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## Super Bowl gives area chance to remake image

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The Super Bowl is coming to town, and though most of the 1 billion worldwide viewers will have their eyes on the game on Feb. 5, there are going to be some 3,000 members of the media staying in town for the week leading up to the big day.

Actually, most won't be staying in the big city. About 80 percent of the media members will be staying in Livonia, according to Michael O'Callaghan, executive VP and COO of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Most of the remainder will stay in hotels in downtown Detroit.

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How they perceive the Detroit area will go a long way toward how the rest of the nation and the world sees the region, because there is no bigger stage than the Super Bowl.

It's simple. Everyone really needs to go out of their way to be friendly and helpful for out-of-town guests,

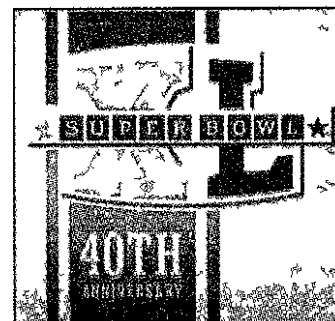
O'Callaghan said. "We owe it to ourselves to offset the unwarranted negative publicity we get in this area. And it impacts all of us because no matter where you live in this region, you are a Detroiters."

And the media can be cruel to host cities, he added. According to some reports, Jacksonville, Fla., was criticized because it lacked lodging options. The year before Houston, Texas, was called "dull" by some. There were even complaints by the media about Jacksonville's weather, which on game

day was 55 degrees. O'Callaghan says the complaints just weren't warranted.

"I was in Houston two years ago, and the people were very friendly and I had a great time. Same was true in Jacksonville last year. I didn't really understand the criticism," he said.

He admitted there are plenty of preconceived notions about Detroit, most of which are not favorable. It's cold. And the city has a reputation for having high crime and blight. But the game



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## Heart and soul

### Westland woman helps 'neighbors' in Nigeria

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman traveled to Nigeria this holiday season helping in her own way to better the world by delivering medical services and school supplies.

Kelley Fulkerson, who grew up in Livonia, returned Dec. 11 from a two-week trip to the Nigerian states of Abia and Kaduna, where she helped provide health care in mobile medical clinics.

Fulkerson went to Nigeria with her nurse friend Flora Smith, a California resident and former Detroit resident who has traveled often to Africa through her nonprofit Silver Cross Medical Missions.

Fulkerson, a 1975 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, felt compelled to help when given the opportunity.

"Who am I to deny the demands of my heart and soul?" she asked during an interview about her trip. "It fulfilled a need of helping others and of seeing that there is a neighborhood outside of Livonia."

Fulkerson's background made her an asset to Silver Cross Medical Missions. She received her bachelor's degree in gerontology from Madonna University and her master's degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan University.

She works as a consultant for the greater Michigan chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, providing dementia-care training for assisted living facilities and nursing homes.



Kelley Fulkerson of Westland spent two weeks recently helping to provide medical services to villages in Nigeria. She took along a copy of her Observer newspaper.

An adjunct professor at Madonna, Fulkerson also works part time with the For the Kids Foundation in Birmingham, providing services for children who've lost their parents.

Her multi-generational experiences proved useful in Nigeria, where she and Smith shipped 11 boxes of medical and school supplies before they made their trip. They sent items such as eyeglasses, aspirin, tongue depressors,

hypodermic needles, catheters, splints, toothpaste, pencils, paper and rulers.

They set up mobile clinics in recreation halls and in buildings that served other purposes, such as housing the village courts. They worked alongside Nigerian doctors, nurses and pastors — some of whom have kept in touch with Fulkerson by phone and e-mail.

Fulkerson and Smith helped provide basic medical tests for blood pressure, pulse and respiration. They also gave aspirin

and Tylenol to people who had no pain medication — such as mothers giving birth — and they used money they raised to buy prescription drugs in Nigeria for patients who needed them. They also tested for malaria.

Fulkerson found that many Nigerian patients had high blood pressure, likely a result, she said, of using palm oil for cooking. They got those patients started on aspirin and worked with local doctors to develop long-term

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## Homeland security takes regional view

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Four years after the Sept. 11 attacks, Americans are still unsure about how to approach homeland security. There have been some recent changes to the way homeland security is funded, with a greater emphasis on a regionalization of efforts, even though many still believe local communities are best equipped to react to disasters.

The federal Department of Homeland Security, under the National Response Plan, had determined that in order to successfully fight terrorism, we have to approach things from a regional perspective, said Wayne County Director of Homeland Security James Buford, who was appointed to the position a little more than one year ago, after having worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for 21 years. Regionalization is a concept that we're bringing in. It's not something everyone wants, but it's something that has to happen."

In order to shift to a regional approach, federal homeland security money, beginning this year, has been distributed to the state and to counties, but no longer to individual municipalities, with the exception of Detroit, which still receives its own federal funding for homeland security. Funding to other communities, such as Canton Township, which received since 2001 some \$373,000 in federal money, will now be diverted to Wayne County.

But whether or not the shift helps the county to fight terrorism or any other threat better than it did prior to 2001 is still unknown.

At the top of the priority list for county homeland security spending are items that will enable local first responders to react to a disaster, rather than to prevent attacks. Wayne County will spend approximately \$6.5 million for homeland security this year, and Buford said communications equipment and protective gear for first responders are priorities.

"We need to be able to have every community in Wayne County be able to pick up a radio and commu-

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Dr. Don Powell sits in his office with a certificate for a new process he started called Save A Saying, where participants can register a favorite saying on record.

## In so many words

Now you can 'register' your favorite saying

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

"An apple a day isn't enough." That's a popular saying used by Dr. Don R. Powell, a Farmington Hills psychologist. He and about 60 other people have taken advantage of his new company which registers a favorite saying used by someone special. In addition to receiving a registration certificate

and wallet card, participants are placed on the Save-A-Saying Web site with their name, photo, favorite saying and the story displayed for all to see.

It is a personal and unusual gift. The idea actually was generated years ago, when Powell gave his father, Bob, a builder, a certificate to acknowledge his favorite expression, "Winners never quit and quitters never win."

Sayings abound and teach others about life, love, happiness and success, Powell said. Powell's mother would say, "That's the way the cookie crumbles" and "You have to creep before you walk."

From another person: "Notice the flowers in the vase and not the dust on the table." Registering a saying is perfect for those who

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### Coming Thursday in Filter

### Get in the game



Test your quarterbacking skills or run routes and try to catch passes at the NFL Experience - an interactive football extravaganza to be held at Cobo Center Feb. 5

NEWS BRIEFS

Education forum

State Schools Superintendent Mike Flanagan will discuss the state's new graduation requirements and other topics at an education town hall meeting, hosted by state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, at 7 p.m., Jan. 12 at Schoolcraft College. The forum is for local school officials and parents. Discussion of assorted school issues will follow.

The event will be held in the presentation room of the VisTa Tech Center, room 550. Schoolcraft is located between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia. The VisTa Tech building is next to the north parking lot.

There are a limited number of seats available. Reservations are required. To obtain a ticket or for more information, please call Christopher Gillett at (517) 393-7350.

Town Hall on Iraq War

A town hall meeting on the impact of the War in Iraq and its effect on communities of southeast Michigan will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia, on Farmington just south of Five Mile.

The Northville and Livonia Democratic Clubs are co-sponsoring the talk, which is aimed

at raising levels of consciousness about the impact of the war. Co-chairing the meeting are Scott Craig, a Northville resident who teaches in Oakland County, and Bill Joyner, a Livonia resident and former member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

"With the war taking away from our domestic needs such as education we must become increasingly vigilant as America depletes our resources on a war half the world away. How are we going to educate our children, create jobs for our grandchildren and provide economic stability for our families?" Joyner asked.

Blood drive

Hayes Elementary School in Westland will sponsor a blood drive for the American Red Cross 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The school, which is in the Livonia school district, is located at 30600 Louise, south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of Merriman.

The blood drive will be in Room 18. Walk-ins are welcome.

"This time of year is a time of desperation for those in need of blood," said Leanne Domzalski, blood drive coordinator. "We are truly thankful for all that come and give blood."

# Masked robber hits Westland bank

A masked bandit with a gun robbed a Westland bank early Thursday and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money, police said.

The incident happened about 8:35 a.m. at the Flagstar Bank branch on Joy Road between Middlebelt and Inkster, Westland. Sgt. Chris Benson said.

The robber wore a latex mask and a gray wig, and witnesses couldn't tell police the gender or the race of the perpetrator, Benson said.

Only bank employees - no customers - were inside the building at the time. No one was injured.

The robber fled east on Joy in what was described as a green, newer-model, four-door vehicle, Benson said.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

Other than the mask and wig, the robber also was wearing a ballcap, a tan-colored, goose-down jacket, dark pants and dark gloves.

"This does not appear to be a repeat of any similar robbery in the area," Benson said.

Safe stolen

A safe valued at \$1,000 was reported from the Oakwood Hospital facility at 29150 Ford Road, Garden City, on Dec. 21.

CRIME WATCH

The safe contained \$530.

There was no sign of forced entry. A hospital representative told police a recently fired maintenance supervisor had failed to turn in all his keys and was suspected in the theft.

Similar break-ins without forced entry had been reported at Oakwood facilities in Dearborn and Trenton.

Larceny

A clerk at 7-Eleven, 2250 Merriman in Garden City, told police Tuesday that a man entered the store and asked several questions before requesting a cup of water.

The clerk provided the water, she said, but after taking a sip, the man put down the cup, grabbed a charity collection container and ran out of the store. She estimated \$20 in cash and coins was in the container.

Tools stolen

A Wayne man told police that he went into Ford Road Exchange, 32555 Ford Road in Garden City, to purchase a camera on Dec. 21. The following day, he said, he realized a bag of tools had been stolen from his vehicle and contacted police.

The man remembered passing a man leaving the store as

he entered. Surveillance video of the store parking lot showed the man exiting and then removing the bag of tools from the victim's vehicle.

The suspect had sold something to the store, and the owner was able to provide his name and address.

Threats

A nurse at Garden City Hospital, 6245 N. Inkster Road, told police Dec. 19 that a patient in the unit was unhappy with the care she had given and used a racial slur. She said he also threatened to slash her tires.

The Livonia man was also reported to have threatened to kill the nurse in comments made to a co-worker. The patient didn't deny using the slur but told police he didn't threaten to harm the nurse.

Retail fraud

Two women were arrested for shoplifting a number of items from Garden City's Kmart, 29600 Ford Road, on Monday. Store security detained the women after seeing them using a box cutter to open merchandise that they put into purses.

Additional items were recovered from a cart the women pushed out of the store. Police said a man with the women hadn't left the store with any merchandise and was released with two young children.

Larceny

A Garden City woman told police she was at her mother's Westland home on Dec. 22 as the older woman confronted her son about items that had been stolen.

Police were called and a jewelry box was recovered from the man, who usually lives with the mother. Among the items in the jewelry box were a bracelet and a ring that the Garden City woman said belonged to her.

The woman told Garden City Police that her brother told her he'd stolen the items from her home in the 28000 block of Marquette. Also taken were a second bracelet, which was

recovered from a pawn shop, and a pool cue, which the brother indicated he'd sold to someone on the street.

The woman told police her brother is a heroin addict and sometimes stays with her when their mother puts him out of her house.

Winning ticket swiped

A Detroit woman called Canton police after her purse was stolen.

In a couldn't-be-anywhere kind of afternoon, the stolen purse contained not just her cash, car keys and wallet - it also contained a winning lottery ticket, she said.

According to a police report, the woman had stopped on Dec. 22 at the McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue. She left her seat for a moment in order to refill her soft drink, and when she returned to her table, the purse was gone.

She told police she had \$120 in cash in her purse, but that she also had a lottery ticket worth \$291.

Polite thief?

A man who excused himself after bumping into a shopper at Meijer in Livonia made off with a wad of cash and bank cards from her purse recently.

A Redford woman told Livonia police that she was in the checkout aisle about 11:15 p.m. on Dec. 18, with her purse in the child seat of a grocery cart.

At the end of the aisle after her purchase, a man behind her in line bumped her shoulder with his and apologized. She told police he must have grabbed the \$220 in cash, a credit card and a debit card from her open purse.

Later, she was called by a credit card company to ask about three purchases in Detroit worth several hundred dollars, according to the police report.

The victim told police she remembered the thief had been talking earlier to another woman.

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# McCotter, band under fire on holiday tour in Iraq

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

The Second Amendments were on the last leg of their whirlwind holiday tour for the troops when they got to experience the dangers of war first hand. The mortar attack occurred shortly before the band took the stage to entertain troops at the Balad Air Base in Iraq.

Lead guitarist Thaddeus McCotter and his bandmates were hustled into a bunker and no one was injured.

"Five mortar rounds before a gig is like playing a biker bar on the east side," McCotter joked, in a phone conversation from Iraq Thursday afternoon (shortly after midnight in Iraq).

The hard driving, blues-based guitarist is AKA US Rep Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and the Second Amendments are a bi-partisan group of musicians who also serve in Congress. McCotter plays lead guitar with Reps Ken Hulshof, (R-Missouri), on drums, Collin Peterson, (D-Minnesota), on guitar and lead vocals, Dave Weldon, (R-Florida), on bass, and Jon Porter, (R-Nevada), on keyboards. The country-tinged rock band began



U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter with the flight crew that flew the Congressional Delegation to and from Iraq. They are part of the Michigan Air National Guard.

their trip Dec. 26 with gigs planned for Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Pakistan and Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

When not playing, the congressmen spent time fact-gathering and assessing the situation in the region.

McCotter said troop morale

seems to be "pretty high."

"When we've been playing, we talk to them before we play, and they make a conscious effort to let us know they're very committed to what they're doing and proud of what they're doing," he said.

"It's not just a case of a couple of guys who have been

prepped ahead of time, it's genuine instances of them finding out who we are and making a point of telling us."

McCotter has been a supporter of the war in Iraq though critical of some political decisions by the Bush Administration. He said the

American presence in the area has been a positive influence.

"We went to a base at Anaconda (at Balad Air Base in Iraq). They have a medical facility and it's a long way from the MASH TV show, they have a 96 percent survival rate," he said. "They help not just U.S. coalition troops but Iraqis from the general population. We saw a young boy whose house had been mortared by the insurgents and he had lost his two brothers in the attack. He was an especial favorite of the nurses and doctors because he was such a tough little kid. To me that was a classic example of what the United States was doing, not just in the war against terror but in the cause of human decency over here."

He said the Dec. 15 Iraqi parliamentary elections were also a boost to troop morale, as the realization of a successfully elected democratic government was the primary goal for American forces. He said it's now up to the Iraqis to make their democracy work.

He said the government faces two major challenges, and the first is deciding on the role of the United States. He said

some groups will be urging that the United States scale down or be deployed.

"The second pressure on the government will be to perform on the basic level of economics, especially in terms of unemployment and reconstruction of the infrastructure," he said. "We can not make the Iraqi government successful in the end, they have to do that themselves and in a relatively quick fashion."

Despite a recent increase in insurgent bombings since the election, McCotter said protests by the Sunni and secular Shia groups have been in support of the electoral process and not "a signal for a civil war."

McCotter said he told his three children that his post-Christmas tour was part of his job.

"I can't complain given that we have a lot of people over her missing the holidays," he said. "It seems only fair that we in Congress making these decisions that we make sacrifices, too, no matter how small in comparison to what the troops are doing."

The Second Amendments are scheduled to return Jan. 2. Congress reconvenes in February for the President's State of the Union address.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Red Cross Nurse Joyce McLin prepares the photographer's arm for blood donation.

## Successful blood drive will help save lives

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

By Tuesday, Christmas gifts had been opened and in some cases returned, which freed up time for people to give a lifesaving donation.

At their quarterly American Red Cross Blood Drive, Garden City Hospital collected 92 productive units of blood easily exceeding the 60 pint goal. Included in that number were eight first-time blood donors.

Since each pint can save up to three lives, the donors helped give 276 hospital patients a chance to regain their health.

Holiday periods such as Christmas and New Year are traditionally low supply times for blood due to factors such as businesses and schools being closed, people having a lot of travel and

### UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, Jan. 3

- 17 p.m. Auburn Hills City Hall 1827 North Squirrel Road Auburn Hills
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Henry Ford Medical Center 29200 Schoolcraft Livonia
- 17 p.m. Hayes Elementary School 30600 Louise Westland
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Farmington Hills Hotel & Suites 37529 Grand River Farmington Hills
- 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital 44405 Woodward Avenue Pontiac

social commitments, and inclement weather.

Before the Garden City Hospital blood drive, the entire southeast Michigan region had approximately a 31-hour supply of O positive, an eight-hour supply of A negative, less than a one-

hour supply of B negative and absolutely no O negative blood.

"I am very pleased with the success of our recent American Red Cross blood drive. Our dedicated coordinators have worked hard this past year to increase donor participation and many of our employees have shown their support through continual donations," said hospital president/CEO Gary Ley.

Garden City Hospital holds blood drives four times a year - one for each season - in an effort to boost blood supplies.

At their September blood drive, Garden City Hospital received the Platinum Sponsor award from the American Red Cross for outstanding commitment to the blood program.

Garden City Hospital has sponsored the Red Cross for many years through blood dona-

tions and the staff of Garden City Hospital has always showed their generosity and support," said Ley, past chair of the Southeast Michigan Blood Services Board of the American Red Cross and current board of trustees member.

Garden City Hospital's next blood drive will be on Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

The Red Cross continues an emergency appeal for blood donations. The local supply of type O-negative and B-negative are still well below the three-five day reserve level necessary for everyday medical needs and emergencies. Immediate donor support is needed. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) today.

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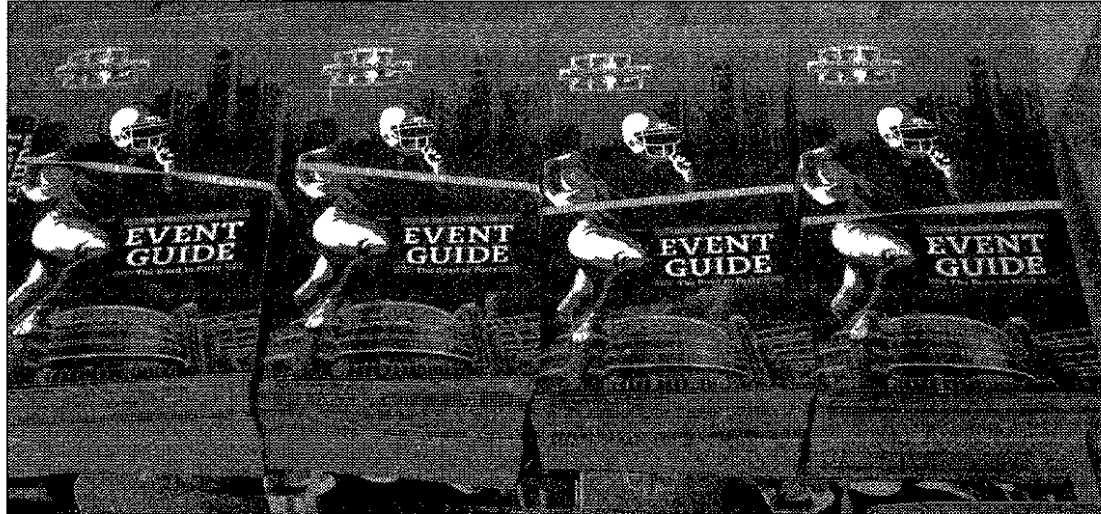
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will provide the opportunity to change the city's image.

Of course no one will be happy if it snows. Even though truth be told at the end of the day we have it pretty good - no floods, no earthquakes, no hurricanes. But it's another to write about unfriendly people," he said. "What we're really hoping will happen here is that people will have a great time and it will change peoples' impression of Detroit."

In order to ensure that members of the media have a good time, the host committee has arranged for transportation to take reporters downtown, and to locations such as Troy and Ferndale for shopping and entertainment.

The committee is also printing 100,000 visitor guides, 76-page pocket-sized booklets with maps and schedules of events.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Event Guide for the Super Bowl**

It's not just an image issue, either. According to figures from the Super Bowl Host Committee, visitors are expected to spend some \$300 million during that week in local restaurants, shops and bars. Every hotel is going to be occupied, O'Callaghan said. There are 35,000 rooms in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, and half of them are already committed to the NFL. The other half will be filled two weeks before the game as soon as the fans know which teams are going to the game.

Super Bowl games tend to be held in warmer climates. This February will mark the third time a Super Bowl has been hosted in a northern city. First was the Pontiac Silverdome in

1982, and then Minneapolis hosted in 1992.

Though nothing can be done about the frigid temperatures, 10,000 volunteers have lined up to ensure that the city feels as warm as a friendly smile. They'll be stationed at the airport, and at places of interest throughout the city, and will be available to greet and help visitors to the region.

And for the past few months, volunteers have worked toward beautifying the city, as well, according to Deanna Buckner of Sterling Heights, who was a volunteer coordinator for one of two Super Cleanup projects in the city.

The first clean up day was in June, and attracted 1,000 volunteers who put on work gloves and picked up paint-

brushes to help spruce up downtown. The next, in October, drew 1,250 volunteers.

They came from everywhere, the city, the suburbs. School groups came out to help, students from the university, parents and their kids, older people, scouts - they all came out to make a difference, she said. They want everyone to see what we have to offer down here."

The state of Michigan has done its part, too. Some \$200 million worth of infrastructure work has been done to the freeways leading in and out of the city and to street lighting and the sewer system,

O'Callaghan said. For more information on the Super Bowl, visit the official Web site at [www.sbxl.org](http://www.sbxl.org).

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**Region to play host to a number of Super Bowl-related activities**

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■ **Motown Winter Blast**  
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■ **The NFL Experience**  
The NFL will produce its 15th annual event at Cobo Center in Detroit Feb. 1-5. The NFL Experience is an interactive theme park offering games, displays and entertainment. The tickets (\$15 for adults, and \$10 for children age 12 and younger) includes all games and attractions and will benefit the NFL's Youth Education Town. Tickets are on sale and are available by calling (866) TIX 4NFL (849-4635) or at [www.superbowl.com](http://www.superbowl.com).

■ **Bowling for Charity**  
Super Bowl Lanes in Canton will be host to the NFL-sanctioned Super Bowl XL NFL Charities Bowling Classic. Proceeds will

be donated to the NFL Youth Education Town initiative in Detroit. As its legacy to every Super Bowl host city the NFL builds a YET center in an at-risk neighborhood where young people are offered counseling, career training, learning opportunities, academic mentoring and recreation, according to the NFL.

Celebrities will include current and former NFL players, and members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The thrill of bowling with the stars won't be cheap, though. Individual spectator tickets will run \$100 each. Participants will pay \$750 per person to bowl in the tournament, and team packages are available for \$5,000 and \$12,500.

■ Also sanctioned by the NFL will be Troy's Supper Bowl event at the Somerset Collection.

Cost will be \$75 per person, and the cost includes admission of one child younger than 17. Additional children will be admitted at a reduced cost. The Troy Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event - a gourmet food, auction and social extravaganza scheduled at the Somerset Collection Jan. 29.

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**SECURITY**

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nicate with any other community in Wayne County. That's difficult because we have maybe 10 different communications systems," he said. Radios can run into the millions. They cost approximately \$3,000 each and we're looking at how many we need. To upgrade every system it would cost \$15 to \$20 million.

During the August 2003 blackout, the need for better communications was clear, and because communities couldn't communicate effectively with the county and state agencies, some had slower response than others, Buford said.

As for the protective gear, each protective suit costs some \$300, and the department has ordered 400 so far, but needs another 2,000, according to Buford.

One area where the county has taken steps to be proactive is with its water supply, according to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"I can't be specific for security reasons, but I can tell you there has been stepped up monitoring of (the water supply). There's more security put in place around the water systems," Ficano said.

Also, thanks to what Ficano called 'dry runs,' or disasters such as the blackout, the communications systems have been improved, as have regional emergency preparedness plans.

It used to be locally we would find out information quicker from CNN than we would from the federal government," he said.

During the blackout of 2003, the county had to make a decision regarding the sewer system. Emergency generators

had been dedicated to the hospitals and some essential services, which left the water and sewer system underpowered.

"We had to make the coordinated team decision to either shut down the system of Downriver wastewater treatment and allow for a major discharge into the Detroit River, or allow flooding in people's basements," he said. "We decided on discharging into the river, but just like in the movies, literally minutes before we were going to flip the switch, the power came back on."

Though Ficano said the county is absolutely safer than it was prior to 2001, he said there are still measures that need to be taken to improve regional response and threat prevention.

"I think there needs to be more money for more consistent training. We're going to emerge with new technologies in the next couple of months," Ficano said, referring to the communications technology.

Another area in which the community is safer is due to a better understanding by the public regarding homeland security and emergency response. This year's hurricanes and the widely publicized results of the disasters have illustrated that individuals need to be prepared to get by on their own for as long as possible before local and federal government programs are ready to help.

I would say community outreach has been a focus of my job. We've been trying to get information out to the public. The more people who can take care of themselves, the fewer people there are who need our help, so we can offer help to the elderly and children and the like," Buford said.

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**SAVINGS**

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view life as the glass is half full, Powell said.

"There is something very soothing about things from the past," Powell said. "It takes us away from the turbulent uncertainty of the present."

It is a great diversion for Powell, who is the president and CEO of the American Institute for Preventive Medicine. He and his staff of 16 produce preventive health books on topics like smoking cessation and weight loss. These are self-care guides which help people to make better health care decisions and lifestyle changes.

Powell does a fair amount of traveling, too, and gives speeches at conferences which promote good health practices, he said.

"Let's just say that I am not ready to give up my day job, but I'm having fun with it," Powell said. "It is a gift for someone who has everything."

It can be a favorite expression or something that describes someone's personality.

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■ "It is much easier to become a father than to be one, (Michael Osman, Dearborn)

■ "It is not so much for our friends help that helps us, as the confident knowledge that they will help us" (Gwen Campbell, Berkley)

■ "People sleep peacefully in their beds at night because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf" 3rd Precinct, Special Operations Unit, dedicated by Michael Osman, Detroit)

■ "Some people skate to the puck. I skate to where the puck is going to be." Wayne Gretzky (Dominic Osman, Sault Ste Marie)

■ "We are for each other then laugh, lean back in my arms for life's not a paragraph. And death I think is no parenthesis" (Drew Schmale, Big Rapids)

The Powell family resides in West Bloomfield.

Powell's wife, Nancy, is a teacher at Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills. Their son, Jordan, is a second-year law school student in Chicago, and son, Brett, is a junior at the University of Michigan.

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**NIGERIA**

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treatment options.

The people also had a lot of eyesight problems, probably due to vitamin A deficiencies in their diet, Fulkerson said, adding that she and Smith helped combat vision problems by giving out prescription and drugstore "reading" glasses.

She and Smith helped more than 400 patients while in Nigeria, and they also provided school supplies to youngsters

ranging from toddlers to teens.

"They loved that, because education is very important in Nigeria," Fulkerson said.

Although she has returned home to her husband, Doug, and their 16-year-old son, Troy, Fulkerson said she won't soon forget her trip to Nigeria.

The people were incredibly warm, she said. "Even in the marketplaces, they would call us 'madame' or 'mommy.' That's how they refer to females."

Fulkerson and Smith stayed in church compounds and in government buildings, and

they found time to enjoy themselves even though they worked hard and endured humid conditions and temperatures that topped 90 degrees.

Pointing to one of many pictures she took, Fulkerson explained a visit to a fish market.

"It had the freshest fish," she said. "On the other side of the wall of the market was a lake."

Most Nigerians that Fulkerson encountered spoke English. She and Smith also attended a state dinner for the American general consulate and his team in Nigeria.

The two women plan to

return to the African country in October. Fulkerson said the governor of Abia has promised land for them to build a house and a clinic, which ultimately will be staffed by locals.

Fulkerson had previously traveled to places such as Israel and Jordan, but her reason for traveling to Nigeria made that trip particularly special.

"I don't know that it was life-changing, but certainly it was soul-stirring, soul-changing," she said. "It was incredibly satisfying on a personal level."

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**Volunteers needed for annual stonefly search**

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers on Saturday, Jan. 21, to search tributaries of the Rouge River for stoneflies. Stoneflies are sensitive aquatic insects that indicate clean water.

Volunteers interested in joining a stonefly search team are asked to call Friends of the Rouge's Public Involvement department at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail pcoordinator@therouge.org to register for the event.

Pre registration is required by Jan. 12.

The annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring program begun by Friends of the Rouge in May 2001. The goal of the program is to track changes in water quality over time by utilizing volunteers to sample many sites. Sampling results

are used as a screening tool and are provided to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the 48 communities of the Rouge.

No prior experience is necessary and volunteers will not be entering the water. Children are welcome when accompanied by one adult per child and everyone must dress for the weather. Each team will be supervised by a trained and

experienced leader.

Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit group of citizens established in 1986 and is dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

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## Some directions for weaving through prescription program

The Medicare program was signed into law July 30, 1965, by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Today, Medicare has grown to cover more than 40 million eligible Americans with its Part A and B coverages.

Since its establishment, drug therapies have played an increasing role in patient care and significantly reduced hospital stays. Outpatient prescription drugs, however, were not covered under the program. The signing of President Bush's new Medicare Modernization Act (MMA 2003) has initiated the most sweeping change in the program's history since inception. Under the new changes, recipients will now have access to optional Part D drug benefits covering outpatient drug therapies previously non-available under the program.

This is where the much talked about confusion begins. A plethora of private Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) now offer proprietary pharmacy plans with a varied assortment of drug formularies (approved drug lists), making it difficult for seniors to choose the best plan for them. Plans may also restrict access to neighborhood pharmacies,

requiring enrollees to ask, "Can I still go to my local drug store?"

To add to the complexity of the decision-making process, the government is encouraging enrollment into a new product called Medicare Advantage, offered to seniors wishing to turn over their Medicare benefit administration to a private health insurance company. In return, seniors or eligible enrollees may receive additional benefits not typically covered by Medicare such as free health screenings and/or medical, oral or eye exams.

As a health care professional for 25 years, I too, am dismayed by the infinite amount of variables to consider prior to making a decision. Most eligible seniors have three basic decisions to make: 1) Do nothing and go without drug coverage. This option also applies if covered under a qualified employer sponsored plan. 2) Enroll in a prescription drug plan only, and add it to your existing Medicare coverage. 3) Exchange your Medicare benefits for enrollment into a Medicare Advantage Plan (commercial insurance company) with prescription drug coverage.

Although prescription drug coverage may begin as soon as Jan. 1, 2006, I encourage seniors to talk with others and become educated on the subject prior to making their decision no later than May 15, 2006, without a penalty. Talking with seniors, I find that many more have questions than have completed enrollment forms.

I will predict that as this new program evolves, the government will require standardized tools for grading coverages such as with Medigap insurance now, where the law requires

a grading system of A, B and C for the easy comparison of plans.

For information, Medicare offers its www.medicare.com Web site and/or www.medicare.gov/MPDPF. I also recommend contacting one of two resources if you don't have access to the Internet: Area Agency on Aging at (248) 357-2255 or Medicare directly at (800) MEDICARE. At both phone numbers, trained individuals will help guide you. Many of the plans also offer informational resources, but ultimately they direct the reader to their own plan's enrollment forms, enforcing the old adage "buyer beware."

I would like to offer some helpful tips before enrolling.

If you elect to enroll in a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) only:

■ First, make a list of current drugs you are taking.

■ Check with your pharmacist to see if a generic is offered.

■ Review formularies to make sure your specific drugs are covered under the plan.

■ Review offered plans to make sure your pharmacy is a listed provider.

■ Compare monthly premiums, deductibles and co-pays between plans.

If you elect to enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan with Prescription Drug (MA-PD):

■ Ask questions about provider network, are there restrictions?

■ Premiums vary — you must compare.

■ Compare co-pays when using out-of-network providers.

■ Verify coverage rules when traveling out of state.

■ Make sure that your current medications are covered in the formulary.

■ Compare the value of included benefits not currently available under existing Medicare program, A) dental exams B) hearing C) vision D) health screening.

As 77 million baby boomers approach retirement age, voter starved policy makers will begin to cater to this powerful voting block, and what is it that these new seniors will want? Good, affordable health care. The new prescription drug coverage is a step in the right direction, however, it is still only a mediocre attempt to give seniors what they really need from a government-sponsored health plan. Instead, large corporate companies along with special-interest groups have been handed another big win. Certain features of the MMA are clearly designed to get the government out of the business of "gatekeeper" to the quality of health care. Americans are used to receiving and resting the responsibility with commercial overseers. Good or bad? Too early to say, but rest assured, quality health care will continue its climb as our nation's most coveted protected treasure.

Greg Jamian is an Oakland County commissioner.



Greg Jamian

## Despite reputation, journalists play a vital role in freedom

I knew going in that my interview with Janet and Terry Blumberg, whose son, U.S. Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, was killed in Iraq by a roadside bomb two years ago, was going to be difficult.

Questioning someone about a loved one who has died, particularly one in their prime like Trevor, is never an easy task. But I also had a feeling that my viewpoints concerning the war, which has forever taken away their only son, would probably differ from the way they feel about it.

The interview ultimately went fine. It was a great privilege for me to be in their Canton home discussing Trevor, who I believe is a true American patriot deserving admiration from us all. We should never forget him.



Kurt Kuban

However, I did walk away disheartened at one of the things the Blumbergs had to say. They believe the reason much of the American public has turned against the war is the way journalists have portrayed it in the media. They say the media's fixation on dead soldiers and the suicide bombs that seem to occur daily has soured the public on this war.

Terry Blumberg reasons that if reporters focused more on the positives of the way, the way the Iraqis are inching their way toward democracy, then people would be supportive and America would not lose this war or walk away from it before the goal is achieved.

Having someone tell me he believes people in my profession are the reason that we might lose this war was a hard pill to swallow. I understand the family's general distrust of the media, especially because of the way they were accosted by members of the media in the days after Trevor's death. And I would be lying if I said I don't agree there are some issues with the media in this country.

I just clicked onto the Web site of a local television news station, and the top five stories were about a 4-year-old girl and her 84-year-old great grandmother killed in a Detroit house fire, an Oklahoma/Texas grass fire that killed four and destroyed 200 homes, state Rep. John Garfield of Rochester Hills sentenced for drinking and driving, Detroit police searching for the identity of a murdered woman, and a Southfield man found murdered in Iowa.

Not exactly sunny or uplifting. And then there are all the antagonistic talk shows that spew out biased, one-sided views. I won't even go into the whole paparazzi element of the media and the explosion of *National Enquirer* type reporting that seems so pervasive in journalism today.

But the fact is journalists play a much greater role in American society than providing us with fodder for water cooler chat or salacious details about our favorite celebs. An

independent media is a vital part of a working democracy. Without it, we would be at the mercy of what our leaders tell us.

If you ever wanted to know how important the media is, you need look no further than this war. Without the media, we wouldn't know there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Without the media, we wouldn't know most of the civilized world was against our invasion into Iraq, including many countries that showered empathy on us after Sept. 11. Without the media, we wouldn't know our soldiers were torturing people in the hell of Abu Ghraib.

Without the media, we wouldn't know that contractors like Haliburton have been ripping off the American people with false billing, and we wouldn't know that the Bush administration hired a public relations firm to feed positive stories to the Iraqi press. Without the media, we wouldn't know the president gave the green light to spying on the American public without so much as going through a court of law. Sadly, the list goes on.

Maybe I'm naive, but I believe America is better off knowing this stuff, whether the president and his administration wants us to or not. In fact, I think the media should continue to press our leaders to fully explain major national policy decisions, especially why we're at war — something I don't feel has ever been sufficiently done.

So perhaps Mr. Blumberg is correct. Maybe the media is the reason the American people now feel like it was a mistake to invade Iraq. Many of the reasons given as justification have failed the test of truth. And maybe it is hard for us to swallow the news stories coming out of Iraq that detail the death of yet another American soldier. But they are stories we must hear and not ignore.

I think it's great that we are rebuilding schools and restoring electricity and drinking water in Iraq. I think it's encouraging that the Iraqis just held elections. But I'd rather hear about the story of how a brave young American soldier made the ultimate sacrifice for me, my family and every other American. They shouldn't be reduced to a statistic in a history book.

Just like I think it's important that we tell the stories about people like the Blumbergs, people in our community who have lost the most in this war. As we go about our daily lives, they must deal with the pain and loss most of us can't begin to understand.

I realize the freedoms we enjoy in this country would not be possible if it weren't for the sacrifices that countless soldiers like Trevor Blumberg have made. But I promise you, freedom would also not be possible if journalists weren't allowed to uncover the truths behind the stories of their time.

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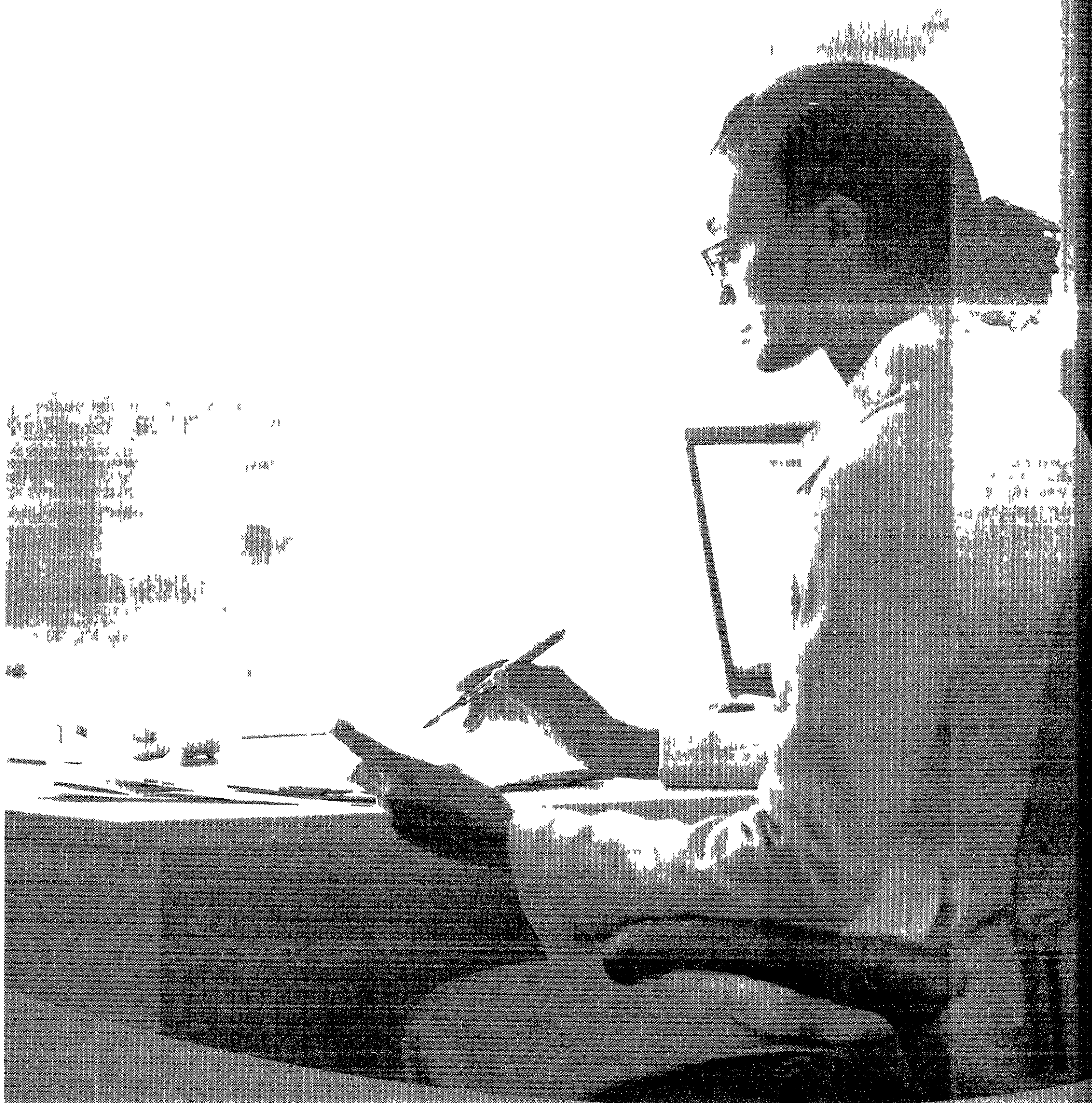
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On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

## Respect yourself, help son

This is hard to admit, but I am afraid to discipline my child. I have never told him "no" or made him accountable for his actions. Whenever he threw a tantrum or hit another child, both of which happen frequently, I would pretend not to notice or make some excuse for him. I guess that I never stepped in because I was afraid that he would get mad at me or stop loving me. Now, other children avoid him and I can't blame them. I love my son, but he is a monster and it is all because of my inaction.

His father has never been helpful as a parent. Even before our separation, he was gone more than he was home and now he is never around. I have always felt like a single parent. I have never had the help that I needed and my son has paid the price. I was a failure as a wife and I am a failure as a mother.

I was recently at a store with him when he threw a huge tantrum. I was mortified by the looks that people were giving me. They seemed to be shocked that a 6-year-old would act like this. I had no idea how to stop this tantrum and I felt so useless and weak. After a good long cry, I decided that I needed to get a handle on things. The problem is that I don't know how to start. I am also concerned that it is too late and that I've ruined my son forever. What do you think?

Useless, via e-mail

I believe that it is never too late to make changes. If you are motivated to alter some aspects of your life and are prepared to put in the effort, you will find that change is possible. Not only for your son, but yourself as well. Your son is not "ruined" or broken. He has learned that he can get what he wants by acting in a certain way. All children try this out at one time or another. If they succeed in their goal without consequence, they continue to use this strategy. Your son has had no reason to stop using this strategy because it has always worked for him. Your job is to teach him that this strategy is no longer effective. The key is to be firm and consistent. Whenever you notice a misbehavior you must intervene. There are numerous resources available to help you develop your parenting techniques and plans for action. Browse any bookstore and you'll find several books that address this topic. Check with your son's school and they can put you in touch with local parenting classes such as "love and logic."

The more important concern raised in your letter is that of your current emotional state. You seem very negative about yourself and your value as a person.

You report fears that your son will stop loving you, you feel useless and powerless, and describe yourself as a failure. In addition, you have separated from your son's father after what seems to have been a very one-sided relationship. It is no wonder that you feel overwhelmed and alone.

It is essential for you to address these negative emotions and self-beliefs because until they are recognized and countered, your effectiveness as a parent will remain compromised. I feel that you and your son would benefit from therapy. Each of you has struggled to make sense of your situation but without someone to guide you and provide support, your efforts have been less than successful.

You want what is best for your son because he deserves it. You should also want what is best for yourself, because, believe it or not, you are worth it as well.

Terry Wilamowski is a therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families. Questions can be sent to [parents@daviscountyselling.com](mailto:parents@daviscountyselling.com)

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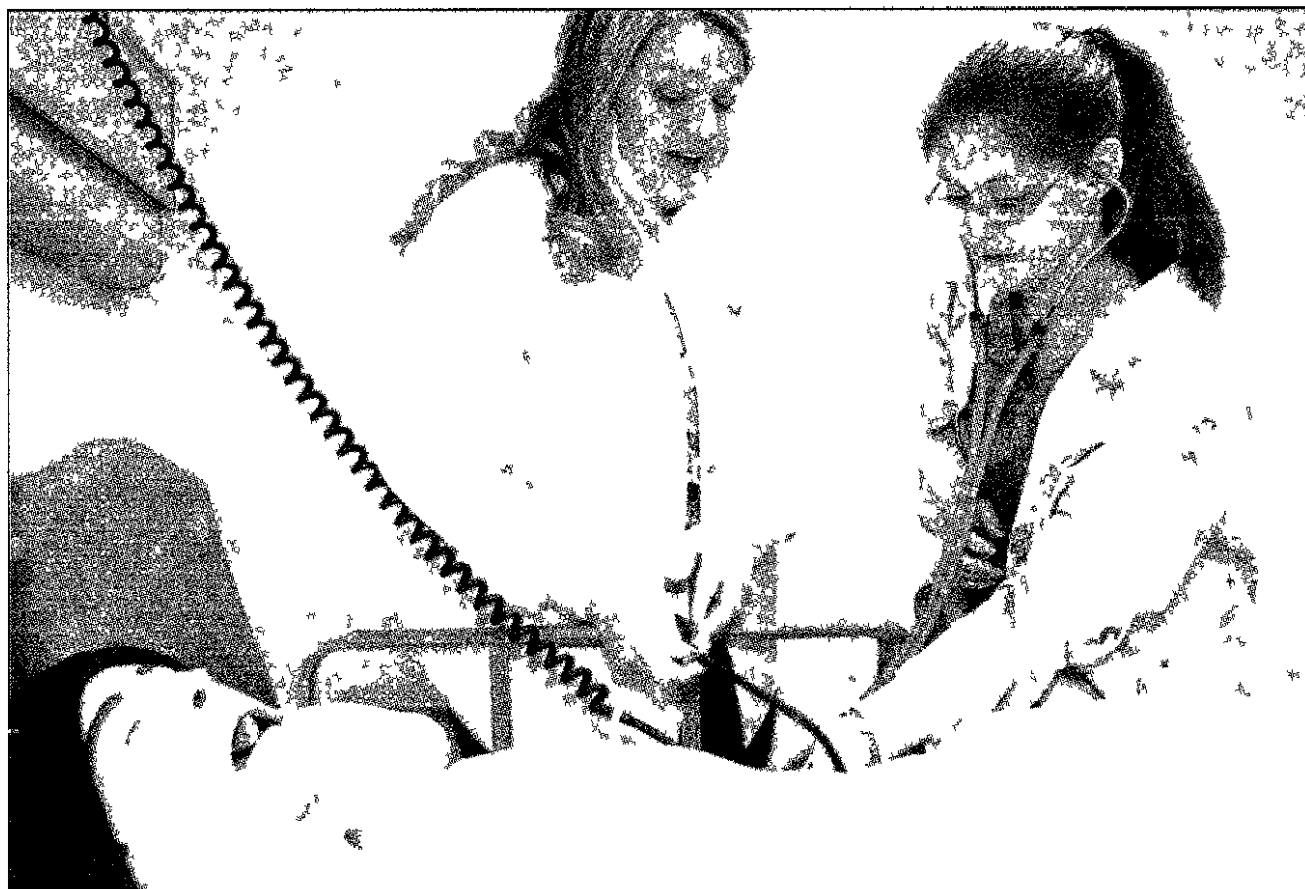
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# Healthy prospects



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Recent graduate Cheryl Ivie (left) and second year student Jessica Homady (right) work on taking a patient's vital signs on one of the simulated patients used in Schoolcraft College's nursing program.

## Schoolcraft programs meet growing health care demand

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

When Meridith Paluck, 37, graduated from Ladywood High School she had dreams of being a dancer, pursuing her ambition in New York City before having a change of heart.

"I did the fine arts route for a couple of years before I decided that wasn't what I wanted to do. I came home and got a job being a dental assistant in downtown Northville and I did that for 14 years," she said.

She also began taking classes at Schoolcraft College "for fun" when a class in microbiology put her on a new career path at 35.

"Most of the people in the class were pursuing a degree in nursing. Everyone else in the class were nurses and there was me," she said. "Everyone said, 'What are you doing here?'"

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The nursing program at Schoolcraft College has installed a viewing system that lets instructors watch students work in a simulated hospital environment.

## Allied health programs fit student needs

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

### SCHOOLCRAFT HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

- Nursing Registered Associate Degree, 71 credits
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- Medical Transcription One Year Certificate, 37 credits
- Emergency Medical Technology Associate Degree, 65 credits
- Emergency Medical Technology One-Year Certificate, 45 credits

Carly Plescia, 44, of Canton was working at Caremark in the reimbursement department in the early '90s.

"The clinical knowledge that I gained from my job fascinated me. I knew if I wanted to advance in the health care industry, I would need to further my education," she said.

She became intrigued with health care technology and the complicated work of dealing with insurance coding. Coding specialists need to understand medical terms and human anatomy to assign proper codes for treatment.

Schoolcraft College has become a major training center for health care technology and a number of allied health careers.

"The classes are challenging and I learn something."

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Kateilyn Rodriguez (front left), Jenna Letellier, Johnna Mitchell, and Kaitlyn Harris (back left), Taylor Shalhoub and Cassie Vilhauer hope to sell at least 115 boxes of Girl Scout cookies apiece.

## Cookie sales teach Girl Scouts living skills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

There's no question as to the favorite cookie of Girl Scout Troop 2008 at Patchin Elementary in Westland. Peanut Butter Patties continue to be top sellers with kids and adults.

This year the troop is sure to sell hundreds of cases of the patties, Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Thanks-a-lot, and Reduced Fat Cartwheels since the cookies contain zero trans fats and are available only through

the Girl Scouts of Huron Valley Council baker. On Dec. 12, the girls began taking orders for 8 different types including the fudge-coated Thanks-a-Lot and reduced-fat oatmeal cartwheels which are new for 2006.

Sales of the cookies raise money to support Girl Scout activities such as camps and field trips. Last year, Jenna Letellier sold more than 500 boxes going door to door with her mother and grandmother. She also sent a sign-up sheet to work with her father in addition to selling

cookies at booths outside stores. The 9-year-old's reward was going to camp for a week to make friends and learn respect for herself and others through Girl Scouts.

Cookies cost \$3.50 per box. From Feb. 11 to March 6, Girl Scouts will set up booths in the area, sell door to door and deliver cookies ordered before Jan. 15.

Last year sales were down due to the lagging economy so the girls are expanding

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**GIRL SCOUTS**

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their door to door efforts. They say it helps to have the product with you when making a sales pitch.

"I want to get a bunch of cool prizes and go to camp again," said Jenna Letellier who's going to eat about five boxes all by herself."

Letellier's sales strategy is simple and much like ones used by Kaitlyn Harris, Katelyn Rodriguez, Johnna Mitchell, and Cassie Vilhauer. The 9-year old Girl Scouts simply tell prospective customers about the various types of cookies and if they're reduced fat or trans fat free.

Taylor Shalhoub uses about the same strategy to sell cookies although she doesn't really need one. Last year her uncles bought about 40 boxes between them. The 10-year-old didn't have any problem meeting her goal of 115 boxes.

"I like going camping," said Taylor Shalhoub who's enjoyed being a Girl Scout for 3-years. It's fun to do activities.

This year the girls in Troop 2008 hope to be able to enjoy an overnight stay at Binder Zoo in Battle Creek in addition to spending a weekend at a Girl Scout camp in Linden in March. Last year they used camp time to learn to sew carry-all bags for walkers of residents at American House in Westland and patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Other activities included building a float for the Wayne Rotary Parade and going to Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village. They also put on a Halloween party for Brownies in the process they learned leadership skills as they helped the younger girls complete projects. The Girl Scouts plan all of the activities as well.

The camp the last weekend in March is the most fun," said Johnna Mitchell. "We have to

**'I enjoy watching them grow. By being with them you can do so much more than they can do on their own and they provide services to the community such as food drives and caroling at senior residences.'**

Janine Shalhoub  
co leader Scout mom

learn responsibility. Last year we made Mother's Day gifts and learned to cook, do dishes and be hostesses."

Scouting teaches girls skills for living. The sales have been part of the lesson since the early 1920s when founder Juliette Gordon Low helped the first Girl Scouts bake and sell cookies. The girls enjoy themselves while learning to meet and communicate with people, manage money and work as a team.

"I enjoy watching them grow," said Janine Shalhoub, Troop 2008 co-leader and mother of Taylor. "By being with them you can do so much more than they can do on their own and they provide services to the community such as food drives and caroling at senior residences."

We teach them how to care about other people and how to goal set and become more outgoing," said Virginia Letellier, Troop 2008 leader and mother of Jenna. "The cookie sales are important. The money goes to financially assist those who can't afford the camp or to join Girl Scouts. We hope by reading this article to get other girls involved."

For more information about Girl Scouts or purchasing cookies, call (800) 49-SCOUT

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**2005 was a year of challenges for teens**

The 2005 challenges for our country have tested my ability as I tried to decide which current research and commentary on the lives of teens would most help parents. In brief columns (there were 52 and some 28,000 words), I tried to give specific help or guidance drawn from literature or research.

The task of raising teens today seems more demanding than a generation ago - although one easily forgets when child rearing is mostly positive! I do not provide easy and light-hearted solutions to teen issues.

In a brief analysis of the 52 columns, there evolved eight themes. Some columns I reread because the headlines I wrote were unfathomable! (My editors improved many.)

The themes covered follow national times of trial and distress such as Katrina, the tsunami, the Red Lake tragedy and education.

Six columns discussed the debate that rests on the shoulders of No Child Left Behind and what Dr. Harold Gardner asks "Is teaching to the test



**Teens in 2006**

Alice McCarthy

worth it? And, 'Are we going to gain by putting all our eggs in the science and math basket?' We also visited parent-teacher conferences and judging a college.

The safety of teens today pushed me to write a dozen columns: dating violence, date rape, bullying, running away, online safety, violent videos, driving, safety in school and at parties. Wow! A booklet in the making!

I urged parents to sharpen their communications skills with columns like "Talking to Teens", "Show Your Love to Your Teen", and "When the Going Gets Rough". The latter column reminded parents that 85-90 percent of teens say they think highly of both parents!

In the area of teen substance abuse I wrote about nicotine addiction, the illegal use of

pain killers, and "Illegal Drugs a Family Affair". Alcohol use was featured in several columns.

The columns presented many carefully chosen resources including web sites, books, magazines, and pamphlets across a broad range of topics. I prepared one column solely on the sexual junk books on the market for daughters.

Health issues dominated the columns. For example, Dr. Ned Hallowell's (ADHD) visit to Eaton academy in Birmingham gave me an opportunity to discuss attention deficit disorder. New research about teen depression, teen sexual behavior, and increasing teen obesity were covered.

Trying not to sound too much like a Methodist preacher on the revival circuit, I reminded parents that they are the shapers of teen character and values. I wrote several columns on this, such as "Moral Decisions In Time of Need".

Parents have my deepest respect as they raise teens in this tumultuous era. Please check out these 2005 columns

on my Web site at [www.bridgcomm.com](http://www.bridgcomm.com) and make suggestions for column themes in 2006 at [bridgcomm@aol.com](mailto:bridgcomm@aol.com)

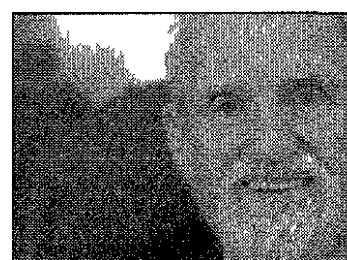
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**Pioneer recalls early years of the local media**

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE  
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He's nearly 82, but you can still hear the qualities in Guy Bowman's voice that first drew him to radio and made him one of the pioneers of Detroit television.

What you don't hear is disappointment that his broadcasting career finished rather abruptly at the age of 48, and he ended up working for the post office, first in Farmington and then in Farmington Hills.

I wasn't around for the big money," Bowman, a recent widower and longtime resident of Beverly Hills, acknowledges. "But it never occurred to me that the post office was a comedown," he said. "The people I worked with were just darling."

Bowman's name should be familiar to those who listened to WJBK radio in the 50s and later watched its early days of television on Channel 2.

Legendary WWJ radio personality Sonny Elliot got into the business around the same time as Bowman. "I was on Channel 4 and he was on Channel 2," he says. "I would run into him from time to time. He's a very nice guy."

Bowman is upset that *From Soup to Nuts*, Tim Kiska's new history of early Detroit radio and television, doesn't include his name. "I lasted there (at WJBK) for 21 years,"

the last year was spent in the Philippines where he was able to work on armed forces radio with Carl Cederburg, who was part of WJBK's first television news team, and actors Lew Ayers and Hans Conrad.

He returned to college and to WJBK, which wanted him to grab a partner and co-host a show of country western music. "I didn't know a darn thing about country western," he said with a laugh.

But he selected a fellow Wayne State student who was from Tennessee and the *Hillbilly Hit Parade* was born, with Brother Bill and Shortie. They took the show on the road, so to speak, when they began hosting weekend square dances in Highland Park.

After two years, we were told. We don't think Detroit is ready for country western," Bowman said. "We were sort of disappointed."

At about the same time, Bowman recalls, WJBK got Channel 2 and they switched me from radio to TV.

"I did the first live TV show, from the Masonic Temple, that Channel 2 ever put on the air," he says. Then he hosted movies, first for Rose Jewelers and then for Meyers Jewelers, and later did a once-a-week program, "Sketches From Life."

On "Sketches," he interviewed celebrities such as Desi Arnaz

He says he was Pirate Pete and later Mr. J.B. (the middle two initials of WJBK), the mayor of Happyland. Both programs showed cartoons for children. He also was the puppeteer behind Bucky Burro and Deputy Dog, two of the gang of characters Bowman gave voice to on air.

He played Santa Claus on various shows when it was the season to be jolly. "Sometimes I'd get to ride in the Thanksgiving Parade."

Along the way, he did commercials for live television and for advertising agencies and taught college classes in announcing and acting for radio.

"It was fun," daughter Michelle Wells, now of Royal Oak, remembers. My dad often included us. I remember being on stage as part of an Easter show he did at the Masonic Temple.

But by the early '70s, he wasn't getting as much work, and when he was offered a severance package, he took it. Much of it went to help his mother, who suffered from a long-term illness. Plus he still had two of his three children ("all red-heads") to support at home.

Bowman says he made only half-hearted attempts to continue his broadcasting career. Michelle was working for the post office, and she suggested he take the civil service exam.

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## SCHOOLCRAFT

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Her professor, Tim Olech, persuaded her that this was something she was good at and needed to pursue.

"And I really enjoyed the people, people that were pursuing that career," she said. "The qualities that make good friends make good nurses - loyalty and a big heart. These people were nice and down to earth and that's when I decided that I wanted to do this."

At a time when the nursing profession and allied health positions are experiencing a severe shortage, Schoolcraft College is emphasizing its extensive health career programs.

The U.S. Department of Labor has identified registered nursing as the top occupation for job growth through 2012 with more than 1 million replacement nurses needed by 2012. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing reports that a national commission on the nursing workforce found that there are nearly 100,000 vacant nursing positions in long-term care facilities. Another study shows that the U.S. will experience a 20 percent shortage in the number of nurses by 2020.

### A WIN-WIN SITUATION

In June, Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said he wants the college to put an emphasis on health care programs, including new arrangements with colleges offering four-year baccalaureate programs and the construction of a new 45,000-square-foot classroom building for health and science programs.

The college offers a two-year registered nursing associates degree, a one-year licensed practical nursing certificate and an associates degree in biomedical engineering technology at the main campus in Livonia. It offers associates degrees in health information technology and emergency medical technology and certificate programs in health coding, massage therapy, medical assistant and medical transcription at the Radcliff campus in Garden City.

For me it's a win-win situation," said Monica Sullivan, associate dean of sciences. "We're a community college and this is an essential part of the community."

The community college offers a place for recent high school graduates and students, like Paluck, who are returning to school after pursuing other interests.

The nursing program has 180 students in the RN pro-

gram and 20 students in the LPN program.

"We have a good strong graduation rate, (graduates) able to earn to very decent wages when they get out," said Sullivan. "Our placement is 100 percent. All graduates are getting more than one job offer. Out RN graduates usually end up in an acute care setting in a hospital."

Schoolcraft has clinical agreements with about 60 health care agencies in the metro Detroit area.

"We go to community hospitals as well as the Detroit Medical Center, the University of Michigan Hospital. We're all over the map," Sullivan said.

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Paluck, who graduated from Schoolcraft in June and is working at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, said the clinical experience was a plus for the Schoolcraft program.

"They get you out there right away," she said. "There are some wonderful hospitals, too, where you can get experience."

Another recent graduate, Cheryl Ivie, received an LPN certificate from Schoolcraft and used the colleges transition option to get her RN.

"The instructors are wonderful," she said. "It's not a job to them, you can tell. They're interested in making good nurses."

Second-year student Jessica Homady of Livonia said the school has been open to student suggestions.

"They listen to us. We said we wanted more lab time and they gave us more lab time and they give us a lot of experience at the hospital," she said.

Homady worked as a medical assistant while attending Stevenson High School.

"From there I decided I wanted to be a nurse because I liked science and I liked to help people and make them feel better," she said. "And my mom was a nurse and that helped me decide."

Paluck, of Novi, and Ivie, of Wyandotte, are both happy in their first nursing assignments. Ivie is working at the Marywood Nursing Care Center next to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Paluck said she had six job offers when she graduated. She works on the eighth floor medical/surgical unit at U-M. She said her training at Schoolcraft with its emphasis on clinical care has made a big difference.

"The community colleges are much more aware of what they're doing," Paluck said. "We started out with basic fundamentals of nursing. It's a very condensed program, it's very rapid. You cover the same



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Schoolcraft College nursing school graduate Meridith Paluck works on checking the vitals on one of the school's simulated patients.

material a four-year school does in two and a half years. It's a very demanding program. It requires a lot.

Conway Jeffress raised the possibility of adding a four-year nursing degree program, but that would require a change in the law governing community colleges in the state. In the meantime, the college has been working with other schools on coordinating credits.

"We are trying to have stronger partnerships with our local universities," said Sullivan. "Most universities offer BSN completion programs. So we have nice articulation programs with Madonna University and with Eastern, as well as working with other colleges and universities. We're trying to see we can do a 3-1 instead of a 2-2, completing three years and finishing the last year."

Sullivan said the new classroom building is being designed to bring several disciplines together. The building is currently in the planning stages.

"Part of the design of the new building is that we'll have nursing classes there but also biology, anatomy, physiology," she said. "We're creating a new anatomy and physiology lab there so that it will be closer to where the nurses are, closer to where biomedical technology students are. What it will mean to the program is we'll have a strong partnership with our important science disciplines."

Nursing students study in a totally renovated nursing lab created with a \$347,000 federal grant. The lab is set up to resemble a hospital ward and uses sophisticated mechanical manikins that can simulate human patients. The school has eight full-time instructors and many part-time adjunct instructors.

## HEALTH PROGRAMS

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new every day. The teachers are credentialed professionals and they bring their work experience into the classroom, she said. "I feel they are helping us build a solid foundation and preparing us for a career."

Plescia is president of the college's Health Information Technology Club, which has more than 70 members.

### 'DEVELOP OUR SKILLS'

"It complements our schoolwork and helps us develop our skills in our profession," said Plescia, the mother of two sons, ages 12 and 16.

"I think a lot of my students at Radcliff are looking for a career but not sure where to go and don't have a strong academic background and it's a comfortable place to get started," said Elgene Domidis, director of college centers at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City. "I see women who bond and help each other through the program. I have women taking massage therapy who have bachelor's degrees or are nurses who want to try something else."

The medical assistants program offers a satisfying career path in a relatively short time.

Medical assistants are the office nurses who greet you at the doctor's office, take vitals, handle charts and perform EKGs, take blood samples, give injections and other procedures under a doctor's supervision.

**'We can't graduate enough to meet the demands for the coding jobs. They'll get a job once they complete clinical. We recruit people who have completed the program to teach.'**

Elgene Domidis, administrator

"It's a program you can do in a year," said Mary Rader, a medical assistant instructor. "The duties are similar to a nurse, though you can't be a surgical nurse or anything. Another draw to being a medical assistant is you can specialize in phlebotomy (taking blood) or billing or something else. You're not limited to one area."

Domidis said Radcliff has 700 students in its various allied health programs.

"We can't graduate enough to meet the demands for the coding jobs," she said. "They'll get a job once they complete clinical. We recruit people who have completed the program to teach."

Jody Scheller, an associate professor in health information technology, said the fast-changing medical information technology has created a demand for qualified professionals.

The coding process is pretty complex, science based, she said. "You need to understand disease and the body. You have to be a special person who likes

detail. Our students enjoy putting puzzles together."

### GOING HIGH TECH

A switch to all electronic medical records will also require new skills and advanced training.

Health information people can work out of their homes," Scheller said. "You could be coding a medical record in your pajamas. This is very attractive for women looking to balance work and home life."

Plescia said job prospects for health information specialists will become greater as the technology becomes more automated and complex.

"Eventually, most facilities will have some type of electronic health record. The electronic record has changed the type of jobs performed in the medical records department. I think more jobs managing and analyzing the information in the electronic record format will emerge," she said.

Advancing technology will also increase the demand for graduates of Schoolcraft's biomedical engineering technology program.

"We have one-year certificate and two-year degree programs in biomedical engineering technology," said Monica Sullivan, vice president of sciences. "For people who work on equipment and technology in hospitals, it's becoming more complicated. They need to know the human body and science as well as the engineering and mechanical component that goes into that work."

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# Help: Consumer protection resource guide available

Residents of Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland can request a free copy of the Michigan Consumer Protection Resource Guide, said state Senator Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia.

"This guide is a valuable source of information for all Michiganders," said Sen. Toy. "Being an informed consumer is the first line of defense against fraud, and knowing your legal rights and where to turn for help if you need it are equally important if you encounter a consumer-related problem."

The guide contains helpful information about mail order shopping, consumer credit, contracts

and warranties, as well as consumer rights laws and automobile insurance and repair.

The booklet was prepared by the Michigan Legislature and also contains a useful nine page directory of contact information for various state, federal, local and non-profit agencies titled "Where to Go For Help."

To obtain a free copy, residents of the 6th Senate District should contact Sen. Toy's office at (517) 373-1707. Individuals who need assistance with a consumer-related problem can also contact the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline toll-free at (877) 765-8388.

# Auditions open to all young actors

Children ages 6 to 14 are invited to attend open auditions for the spring production with the Plymouth Uptown Players. No experience is necessary and there are no special requirements to attend other than the

wish to be on the stage and perform in front of a live audience.

Aspiring actors can choose one day, either Monday, Jan. 16 or Thursday, Jan. 19 to attend the free workshop from 6:30

p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Joanne Winkleman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

# With patience, you can find the perfect puppy or dog

"Mom, all I want for Christmas is a puppy."

Those dreaded words were spoken and you decided to wait until after Christmas to get the puppy. This was very smart as now you have a little more time than at the beginning of the holiday season. As we all know that same child who asked for the puppy won't actually take care of the puppy. Yes, it's just another responsibility for MOM and were you up to the challenge?

OK, but now where do you get a good puppy or dog and how do you make it a great dog? The recipe for disaster is poor breeding and poor socialization, combined with



Care needs to be taken in choosing your Christmas puppy, say dog trainers Vladae Roytapel and Bonnie Wainz.

improper training and poor nutrition. This is why Alternative Canine Training's new Web site for 2006 will address these major components.

Finding a puppy is the easiest part. With a little bit of research and patience you can find the perfect puppy.

Please, do your research. It is our observation that people often get the wrong puppy, for the wrong family, listen to the wrong people and do the wrong things. As the result of this, they get the wrong dog and end up with a disaster.

It is our experience that most holiday puppies are



Dog Talk

Bonny Wainz and Vladae Roytapel

purchased or adopted from Dec. 20 to Jan. 15. If you are still looking for your dream puppy there are several options available and each has its good and bad points.

### FINDING YOUR PUPPY

Following are some places to look for your perfect puppy:

1. Reputable breeder - They are very conscientious about a puppy's health, socialization and development. You can see the parents and have a good idea of what temperament the offspring will have. The hard part is finding breeders and determining which ones are really reputable. Also they might not have puppies right now. Remember patience. It might be better to wait 6 months than to get a puppy you will regret having for the next 14 years. So ask your veterinarian, groomer or your friend who has a nice puppy for referrals.

2. Reputable rescues or shelters - A reputable rescue or shelter will make sure that the puppies or dogs are well taken care of and healthy. They will be honest about the dog's personality and temperament. The down side to getting a dog this way is that most of these dogs have some sort of excess baggage. They may have behavioral issues through genetics or from the environment in which they were raised. Often with a little hard work these dogs can turn out to be great.

3. Reputable Web sites -

The best Web site to locate your puppy is currently www.petfinder.com. It is supported by many rescues and shelters throughout the nation. They show a picture along with giving a little information about the pet listed. Once again the only problem is that these dogs often have behavioral problems from their previous life that need to be resolved.

4. Reputable pet store - A reputable pet store can help you choose a puppy. If you have an idea what size dog you want but are not sure which breed to choose, they can explain some of the pluses and minuses of different breeds and which of their puppies would fit your lifestyle. The problem with a pet store is that they usually don't have the time to work with each individual puppy.

Once you find the perfect puppy, what's the next step? Well, before you bring the puppy home you need to make some preparations.

First you will need a crate and make sure that you don't get one that is too large. The crate is what will save your house from being destroyed, personal belongings from being chewed, carpet from being soiled and your nerves from being frazzled. You will need toys for the puppy to chew, urine neutralizer for the occasional accidents, bowls, leashes and a good quality puppy food. Oh and ear plugs, you'll see why.

Dog whisperers Vladae Roytapel and Bonny Wainz are partners in Troy based Alternative Canine Training which provides in-home training of dogs. They approach behavior problems by seeing them from the dog's point of view. Both are members of the International Association of Canine Professionals. Contact them at (586) 323-2810. Or visit www.alternativecaninetaining.com on the Internet.



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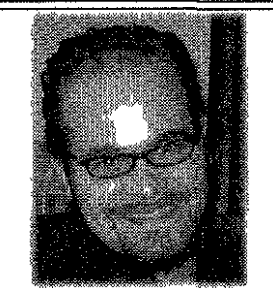
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### GREGORY H. AMEY

Age 51 of Canton died suddenly December 27, 2005. Beloved husband of Sharon. Loving father of Ashley and Kevin. Dear son of Betty and the late Bud. Dear brother of Bonnie. Greg was an electrical engineer for several years with Borg Warner and General Motors Corp. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Plymouth Visitation Monday 2-4 and 6-9 PM. Interment at United Memorial Gardens. Contributions may be made to the Amey Children's Education Fund. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

### MARGARET "PEG" BARNES

Age 81 of Livonia. December 28, 2005. Retired Detroit Public Schools teacher and member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Dear sister of Betty (Bob) Yackley. Also survived by her nieces and nephews. Chapel Service Friday, January 6, 2006, 11 AM at Grand Lawn Cemetery, 23501 Grand River Ave. Detroit (just east of Telegraph Rd.). Arrangements entrusted to Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.



PAUL D. MYERS

Suddenly December 28, 2005. Age 24 of Nashville, TN. Formerly of Farmington, MI. He moved to Nashville in 2003 to pursue a career in music. Currently the tour manager for Leon Russell. Paul was an accomplished guitarist and singer/songwriter. Paul was involved in theater at Farmington High School, class of 2000 and Eastern Michigan University. Paul is survived by his parents, Laura and Joseph Myers, his brothers, Alec and Will (Courtney) Myers, and his grandparents, Jim and Jean Clark. He is also survived by his uncle, aunt, niece, Elyse, and his fiancée, Patti Wheeler. Funeral Service Wednesday 11 AM at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Road). Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington Goodfellows or Sphinx Organization in Detroit, MI.

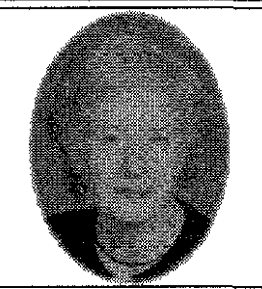
### RICHARD "RICK" BUCHANAN

Age 49 of Dallas, Texas, formerly of Garden City, passed away suddenly on December 6, 2005. Mr. Buchanan is survived by his father, Richard Buck Buchanan, siblings Sandra Buchanan, Judith Leonard, Stephanie Buchanan, Steven Buchanan of Garden City, Mr. Buchanan is preceded in death by his mother, Willa Buchanan. A memorial service is planned for May 2006 in Sheridan, Arkansas.



NANCY KEYES BABCOCK

Age 76 of Cayuga Heights, Ithaca, NY, died Friday, December 23, 2005, at Bridges of Cornell Heights from Alzheimer's Disease. She passed quietly and peacefully in her bed after a brief interval of congestion and fever. Nancy was predeceased by her father, Hugh Tallman Keyes, mother, Faye Elizabeth Keyes, sister, Faye Elizabeth Smith, and brother, Robert S. (Sharon) Keyes, all of Birmingham, MI. Brother, Richard Irwin (Marilyn) Keyes, survives her in Gaylord, MI. Nancy is survived also by her husband, John B. Babcock (married in 1953), and three daughters: Susan Leigh Babcock, Ithaca, Nancy (Martin) Perlin, Fairfield, CT, and Jeanne (Mark) Swartz, Alpharetta, GA. She has four grandchildren: Ginger Keyes Perlin and John Babcock Perlin, and Nathan John Swartz and Hayley Jeanne Swartz. Nancy attended public schools in Birmingham, MI. She graduated from Stephens College, Columbia, MO, in 1949, where her principal studies were music and singing. She then taught ballroom dancing in Birmingham and sang often with her sister, Faye Elizabeth, who earlier performed professionally in several well-known Broadway productions during the forties in NYC. The Babcocks brought their family to Ithaca in 1964, where the three daughters attended Ithaca Schools before college. Active in the Ithaca Garden Club, she was a passionate and talented flower arranger, winning numerous awards, and she volunteered in decorating the hospital annually for the holiday season. She enjoyed golfing as a member of the Ithaca Country Club and social dancing at the Ithaca Yacht Club. She served as a board member of East Lawn Cemetery Association. Services were held at one o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, December 30, 2005, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 205 Cayuga Street, Ithaca, New York. Interment in East Lawn Cemetery will be delayed and private. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to The Garden Club of Ithaca, c/o Sue Hamilton, Treasurer, 201 Christopher Lane, Ithaca, New York 14850. Checks should be made out to The Garden Club of Ithaca in memory of Nancy Babcock. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of The Lansing Funeral Home, Inc., 32 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY (607) 533-8600.



YOLANDA E. (LANA) HANRAHAN

of Bloomfield Hills died December 26, 2005, age 82. Wife of the late James. Dear mother of Susan Hanrahan. Grandmother of Christopher J. Newberg, Sister of Norma G. Archbold, Gilda Bullock (Charles), Gloria Blanck Kroppe (William), Robert Papa (Betty), and the late Ronald J. Papa (Patricia). Jonathan Papa, A Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, December 30, at St. Regis Church, Bloomfield Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248 362 2500 Memorial Tributes, St. Regis Church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

### PATRICIA A. OBERMAN

Age 76. December 26, 2005, of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Roswell E. for 47 years. She will be greatly missed by her children, Debra C. Crissman (John), Susan D. Schurr (Stephen), Rebecca A. Kubik (Donald), William S. (Susan), and Thomas P. (Leanne), her grandchildren, Katy, Karen, Christine, Andrea, Andrew, Maggie, Patrick, Miranda, Daniel, and James, her sister, Joan Legg (Ned), her brothers, Thomas Donkin (Ruthann) and Arthur Donkin, and many loving relatives and friends. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday, January 8th, 12 noon, until memorial service 3:00pm, Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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- 2 Be a serious calorie counter.
- 3 Eat a good breakfast. Eight out of every 10 dieters who keep the weight off start the day with a good healthy meal. They reduce the size of meals as the day goes on and are less hungry by dinner time.
- 4 Be sure to keep yourself honest! Weigh in once a week and try to keep a diary of your successes and failures to see what works best for you.
- 5 Finally, get plenty of exercise! Diet alone won't do the job.

Sam e-mails from Shelby Township and recently heard from her doctor that she has a high glycemic index and wants to know more on the possible health implications.

A high glycemic index indicates how much and how fast food increases your blood sugar levels. Fast increases raise insulin levels. Those high insulin levels can mean an increased chance of an enlarged prostate and eventually cancer. Scientists looking at test subjects found a direct link between a high glycemic index and prostate cancer. This is important to know because in recent years, Americans have been taking in more sugar than ever before! In fact, they're not only eating it, they're drinking it as well. The main culprit here is pop. Other health problems related to high glycemic index include obesity, heart disease, and other dangerous conditions.

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# HEALTH

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## Death rates peak during the winter holidays

The holidays are upon us. A time to enjoy the season. A time to shop. A time to travel, and for some, a time to put off treating health problems until after the season ends.

Heart disease and heart attacks kill more people around Christmas and New Year's than any other time of the year. It's a phenomenon called the holiday effect, and it's at the heart of a study published in *Circulation*, *Journal of the American Heart Association*.

The holiday effect is an increase in death rates during the winter holidays, above and beyond what is normally expected for the season itself. According to the study, which looked at Christmas and New Year's, both cardiac and non-cardiac deaths spike on these holidays.

The study examined 53 million computerized death certificates of those people who died of natural causes between Dec. 25 and Jan. 7 from 1973 through 2001, excluding suicides, homicides and accidents. For

cardiac deaths, there were more deaths on Christmas than on any other day of the year. The second most common day for dying from cardiac death is Dec. 26 and the third most common day for dying is Jan. 1.

Previous research suggests factors such as overindulgence, emotional stress and respiratory problems may contribute to the holiday effect, but this study cites several potential additional factors related to holiday travel.

The study examined a number of alternative explanations for these findings including the possibility that people drink more alcoholic beverages on these occasions, their diets change, and their exercise habits change. One explanation is that sick people tend to delay seeking medical care during the holidays. Another is that there are often changes in the medical staff at hospitals during the holidays and, as a result, the quality of care might be compromised.

Though we can't do much about hospital staffing, the American Heart

Association suggests these tips to help keep your heart healthy during the holidays:

■ Don't skip regular appointments because of the holidays. Reschedule if you need to.

■ Stick to your healthy habits through the holidays, and help your family do the same.

■ Be sure you have enough of your usual medications to allow for holiday business/pharmacy closings and travel.

■ Check out the medical facilities where you'll be traveling. Ask your physician who you could see if you need a doctor away from home.

■ If you have heart attack symptoms, don't ignore them.

In addition, if family members with health concerns will be visiting, find out what medical care is available for them. If while traveling you experience a pain in your chest or some other kind of worrisome symptom, pay attention to those symptoms and

do something about it, just as you would if you were at home. Don't delay seeking care just because you're on holiday. Consumers should seek professional help immediately if they have cardiac symptoms, and they should try to see their usual health care providers.

In response to this trend in increased death rates during the holidays, coronary care units and emergency wards should be adequately staffed for the potential increase in patients.

According to the study, the number of people the holiday effect impacts is increasing over time and further research is needed to determine why. The study found the holiday effect occurred for both people with chronic heart conditions and for people with no prior history of heart problems.

For more information about risk factors and warning signs for cardiovascular disease, visit the American Heart Association Web site at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### JANUARY

##### Having a baby

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a six week childbirth education class 7-9 p.m. Monday Jan. 2 to Feb. 6. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery classes based on Lamaze Method and include exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant mom through labor. Includes information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role in Classroom 1 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register call (734) 655-1162.

##### Stress reduction workshop

Learn the seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress 6-15 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 3. The workshop also teaches Trigger Point Therapy which is a natural way to relieve tight and sore muscles at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. Guest lecturer is Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. No charge, but seat

ing is limited. To reserve a space call (734) 455-4444.

##### Pet-a-pet

Volunteers with social animals needed for visits in Canton at the HCR Heartland Center on Lilley, south of Warren. Visits are 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information and pet requirements call Pat Glinski at (313) 278-4428.

##### GEMS

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. Jan. 6 and every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families. Support group meeting from 7:15-8:15 p.m. For information call Karolyn Davis (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522-0036.

##### Recovery Inc.

The group meets Jan. 6 and every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information call (734) 464-0027.

##### 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.

##### Divorce support

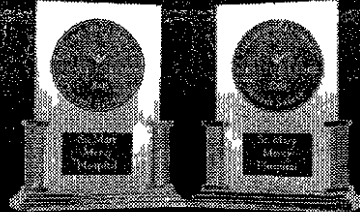
Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 10 and 24 an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues a certified financial planner from center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

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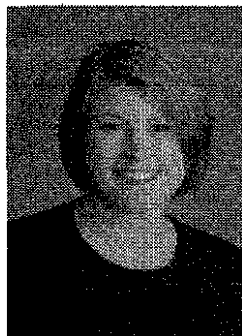
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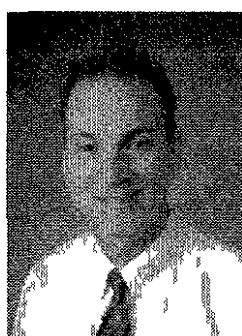


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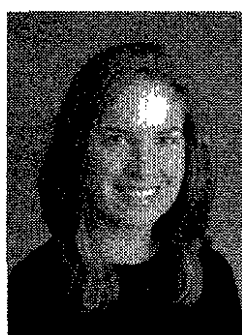
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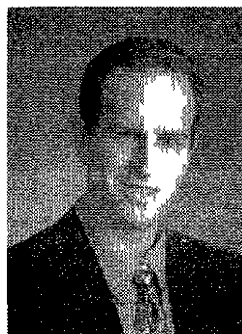
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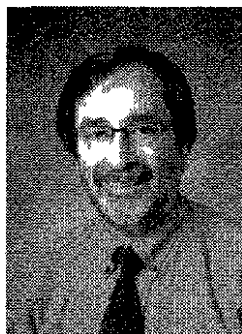
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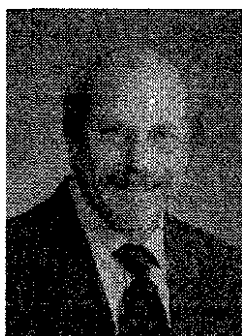
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Are you a mother considering a visit for your daughter? Think through of the intent of the visit. Is it a menstrual problem? Does your daughter need a resource for information?

A young lady's first visit with a gynecologist should be in a comfortable, relaxed and calm environment.

## What's a healthy weight?

While many young women focus on a number, we are more interested in your lifestyle. Establishing healthy patterns now helps lifelong vitality and reproductive health.

Eat from all food groups, emphasizing fruits and vegetables.  
Exercise regularly. Be kind to your body.

## What are symptoms of postpartum depression?

Many women go through hormonal changes during pregnancy and after delivery. Hormones produce chemical changes in the brain that may lead to depression.

Initially, a new mom may feel the "baby blues." These occur within about three days after delivery and go away within about ten days.

Postpartum depression is different from "baby blues." It can last from two weeks after birth to up to one year.

Symptoms include:

- losing interest or pleasure in life
- losing appetite
- having less energy and motivation to do things
- having a hard time falling asleep or staying asleep
- sleeping more than usual
- excessive crying or tearfulness
- feeling worthless, hopeless or overly guilty
- feeling restless, irritable or anxious
- experiencing unexplained weight gain or loss
- having thoughts about hurting yourself or your baby

During your post delivery checkup, we will talk about your physical and emotional health.

## When do I need a mammogram?

When you visit, we discuss family history and identify factors that may affect your health. This discussion helps us determine an appropriate time for your baseline mammogram, between 35 and 40 years of age.

At 40 years, plan an annual mammogram screening.  
Close relative with breast cancer? Your first mammogram may be at an even younger age.

## What are the symptoms of menopause?

It's a women's natural aging process, monthly menstruation ends. Hormonal changes leading up to menopause happen over several years, normally between the ages of 42 and 56.

The clearest sign of the start of menopause are irregular periods and when blood flow becomes lighter or heavier.

Additional signs may include the following: weight gain, hot flashes, insomnia, night sweats, vaginal dryness, joint pain, fatigue, short term memory problems, bowel upset, dry eyes, itchy skin, mood swings and urinary tract infections.

## After menopause, do I still need an annual exam?

Yes, including a breast exam, a check of your ovaries through a pelvic exam, a screen for cervical cancer through a Pap smear and a discussion about diet, nutrition and your emotional health.

Get a Pap smear about every three years after menopause. Low-risk women in their late sixties or early seventies may usually stop having Pap smears.

Emotionally, you'll probably experience new levels of satisfaction in your life. Women report having more fun in their everyday lives and enjoy their independence. Perhaps new freedom with less responsibility, retirement, travel or leisure activities encourages this period of great exploration.

Physically, you will probably feel much better as menopause symptoms and stress subside. As your body becomes accustomed to new hormone levels, you will begin to feel more comfortable in your body.

## When will I need a pelvic exam?

Within three years of becoming sexually active. If not sexually active, plan your first visit between 18 and 21 years of age.

## I want to talk with my daughter about growing up, but don't know what to say.

We will gladly talk with you about age appropriate information for your daughter. From you, she'll learn about sensitive topics such as development and contraception.

## When should I take prenatal vitamins?

As you begin to plan a family, talk with us about the many ways you can prepare your body for pregnancy, including prenatal vitamins. Taken before pregnancy, these help at the earliest stages of development, providing three very important nutrients: iron, folic acid and calcium.

Folic acid helps prevent birth defects very early in pregnancy. More iron meets the demands of pregnancy. Calcium helps build strong bones and teeth for your baby.

## Do I need to take calcium to avoid osteoporosis?

Life can be hectic in your twenties, thirties and forties with friends, family and work commitments. These years cover your reproductive and premenopausal stages. Calcium maintains bone stability and strength when bone mass normally decreases.

Eat two to three serving of dairy foods per day. If this is not in your diet, take a supplement to achieve about 1,000 mg of calcium per day.

Bones need exercise, just like muscles, to gain strength. Weight-bearing exercise, such as walking, dancing or lifting weights, help build strong bones.

## Do I need Pap smears after a hysterectomy?

It depends on your hysterectomy.

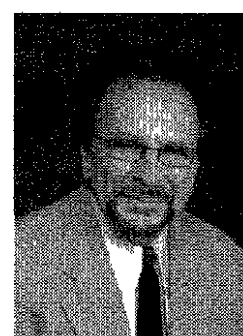
With a total hysterectomy, removing both cervix and uterus, you probably do not need an annual Pap smear. If only the uterus was removed, you do need the annual test. If cervical cancer was involved, you need a Pap smear.

After any hysterectomy, we continue annual pelvic exams.

## What can I expect after menopause?



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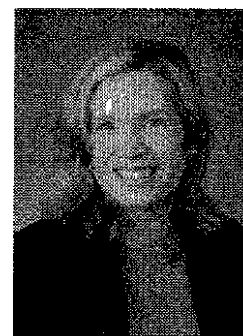
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# pink picks

- Sudoku**
- The velvet blazer with jeans
- Black, but thank God it's back!
- Glam cocktail rings
- Metallic handbags
- Kicked
- Flat or wedge boots and round-toe pumps — comfort came back in style!
- At-home Microdermabrasion
- Do. moe'd it!
- Get Behind Me Satan by The White Stripes
- Saw it!
- Walk the Line
- DVD'ed it!
- Sex & the City boxed set
- Worked it!
- The Ultimate New York Body Plan by David Kirsch

## PINK gals share New Year's resolutions

I asked PINK readers across Metro Detroit to tell us their New Year's resolutions for 2006. Let them inspire you to set some goals and hopefully keep them!



**'Make sure I say one compliment every day to my children. Make sure I kiss my husband before he leaves for work and when he comes home. And, although I don't have weight issues, I do believe staying active keeps you healthy, so I would like to join the YMCA or the school fitness facility.'**  
Annette Jaworski  
Writer and Mom Milford

**'Exercise and relaxation are my goals! I want to make a bigger commitment to staying fit and exercising. I also want to take at least 30 minutes out of my day to spend on me. Hopefully it will be spent reading a good book sitting on my living room couch. I'm not doing these things just for me though. I have children who are 6 and 9 years old. I want them to see that taking care of yourself physically and mentally are important, and to me being a good role model to them is the most important!'**  
Jill Engel  
Special Events Coordinator, Laurel Park Parisian, Livonia

**Hands-on people always have an exciting creative project on deck. Alas, this gorgeous design has been postponed far too long. So on Jan. 2, I will begin making a beautifully sculpted Anne Klein suit, from a subtly textured black Italian wool, and softening the high-collared military look with a ruffle of delicate and discreet black French Chantilly lace on each cuff. The godet flare of the long skirt forms a silhouette I've admired but not yet attempted. Yes! I can do it! Another resolu-**

**tion? Of course there's my Nordic Trak exercise machine that's been doubling as a drying rack. Perhaps I'll actually work out before each sewing session. It will be my holistic approach to a creative and healthy 2006.'**  
Toby Haberman  
Haberman Fabrics  
Royal Oak

**'For my friends and family I resolve to enjoy the gift of each minute when we spend time together — and not worry about what I was supposed to do yesterday, or tomorrow, or instead. A wonderful family and true friends are treasures that I resolve to delight more in during 2006! For my home — I resolve to get that new deck built that we've been planning for years. For myself — I resolve to say 'yes' when I want to say yes, and 'no' when I want to say no — with no regrets about either!'**  
Cheryl Hall Lindsay  
Fashion Diva Saks Fifth Avenue  
Troy

**'To reconnect with old friends with whom I've lost touch. Unfortunately, it seems everyone is too busy these days to make plans.'**

**After going to Paris with my family for Thanksgiving, I realized that I am the typical American that lacks respect and understanding of another language besides English. My goal is to study the French language with my daughters so they can travel abroad and be able to converse with the amazing people of our world. I also will be reading the Bible from beginning to end this year! The most amazing book**

**that was ever written has to be at the top of my list of bestsellers this year. My other goal is to learn how to play the blues on the piano. I have taken lessons on and off for many years and bought a new lesson book on playing the blues last year. It has sat there collecting dust, but this is the year that I will entertain my family and friends with the blues!'**  
Terri O'Brien  
President, Street Marketing  
Northville

**'My New Year's Resolution is to record another album this year. As a professional violinist, it's time for me to do another recording.'**  
Zhelinrentice 'Zhe' Ciampitt  
Violin Performer and Instructor  
Redford

**'My New Year's resolution is to be the best mom that I can be to my three-month-old daughter and to do everything I can to make her happy!'**  
Michelle Barber  
Receptionist  
Wixom

**'This year I want to learn to cook. 2005 has been a year of big change for me. I gave birth to my beautiful daughter, Lally, and became a stay-at-home mom. My husband and I always used to eat out, but now that I am a mother I want to do it right. When she grows up I want my daughter to have wonderful memories of her mom's cooking. No matter where she is in the world I want her to like her mom's turkey and stuffing the best. I got two cookbooks for Christmas and I am starting with one new recipe a week. I will be happy being at least a decent cook, but I hope to perfect a few signature dishes that I make great!'**  
Wendie DeLano  
Freelance Photographer and Mom  
Livonia

**'Sometime this year I will board a plane to China to bring home my daughter, whom I have never met. I have spent the last 18 months preparing for this. I have learned how to be**

**patient. I have learned the meaning of faith. In the new year I resolve to keep an open mind, keep learning and keep my feet on the ground!'**  
Shirley Sillars  
Copy Editor  
Ferndale

**'My New Year's resolution is to go after all my little aches and pains. They are minor annoyances, but why live with them? An achy shoulder, a bloated stomach after some meals, a stiff calf muscle now and then, elbow pain after golf, knee pain after skiing, etc. I will not accept these anymore. I will get to the root of them and then do what it takes to get rid of them once and for all!'**  
Ingrid Saffert  
Exercise Physiologist  
West Bloomfield

**'I usually don't make resolutions. This year, however, I am making three: Quit smoking, work out every other day and eat only low-fat, low-cholesterol food. I figure if I only do one of them I am still ahead of the game!'**  
Wendie Osborne  
Executive Assistant,  
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Plymouth's James Neal's rush to the net is thwarted by Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo during the second period of Wednesday's Ontario Hockey League match-up at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers won, 5-1.

## Puck stops here

Whalers' new goalie makes solid first impression on team, fans

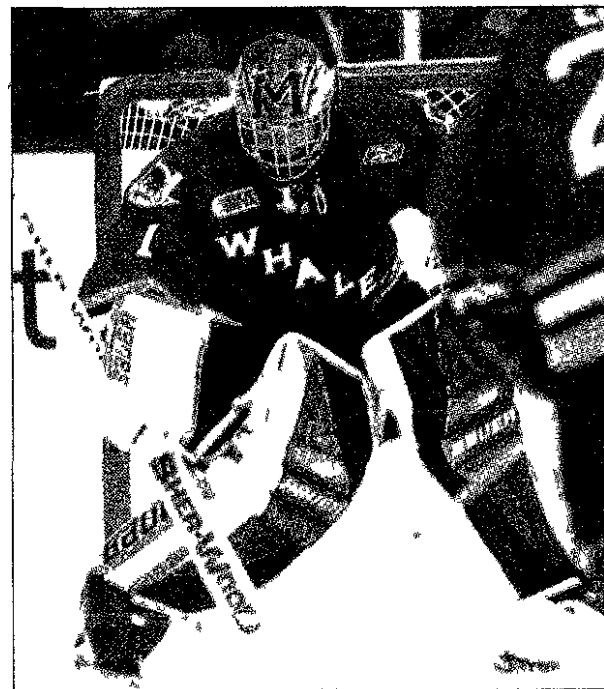
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Justin Peters hasn't been in Plymouth long enough to distinguish between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, but the Plymouth Whalers' new No. 1 goalie has proven in five games that he definitely knows his way around the goal crease.

Since he was acquired Dec. 9 from the Toronto St. Michael's Majors in exchange for fan favorite Ryan Nie and little-known Steve Spade, Peters has barricaded the path that leads to the back of the net. Flashing the skills that got him drafted in the second round of the 2004 NHL draft by the Carolina Hurricanes, the 19-year-old phenom has compiled a 4-1 record, .931 save percentage and 2.80 goals-against average.

"Justin is 6-foot-2 and 210 pounds, so he's a big guy," Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci said. "But he's not only big — he plays big. Justin has a lot of leadership qualities and character, and he's had some great success in the playoffs with Toronto."

PLEASE SEE PETERS, C3



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New Plymouth Whalers' goalie Justin Peters has been exceptional since he was acquired in a trade from Toronto Dec. 9. The 19-year-old net-minder has racked up a 4-1 record through Wednesday's victory over Windsor.

## Rested Whalers thump Spitfires, 5-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

D.J. Smith, whose team dropped to 13-19-2-2.

To paraphrase Forrest Gump, a hockey team's performance immediately following a lengthy break is like a box of chocolates — you never know what you're going to get.

Following his teams' 10-day holiday hiatus, Plymouth Whalers coach Mike Vellucci received something sweet Wednesday afternoon. A 5-1 victory over the rival Windsor Spitfires in a matinee game played before a jam-packed crowd of 3,715 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The game more closely resembled a lump of coal for Windsor coach

"You definitely don't know what you're going to get when you've been off a while like we have been," Vellucci confirmed. "The first 10 minutes of the game I thought we were great, but the second 10 it seemed like we sat back and didn't work as hard. It may have been a conditioning factor because the players have only been back for two days."

The triumph, which was fueled by a high-octane performance from recently acquired goalie Justin Peters, enhanced the first-place Whalers' record to 19-11-1-3, which equates to 42 points and a four-

point cushion over Saginaw in the OHL's West Division.

It was 'Kids Day' at Compuware Sports Arena Wednesday, which was appropriate considering the Whalers schooled their Canadian rivals over the final two periods. After Windsor's Cal O'Reilly lit the lamp mid-way through the first period, the Whalers controlled both ends of the ice, outshooting the Spitfires, 38-22.

Speaking of candy, Peters was as smooth as a Milky Way bar. The rangy net-minder drove the Spitfires nuts with a series of clutch saves on everything from break-aways to scrambles in front of the net. Altogether, the 6-foot-2, 210-pound

Carolina Hurricane draftee snuffed out 37 shots.

Peters' most dazzling flurry of saves came early in the third period when he denied a trio of frustrated Spitfires from close range within a two-minute span.

Justin Peters played very well, said Vellucci. "He's a great goalie and we're fortunate to have him on our team."

Plymouth secured its first post-break victory with a power play goal-packed second period that seemed to demoralize the Spitfires. Dan Collins ignited the three-goal barrage 1:44 into the 20-minute

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C3

## Wonderful Willie

Book captures Tiger legend Horton's lifelong fondness for baseball, Detroit

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Willie Horton beamed with pride when, in early October, Madonna University honored his good friends Mike and Marian Iitch by renaming the Crusaders' baseball field Iitch Ballpark.

Right after the ceremony, the former Detroit Tigers slugging outfielder congregated near the mound with a number of Madonna's current players to talk baseball.

Horton held court like an uncle with his nephews in the backyard.

He certainly looked comfortable chatting with those players, but that shouldn't come as a surprise. In Horton's life, baseball and family have always been near the top of his world, only surpassed by his religious faith.

That comes through loud and clear in the new Horton autobiography, *The People's Champion: Willie Horton*.

The 200-page book is the latest project of Wayne-based Immortal Investments Publishing and owner Michael J. Reddy. The book (\$29.95) is told in a first-person voice, but actually enlisted to write it was renowned national sports writer Kevin Allen.

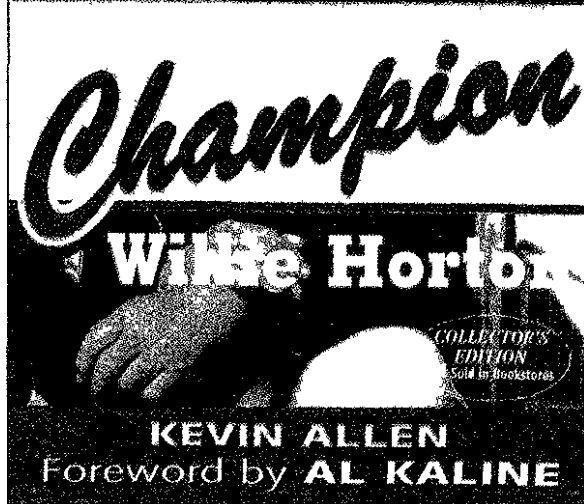
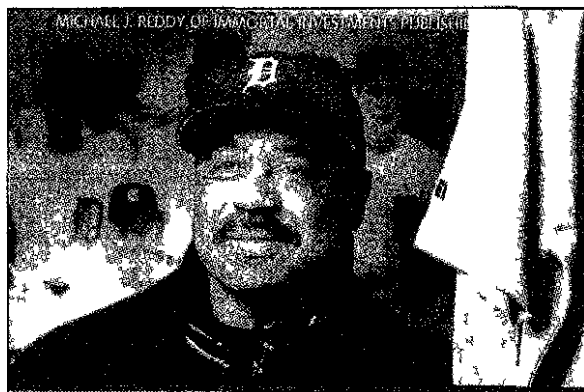
"Willie the Wonder," as the 63-year-old Horton was known during his Tigers heyday (1963-77), provided Allen with stunning clarity the details of who and what he has encountered since he first jumped into the limelight in 1959 — clubbing an opposite-field homer off the right-field roof at Briggs Stadium (later to become Tiger Stadium) during a Detroit Public School League championship game.

One of 21 children of stern Clinton ("Poppa") and Lillian ("Sis"), the Detroit Northwestern High School sensation quickly signed a professional contract with his beloved Detroit Tigers.

### GIVING CREDIT

Horton revisited themes of family values, friendship, loyalty and dedication throughout *The People's Champion* and he didn't let too many pages of the book go by without giving credit to his parents or to parental figures who guided him after the tragic Jan. 1, 1965, automobile accident that claimed Poppa and Sis.

For example, Detroit Tigers president and General Manager Jim Campbell gave Horton — who at that time was a 22-year-old kid struggling to become a major-league regular — a check for \$20,000 to handle his parents' funeral costs and pending medical bills.



This new book on former Detroit Tigers star Willie Horton is filled with warmth and humor.

Horton and Campbell forged a lifelong father-and-son-like bond that would remain strong, even despite the April 1977 trade to Texas that Horton blamed on then-Tigers manager Ralph Houk.

Another older mentor was his first Detroit manager, Charlie Dressen, who could cushion a tough message with a smile and a friendly arm around the shoulder. "You are going down on a 24-hour recall basis," Horton quoted Dressen telling him during early 1964 (Chapter 3). "I've seen guys never come back after going down on a 24-hour recall basis. You have to go down to Syracuse and work hard because when we bring you up the next time, we plan to play you every day."

Horton then said that Dressen "had a knack of being able to make you feel wanted while still bringing you to

### HOW TO ORDER

**What:** *The People's Champion: Willie Horton* as told to Kevin Allen is not available in book stores. It can only be ordered on-line ([www.immortalinvestments.com](http://www.immortalinvestments.com)) or via telephone, 1-800-475-2066.

**Publisher:** Immortal Investments Publishing of Wayne, Mich.

**Foreword:** By Tigers Hall-of-Famer Al Kaline. **Miscellaneous:** The Horton book (which sells for \$29.95) is the third written by Allen for IIP publisher Michael J. Reddy. Previous titles include *The Grateful Gadsby* and *Mr. and Mrs. Hockey*.

the realization that if you didn't have sweat equity in your investment, you were going to fail. He made me believe I could be a good major league ball player and also told me that there was a possibility I wouldn't make it unless I was willing to work at every aspect of the game."

The stocky power hitter never forgot those words of "tough love" and went on to enjoy an 18-year career with 325 homers, 1,163 RBI, a .273 batting average and one world championship — the 1968 Tigers, a team that Horton said saved the city of Detroit following the 1967 urban riots.

Among players Horton gave a tip of the cap to included Hall of Famer Al Kaline (who wrote the foreword for *The People's Champion*) and early Tigers teammate Rocky Colavito (on how veterans need to bring young players along).

Of course, ex-teammate Gates Brown always has been there for Willie. Brown coached the young Horton on the mechanics and mindset needed to hit major-league pitching. They are still the best of friends today. "Mull Digger" also recounts the 1967 Detroit riots, when he jumped into his car and drove over to 12th Street still wearing his Tiger uniform.

### DUTY CALLS

Other recollections: Denny McLain didn't do well in card games even when he was baseball's best pitcher; Norm Cash never laundered uniforms if he was in a hot

PLEASE SEE HORTON, C2

## Churchill spikers roll

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's volleyball team followed a four-step formula at Tuesday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational bump, set, spike, win.

The 19-0 Chargers turned in a nearly flawless performance, earning the first-place trophy with a 6-0 record.

"I was very pleased with our performance," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier. "The best thing about winning was that a lot of kids contributed all day. We were able to go 13 deep, so everyone played and everyone made a big contribution at some point."

The Chargers advanced to the championship rounds by sweeping Allen Park Cabrini (25-14 and 25-16), Detroit Henry Ford (25-5 and 25-6) and Sterling Heights Lakeview (25-15 and 25-13) in pool play.

Churchill spiked Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 25-12 and 25-13, in the quarterfinals before bumping Bad Axe, 25-13 and 25-21, in the semi-finals.


In the title tilt, the Chargers knocked off Chelsea, 25-11, 23-25 and 15-9.

"We started well in the third game against Chelsea," Grenier said. "We were up 6-0 and then we were able to serve out after that and keep it going."

Several players excelled for the Chargers, including Kalie Hobbins (10 kills, two blocks), Stephanie Bradshaw (25 digs, six service aces), Sarah Button (97 percent serving accuracy), Brynn Kerr (40 digs, 92 percent on service returns) and Katie Henneberger (five aces and 10 assists).

Chelsea advanced to the finals by ousting Plymouth.





**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
ORDINANCE #06-003**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 154 ZONING OF TITLE XV LAND USAGE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SECTION 154.386, PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES IN THE PR DISTRICT.**

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY REPEALS THE EXISTING SECTION 154.386 PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES IN THE PR DISTRICT, AND HEREBY ORDAINS**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL ENACT AN ORDINANCE WHICH REGULATES THE USES AND STRUCTURES IN THE PR DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS

**§ 154.386 PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES.**

(A) *Principal uses and structures* In all areas zoned PR Public Recreation District, no building shall be erected, used, or structurally altered nor shall the land or premises be used in whole or in part except for one or more of the following principal permitted uses:

- Public parks
- Picnicking areas
- Hiking and nature trails
- Bike paths
- Natural open space
- Swimming pools
- Golf courses
- Sports fields, courts, ice arenas/rinks and recreation areas
- Children's playground and playground equipment
- Special events
- Accessory uses to a park including ticket booths, guard houses, comfort station/restrooms
- Other uses not specifically listed in this subchapter after determination by the Zoning Administrator that the use is similar to other permitted uses in this district.

(B) *Special land uses* The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions specified for each use, compatibility with the adopted City-wide Master Plan and adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan, approval of the site plan, any special conditions imposed during the course of review, the provisions set forth in the § 154.387 of this subchapter, Development Standards and §§ 154.175 through 154.185 and §§ 154.415 through 154.417:

- Food or beverage facilities or equipment shops designed for the exclusive use of the patrons of the public park
- Community buildings including educational, social, neighborhood or community centers so long as the facilities serve the residents of the city and do not adversely impact adjacent residential areas. At the request of the Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission shall have the authority to determine the impacts created by any of the above uses and require measures to mitigate those impacts.
- Buildings used for the storage and maintenance of equipment for the parks
- Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, accessory towers and accessory antennas

(Ord 97 007 passed 12 1 97) Penalty see § 154.999

**§ 154.387 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

(A) *Required conditions* Unless otherwise noted, all uses within the PR Public Recreation District shall comply with the following requirements:

- All development shall be subject to the requirements in § 154.152 of this chapter.
- There shall be no outside storage of any goods, inventory or equipment except picnic tables and garbage cans. All storage must be within an enclosed building and clearly accessory to the principal permitted use.
- No permanent outdoor advertising shall be permitted except for those businesses not-for-profit groups or individuals that donate land or provide donations for the actual purchase of land or construction of the park and recreation facilities or provide donations for recreational activities and special events.
- No temporary signs, banners or flags shall be permitted except for those used during specific events. These temporary signs, banners or flags shall only be allowed to remain for the period of the event and must be removed immediately after the event.
- The need for off street parking, whether improved or unimproved, shall be determined on a site by site basis. In determining the need for off street parking, the function of the park (i.e. neighborhood, community or regional) and the uses proposed for the site will be taken into consideration, as well as the availability for shared parking. The parking space dimensions and parking lot design shall meet the standards in §§ 154.065 through 154.070.
- The height, type and size of fences and walls shall be determined on a site by site basis. At the request of the Recreation Commission, the height and type of the fences and walls may deviate from the standards in §§ 154.100 and 154.101 when a determination is made by the Planning Commission that it is for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

(B) *Site plan review* Site plan approval is required for all uses in the PR Public Recreation District in accordance with §§ 154.400 through 154.405.

(C) *Area height, bulk and placement requirements* Buildings and uses in the PR Public Recreation District are subject to the area height, bulk and placement requirements in Appendix A, Schedule of Regulations.

(Ord 97 007 passed 12 1 97) Penalty see § 154.999

**REPEALER**

Any section of the City Code in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Any prosecution, civil suit or other court proceeding which is pending on the effective date of this Ordinance and which arose from any violation(s) of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance, or a prosecution which is started within one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance arising from any violation of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance that was committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be tried and determined exactly as if the Ordinance had not been repealed.

**SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance hereby adopted shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts.

**DATE OF EFFECT**

This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2006.

JAYLEE LYNCH  
Mayor

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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**FIGURE SKATING LESSONS**

It's not too late to sign up and ring in 2006 with figure skating classes in Redford Township. The seven-week program, "Start the New Year with United Skates RS at Redford Arena," begins Monday, Jan. 2. Please call (248) 444-6921 to register. Classes are 30-minutes or 60-minutes long and typically take place between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. There also will be a trial rate available. Participants can skate for one week for \$10. For anyone opting to then register for the full program, the trial fee would be deducted from the total bill.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Jan 3  
Garden City at Churchill 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Franklin 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Edsel Ford 7 p.m.  
Dearborn at Wayne 7 p.m.  
Highland Park at Clarenceville 7 p.m.  
Luth Westland at Flat Rock 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan 6  
Churchill at Redford Union 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Franklin 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Belleville 7 p.m.  
Southgate at Clarenceville 7 p.m.  
Luth Westland at Huron Valley 7 p.m.  
Star International at Red Covenant 7 p.m.  
Divine Child at Novi CC 7:30 p.m.  
Ply Christian at Washtenaw Christian 7 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Wednesday, Jan 4  
A.A. Pioneer at Franklin 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan 5  
Ply Christian at Clarenceville 6:30 p.m.  
Luth Westland at Roeper 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 7  
Adrian Invitational 8:30 a.m.  
Grand Valley St. Inv. 8:30 a.m.  
W.L. Central Tourney 9 a.m.  
Romulus Summit Tourney 9:30 a.m.  
Clawson Tournament TBA  
Troy Invitational TBA

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Wednesday, Jan 4  
Franklin vs Stevenson (Edgar) 8 p.m.  
Novi CC vs U.D. Jesuit at Detroit City Arena 6:30 p.m.  
Taylor Truman at Plymouth at Plymouth Cultural Center 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan 5  
Redford Unified vs Bloomfield Hills Unified at Detroit Skating Club 6 p.m.  
Ladywood vs G.P. South at Detroit City Arena 7:30 p.m.  
(A.A. Pioneer Tourney at Ice Cube)  
Churchill vs Birm. Unified 5 p.m.  
A.A. Pioneer vs Milford 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan 6  
A.A. Pioneer Tourney 5 & 7:30 p.m.  
Franklin vs South Lyon  
Ladywood vs Mercy at Edgar Arena 6 & 8:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena 8:20 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 7  
Churchill vs Lakeland  
Franklin vs W.L. Northern at Lakeland Arena 1:20 & 3:20 p.m.  
Mason vs Plymouth  
Compuware Arena 6:40 p.m.  
P.H. Northern vs Novi CC


at Compuware Arena 7 p.m.  
Salem vs Chelsea  
at Arctic Coliseum 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at SCS Unified 7:30 p.m.

**PREP WRESTLING**  
Thursday, Jan 5  
Divine Child at Luth Westland 5:15 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Highland Park 6 p.m.  
Lincoln Park at Redford Union 6 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin 6:30 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Stevenson 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Northville 6:30 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Salem 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Western 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 7  
Fordson Invitational 8 a.m.  
Richmond Invitational 9 a.m.  
Romulus Summit Inv. 9:30 a.m.  
Wyandotte Invitational 10 a.m.  
South Lyon Invitational 10 a.m.  
Saginaw Heritage Invitational 10 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Jan 5  
Saine Univ. of Detroit Jesuit at Stevenson 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 7  
Southfield Relays 11 a.m.  
W. Bloomfield Invitational 1 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Northern 1 p.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Tuesday, Jan 3  
Canton at Brighton 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan 5  
Wayne Westland at Northville 7 p.m.  
Walled Lake vs Livonia Unified at Churchill H.S. 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Hartland 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 7  
Canton at Rockford Invitational 10 a.m.

**PREP BOWLING**  
Wednesday, Jan 4  
Clarenceville vs Divine Child  
Ladywood vs F.H. Harrison  
at Cherry Hill Lanes 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan 5  
Ladywood vs Hartland  
at Alpine Valley 3:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan 6  
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Wednesday, Jan 4  
Concordia at Madonna 7:30 p.m.  
Fint Mott at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
ORDINANCE #06-002**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 154 ZONING OF TITLE XV LAND USAGE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SECTION 154.117, FACILITIES AND SERVICES PERMITTED UNDER THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ORDINANCE.**

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY REPEALS THE EXISTING SECTION 154.117 FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND HEREBY ORDAINS**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL ENACT AN ORDINANCE WHICH REGULATES THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PERMITTED THROUGH THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS

**§ 154.117 FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Wireless telecommunication support structures (towers) and wireless telecommunication facilities (antennas) are permitted upon special land use approval, site plan review and approval subject to the requirements of the adopted Master Plan, subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed in §§ 154.118 through 154.121 and subject further to the special land use procedures of §§ 154.415 through 154.417. Special Use Regulations in all districts and if approved, constructed and maintained in accordance with the standards and conditions of this subchapter and also subject to the following criteria and standards:

- Wireless telecommunication facilities shall be of a design such as a steeple bell tower, flagpole or other form which is compatible with the existing character of the proposed site, neighborhood, and general area as approved by the Planning Commission and shall comply with the location requirements of § 154.120 in all districts.
- Site locations shall be permitted on a priority basis on the following sites subject to application of all other standards contained within this subchapter:
  - Municipally owned sites
  - Other governmentally owned sites
  - Religious or other institutional sites
  - Public or private school sites
- Monopole towers shall be permitted in lieu of an alternative design within the M1 district and PR district provided that the towers are set back at least 300 feet from the public Right of Way and shall comply with the location requirements of § 154.120.
- No wireless telecommunication facilities shall be permitted on a privately owned residential lot of record.

(Ord 97 002 passed 6 16 97) Penalty see § 154.999

**REPEALER**

Any section of the City Code in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Any prosecution, civil suit or other court proceeding which is pending on the effective date of this Ordinance and which arose from any violation(s) of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance, or a prosecution which is started within one (1) year after the effective date of this ordinance arising from any violation of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance that was committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be tried and determined exactly as if the Ordinance had not been repealed.

**SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance hereby adopted shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts.

**DATE OF EFFECT**

This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2006.

JAYLEE LYNCH  
Mayor

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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# Carson-led Trojans nip Cardinals

Livonia Clarenceville's Donnie Carson did everything except sweep the floor at halftime during the Trojans' 49-45 victory over Melvindale in Wednesday's Detroit Country Day Roundball Classic. The senior tallied 26 points, 14 rebounds, four steals, three blocks and recorded a key steal and layup with the score tied 45-45 with a minute left. Two of his 26 came on an alley-oop reverse dunk that proved to be a belated Christmas present for those in attendance. Also contributing to the Trojans' cause were Raymond Gardner (11 points and four assists) and Jarrod Rice, who netted nine points and six boards. David Davis paced Melvindale with 17 points. The game was deadlocked at

## HORTON

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streak, Horton negotiated a 'rookies contract' to play for the Seattle Mariners in 1979. Because that deal was incentive-laden, Horton (who smacked 29 homers and drove in more than 100 runs that year) wound up making more money than any other season. Horton, with a sense of duty, also met with Campbell and Tigers owner John Fetzer in spring 1969 about the lack of black players with the team. At that time, he was the only African-American non-pitcher to be a regular with the Tigers. Whether or not the conference was the catalyst, Campbell quietly promoted black infielder Ike Brown a month later. "Can't say for sure whether my discussion with Fetzer and Mr. Campbell played a role in that decision to promote Ike. But I certainly know that I made Mr. Campbell think about the situa-

## PREP HOOP

13-all after one quarter before Clarenceville jumped to 26-20 halftime advantage. The Cardinals cut their deficit to 37-35 after three quarters before knotting the game at 45-45 with 60 ticks left. That's when Clarenceville slapped a full-court press on the Cardinals, which led to Carson's theft and layup. Following a Melvindale miss, Gardner was fouled and canned 1-of-2 free throws. Clarenceville's final point came when Carson made 1-of-2 free shots after Melvindale's coach was whistled for a technical foul. Clarenceville sank 8-of-14 free throws, Melvindale was 6-of-8 from the line.

## HEARTFELT

Following his playing days, Horton endured some tough times adjusting to post-baseball life as most former players do. But his wife, Gloria, other actual family members and his "extended" family (players and fans he met along the way) all played roles in varying degrees to help Willie stay on track, eventually return to the Detroit Tigers (as part of an executive committee under the Ilitch ownership) and reconnect with people who never really forgot about him. Horton never forgot about them, either. It is why he continues to give back, as he did so willingly that afternoon in Livonia with the MU ballplayers. *The People's Champion*, chock-full of photos and stories, is another example. It is a "from-the-heart" Tiger tale that all Detroiters should want for their library.

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP PD  
(734) 453-3869  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**


Notice is hereby given that on January 6 2006 at 10 a.m. at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Road Plymouth MI a public auction of the following:

1994 Toyota	Terrel	JT2EL43T6R0469903
1989 Ford	Ranger	1FTCR10A3KUC63192
1985 Buick	Riviera	1G4EZ57Y7FE442124
1996 Ford	Escort	1FASP11J2TW120276
2003 Dodge	Ram	1D7HU18D63S307109
1993 Buick	Century	1G4AG5N2P6426471
1993 Ford	Escort	1FAPP15J5PW355776
1999 Chevrolet	Blazer	1GNDT13W7X2165175

At 11:00 a.m. at Gardner's Towing 9185 General Drive Plymouth MI

1993 Ford	T Bird	1FAPP6248PH174963
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
FINAL PROPOSED  
PROJECT STATEMENT  
CDBG ALLOCATION  
PROGRAM YEAR 2006**

Pursuant to federal guidelines on December 19, 2005 subsequent to a Public Hearing, the City Council of the City of Garden City resolved to propose the following projects for funding by the Community Development Block Grant Program (Program Year 2006).

**OBJECTIVES.**

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low to moderate income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low to moderate income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.
- To improve public facilities.

ESTIMATED ALLOCATION	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
\$94,900	City wide Housing Rehabilitation
\$21,900	Public Service Activity (Funding for Senior Center Coordinator 15% of Total Allocation)
\$14,600	CDBG Administration (10% of Total Allocation)
\$14,600	Planning (10% of Total Allocation)
<b>\$146,000</b>	<b>Total Proposed Allocation (Estimate)</b>

*10% of all Lien Repayments go toward administration costs of the housing rehab program, and overall cost of administration of the CDBG program. 15% of all Lien Repayments will go toward the cost of the Public Service Activity Senior Center Coordinators Salary.*

The Following Items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:

1	The availability of County wide funds
2	The repayment of previous housing rehabilitation loans through lien captures
\$50,000	Estimated Additional Housing Rehabilitation Funds from Wayne County
\$5,000	Program Income/Revolving Fund
<b>\$201,000</b>	<b>Possible Total Allocation (Estimate)</b>

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**PETERS**

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"He was with Toronto for three-and-a-half years and he wanted a change of scenery. It was tough giving up Ryan Nie, but we got another quality guy in return."

**REQUEST GRANTED**

After leading Toronto to three deep runs in the OHL playoffs, Peters requested a trade earlier this season. He didn't demand to be traded to Plymouth, but he couldn't be happier that Compuware Sports Arena is now his home away from home.

"It's been a pretty smooth transition since the trade," Peters said as he stood in the Whalers' locker room a few minutes after Wednesday afternoon's 5-1 shellacking of Windsor. "This is a class organization and I'm happy to be here."

"Right after the trade, we went on a four- or five-day road trip, so I've been living out of a laundry basket for a couple of weeks. But the trip actually worked out well because it gave me a chance to get to know the guys better."

**TOUGH GOODBYES**

Even though Peters asked to be moved, it didn't make saying goodbye to his long-time teammates any easier.

"It was pretty emotional," he

said. "But I didn't really have a lot of time to say goodbye. I got the call that I had been traded at 11 a.m. and was on the road by 3 that afternoon, so all I could do was make some calls. I really liked my teammates in Toronto, but I felt that I needed a change."

Along with his size and agility in front of the net, Peters brings several intangibles to the division-leading Whalers.

"I enjoy playing in pressure situations, especially in the playoffs," Peters said. "I'll work hard every night and give my team a chance to win."

"Off the ice, my new team and old team are pretty similar. All the guys and the coaches are great. On the ice, Plymouth plays a more defense-oriented game than Toronto, which I like."

**POSTSEASON STAR**

Peters' OHL career commenced in the summer of 2002 when he was drafted in the third round (59th overall) by Toronto. His three-year playoff statistics are as impressive as his combination of size and talent. He's allowed an average of just 2.29 goals per post-season game with a 92.9 save percentage.

So while it may take a while for the newcomer to southeastern Michigan to learn some of the area's tricky street names, he's no stranger to "Victory Lane."

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**Penguins earn Ladywood title**

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

**PREP HOCKEY**

Woods Regina, 0-0, in Tuesday's semi-final game at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth. Victory Honda, an elite 14-and-under unit, advanced by knocking off the host Blazers in the other semi-final showdown.

"I think the girls were a little taken aback when (Victory Honda) scored against us," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Victory Honda has some very strong skaters and they're quick. If you walked in and watched them play, you'd never know they weren't a high school team."

"Between the second and

third periods, the girls calmed down a little and played their game in the third period. It will only help us down the road to play in a close game like that because we have some tough teams coming up."

Kelsey Nikkila and Emily Patton gave the Penguins a 2-0 lead during the game's opening seven minutes. They were assisted by Ashley LaBlanc, Zimmerman, Adrenne Cercone and Edra Burris. Stephane Smith's goal with 4:26 left in the opening stanza cut PCS's lead to 2-1.

Smith knotted the game at 2-2 when she beat Penguin goalie Kriste Kowalski (21 saves) with just 1:16 left in the second period.

"Kriste made some big saves down the stretch," Callahan added.

Zimmerman was the star of the Penguins' semi-final win, scoring five goals to increase her team-leading total to 15. Cercone, Burris, LaBlanc, Keely Kowalski and Stephane Murray also found the back of the net for the Penguins.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR AND  
SPECIAL MEETINGS  
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved minutes for Regular and Special Meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of November 2005 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

Community Center 12121 Hemmingway  
Library 25320 Six Mile Road  
Department of Public Services 12200 Beech Daly  
Police Department, 25833 Elanore  
Town Hall 15145 Beech Dale

Approved minutes may also be viewed on line at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com)

GARTH J. CHRISTIE Clerk  
Charter Township of Redford

Published January 1 2006

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381  
OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OF 1996, AS AMENDED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing shall be held before the Redford Township Board at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 24 2006 at the Redford Township Hall 15145 Beech Dale Redford MI 48239 on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the Township of Redford within which the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996 as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield property:

Land situated in the Charter Township of Redford County of Wayne State of Michigan described as follows: The parcels located between Glendale Street to C & O Railroad and Berwyn Street to Centralia Street specifically including the property having the address of 12600 Norborne

A description of the property along with maps and a copy of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the Redford Township Hall 15145 Beech Dale Redford MI 48239 and Redford Township District Library 25320 Six Mile Road Redford MI 48240

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Michael Dennis Director  
Community Development Department  
Charter Township of Redford

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**INVITATION TO BID  
BID PACKAGE NO. 1  
CHURCHILL H.S. AUDITORIUM  
ALTERATIONS  
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting Selective Demolition Concrete Drywall/Plaster Wood Flooring Painting & Electrical Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor materials equipment and all other services to complete the renovation work at the above referenced school located in the Livonia Public Schools.

Specifications and proposal forms can be obtained at George W Auch Company business office 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48343 for a \$50.00 refundable bidder's fee (per set) in the form of a check made payable to Livonia Public Schools.

Your proposal marked "SEALED BID: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - CHURCHILL AUDITORIUM ALTERATIONS" will be accepted NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006 TO LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, Attn. Rodney Hosman, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, or to the GEORGE W. AUCH COMPANY, 735 S. PADDOCK, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48341. IF MAILING YOUR PROPOSAL VIA THE POST OFFICE, SEND TO: GEORGE W. AUCH COMPANY, 735 S. PADDOCK, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48341. Oral, telephone fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday January 25, 2006 in the Board Room at Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia Michigan 48154.

A pre bid walk through is scheduled for Friday January 13, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at Churchill H.S. 8900 Newburgh road Livonia, MI 48150. This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Livonia Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws and prevailing wage rates of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide financial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public School Board or the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$18,915 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids either in whole or in part to award contract to other than the low bidder to waive any irregularities and/or informalities, and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the owner.

LYNDA L SCHEEL Secretary  
Livonia Board of Education

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD  
ORDINANCE NO. 268  
SNOW REMOVAL**

At the Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Board of Trustees held on December 20 2005 at 5:30 p.m. the following Ordinance was approved:

**AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE TO ESTABLISH A VIOLATION AS A CIVIL INFRACTION, AND TO SET A CIVIL FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:**

- That the Code of Ordinances Charter Township of Redford is hereby amended by a Section to be numbered by the Code Administrator which section reads as follows:
  - A The occupant of every lot or parcel of land adjoining any sidewalk or the owner of such lot or parcel of land if unoccupied shall be responsible for clearing ice or snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or parcel of land within 24 hours of its accumulation for the commercial districts and within 72 hours for the residential districts.
  - B A person who violates this section is responsible for a municipal civil infraction.
  - C The fine for the first violation occurring during a given October 1 through May 1 period shall be Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate infraction. For each additional day that such infraction occurs or for a separate subsequent violation of this Ordinance the fine shall be Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.
  - D A continuing violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a nuisance per se and an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public and the Township may take appropriate action to abate the nuisance and place a lien for the cost of the abatement against the property.
- Repeal All Ordinances, resolutions or orders or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict repealed.
- Savings Clause If any sections paragraph clause or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional the invalidity or unconstitutionality of such section paragraph clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.
- Authority The adoption of the Ordinance is done under the authority of Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1945 (MCL 41.181 et seq.) as amended and shall apply to all lands within the corporate limits of the Township and beyond where provided by law. It is needed to ensure the health safety and welfare of the residents of the Township.
- Effective Date This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk and shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in said Township within ten (10) days after its passage and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

AYES Fleming Brang Christie McRae Stryer  
NAYS Kobylarz Handy  
ABSENT None

ADOPTED 5/2 December 20 2005

Anyone who would like to review the ordinance in its entirety may do so at the Clerk's Office Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE CMC  
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Published January 1 2006

**WHALERS**

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segment when he banged in a rebound shot from the doorstep past Windsor net-minder Anthony Guadagnolo. John Armstrong and Wes Cunningham were credited with assists.

Five minutes later, Plymouth's Zack Shepley tallied his first goal of the 2005-06 campaign when he lased the puck into the back of the net from 30 feet out. Andrew Fournier and Derek Merlini notched helpers on the goal. Jared Boll closed out the

second-period scoring with a goal that was assisted by Mike Letizia and James Neal.

Tom Sestiro added an insurance marker — his sixth of the season — 2:23 into the final period.

Plymouth's Gino Pisellini brought the enthusiastic crowd to their feet with 8:35 left when he earned an unanimous decision over Windsor's Mike Weber in a short but action-packed tussle in front of the Spitfires' net.

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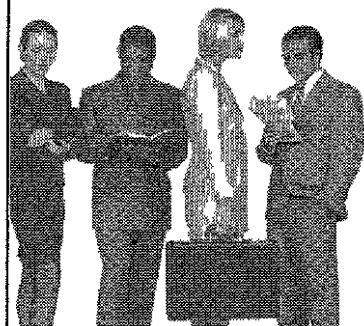
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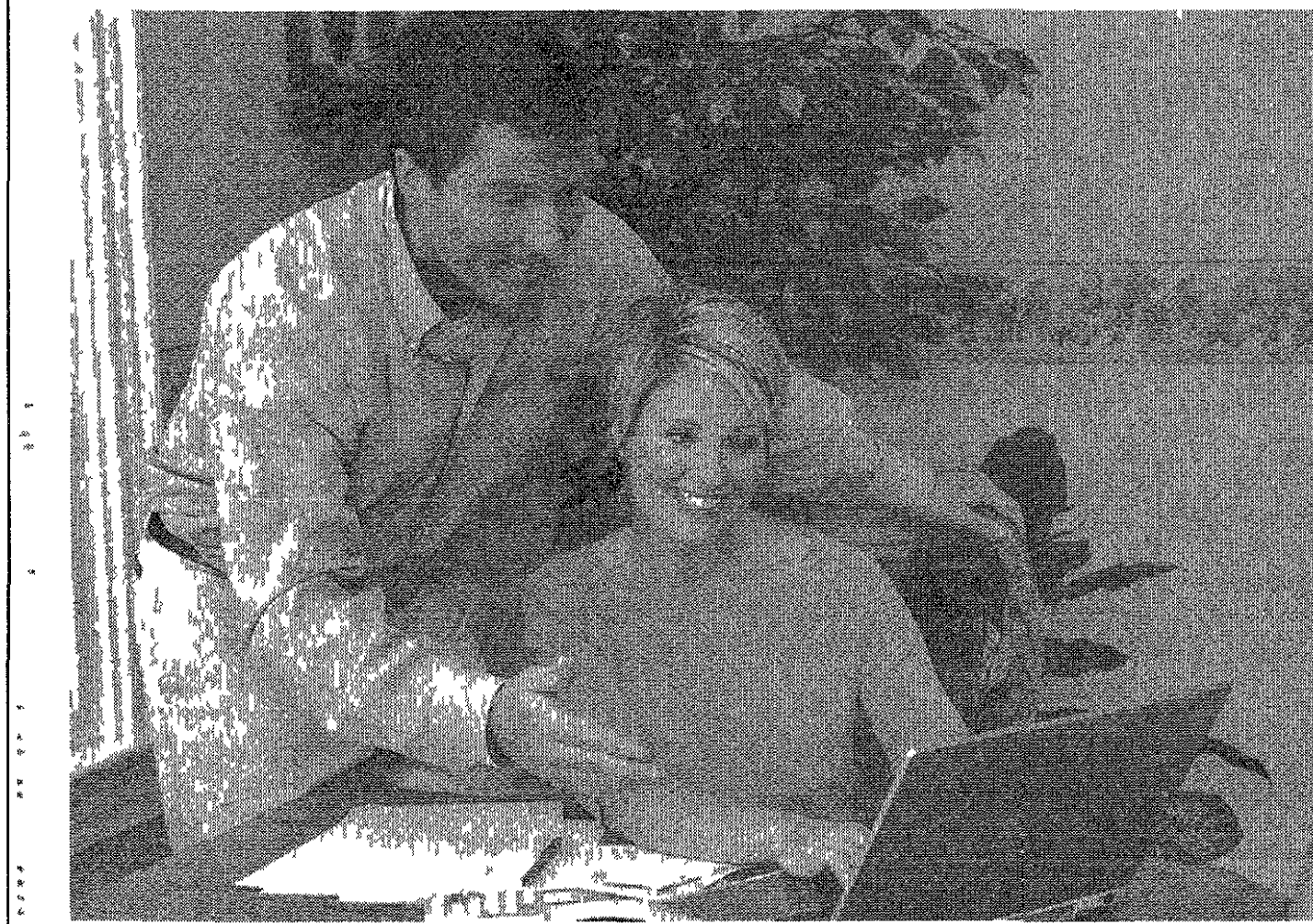
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**2006 Mercedes-Benz ML350 has panache**

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When I first saw a Mercedes-Benz SUV a few years ago, I thought I heard the voice of Jimmy Durante in my head. Everybody's gotta get into the act," he used to say, and Mercedes-Benz wanted a piece of the SUV act. I was impressed with the first Mercedes SUVs in the late-90's, and the all-new 2006 ML350 does nothing to change my feelings - it's an SUV with style and performance.

Let's start with the exterior. One look and you know it's a Benz. The classic grille with the symbol known around the world as Mercedes-Benz is front and center. This new version of the ML350 is bigger than its predecessor, it's almost 6 inches longer, almost 3 inches wider and 0.2 inches lower on the road, with a wheelbase that's almost four inches longer, at 114 inches. The ML350 features an aggressive wedge shape complemented by sweeping front fenders with projector beam headlights, dramatic shoulder lines and a sharply angled windshield, 17" seven-spoke wheels, roof rack, and power outside mirrors with turn indicators built in. It's a sharp-looking package that doesn't overwhelm you.

Inside, the feel is comfortable, with plenty of room. The standard power seats provide good support and a good view of the road. Instrumentation includes a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge. What's different about the cockpit in the ML350, and its more expensive ML500 sibling, is that the transmission gear lever is mounted on the steering column instead of in the center console (more on the transmission in a bit).

The ML350 comes with a host of standard features. Dual zone air-conditioning, cruise control, power windows, doors and locks, heated rearview mirrors, and tilt steering column. The standard audio system on the ML350 is a four speaker, 80-watt system with AM/FM/Weatherband/CD



2006 Mercedes-Benz ML350. Vehicle class: Special purpose. Where built: Tuscaloosa, AL. Mileage: 16/20. Base price: \$39,750. Price as tested: \$52,725

stereo and integrated controls for CD changer. You can control its functions from the steering wheel. The CD changer is optional, and you can connect an iPod or other mp3 player directly into the system using an input located in the glove box. An integrated GPS navigation system and Sirius satellite radio are also available.

There's plenty of room and storage in the ML350. The 60/40 rear seats fold down to give you up to 72 cubic feet of cargo room, and there are plenty of large cupholders, map pockets and auxiliary power outlets.

The ML350 is a full-time four-wheel drive SUV. It's powered by a 3.5-liter, four-valve-per-cylinder V6, that's rated at 268 hp and 258 lb-ft of torque. It's mated with a seven-speed automatic touch shift transmission. As mentioned earlier, the lever is located on the steering column, and it's a bit different than what you might be used to. Lift the stalk up for reverse, push down for drive, and push a button on the end for park. Once underway, pushing either one of the shift buttons on the "back" of the steering wheel provides manual gear changes. It's not really necessary to do the gear changes yourself - the transmission shifts smoothly and effortlessly, even when suddenly downshifting. The engine-transmission combination provides plenty of power and acceleration.

The ML350 gives a great ride, too, with inde-

pendent front and rear suspension. The front suspension features upper and lower control arms in a double-wishbone configuration and uses spring struts with coil springs, gas shocks and large head bearings, and a stabilizer bar attaches to the lower control arms. The rear suspension is mounted to a subframe that is isolated from the body by two solid rubber bushings and two hydro-mounts that are filled with a liquid that helps to dampen vibration. Separate shock absorbers are positioned behind the coil springs, and a stabilizer bar is included.

If you get the urge to take your \$40,000-plus Mercedes off road, you can. Another standard feature of the ML350 is an "Off-Road" button on the center console. Pushing this gets you ABS at speeds under 20 mph, traction control, higher shift points, and a slower throttle valve for better speed control.

The 2006 ML350 starts at about \$40,000. Add the sunroof, navigation system, air suspension, upgraded audio system and you're at almost \$53,000. A lot for some, but not totally out-of-line compared with other luxury SUVs - and some of those aren't really ready for off road activity. If your checkbook can handle it, it's a nice SUV to have in your driveway.

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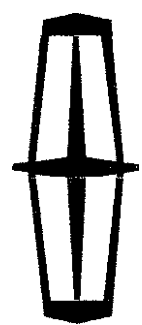
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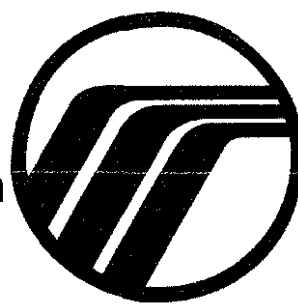
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When completed in 2008, Petoskey Pointe will incorporate an entire city block adjoining the town's historic Gaslight District

## Petoskey Pointe to transform resort town

BY JOE BAUMAN  
STAFF WRITER

A former Detroit Red Wing and a Bloomfield Hills-based architect are helping to create a dramatic new entry into the already crowded northern Michigan resort market.

Despite Michigan's lagging economy, developers are ready to begin construction of Petoskey Pointe, an \$80 million mixed use project featuring a luxury hotel, condominium and retail shops in downtown Petoskey.

When completed, the development will encompass an entire block adjoining the city's historic Gaslight District and overlooking Little Traverse Bay.

A restaurant, indoor swimming pool and spa, movie theater, conference center, bank with drive thru, public plaza and a public-private parking structure will be included in the mixed used project developed by Lake Street

Petoskey Associates, LLC, a group of investors including former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccirelli. The architect is Alexander V. Bogart & Associates of Bloomfield Hills.

Located between U.S. 31, Petoskey Street, Mitchell and Lake Streets, site work is slated to begin in early next spring with completion scheduled for 2008.

"The concept and the design fits with Petoskey's historic character," said Jim Wilson of Lake Street Petoskey Associates. "It will enhance the allure of the area as a four-season destination and complement Petoskey's reputation as a setting of the region's finest accommodations."

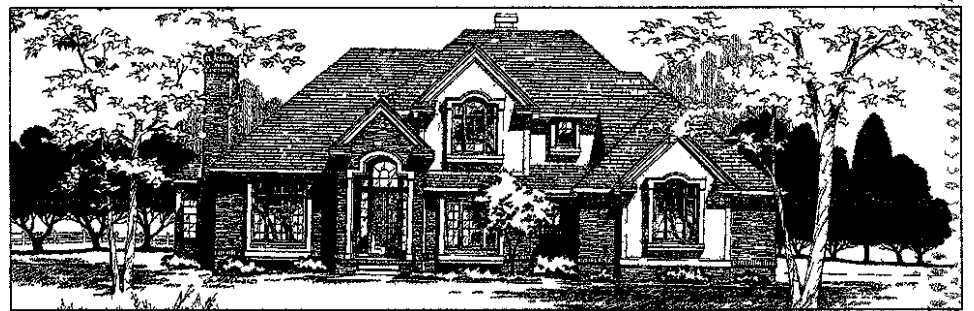
The final design incorporates recommendations made by a Blue Ribbon panel appointed by the city's planning commission as well as resident input made during nearly 25 public hearings on the project. Voters approved the project last spring.

When complete, Petoskey Pointe will add a half-million square feet of space downtown. A public plaza will also be added as a central place for local art fairs and outdoor celebrations.

"We've already enjoyed a great deal of interest from individuals who want an up north residence that is pretty much maintenance free," said Wilson. Such requests mimic a trend evidenced in the growing popularity of hotel-condos nationwide, which offer worry-free enjoyment of resort home ownership plus significant amenities.

Company officials said Petoskey Pointe is expected to create more than 100 new jobs during construction and add 120 permanent positions upon completion. An estimated \$12 million in taxes is expected to be generated for the city.

For more information call (888)-841-5446 or visit [www.PetoskeyPointe.com](http://www.PetoskeyPointe.com).



## Hartford appears larger than life

The Hartford 1 (D2458) is a solid appearing home with symmetrical exterior. The large windows are decorative and functional. The arched front porch provides a look of grandeur, as does the large brick fireplace chimney. The garage for this home is on the right side with the doors facing the side. The window in the end of the garage matches and complements the windows of the main home.

The entry to the Hartford 1 is tiled from the front door to the stairs. A formal dining room with a coffered ceiling and large window is across the hall from a cozy den with a fireplace. The den is vaulted and has French doors to main part of the home and a sliding door into the master suite.

The main suite area of the master bedroom is also vaulted and has French doors into the entry area. Through a hall with a walk-in closet on one side and a wall closet on the other is master bath. It has a raised corner spa tub, divided sinks, two linen closets, and a private toilet area. There is a diamond shaped shower in the center of the room. A door in the rear opens onto a covered verandah decorated with large transoms.

More transoms decorate the rear of the home off the vaulted great room. It also has a see-through fireplace on the right side.

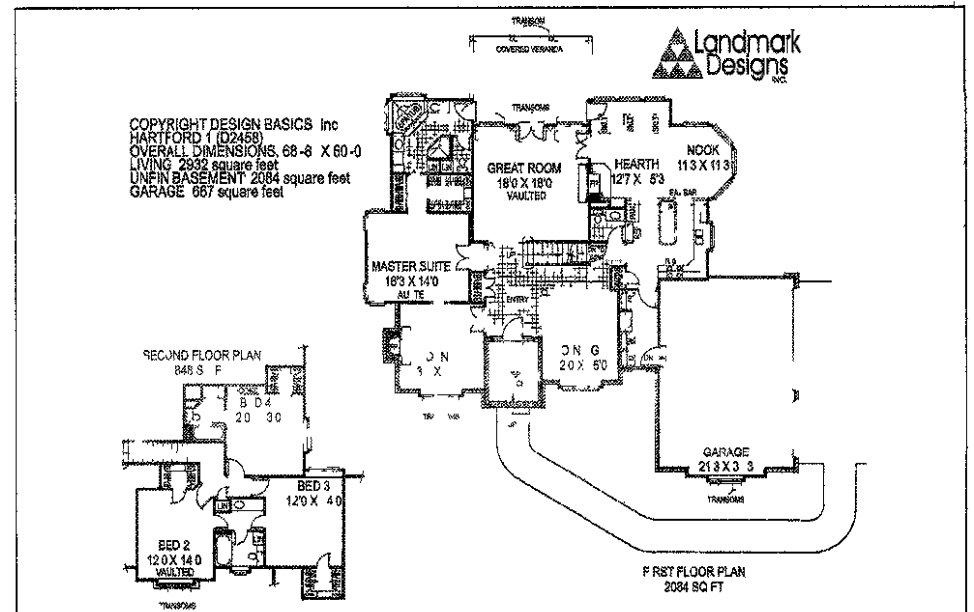
Through French doors, the hearth/nook area is brightened with three skylights. The nook is angled with windows all around.

The kitchen has an island eating bar, with a garden window over the sink, and a pantry adjacent. The kitchen is long and open with another storage closet at the other end.

The utility runs adjacent to the garage and contains the washer/dryer, a sink, and the freezer. Easy access between the garage and the kitchen is through a door at one of the utility.

The upstairs area of this brick home contains 848 square feet and has three other bedrooms and two baths. All of the bedrooms have square walk-in closets and a direct access to bathrooms. Bedroom two is vaulted with transom window overlooking the front of the home. Bedroom three has a window seat window facing the rear of the home. Bedroom four has a smaller window seat with built-in bookshelves.

For a study plan of the HARTFORD 1 (D2458), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Sagunaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at [www.lidplans.com](http://www.lidplans.com).



## Consider these factors when pricing your home

What do I have to keep in mind when I price my house?

Remember that three people must be in agreement with the price that you sell your house, other than yourself: The buyer, the appraiser, and the underwriter.

■ The buyer: Normally, when you go to a retail store, you don't have the option to negotiate the price. This isn't true when it comes to selling your house. Your purchase price will ultimately be based on its market value, what buyers are willing to pay for your house. It is a mistake to price your house well above the market value.

It's almost like fishing. If you put bait on a hook and put it 20 feet above a school of fish, you will most likely get no bites. If



Michael Aldouby

you put the bait two feet above the school, you may get a few bites, and if you put the bait right in the hearth of the school of fish, you will get many bites.

If you price your house well above the market value, you will get no bites, if the asking price is a little above the market value, you may get some, and if you make the asking price what the market value dictates, you will get a significant amount of bites.

■ The appraiser: The appraiser is who the lender sends out

to determine the market value for the bank. In other words, in order for buyers to get their mortgage, the bank will hire an appraiser to determine if the house is worth the purchase price.

For example, if the purchase price is \$250,000, and the appraiser determines that the house is worth only \$200,000, it will be much more difficult for the buyer to get the mortgage.

In today's market many buyers are inflating their offers to include their closing costs. This lets them buy the house with less money needed up-front. The problem that can occur is that if the price is inflated too much, it may be over the price determined by the appraiser, and

the buyer won't be able to get the mortgage based on that price.

■ The underwriter: Just about all mortgages are sent to the underwriting department for approval. The people whom work in this area will determine if the mortgage has too many risks. If they feel that the house doesn't justify the sale price, they could put a halt to the mortgage process, and thereby the sale.

It's important to keep these three entities in mind when pricing your house.

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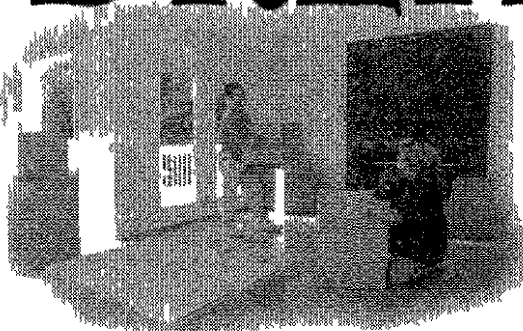
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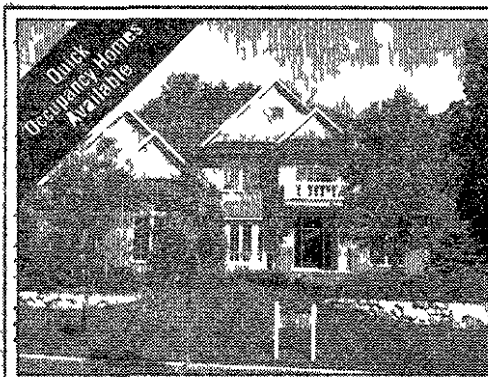
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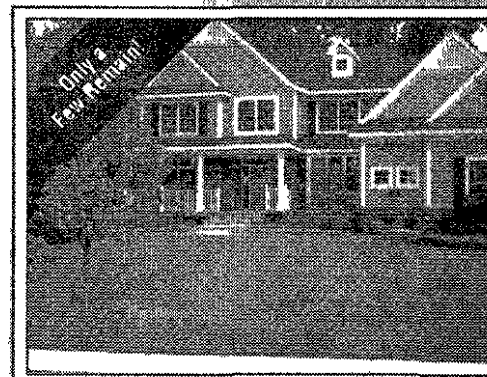


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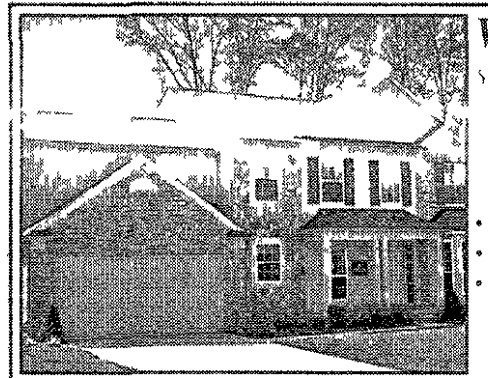
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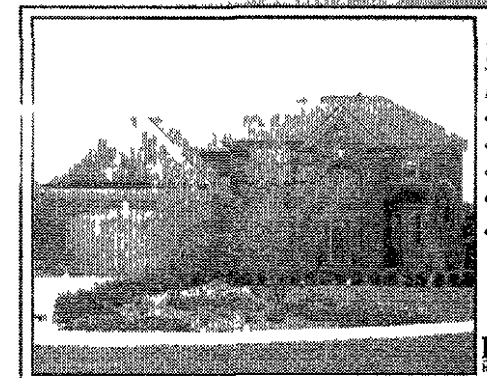
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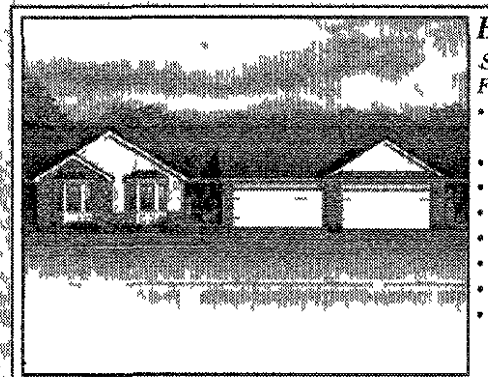
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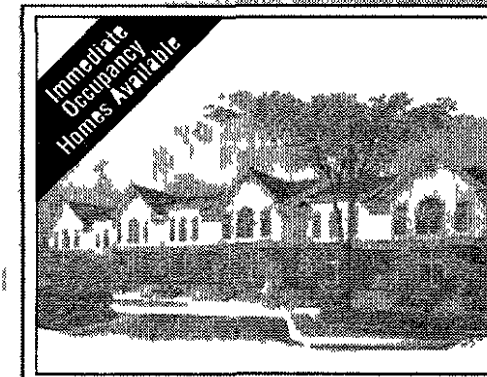
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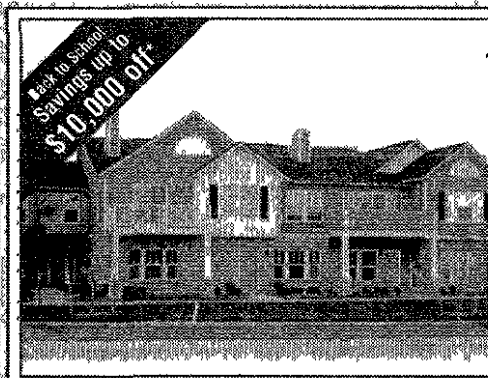
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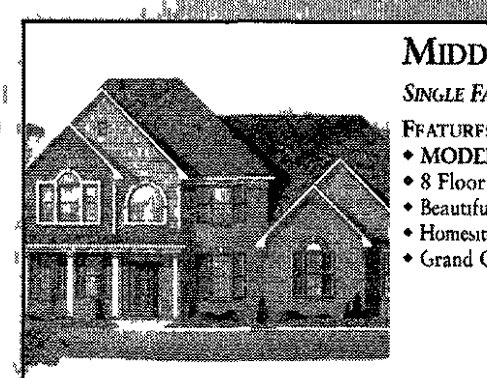
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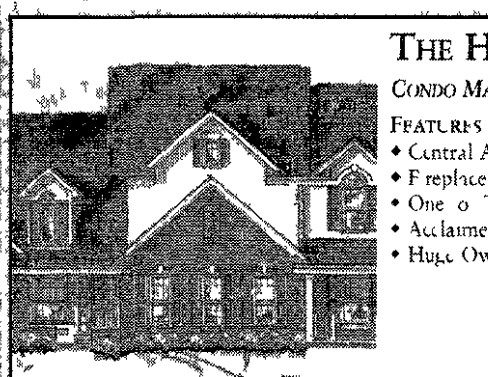
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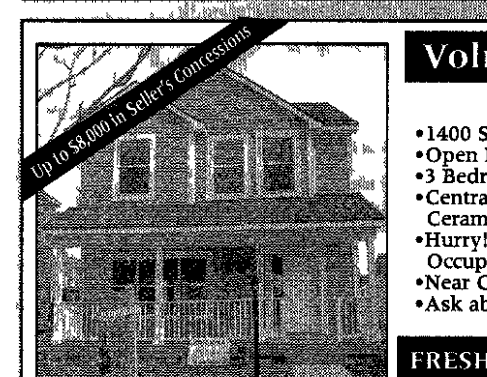
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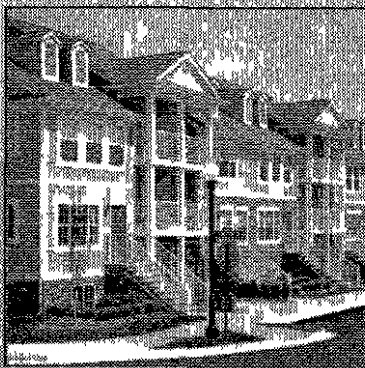
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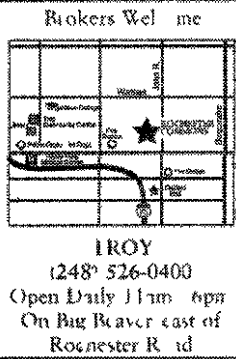
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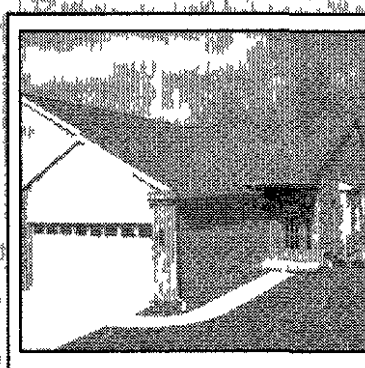
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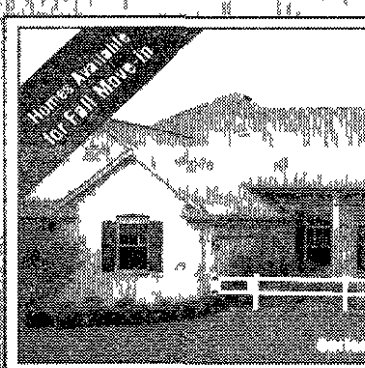
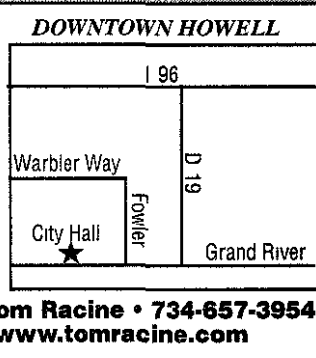
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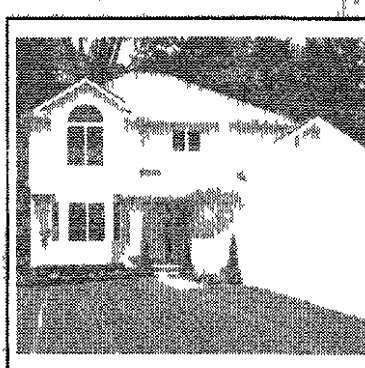
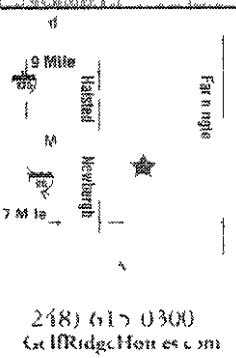
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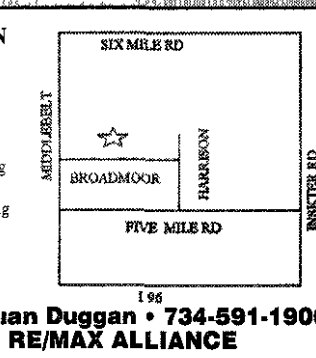
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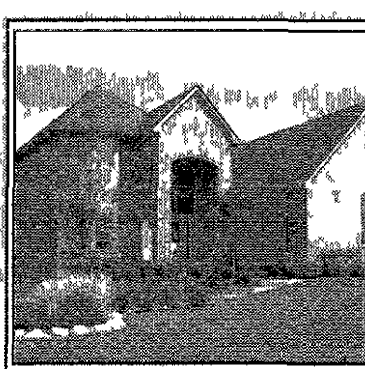
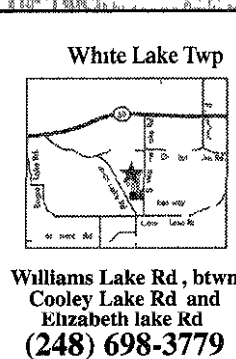
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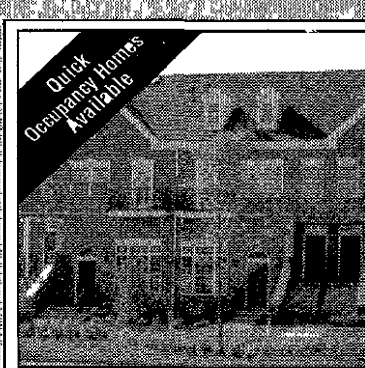
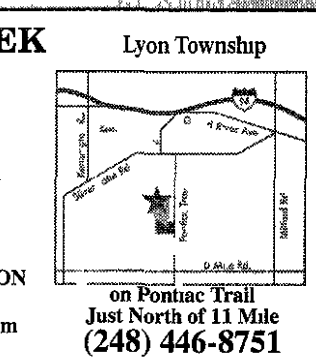
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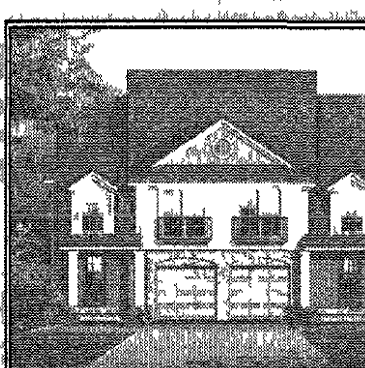
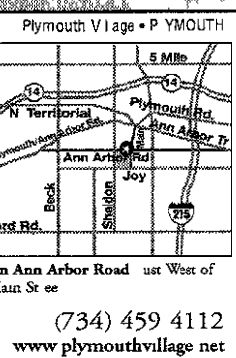
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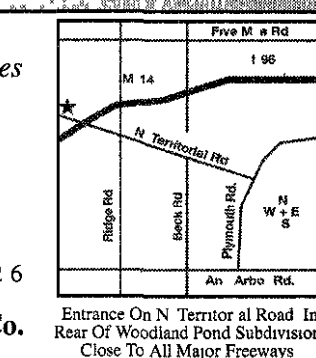
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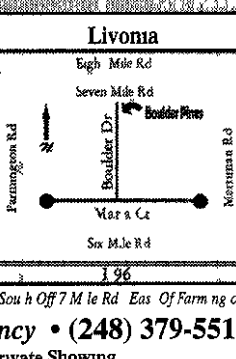
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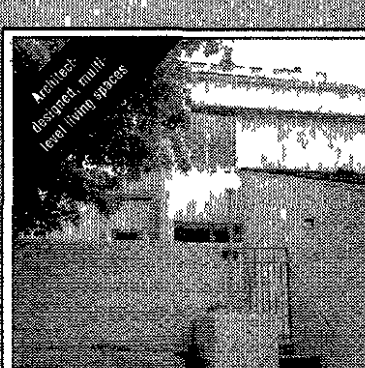
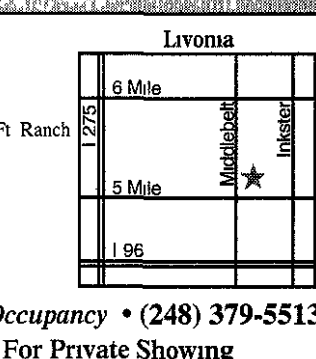
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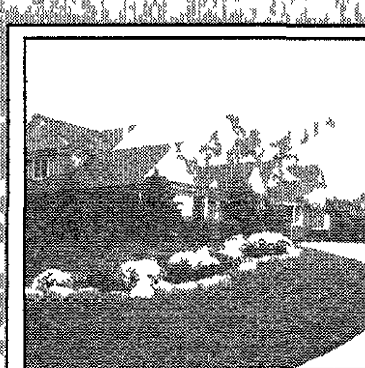
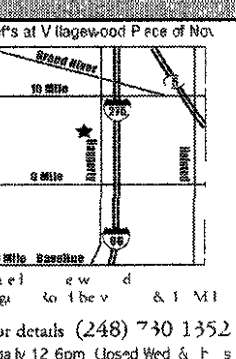
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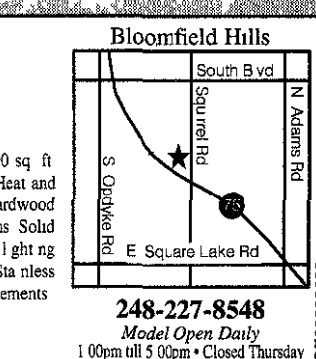
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Priced From \$159,900  
Fully equipped kitchen w/di designer cabinets & vanities  
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Attached side car garage  
Close to all amenities  
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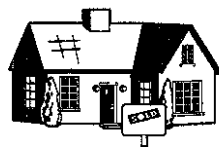
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ICF construction 5 star energy rated Heat and Cool for less than \$100 a month  
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State of the art updating  
2843 sq ft 4 bedrooms 2.5  
baths fireplaces Slate/  
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bdrm 2 bath Large storage  
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**CANTON - GREAT PRICE**  
3 bdrms 2 1/2 baths one in  
master bdrm oak kitchen  
Pergo flooring nicely done  
bsmt huge deck 2 car at  
tached garage & more Im  
mediate occupancy \$218 000  
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Bad credit okay 3 4 bdrm  
bsmt garage Canton  
Schools Call 888 856 7034

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**CLASSIC DEARBORN BEAUTY**  
5 bedroom 3 bath 3 story  
home updated to the max!  
Since 2002 new roof 2  
furnaces 2 c/a 2 laundry  
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Pro finished bsmt 2 1/2 car  
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**There's Nothing Shabby**  
About This Chiel  
Vintage charm fuses with  
modern than in this eclectic  
3 story floor plan in emerg  
ing Farmington neighbor  
hood Near New Farmer's  
Market downtown 4 bdrm  
2 1/2 bath 1800 sq ft 2 car  
garage bsmt Asking only  
\$229 900  
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**FOR SALE BY OWNER**  
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from 2001 to 2003 4 bdrm  
2 bath 2006 sq ft 2 car  
garage fenced yard \$295 500  
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Peaceful 10 acre treed setting  
surrounds this 2492 sq ft 1 1/2  
story home! Home includes 3  
bedrooms 3 1/2 baths brook  
fireplace and skylights in  
living room spacious kitchen  
Florida room off dining and  
full finished walkout lower  
level 3 car attached garage  
60x54 horse barn 48x35  
utility barn and more!  
Hartland schools \$548 000

### Hartland 3200

**NEW YEAR NEW HOME!**  
Wonderful partially wooded 2  
acre setting surrounds this  
exceptional brand new home!  
Spacious kitchen with 42  
hickory cabinets breakfast  
bar wood floors Andersen  
wood windows cultured  
stone fireplace in Great room  
and family room 3 Bedrooms  
3 1/2 baths walkout basement  
2 car attached garage and  
30x40 pole barn Hartland  
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### Hartland 3200

**THIS IS HOME!** Beautiful all  
brick 2 story home on 2 1/2  
peaceful acres Spacious floor  
plan with 3884 sq ft 3  
bedrooms 3 1/2 baths brook  
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**COMPLETELY UPDATED**  
1950's BUNGALOW  
Along TreeLine Blvd 3 bdrms  
1 bath new kitchen 3 1/2 car  
detached garage w/ electricity  
newly landscaped hardwood  
floors all appliances incl  
unfurnished bsmt MOVE RIGHT  
IN! \$229 000 248 544 2359

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**WESTLAND OPEN 1 15**  
Updates galore in this 3  
bdrm 2 full bath ranch with  
fireplace in bsmt 3/4 acre lot  
has Kayak pool and a 2 car  
garage 32256 Melton S of  
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**PLYMOUTH TWP 3 Bdrm**  
ranch 1 bath full bath 1/2  
finished & 1/2 Laundry & stor  
age 2 1/2 car garage fenced  
yard \$225 000 734 455 2890

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### Highland 3210

**JUST LISTED!**  
Comfortable 3 bedroom 1 1/2  
bath ranch on large corner lot  
Home features newer kitchen  
with light oak cabinets nicely  
finished family room in  
basement freshly painted  
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fixtures thru out! 20x26  
insulated garage plus storage  
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Huron Valley Schools  
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3200 sq ft 4 br 3 1/2 bath  
walkout 4 1/2 acres 64x52x14  
heated out building  
\$410 000 (517) 548 5229

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4 Bdrm 2 1/2 bath ranch  
family room w/fireplace new  
roof 05 newer windows all  
appliances finished bsmt 2  
car garage \$189 500  
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### Livonia 3250

**BEAUTIFUL**  
3 Bedroom brick ranch  
remodeled kitchen in  
pressive hardwood floors  
nicely finished basement  
w/replace 2 car garage  
many newer updates  
\$169 900

### Livonia 3250

**MOVE IN READY!**  
3 Bedroom home on a huge  
picturesque lot beautiful  
remodeled kitchen dining  
room partially finished  
basement mechanics  
dream 2 car garage  
updates galore \$173 900  
**SUPER SHARP**  
3 Bedroom brick ranch with  
over 1 500 sq ft family  
room fireplace dining  
room 3 full baths partially  
finished basement attached  
2 car garage \$229 900

### Westland 3445

**BRING ALL OFFERS!**  
3 Bdrm ranch living room  
dining room 3 season Florida  
room newer furnace & roof  
bsmt \$141 000  
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Great family neighborhood  
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2 car garage  
Close to downtown Ferndale  
Immediate occupancy  
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**Lake Pointe Village** Must  
see 3 bdrm 2 bath  
beautifully updated Expanded  
kitchen w/decorator look  
living room dining room &  
bdrms w/hardwood floors  
Large family room w/gas  
fireplace New windows roof  
siding & more Spacious 1790  
sq ft \$239 900 (SHA47)

### Plymouth 3347

**Traditional & meticulously**  
cared for 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath  
colonial Formal living room &  
dining room Family room  
w/corner fireplace Updated  
kitchen w/hardwood floors  
Newer bath w/jetted tub New  
windows & doorwall On an  
80' interior lot w/pav'd patio  
& mature landscaping Don't  
wait! \$279 900 (MAP47)

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**Rare Find!** 5 bdrm 2 1/2 bath  
colonial w/1st floor laundry  
Large master suite w/2 walk  
ins Hardwood floors newer  
windows roof furnace & C/A  
On a huge fenced court lot  
No traffic! Walk to school  
\$299 900 (GRE57)

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### Redford 3350

**CHARMING BUNGALOW** In  
nice Redford neighborhood 3  
bdrm 2 baths garage partial  
ly finished bsmt lots of stor  
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