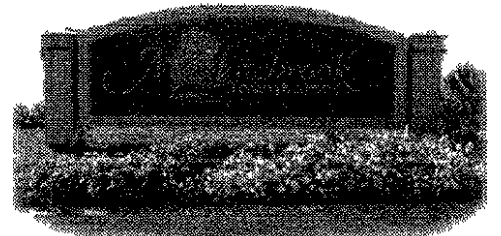
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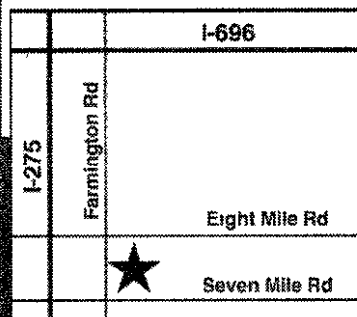
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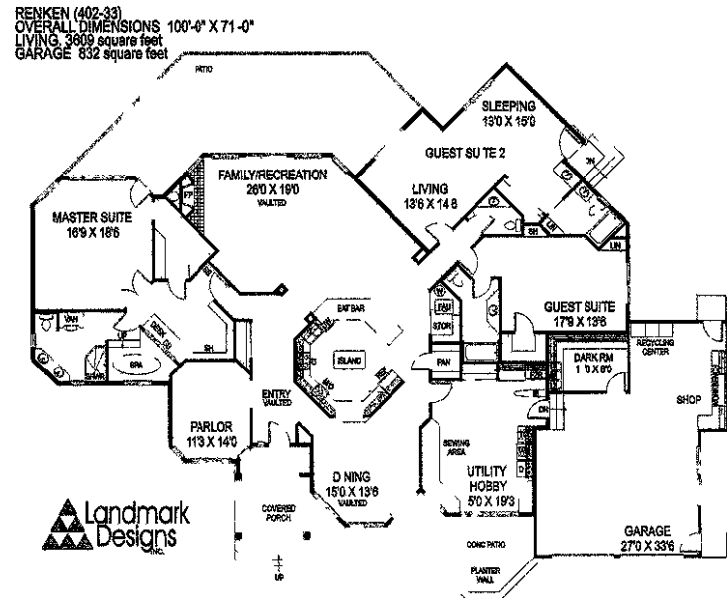


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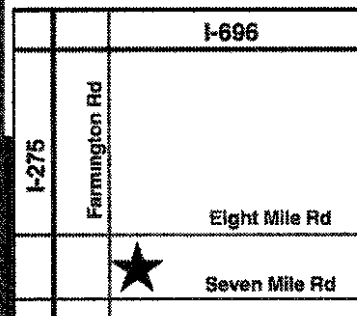
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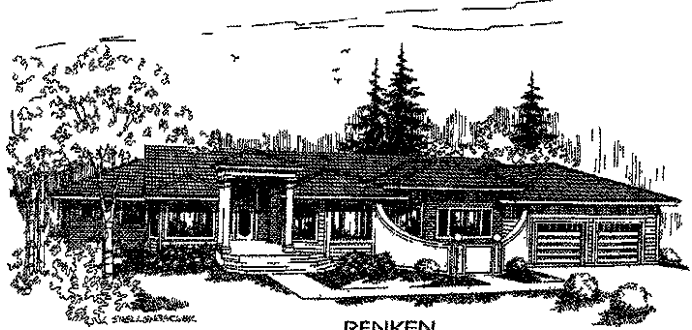


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The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

- 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov 22 — Budget Management and Cost Control at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145 (248) 862-1033
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- 8 30 a.m. to 10 30 a.m. Thursday Dec 1 — Condominium Nuts and Bolts: When To Consider Using a Condominium Format' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100,

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- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec 2, "Builders License Preparation Course" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, construction drawings, codes, procedures, sample test questions and test tips. Registration is \$200 (248) 862-1033
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The island will remain a residential community but will be positioned as a high-end marina resort community and will be developed under the name of Bob-Lo Development Inc. The 272-acre island is part of Amherstburg, Ontario, and is nestled between the shorelines of Canada and the United States. At the heart of community amenities will be a new marina featuring 500 boat slips, many for larger cruising boats as well as, a yacht and tennis club and a private beach

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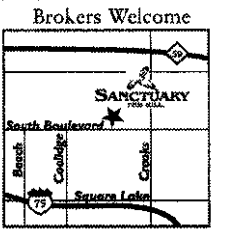


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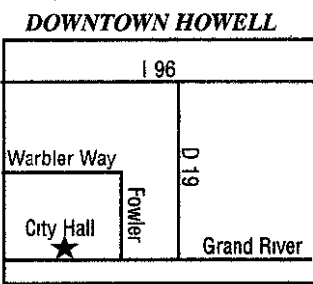


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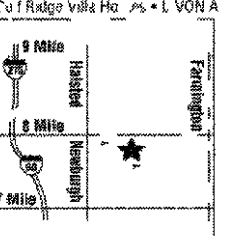


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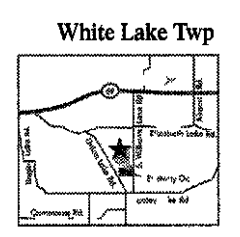
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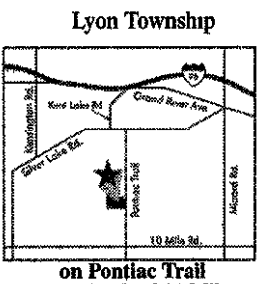


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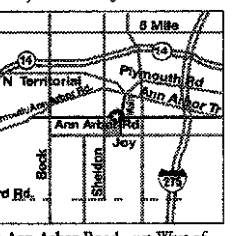


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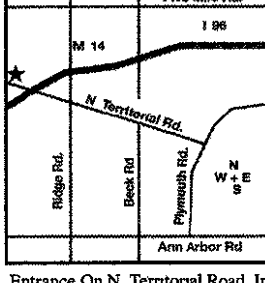
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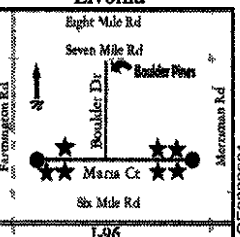


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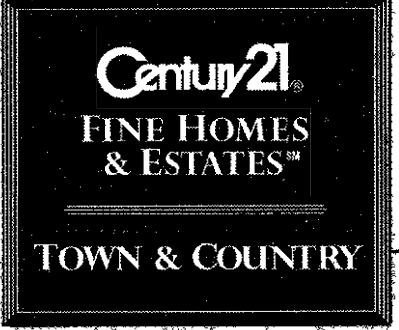
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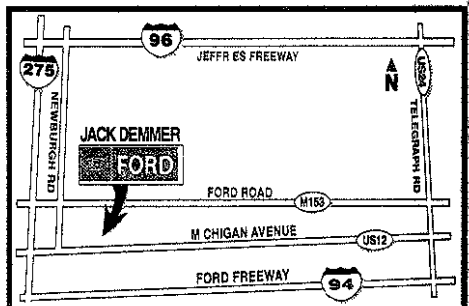
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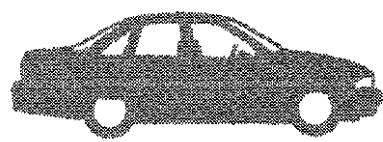
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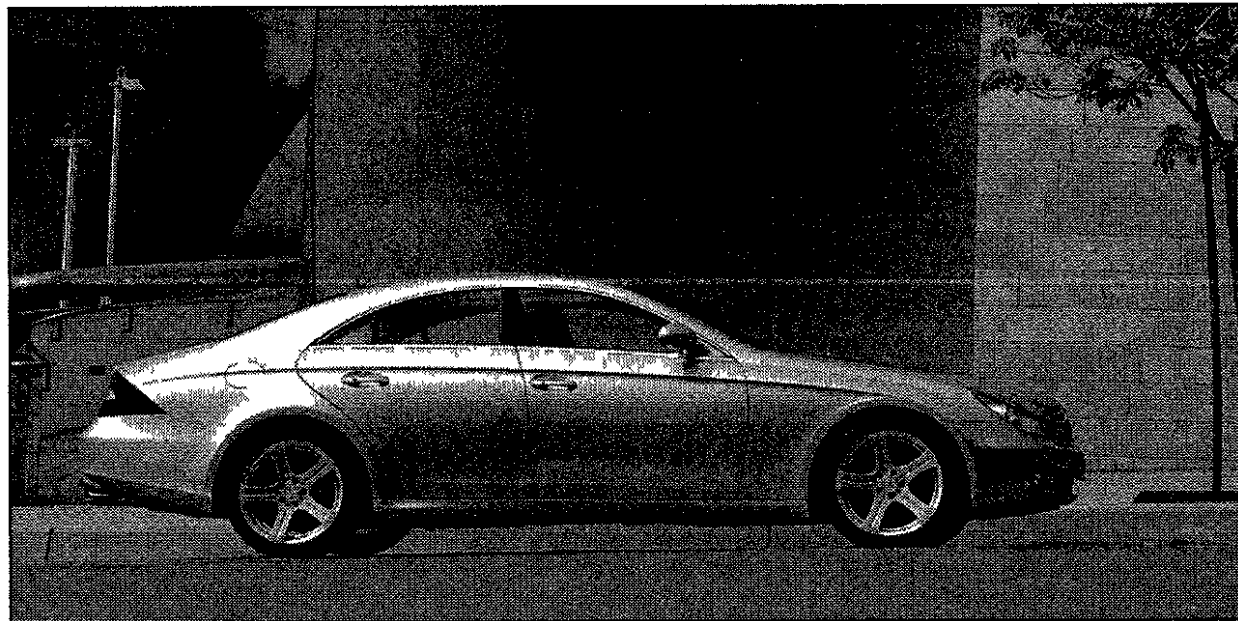
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There are certain things "everybody knows" that color is better than black and white, you're supposed to wait 15 minutes after eating before going swimming, and the Cubs will never win the World Series. And everybody knows a two-door coupe is always more fun to drive than a four-door sedan, right? While the first three are probably true (sorry Cubs fans) we may have to re-think the last one. The 2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 500 four-door is as fun to drive as any two-door coupe I've ever driven.

The CLS 500 is a sharp-looking car. The lines are sleek, allowing the CLS 500 to enjoy a drag coefficient of just .031, even with four doors. The front grille includes the distinctive Mercedes logo, and the headlamps look like a pair of wide eyes looking ahead for adventure. The optional bi-xenon headlamps (\$1,220, which includes headlamp washers) are self-leveling and actually turn slightly with the steering wheel to light up the approaching curve. This package also includes fog lights that turn on below 25 mph when the headlights are on and you use the turn signal or turn the steering wheel. This provides additional lighting around corners.

Powering the CLS 500 is a 5.0-liter V8 engine that's rated at 302hp @ 5600 rpm and 339 lb-ft of torque @ 2700-4250 rpm. In other words, it's quick (0-60 in 5.9 seconds). For those gearheads that may be with us, it uses a twin-spark/three-valve-per-cylinder arrangement, plus an electronic throttle with an "adaptive accelerator," which Mercedes says will respond to individual driving styles. If you like to punch the accelerator after stopping the throttle will start to open faster to give you more power early in the acceleration process. If you take things a bit easier, the throttle opens more slowly to save fuel. Its EPA rated at 16/22, takes premium fuel and will cost you an extra \$1300 for the Gas Guzzler Tax.

The engine is mated with a seven- (yes, seven) speed automatic transmission that comes with the Touch Shift feature, allowing you to manually choose the gear you want. If you let the transmission do the work, you'll find



2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 500. Type: Compact. Where built: Sindelfingen, Germany. EPA: 16/22 (Gas Guzzler Tax \$1,300). Base price: \$64,900. Price as tested: \$77,439.

it shifts smoothly and quickly to the proper gear. The engine never seems to over-rev or drag. Like the engine, the transmission also detects your driving style and attempts to adapt, finding the proper shift points to give you the best fuel economy while providing the power you're looking for.

The CLS 500 comes with power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering that's speed-sensitive. It increases power assist at low speeds and reduces it at higher speeds for better road feedback. It's an impressive 2.8 turns lock-to-lock.

The suspension is an Airmatic Dual Control air suspension system. It includes computer-controlled air springs, gas shocks with four-stage variable damping, and stabilizer bars. The system adapts to your driving style and the driving conditions, although you can still manually select from three damping settings for a sportier feel. In addition, the CLS 500 comes with ESP, Electronic Stability Program.

Inside, the CLS 500 is full of wood, leather and standard features. Its cockpit-like setting provides a feeling of comfort and control. There's plenty of room and the 10-way power leather seats provide good support. The dash features complete instrumentation, including LED fuel and temperature gauges. The center console features a flip-up switch which holds the switches for seat heating and ventilation, rear head restraints, hazard lights and central locking. I prefer all my switches out and within easy reach all the time, but this approach is streamlined and allows for a cleaner look.

The standard audio system for the CLS 500 is an AM/FM/single disc CD system with 10 speakers. You can upgrade to a Harmon/Kardon system that includes a six-disc changer. Unfortunately, that package also comes bundled with the navigation system, heated and ventilated seats, and a power rear window sunshade. I say "unfortunately" because if you don't need the navigation system or care about the ventilated seats and sunshade, you stuck if you just want the upgraded audio. And it's a great audio system, but at an option package of over \$3,600, it would be nice if you could just pick and choose which parts of it you wanted. An integrated Sirius satellite radio is also optional (and will cost you a monthly fee).

The CLS 500 also comes with the usual features you'd expect from a car in this price range: automatic climate control, cruise control, integrated garage door opener, electric adjustable steering column, power windows, central locking system, and power sunroof.

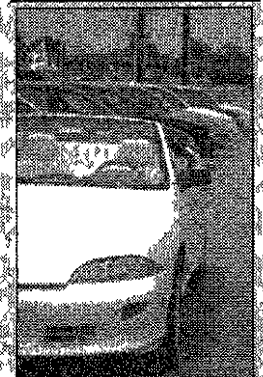
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The 2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 500 starts at about \$65,000 (gulp!). Add the lighting package, AMG package, upgraded audio, Sirius radio and the gas guzzler tax and you're at about \$77,000. A lot of coin, but if you've got it, you'll find the CLS 500 a fun car to drive. And "everybody knows" how important that is.

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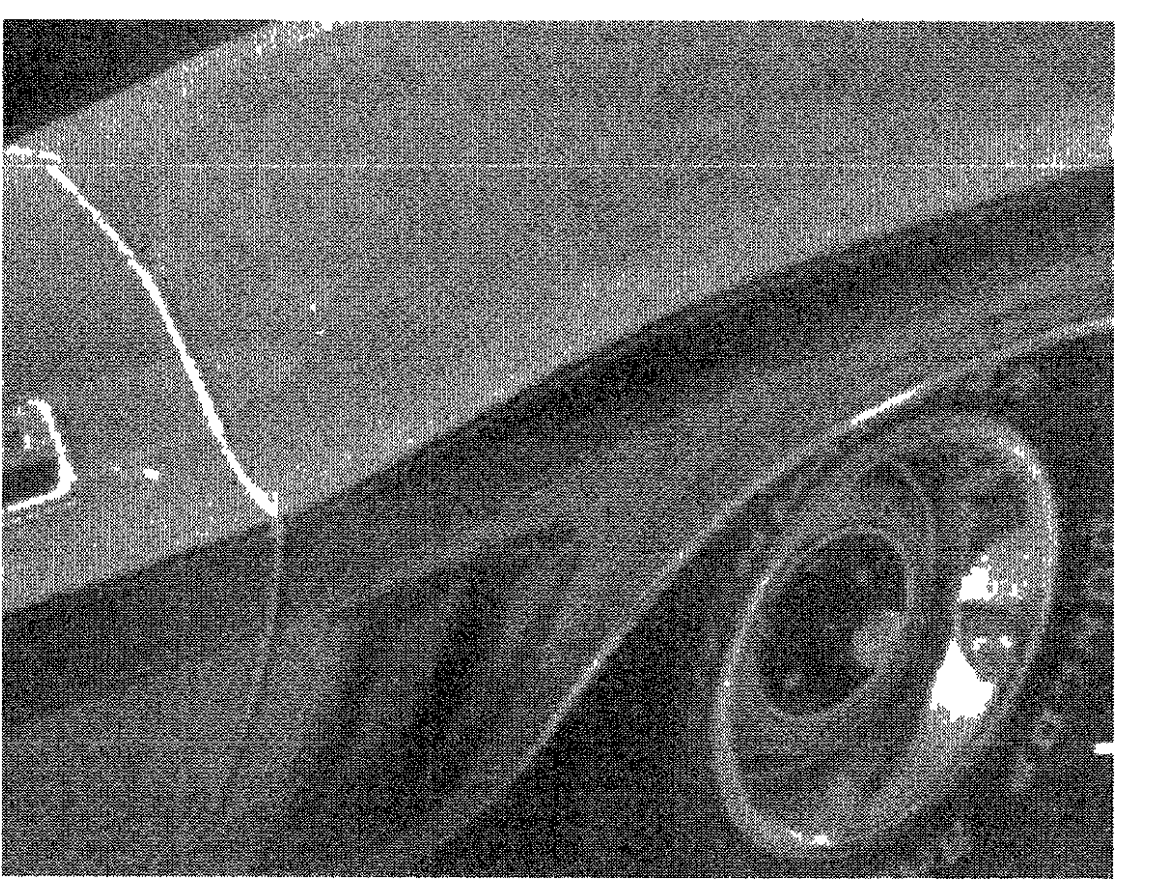
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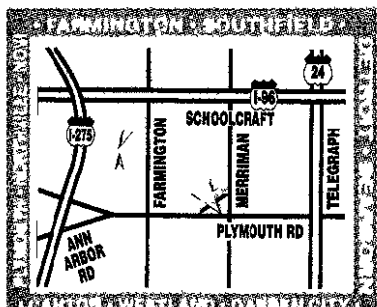
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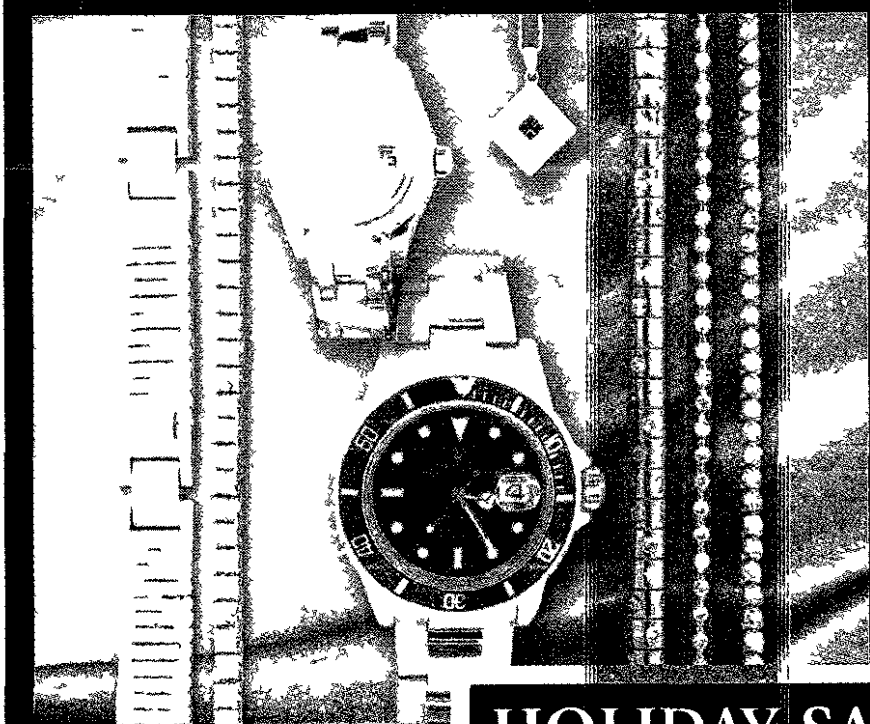
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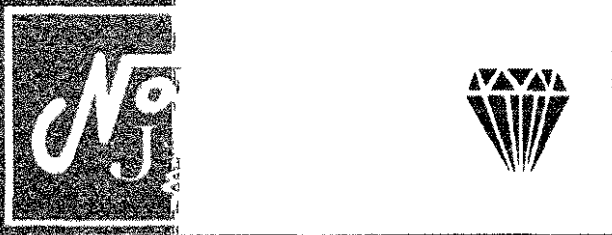
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editor's note

Preventing marks is a real stretch

When I found out I was pregnant, I thought I'd be the first woman in history to go all nine months without showing. I modeled myself after moms who said they worked out until the day they delivered, and left the hospital in their favorite jeans.

Yeah, right. Now, I'm convinced those are urban legends. And another myth, I'm sure, is that you can escape stretch marks.

During my pregnancy, I worked hard to keep the scars at bay. I slathered on just about every brand of cocoa butter I could find (my favorites were Alba Kukui Nut Cream, \$12.95 at drugstore.com, and Body Butters from The Body Shop, \$16.95).

I scrubbed my belly in the shower with a stiff-bristle brush and Dr. Bronner's peppermint soap, to unclog my cocoa-buttered pores and stimulate the tissues.

I even booked a treatment at Om Spa. Owned by two OB-Gyns, the Dearborn oasis specializes in pre- and post-natal pampering, offering everything from facials that prevent "pregnancy mask," to Java Wraps that use cummerbunds to slim the stomach after delivery. During the Blissful Belly treatment, Kaydee prepped my huge stomach with lavender milk, covered it with a collagen mask (while she massaged my shoulders, neck and scalp) and then drenched it with a warm bath of lotions and aromatherapy oils. She sent me home with a tube of erbaviva stretch mark cream, which I promptly used up.

Still, the stretch marks erupted. Myths and urban legends aside, the truth is nothing can completely prevent stretch marks. Even worse, once you get them they're impossible to reverse (although StriVectin cream and Intense Pulse Light therapy show promise).

According to Dr. Duane Kreio of Om Spa, stretch marks form deep under the superficial layers of the skin, as microtears in the collagen and elastin that scar as they heal. Nothing applied topically penetrates deeply enough to stop them. A person's best defense is genetics, Kreio said.

Some people have more collagen and elastin per square inch of skin, he said. "This is why some people avoid stretch marks, and age better than others." For those of us with less-than-perfect DNA, Kreio made some suggestions:

- Drink lots of water to keep your body hydrated

- Use sunscreen to protect your stomach from radiation that can cause small microtears.

- Massage the skin to encourage tissue repair. If stretch marks appear, massage across them with lotion.

- Keep your skin moist using a thick cocoa or shea butter.

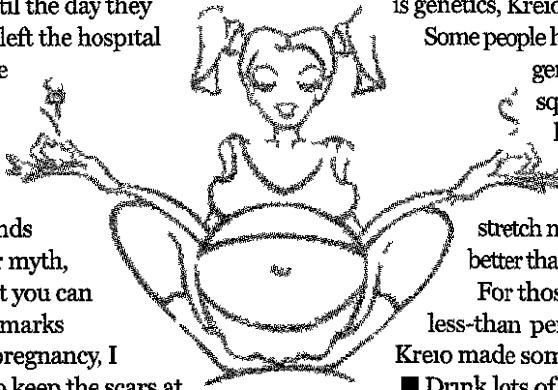
"The key is to put extra collagen and moisture into the skin so it stretches more easily," Kreio said.

Believe it or not, Kreio acknowledged that my belly brushing technique has some value, although it might work better outside the shower.

"Dry brushing is good," he said. It gets rid of toxins and bacteria stored in the skin. All these free radicals lead to damage.

Despite my best efforts, I couldn't escape stretch marks, but at least I can take comfort in knowing they will eventually fade. In the meantime, I'll consider them a badge of motherhood — and shop for a really cute one-piece bathing suit!

— **Wensdy White**



PINK to the rescue!



Just as winter winds begin to suck all the moisture out of our hair, Ilene Monast of West Bloomfield, finds relief from PINK. She's the winner of our Biologie Bonanza contest. We asked readers for their favorite hair care tips. Monast, 71, had a few ideas. "When you mention hair as being coarse, frizzy, etc. you are talking about my life-long problem. I was a red head, then I was white, now I dye my hair which only makes everything worse. I have used every moisturizer on the market including things such as mayonnaise. I use a heat cap with moisturizer on my hair. I spray my hair with hair sheen which helps a tiny bit. Then I saw the write-up on your Biologie Bonanza package and wonder if you had me in mind when you made it. I hope I win as I truly need to be transformed."

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2. **Fur trims** (PINK prefers faux)
3. **Long eveningwear** (gowns that graze the floor)
4. **Necklaces** (try oversized & eye-catching, not dainty & delicate)
5. **Platform shoes** (step it up!)
6. **Puffer jackets** (in leather)
7. **Skirt suits** (rock them with gloves, pumps and top handle purses!)
8. **Slouchy sweaters** (to wear with slim pants or ballooning bubble skirt)
9. **Tulip skirts**
10. **White shirts** (look for high collars, bows and ruffles)

— **Associated Press**

On the cover



Denim is hot and acceptable almost anywhere these days. Find out more about the season's embellished and distressed denim and the best local places to find designer jeans on Pages 6-7. On the cover, a pouf sleeve metallic blazer sets off the crystals in Allen B by Allen Schwartz jeans.

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Russylyn frames are a personal favorite of mine. Why? In addition to being beautiful, each one is handmade and fully customizable, making an extraordinary gift. Prices start at just \$28 at **russylyn.com**.

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Fed up with the lack of corporate gifts for women (a muffin basket is NO way to say thanks after all), Corner Office Beauty creator Suzie Dingwall Williams decided to

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Equally hilarious and delicious? 'Not Soap, Radio's' line of Cocktail Party Lip Glosses (have a cosmopolitan without the hangover!), bubble baths, moisturizers and lip slicks with names like Bathing with Sharks' and Bubbles, not carbs. Prices start at \$10 at **notsoapradio.com**.

For the Love of Men

Let's not forget the fellas. **Miabode.com** has a sleek tie clip and cufflink set in brushed silver. The cufflinks are engraveable for that personal touch and the whole set is just \$24. **CallhopeBoutique.com** has some great cufflinks too. The brown radius ones are a funky option, yet still tame enough for the office, and are just \$30. For the pooch who truly has it all, spoil her (or him) rotten with a hand-woven Swarovski crystal collar from **BarkandSparkle.com** (\$120+). For the canine with issues, **SpotOrganics.com** comes to the rescue

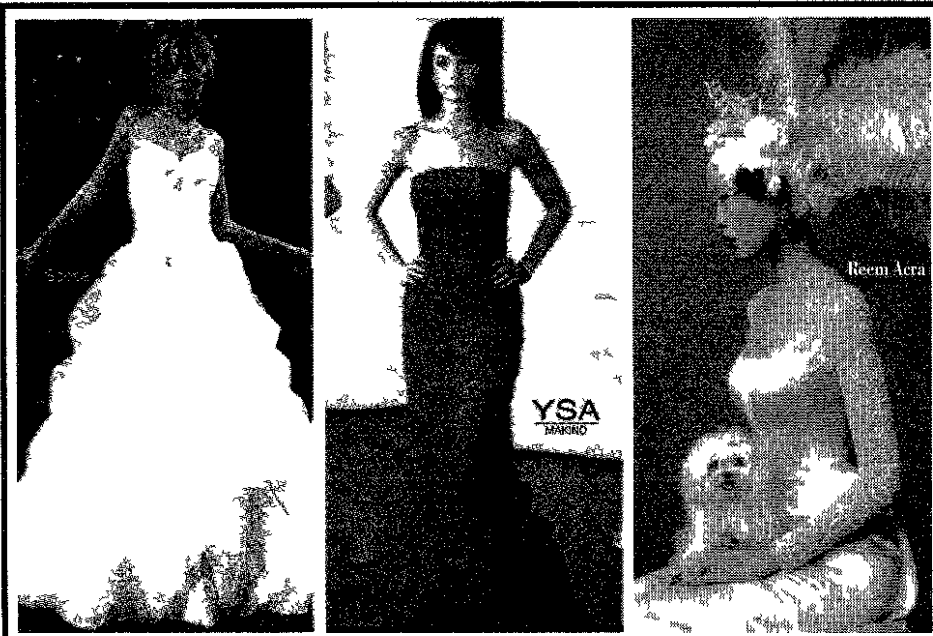
with The Pampered Pup Kit (\$28), featuring five popular canine aromatherapy products: No More Itch Spray, Peppermint Breath Spray, Cleansing Ear, Orange Lavender Shampoo and Chill Essential Oil. And for the pooch who is too loving, the Me So Horny oils are a must—and a riot (\$12)! Have a new addition you'll be shopping for this year?

UncommonlyCute.com has the cheekiest onesies and tees for tots, including Elmo Is My Homeboy' and 'Future Mrs. Pitt' (\$21+).

For Those Who Have Everything

Sometimes, there are those who truly do have it all, but not to fret, there are great gifts for them, too. First up, Milkfed Press is a one-woman letterpress and bindery that can take special old books, love letters or loose art and turn them into treasured, beautifully bound works of art. Prices start around \$375. Too much to swallow? Couture stationery is all the rage—have some made for your loved ones at **milkfedpress.com**.

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By Wensdy White ■ Editor

This winter it's all about the blues. Denim is hot, super stylish and oh-so-comfortable this season in more lengths and cuts than we've ever seen.

Lois Levenson, owner of Guys 'n' Gals at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield, says denim's wave of popularity just keeps swelling, and jeans are acceptable attire virtually everywhere these days. Pair them with a T-shirt and low-slung belt for weekend wear, or spice them up with a hot cropped jacket and jewelry for an evening date.

"Right now everything is so casual, jeans can go into the finest restaurant," Levenson says. "With a great belt, a great top, a great handbag and shoe, the jean is just the background for everything else."

GET RIPPED

Even ripped jeans are making their way into high society, as the trendiest denim is distressed, torn and washed to oblivion. The five-pocket style is still the norm, but jeans come in all shapes and sizes this season. Legs are cut narrow to tuck into boots, or wide enough to flare around them. Lengths skim stilettos, cuff at the calf, or cut off at the knee. The rise is still low, but doesn't expose underwear or midriffs anymore — tacky!

Also varying widely is price. Shagg jeans top out at \$1,000, while the Dollhouse brand runs about \$48 a pair.

Most designer jeans, including the enduring top seller Seven for all Mankind, are \$175-\$195. Designer jeans, which ideally should be dry cleaned, set wearers apart with

one-of-a-kind details. Citizens of Humanity are whiskered by hand on denim. Paper Denim & Cloth are numbered by the batch like art pieces. Pepper are "Certified Authentic," and customers can log onto their web

where their very own pair were cut and

IT'S A STITCH

Blue Cult jeans feature different colors — we love the PINK of course — while are adorned with vintage patches at the butt. Antik boasts elaborate Western patch details.

"The pocket pattern is more important," Caruso Caruso's Julie Gershman said. Whether you shop for your jeans at Sak Avenue or The Gap, remember that embroidery is still hot, whether it's embroidery, rhinestamped patterns.

When it comes to color, trend watchers say jeans are coming back, which would make Fridays a bit more professional. Local stores, however, aren't seeing them trickle in yet. Instead, look for dark blues, which are fashion forward but flattering.

FIT FOR FASHION

Whatever color or cut you choose, the most important thing is to find a great fit. What's easier said than done, which is why we recommend hitting some of Metro Detroit's boutiques. You'll get plenty of attention from salespeople trained in how each brand fits different body types.

"We look at their body and we're pretty good judges," Levenson says. "With our guidance,

customers don't have to be as traumatized going into the dressing room. We give them five pairs to start with and they usually hit."

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Blue Cult, Hudson, Citizens, James and Oligo Tissew

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Seven, Citizens for Humanity, Paige, Joe's Jeans, Big Star, Anti

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Distressing Denim

Create trendy distressed jeans, which can cost hundreds of dollars, out of ordinary – and cheaper – regular blue jeans:

- Using scissors, make a cluster of 1/2- to 2-inch-wide horizontal cuts in one small spot to create a hole. Repeat as desired throughout the thigh and knee areas.
- Slit the seams of the front and back pockets. For further effect, you could also slice open the folded hems of your jeans.
- Put your jeans in the washer with one cup of bleach. After washing, splatter the still-wet pants with more bleach using a large paintbrush and a toothbrush to create blotches of different sizes. Paint the waist, fly, hems and edges of the pockets with bleach, then wash again.
- To make the holes and edges fray, rub a pumice stone along the cuts, belt loops, waistband, pockets and fly. Wash again and dry on high heat. — *Associated Press*

Fit Tips

- Lower and larger back pockets minimize the rear.
- High back pocket placement and a contour fit give the illusion of lifting the rear.
- A trouser cut makes legs look longer and leaner. Vertical trouser pockets draw the eye downward to elongate the leg.
- Higher set, detailed front pockets give the illusion of narrower hips.
- Boy-fit, low rise jeans can be slimming.
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BEYOND THE WINDOW

with Lainey

sleek boots step into fashion

Boots are not just made for walkin' — they're made for stylin', too! This year's colors and embellishments are simply irresistible.

New trends include slouchy soft leathers, tooled jeweled cowboys, fringe lace-up moccasins, warm furry mukluks and cutting edge wedgies. And how about all those trims — from buttons, baubles, bows and buckles to tassels, ties, tweeds and tapestries?

I moseyed beyond the windows of a few neighborhood boutiques with designs from cozy warm to couture cool!

Hip boots abound at **Imelda's Closet** in Birmingham. Check out **Ell's** toasty waterproof lace-up suedes, new quilted rain boots in black, red or white and distressed leather motorcycle boots.

Other labels include cowboy looks from **Charle 1 Horse** and **S Edelman**, hip riding boots from **Geox**, campy Euro-style lace-ups by **Camper**, supple Italian leathers by **Cordani** and the rugged G

Series by **Cole Haan**

Miss Sixty creates chic styles, and its offshoot brand **Killah** boasts amazing trends such as tall green suedes with kitten heels and round toes lightly detailed by fringe.

Scott Gregory in Bloomfield carries footwear, too. The shop stocks **Old Gringo**

boots shimmering with Swarovski crystals and soft, hand-crafted mukluks, all the rage at Kitson, the hot celeb shopping spot in

LA. At **Footprints** in Royal Oak and Ann Arbor, check out zip-up

Uggs in black, teal or chestnut — or go for the new Ugg cargo concept

Ulu boasts warm, comfy boots that go from tundra to town, with

natural shearling and high quality leather, while **Dansko** (of clog

fame) has expanded into a great suede boot, **Fleur**, in raspberry, black and

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Canadienne boasts a fitted red patent number — way retro!



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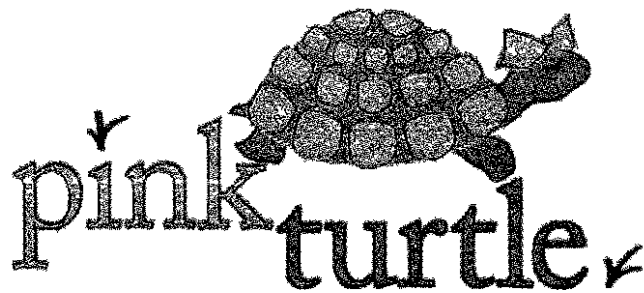
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Aries: (March 21 April 19)

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Taurus: (April 20 May 20)

With energy to burn, now is the time to try new and exciting workout methods. Take up a dance class, get in on a game of basketball, or go for a run. Soon enough you'll look as great as you feel, Taurus

Gemini: (May 21 June 22)

Gems are typically flexible to new thoughts and ideas, but perhaps not as limber physically. Give Pilates a try to gain long and lean muscle tone. Remember a strong body fuels a strong mind

Cancer: (June 23 July 22)

Perhaps you are feeling a bit under the weather this month. Boost your immune system with antioxidant rich green teas, get plenty of sleep, and get a regular dose of vitamin C. You'll be back to your fabulous self before you know it.

Leo: (July 23 Aug 22)

You've been craving change lately, Leo. Take this opportunity to make changes in your health. Quit a bad habit such as smoking, or pass on that extra cocktail at dinner, and replace it with an extra serving of veggies or a glass of water more a day

style'scope

By Kat

Fall into Fitness



Virgo: (Aug 23 Sept 22)

While your social life is in full swing, your body and mind are starting to show signs of fatigue. Take a weekend off, hit that snooze button, and get some rest. You'll feel (and look!) fresh and ready to hit the scene just in time for all the holiday soirees

Libra: (Sept 23 Oct 23)

'Tis the season for extra helpings and daily desserts. Enjoy your favorite holiday treats in moderation and remember to eat wisely the rest of the day. Replace your basic meals with organic fare low in calories and fat to help fight extra bulge

Scorpio: (Oct 24 Nov 21)

Make sure you take extra care of yourself this month. Get that flu shot, go for a daily walk, and eat right. You may be able to fend off bad days if you play your cards right. There will be lots to look forward if you can pull through

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 Dec 21)

Happy Birthday, Sag. Treat yourself to a personal trainer or those fancy sneakers you've been eyeing. You deserve it. Start your new age with a resolution to look even better than the year before

Capricorn: (Dec 22 Jan 19)

Hitting the gym may not be your favorite pastime, however you can burn calories while participating in one you enjoy. Shopping is a secret calorie burner! Take the stairs instead of the escalator, grab a salad for lunch, and take an extra lap around the mall

Aquarius: (Jan 20 Feb 18)

Brace yourself for a busy month. You may feel as if there isn't enough time in the day, but fit health into your jam-packed schedule. All it takes is 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise per day to get your heart rate up, and keep your figure intact.

Pisces: (Feb 19 March 20)

Your head maybe in the clouds, but you are needed here on earth. Gam some grounding with yoga. Take a deep breath and channel your thoughts. You'll have time for day-dreaming after you deal with tasks at hand

style brief



Yoga T's reflect 'light in you'

LIVONIA — Open your heart to a new clothing line that reflects the spirit of style. Local husband and wife duo Karen and Mark Williams recently launched Namaste Products, a online selection of women's T-shirts and jackets printed with the word "Namaste"

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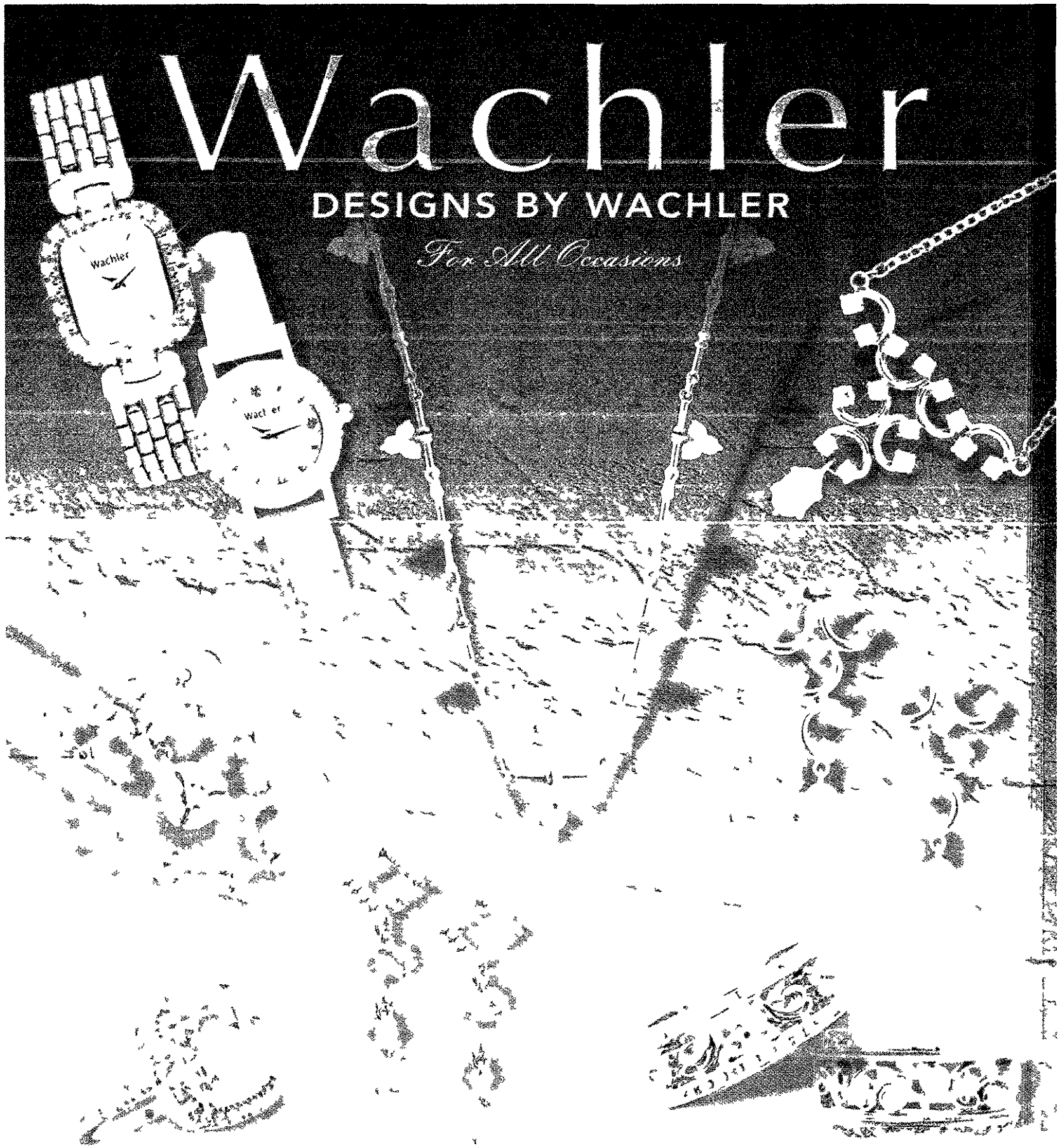
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