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## Bill passage clears way to let water flow

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Water could be flowing much stronger in the western part of Plymouth Township by spring 2007 after a Michigan House substitute for a Senate bill introduced by state Sen. Bruce Patterson passed without dissent in the House Tuesday. State representatives voted 106-0 to pass the House version of the bill. It's due back on the Senate floor Tuesday, where it's expected to pass. If the bill becomes law, it would result in 1.18 acres of state land at

what was the Western Wayne Correctional Facility being given to the township for \$1 to be used as a site for a second water tower.

The land, near Five Mile and Beck, includes the highest point in Plymouth Township, and is thought by township officials to be ideal for a tower site.

"It provides an excellent location on high ground for the township's second water tower," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said. "It will allow the township to buy water from (Detroit) at off-peak hours and then provide that water to its resi-

dents during peak demand times, thus lowering the overall cost of water."

Getting the property from the state has caused some delays in the project. Township officials went out for bids this summer, but those bids expired in September. The township asked for, and received, a 60-day extension.

The bid was eventually awarded to Chicago Bridge & Iron, but that bid expires Dec. 31. Reaume said he hopes to get the legal paperwork from the state to allow the project to start before the price of steel goes up

If the township gets the deed to the property before the end of the year, Reaume said, construction could start as early as spring 2006, with the tower becoming operational about a year later.

The new tower will improve water flow to homes and businesses in the western reaches of the township's water system. The township's other water tower is located near the Lake Pointe subdivision.

"It is a win-win all around," said Patterson. "Local business and industry benefits. Residents benefit. The water tower will help main-

tain steady water pressure."

Township officials hope the water tower can be built and functional by late spring 2007.

Reaume said the tank will hold approximately one million gallons of water.

"A million gallons of water provides excellent water pressure throughout the western half of the township," Reaume said. "It also doubles as a reservoir during power outages or other emergencies."

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## College Hall comes callin'

CMU picks Plymouth PR pro for highest journalism honor

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Since attending Central Michigan University and graduating in 1951, Plymouth Township resident Alan Stuart has spent a good deal of his adult life giving back to the college he loves.

Now the university has given something back, including Stuart among five distinguished professionals inducted into the CMU Journalism Hall of Fame.

Stuart worked for the student newspaper and the local *Mount Pleasant Daily Times-News* (now the *Morning Sun*), before shifting gears and crafting a long career in public relations.

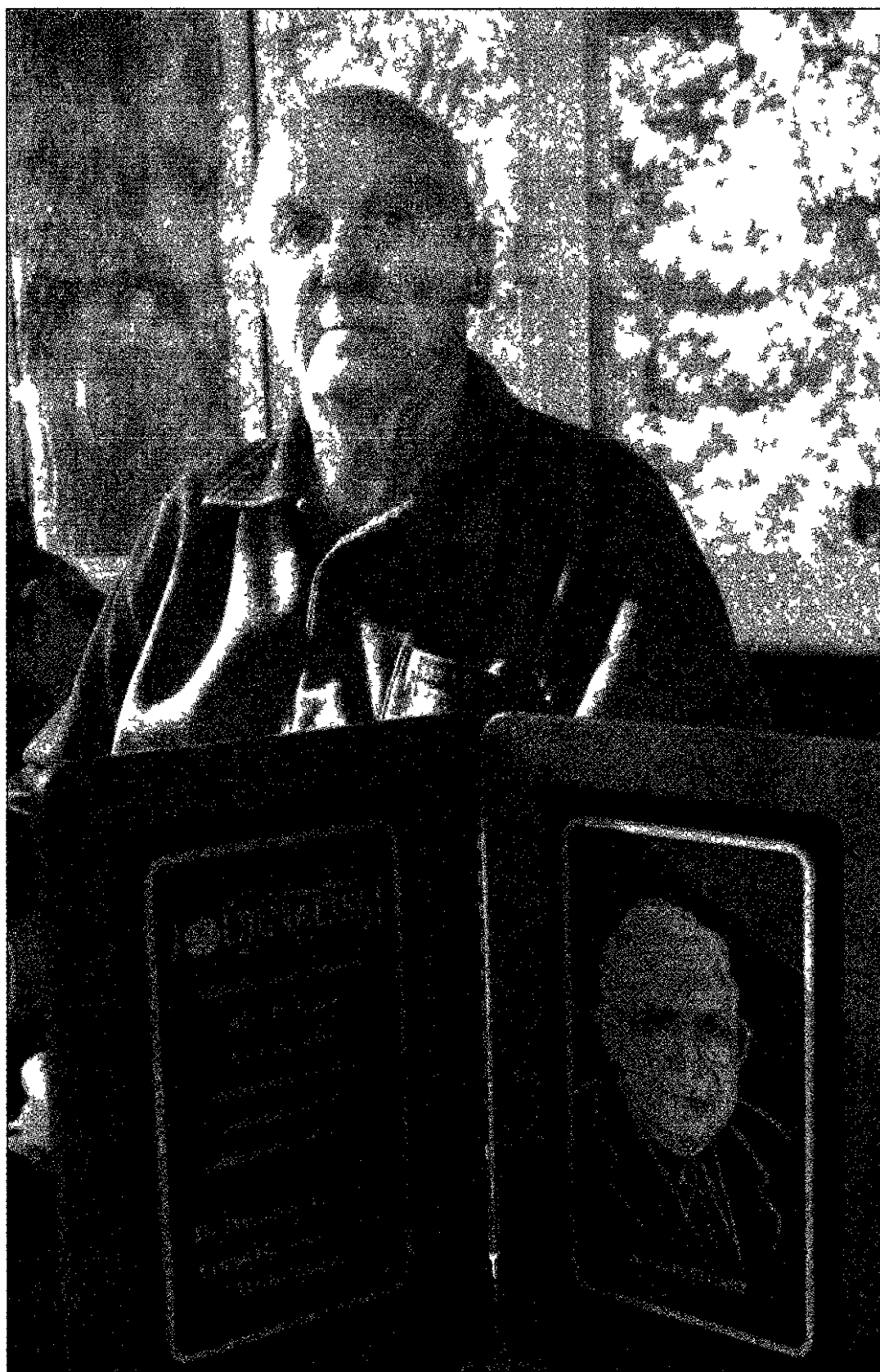
It's a far cry from the career Stuart thought he'd have when he entered college wanting to be an archaeologist. Stuart cut his journalistic teeth as a photographer.

"The school photographer was leaving, and he taught me the techniques and groomed me to replace him," Stuart said.

After graduation, Stuart, a Royal Oak native, spent some time in Green Bay, Wis., before returning to the Detroit area unsure of where he wanted to go. He got a job with a public relations agency in Detroit, a job that included some photography.

While working the Michigan State Fair, Stuart met a representative from Cadillac Motor Cars and before long had a new job. His

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Alan Stuart, retired from his own public relations company, was recently inducted into Central Michigan University's Journalism Hall of Fame.

## Underpass pact arrives, but issues remain

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Nearly seven months after it was originally mailed, Plymouth city officials Wednesday received a missing document that, in part, has delayed construction of the \$12 million Sheldon Road underpass.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp personally delivered an intergovernmental agreement to City Manager Paul Sincock, which - if signed by commissioners - could mean the start of construction of the grade separation project at the CSX railroad crossing.

However, support by some commissioners has been waning because the venture, scheduled since a \$5.5 million federal grant was announced in 1999, has yet to see a shovel in the ground six years later.

The IGA has been a source of consternation with city officials, as Helmkamp insisted he sent the contract to both Plymouth and Plymouth Township April 25. While Plymouth Township officials received their copy outlining their cost for participation in the project, Plymouth offi-

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## City gets 'voice,' fire deal not done

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

After months - years, really - of insisting on weighted participation in the operation of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, city commissioners finally have their "voice at the table."

After weeks of joint services meetings designed at coming up with a new intergovernmental agreement to replace one that expires in December 2006, Plymouth Township officials have at least agreed to language in a city proposal that gives the city some say in how the fire department budget is spent.

City officials included the language in a proposal they gave to the township last week. The sides have been trying to hammer out a new deal before a Dec. 31 deadline for one or the other of the parties to decide whether to continue the arrangement.

The language provides a percentage weight to votes on the operating budget cast by both township and city officials. Township votes are valued at 10.43 percent, city votes at 3.8555 percent.

"That certainly starts to address some of the issues," said

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**MARSP luncheon**

All retired school employees are invited to join the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) at the next luncheon meeting Wednesday, Dec 14. MARSP meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia.

At the December luncheon, a Barbershop Chorus of 16 will present a holiday program. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 477-9764. The cost is \$9.

**Medicare program**

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will sponsor a program to provide information on the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec 7, at the Plymouth District Library.

A representative from Senior Alliance, Ron Lieberman, will provide information on the Medicare programs offered and will answer questions. There will also be information booklets, etc., for seniors to take with them and keep for reference.

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

**Open mic night**

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents Monday Nights in the Orange Room, a "super fine acoustic music and spoken

word open-mic time hosted by Sean FitzGerald.

Open mic night runs Mondays 8-11 a.m., sign-up can be done via e-mail at [Beanopenmic@hotmail.com](mailto:Beanopenmic@hotmail.com) or in person. The Plymouth Coffee Bean is open until midnight. It's located at 884 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 454-0178.

**Breakfast with Bruce**

All seniors are invited for a complimentary breakfast with state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. No RSVP is required. This free breakfast will be offered at the Central City Diner, 6600 N. Canton Center (between Ford Road and Warren) in Canton 9-10 a.m. Monday, Dec 5.

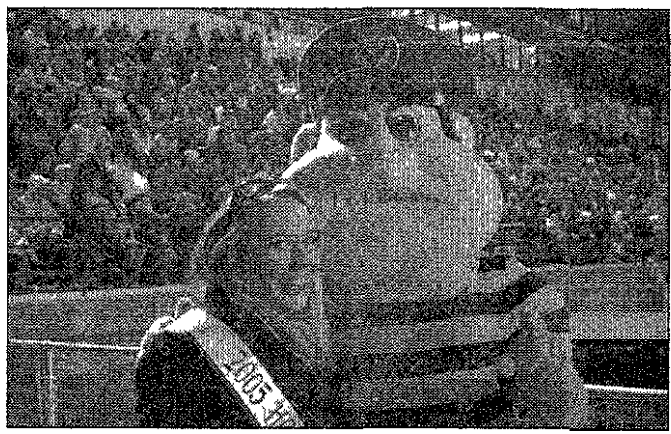
For more information, call the diner at (734) 354-9100, or Patterson's district director, Sue Trussell, (734) 783-1642.

**Toys for Tots**

Walker-Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth is teaming with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for its annual Toys for Tots Drive.

Donors of new, unwrapped toys get the opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$500 Walker-Buzenberg gift certificate. The offer is made in conjunction with the store's holiday bonus sale, which runs through Dec 18.

"We hope to be able to collect many toys and gifts from our loyal customers," co-owner Eric Buzenberg said. "This effort will leave a lasting impression on deserving children."



**Queen for a day**

Grand Valley State University student and Canton resident Elizabeth Bonnell, 21, was named the school's homecoming queen during the Lakers' Oct. 29 football game against Northern Michigan University. A 2002 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, Bonnell is an English major at GVSU and is involved with numerous clubs and activities, including the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi and Eyes Wide Open, a sexual assault advocacy group. She was nominated for homecoming queen and then selected by her fellow students. Here, she poses with the school's mascot.

Donations can be dropped off at the store through Dec 18. The store is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-1300.

**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.

**Retiree reunion**

A Christmas party for former employees and retirees of

Wayne County General Hospital will be held 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 6, at the Golden Corral buffet restaurant on Warren Road east of Newburgh in Westland. A private room has been reserved. For more information, call Patricia Ibbotson at (313) 561-0177.

**Credit score seminar**

The Plymouth District Library will host a special "\$\$\$ and Sense" meeting 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 7, to examine the issue of credit card scores.

Helen Pianowski, assistant manager of lending for Community Financial in Plymouth, will explain what is a good score, the different types of credit scores, and give some helpful tips to polish up credit scores.

The three-digit credit score (also known as a FICO score) is the magic number that determines qualification for a mortgage or home equity loan, opening a credit card, starting cell phone service, insurance rates, or even renting an apartment.

For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750.

**DAR meeting**

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet 11 a.m. Monday, Dec 19, at Greenmead Hill House in Livonia.

Sue Daniels will talk about the Christmas tea.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

**Art exhibit**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the work of Walled Lake artist Rodney Lloyd through Dec 23.

Oil paintings and pottery will be featured in the exhibit entitled, "Nature Redefined: Old and New Life Forms of the Earth, Air and Sea." A reception will be held for the artist 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec 10. The public is invited to attend.

Lloyd worked as a car designer for Ford and Chrysler for many years. He was involved with the original designs for the Mustang and the Chrysler minivans. He has also taught design at the College for Creative Studies.

His creativity also embraces nature in the form of very colorful, abstract oil paintings. The dynamic use of color, organic forms and unusual composition is central to the artist's vision. His work is included in many private and corporate collections.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774

N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

**Stroke program**

Train To End Stroke, a marathon training program offered by the American Stroke Association, will hold information sessions at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec 15, at the Plymouth District Library.

This program is designed for people who want to get in shape, travel and raise money for a good cause. Choose to walk or run a full or half marathon in San Diego or Kona, Hawaii. All fitness levels are welcome. No registration is required. Additional information sessions are scheduled in January.

For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit [stroke-association.org](http://stroke-association.org).

**Advent festival**

The parish choir, handbell choir, children and youth choirs, SonShine and members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth celebrate an 'Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols,' in the manner of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec 4.

This year's service features carols from the fourth through the 20th centuries. Composers include Andrew Carter, Philip Ledger, Paul Manz, David Willcocks and Healey Willan.

The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the service. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon.

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# Backing out of banking biz

With husband waiting, retirement beckons banker

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Ever since Joe Slezak retired as a Wayne County firefighter a few years back, he's been waiting for his wife, Margaret, to join him in the good life — free time, a place in Florida, grandkids

Now, he's got his wish. Margaret Slezak, a long-time financial whiz who helped start two banks in her own community, decided it was time to put away her abacus and join her husband in retirement. Slezak, a vice president and founding member of New Liberty Bank, said goodbye recently at a retirement party in her honor.

"He's been waiting for a long time for me to finally give it up," Slezak said of her husband. "It's time. I don't want to wait too long, because time flies by."

Slezak joined New Liberty Bank president/CEO Mike Weaver and former Plymouth



Margaret Slezak

mayor and banker Bill Graham in March 2001. The trio opened the bank in a tiny space near the railroad tracks on Main Street, then moved to the bank's current location on Ann Arbor Road.

A partnership with Slezak seemed natural for Weaver. The two met when Weaver was at First of America and Slezak was at Community Federal Credit Union (now renamed Community Financial).

Weaver remembers going into CFCU after "stealing" a customer of Slezak's and paying off the customer's loan. He said she was so polite about it "she almost took the fun out of it." The next day, he

## THE SLEZAK FILE

- Name Margaret Slezak
- Family Husband Joe, daughter Diane (Ed) Zurawski son Joe (Suzette) Slezak Jr, grandchildren Elyse, 3-1/2, Jeff 14 and Nicole 10
- Career Retired as vice president at New Liberty Bank
- Community Spent time on Schoolcraft College and New Morning School boards member of first Downtown Development Authority board former Chamber of Commerce president

found out why when Slezak came into First of America and returned the favor.

When Weaver left to start People's State Bank, he took Slezak with him. She and Graham followed him to New Liberty.

I got tired of competing against her, Weaver said. I had the chance to hire her and grabbed her. I knew she wanted to get back into banking, and I knew I didn't want to compete against her. If she was going to get back into banking, I wanted it to be here.

So did Slezak, who's lived in Plymouth since she and Joe

moved their growing family from Dearborn in 1969, looking for a good school district for kids Diane and Joe Jr. The family put down its roots, and Slezak started getting involved. She spent 10 years on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce board of directors, including a year as its president.

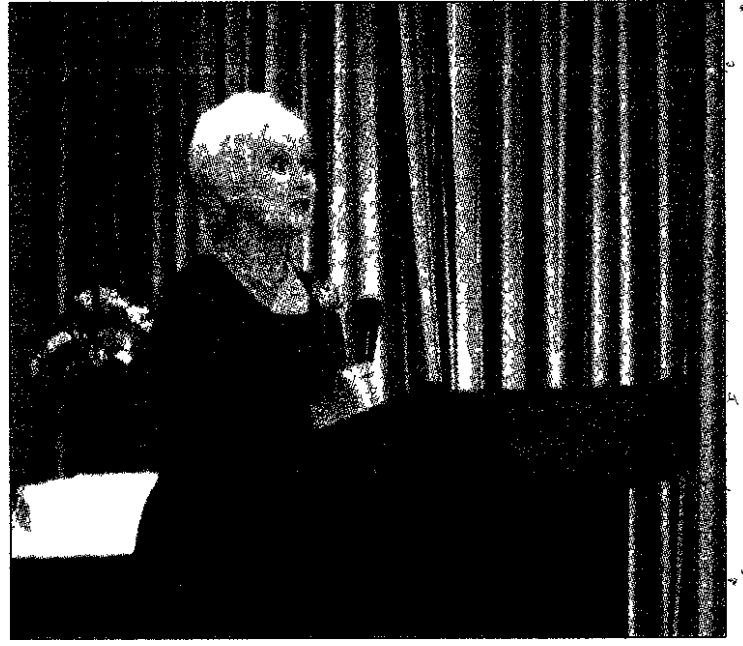
She did six years on the boards for the Schoolcraft College Foundation and New Morning School, and was a charter member of the first Plymouth Downtown Development Authority board.

"They were so beneficial to the community," Slezak said of the committees she served. "When you sit on some of these committees, you see you're reaching kids. The chamber worked so hard at making this a better community. That was important to me."

While she was serving the community, she was also building a strong reputation in the financial world. The idea of helping people, which blossomed in her when she worked with Realtor Jim McKeon years ago, really appealed to Slezak.

Starting a couple of banks simply fueled it.

"It was such an education," she said. "We went through all the state and federal regulations, it was a very exacting time. I'm not sure I'd want to



Former New Liberty Bank vice president Margaret Slezak thanks friends and co-workers at her retirement party.

do it again, but it was exciting."

While she was learning herself, she was teaching her partners. Weaver remembers having Slezak walk into his office "just to talk for a minute," then simply listening as she did all the talking, and when she was done whatever the problem was was resolved.

"The conversations usually went with Margaret doing all the talking and me nodding my head periodically," Weaver recalled. "Then she'd thank me for taking the time to talk. You'd like to take credit for helping develop people, but with Margaret it was more staying out of the way and letting her develop herself."

Now the developing will come in retirement, as the Slezaks find time with grand-

kids Elyse, Jeff and Nicole, and the rest of the family.

She gave herself a spiffy retirement present — a trip to Italy with her sister — and now is settling into life after life's work.

"I worried a little about leaving," she admitted. "I'm so excited about new freedom and some time just for me, but I'm scared, too. Is it going to be enough for me?"

The family's got their new winter home in Florida, but they're maintaining their Plymouth heritage.

"We're going to spend our winters in Florida," she said. "But we could never give up our Plymouth home."

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

## Candlelight vigil honors children lost too soon

Members of the Compassionate Friends know the holidays are tough times for people who've lost loved ones, especially children.

In an effort to help with the

Greg Blackwood (front left) was surrounded by family and friends gathered around a tree with a photo of his daughter Amy Blackwood on it during the vigil in Kellogg Park last year.

grief, The Compassionate Friends, Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, sponsor a candle-lighting ceremony in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Dec. 11 in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day.

"The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children," said committee member Gail Lafferty. "This candle-lighting ceremony hon-

oring them helps their memory live on."

The ceremony will include the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with the children's names, a candle-light vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs.

The local ceremony includes the candle-lighting at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the worldwide candle-lighting. The idea

is that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

For more information or to register a child, call or e-mail candle-lighting committee members Gail Lafferty, angel4gail@aol.com or (734) 981-4528 or Virginia Herrick, herrick@millercafield.com or (248) 449-7598.

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# YWCA's wish list is for people it serves

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is making a list and checking it twice. Its Holiday Wish List to help the many people it serves throughout the year. This Holiday Wish List will give members of the community the YWCA serves a chance to help their less fortunate neighbors this holiday season, said Karen Murphy, YWCA chief executive officer.

Donations can be designated to send a child to camp for the summer, for the after school programs, or for any of the other programs.

Many programs need art and craft supplies, computers, sports equipment, bus services for field trips, and new books.

New or like-new women's business clothes are needed for the Corporate Womens program, which helps women re-

enter the workforce. Volunteers are needed to help with all programs. Mentors are needed to help the boys and girls enrolled in YWCA programs.

The YWCA has families in need of extra assistance this holiday season.

Individuals or organizations can sponsor them and help their children.

The YWCA through its preschool, youth and family programs serves more than 700 families in Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne and Van Buren Township.

For more ideas on how you or your organization can help the families and children the YWCA serves this holiday season, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

# Museum hosts yule open house

Feeling a bit Scrooge-like these days with the hectic holiday rush? The Plymouth Historical Museum may be able to help you get into the spirit of the season.

The museum, 155 S. Main at Church in downtown Plymouth, will host a Christmas open house 1-4 p.m. this Sunday.

"We're holding it to say thank you to the community and to help out the Marines with Toys for Tots," said Diane Hamernik, secretary of the Plymouth Historical Society. The museum is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marines' program.

The new exhibit, "Toys of the Generations," will be on display during the open house. Santa will be there all

afternoon. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

"We have all our Christmas decorations up, Hamernik said of the museum's festive look. A couple of areas are set up like living rooms of different eras as seen on Christmas morning.

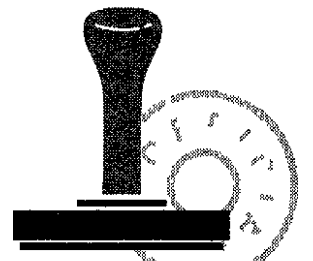
For information, call (734) 455-8940. Organizers anticipate a good turnout again this Sunday.

It always has been in the past," she said. "I think it kind of gets the Christmas thing going for them."

She'll see what reaction is to the museum this Sunday and gauge if anything could be improved in the exhibit.

By Julie Brown

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Opalinski 83 died Nov. 21
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Pagnani 88 of Farmington died Nov. 17
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Patterson of Canton died Nov. 16
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Porta 70 of Wayne died Nov. 16
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- Anthony "George" Retsel Jr.**  
Retsel of Waterford died Dec. 2
- Lillian L. J. Rinnan**  
Rinnan 79 of Warren died Nov. 24
- V**
- Brent C. Verrot**  
Verrot 46 died Nov. 19
- W**
- Harriet Haynes Robison Weaver**  
Weaver 80 formerly of Birmingham died Nov. 23

## TAG program screens students

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

Students must reside within the district boundaries and be in grades 2-7. Forms are available in all elementary and middle schools. Completed forms need

to be back to principals or counselors by Dec. 23.

Forms also are available online at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us). Nominations for non-public students should be returned to the TAG Office at Miller Elementary, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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## FIRE DEAL

FROM PAGE A1

City Manager Paul Sincock "If we've talked about things from the beginning (of the budget process), it makes us more involved."

Township trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who has handled the bulk of negotiations for the township with Supervisor Richard Reaume, told city officials Wednesday the township board had "no problem" with the language.

"You're asking for a vote," Doroshewitz said. "I think I speak for the board in saying we would agree to that."

They aren't words that have come up a lot during these negotiations, but there were some other key points on which the sides apparently have come to agreement, including staffing.

The fire department currently has 27 firefighters, three management positions and an administrative assistant. The city wants that cut to 24, two and one. At Wednesday's meeting, Doroshewitz and Reaume agreed to cap the city's personnel costs at 24, two and one, higher staffing levels "would be on our dime," Doroshewitz said.

But there are still several outstanding items on which the two sides appear to be deadlocked, primarily transport of patients and the formula used to figure out how much of the expenses will be paid by the city.

Transport: The current agreement calls for Huron

Valley Ambulance to perform the bulk of the transport, with the fire department agreeing to keep PCFD transports as close to 10 percent as possible.

However, since Plymouth firefighters underwent advanced life support training back in 1999, the PCFD has transported more often. Township officials and firefighters believe it can be a revenue generator, city officials disagree, claiming there are added costs and saying firefighters who transport patients to hospitals outside Plymouth are leaving local residents with less-effective service.

Frankly, we don't have enough people to be out of the community, City Commissioner Dave Workman said. "We already hear (from firefighters) we're short-handed. If we're going to the hospital, that doesn't make me more comfortable (about the level of service) sitting in my living room."

Fire Chief Randy Maycock pointed out there were "other factors" involved in the decision when to transport, including whether HVA even has units available to respond.

There are multiple factors that go into whether the numbers (of transports) go up or down, Maycock said. "It's simplistic to say firefighters are just deciding they're going to transport."

Expenses: The current contract calls for the city to pay 25 percent of the operating budget based on a complicated formula that includes such

things as the state-equalized value of property. The city wants to keep the formula, township officials would prefer to base the city's portion of the expenses largely on the total number of runs the department makes within city limits. I don't think you tie the formula to SEV," Doroshewitz said. "It should be tied to the number of structures and the amount of service."

Resolving disputes: The current agreement calls for a five-member panel to be established, with two city representatives and two township designees, with the fifth member chosen by those four. The city has already appointed its representatives - former commissioner Colleen Pobur and Police Chief Wayne Carroll Doroshewitz and Reaume both agreed Wednesday the township board should also appoint two, even if that part of the agreement isn't retained in a new deal.

The sides are set to meet again Wednesday at city hall, a meeting at which township negotiators are scheduled to bring back language dealing with areas on which the sides disagree. However, city officials are starting to feel pressure by the Dec. 31 deadline.

Until we get the whole package together, it's hard to say where we are, Sincock said. Obviously this agreement, if it can be made to work, is a very good alternative for the community, but there are other options."

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## @ THE LIBRARY

**FRIENDS HOLIDAY BOOK SALE**, Monday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. - The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will host an ongoing holiday book sale beginning Monday, Dec. 5. Nearly new offerings will include books for children and adults, music and videos. Look for the yellow carts near the check-out desk.

**WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 20, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary. Come to either session or both.

**YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Round-table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com.

**NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

**ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. - Join lively astronomer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**BLOOD DRIVE**, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - The holiday season finds the Red Cross in serious need of blood donations. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Library lobby - but walk-ins are welcome too. For more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

**CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org.

**BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Dec. 28, noon (please note date change for this month only) - This month's discussion invites members to read *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dccocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

**GREAT BOOKS** - Monday, December 5 & 19 - This group meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Library in the Gold Room on alternate Mondays. The anthology *Psychological Fiction* compiled by Morris Beja is the basis for study this year. 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. Please contact group facilitator Karen Berne at (734) 453-2454 for the dis-

ussion topic and the dates of the meetings. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site <http://www.great-books.org/>.

## Youth Programs

**LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. - This session will be repeated Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. These 15-minute song and rhyme times for babies six to 24 months old and their caregivers only. Lap sit storytimes are limited to 16 children per session, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

**HOLIDAY MOVIE**, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. - Enjoy the family favorite, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, rated PG and intended for children 5-12. No registration required.

**NEW YEARS EVE CRAFTS**, Thursday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. - Make your own party hats, banners and noisemakers and prepare to welcome 2006! This free program is for children ages 5-12.

## Teen Program

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION SESSION**, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. - Teens who are interested in volunteering at the Library should plan to attend to find out what jobs are available and get training. Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

**BOOKS & BAGELS**, Monday, Dec. 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Snack on bagels and juice and discuss this month's book *Dragonsong* by Anne McCaffrey, for readers in grades six-12. Advance registration is required, and attendance is limited to the first 12 teens who register. Pick up books at the circulation desk. Come to the discussion, and you'll get to keep the book. For more good books to read, visit [plymouthlibrary.org/yabibs.htm](http://plymouthlibrary.org/yabibs.htm).

**TEEN KNITTING/CROCHETING CLUB**, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. - All learners and experienced needlecrafters welcome. Adult volunteers will teach newcomers. Supplies provided - or bring your own project. Make a chemo cap or other project for charity.

**DIY**, Monday, Dec. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Just in time for the holidays, make beeswax candles and gingerbread houses. Registration is required and may be made at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling (734) 453-0750, No. 4. Class size is limited to 12.

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, Dec. 10 (only one meeting this month) 3-4 p.m. - Do you have suggestions for fun teen programs, books, magazines, movies or music? Come tell us about it. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of teen volunteers who each month, to enjoy muffins and juice while sharing ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services. No registration is required. Need community service? Receive one hour of service for every meeting you attend.

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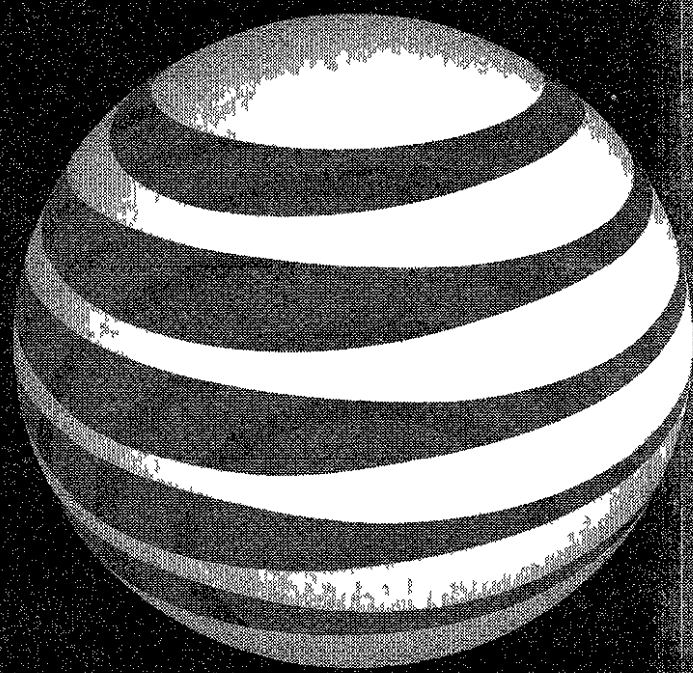
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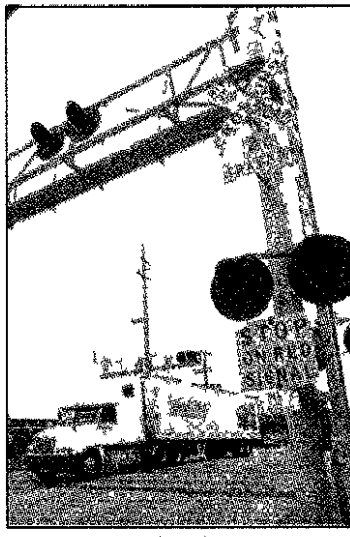




**UNDERPASS**

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 cials say they never received one  
 Helmkamp suggested city officials were posturing in efforts to delay the project Mayor Dan Dwyer, in his first official act as the city's top elected official, made it known at Monday's regular meeting the city would vote, as soon as the county sent the agreement  
 "Why in the world does he think the city of Plymouth would sit on an intergovernmental agreement that's worth millions of dollars on a project?" questioned Dwyer "If it's really worth all those millions of dollars, what have they been doing for six months just sitting and waiting?"  
 "The people of the city of Plymouth should know their government is not sitting on any government agreement in regards to the Sheldon Road underpass," he said  
 Sincocock said commissioners could get a chance to vote on

the underpass next month  
 "Our city attorney and engineers will look at the documents," Sincocock said "Commissioners could see it on their agenda for the Dec 19 regular meeting"  
 If commissioners sign the agreement, the city's share will be capped at \$503,250 Plymouth Township will be assessed just over \$1 million if trustees approve the project  
 However, if officials from either community refuse to sign - which could spell the end for the project - Helmkamp said the communities will be on the hook for the \$1.3 million in engineering costs The township would pay 66 percent, or approximately \$858,000, with the remaining 33 percent, or \$429,000, to be paid by the city  
 As it stands, because neither community signed the agreement and engineering plans were incomplete, construction that was to have begun this month is now delayed until at least November 2006, with



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The Sheldon Road rail crossing could be a thing of the past if the intergovernmental agreements for a grade separation ever get signed

completion two years later  
 Wayne County officials have also yet to secure a commitment from CSX Railroad for its share, which is capped at 5 percent, or about \$600,000

**HONOR**

FROM PAGE A1  
 PR career was off and running  
 Eventually he ended up at Ross-Roy Advertising, where he spent 12 years running campaigns for Chrysler, Sinai Hospital and others  
 Meanwhile, he developed a plan to start his own agency in 1990 However, when Ross-Roy downsized in 1988, Stuart started his company, Stuart Communications Group, two years ahead of schedule  
 "It's always a challenge, no matter what you're doing," Stuart said "You're always learning It's very enjoyable"  
 Stuart is grateful for the education he got at CMU, a college he settled on, after a visit with friends already attending, because of its intimacy  
 "The smallness of it would let me do things I wanted to do," Stuart said "The students and faculty were all very friendly and helpful I fell in love with the place"  
 He's paid back the love over the years by working closely with CMU students and supporting the journalism program at the university He's also been an active member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1959, staying heavily involved with the Detroit chapter  
 In fact, it was chapter president Jennifer Day who nominated Stuart for the Hall of Fame  
 "Over the span of his career, (Stuart) has devoted himself to the profession of journalism and public relations, nurturing

**THE STUART FILE**

- Name Alan Stuart
- Residence Plymouth Township
- Career 1951 Central Michigan grad, more than 50 years in public relations
- Honor Inducted into Central Michigan University Journalism Hall of Fame
- Family Wife of 51 years Lois three daughters Celia (Jeff) Whitman of New Orleans, Jane Stuart of Westland and Lisa (Brent) McVeigh of Plymouth



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After 'so many years (being) the guy behind the microphone or the story,' Plymouth Township resident Alan Stuart said he's 'very honored' to be the first public relations professional inducted into the Central Michigan University Journalism Hall of Fame

young professionals in the industry and made generous contributions to college students," Day said in nominating him  
 One of those students was Karen Stewart Spica, a 1976 CMU graduate who was moved to write a letter of support for Stuart's nomination  
 "He taught us to reach out to new CMU grads, make campus visits to speak to students, participate in student career conferences, talk up CMU and support the university financially," Spica wrote, "all aimed at continuing to increase the value for our degree and give back to the university"  
 Stuart's career was slowed by back surgery seven years ago He moved his office to his Plymouth Township home for a couple of years, then retired Now he does mostly consulting

work to keep his hand in as he shares life with his wife of 51 years, Lois  
 "I was limited (after the surgery), and in this business you have to be able to get around pretty well," Stuart said  
 After more than 50 years of giving to the journalism and PR field, and to his university, Stuart was "elated" at the recognition from his peers and, most importantly, his university  
 "For so many years I've been the guy behind the microphone or the story," said Stuart, the first PR professional so honored "I feel very honored"

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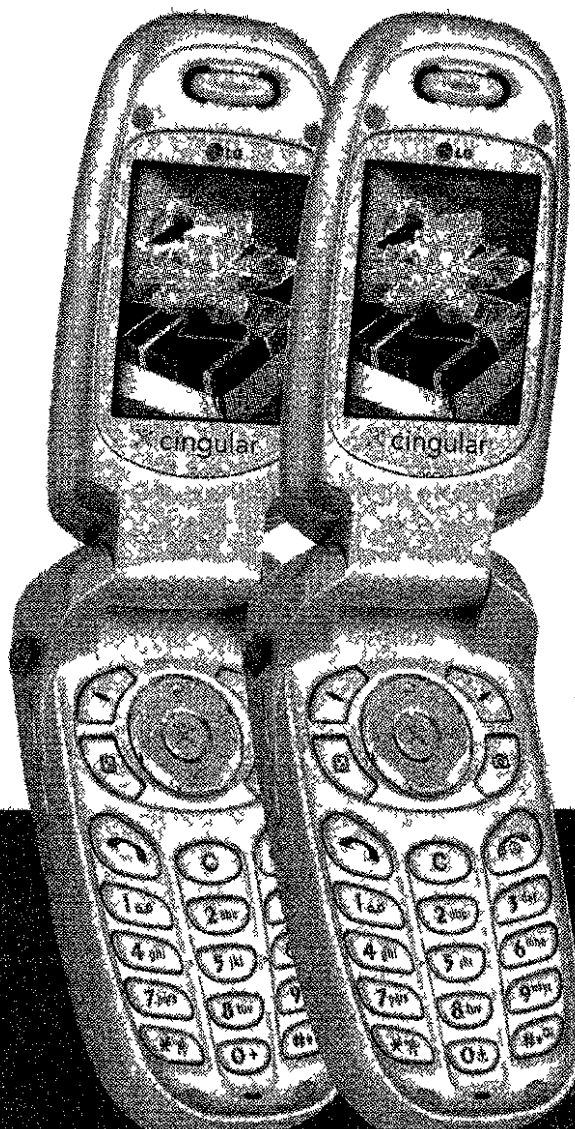
**Chamber seeks Hall of Fame nominees**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is looking for 2005 nominees for the Plymouth Hall of Fame  
 To increase the scope of the program, the chamber this year will use a steering committee made up of former Plymouth police chief Bob Scoggins, assistant to the supervisor Becky Armstrong of Plymouth Township, Plymouth District Library Director Pat

Thomas, Bill Miller and Don Kobeck of the Kiwanis Clubs, Fran Toney and Tony Welsh from the chamber, and retired Judge James Garber  
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# It's time to call a truce in the war against Christmas

I'm old enough to remember when cities placed nativity scenes in local parks for Christmas.

Oops. I just committed two breaches of ethics. I referenced nativity scenes at public parks and used the word Christmas. That's not quite proper these days.

Yes, you will find a nativity scene at Shan Park. But it certainly isn't city sponsored. It was placed there by a person who followed official procedures requesting permission to place the nativity scene there.

No one objected. Nor should anyone have. I don't as a rule support any display of any religion in public spaces. But neither do I think it's an earth-shattering issue.

Not everyone feels that way. In case you haven't heard, there is a War against Christmas being waged in this nation. The Rev. Jerry Falwell and the right-wing pundits are outraged! — outraged, I say! — over the fact that some communities have rechristened Christmas trees as "holiday trees." This is somehow an affront on the Christian values on which this country was founded and a further erosion of our morals. (Never mind that Christmas trees actually are pagan symbols.)

Or this might be a limp attempt to re-energize the Religious Right, which seems to be losing some power as President Bush and the Republican-controlled Congress are beset with problems that are dividing its own ranks.

Whatever. The fact is, both sides of this issue are right. There should be no official government sanctioning of religious displays of any sort. But let's face it: Christmas is Christ-mas. It celebrates,

or at least is supposed to, the birth of Jesus Christ.

Our government has gotten around some of the pesky religious issues, such as closing government offices on Christmas Day, by declaring Christmas as a secular holiday as well as a religious one.

There was a time when none of this seemed to matter. Christians celebrated Christmas and non-Christians enjoyed the day off. Few were affronted by nativity scenes placed in parks, even though they were symbolic of a particular religion. It was a non-issue.

Perhaps there were more important things to worry about in those days, when I was growing up, but I don't think so.

There was the Cold War, but that was a war in theory. No bombs exploded on our land and no missiles fell on us.

A war was raging in Vietnam — half a world away. At home, we were more preoccupied with our day-to-day lives.

These days, terrorism is a real threat to our lives in our homes. There is a new version of Vietnam under way, half a world away again, and many people here are facing an uncertain economic future.

Yet some of us still manage to find the energy to fret and fight over what amounts to nothing.

This so-called War against Christmas is a sham. A few incidents of dumb behavior are being manipulated by some self-serving ministers and media people into an attack on Christianity.

How about this for a peace proposal: Call it a Christmas tree, let non-government sponsored groups have access to public parks for nativity scenes, or menorahs, or Santas or whatever (just as Birmingham does) and everyone shut up and enjoy the holidays.

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# Ornaments ignore diversity

A recent trip to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland revealed something ugly about this country — manufacturers largely ignore people of color when it comes to Christmas ornaments.

I went to Bronner's with my fiancée, Robin, to buy decorations for what will be our first Christmas tree. We needed just about everything for a tree but tops on the list was an ornament to honor Ndeye, 6, a little girl half a world away in Senegal, Africa. Robin and I sponsor Ndeye through the Christian Children's Fund. We've heard from her through a letter but don't know much about the life she lives in Senegal. That fact doesn't remove her from our thoughts and we wanted an ornament for Ndeye.

It seemed like a simple request.

For those of you who haven't been to Bronner's, it's in Frankenmuth and claims to be the biggest Christmas decor store in the world. Company literature boasts 50,000 items for sale including decorations and gifts from 70 nations.

Our search began at the west entrance. First in our basket were fake icicles at \$6.99 a dozen. Second was a tree skirt and third was a small nativity scene. The ornament we were after had yet to appear.

To be fair to Bronner's, the majority of its decorations don't depict people at all. Reindeer, snowflakes, jungle bells and lights of all kinds are for sale as well as ornaments of every shape and color. The biggest problem was that whenever an ornament had a person on it, that person was invariably as white as all the fake snow decorating the more 90,000 square feet of retail space at Bronner's. After an hour we were half way through the store and couldn't find a dark face on a single ornament.

We then saw a black couple walking around Bronner's with an empty shopping basket. I didn't know what they were shopping for and didn't ask, but the dearth of ornaments with people of color had my mind racing. Just what does a parent tell a child who asks where the black Santa ornaments are?

And what about the angels that top Christmas trees all around the land? If a minority child doesn't see black, Hispanic or Asian angels standing alongside the white cherubs, does the child think only whites go to heaven? That notion is silly to adults, but what do young children think?

I'm not politically correct and don't claim to have close friends of every ethnicity, yet I was still bothered. Questions lingered.

Isn't this America where everyone is supposed to be equal? Don't companies spend millions of dollars marketing Hip Hop culture to white youth? If it's hip for white kids to act black, why can't a black family buy an ornament with someone on it that looks familiar? I'm not talking about ornaments with African themes either. I'm talking about

depictions of everyday life including people of color. Think of it as Andy Warhol with a twist of Romare Beardon.

After seeing about 40,000 of the store's 50,000 items, we finally found a black angel tree topper on a table crowded with white angels. She was the cutest angel Bronner's had, but we felt uncomfortable buying her. What would our friends think? Shouldn't we get an angel that looks like us? With a touch of guilt, we bought a white angel and put the cute angel back on the shelf.

Our last hope was Bronner's section of Christmas decorations from around the world. After nearly two hours of looking, we fittingly found an ornament to honor Ndeye in the section labeled Africa. According to the U.S. Census, this country has 39 million blacks and another 39 million Hispanics, yet the only ornament we could find representing a person of color came from Africa — I was stunned.

We talked about the ornament search on the hour drive home, and I began to feel despair for our country. We have come so far in so many ways but in a very basic quality-of-life issue like offering representative Christmas decorations, we are making a pathetic effort.

With that initial thought in mind I dropped an e-mail to Bronner's Merchandising Director Anne Koehler.

"Our buying team does try very hard to have all ethnic backgrounds represented," she said. "We often request our vendors to come up with more and better product. We did find more in 2005. We carried a line of black children in various activities (playing sports, ballerinas, and the like). We also had a new Hispanic line of trims. We also found sources in Africa for some new ornaments and nativity scenes made there. We do have a nice selection of ethnic angels (treetops & trims) and also Santas. We really are trying! But to answer your question specifically, no, the product is not readily available."

Koehler said that perhaps the store had sold out of some of the ethnic items it once offered but that it would try to do better next year.

To put things in perspective, people of color represent nearly 32 percent of the U.S. population. That's a whole bunch of customers the ornament industry's shamefully ignoring and diminishing.

I asked a black co-worker about the situation to see if I was angry over nothing. She smiled and said most black people don't get upset about such things because they were raised shopping in stores that only carried ornaments with whites on them. And no, black children don't believe Santa and all the angels in heaven are white, she said.

You'd never know that shopping for Christmas ornaments

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# Kilpatrick tells journalists it's time to come together

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said residents of the entire region are going to have to shelve their differences and come together if southeast Michigan is going to thrive as a vibrant urban area in the coming decades.

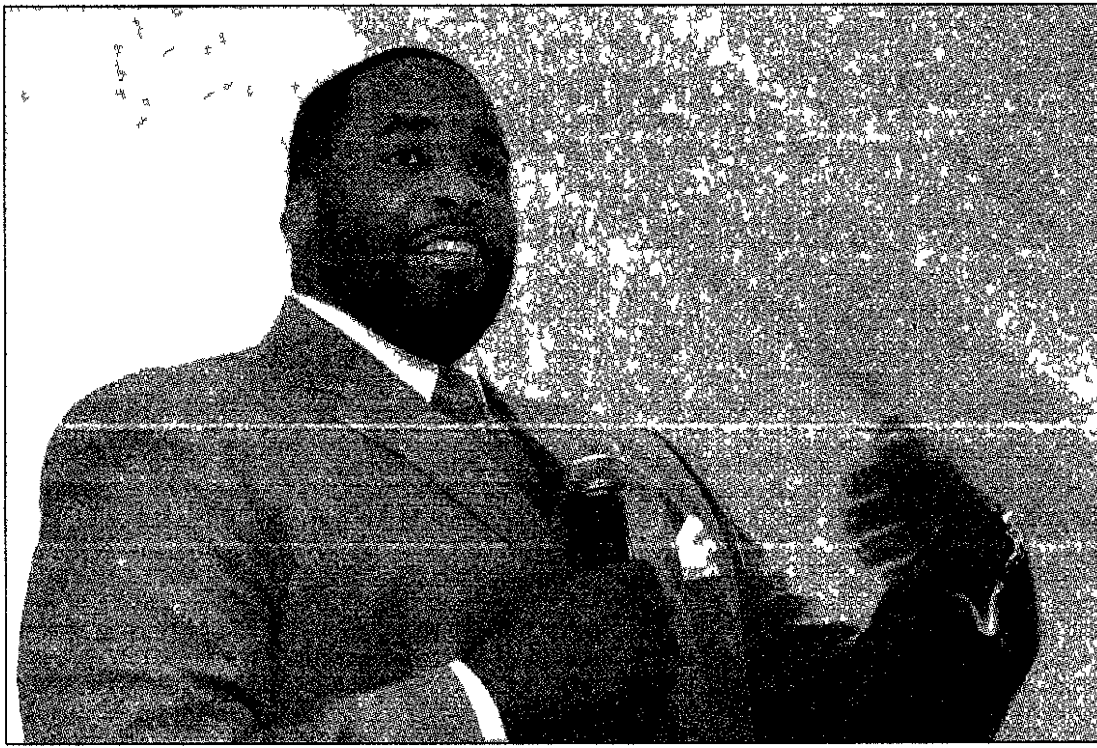
Kilpatrick, fresh from what many considered a surprise victory in his bid for re-election last month, was the keynote speaker at the annual *Observer & Eccentric* Journalist of the Year breakfast.

In her introduction, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers'* Executive Editor Susan Rosiek said Kilpatrick has had a far-reaching career since leaving college, working as a teacher and being elected to the state House of Representatives before becoming the youngest mayor in Detroit's history.

"In that editorial endorsement of Aug. 10, 2001, the *Detroit Free Press* called Kwame Kilpatrick the candidate of potential," Rosiek said. "A lot has happened since that editorial was written and once again as many believe we find ourselves, city and suburbs, at odds."

Kilpatrick said the city of Detroit stands at a crossroads, poised for a sea change in how it and the state has to look at what they do and who they are.

"We've been inextricably entwined in the manufacturing industry. All of us here have had relatives working in that indus-



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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was the keynote speaker at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers'* Journalist of the Year breakfast at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

try," he said. "But that's gone forever. Analysts have been saying for the past 50 years that we're in a cyclical downturn. We have to start talking about how we're going to live for the next 50 years."

One of the problems with moving ahead, Kilpatrick said, is that the region has been conning itself into believing there isn't a race problem.

"Everybody wants everybody else to get along," Kilpatrick said

"We need a project, one that's more important than a good feeling."

He said it's time for everyone on both sides of Eight Mile to acknowledge that race is an issue. When times are good — such as

during the 1990s — he said the problem masks itself. When things aren't going so well, the mask drops.

"When the economy is going to hell the old emotions come out," Kilpatrick said.

## MEET THE MAYOR

- Kwame M. Kilpatrick 35
- B.S. political science Florida A&M University
- Juris doctor Detroit College of Law
- Former middle school teacher, member Michigan House of Representatives
- Wife: Carlita, three sons

Illustrating the point about how people don't have to like each other to work together, he referenced a trip he took to Israel a few years ago. The delegation met with Israelis and Palestinians during the visit and neither group bothered to hide their antipathy toward each other. But, Kilpatrick said, both realized that tourism was their No. 1 industry and resolved to work together.

O&E President and Publisher Richard Agman advised the mayor to sell assets like the Detroit Zoo, Cobo Hall and the city lighting system to help the city's growing budget deficit.

Kilpatrick said it wasn't as easy as that.

"In order to sell something like lighting you need a buyer," he

said. "No one wants to buy that. It costs the city \$10 million a year for lighting but we're getting it at wholesale cost. If we sell it to someone we'll be paying retail."

While absolutely no one wants to purchase Cobo, he said the offers that have come in for the Detroit Zoo property so far are too low for the value of the land and, not surprisingly, include plans more lucrative than a public zoo.

The only echo of the contentious and sometimes bruising race for the mayor's office surfaced when the mayor was asked if he was willing to apologize for a statement he made during the first mayoral debate about the use rate of drugs like ecstasy and acid in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts.

Kilpatrick said there was no reason to apologize since the statement was true. He explained his comment was the result of being incensed by his opponent's mention of character education and felt the need to respond.

"It was not my intent to dog kids but to point out that all kids need help," he said. "In Detroit, kids do a lot of marijuana. Out here, they do a lot of 'X'. There are messed up kids in Detroit, but there are also messed up kids in Birmingham too."

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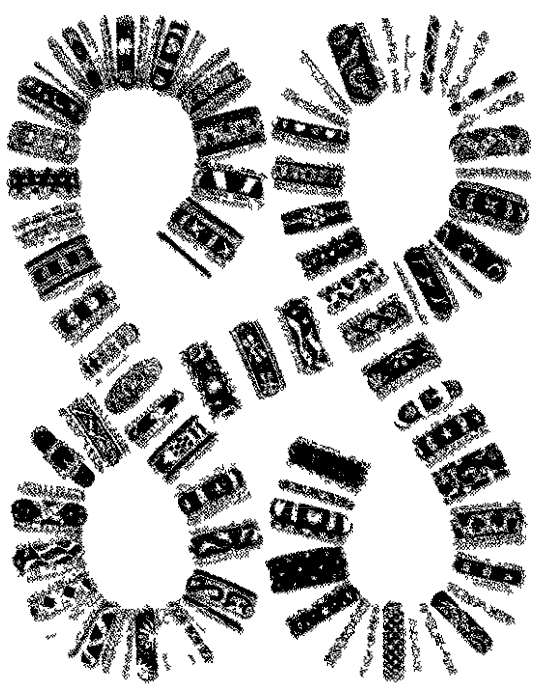
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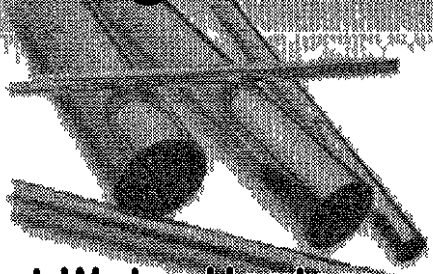
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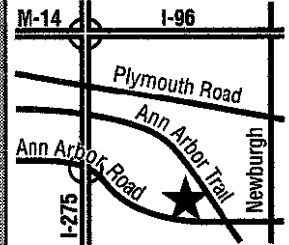
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## Salem football coach Cummings resigns

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Citing a desire to spend more quality time with his family, Salem football coach Bob Cummings resigned Monday, less than two months after guiding the Rocks to a 3-6 record in his fifth season at the helm.

"Coaching high school foot- ball is a 360-days-a-year job now, which takes away from the time I've been able to spend with my two-and-a-half-year-old daughter and my wife," said Cummings, who compiled a 10-35 record since taking over from Salem coaching legend Tom Moshimer prior to the 2001 season. "Every time I would leave the house lately, my daughter would look up at me

and ask, 'Are you going back to football again, daddy?' It came down to the fact that I want to be around more as my daughter grows up."

"I've been thinking about this decision for a while and my wife and I sat down after Thanksgiving and decided this is what we need to do."

Salem athletic director Tom Willette had nothing but praise

for Cummings and asserted that there was no pressure from him to step down.

"I thought Bob did very well during his five years as head coach," Willette said. "You can't always equate success with wins and losses. I know he wishes the program would have had more wins, but I felt he always handled things with class."

"Coaching high school athlet-

ics takes up a lot of time and, obviously, Bob realized it was more important at this time in his life to spend more time with his family. I respect his decision."

Willette said the process of finding Cummings' successor will begin within the next few days.

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## Sidelines

### Coaches: Please call in results

The area's prep athletic coaches are encouraged to call the results of their team's competitions into Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that the high school athletes receive the recognition they deserve.

Results can be phoned in to Wright at (734) 953-2108, they can be faxed to (734) 591-7279, or they can be e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

If Wright is covering an event at the time of your call, please leave a message and he will return your call promptly.

The deadline for Thursday's Observer is Tuesday at 11 p.m. The deadline for Sunday's issue is Friday at 11 p.m.

### Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Bob Brocius aced the 115-yard 13th hole at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford on Nov. 12.

Brocius, 57, used a pitching wedge to record the fifth hole in-one in his 35-year golfing career.

Brocius finished with an 18-hole round of 74.

### Skating lessons

Registration for the Plymouth Recreation Department's 2006 Winter II Basic Skills Skating Lessons will begin Dec. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Interested individuals can also register at the Cultural Center during normal business hours.

The classes will run from Jan. 9 through March 11 and offer participants an opportunity to learn to skate at every level — from beginning to advanced freestyle.

Each class will be 25 minutes in length with an additional 35 minutes of practice time included either before or after the session.

All classes will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth.

Fees for Plymouth residents are \$70. The fees for non-residents are \$90.

For additional information on class times and days, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Department office at (734) 455-6620 (ext. 304), or visit the department's Web site at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

### Let us know

Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy? Or do you have an interesting sports-related hobby or job?

If so, contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so he can let the community know about it in a future feature article.

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## 2005-06 Prep Hoop Preview



Senior Andre Bridges will provide Canton's basketball team with a potent combination of inside and outside scoring punch.

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## Big red Chiefs led by tall, talented front line

Please see Salem basketball preview on Page B6

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Riddle: What's red, white and tall all over?

Answer: Canton starting low-post players Ryan Waidmann, Steve Paye and Andre Bridges, who stand 6-foot-7, 6-5 and 6-3, respectively.

The Chiefs' size around the basket will be no joke to their opponents, who may find rebounding and scoring down low against Canton a challenging task.

"All three of those players have good size and they're athletic, too," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, who guided the Chiefs to a 15-8 record last season. "Our practices have been really competitive so far. The defense has been ahead of the offense, which has been kind of frustrating, but that's the way it goes when the other team

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## Whalers tame IceDogs to move into 1st

A balanced combination of excellent goal-tending and penalty-killing with just enough offense spelled the difference as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Mississauga IceDogs, 4-0, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The victory moved Plymouth into sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division with a record of 14-8-1-3 (32 points). Plymouth is now two points ahead of Saginaw (15-9-0-0), which has two games in hand on the Whalers. Mississauga is now 8-17-1-2 and buried in the OHL Central Division's cellar.

Whalers' net-minder Ryan Nie stopped 45 shots and earned first-star recognition. The shutout was Nie's first of the season and the fifth of his stellar career. Plymouth penalty-killers — who are ranked third in the OHL with an 83.8 success ratio — were perfect, killing all 11 Mississauga power plays.

John Vigilante scored two goals for Plymouth and was named the game's second star. Vigilante has 13 goals and 31 assists for a team-high 44 points. Additionally, Vigilante's game-winning goal gave him a franchise-best 25 for his illustrious career.

Defenseman Steve Ward added his fourth goal with an assist and James Neal lit the lamp for the ninth time this year. Center Evan Brophrey contributed a pair of assists to the Whalers' cause.

Vigilante scored the only goal of the first period when he bested Mississauga goal-tender Michael Ouzas with a hard shot through traffic from the right circle. Before Vigilante's goal, the Whalers killed off two Mississauga power plays.

Vigilante made it 2-0 at 13:01 of the second period when he took a pass from Brophrey in the Mississauga slot and threaded a shot by Ouzas.

## Penguin skaters roll to 3-0 start

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

At some point this season, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey may give up a goal.

And the Penguins might even lose a game. But the way they've played during their first three Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League games, those two things are going to happen later rather than sooner.

The Penguins improved to 3-0 Tuesday night with a dominating 5-0 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer. On Saturday, PCS thrashed Lavonia Ladywood, 6-0.

### PREP HOCKEY

Coach Lori Callahan's skaters have now outscored their opponents 21-0 heading into Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. game against Walled Lake. Combined at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

The only flaw in the Penguins' nearly flawless start has been their inability to score early. In their previous two wins, the Penguins didn't break the scoring ice until the second period.

"We've been starting slowly, kind of tentatively, this year," Callahan said. "It's almost like the girls get out there and say to themselves, 'Let's find out

how hard we have to skate tonight.' But it seems like once we score the first goal, we get another a short time later."

That was the pattern against the Pioneers Tuesday night. Adrienne Cercone opened the scoring at 13:16 of the second period on assists from Nichole Sensoh and Amy Coleman. Three minutes later, PCS doubled its lead when Krstin Callahan found the back of the net thanks to assists from Ashley LaBlanc and Katie Zimmerman. Edra Burris padded the advantage to 3-0 less than a minute after Callahan's goal.

Cercone and Ealy sealed the deal with third-period mark-

ers. Sophomore goal-tender Kristie Kowalski notched her third shutout of the season.

Zimmerman was the story against Ladywood. The freshman recorded a natural hat-trick with three second-period goals. Krstin Schwan and Cercone (two) also lit the lamp for the Penguins. Stephanie Murray, LaBlanc, Keely Kowalski, Callahan, Kelli Bargowski, Coleman and Zimmerman were credited with assists.

"After her first goal, Katie was on fire," Callahan said, referring to Zimmerman's three-goal night. "It seemed like whenever she got the puck, she dominated."

## Special K's Salem's Kate Musson and Kim Heaney lead by example

Please see All Observer girls swim team on Page B5

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Swimming lap after energy-draining lap night after night in the Salem High School swimming pool isn't as grueling when you're doing it a lane or two away from your best friends.

That was just one of the valuable lessons Salem senior captains Kim Heaney and Kate Musson learned the past four years while competing for the Rocks' ultra-successful swim team.



Prep Profile

last month, it was their friendship that made the hard work more bearable.

"One of the best things about my high school swimming career at Salem was having some of my best friends on the team," said

While it was hard work that propelled both athletes to the Division 1 state meet



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Kim Heaney (left) and Kate Musson enjoyed four successful seasons together on the Salem swim team. The best friends also served as captains along with fellow senior Kelsey Lincoln.

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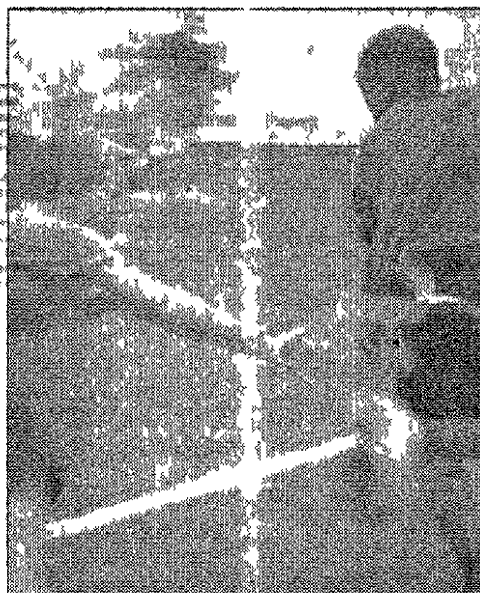
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## Rockets' Ferguson top girls swimming coach

See All Observer Girls Swimming on Page B5

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Randy Ferguson just keeps plugging along as Westland John Glenn's girls swim coach. The 41-year-old Ferguson admits he hasn't had a breakthrough season with the Rockets just yet, but it's getting close.

After going 6-5 in 2003 as head coach and 5-5 last year, Ferguson guided the Rockets to a 7-3 dual-meet record this fall.

Glenn also recorded its highest finish (sixth) in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet since 1986.

The Rockets captured the Wayne Memorial Invitational for the first time in over two decades and recorded dual



Randy Ferguson  
Coach of Year

meet wins over Canton (first in school history) and Livonia Churchill.

And under the guidance of Ferguson, Glenn's 200-yard medley and 400 freestyle relay teams both qualified for the Division I state meet, another first in girls swimming for the school.

"We had two individual state qualifiers (Jill Peterson and Ashley Sells), which obviously helps, but the team overall swam really well and I'm pretty happy where we finished, both place and point-wise," said Ferguson, who was named Coach of the Year by the Observer Sports Staff. "We lose some good seniors and some depth, but next year

we're going to get better and we'll keep setting our goals higher."

"Our 200 medley relay team could be top eight (in the state) next year."

Ferguson was an assistant at Glenn for three seasons under Ron Staples before taking over the head position. He also coached seven seasons at Livonia Ladywood and was the boys and girls coach at his alma mater, Wayne, starting in 1988-89. Ferguson, a 1982 Wayne grad, swam for the Zebras under coach Jim McPartlin. He is currently the Aquatic Supervisor at Canton Township's Summit at the Park.

"I'm lucky to do have a job like this outside of teaching and be able to coach," Ferguson said. "And I'm fortunate to be able to work it out with my work schedule, which is nice."

### SPECIAL

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Heaney, a two-time state meet qualifier. "We're together so much at practices and meets that it's almost like a big family."

"I consider myself lucky that a lot of my best friends are members of the team," Musson added. "Practices last three hours sometimes, but it's like hanging out with friends for three hours."

#### LEADERS BY EXAMPLE

Both Heaney and Musson made a lasting mark in the pool and with their leadership qualities at Salem, said Rock coach Chuck Olson.

"Both Kim and Kate have been important parts of our team the past four years," said Olson. "Both of them experienced a lot of success and they grew into important leadership roles. They're good people who the younger swimmers really look up to and respect."

Heaney's swimming career took off at West Middle School, where she swam competitively for the first time. She soon developed a talent for the breaststroke, the event she specialized in at Salem.

Heaney handled the breaststroke quarter for the Rocks' state-qualifying 200-yard medley relay team that finished 24th at the D1 meet in November and fourth at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet.

She placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke at the WLAA conference meet and qualified for the state meet in the event in 2004. Heaney's exemplary work ethic was reflected in the fact that she chopped 12 seconds off her 100 breaststroke time since her freshman season.

#### THANKS, COACH

"One of the biggest reasons for the success I've had is coach Olson," Heaney said. "He always believed in us and he never worried about us making states. He'd put pressure on us, but not by scaring us. He'd let us know what we had to do in a positive way."

Being voted captain of the 2005 team was one of the most memorable aspects of Heaney's career, she said.

"I loved being a captain," she said. "It was a lot of responsibility, but a lot of fun, too."

Even though they didn't get home from practice until after 8:30 p.m. most nights during the high school swim season, both Heaney and Musson have crafted outstanding grade-point averages. Heaney has a 3.7 with just over one semester left in her high school career while Musson has a spotless 4.0.

#### EARLY START

Musson's passion for swimming started at the age of 5 when she competed at the Colony Swim Club. Following her freshman year at Salem, she joined Heaney on the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, a

premiere club that swims in meets year-round.

"My parents tell me that I always wanted to go in the water for as long as they can remember," Musson said. "Our season just ended, but I already miss it and I'm looking forward to when I can start swimming again for the Cruisers in January."

Distance events were Musson's specialty during her early days in the pool, but she quickly evolved into one of the Rocks' best sprinters. This past season, she made the biggest waves for Salem in the 100 freestyle and as a member of the Rocks' 200 and 400 freestyle relays teams.

Like Heaney, Musson gave Olson credit for the success she achieved at the high school level.

"He was my coach for the past six years," said Musson, who mentioned that Olson also coached her middle school team. "He's almost like a second dad to his swimmers. He's a great coach and a great listener."

There's a chance both Heaney and Musson will further their competitive swimming careers at Hillsdale College next fall. Heaney also has her sights set on Albion College while an alternative for Musson is the University of Notre Dame.

"It was great to go to the same college," Musson said. "But even if we don't, we'll be friends for life."

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### CUMMINGS

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"The job will be posted Monday and then we'll begin a thorough search for a new coach," Willette said. Ideally, our timetable for hiring someone will be late January or early February because we want the new coach to have time to implement his conditioning program, but we won't rush things through too quickly."

Willette said the new coach will have the option of retaining members of Cummings' coaching staff or bringing in an entirely new staff.

Cummings has been a fixture in the Salem football program for the past 25 years. After playing four seasons as an offensive lineman for the Rocks, he joined Moshimer's coaching staff in 1985.

Cummings served as an assistant coach until 2001 when he was hired to replace the Hall of Fame-bound Moshimer.

"I love the sport and I'm definitely going to miss it," Cummings said. "I've had an opportunity to work with so many great people, players, parents, booster club officers and everyone else involved with the football program. It was a great honor to be able to coach at the high school where I played."

"The most fulfilling part of this experience for me has been getting calls from my former players and hearing how they're doing. It's been everything I could have dreamed of and I'm going to miss it, but my family comes first."

During the early part of the 2004 season, it appeared as if Cummings' program had turned the corner. After winning just four games in his first three seasons, the Rocks bolted

to a 3-0 start last season. However, Salem lost its final six contests to finish 3-6.

The Rocks won their opener this season, 7-0, over Pinckney, but dropped their next three games by a combined score of 112-28.

In October, a group of Salem players' parents circulated letters to Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators, demanding the firing of Cummings.

The parents' mission to get him fired was not a factor in his resignation, Cummings stressed.

"That was never an issue in my decision," Cummings said. "Tom (Willette) backed me all the way as did my principal, Jerry Ostoin."

Cummings has been a physical education instructor at Salem for the past nine years.

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

<p><b>PREP BASKETBALL</b> Tuesday, Dec. 6 Monroe at Canton 7 p.m. D.H. Robichaud at Plymouth 7 p.m. Salem at Redford Union 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 Plymouth at Lincoln Park 7 p.m. Salem at Monroe 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>WRESTLING</b> Wednesday, Dec. 7 Canton at Southgate Anderson Quad Meet 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Canton at Davison Invitational 9 a.m. Plymouth at Armada Invitational 9 a.m. Salem 10 Team Invitational 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>HOCKEY</b> Tuesday, Dec. 6 W.L. Combined at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge 6:30 p.m. Waterford Mott at Salem at</p>	<p>Plymouth Cultural Center 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 Livonia Franklin at Salem 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Pinckney at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena 2:40 p.m.</p> <p><b>VOLLEYBALL</b> Saturday, Dec. 10 Canton at South Lyon Invitational 9 a.m. Plymouth at Madonna Invitational at Plymouth H.S. gym 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> Wednesday, Dec. 7 Madonna at Rochester College 7:30 p.m. Concordia JV at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 (Holland Sentinel Tourney at Hope) Marygrove vs. Aquinas 6 p.m. Madonna vs. Hope College 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10</p>	<p>Hope College Tourney 1 &amp; 3 p.m. Lorain (Ohio) at Schoolcraft 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> Wednesday, Dec. 7 Grand Rapids at Schoolcraft 5:30 p.m. Madonna at Concordia 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 (Kalamazoo Valley Holiday Classic) Schoolcraft vs. Edison State (Ohio) 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Taylor (Ind.) at Madonna 3 p.m. (Kalamazoo Valley Holiday Classic) Schoolcraft vs. Kalamazoo Valley 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b> Sunday, Dec. 4 Whalers at Brampton 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 Whalers at Sarnia 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 Whalers vs. Oshawa (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.</p>
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**CHIEFS**

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knows all your plays. Probably the best thing about our team this year is that we have the ability to score inside and outside which will make us tough to defend."

Canton is coming off a sea son of near misses. The Chiefs fell in the Western Lakes Activities Association title game to Walled Lake Central in overtime and they missed out on a district championship when South Lyon converted a short jumper with one second showing on the clock to win by a point.

Gone from that talented team are Dave Calille, Andy Cortellini, Jason Houdek, Kevin Thornton and Julian Smith. Thornton has worked his way into the rotation at Saginaw Valley State University.

Bridges, a senior, has earned the right to be the Chiefs' go to guy. He epitomizes Canton's offensive balance with an ability to singe the net from the perimeter and inside the paint.

Andre is a good spot up three point shooter and he can also score inside, so he gives us a multi dimensional threat," Paye said. "If he has a smaller

**MEET THE CHIEFS**

Following are a few facts about Canton's 2005-06 basketball team:

- **Head coach:** Charlie Paye
- **2004-05 record:** 15-8 (lost to South Lyon in district final)
- **Players lost to graduation:** Kevin Thornton, Andy Cortellini, Jason Houdek, Julian Smith and Dave Calille
- **Key returners:** Andre Bridges (6-3 sr forward), Rob Eppler (6-6 sr guard), Ryan Waldmann (6-7 jr center), Steve Paye (6-5 jr forward)
- **Season opener:** Tuesday at home against Monroe
- **Paye's outlook:** "Probably the best thing about our team this year is that we have the ability to score inside and outside, which will make us tough to defend."

guy on him, he can post up if he has a bigger guy on him, he can take him outside and either drive or shoot the three."

Waldmann and Paye will team up with Bridges to give the Chiefs one of the WLAAs deepest front court trios.

Ryan has gotten a lot stronger the past year, Paye said. "He's another athletic player who can take bigger guys off the dribble. He's also improved his 8- to 10 foot jump shot."

Steve is probably our strongest player. He can post up and hit the 12 to 15-foot

shot. He'll either play the 3 or 4 for us.

Filling the shoes of All League point guard Cortellini will be senior Rob Eppler (6 0) who saw considerable playing time as a junior.

"Rob plays really good defense and offensively he's a good three point shooter," Paye said. "He'll run the show on offense and guard the other team's best guard on defense."

The Chiefs' fifth starter will likely be senior swingman Andy Larsen (6 4), who filled a reserve role last season. Andy is athletic, he's a good

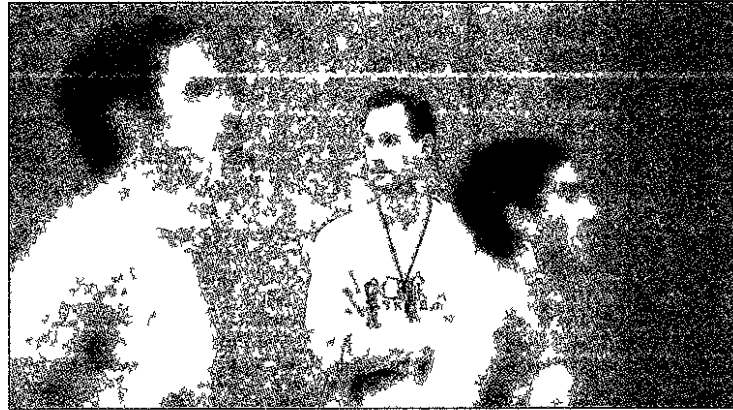
perimeter shooter and he goes to the basket well," Paye said. "We'll be looking for him to score for us."

Providing depth for Canton will be eight juniors and a sophomore, all of whom played key roles on the Chiefs' highly successful junior varsity squad last season. Serving as back-court reserves will be Ryan Langdon (6 0), Josh Butler (5 10), Nick Bucevich and Pete Boucher (5-9). The starting low post players will be backed-up by juniors Caleb Lerner (6 1), Eric Thornton (6-5), Eric Zech (6 1), Devy Jackson (6 0), and sophomore Neal Sharma (6 4).

Our goals this year will be to win the division, conference and district tournament," Paye said. "It's been a while since Canton has done any of those things. We're in a very competitive division this year. Plymouth has everybody back so it will be very good and I expect Livonia, Franklin and Northville to be right there too."

Canton opens the 2005-06 campaign Tuesday night at home against Monroe. Tip off is set for 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

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Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye observes practice Monday afternoon. The Chiefs open their 2005-06 season Tuesday at home against Monroe.

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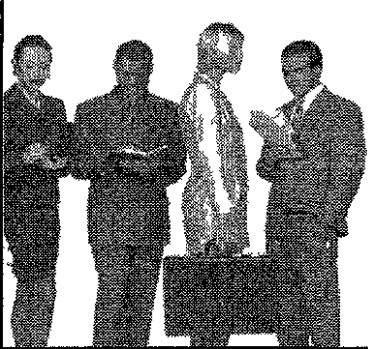
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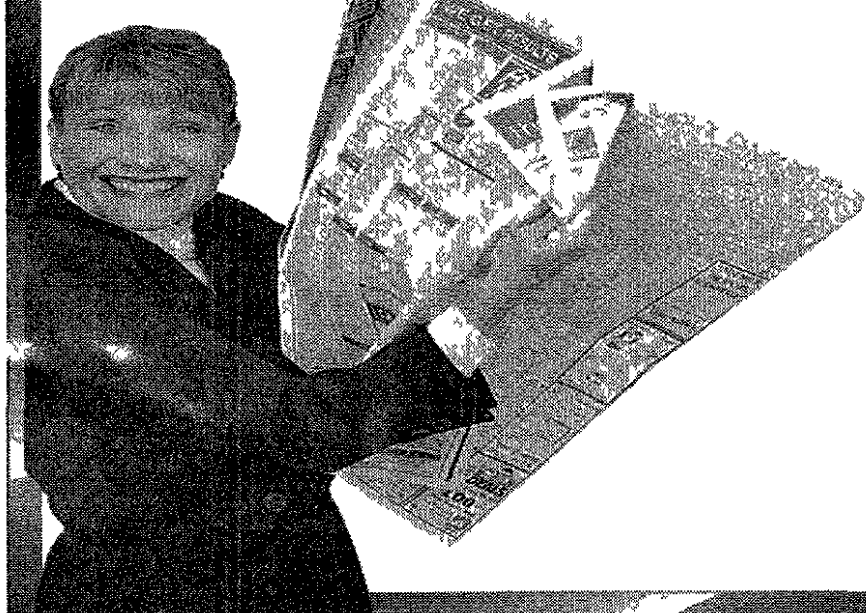
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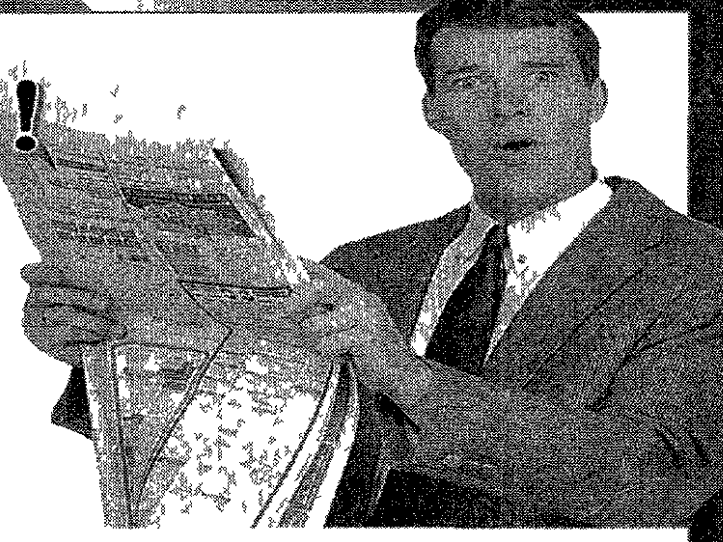
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# Girls set fast pace for All-Area swim team

**FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS**  
**Mary Shereda, Sr., Liv. Churchill, 200-yard freestyle.** The senior swam 1:58.3 in the 200 freestyle to finish runner up in the Western Lakes Activities Association finals breaking the school record held since 1977 by R Cox.

Shereda also wound up 12th in the state meet in the 100 backstroke after posting a season best of 1:01.21 in the WLAA prelims (where she wound up fourth overall).

Other top times for Shereda included 500 freestyle (5:26.17), 100 freestyle (1:15.24), 100 breaststroke (1:04.9) and 200 IM (2:16.32).

"Mary's leadership and dedication was essential to the success of Churchill swimming coach Aaron Rieder said. She was relentless in workouts and had the tenacity in competition that coaches dream about. Watching her in the water was a treat while watching her compete actually gave me chills."

Shereda has signed an NCAA letter-of-intent with Oakland University.

**Laura Timson, Soph., Liv. Stevenson, 200 IM:** The sophomore placed ninth in the Division I state meet with a time of 2:10.35 after placing runner up in the WLAA meet behind Northville's state champion Ava Ohlgren.

Timson also added a seventh in the 100 breaststroke at the Division I meet (1:07.96) along with a third in the WLAA.

"Laura is a very good big meet swimmer and always comes through at the end when it counts," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said.

**Jill Peterson, Jr., Westland Glenn, 50 freestyle:** The junior finished third in the Western Lakes meet with a season best time of 25.43.

Peterson qualified for the Division I meet in seven events, earning a 10th in the 100 breaststroke with a school-record time of 1:07.66.

She also swam a school record 54.37 in the state prelims (19th overall). Peterson was also a member of Glenns school-record 200 medley relay team (1:55.99) which placed third.

Peterson who carries a 3.66 grade point average has been first-team All Observer three straight seasons and owns school records in six different events.

Jill had a fine season swimming two lifetime best times at the state meet and setting three new school records this year.

Glenn coach Randy Ferguson said Jill's leadership will become very important as the team elected her captain of next year's team.

**Katie Koetting, Fr., Salem, diving:** It didn't take long for the ninth grader to make a favorable splash for the Rocks. Her 26th place showing at the Division I state meet was the best for a freshman. She also shined at the regional qualifying competition (10th) and in the WLAA conference meet (sixth).

Katie began the season as a very talented athlete but she had no diving experience," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. She proved to be a hard worker at practice and was our No. 1 diver in dual meets. Katie was the only freshman in the state to qualify for the Division I state finals. The next three years look very promising for Katie."

**Ashley Sells, Fr., Westland Glenn, 100 butterfly:** The ninth-grader made quite an impact as she clocked a season best 1:00.56 in the butterfly at the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet. She placed 23rd overall in Division I and third in the WLAA.

Sells also qualified for the state meet in the 200 IM where she placed 27th in the prelims with a time of 2:17.03. She also added a fifth in the WLAA.

Her 27.2 split for the 50 butterfly helped Glenn's medley relay team to the school record.

"Ashley had a great freshman season and helped our team achieve new levels this year," Ferguson said. "Now that she has experienced a full high school season her goals need to be set higher. She has the ability to place in the top eight next year at the state meet in the 100 butterfly and help our medley relay to a top 16 finish."

**Allison Schmitt, Soph., Canton, 100 freestyle:** Only a sophomore, Schmitt is one of the top swimmers in the state. She solidified her standing at the DI state meet with second place finishes in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Schmitt also anchored the Chiefs 12th place 400 freestyle relay squad and 19th place 200 freestyle relay foursome.

Schmitt's name is already etched in the school record book seven times and she earned All American status for her freestyle accomplishments at the state meet.

**Becky Hurn, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 500 freestyle:** The senior captain

**FINAL GIRLS SWIM BESTS**  
**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 1:50.64  
 Salem 1:55.9  
 Westland John Glenn 1:55.99  
 Canton 1:57.31  
 Livonia Churchill 1:59.57

**200 FREESTYLE**  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:54.82  
 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:58.3  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:58.92  
 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:59.07  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:59.77  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:00.26  
 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 2:03.04  
 Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 2:03.24  
 Katie Gorman (Salem) 2:04.23  
 Laura Landis (Canton) 2:06.0

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:10.35  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:10.41  
 Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:14.95  
 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:15.49  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 2:15.78  
 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:16.32  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:16.41  
 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 2:17.03  
 Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 2:19.08  
 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:20.37

**50 FREESTYLE**  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 23.93  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 25.43  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 25.43  
 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 25.8  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 26.01  
 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 26.15  
 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 26.4  
 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.52  
 Brittany Eilers (Stevenson) 26.52  
 Allie Stencel (Salem) 26.68

**DIVING**  
 Chelsea Selden (Canton) 296.80  
 Katie Koetting (Salem) 279.45  
 Andrea Fleming (Plymouth) 256.35  
 Megan Powers (Franklin) 240.10  
 Mandi Keedle (Stevenson) 227.50  
 Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood) 228.50  
 Tammy Roumayah (Franklin) 200.10  
 Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 181.40  
 Heather Ennis (John Glenn) 190.35  
 Janell Hudak (Canton) 151.35

**100 BUTTERFLY**  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 58.64  
 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 1:00.56  
 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:01.35  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:02.77  
 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:03.41  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:03.78  
 Mary Shereda (Ladywood) 1:04.9  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:05.11  
 Katie Gorman (Salem) 1:05.28  
 Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:05.73

**100 FREESTYLE**  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 51.27  
 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 53.59  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 53.78  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 54.37  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 54.99  
 Anna Polkowski (John Glenn) 55.89  
 Brittany Eilers (Stevenson) 56.83  
 Laura Landis (Canton) 57.49  
 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 57.65  
 Allie Stencel (Salem) 57.87

**500 FREESTYLE**  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 5:04.04  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 5:18.61  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 5:19.26  
 Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 5:20.15  
 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 5:21.37  
 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 5:23.71  
 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 5:26.17  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 5:27.49  
 Amanda Timson (Churchill) 5:30.85  
 Whitney Aumiller (Salem) 5:35.7

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 1:42.75  
 Canton 1:43.21  
 Salem 1:44.25  
 Westland John Glenn 1:47.52  
 Plymouth 1:48.15

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:00.77  
 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:01.21  
 Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:01.29  
 Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:02.73  
 Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:03.21  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:03.79  
 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:04.23  
 Ashley Sells (John Glenn) 1:04.52  
 Kristin Hartwig (Salem) 1:05.2  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:05.93

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:06.4  
 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:07.66  
 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:07.96  
 Kim Heaney (Salem) 1:11.74  
 Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:11.8  
 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:12.03  
 Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 1:12.23  
 Amanda Foulds (Churchill) 1:12.31  
 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 1:12.62  
 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:15.24

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 3:37.82  
 Canton 3:42.97  
 Salem 3:48.11  
 Westland John Glenn 3:51.36  
 Livonia Churchill 3:58.26

took 15th in the Division I state meet with a time of 5:21.14 after going 5:20.15 in the prelims.

In the Western Lakes meet, Hurn took sixth in the 200 freestyle (2:03.23 in the prelims) and added a third in the 500 freestyle.

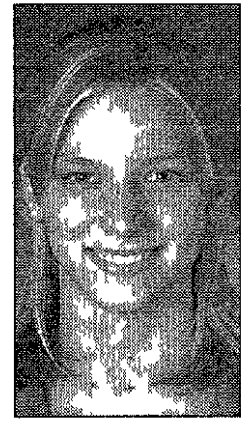
Becky worked very hard to get what she wanted," Phill said. She finished her last season at Stevenson with an outstanding performance at the state meet.

**Marisa Gordon, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 100 backstroke:** The senior capped a decorated career by finishing eighth in the Division I state meet with a time of 1:00.77.

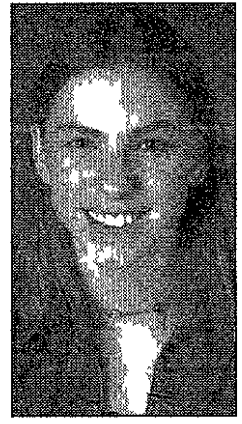
Gordon also earned a runner-up finish at the WLAA meet in the 100 backstroke.

In the 100 freestyle the Stevenson standout also took third at the WLAA meet and 12th at the state finals. Her season best was 53.78. Marisa is a four year senior and one of the captains who brings a great work ethic and a sense of competitiveness that was needed to be the great competitor and leader that she was," Phill said.

**Brynn Marecki, Soph., Liv. Stevenson, 100 breaststroke:** The sophomore earned two conference titles in the WLAA by winning the 100 breaststroke



Mary Shereda Churchill



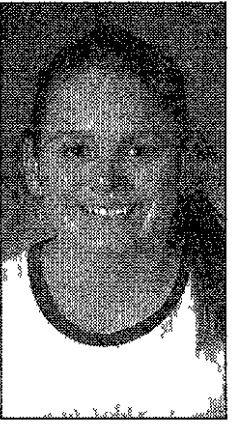
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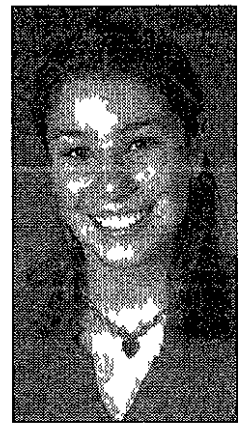
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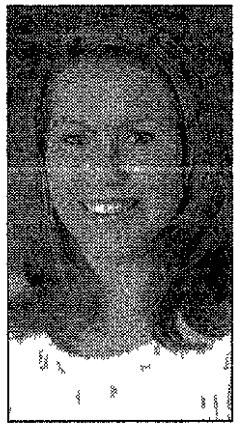
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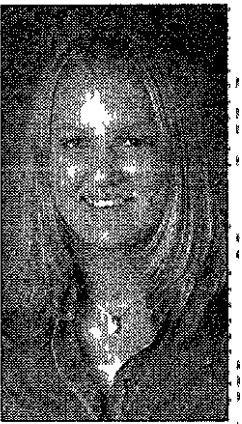
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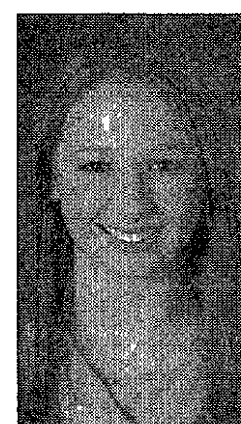
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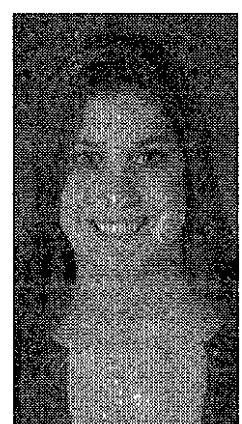
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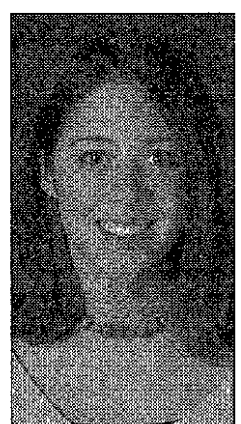
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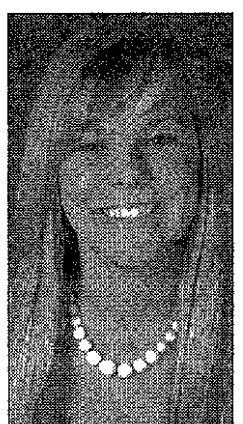
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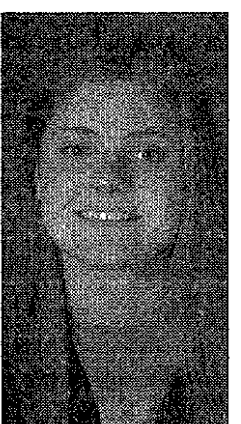
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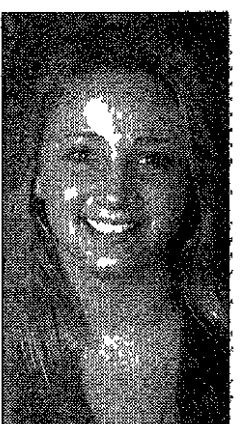
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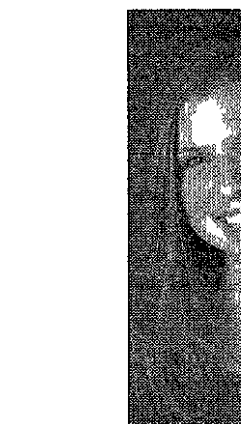
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**2005 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIM TEAMS**  
**200 medley relay:** 1 Livonia Stevenson (Marisa Gordon Sr, Anna Polkowski Jr, Brynn Marecki, Soph, Laura Timson Soph) 2 Salem (Kelsey Lincoln Sr, Kim Heaney Sr, Katie Gorman Soph, Allie Stencel Jr)  
**200 freestyle:** 1 Mary Shereda Sr, Livonia Churchill 2 Katie Gorman Soph, Salem  
**200 IM:** 1 Laura Timson Soph, Stevenson 2 Lisa Koch Sr, Stevenson  
**50 freestyle:** 1 Jill Peterson Jr, Westland John Glenn 2 Stephanie Buckley Jr, Stevenson  
**Diving:** 1 Katie Koetting Fr, Salem, Chelsea Selden Jr, Canton  
**100 butterfly:** 1 Ashley Sells Fr, John Glenn 2 Anna Polkowski Jr, Stevenson  
**100 freestyle:** 1 Allison Schmitt Soph, Canton 2 Brittany Eilers Soph, Stevenson  
**500 freestyle:** 1 Becky Hurn Sr, Stevenson 2 Monica Blaesser Soph, Canton  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1 Stevenson (Anna Polkowski Jr, Stephanie Buckley Jr, Blake Holtz, Soph, Becky Hurn Sr) 2 Canton (Izabela Paszkowska Sr, Alyssa Johnson Jr, Monica Blaesser Soph, Allison Schmitt Soph)  
**100 backstroke:** 1 Marisa Gordon Sr, Stevenson 2 Kelsey Lincoln Sr, Salem  
**100 breaststroke:** 1 Brynn Marecki Soph, Stevenson 2 Kim Heaney Sr, Salem  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1 Stevenson (Marisa Gordon Sr, Laura Timson Soph, Anna Polkowski Jr, Brynn Marecki Soph) 2 Canton (Laura Landis Jr, Alyssa Johnson Jr, Monica Blaesser Soph, Allison Schmitt Soph)  
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
 Randy Ferguson, Westland John Glenn

(1:07.17) and 100 freestyle (54.4). At Division I state finals Marecki finished runner-up to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Carlye Ellis in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.4) and added an 11th in the 100 freestyle (53.59).

Marecki was named Stevenson's MVP for the 2005 season. "Brynn is a very strong willed competitor with a desire to be the best," Phill said. "She's very strong in a lot of events."

**FIRST-TEAM RELAYS**  
**Stevenson, 200 medley (Marisa Gordon, Sr.; Anna Polkowski, Jr.; Brynn Marecki, Soph.; Laura Timson, Soph.):** This quartet earned a runner up finish in the WLAA meet (1:51.06) and earned All American consideration with a third in the Division I state meet (1:50.64).

These four girls have been together all season and they came together strong at the end of the year," Phill said.

**Stevenson, 200 freestyle (Anna Polkowski, Jr.; Stephanie Buckley, Jr.; Blake Holtz, Soph.; Becky Hurn, Sr.):** This foursome wound up 14th in the Division I state meet (1:42.75).

"We didn't put these four girls together until the finals of the conference meet after just qualifying for state," Phill said. They dropped two seconds and finished 15. A great effort by all."

**Stevenson, 400 freestyle (Marisa Gordon, Sr.; Laura Timson, Soph.; Anna Polkowski, Jr.; Brynn Marecki, Soph.):** The Spartans finished runner up to Northville in the WLAA meet with a season best time of 3:37.37.

In the Division I state finals Stevenson placed sixth in 3:38.1

"Just like our medley relay, these four girls were together for most of the year," Phill said. "They work really well together and brought the best in each other. And when it counted the most they were at their best. Maybe their best swim for us came at the state meet."

**SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS**  
**Katie Gorman, Soph., Salem, 200 freestyle:** Gorman is a two time state qualifier, having earned a berth in the 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay in 2004 and a spot in the 200 medley 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay this season. Gorman enjoyed an outstanding WLAA meet, placing fourth in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays and eighth in the 100 butterfly.

Katie Gorman has been an important member of the Salem success the last two years, Olson said. "Katie's versatility and willingness to swim the events that the team needs her to compete make her an excellent teammate. She works hard and is a big meet competitor. She's an outstanding student athlete."

**Lisa Koch, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 200 IM:** The senior took a sixth in the WLAA meet (2:19.08 in the prelims) and a fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.23 in the prelims) also at the Western Lakes.

Lisa is a fourth year senior and was also one of our captains," Phill said. "She's been very important all four years to Stevenson in many ways."

**Stephanie Buckley, Jr., Liv. Stevenson, 50 freestyle:** The junior posted a personal best of 26.15 in the 50 freestyle and added a sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.62)

at the Western Lakes meet. A second year swimmer Stephanie has come to us with a great work ethic and a desire to do whatever it takes to help the team," Phill said.

**Chelsea Selden, Jr., Canton, diving:** Selden enjoyed an outstanding junior season winning all but one duel meet placing first in the junior class division of the Livonia Stevenson Invitational second at the Salem Rock Maurer Invitational and third at the WLAA conference meet. Selden who was 14th at the Division I regional was voted to serve as a co-captain for Canton's 2006 squad.

Chelsea had an outstanding year thanks to all the hard work she put in," said Canton diving coach Kari Jackson. "She was so dedicated, she'd start working on her dives before I'd even get to the pool. Chelsea should have a good chance of winning the conference meet next year."

**Anna Polkowski, Jr., Liv. Stevenson, 100 butterfly:** The junior earned a fifth place finish at the WLAA meet in the 100 butterfly and made it to the Division I state meet where she wound up 25th in the prelims (1:01.35).

Polkowski also added a fourth in the 50 freestyle at the WLAA meet (26.12).

Despite a nagging year long injury Anna fought through to give us everything she had," Phill said. "She did her best when we needed her the most."

**Brittany Eilers, Soph., Liv. Stevenson, 100 freestyle:** The junior earned a sixth-place finish in the WLAA meet with a time of 56.83 and also placed fourth in the 50 freestyle (26.52 in the prelims).

"Brittany came into her own this year and came through for us when it meant the most," Phill said. "She also placed sixth in the Western Lakes in the 500 freestyle."

**Monica Blaesser, Soph., Canton, 500 freestyle:** Blaesser recorded the sixth best time in all of Observerland in the 500 freestyle when she posted a clocking of 5:23.71. The 10th-grader also sparked in the 200 freestyle turning in a seventh-best time of 2:03.04.

**Kelsey Lincoln, Sr., Salem, 100 backstroke:** Lincoln capped one of the most successful swimming careers in Salem history. The four year state qualifier competed in four events in this year's DI meet finishing ninth in the 100 backstroke (1:17th in the 200 individual medley as well as serving

as a key member of the Rocks 24th place 200 medley relay unit and 23rd place 400 freestyle relay team. Her skills rose to the surface at the 2005 WLAA conference meet where she racked up three fourth place finishes (200 free relay, 200 individual medley and 400 free relay) and a third in the 100 backstroke.

Kelsey Lincoln has been an outstanding student athlete and leader," Olson said. "She was a great competitor in practice and all the competitions. As a coach, I could not have asked for more than what Kelsey did for the team. She was selected as the team's most valuable swimmer, three times and was a captain this year. She was All Conference 16th times and All Observer all four years."

**Kim Heaney, Sr., Salem, 100 breaststroke:** Heaney qualified for the 2004 and 2005 Division I state meets in the 200 medley relay (breaststroke) and the 100 breaststroke. She had an outstanding 2005 WLAA meet, earning fourth in both the 200 medley relay (1:56.75) and the 100 breaststroke (1:11.74).

"Kim Heaney has a very successful four years at Salem," Olson said. "Kim was liked and respected by her teammates and coaches. She has a great attitude in every situation. She was a captain this year who led by example in the meets practice and in the classroom."

**SECOND-TEAM RELAYS**  
**Salem, 200 medley (Kelsey Lincoln, Sr.; Kim Heaney, Sr.; Katie Gorman, Soph.; Allie Stencel, Jr.):** The foursome finished 24th at the Division I state meet (1:55.90) and fourth in the WLAA conference meet (1:56.75).

"This relay team always got the Salem team motivated at the beginning of the meets," said Olson. "Their competitiveness and desire was very evident from the early dual meets to the state Division I championships."

**Canton, 200 freestyle (Izabela Paszkowska, Sr.; Alyssa Johnson, Jr.; Monica Blaesser, Soph.; Allison Schmitt, Soph.):** The Chief quartet's time of 1:43.21 was second only to Livonia Stevenson's 1:42.75 in Observerland this past season.

**Canton, 400 freestyle (Laura Landis, Jr.; Alyssa Johnson, Jr.; Monica Blaesser, Soph.; Allison Schmitt, Soph.):** The Canton foursome's 3:42.97 clocking was second only to Livonia Stevenson's 3:37.82 in Observerland this season.



2005-06 Prep Basketball Preview

# Moving forward

Salem hoop team looks to dunk last season with successful 05-06 campaign

BY ED WRIGHT  
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There are some traits Salem's basketball team would like to inherit from the 2004-05 squad: the intensity, scrappiness and baseline-to-baseline hustle it exhibited on a nightly basis.

There is, however, one glaring thing the Rocks want to put in the rear-view mirror as quickly as possible: the 1-20 record that was compiled last season.

"I try not to mention last year's record too much," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "But this year's team can learn from what went wrong last year. I know everybody who's back doesn't want to repeat what happened and they're working hard to make sure that it doesn't happen again."

One thing about last year's team was that it battled every game. "The teams we played knew they were in a game."

The silver lining from last year's rocky season is that several young players garnered valuable experience. The Rocks have eight returners and lost just four players — Kyle Price, Brad Zonca, Jeff Lake and Dave Cardenas — to graduation.

"We have a young team again this year, but a lot of the



Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie guides his team through a play during a pre-season practice earlier this week.

juniors got experience last season, which will help," Brodie said. "We have good team speed this year. Our average height is okay, but we don't have a lot of big guys. We're versatile as far as scoring goes too. We have more players who can score this year."

Salem's 2005-06 roster includes just three seniors: Billy Leddy, a 6-foot-3 forward, Joe Halewicz, a 6-0 guard/forward, and Jon Pomorski, a 6-0 guard. Leddy, who averaged six points a game last season, is the leading scorer of the eight returning players.

Billy has good shooting range for a player his size," Brodie said. "He's been a perimeter player for the most part during the first three years here, but we're going to ask him to go inside more this year."

Joe is a scrappy, aggressive player who is tough inside. He'll provide us with a lot of valuable senior leadership this year."

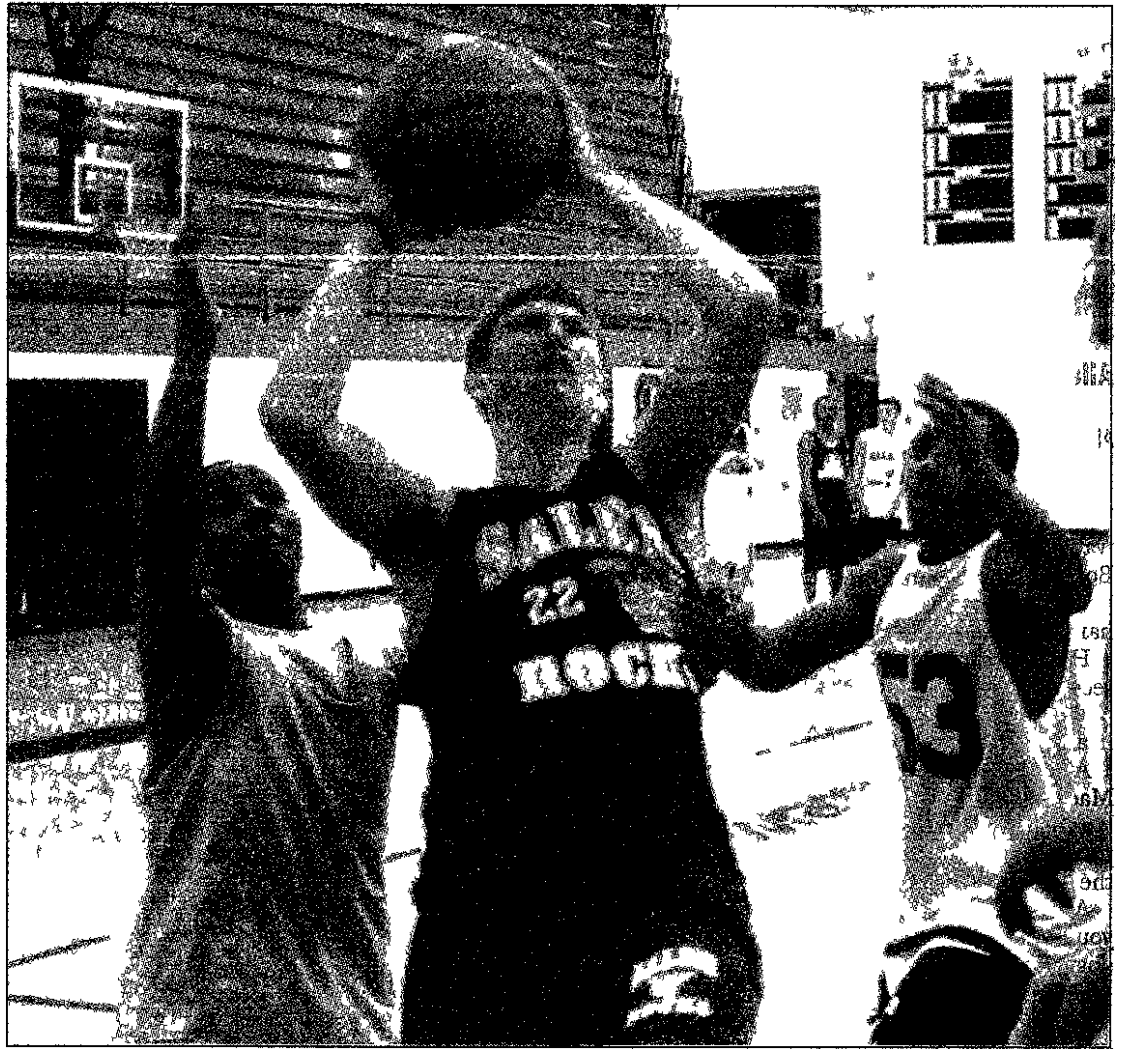
Jon is a good ball-handler who can play the point and off-guard."

The Rocks' point-guard duties will be shared by a trio of lightning-quick juniors: Jierah Dixon (5-8), Kevin Burleigh (5-8) and Mike Marek (5-7), all of whom played regular minutes last season.

All three of them will see a lot of time," Brodie said. "Whoever one is getting the job done will get the most minutes."

Juniors Jon Gibson (6-0) and Brian Baumgart (6-7) and sophomore Grant Stone (6-3) are in the running for starting berths, Brodie said. Gibson will probably begin the year as the Rocks' starting off-guard while Stone and Baumgart will give the Rocks a strong presence in the post.

Jon, Grant and Brian have all been impressive so far,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem junior guard Jon Gibson (middle) slices between teammates Jierah Dixon (left) and John Johnson during a practice earlier this week. The Rocks open the 2005-06 season Tuesday at Redford Union.

Brodie said. "Brian is good around the basket and he's strong inside. He'll be the one who will guard the other teams' best inside player."

Starting the season as key reserves for Salem are juniors J.P. Truesdell (6-2), Andrew Semenok (6-5), Dan Cassidy (6-1) and John Johnson (5-10).

The Rocks fans will need to utilize Mapquest on a regular basis during the first month of the season. Salem is home just once — Dec. 16 against Warren Cousino — before Jan. 16.

We're definitely going to be road warriors at the beginning of the year," Brodie said. "We have some tough opponents."

## ON THE REBOUND

Following are a few facts about Salem's 2005-06 basketball team:

- **Head coach:** Bob Brodie
- **2004-05 record:** 1-20
- **Players lost to graduation:** Kyle Price, Brad Zonca, Jeff Lake and Dan Cardenas
- **Returning letter-winners:** 8
- **Key returners:** Billy Leddy (6-3 sr forward), Joe Halewicz (6-0 sr guard/forward), Jon Pomorski (6-0 guard), Brian Baumgart (6-7 jr center)
- **Season-opener:** Tuesday at Redford Union
- **Brodie's outlook:** "We have a young team again this year, but a lot of the juniors got experience last season, which will help. We have good team speed this year. Our average height is okay, but we don't have a lot of big guys. We're versatile as far as scoring goes, too. We have more players who can score this year."

early on. Hopefully, the kids come together and our tough pre-conference schedule gets us ready for the league." Brodie predicted the Western Lakes Activities Association race will be wide open. He mentioned Canton

and Northville as teams to watch. "John Glenn and Wayne Memorial are always tough, too," he said.

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**WINTER TAXES - 2005**

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2005 and payable through February 28, 2006 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns behind the Library.

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED** during the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 23, 2005 through Monday, January 2, 2006. The Treasurer's office will be **OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS** on Wednesday, December 28th and Thursday, December 29th.

Teresa Cischke, CPFA  
City Treasurer

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**NOTICE**  
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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 for FURNISHINGS for the new Plymouth Township Hall and Police Facility and Fire Station. Proposals are to be submitted in accordance with contract documents prepared by A3C 210 East Huron Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, dated December 8, 2005. Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after December 8, 2005 at Plymouth Township Hall, Clerks Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Bldg #3, Plymouth Township. Bid proposals must be received in the Clerk's Office by Thursday, December 22, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Under Provisions of Sections 2-32-070 and 3-05-1006 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, The Police Department will be conducting an Auction of Forfeited vehicles.

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# Bowling center in Florida employs canine

You can train a dog to do lots of things. No, you cannot train them to bowl but there is a real live canine employed by a bowling center in Homosassa Springs, Fla. that can run down and fetch the loose pins in the gutters, and return them straight to the counter.

You may not believe me and I don't blame you, but I witnessed it with my own eyes (on a video).

The dog's name is Bosco, a chocolate Labrador Retriever owned by pro bowler Steve Neff, who now competes on the Senior Tour and owns Neffer's Bowling Lanes. If you are on the internet, find the Bosco video by going to the following website: <http://www.bowlingart-works.com/bosco/> (and enjoy seeing bowling going to the dogs).

## Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

If you have been watching the opening series of the Pro Bowlers Tour 1 p.m. Sundays on ESPN, you might have seen Mike Machuga, who hails from Erie, Pa.

He is a relatively new pro who he recently won the Greater Omaha Classic.

This young man shows a lot of talent, heart and expression.

After winning, he displayed his Machuga Flop, diving headlong onto the lane and landing out by the arrows in a perfect belly-flop, while still hanging on to the ball.

A bit of advice: Don't try this yourself, you could get hurt. It may be called "hot dogging," but it's all about entertainment. As far as this state, there appears to be a whole new crop of talented young bowlers on tour this season including Bill O'Neill who came up through the Saginaw Valley State University program, which made it

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all the way to the collegiate national championships last year. O'Neill defeated Wes Malott in Omaha, then lost in a tight and exciting match to Machuga, who was in the TV finals for the fourth straight week.

Last week it was Art Brown, a talented young pro bowler from Lansing who put on a great show as he finished third behind veterans Mike Scroggins and Norm Duke.

The nice thing about watching good pro bowlers on TV is that we can all learn a little about this game by watching and applying some of their techniques to help improve our own game. It's like getting a free lesson.

Nov. 26 marked the historic 75th running of the Old Timers Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

During the opening ceremonies, a letter was read: "Dear friends, I am pleased to welcome you to the 75th anniversary of the Greater Detroit Old Timers Bowling Association Tournament and Banquet."

From the first strike of the pins to the crowning of champions, I am confident this will be a memorable event for all.

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"With this year's event expected to draw nearly 700 participants, I wish to all the bowlers in the tournament the best of luck and to everyone who worked to ensure the success of this event, thank you."

"Congratulations on your 75th anniversary and best wishes to everyone for a great tournament."

Sincerely yours,  
Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor

Last Sunday the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame held its induction ceremonies and banquet at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren.

The inductees this year include Altramese Webb, who was presented by Myrtha Cooper, Douglas Spicer, presented by Lee Snow; Nicholas Wissinger IV, presented by Lew Ansara, Richard Lang presented by Jay Lang, Janet Dimmer presented by Leona Obuchowski, and Larry Crake, Sr., presented by Chuck Sunseri.

The Bowling Centers Industry Award was presented to Jim Strobl by Michael Capaldi, while the Judge John D. Watts Award presented to Joe Guotana by Judge David Schmanske.

Meanwhile, the Thomas McKay Award went to Lew Ansara and Ruck Strobl (by Thomas McKay). The Hall of Fame began in 1957-58 with the induction of six members.

Joe Paulus of West Bloomfield was in attendance and is the oldest of the early inductees still living, as he was enshrined in 1964-65.

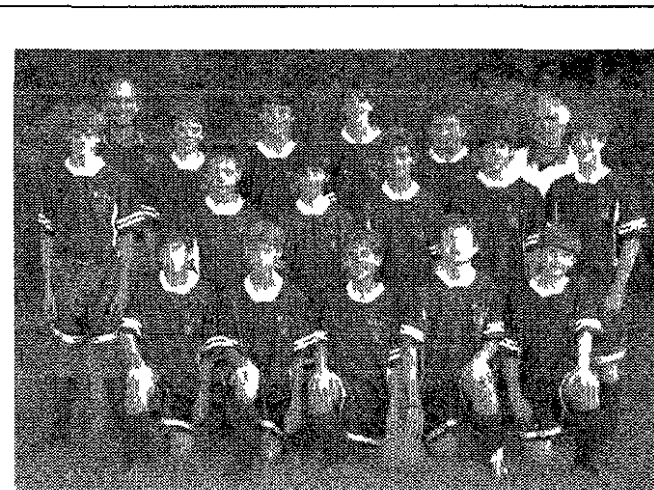
This membership roll includes some of the most illustrious names of this area.

Roy Biggs of Canton rolled another 300 game in the Mayflower Seniors Wednesday Classic last week. Apparently he likes his new Ebonite One because it was his third perfect game in a month.

Jim Reed of Canton also shot a 300 game the same day as Biggs during the Re/Max 100 Invitational League at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

It was Reed who came up with the pun-chasing dog tale on the Internet.

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



## CYO division champs

The Our Lady of Good Counsel varsity boys soccer team captured a CYO division title this season by compiling a record of 8-1-1. OLG, which won the St. Alfred Invitational, was defeated by Everest Academy in the CYO final match. Pictured (front row from left) Justin Rosinski, Jon Seifert, Ryan Sartorius, Alex Sasyk, Pete Reidy, (second row from left) Dan Vukcevic, Matt Zmuda, Steve Werner, Tony Ruggerillo, Pat Killian, Pat Reidy (third row from left) Coach Matt Seifert, Matt Keast, Brad Hartland, Andrew Killian, Nic Bil and Coach Gary Werner.

## Madonna downs Alma College, 68-65

Madonna University defeated Alma College 68-65 Thursday night in a non-conference men's basketball game at the MU Activities Center.

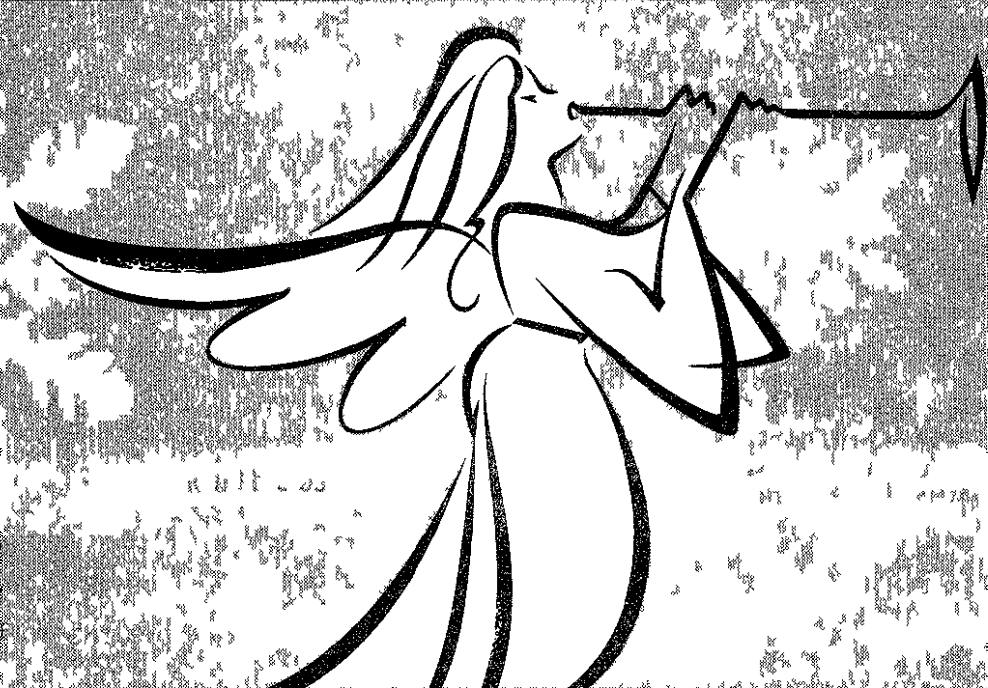
The Crusaders trailed 38-35 at halftime but outscored Alma 33-27 in the second half, sparked by a nine-for-13 performance from the free-throw line.

Guard Joe Calhoun led Madonna (3-4) with 15 points, with forwards Doug Creighton and Derrick Mudri each tallying 11 points and forward D.J. Bridges chipping in with 10.

Creighton also led the Crusaders with six rebounds, all on the defensive end. For Alma (1-3), forward Mark Barnes scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Guard Mike Murphy tallied a dozen points and eight boards.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 120, MARYGROVE JV 61:** Wallace Hall scored a game-high 27 points Thursday as host Schoolcraft College (7-1) romped to a victory over the Marygrove College JV squad.

Jarred Axon and Ryan Williams each added 22 points for the Ocelots, who led 54-36 at halftime.



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# Lathrup survives overtime

BY MARTY BUDNER  
STAFF WRITER

Look who's standing tall now. Jareica Hughes, all 5-foot-3 of her, helped her Southfield-Lathrup teammates to new heights Friday afternoon with a 62-58 overtime triumph over Grandville in the Class A girls basketball semifinals at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Hughes, a senior, knocked down a game-tying three in the waning seconds of regulation, then came back with a basket and two free throws in the final 19 seconds of the extra session to send the Chargers to their first state championship game. Lathrup was scheduled to play Detroit King for the Class A title Saturday.

It was a lot of fun, Hughes said of the final 12 minutes of play which saw the Chargers finally draw even after trailing throughout the first three quarters. It was beautiful. I really enjoyed it.

As did the Lathrup faithful who witnessed their beloved Chargers in a unique tussle, taking on a once-beaten Bulldogs squad led by 6-foot-8 senior and Miss Basketball Award winner Allyssa DeHaan.

DeHaan, who has signed with Michigan State, controlled matters on both ends of the court in the first half, scoring 13 of her team's 27 points as the Bulldogs took a five-point lead into halftime.

But a change in tempo after the break seemed to lift the Chargers as they outscored the Bulldogs 17-13 and trailed 40-39 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

"We didn't play our game. We played their game at their pace," Hughes said of the differences in each half. "But we came out in the second half and buckled down and played our style of defense."

The fourth quarter proved nail biting throughout as the teams exchanged one point leads. The largest lead was four points by the Bulldogs, but that was quickly erased when Lathrup's Brana Whitehead drained a three and Hughes followed with a layup.

Grandville moved back in front with a basket and two free throws setting the stage for Hughes' heroics. Taking the rebound pass with nine seconds to go, Hughes dribbled to the left of the key and lofted a shot that hit nothing but net.

I just threw it up there and I have confidence in it, so yeah, I had a feeling it was going to go in," Hughes said of the shot.

She understands the game so well and she knew the game was on the line and she's got to take that shot," Lathrup coach Michele Jackson said. "It's a shot she has a green light to take."

The basket brought on overtime and more back-and-forth basketball. Tied at 58-all, Hughes moved inside to score what proved to be the winning basket. Driving the lane, Hughes neatly pulled up and lofted a shot over the outstretched arms of DeHaan for a 60-58 lead.

A forced shot on the other end by the Bulldogs gave possession back to the Chargers and they sealed the outcome on two free throws from Hughes.

These kids refuse to lose," said Jackson, whose 26-1 club hasn't tasted defeat since the fifth game of the season when Avondale scored a 58-56 triumph in Auburn Hills. "This was about heart and energy and we've dug deep the last two games to win."

Hughes led three Chargers in double figures with 18 points. She also dished off 10 assists and collected four steals.

Senior center Timika Williams, who drew the task of checking DeHaan, responded on the offensive end with 14 points and senior guard Brittané Russell netted 11.



## Softball runner-up

The over-50, Livonia based Pinnacle Planning/AES finished 6-2 en route to a second-place finish in the 26 team Senior Softball USA World Tournament Oct 19-23 in Phoenix, Ariz. The only losses came against a team from Boise, Idaho. Pinnacle Planning/AES also finished fourth in the ISSA Senior Worlds, second in the SSUSA Eastern Regionals and second in the Port Hope Senior Tournament. Team members include (front row) Charlie LaPointe, St. Clair Shores; John Decicio, Westland; Mike Velerio, Livonia; Mike McLellan, Allen Park; Jim Lohli, Novi; (back row) Larry Wanilack, Sterling Heights; Brian Crawley, Flat Rock; Dave Jacek, Canton; Chuck Uhlinger, Livonia; Gene Riddlebach, Ohio; Al Leszczynski, Livonia; McLellan, LaPointe and Lohli also earned all-tournament honors.



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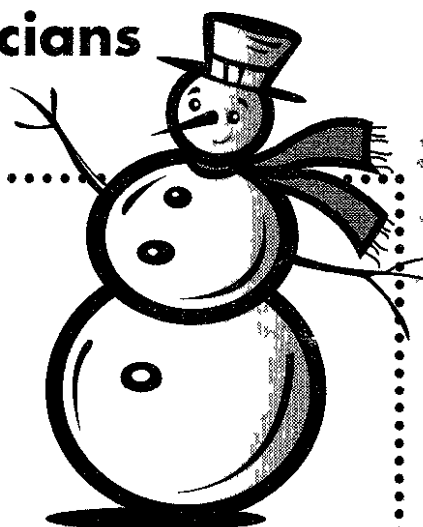
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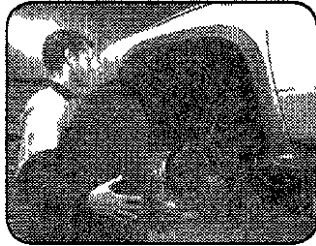
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Linda Chomin

## Dogs have a lot to teach us

Our hearts were broken when she came into our lives. My sister Gwen and I had just gone through the pain of watching Shamrock, our beloved Irish Wolfhound, die on Tuesday evening. By Friday, our tears were still flowing, but our hearts were open to helping the old black dog that showed up in the woods behind the *Observer & Eccentric* newsroom in Livonia. We eventually looked to Sweetie as a blessing - or at least a distraction from our pain.

Co-worker Roger Owens and I had pulled together to bring the black lab mix into the building, then everyone did their job. Westland/Garden City editor Sue Mason wrote copy. Photographer Bill Bresler snapped her picture for Sunday's paper. I took her home and she slept for 16 hours.

It was obvious by the long gash, which ran from her forehead to the tip of her nose, that she had been injured, but we didn't know how badly until taking her to Dr. Heidi Mier at Roose Animal Hospital in Plymouth on Saturday morning. We'll never know for sure but we think she was hit by a car or suffered some type of trauma. By Sunday morning, her tail was wagging each time we walked by her bowl. Sweetie had been well-loved and well-fed, but we still had no idea who she belonged to because she didn't have a collar or ID tags.

The first phone call and visit came from a woman and her 19-year-old daughter, but it wasn't their Nicky, who'd wandered away one month ago. Then on Monday evening Matthew and Terri Jenks of Livonia walked through our door with sons Nathan, 7, Drew, 4, and 10-year-old Roxie, their Sheltie mix. The two dogs began nuzzling and greeting each other. Sweetie, whose real name is Shadow, was going home. The 13-year-old dog had disappeared Thursday after slipping out the door as her family left for an outing. Terri had given Shadow a bath and forgot to put on her collar afterward.

The Jenkses had posted fliers for her return but only on the north side of Schoolcraft (the I-96 service drive), never imagining she'd cross the freeway. They had already started to prepare their sons for the worst when Ray Jenks, Matthew's father, called at 7 p.m. Sunday to tell them Shadow's photograph was in the *Livonia Observer*. "She's recovering really well," said Terri Jenks. "We're really grateful. So many people saw the picture. Everyone's telling us how lucky we are that you found her."

"I told my kids God answers prayers. This is proof. You saved her life. She probably would be dead by now. We can't thank you enough."

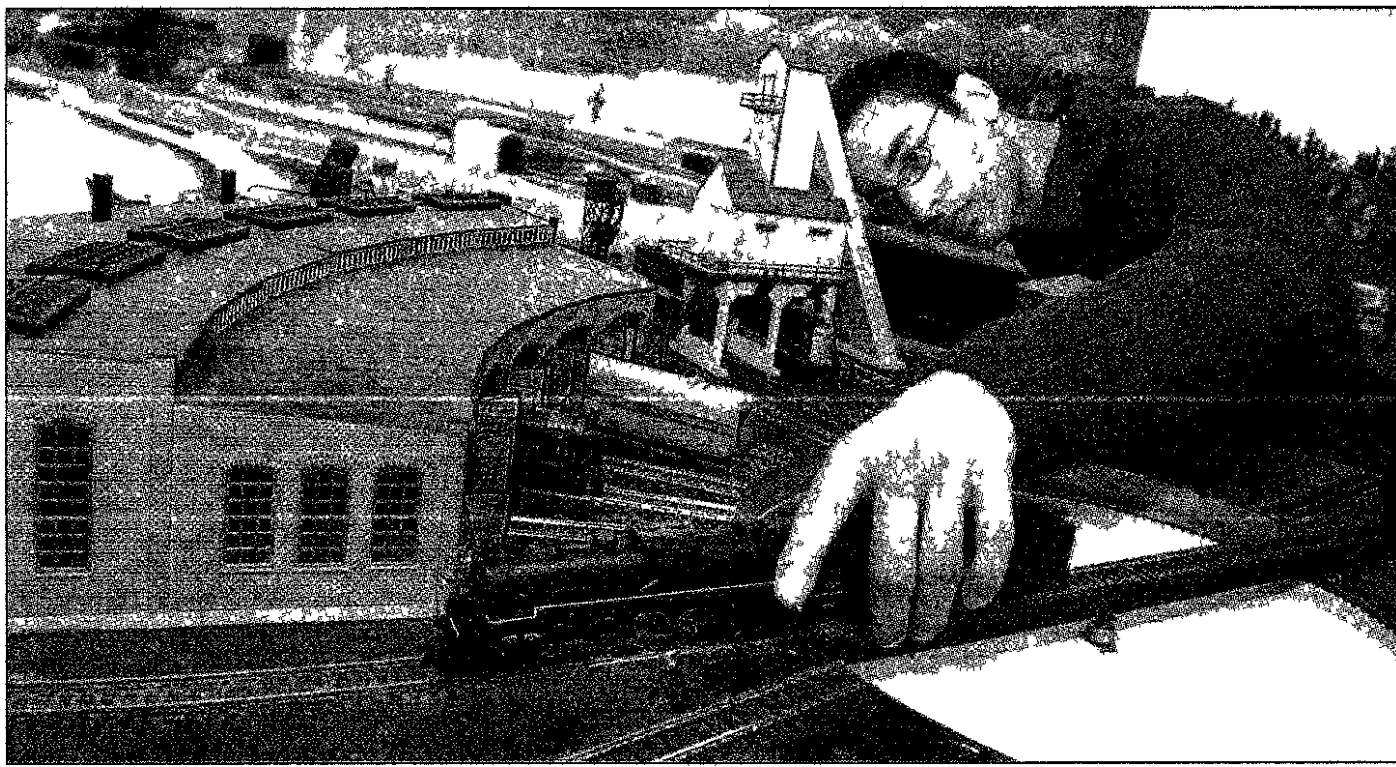
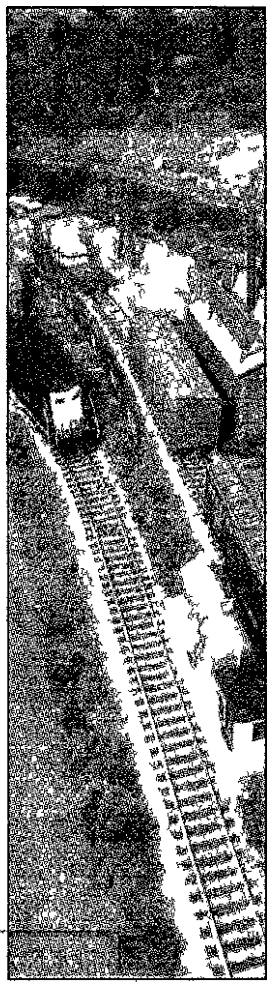
For each trial and tribulation, there is always a silver lining. Shadow is getting a new, embroidered collar from her happy family. My sister and I are grateful for her brief visit. Until Friday we hadn't been able to eat or even go out in the back yard where we spent so many happy hours with Shamrock.

Shadow brought us back to the living. Shamrock would have wanted it that way. He was excited about each new day. It didn't matter if we were walking and running around Newburgh Lake in Hines Park or up at a cottage that we rent on Lake Huron. Shamrock's love of life came from just spending time with his family. We can learn a lot from dogs.

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# Observer LIFE

## Working on a railroad



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul Pittman of Livonia works with an locomotive at the engine terminal station

## Redford Model Railroad Club keeps train hobby on track

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

It's 8:06 p.m. Thursday. A Sand Hill and Western ore train is ready to pull out of the Michigan Yard on its way to a mining operation near Milt's Mooring. The yard will send a message to dispatch, where a central control is directing the operations of up to 10 trains.

Along the route the train will pass several small towns, go through a forest and travel over a trestle above a cascading waterfall.

On a busy night the train that is supposed to return by 8:45 might get delayed and not pull back into the yard until 9 or 9:30.

The Sand Hill and Western Railroad carries on its operations inside a small pumpkin-colored building on Michigan Avenue in Inkster and through the rich imaginations of the members of the Redford Model Railroad Club.

Pierre Willermet of Livonia sat above the "twisted

PLEASE SEE RAILROAD, C3

## Grandparents pass along a love for toy trains

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, it was every young boy's dream to have a toy train. Toy trains were as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus and holly.

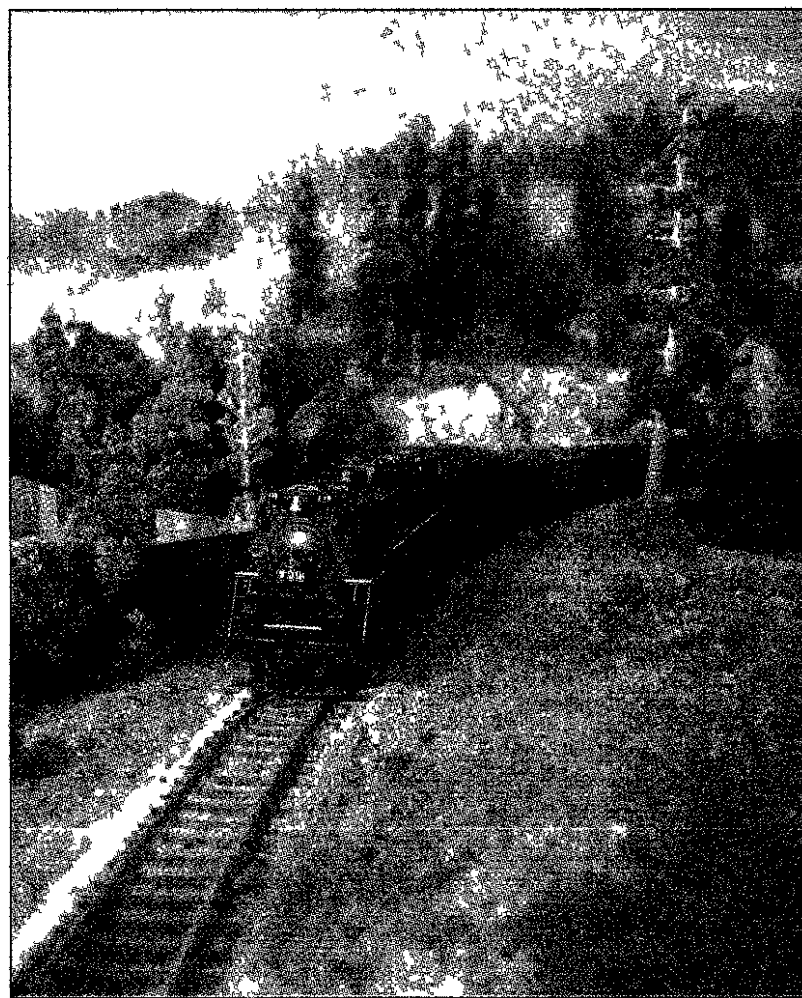
Times have changed and trains are competing for attention with computer games and iPods, but according to Ken Andreoni, owner of Merry-Seven Trains, Hobbies and Collectibles, one group is keeping an American tradition alive.

"Grandparents. They're trying to pass on what they grew up with to their grandchildren," Andreoni said. "Parents of young children today are pretty strapped trying to get by day to day."

Andreoni said the larger Lionel O-gauge and LGB trains are the most popular trains for children.

"It's larger to see, more nostalgic," he said. "Trains come in a range of sizes from the LGB

PLEASE SEE TOY TRAINS, C2



A model of the 284 Berkshire Steam Locomotive built in the 1920s-1949 comes through the mountains



Pierre Willermet of Livonia works on the rock wall of a train setting

## Nurse turns medical knowledge into mystery series

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

As a registered nurse Carla Gibson wants to educate the public about some important health issues, but as an aspiring mystery writer she also wants to keep her readers on the edge of their seats.

Gibson accomplishes both goals in her new series of Dr. Erin Tyler mysteries, set in the often complex and surprisingly dangerous world of modern medicine.

The Milford writer, who grew up in Garden City and lived in Westland while attending Eastern Michigan University's nursing school, has been a nurse since she was 22 but has also yearned to be a writer.

"I've always wanted to write, for more than 20 years," she said. "I was published in a national nursing publication in 1984 and I've written reader movie reviews for the Milford Times, always written



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Carla Gibson has written two books about Dr. Erin Tyler and is working on a third.

newsletters, little blurbs here and there."

In her current position as a nurse in the quality department of an insurance company she writes a providers and members newsletter. But moving from newsletters to romantic mysteries has been a leap for the mother of two adult children.

"I had a few ideas going around and was hoping I could get some success out of it," she said. "I may have started too old, but I hope not."

The heroine of Gibson's novels is Dr. Erin Tyler, an attractive, intelligent and sensitive young doctor. In *The Incentive* she returns to her native southeast Michigan from California, a little at loose ends as she stays with her parents to attend her sister's wedding to a British rock star.

Tyler takes a temporary job as a medical investigator for an insurance company and uncovers insurance fraud, including unnecessary and dangerous

PLEASE SEE MYSTERY, C2



# Tree of Life opens at Laurel Park Place

Angela Hospice's Tree of Life has returned to Laurel Park Place this holiday season for what has become a local tradition. The Tree of Life provides a chance for individuals to place angel ornaments bearing the names of their loved ones on the tree when they make a donation in the amount of their choice to Angela Hospice.

"We first started our Tree of Life fund-raiser in 1988, and it keeps growing with each passing year," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice's president and founder. "This year we are up to six trees and I'm sure by the time they close on Christmas Eve they will be packed with angels, each representing a loving tribute."

The season began with an opening ceremony at the Tree of Life display Nov. 19, inside Laurel Park Place, next to the VanMaur entrance. The ceremony featured a performance by the Angela Hospice choir. The organization's volunteers had already prepared for the opening by processing more than 1,000 requests for ornaments in just over a week and a half. That number will continue to multiply.

"For a lot of the people who stop by the tree, this is their first Christmas without their loved one," said Lucille Hoedl, an Angela Hospice volunteer from Northville who has worked at the Tree of Life.

Volunteers say many use the Tree of Life to remember those they've lost, while others use it to celebrate the special people in their life.

Hoedl has been especially touched over the years by the children who visit the tree.

Angela Hospice encourages community members to visit the Tree of Life while they are shopping this holiday season. Participation in the Tree of Life fund-raiser benefits Angela Hospice's programs serving terminally ill children and adults in southeast Michigan.

Angela Hospice will also be holding holiday grief support workshops for children and adults, to help individuals to cope with their loss.

To add an ornament honoring your loved one, visit the Tree of Life in person during mall hours or call Angela Hospice at (734) HOSPICE.

## MYSTERY

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surgery. She also falls in love with another member of the rock band.

Gibson knew that romance would play a big part in her novels and that women would be her primary readers.

"I like reading books myself that have some romantic aspect to them. I don't just like reading a straight mystery," she said.

But, why a rock star?

"In most books it's always the widower next door or the gardener or the lord of the manor in historical things. I decided I wanted him to be a celebrity and in your celebrities you have your sports figures, but I'm not a big sports fan, you have actors. I could have made him an actor but I don't know too much about that business," she said.

But rock music is something the writer knows a lot about. She's been going to rock concerts since she was 14, has met several rock stars and is still a big fan. She lists the Black Crowes, Led Zeppelin, Def Leppard, Aerosmith and Audioslave among her favorite groups.

"I picked English rock musicians because I love traveling and I've been to England a number of times. And, I love English slang," she said. Tyler and her new boyfriend make a special trip to England that allows Gibson to write

about some of the places she's visited.

At the center of *The Incentive* and its follow up *The Apothecary* are currently hot health issues. In *The Incentive* it's insurance fraud and a doctor with a drug problem. In *The Apothecary* it's date rape.

"I'm a big believer in health education and how you can't just expect your doctor to be all knowing and all seeing about everything. You as a patient need to follow up on your medication, learn about your disease," she said.

The *Apothecary* takes Tyler and boyfriend Steve Robinson from Detroit to New York.

"Now that my son lives in New York, I've decided that I love Manhattan," she said.

Gibson's books were published by the small PageFree Publishing Inc. in Otsego. She is looking for a larger publisher. Meanwhile, she is working on the third Erin Tyler mystery, this one dealing with the disparity in health care caused by misunderstandings between patients and the health care system.

The Erin Tyler mysteries are available on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble stores and online and can be ordered through Borders.

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## TOY TRAINS

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G-scale down to the tiny n and z scales. The majority of trains sold are HO, about half the size of the Lionels. The HO trains come in a wide range of prices and are the preferred size on serious adult model railroad enthusiasts. The larger trains are usually recommended for children because they are easier to handle.

It depends on the capability of the child," Andreoni said. "We have a father who comes in with a son who is 6 years old and they do n-gauge, which most adults find hard to handle. It's a matter of the child and their attention span."

Andreoni said working on a toy train develops a child's eye-hand coordination and such diverse skills as carpentry, scenic design and working with electricity.

"There are so many factors of life you can incorporate into a train layout," he said. "But mostly it's the fun, father-son, father-grandfather. We have three grandsons, two fathers and a grandfather who are avid railroaders. They come on a regular basis. They construct layouts together. The father and grandfather each have layouts in their basements. That's their hobby. It brings the family together."

Andreoni suggested the Lionel New York Central Flyer set as a good beginning set, featuring an oval track, a

steam locomotive with headlights, whistle and tender, a couple freight cars, and a transformer. But that's just the starter set. Lionel and other manufacturers offer hundreds of different cars and scenic items to create a world around the train.

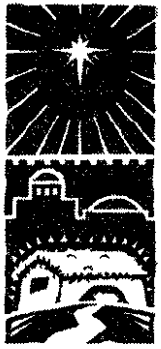
For very young children, Andreoni said the wooden train sets by Brio and those featuring the Thomas storybook-TV show trains are a good first choice.

Thomas has a great story theme for each one of the shows. Children relive those stories with their wooden trains. There's a lot of hand and eye coordination with that, assembling and constructing layouts that interconnect," Andreoni said. You start learning geometry and configuring the radius of a curve.

Andreoni has been operating the Merrin-Seven store, at Merriman and Seven Mile in Livonia, for 16 years. The store was originally opened in 1967 as a Leo's Corn Shop. It was then expanded to include toys and sports cards. Today the emphasis is on toy trains.

Andreoni, 56, has been interested in trains since he was 4 or 5. He said he is interested in collecting antique trains, especially early European trains from the late 19th century.

"I have everything from z to g. I have them all, I'm sick," he said with a laugh.



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The 25-voice mixed chorus includes singers from throughout the metro Detroit area. Directed by Henry Naasko and

accompanied by Bill Gramzow, the Finnish-American Singers will perform a wide variety of entertaining musical selections including several Finnish carols and hymns. It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year will include full choral numbers, solos, and performances by small groups, showcasing holiday and seasonal music. Choral pieces include *A Musical Christmas Card*, *Mistletoe*, *It's the Most*

*Wonderful Time of the Year* and *Joulun Kellot and Jouluhymnit*.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased from a chorus member by calling (248) 478-6939. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10. The cost of admission includes a Finnish coffee table of sandwiches and desserts.

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## RAILROAD

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spaghetti" tracks in the dispatch booth, where switches and throttles control the trains that weave through the various sections of the layout that has been in the making for 14 years.

"The philosophy of this is that people have different interests in the trains," Willermet said. "Some people like to go round and round and look at the trains. Others like to simulate actual train operations, doing just what a freight train would do in a real railroad."

The 18 members of the club, ranging in age from 21 to a member in his 70s, usually began their love affair with trains when they were children.

John Pernicano, 65, a retired Ford worker from Allen Park, has been a club member for 22 years. He wears a hat that reads "Choo-Choo."

"I've been in railroading since I was a kid," he said. "My first train was an American Flyer. Then my dad bought me a passenger train, also an American Flyer, a Santa Fe. When I got married, my father bought my son a train for Christmas and Bob was only 4 years old. So I went downstairs and put it together. From there on in, I've been going crazy with this. I've always liked trains."

For club president Fred Iwata of Livonia, it was a real train that stimulated his interest in model railroading.

"Originally I took a ride when I was 4 years old in '49 to Portland, Oregon, on the Union Pacific train and it always stuck with me," said the retired pharmaceutical representative. "When I saw another UP model, it all came back. That's how it was and I got into model trains about 10 years ago."

For Willermet, it was the trains of his youth in New Jersey.

"When I was young, I lived next to the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line running into south Jersey," he said. "For a couple of years in high school, I actually rode a passenger train a couple of miles up the line to school. I enjoyed it quite a bit."

## VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

The Redford Model Railroad Club began in 1938, making it the oldest model railroad club in Michigan. It operated in a building in Dearborn for more than 20 years before moving to its current location at 27316 Michigan Ave., Inkster, just east of Inkster Road. Iwata said the Sand Hill name is a reference to an early name for Redford Township.

The model train layout runs 26 feet by 52 feet and includes several towns, mountains, forests and lakes. Each member is responsible for modeling a different section of the railroad.

"I like it because there is such a large variety of things to do with it," said Mike Tranquilla, a Unisys retiree from Livonia. "You can tinker with mechanical things or electrical if you like or be creative and do scenery, build structures, operate trains. There are also a lot of people like me that I can enjoy the hobby with."

Tranquilla has been enjoying model trains since his parents gave him a Lionel when he was 10. Today, he has an elaborate basement layout in his home that models the landscape of Illinois and Iowa that he remembers as a child.

An article in *Boys Life* introduced Ron Wasielewski of Farmington Hills to model railroading when he was 14. Now the retired truck driver has time to indulge his interest.

"As you age your ideas change, the scale changes. I was in HO and still have HO trains, but went to n-gauge last year, much smaller as we're in an apartment in Farmington Hills," he said.

The club is looking for new members and holds exhibits and open houses to attract interest in its activities.

The club's youngest member is Paul Pittman, 21, of Livonia, who has been a member for about a year.

"When I was a kid I used to watch *Shining Time Station* on PBS with Thomas the Tank Engine. But for me, Thomas was real dinky," he said. "When I was older, my parents took



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Members of the Redford Model Railroad Club are (from left) John Pernicano of Allen Park, Pierre Willermet of Livonia, Mike Tranquilla of Livonia, Mark Grumblatt of Dearborn Heights, Ronald Wasielewski of Farmington Hills, Paul Pittman of Livonia and Fred Iwata of Livonia.

me to Henry Ford Museum and I saw the steam engines there and I was hooked.

He said he has a layout in his basement that models the period just before World War II and has a military theme.

It was a club train show at the Livonia Community Recreation Center that introduced Mark Grumblatt of Dearborn Heights to the club. He's been a member for about a year.

"My father gave me his old Marx tinplate train and if I had it now it would be worth a fortune. So I started with Lionel and reduced it to HO scale," he said. "It's been a long time since I've been involved in a club of any kind."

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (except for the last Thursday of the month). Operations begin in the

Michigan Yard, in a front room apart from the main layout. All trains come out of the yard, based on a schedule of operations. Every train follows the schedule (or as close as the operators can when several trains are operating at once).

The next Trainorama is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. The event features a flea market with 280 dealers, how-to clinics, operating modular railroad layouts, all scales of model trains and memorabilia. Admission is \$4 for adults, children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

The club has also scheduled Saturday open houses for noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 4, Feb. 25 and March 25. Admission is free.

For information, call (313) 565-3856 on Thursdays or (734) 464-3856 at other times.

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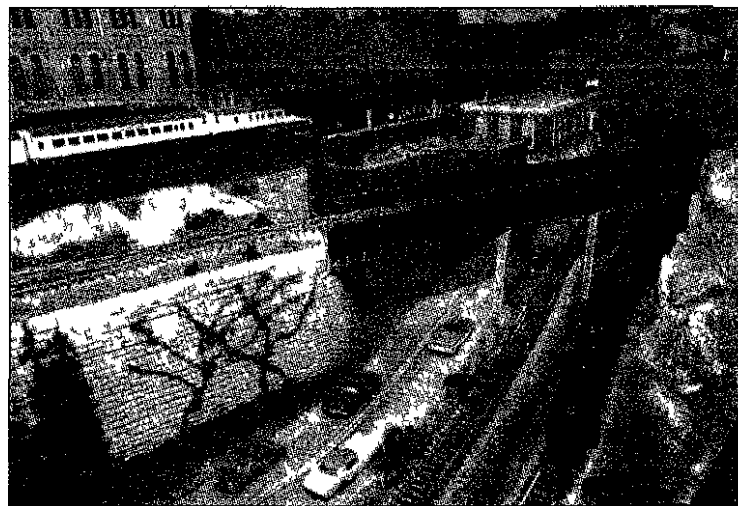
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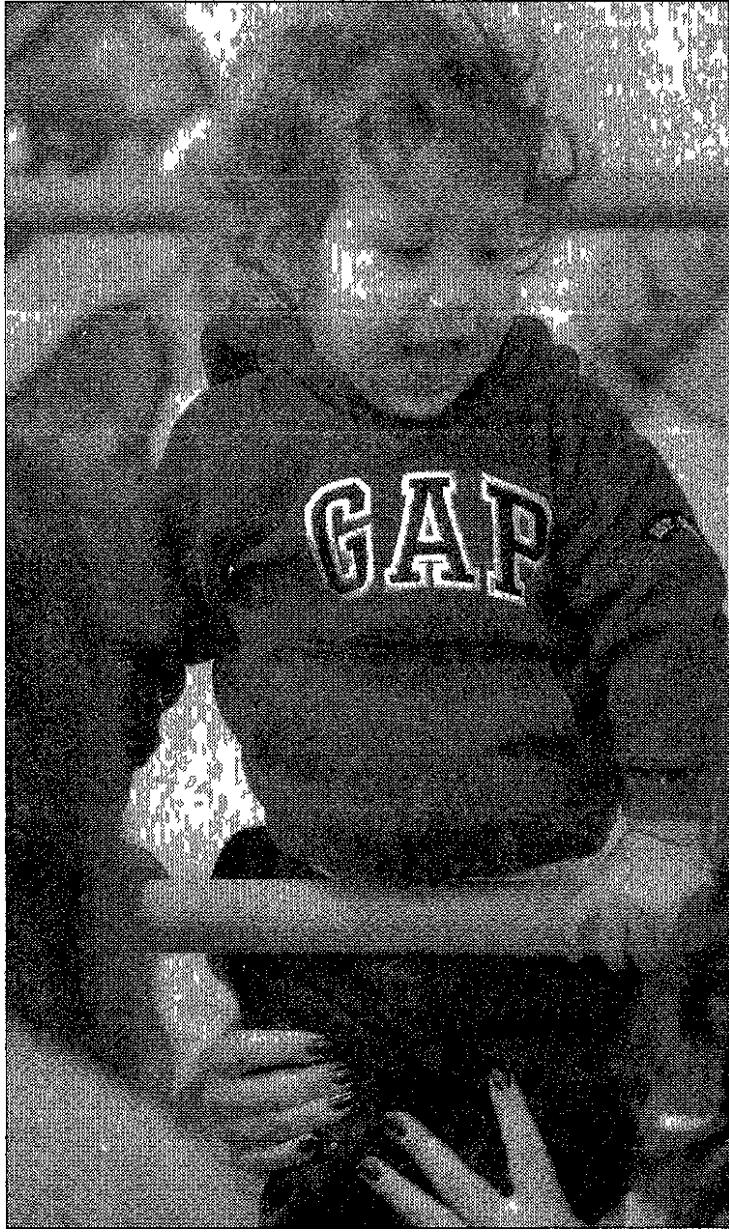
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# Hop! Gym gets those little ones moving



Louie Lerman 17 months of West Bloomfield takes to the uneven bars at My Gym in Farmington Hills

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

There's a battle going on between the physical inactivity of the video game generation and those who know getting those youngsters moving is vital

Christina Hughey, owner of My Gym in Farmington Hills, is winning that battle at her recently opened activity center for children as young as three months and as old as 13 years

The bright, colorful gym is packed with equipment to get those bodies moving. From swings hanging from ceiling cables to padded floor mats and huge rolling exercise balls, My Gym is the headquarters for all things physical.

But there's a trick to enticing youngsters into a good workout.

It has to be fun, said Hughey, who opened the franchise of the international business in September in the Orchard 12 shopping plaza on Orchard Lake Road and 12 Mile. "You can't tell a kid to 'drop and give me 20'."

"Music, sing-a-longs and games are included in the carefully crafted programs, which are all age-appropriate and designed to enhance body strength and coordination. There is a 5-1 student to teacher ratio at My Gym and the staff is trained in fitness and CPR.

Hughey, who grew up dancing and doing gymnastics, has been teaching and coaching since she was 14 years old. She



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Aidan Warren, who is 1 1/2 years old, of West Bloomfield rolls along on one of the exercise balls with a little help from his mother, Haley, as My Gym owner Christina Hughey, looks on.

heard of My Gym and decided to go to California for training. "I fell in love with it and here we are," she said.

She owns the business with her fiancée, David Hamm, who handles the bookkeeping. The couple plans to open a second My Gym in Oakland County next year.

Hughey feels right at home at My Gym.

"I just like the idea that there are things for children to do instead of playing video games," she said. "I absolutely love the children, just to see them as they're coming in and they're smiling and they're happy."

One of those smiling faces was Mira Schoof, of Huntington Woods, on a recent morning.

The 22-month-old enjoys the "mom and tot" class. Her mom, Alycia, said My Gym is better than others they have tried.

"There's more equipment, it's more physical," she said. "I think it's really important for my daughter, as a girl, to be physical."

Danielle Randel, of Walled Lake, and Tracy Weitzman, of Farmington Hills, like the variety of activities offered each week.

"The kids really like it," said Randel, whose daughter, Lindsay, is 18 months. "There are different activities every week."

Weitzman said she likes the staff at My Gym.

"Everyone is always in such a good mood," she said. "They're so good with the kids."

Each class for the little ones includes gymnastic elements such as balancing and tumbling. The staff jumps right in and helps the tots do each exercise.

"I love playing with the kids, that's my favorite part," said

## My Gym offers a variety of classes.

Scott Hepner, director at My Gym. "I think I have more fun they do. They brighten up my life, that's for sure."

My Gym offers a variety of classes. Payment is per eight-week session and runs \$135 per session. Birthday parties and gift certificates are also available. For more information on My Gym in Farmington Hills, log onto the main Web site at [www.mygym.com](http://www.mygym.com) and click on location button. E-mail Christina Hughey with questions at [mygymfhlills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mygymfhlills@sbcglobal.net) or call the gym at (248) 489-9420.

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**DANIEL RICHARD ANDREW**  
Of Livonia MI died Monday November 28 2005 age 78. Beloved husband of 56 years to Mary Louise Dear father of Michele Andrew Lescoe (Paul) and Ann Andrew King (Stephen W). Grandfather of Monica McDowell (Mark) and great grandfather of Carson Daniel McDowell. Mr Andrew was the first industrial coordinator for the city of Livonia from 1963-1970. He served as the chairman of the Livonia Planning Commission from 1971-1984 and was a member of Livonia's Zoning Board Appeals from 1997-2004. He was a member of the Livonia Housing Commission from 2003-2005. He served on numerous civic boards and organizations in Livonia. In 1973 Mr Andrew co-founded Damone Andrew Inc serving as senior vice president and co-owner of this commercial real estate company head quartered in Troy MI. He retired in 1999. Visitation Free Wood Funeral Home 36100 Five Mile (one mile west of Farmington Road) Friday 2-5 pm and Sunday 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm. Scripture Service Sunday 7 pm. Funeral Mass will be held Monday December 5th at 11 am at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Donations to the National Kidney Foundation and American Heart Association.

**HAROLD E BREAR**  
Age 90 Born May 1 1915 and died November 30 2005. Mr Brear was with The J L Hudson Company for forty years retiring in 1980. He was Assistant Divisional Merchandise Manager. Husband of the late Lillian Ritter Brear. Stepfather of Dr William A (Kristine) Ritter and the late Gail Christner. Also one niece Barbara Brear Kirkpatrick. Step grandfather of Julie (Jared) Hopkins Trevor (Becky) Wilson Tracy (Julie) Wilson and the late William Ritter. Great step grandfather of Lauren and Lindsay Wilson. Son of the late William and Kathleen Brear. Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham 1589 W Maple Sunday December 4 at 3 pm with visitation one hour before service. Memorial tributes may be made to First United Methodist Church. Arrangements by The William R Hamilton Co of Birmingham.

**JACK H. CARR**  
Age 98 November 29 2005. Husband of Ruth H Carr. Cousin Mrs Barbara Levy of Bloomfield Hills. Member of Birmingham Senior Mens Club and active with Intergenerational Program of BASSC Memorial Service at Canterbury on the Lake Waterford Township at a later date. Tributes to Hospice of Michigan. Oakland Team. Further information Wm R Hamilton Co 1 248 644 6000.

**REV. DR STEVEN M. EGGERS**  
Age 50 passed away December 2 2005 from complications due to colon cancer. Steve was ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in 1981. He served congregations in Shellsburg IA Knoxville IA Cedar Falls IA Battle Creek MI and most recently Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. Steve earned his bachelors degree from Concordia University Ann Arbor MI his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary St Louis MO his Master of Sacred Theology from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque IA and his Ph D from Concordia Seminary in Ft Wayne IN. He also served as adjunct professor at Concordia University Ann Arbor. Steve especially enjoyed helping youth and young adults becoming a certified chaplain in the Boy Scouts of America and most recently a chaplain with the rank of Major in the Civil Air Patrol Northville Six Gate Composite Squadron. Steve is survived by his wife of 27 years Sandie and son Karl. Visitation at Harry J Will Funeral Home in Livonia Sunday 4-9 pm and Monday 1-9 pm. Service at 11:00 am on Tuesday with a viewing half hour prior at Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church 9600 Levee Road Redford with a luncheon following. In lieu of flowers memorials addressed to the Lutheran Community Foundation for the Rev Dr Steve M Eggers Scholarship Fund. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park.

**C DUANE ROUSH**  
Age 83 December 1 2005. Beloved husband of Jeanne (married 60 years). Loving father of William (Becky) Stephen (Deborah) and Dr Randall (Kathy) Roush. Proud grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of two. Duane served in WWII as a Naval Aviator and retired as Lt Jr Grade. He received The Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals. Visitation Sunday 2pm-9pm with Rosary at 7pm. Funeral service Monday 10am at Neely Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Rd (between Merriman and Middlebelt). The six grandsons of Mr Roush will act as pallbearers.

**PETER KOKENAKES**  
Age 85 November 30 2005. Beloved husband of Zoe Loving. Father of Frank (Janet Esper) and Paul (Kimberly Carter). Grandfather of Joseph Adam Theodore Henry and Charles. Brother of Ethel (George) Lewis of St Louis and Theodore (Sharon) of Ann Arbor. Preceded in death by infant grandson Matthew and sister Mary (Charles) Manos of Flint. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Peter a Navy aviator in WWII was a long time teacher and coach in Livonia and a member of several Masonic Orders. Funeral Service was held Saturday December 3 at Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Westland Memorial contributions may be sent to the church. Arrangements by the Harry J Will Funeral Home Livonia.

**HARRIET HAYNES ROBISON WEAVER**  
Age 80 of Harbor Springs formerly of Detroit and Birmingham passed away November 23 2005 at northern Michigan Hospital. Harriet was born August 6 1925 in Detroit and attended Northwestern University in Chicago where she joined Phi Beta Phi and majored in political science. She married Joseph Weaver of Irwin Pennsylvania on May 6 1949. She was a life long learner and volunteer most recently a member of the Christ Child Society of Harbor Springs and the Harbor Springs Women's Club. She loved to watch the birds out the window the poetry of Robert Burns and Emily Dickinson the music of Frank Sinatra a good conversation a new acquaintance the sapphire blue of Little Traverse Bay and the company of friends and loved ones. She was a friend to all a generous and curious spirit a loving wife a beloved mother and grandmother who will be missed by her family and by the many friends she held in her heart. She was preceded in death by her parents Vivian and McKee her sisters Helen and Eleanor and her brother Douglas. She will be missed by her husband of 56 years Joseph Weaver of Harbor Springs 4 children Susan Schoenfeld of Royal Oak Patricia Francisco and her husband Larry of Minneapolis Bruce Weaver and his wife Rita of Royal Oak and Julie Weaver of Petosky a brother Ralph of Bingham Farms her loving family of grandchildren Shawn Lee Julianna Andre and Jesse her great grandchildren Veronica and Levi and her nieces and nephews. All will miss her deeply and every day. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday at 11:00am at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey Michigan with visitation at the funeral home from 10:00am until the time of the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Godfrey-Bessner**  
Bruce and Marilyn Godfrey of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Mark Bessner of Ypsilanti, formerly of Round Rock, Texas.  
Julie is a 1999 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently attending Ave Maria School of Law and will graduate in May 2006.  
Her fiance, Mark, is the son

of Ronald and Debbie Bessner of Round Rock, Texas, and Dale Chaney and Lisa Lin of Las Vegas, Nev. He is a 1992 graduate of Round Rock High School, a 1996 graduate of Texas A & M University and received his master's degree from University of Texas at Arlington in 2002. He will graduate in May 2006 from Ave Maria School of Law.  
Mark and Julie are planning a September 2006 wedding at St. James Catholic Church.

**Space-Erwin**  
Nanci Space of Canton announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Angela Evelyn, also daughter of the late Carl Space, to Christopher Lee Erwin. Angela received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2003. She is currently pursuing a law degree at Wayne State University School of Law.  
Her fiance, Christopher, is the son of William Erwin and the late Patrice Erwin of



Canton. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2005. He currently works for Oakwood Healthcare System. Christopher and Angela are planning a December wedding at St. John Center Chapel in Plymouth Township. A reception will follow at The Inn at St. John's. After a honeymoon to the Dominican Republic, they will be making their new home in Allen Park.

## NEW VOICES

**Abigail Lauren Feldman**  
David and Sarepta Feldman of Houghton Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Lauren, on Nov 19, 2005, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Abigail weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces, and was 22 inches long.  
Abigail joins big sisters, Brooke, 14, and Madison, 6.  
Her maternal grandparents are Terry Small of Curran, Mich., and the late Beverly Dick of Warner Robins, Ga.  
Her paternal grandparents are Keith Feldman of Westland, Alex and Judy Nagy of Howell, and David and Karin Verseput of Brighton.

## Join a fitness program with a cause

The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is recruiting local residents to join Train To End Stroke - a team marathon training and fundraising program sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Participants can choose to walk or run a full marathon in San Diego June 4 or choose between a full or half marathon in Kona, Hawaii on June 11.  
For the five-month period leading up to the event, participants will be matched with a prominent professional coach. Alice Ahearn, Anne Demko, John Hazen and Antoma Vivian will develop a training plan for each individual and make themselves available once a week for those who want to train together as a team.  
While training, team members will also raise funds for local stroke research and educational efforts in the area. For those who reach the training and fundraising goals, the American Stroke Association will provide airfare, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, marathon entry fee and celebration dinners.  
"Nearly every Train To End Stroke participant knows someone who has had a stroke," says Ryan Davis, director of the Train To End Stroke program. "It is that person, their stroke hero, who inspires them to reach the

training, fund-raising and marathon goals. Even more inspiring are the 'stroke heroes' who participate in the marathon."  
Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of severe, long-term disability.  
Several free information sessions will be held throughout December and January. For more, call (248) 827-4214 or visit the American Stroke Association Web site at [www.strokeassociation.org/ites](http://www.strokeassociation.org/ites). Information sessions will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Plymouth District Library; noon Saturday, Dec. 17, Macomb County Library, Clinton Township, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, Detroit Library, Fredrick Douglass Branch, 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, Northville District Library, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, Providence Hospital, Fisher Auditorium, Southfield, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, Mallets Branch Library, Ann Arbor, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, Public Branch of Westland, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, Baldwin District Library, Birmingham, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, Redford Branch Library, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, Farmington Hills YMCA, noon Saturday, Jan. 21, Plymouth District Library, and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, Providence Hospital, Fisher Auditorium, Southfield.



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 on line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

- 1 Mary, Mary, James Patterson
- 2 "Predator," Patricia Cornwell
- 3 "Light from Heaven," Jan Karon
- 4 "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks
- 5 "The Camel Club," David Baldacci

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Teacher Man," Frank McCourt
- 2 "Team of Rivals," Doris Kearns Goodwin
- 3 "Our Endangered Values," Jimmy Carter
- 4 "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion
- 5 "The World is Flat," Thomas Friedman

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 ABC Animals," Darice Bailer
- 2 "A Good Night Walk," Elisha Cooper
- 3 Pink Magic, Donna Napoli
- 4 "The Merry Chase," Clement Hurd
- 5 "Here Comes Grandma," Janet Lord

AROUND TOWN

Entertainment books

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

■ The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books with all proceeds helping children through out southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton'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 restaurant 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

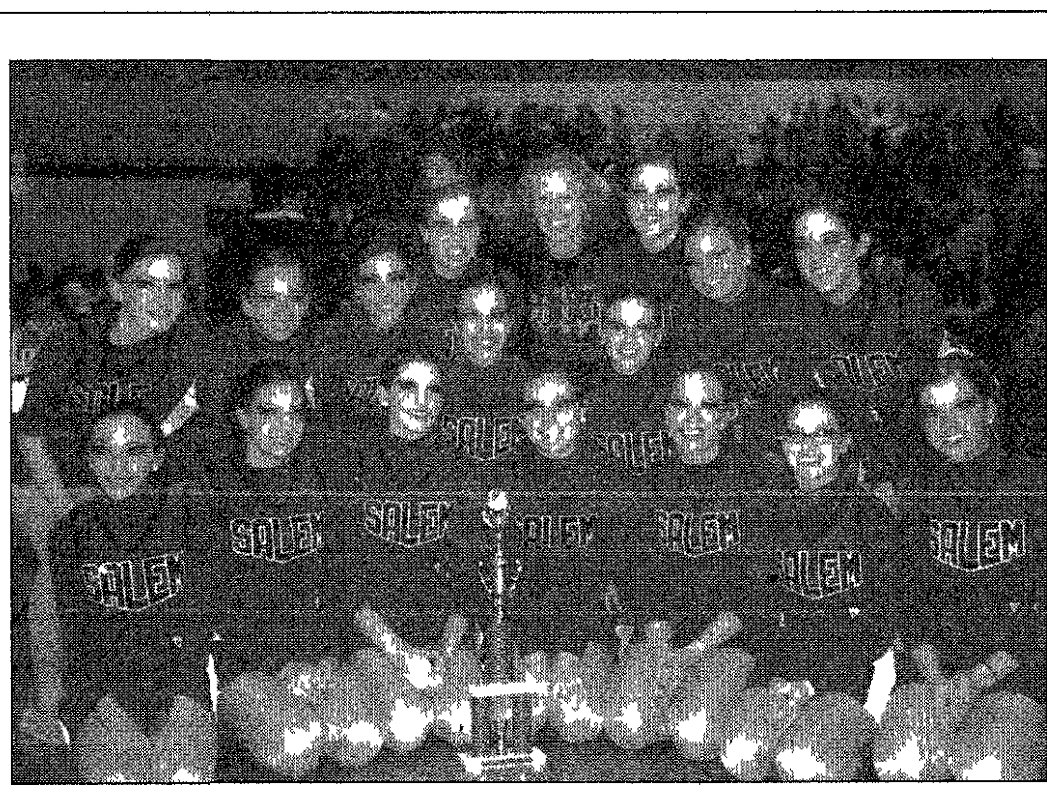
■ Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is priced at \$25 with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at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

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area. The next CLC training sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 at the Canton Public Library. Call (734) 416 4906 for more information

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation. Staying on Target with Healthy Eating. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Katie Dooley, RD, CDE. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family mem-



Top spot

The Salem JV Rockettes turned in solid performances while performing well at two recent competitions. At the UDA competition, the Rockettes took second in the dance competition and third in pom. The next day at the Mid American competition, the Rockettes took top honors in both dance and pom.

bers. There is no charge. Pre-registration is not required. St. Mary's Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan). For more information call (734) 655 8961

Youth theater

Northville Youth Theater presents The Princess and the Pea at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2:30 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main in Northville. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale now at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline). Call (248) 349 0203 Ext. 1411 for more information. The program is presented by Northville Parks and Recreation and Ever After Productions

Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12th annual Cookie Walk is Dec. 10. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls and more than 50 different assortments of ethnic (kiefle, 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 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at the Northville Senior Center located at 303 W. Main St. in Northville. Speaker will be St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's Darlene Doude, advanced practice nurse in psychiatric mental health nursing. Registration is required. Call the Northville Senior Center (248) 349 4140

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 Eight Mile and Sheldon/Center. More than 90 juried artisans will display

their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, seasonal items including Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood items and clothing. Show hours are 9 p.m. Dec. 9-9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11. Admission is \$2. No baby strollers. For more information call (734) 459 0050

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 vari-

ous 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 the 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. Newborn 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. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets 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@juno.com

Moms Club

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

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochran 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



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REUNIONS

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

**Churchill High School**  
Class of 1995  
A 10 year reunion is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday Dec 22 at 5th Avenue in Novi. For more information contact Fran Yee at fye@ussmansikes.com.

**Denby High School**  
Class of 1956  
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept

16 2006 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739 3840.

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

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

**Epiphany Grade School**  
Class of 1966  
A 40 year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477 9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

**Franklin High School**  
Class of 1969  
Is planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363 5679 or e-mail Kaynmlu@aol.com or Kathy

Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com

**Garden City West**  
Class of 1970  
A 35 year reunion is planned for April 1 2006 at Mama Mia Restaurant on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Contact Gordon Adams at (586) 949 7462 for information and reservations.

**Grosse Pointe North**  
Class of 1991  
Call (800) 677 7800 visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail info@taylorreunions.com.

**Livonia Franklin**  
Class of 1969  
A reunion is in the pre planning stages for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363 5679 or Email Kaynmlu@aol.com.

**St. Mary of Redford**  
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Grade School class of 1952  
Looking for graduates Contact (734) 525 5888 or Email kheenana@glis.net.

**Utica High School**  
Class of 1981  
A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006. Please send updated address information and inquires to Todd Richter (trichter26@comcast.net).

# Global science competition a challenge for teens

Since finishing my doctorate in 1986, I have subscribed to Education Week. I regret not reading this 50-page education weekly while my children were adolescents. Today's column will give you a very brief preview of the important issues discussed in Education Week. I will quote with permission, some of the articles parents of teens need to consider.



Teens in 2005  
Alice McCarthy

To provide an abbreviated setting for the reasons for concern, I draw on an October 2005 report from a panel of experts convened by the National Academies. This report called on an urgent and wide-ranging effort to strengthen scientific competitiveness, including creating scholarships to attract 10,000 top students a year to careers in math and science and 30,000 scholarships for college-level study of science, math, and engineering. Increasingly, said the experts, strides in Asia and Europe rival or exceed America's in critical areas of science and innovation, often with little public awareness of the trend or its implications for jobs, industry, national security, or the vigor of the nation's intellectual and cultural life.

Writing in the Sept 28, 2005, edition of Education Week, Rhea Borja says, "Concerned about increasing competition in the global marketplace-particularly from China and India leaders from business, education, government, and the nonprofit sector called last week for combining their K-12 education efforts to better prepare students for the workplace."

"They also cited data showing that only seven out of every 10 American 8th graders go on to earn high school diplomas, and that only three of those seven go on to get a college degree or other postsecondary credential. The article continued to explain, The Ford Motor Company Fund's Partnership for Advanced Studies works with colleges and businesses to draw high school students into business, engineering and technology careers."

The panel cited many examples. Last year, more than 600,000 engineers graduated from institutions of higher education in China, compared to 350,000 in India and 70,000 in the United States. Recently, American 12th graders performed below the international average for 21 countries on general knowledge in math and science. Workers in virtually every sector must now face competitors who live just a mouse-click away in Ireland, Finland, China, India or dozens of other nations whose economies are growing.

round, at-home investment of almost 6-1/2 hours a day in non-school-related media multi-tasking, and less than a half-year, in-school investment of under four hours a day in academic, on-task learning. Typically, that in-school investment is 3 8 hours a day (five 45-minute periods) of core academic classes, totaling barely 700 hours during a 180-day school year.

He says, "The challenge is to motivate 50 million tween-teen Generation M education consumers-young people who have learned the benefits of living in the world's pre-eminent consumer society - to become more discerning about what they are putting into their brains and bedroom media centers."

My questions to parents: Do we not have a responsibility for teen use of time?

Resources: A subscription for Education Week is \$79.94 per year (PO Box 2083, Marion, OH, 43306, 800-728-2790, edwk@kable.com). It might just provide the most thought-producing material you will read all week.

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

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## Women aid First Step

On Nov 10, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians presented First Step with a check for \$4,000 which was raised at A Chocolate Affair, held Oct. 2. The presentation took place at the First Step offices in Plymouth. First Step provides shelter and support for victims of domestic and sexual assault.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is an organization of Catholic women of Irish descent which promotes Irish history and culture while raising funds for charitable causes. The Fagan Division of LAOH was founded in January 2005 and this was its first major fund-raising event. Barbara Weir of Canton is the president of the Fagan Division.

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# Church cookie walk is a festive sign of the season

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to holiday cookies, there are many different tastes.

Having coordinated the annual cookie walk at West Bloomfield United Methodist Church for several years, Bettye Maki knows that

People are always looking for the really special one that they think of as a holiday cookie," said Maki, of West Bloomfield.

No matter what kind of cookie they favor, she said, the church's 13th Annual Holiday Cookie and Basket Sale from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 10, should have it.

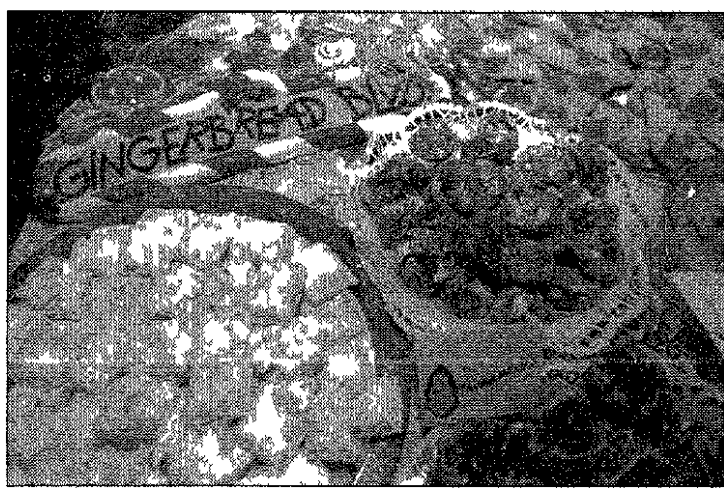
"We have thousands of cookies. We have twelve 8-foot tables loaded with cookies, candy, jams, pickles and baskets. When you walk in, it's just spectacular."

Members of the congregation make the cookies, she said. She herself is making Russian tea cakes, peanut butter blossoms, double-dipped chocolate cookies, Christmas cut-outs and sparkling toffee chip cookies.

"I started today," she said Monday. My husband just said he's eating all the mistakes," she added with a laugh. It's definitely the holiday event at our church."

Maki said that cookies are available by container or holiday baskets. Baskets range from \$18 to \$50, and can be given for Hanukkah as well as Christmas.

Even though we are a Methodist church, we have quite a few Jewish people that come by," she added, "so



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St. Mark Orthodox Church offers a variety of treats including Eastern European style cookies such as Russian tea cakes (foreground) and nut filled horns.

we have baskets in blue too. Samples are available, and coffee and tea are served.

The cookie walk is so popular that numbers are given out to people waiting to get in, Maki said. The event only runs for two hours because they are sold out so quickly.

Proceeds benefit the church's mission and other programs. The church is at 4100 Walnut Lake Road, a quarter mile west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Following are other area churches holding holiday cookie sales:

■ Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia holds its 12th Annual Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. until the cookies are sold out Saturday, Dec. 10. Doors open at 8 a.m.

Pierogi stuffed cabbage,

bread, nut and poppyseed rolls and over 50 different assortments of ethnic (kiefle, kolachy, rugela, koulourakia, biscotti, linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale.

Where 36075 W. Seven Mile Road (south side), 3/4-mile east of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

■ St. Mark Orthodox Church in Rochester Hills holds its 16th annual Christmas Cookie Walk from 10 a.m. until the cookies are sold out, Saturday, Dec. 10. Homemade holiday cookies and delicacies including truffles, fancy hand painted cut-outs, nut filled roski horns and powdery Russian tea cakes, nut rolls and macarons will be among the offerings. The church address is 400 Hamlin, west of Rochester Road. Cost: \$8 per pound.

# Kids Count Survey focuses on suburban Wayne County

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

While young children in Detroit continue to struggle with the devastating effects of poverty and neglect, the recent Kids Count Survey shows that many suburban Wayne County children are also at risk.

Marlene Davis, superintendent of Wayne County Regional Education Services Agency, compared the threat to our community to terrorism and called the Kids Count data a red alert.

"What this data suggests to me is that kids don't count," she said. "This is a red alert, this is the terrorism in our own backyard. Children in this county are being terrorized and we just can't afford it."

Davis participated Friday in a panel discussion as a part of a morning 2005 Children's Summit to address the issues raised by the survey. The summit for educator and social and health care professionals was held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education and Management.

"We're talking about the aftereffects of the dysfunction of our world," Davis said. "These children show up everyday in our public schools."

The panel also included Ismail Ahmed, executive director of ACCESS; Dr. Jeffrey M. Devries, director of pediatric education at Oakwood Hospital, state Rep. Hoon-Yung Hoppood (D-Taylor), Perry Jones, president and CEO of Wayne-Metro Community Action Agency, and Dr. Anahid Kulwicki, director of Wayne County Health Department.

Kids Count Michigan is part of a national effort to measure the well-being of children at the state and local levels and use that information to shape efforts to improve the lives of children. The Michigan League for Human Services and Michigan's Children are partners in the survey with funding from the Skullman Foundation. The national Kids Count is funded by the Anna E. Casey Foundation.

At Friday's conference Jane

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superintendent, Wayne County  
Regional Education Services Agency

Zender Merrell of Michigan League for Human Services and Michele Corey of Michigan's Children presented the Kids Count findings, following a keynote address by Kristen McDonald, chief policy advisor for early childhood, Michigan Department of Human Services.

Corey said last year the survey focused on the problems in Detroit. This year's survey also includes data on Detroit but focuses instead on out-county communities in Western Wayne and Downriver communities.

Zender Merrell said gathering the data was only the first step.

"Kids Count is about improving the status of children. Too often I think the idea is that Kids Count is about compiling a lot of information and static statistics. The end game is to improve the status of children," Zender Merrell said.

## RIGHT START

The Right Start in Michigan survey identifies eight measures, drawn from birth certificates, which are regarded as indicators for a child's future well-being: mothers under the age of 20, repeat births to teenage mothers, non-marital births, mothers without a high school education, late or no prenatal care, mothers smoking during pregnancy, low-birthweight babies and preterm babies. The survey covered 59 communities in Michigan (with population over 30,000) and ranks the communities, based

on the percentage of children born with one or more of the negative indicators.

The Kids Count Data Book keeps track of 10 indicators from infant mortality to high school dropouts. The same data is collected uniformly across the country. Subjects covered include infant mortality, children born into poverty, employment status of parents, children born into one or two parent homes, children raised with or by grandparents, teen dropout rate, and children tested for lead poisoning. In many areas, Michigan does well when compared to national statistics, including high school dropout rate, percent of idle teens, teen birth rate and teen death rate. The percentage of children living in poverty has been going down despite the state's relatively high unemployment rate. But Michigan continues to do poorly on infant mortality rates, where it ranks 38th among the 50 states.

However, on the Right Start indicators, Michigan ranks in the bottom half of states for repeat teen births, late or no prenatal care, low-birthweight, unmarried mothers and smoked during pregnancy.

In the survey in Wayne County communities outside the city of Detroit:

■ On average, between 2001 and 2003, one quarter of all babies were born to an unmarried mother and 9 percent of all babies had no paternity established.

■ On average, between 2001-2003, one of every 15 births was to a young woman in her teens (under age 20), falling from almost one in 10 births in the mid-1990s.

■ On average between 2001 and 2003 nearly 500 babies were born to mothers who had late or no prenatal care.

■ On average between 2001 and 2003, one in seven toddlers were tested for lead poisoning.

■ One of every 20 children lived in families who were investigated for abuse or neglect.

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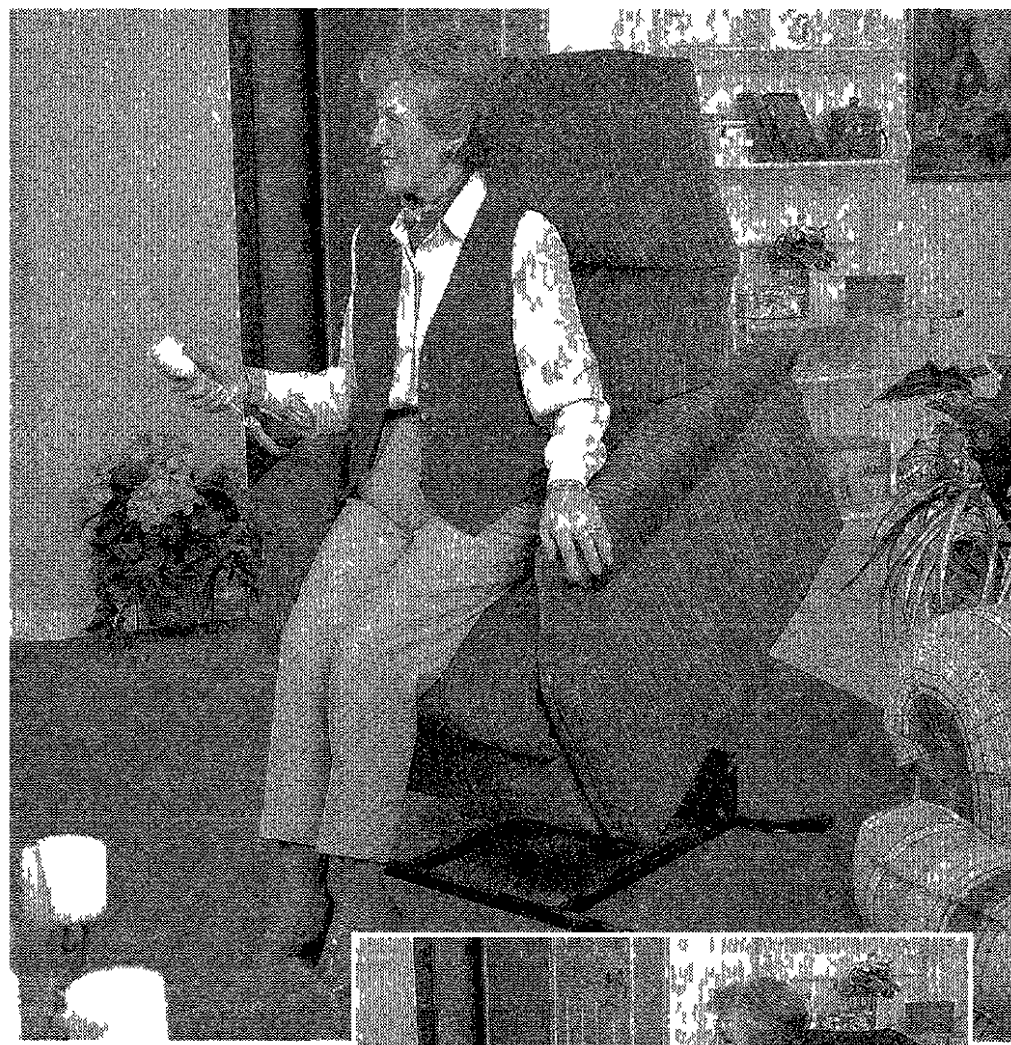
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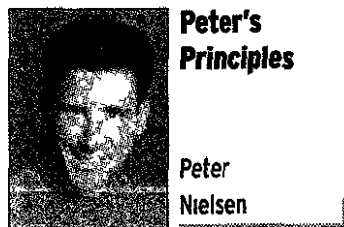
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## Tea good for bones

Beth from Waterford e-mails asking about the latest research on the benefits of tea.

Research shows that people drinking tea regularly, for at least 20 years, had higher mineral bone density than those drinking less tea. And, it really didn't matter how much tea the subjects drank. It was the duration that counted! There's also a study in Taiwan that could add another benefit to the list, the ability to fight osteoporosis. It is important to note that most of the health benefit was found in drinking "green tea." Scientists believe the benefit comes from the fluoride found in green tea.

Jill from Farmington Hills is a friend who's a flight attendant. She recently heard about a study that links frequent flying to breast cancer and wants to know more.

A recent study in California has found that instances of breast cancer are 30 percent higher in flight attendants than in the general population. They think the reason could be that planes flying at high altitudes are constantly being hit by high levels of solar radiation. It's estimated that a flight attendant, who's been on the job for 20 years, has been exposed to more radiation than a worker in a nuclear power plant!

That may not be the only cancer factor. Many flight attendants also spend a lot of time in the sun during layovers. This just adds to their cancer risk. The whole subject is a growing concern and we will continue to pay close attention as new research develops.

If you have a question, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](mailto:www.peternielsen.com). Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950.

## Toy safety

### Play it safe this holiday season

Parents need to take precautions and do their homework before purchasing toys this holiday season. Hazardous toys continue to be sold in stores across the country, according to the 20th annual toy safety survey by the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan. PIRGIM is a statewide nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest organization dedicated to environmental protection, consumer rights, and good government. The full report is available at <http://www.toysafety.net>. The short brochure "Tips for Toy Safety" also is available for download in both English and Spanish.

"While we can report substantial progress after 20 years of advocacy on behalf of America's littlest consumers, we are still finding trouble in toyland," said Jason Barbose, field associate with PIRGIM.

"Even one toy-related death is too many, because these deaths are preventable."

The PIRGIM Trouble in Toyland report offers safety guidelines for purchasing toys for small children and provides examples of toys currently on store shelves that pose potential safety hazards. PIRGIM's research focused on four categories of dangers: toys that contain toxic chemicals, pose choking hazards, are dangerously loud, or could cause strangulation.

Toxic chemicals such as phthalates, a class of chemicals used to soften plastic toys and teething rings, have been linked to a range of health effects including reproductive defects and early onset puberty. Some manufacturers have started labeling their products as "phthalate-free." PIRGIM commissioned an independent labo-

ratory to test eight children's toys and childcare articles labeled "phthalate-free." Six of these eight products tested positive for phthalates so how is a parent supposed to know which toys are safe?

■ **Avoid toys that could cause choking.** Those with small parts, small balls and balloons remain a leading cause of toy-related deaths and injuries. Although most toys on store shelves are safe, PIRGIM researchers still found toys for children under age 3 with small parts and toys with small parts for children under 6 without the choke hazard warning required by the 1994 Child Safety Protection Act.

■ **Avoid dangerously loud toys.** In 2003, the American Society for Testing and Materials set voluntary acoustics standards for toys to protect children's hearing, advising that most toys should not produce a sound louder than 90 decibels when measured from a distance of about 10 inches. PIRGIM researchers found and tested several toys that exceed 90 decibels. Prolonged exposure to sounds at 85 decibels or higher can result in hearing damage.

■ **Avoid strangulation hazards.** In June 2005, Illinois became the first state to ban the water yo-yo because of incidents in which the toy wrapped tightly around children's necks or caused other injuries to the eyes, face and head. PIRGIM called on CPSC to follow Illinois' lead and ban sales of all water yo-yo ball products immediately.

The toy list in the PIRGIM report is only a sampling of the potential hazards on store shelves.

"Shoppers should examine all toys carefully for hidden dangers before they make a purchase this holiday season," said Barbose. "While most manufacturers comply with the law, parents should not assume that all toys on store shelves are safe or adequately labeled."



PIRGIM field organizer Jason Barbose explains the hearing dangers of these sound-emitting toy guns at a press conference at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

### EYE INJURIES

Children sustained nearly 6,000 eyes injuries in toy-related accidents across the country in 2004, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Prevent Blind America, the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization. Contusions and abrasions accounted for 64 percent of those injuries with the remainder being chemical burns, foreign bodies, lacerations, punctures, hemorrhages, dermatitis/conjunctivitis, and other diagnoses.

PBA has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Month and is offering free fact sheets and brochures on toy safety, and the "Play It Safe With Your Eyes" DVD, which features Iris and Ira, two puppet characters that make learning about the importance of eye safety easy and fun for young viewers. It is available in English and Spanish.

languages for \$19.95 plus shipping charges. For more information, visit [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org) or call (800) 331-2020.

Toy injuries can happen because of poor construction or incorrect usage. Many times, injuries occur by simply tripping over toys or by younger siblings playing with toys that are not intended for them when their parents aren't looking. In fact, there were more injuries from the misuse of pens, pencils and art supplies than any other category. That is why it is so crucial to closely monitor children during all of their activities.

"During the busy holiday season it's important to take the time to make sure the gift you're giving is the best choice," said Daniel Garrett, senior vice president of Prevent Blindness.

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**Jingle Bell Run/Walk**

For arthritis Sunday Dec. 4 starting at Northville Downs and Sunday Dec. 11 at Pierce Elementary in Birmingham. Both races have a Snowman Shuffle at 8:30 a.m. for children age 10 and younger. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. race at 9 a.m. Registration is \$30. Call (248) 649-2891 Ext. 232 or visit www.runmichigan.com or www.arthritis.org. This year the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports has endorsed the event. Because of this anyone age 18 or older who participates will be eligible to enter a lottery to be one of 300 people to participate in the Governor's Labor Day Marathon Mackinac Bridge.

**Caregiver support group**

Meets Dec. 8 and 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 Dec. 9 and every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information call (734) 464-0027.

**Baby Signs workshops**

Learn how you and your baby can communicate with each other before words develop by using simple and functional signs. The Parent Workshop is designed for parents to be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months. The workshop is offered 2-4 p.m. on one Sunday each month at the Kaufman Children's Center in West Bloomfield. The next sessions take place Dec. 11 and Jan. 22. 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.

**Divorce support**

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. Attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first-come, first-served basis at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

**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@trinity-health.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.

**Depression lecture**

Darlene Douie, an adult psychiatric mental health nursing and clinical nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, gives tips on coping with holiday stress 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at the Northville Senior Center. Registration required. Call (248) 349-4140.

**Eating disorders support**

Groups meet 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward. Use east entrance and take central elevators to 10th floor classroom A & B. 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren. Use main entrance, take elevators after the gift shop down to the auditorium on the right. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of each month; parents only on fourth Wednesday of each month; at the same time and place as the Monday night closed group. For more information call (734) 324-3089.

**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 formerly known as PACE (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), a graceful flowing sequence of movements from Sun style tai chi, and a six-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Arthritis Foundation programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthritis in its more than 100 different forms. 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.

**Qigong**

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile, Monday movement Qigong 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday Qigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m. and Friday Therapeutic Qigong 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for information or send e-mail to gary@energycarts.org. Donations.

**Arthritis Foundation Class**

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

**Eating disorder support**

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

**Self-help mental health**

Weekly meetings in Livonia 2-3 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. No charge. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

**SAFETY**

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America. PBA suggests the following tips to help make this holiday season a safe one for children. Parents should inspect toys for safe construction. Products given to young children should be made of durable plastic or wood with no sharp edges or points. The toys should be able to withstand impact. Avoid purchasing toys for young children with small parts, as they tend to put items in their mouths, increasing their risk of choking.

Check your children's toys regularly for broken parts. Throw broken toys out if they cannot be safely repaired. Older kids often alter their toys and misuse them, making them unsafe.


Read the instructions and suggested age level on packaging. Assess whether the item is appropriate for the child's ability and age. Look for the symbol ASTM F963. This indicates that product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Remain aware of recalled products. Large toy retailers post regular notices of recalled toys usually at the front of stores. Return recalled products to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. For more information on toy and product recalls, visit the U.S. Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

**Back Pain?**

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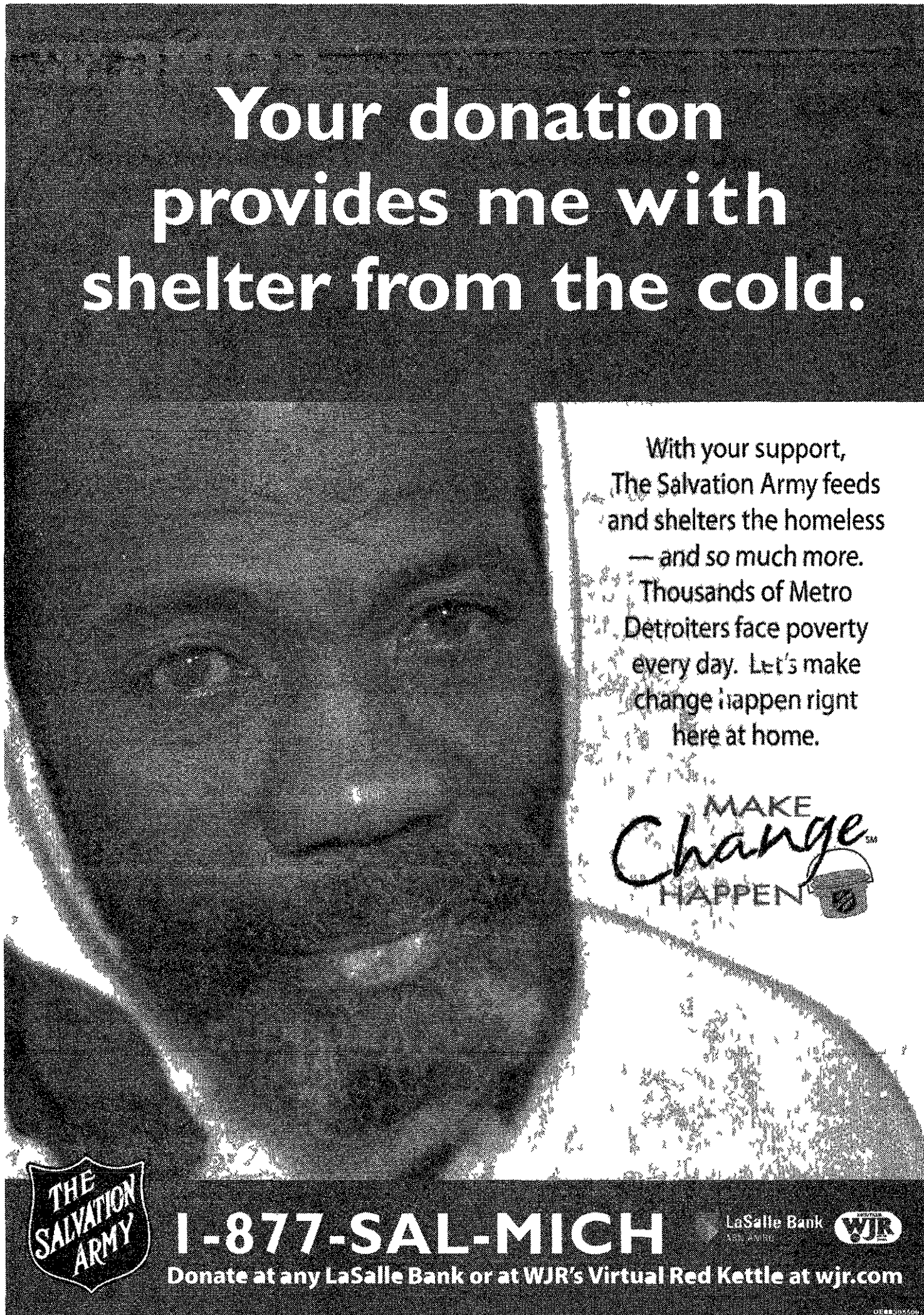
Slippery conditions come with winter, hardly seem worth mentioning. However, with arthritis, you are vulnerable to fall even if you have no arthritis in your legs. For if you fall, you spend your arms to break the impact. Arthritis of the shoulder, wrist, or hand will hamper that natural response and possibly cause a bruise to become a fracture.

Winter brings on delays. If you have arthritis, longer time on the road or waiting hours in the airport is not just wasted hours. It means you cannot move your joints with the frequency those joints need to stay limber.

The best way to meet winter is to keep warm as possible, take no shortcuts with coats or gloves, use great care particularly on steps, always have a hand rail near you, and accept that you will be stiff at times, no matter how well you otherwise prepare.


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Neurosurgical Spine Surgery fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. He received his medical degree, with honors, from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Dr. Patel's affiliations include an active membership in the North American Spine Society.


Dr. Patel's specialty focuses on adult spinal disorders with a special interest in cervical spine disorders, minimally invasive techniques and motion preserving technology.

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## Make your holiday 'glam plan'

Beauty tips take you from office parties to black tie bashes

FROM THE EDITORS OF IN STYLE ON NEWSSTANDS NOW!

All parties aren't created equal, and you don't want to look the same for each. In Style's December issue offers beauty tips for office cocktails, Saturday night dates and New Year's Eve galas. Here, the editors share some advice with PINK from the edition on newsstands now.

### Office Party/Weeknight Cocktails

**The Goal:** To look polished and professional in very little time—and with no stopover at home. For a quick, seamless transition from office to evening, be sure to keep hair and makeup simple, tasteful and elegant.

**Fake a Professional Manicure:** Paint a coat of sheer, pink, glittery polish onto fingernails (try Estee

Lauder Pure Color Crystal nail lacquer, \$18, estelauder.com). Pale, shimmery colors are mistake-proof, and glitter dresses up nails. If pressed for time, just massage cuticle oil on and around nails to give the appearance of fresh polish.

**Get an Instant Facial:** By the end of the day, skin can look dull—and reapplying foundation isn't always an option. So spritz on Evian spray and smooth a few drops of facial serum, a lightweight hydrator on the cheekbones for a soft glow (try the Paul Sperry Toning program, \$56, bellevisage.com).

### Saturday Night Date

**The Goal:** Full-throttle sexy—without looking as if you tried too hard. Keep

makeup soft, warm and irresistibly natural.

**Your Body Needs Extra Attention:** Start by turning an exfoliating session into a sensual ritual. Using slow circular motions, massage a scrub over your body in the shower (try H2O+ Almond body scrub, \$15, 800-242-2284). Be sure to focus on rough areas like the elbows and knees. And to rev up circulation in the legs, use more vigorous strokes.

**Lips Should Look Kissable:** Heavily lined lips can be off-putting. Instead, apply a lip stain in a ripe color. You won't have to touch it up. For added hydration and a hint of shimmer, top it with a tinted balm (such as MAC lip conditioner SPF 15 in Virtuous Violet, \$14, maccosmetics.com).

### Black-Tie Bash/New Year's Eve Gala

**The Goal:** Radiant, photo-ready glamour. The hair is up,

the makeup is dramatic, and the night is bound to be memorable. Plan in advance and leave as many details as possible to the salon pros.

**Dirty Hair is a Good Thing:** At the salon, skip shampoo and simply wet hair before styling. Hair is easier to manipulate into an updo when it has more natural oils. For even more dimension, do a hair mask four days in advance.

**Glitz Up a Faux Tan:** Guerlain Meteorites Winter Radiance powder beads (\$46, Saks Fifth Avenue) add a subtle shimmer to skin but won't stain precious fabric. Dust them on the shoulders, on the collarbones, and if you're wearing a short dress, on the shins.

**For Extra Dazzle Wear False Eyelashes:** Vincent Longo La Dolce Vita lash tips (\$14, sephora.com) are tapered and not too long, so they look natural. And they can be applied with fingers, rather than tweezers.

## pink picks

By Wendy

### Wear It!

Lulu Lame dress from Rococo in Northville



### DON'T Wear It!

Pajama pants and slippers to school

### Kick It!

Mossimo gold Prilla croc pumps at Target

### Accessorize It!

Cummerbunds



### Shop It!

Rise in Royal Oak



### Face It!

Prevage anti-aging treatment at Parisian (get it here first!)

### See It!

Shopgirl

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Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, 10 p.m. Dec. 6 on CBS

### Read It!

Nursery Rhymes of the Female Mind by Ferndale's own Gina Mimcuc

### Hear It!

Takk by Sigur Ros

### Drink It!

Tea Forte

### Experience It!

Hello Kitty Trunk Show at Neiman Marcus Dec. 9 (meet Hello Kitty!)

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### Travel With One Bag

Travel and fashion expert Lynn Portnoy will demonstrate how to pack for stylish travel during a party 6-8 p.m. Dec. 6 at her store, 29260 Franklin Rd. Southfield. \$20 admission and 10 percent of sales during the party and Dec. 7 benefit West Bloomfield High's senior all night party. Call (248) 353-2900.

### Holiday Shop

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### Juicy Couture Spa Event

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(NAPSI) — Nurse practitioners (NPs) were among the first responders to hurricane-ravaged areas along the Gulf Coast. They tended to everyone from infants to the elderly, resetting broken bones, caring for open wounds, combating dehydration, administering medication and doing whatever they could to help.

Among them was American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) board member Angela Golden, a nurse practitioner and nursing educator. She was deployed through the American Red Cross after applying through the Medical Reserve Corps. Golden and other volunteers treated over 1,000 survivors with acute to severe ailments — many acquired from overcrowding in shelters.

"This experience reinforced how important it is for me to be a partner in someone's health care," Golden said.

Many members of the AANP are on the front lines of the American health care system and they, like all nurse practitioners, serve the health needs of communities, not



Angela Golden (far right), AANP board member from Arizona, takes a much-needed break with other health care responders treating hurricane evacuees in Louisiana.

just in times of crisis, but every day, all across the country.

A primary-care-physician shortage in the 1960s inspired the growth of the nurse practitioner's role, especially in areas of unserved or underserved populations. Now, this dedicated group of health care professionals, more than 106,000 strong in the United States alone, are expert providers of specialty care in areas such as acute care, adult, emer-

gency, family, gerontology, neonatal, occupational health, oncology, psychiatric/mental health, school and college health and women's health.

For the past 20 years, AANP has provided leadership and support as the largest and only full-service national professional membership organization in the United States for NPs of all specialties. They treat a multitude of health problems and, unlike many other health care

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For more information about nurse practitioners, visit [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org) or call (512) 442-4262.

## Online information sessions for prospective teachers

(NAPSI) — America needs millions of new teachers over the next decade. If you are considering a career in the classroom, now is the time to learn more about becoming a teacher.

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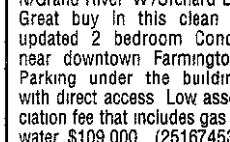
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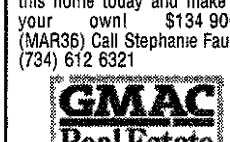
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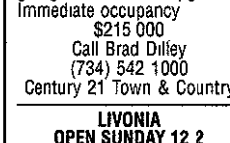
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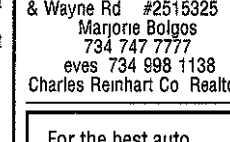
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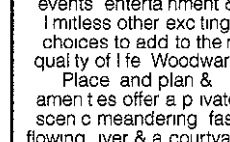
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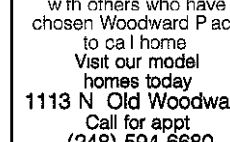
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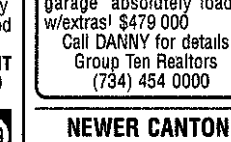
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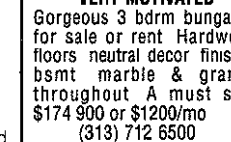
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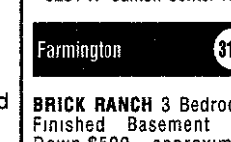
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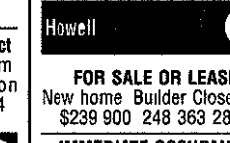
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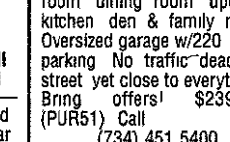
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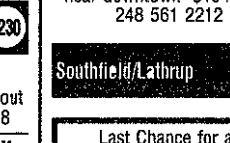
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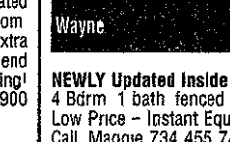
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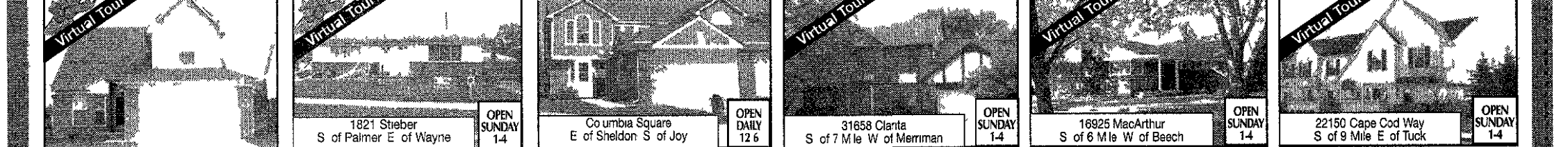
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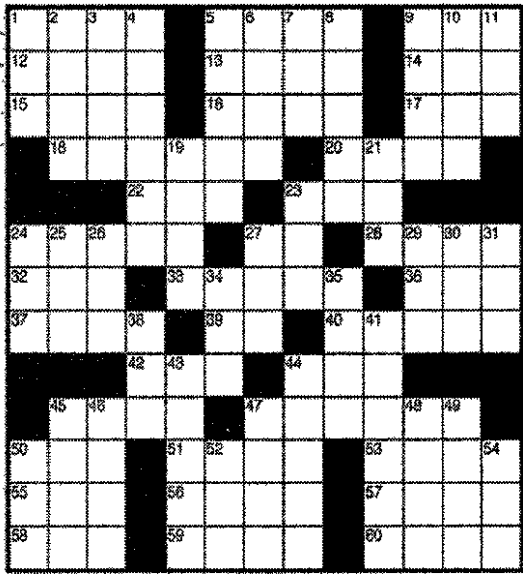
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## Upgrade your home before moving in

(NewsUSA) — You've found the perfect neighborhood, selected a home plan of your dreams and chosen a reputable builder.

But the decision-making doesn't stop there. There are literally thousands of innovative upgrades that you can incorporate into your new home as it is being built.

According to Angie Stevens, design coordinator with Kopf Builders and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, there are several advantages to upgrading during the building process.

First, it usually is much more convenient to have the builder upgrade items during the construction process. Plus, you may be able to take advantage of financial incentives so that the upgrades don't break the bank.

Here are some tips from Stevens for choosing the best features and upgrades for your new home.

■ **Make the house your home.** One of the best reasons to upgrade your building plan is to infuse it with your own style. Whether you want a country look or a contemporary flair, the options you select will help convey your style throughout the house.

■ **Do the math.** One major benefit of upgrading during the building process is rolling the cost of the upgrades into your mortgage loan. Although you may pay slightly more in taxes initially, the upgrades will be paid off at a lower interest rate than if you later decided to upgrade and took out a home equity loan. In addition, most builders will include upgrades in your home warranty.

■ **Think about resale.** What you choose now can play a big role in determining the resale value of your home in the future. Name-brand appliances and popular custom upgrades will appeal to potential buyers. The smartest plan of action is to put money into the most used areas of the home, particularly the kitchen and bathrooms. Some of the items to consider upgrading include



Upgrading your home during the building process can make it an even better place to live.

the faucets, flooring, appliances, countertops, cabinets and lighting. For example, consider a high-arc

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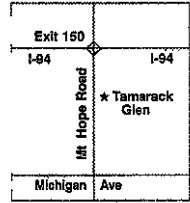
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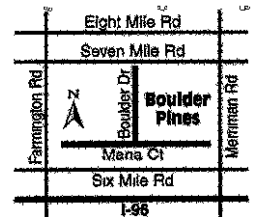
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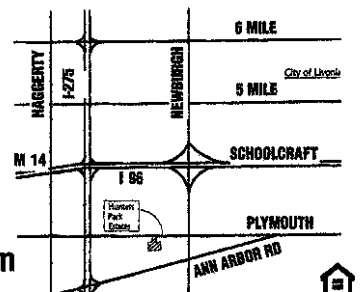
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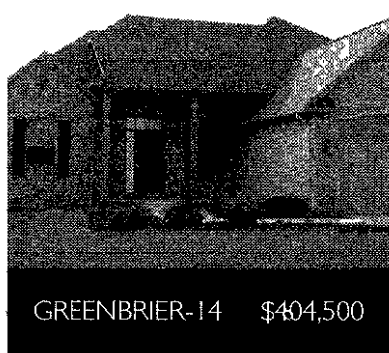
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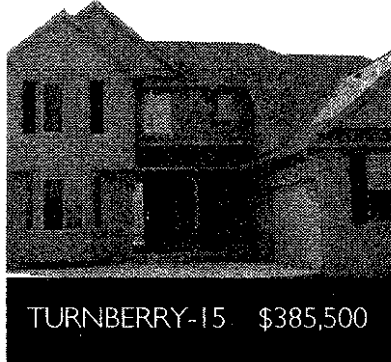
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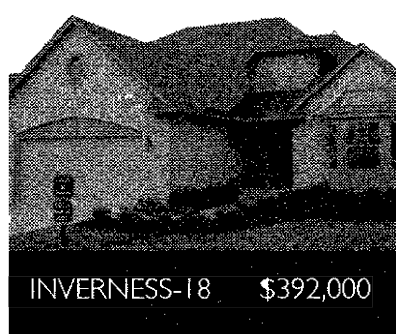
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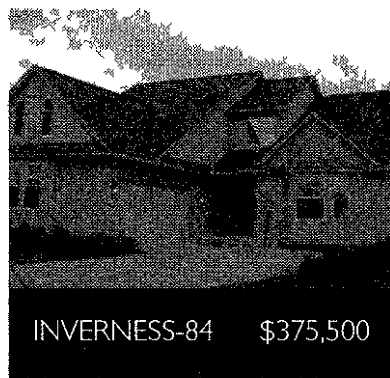
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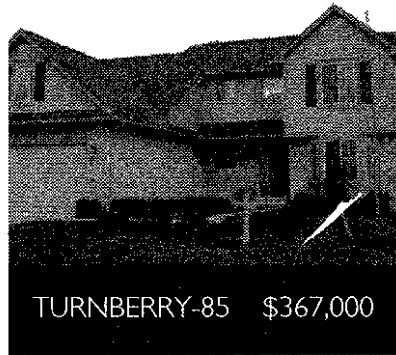
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# Study the merits of hiring a Realtor to sell your house

I am going to sell my house, should I use a Realtor or sell it myself?

The reason some sellers try to sell their house themselves is to save the real estate fee. However, about 80 percent of sellers who try this end up getting frustrated and hiring a Realtor, and many end up paying more than if they hired a Realtor to sell it for them in the first place.

There are a few reasons why this happens:

■ Realtors have a lot more tools to expose your house to buyers than a non-Realtor does. The more exposure your house has, the more probability that you will find buyers who will pay you the price that you want for your house.

■ The longer it takes to sell your house the more money it can cost you. One major reason for this is that interest rates can go up. They are expected by many experts to significantly rise. If you sell your house and you buy a new one, and even after selling your house, you still owe approximately \$250,000 it could cost you big bucks if interest rates rise. For example, if interest rates go up by 1 percent, that would be an additional \$2,500 per year, which over a 30 year mortgage could add up to \$75,000. Also, if you already bought a house you could have double mortgage payments for some time.

■ Buyers get a lot of services by Realtors that they don't need to pay for. Some of these services are information about all the houses on the market, doing the paper work, negotiating on their behalf, etc. Often the reason that buyers shop for sale by owners (FSBOs) and



Ask the Realtor

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chose not to have access to all these free services is to save the same commission that the sellers are trying to save. You then run into a situation where both the seller and the buyer want to save the same commission.

■ Many times FSBO buyers are looking for homes that are out of their price range. They are hoping to pay much less than the asking price and therefore may not even qualify to buy your house.

■ Another major reason to hire a Realtor to sell your house is the issue of security. The problem that could occur if you are selling your house is how do you know who is on the other end of the phone whom you are inviting into your house. Also, the for sale sign that is in front of your house is inviting perfect strangers to knock on your door.

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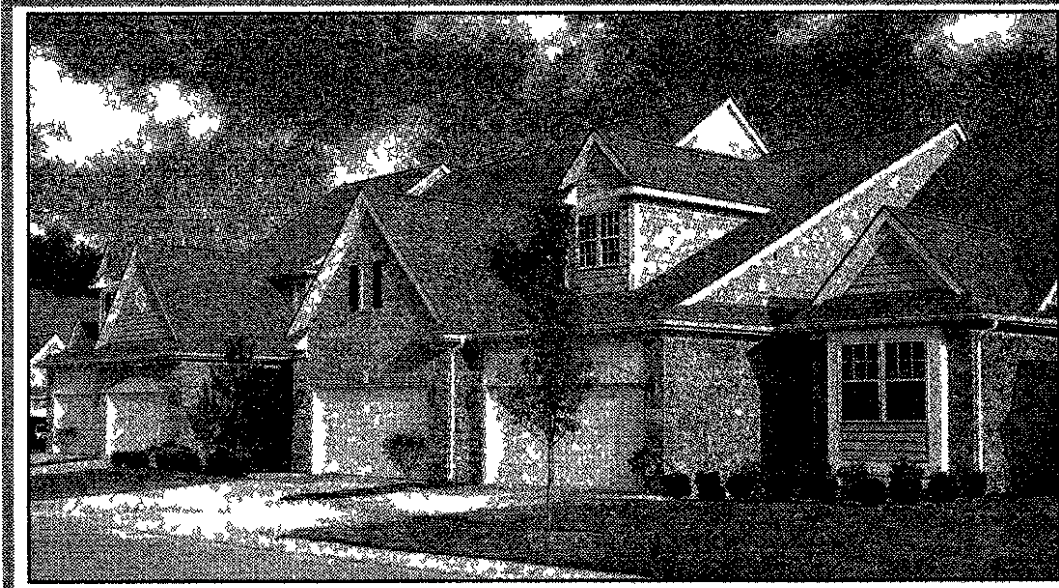
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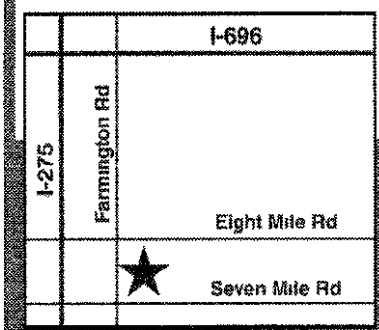
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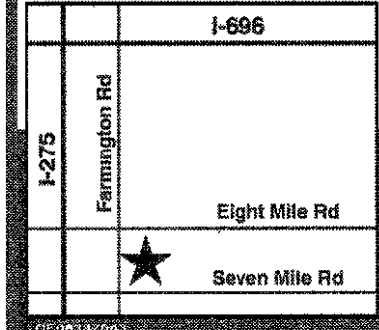
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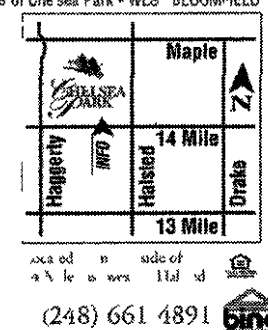
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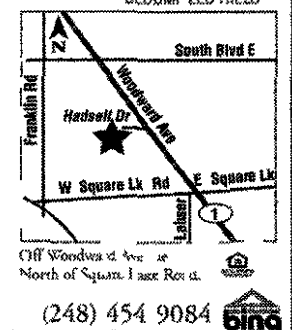

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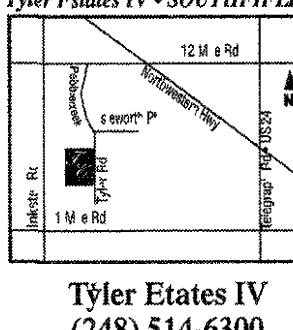

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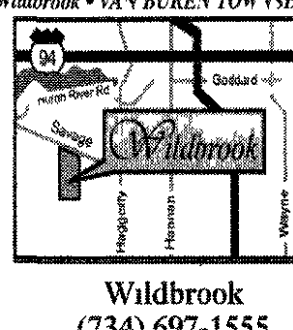

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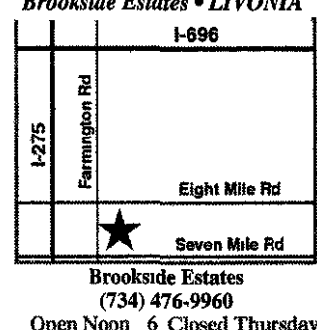
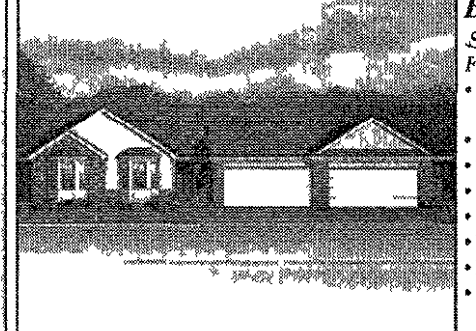
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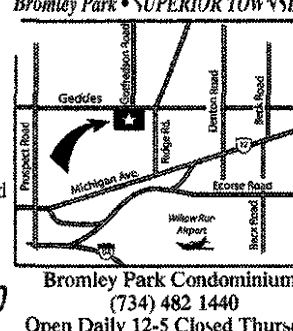
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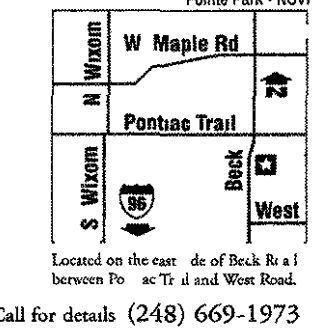
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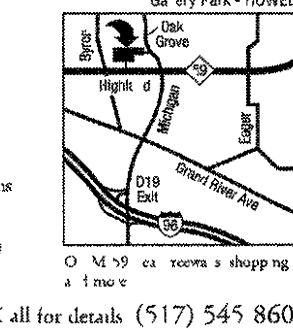
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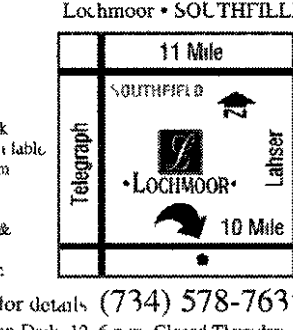
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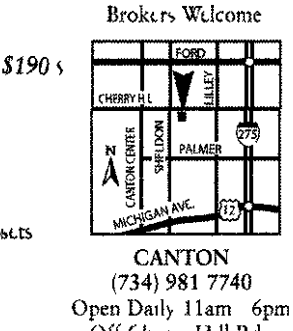
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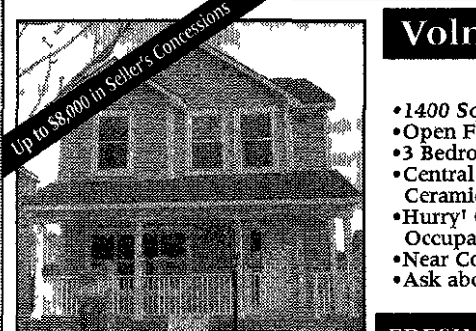
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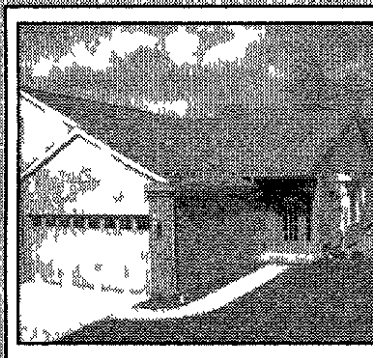
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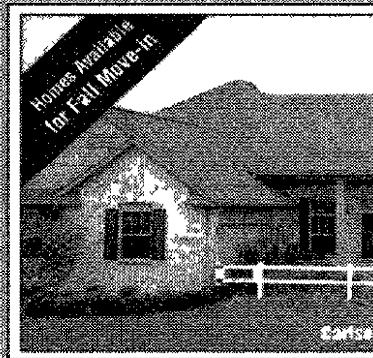
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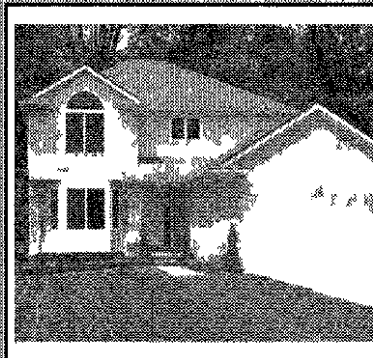
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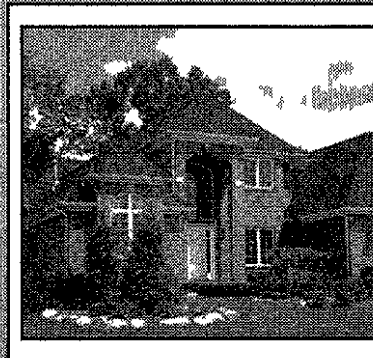


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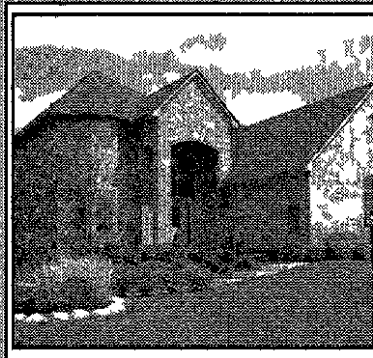
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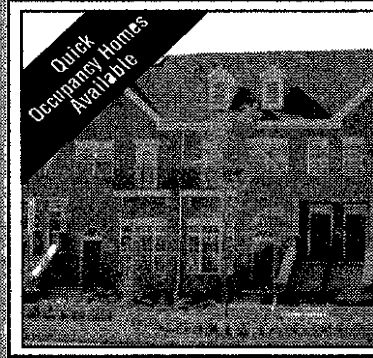
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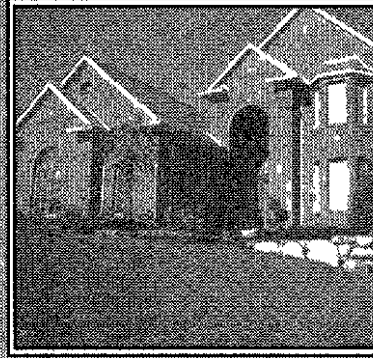
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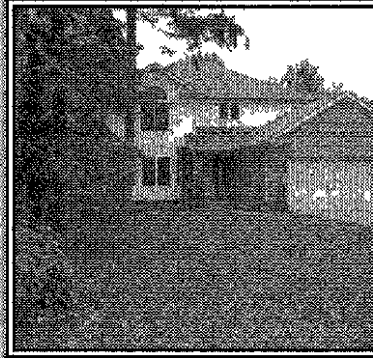
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their home-energy suppliers as sources of information in explaining how to reduce home-heating costs. "Taking active conservation measures is their single best tactic in reducing their heating bills," said John Huber, NORA president. The nation's oilheat

dealers also are being hit by higher fuel oil prices, and we stand ready to help our customers reduce their fuel oil usage and heating bills through tips for conservation, expertise on equipment and options for billing. The survey also found that

Americans ascribe most of the responsibility for higher gas and oil prices to multinational oil companies, Hurricane Katrina and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). And nearly three-fourths of Americans believe that their home energy

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## CONSERVATION MEASURES

Among survey respondents who said they plan to install conservation measures this winter, 69 percent said they plan to add insulation around doors and windows and another 7 percent would replace windows and doors. Approximately one third said they would add insulation to their attic, 32 percent said they would buy a programmable thermostat and 26 percent are considering replacing their furnaces with more efficient models.

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How much more money do people expect to pay for home heating this winter? Most (74 percent) said less than \$500, while 9 percent said they expect to pay about the same as last year. "We urge American consumers to strongly evaluate measures they can take to reduce their energy consumption and therefore reduce their bills," Huber said. "For many homeowners, a conversation with their home-heating supplier would help them better cope with today's energy situation."

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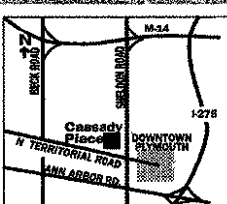
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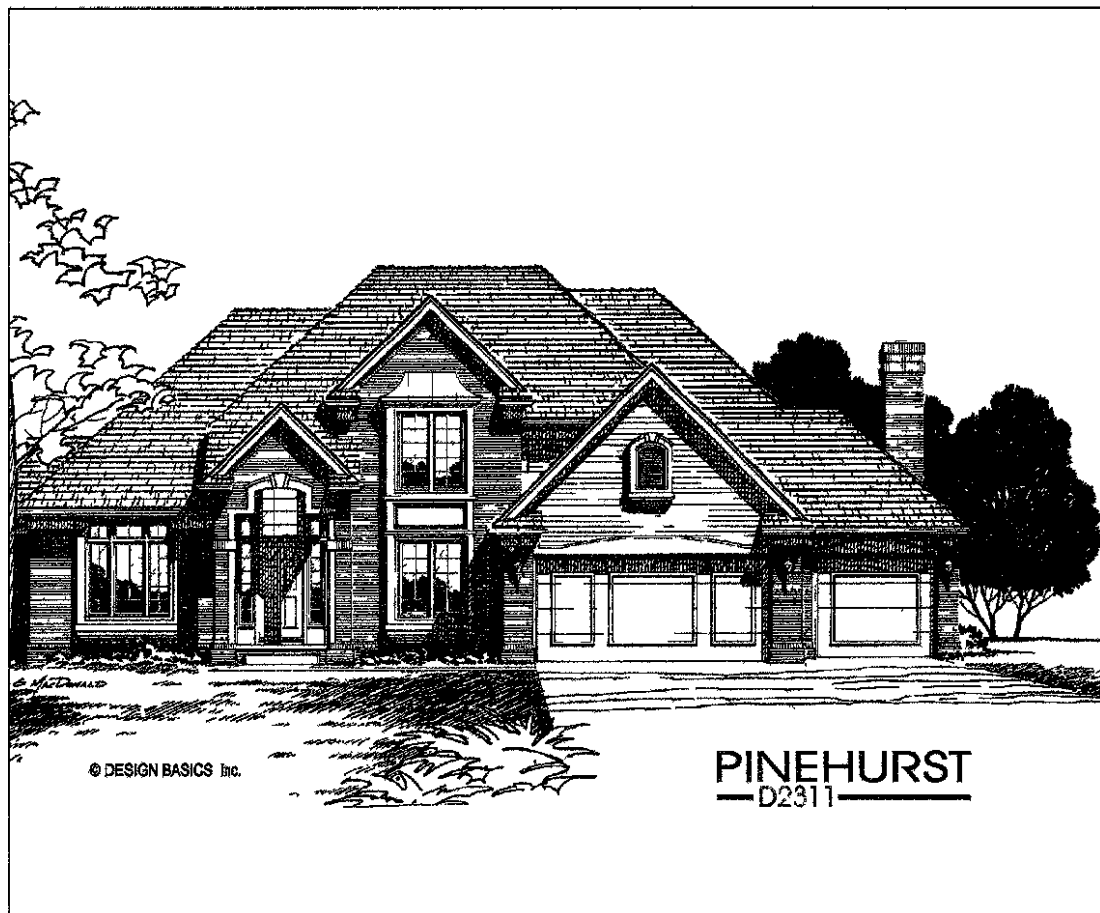


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**PINEHURST**  
D2311

# Pinehurst blends classic look with modern function

It is always exciting to find a home that has the classic lines of the past with the functional necessities of the present. The Pinehurst (D2311) with its 2,486 square feet meets this criteria. The exterior has a high arched porch with a window that matches the decor. By splitting the garage doors with a brick corner, the home appears larger. The gorgeous façade of the entry is only the beginning of this luxurious home.

Facing the entry is a decorative curved staircase, with vaulted living room beyond. Huge windows pour light into all of the corners. Because of its separateness, it would be ideal for formally entertaining of friends.

The kitchen, nook, and great room are uniquely arranged together to be open. The

kitchen, with the central cooking and eating bar, is open to the great room so conversations can flow with the family. Plentiful counterspace, a pantry for the spare canned goods and staples, and a built-in desk provides versatile workspace.

With a fireplace directly across from the kitchen, cooking becomes more enjoyable. The nook is V shaped with windows on both sides. Its unique contours allow easy view of the kitchen and great room. For informal dining, this area would be ideal.

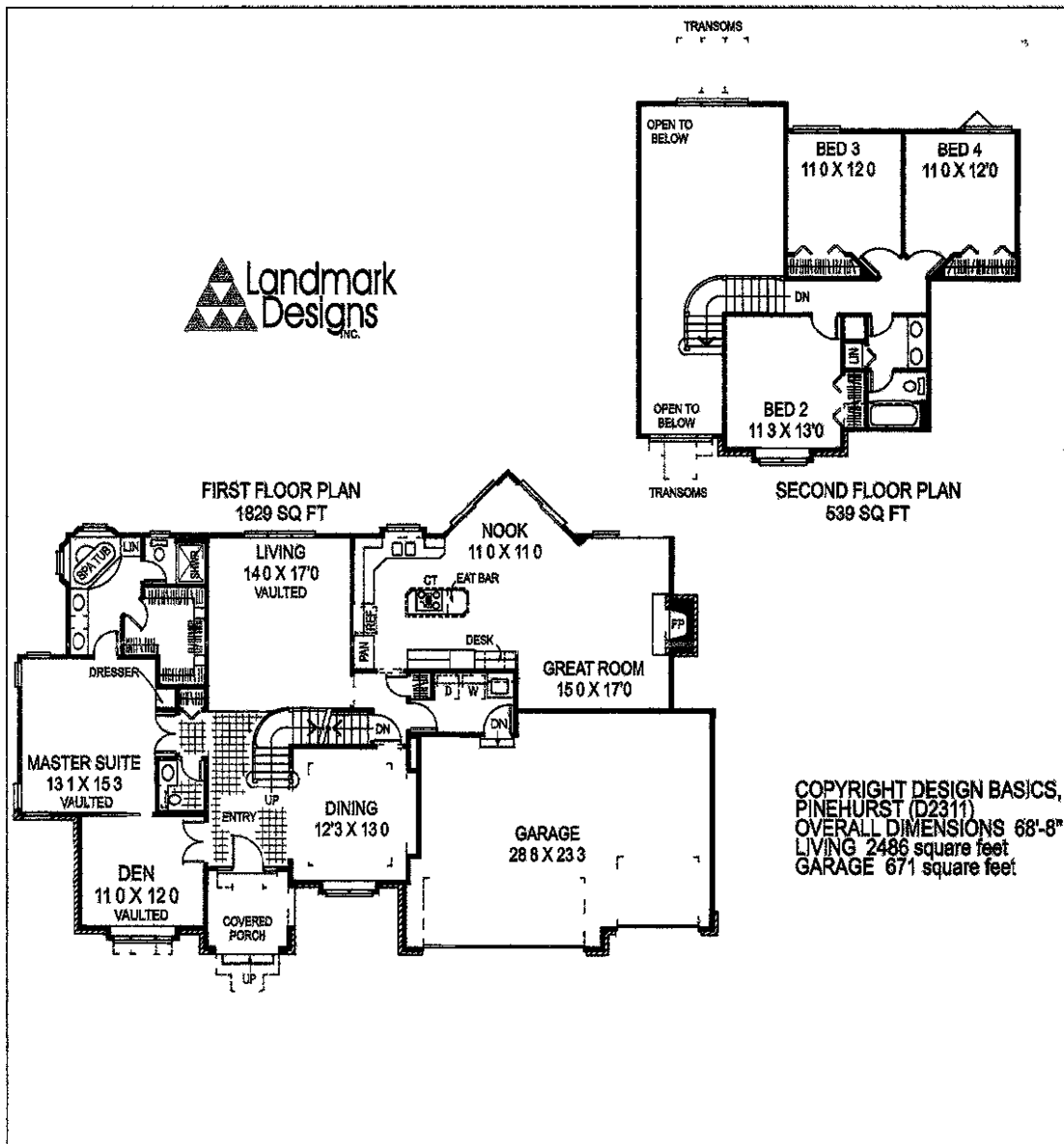
The formal dining area is to the front of the home beyond the utility room. It has a wonderful window seat in the front, display cabinets on one side and a coffer vault ceiling. The stateliness of this room matches the formal living

room and is ideal for entertaining. It has direct access from the entry.

The entire left side of this magnificent home is dedicated to the master suite and a den. The den can be accessed through French doors, or from the master suite through a pocket door. Wonderfully relaxing, this room filled with books even has a window seat to curl up on to read about the adventures of the world.

The master suite has been designed with imagination and usefulness. The main suite is vaulted, with French doors providing charm. It has a built-in dresser, tucked away by the doors.

The bath area is large and open, with double sinks, a corner spa tub, and a shower tucked away next to the enormous walk-in closet. Upstairs



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LIVING 2486 square feet  
GARAGE 671 square feet

has three large bedrooms. Bedrooms three and four have wall closets and doors that face direct toward the bathroom.

Bedroom two has a window seat for studying on those dreary winter days. The bath has double sinks, a tub and every handy linen closet. The balance of the upstairs is open to the below, showing off the high ceilings of the living room and entry hall.

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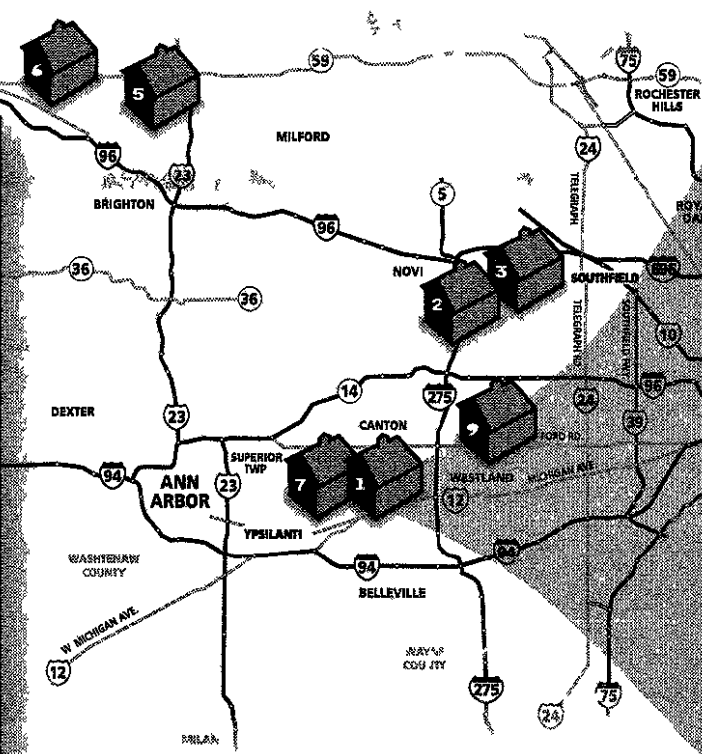
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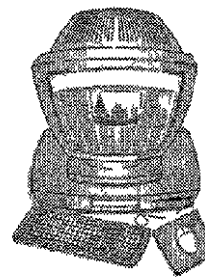
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## New 2006 LX improves on the Sonata name

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### CA Report



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It wasn't that long ago that buying a Hyundai was something you usually did only if you couldn't afford a Honda or a Toyota. The first generation offerings from the Korean carmaker featured bland styling and middling performance, in fact, the most exciting feature of those early Hyundai cars was the warranty they came with - 10 years/100,000 miles on the powertrain, the longest in the industry. But it takes more than a warranty to get customers to buy - it takes vehicles that people want to buy, and Hyundai is starting to make some real progress in that area.

Exhibit "A" could be the 2006 Sonata LX, the highest of the three trim lines for that model. All-new for 2006, the Sonata is Hyundai's latest effort to compete in the mid-size segment with Toyota Camry and Honda Accord. In fact, the Sonata is longer, wider and has more interior room than both, and the U.S. government classifies the Sonata as a "large car," although it certainly doesn't look like one in your driveway. The new Sonata is a bit more stylish than previous versions. It has a dual headlight configuration that reminds me of a small Mercedes. The Sonata LX has a concave hood dome, body side moldings, 17" alloy wheels (the two other trim levels feature 16" wheels), and dual chrome-tipped exhaust. It's a nice package.

Inside, the Sonata is comfortable, roomy and has a nice set of included standard features. In fact, the only available options are a power sunroof and a six-disc CD changer. The standard eight-way power, leather seats give good support, and a very good driving position. The wider body of the Sonata allows for more interior room, and there is plenty of leg, hip and shoulder room. The Sonata is also a couple of inches longer than its



2006 Hyundai Sonata LX. Type: Large car. Where built: Montgomery, AL. EPA: 20/30. Base price: \$22,895. Price as tested: \$22,895

competition, and that allows more trunk room, too - 16.3 cu. ft. Instrumentation is complete, with a tachometer, digital clock, trip computer, range-to-empty gauge and coolant temperature gauge all included. Power windows, heated mirrors, remote keyless entry, cruise control, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, and electric rear window defogger are all standard. The Sonata LX comes with an AM/FM/CD/MP3 player with six speakers and steering wheel-mounted audio controls. It delivers good, though not exceptional, sound. As mentioned above, there is an option to add a six-disc Hyundai has given the Sonata LX a 3.3-liter V6. It'll give you 235 horses under the hood and still gets a decent 20/30 mpg. It represents of 65 horses and 45 lb.-ft. of torque over the engine it replaces, and a full 45 hp more than the Camry 3.0-liter V6 and more torque than the Accord V6. It's mated with a five-speed automatic transmission which features an overdrive lock-up torque converter. Acceleration is decent, but unremarkable, but the engine is fairly quiet at highway speeds.

The Sonata LX handles pretty well with its four-wheel independent suspension. The front suspension features double wishbone technology with coil springs, twin tube gas-filled hydraulic

shocks, and anti-roll bar. The five-link rear suspension features a trailing link, two longitudinal links, coil springs, twin tube gas filled hydraulic shocks and anti-roll bar. It's a nice ride, particularly at highway speeds, where the cabin is quiet and comfortable. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard, as are anti-lock brakes.

You'd expect a family-type sedan to have safety in mind, and the Sonata LX does. It comes with dual front airbags (like every car), seat mounted side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags and active head restraints for front seat occupant.

Where the Sonata LX really shines is the number of features you get for the money. The 2006 Hyundai Sonata LX starts at a little under \$23,000 and there isn't really much to add. Add the sunroof and the CD changer and you've got everything Hyundai offers on the LX version of the Sonata. There are two lower trim lines for the Sonata, but for the price, why not get the bigger engine and all the features of the LX?

The Sonata LX really deserves a look, if you're one of those Accord/Camry buyers. And yes, that 10 year/100,000 warranty is still a part of the package. It's nice to see Hyundai making some cars you might actually want to keep that long.

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