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## City loses \$4.5 million in Bathey pullout

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A Southfield developer with plans to construct 180 home sites on a 16-acre tract of land in Plymouth has pulled out of the project.

As a result, the city of Plymouth - which has had to cut its budget by millions of dollars the past several years - will lose the negotiated \$4.5 million purchase price.

City officials say 21 Century Holdings had been stalling on the project at 100 S Mill St - between Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail - for several months.

"They said the market conditions have changed since they put in their offer, and there were environmental costs associated with the cleanup of the property," said City Manager Paul

Sincock. "They tried to get the purchase price down to \$2.7 million, but that wasn't an acceptable transaction for the City Commission."

In a Dec. 7 letter to the city, 21 Century Holdings pulled out, forfeiting \$25,000 it previously put down on the project.

"They exercised their option under the contract to withdraw their offer," said Sincock. "It was under the deadline."

Calls to 21 Century Holdings by the *Observer* were not returned. James Pappas, of Fusco, Shaffer & Pappas, Inc., the architects of Mill Street Commons, said he was told to stop working on the plans.

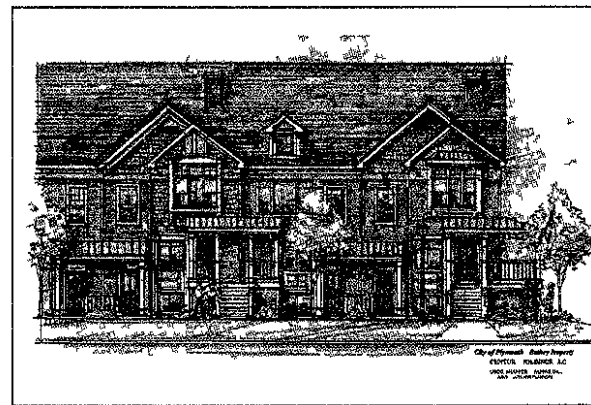
"We were told to put a hold on it," said Pappas. Pappas held a Nov. 9 meeting with several dozen residents whose homes border the project, getting mostly good reviews for the development.

Some city officials indicated 21 Century Holdings was having second thoughts even before the meeting was held.

The 180 home sites included a mix of multi-story ranch, townhomes and live/work combination units, which could be used for small businesses. The price range was estimated to be between \$149,000 and \$280,000.

The city gained ownership of the parcel at 100 S Mill St - between Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail - in January 2003 after a lengthy court battle with former owner Wendell Flynn, who failed to pay \$3 million in back taxes, interest and penalties over a 20-year period.

After taking an estimated \$250,000 off the top, the remainder of the purchase price was to



Condos that were supposed to be built on the city's Bathey property will have to wait after the developer pulled out of the \$4.5 million project.

PLEASE SEE **BATHEY, A5**



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Plymouth resident Ed Hingelberg is excited about building upgrades to the Cass Avenue Activity Center in Detroit, which he runs. Repairs to the drop ceiling are already under way.

## Super Bowl more than just a game

Partnership helps Plymouth man make a difference

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Ed Hingelberg is ecstatic. Super Bowl XL is coming to Ford Field in Detroit.

The Plymouth resident doesn't have tickets to the game, nor is he planning to attend any of the Super Bowl parties.

However, as director of operations for Cass Community Social Services in Detroit, Hingelberg is excited about \$200,000 in renovations planned for the Cass Avenue Activity Center in Detroit - for developmentally disabled adults - as a result of the game being held in the Motor City.

The NFL and Rebuilding Together, a national non-profit group supported by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and his wife, partner each year to make improvements to at least one building in the Super Bowl's host city. The Cass



Shirley Carpenter baked a cake for the clients of the programs at the Cass Avenue Activity Center. Director Ed Hingelberg tries a piece.

Avenue Activity Center, nominated as one of 20 potential projects, was chosen.

"This is great stuff," said Hingelberg. "We have a lot of things higher on our list to get done, but now we're getting done things we couldn't afford to do."

The Cass Avenue Activity Center is visited each day by about 60 developmentally disabled adults, and the building on Cass Avenue is in desperate need of repair. The \$200,000 in work will include new ceilings, flooring, doors, four new bathrooms and a new

kitchen. Vacant property next door is being turned into a parking lot. Much of it is being done with volunteer work and donated supplies.

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"I think the thing that attracted them to us is that we serve so many different populations here, and they saw the need," said Hingelberg. "If these people didn't have this place, they literally would be sitting at some group home, staring at the wall."

"There are thousands and thousands of developmentally disabled and seniors," he said. "You put those two things together, and in some way they have it worse than the homeless people because they're a victim of their circumstance. They live in foster homes, and sometimes it's not so good."

PLEASE SEE **REBUILDING, A5**

## Less grant money could cause cut in bus service

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A cut in federal block grant money could mean changes in the senior transportation program serving elderly residents in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The city is applying for \$65,000 in block grants funds to pay for its portion of the \$130,000 a year senior van program with the remainder paid by Plymouth Township. However, according to City Manager Paul Sincock, that's \$10,000 less than the city received last year.

As a result, city commissioners believe some changes should be instituted.

"With the cuts, this might be an appropriate time for city administration to look at some cost saving measures, without hopefully decreasing any service to our seniors," said Commissioner Michele Potter. "By just cutting out a half hour a day (of service), we could save about \$30,000 a year, which is a big chunk of change when you're looking at \$70,000 to run the pro-

gram. Marsha Koet, administrator of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and senior van program coordinator, is quick to point out the 30-year-old transportation program is not in danger of being phased out.

The program is going to continue, there's no way it will stop," Koet said. "It's the most important senior program we have, enabling seniors who have no other means of transportation to get to the doctor, pick up medicines and shop for food, basic needs."

"We put together a list of ideas earlier this year, and one of those was to shorten the day by about an hour," she added. "Another would be charging \$1 for each way, although anyone with lower income could apply for a waiver." Koet said the cost of the senior transportation program is based on ridership, with the city paying about 60 percent of the total cost and Plymouth Township 40 percent.

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## Township board latest to tackle underpass

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Drivers frustrated by the frequent traffic jams caused by trains at the CSX crossing on Sheldon Road - not to mention residents irked by more than six years of questions about whether an underpass will ever be built - could finally get some answers Tuesday night.

That's when the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees is scheduled to deal with the issue at

its first meeting of the new year. Wayne County officials are pressuring both the township and City of Plymouth to make a decision so as not to lose another construction season.

The project, now estimated at some \$13.2 million, is scheduled to start - finally - in the "later third" of the year, according to Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp. Of course, that's contingent on the township joining the city.

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### Coming Thursday in Filter



DETROIT

Super Bowl Glitz & Glamour  
There are many parties happening - from the Hawaiian Tropic Girl events to elbow rubbing with Detroit celebrities.



**Ash tree talk**

Kristine Hahn of the MSU Extension Service will talk about filling the void left by the loss of so many ash trees to the ash borer during a presentation at the Plymouth District Library. The presentation, hosted by the Plymouth Library Garden Club, takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. The library is located at 223 S. Main (at Church) in downtown Plymouth. The Plymouth Library Garden Club meets the third Thursday of every month. For more information, call (734) 464-4165.

**Blood drive**

The Plymouth post office hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. The drive takes place at the post office located on Beck Road. Appointments can be scheduled, and walk-ins are welcome. For an appointment or more information, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

**Art exhibit**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the work of Lavonia artist, Shaq Kalaj, through Jan. 28. A native of Albania, the artist received her training at Wayne State University and has exhibited her work in galleries throughout North America. The Expressive Woodcut, at the PCAC will show viewers the

evolution of a woodcut to a print. Kalaj's work is evocative, expressing a raw and intuitive exploration of her moods and perceptions.

The artist's reception will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. It will include a demonstration of the woodcut process. The public is invited to attend.

Also on view during the exhibit will be another of the artist's creations, watercolor books. She will teach a class 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the PCAC March 3-4. An accordion-style book using condensed watercolor to create textures and drawing tools to create embellishments will be the finished product. Contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

Hours for the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

**Skating cards**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer prepaid punch cards for all open skating sessions at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena beginning on Friday, Jan. 20.

Each card will have five punch marks and the public can have their card punched at the skate rental counter for each session they skate. When the skater has



**Rotary donation**

Plymouth AM Rotary Club members Ron Muir (from left) and Beth Stewart present a \$1,250 check to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Infant and Primary Special Education Program staff Lisa McBride, Mary Kay Herr and Barb Yegeman. The donation, which was one of many made by the club this year, will support the purchase of equipment for a therapeutic playscape for special-needs students.

all five marks punched on their card, they can use that full card for one free admission to a future open skating session.

Adult punch cards are \$20, cards for seniors 55 and older sell for \$15 and cards for children 16 and under are available for \$15. Punch cards are available for purchase at both the City of Plymouth Recreation

office in the Plymouth Cultural Center and at the ice rink skate rental counter.

According to Ron Baase, Ice Arena Manager, The Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena has been offering prepaid punch cards for drop-in freestyle figure skating sessions for years, and it just made sense to expand the program as an added conven-

ience to the general public for our open skating sessions," said Ron Baase, ice arena manager.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 during regular business hours.

**Networking group**

John Lankford, career coach and networking expert, speaks at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Career Networking Group 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at OLCG, 47650 N. Territorial.

Lankford, a human resources professional with 25 years experience in product, service, civic and manufacturing organizations, will speak on "Effectively Conducting a Job Search in Today's Changing Job Market in Southeast Michigan: Proven Strategies and Techniques that Work."

Admission to the talk is free, the public and people who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs, or are looking for a first job or a new opportunity are invited. For more information, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245, or the church office, (734) 463-0326.

**Senior events**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents "Senior Travel Show," 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature speakers and films on the new senior day trips and extended senior trips for 2006. Refreshments will follow the program. The council will also sponsor a

Caregivers Series over four consecutive Mondays at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth. The series, all of which start at 7 p.m., will include:

- Monday, Jan. 23 — Understanding Normal Aging
- Monday, Jan. 30 — Helping When Health Fails
- Monday, Feb. 6 — Memory Loss—Yours and Theirs
- Monday, Feb. 13 — You Can't Do It All—But Who Will?

It's an educational series which offers insight, practical suggestions and information on resources to family members caring for aging parents, spouses, other relatives and friends. The series is being offered by Adult Well-Being Services Caregiver Support Program, funded by the Senior Alliance and United Way.

To pre-register or for more information on these programs, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

**Uptown Players**

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 Jan. 16 or Jan. 19 and attend the free workshop from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Joanne Winkelman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

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**KEYPAD REPETITIVE STRESS INJURIES**

Repetitive motion injuries are well known to users of desktops and laptops. Now there are widespread indications that users of mobile keypad devices may be at risk for repetitive motion injuries as well. The term "Blackberry Thumb" is a catchall phrase used to describe a repetitive stress injury of the thumb as a result of overusing small keypads. While there are no statistics yet available, physical therapists and other health professionals report an upswing in the number of thumb ailments that are the result of thumb tapping on small keyboards that keep users connected while they are on the go. Heavy thumb use of these gadgets could lead to painful swelling of the sheath around the tendons in the thumb. Performing the same action over and over can cause pain and swelling in the muscles, tendons and physical therapy is often used for several types of repetitive motion injuries. Whether it is from prolonged keyboard use, manual labor or even sending text messages, a physical therapist can help with your condition. To schedule an appointment, contact the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370. You'll find us conveniently located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. New patients are welcome.

*P.S. Video gamers are susceptible to a repetitive stress injury commonly referred to as "Gamer's Thumb."*

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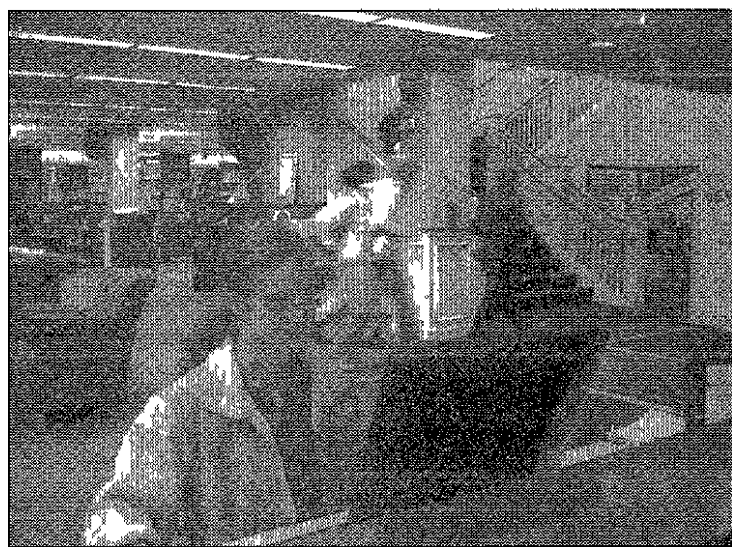
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Salem High School senior Allison Janda becomes familiar with the Plymouth District Library's new SAM system. New software had been causing some problems, but library officials say the bugs have been worked out.

## Library kills computer bugs

Programs running smoothly after software fix

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Staffers at the Plymouth District Library are pleased with operation of computers there.

The new software had caused some trouble with freezing of screens and printing in recent months, but things have improved. "They seem to be smoothing out," Patricia Thomas, library director, said Thursday. It seems to be working OK. We had a little bumpy start.

Minor modifications have improved the Smart Access Management software, she said. It just took a little bit of time to do that.

Library users had Internet access virtually the entire time that problems occurred, Thomas added.

The new system requires you to enter your library card number and a PIN of your choosing. That really increases the privacy, Thomas said. We hadn't had any issues about privacy. Unlike the previous system, the user's history is

wiped out at the end of the one-hour session.

"We feel it's a pretty secure system," Thomas said of the purchase, which cost about \$30,000. Brighton and Redford are among other area libraries which are using the system.

At the end of the one-hour session, the computer logs the user off. Previously in Plymouth, patrons were expected to sign off on their own.

Thomas noted improvements in staff time, efficiency in printing and a better filtering system for patrons under age 17.

Pam Rawlinson, assistant library director in Plymouth, is also pleased with the current state of affairs. It's pretty much resolved, she said of the initial problems. The old Windows 98 computers have been replaced with Windows XP.

On the staff end, it's certainly a lot easier," Rawlinson said. The three new e-mail stations upstairs have been a help as well, she added.

## Teen hopes to twirl to the top of ballet world

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

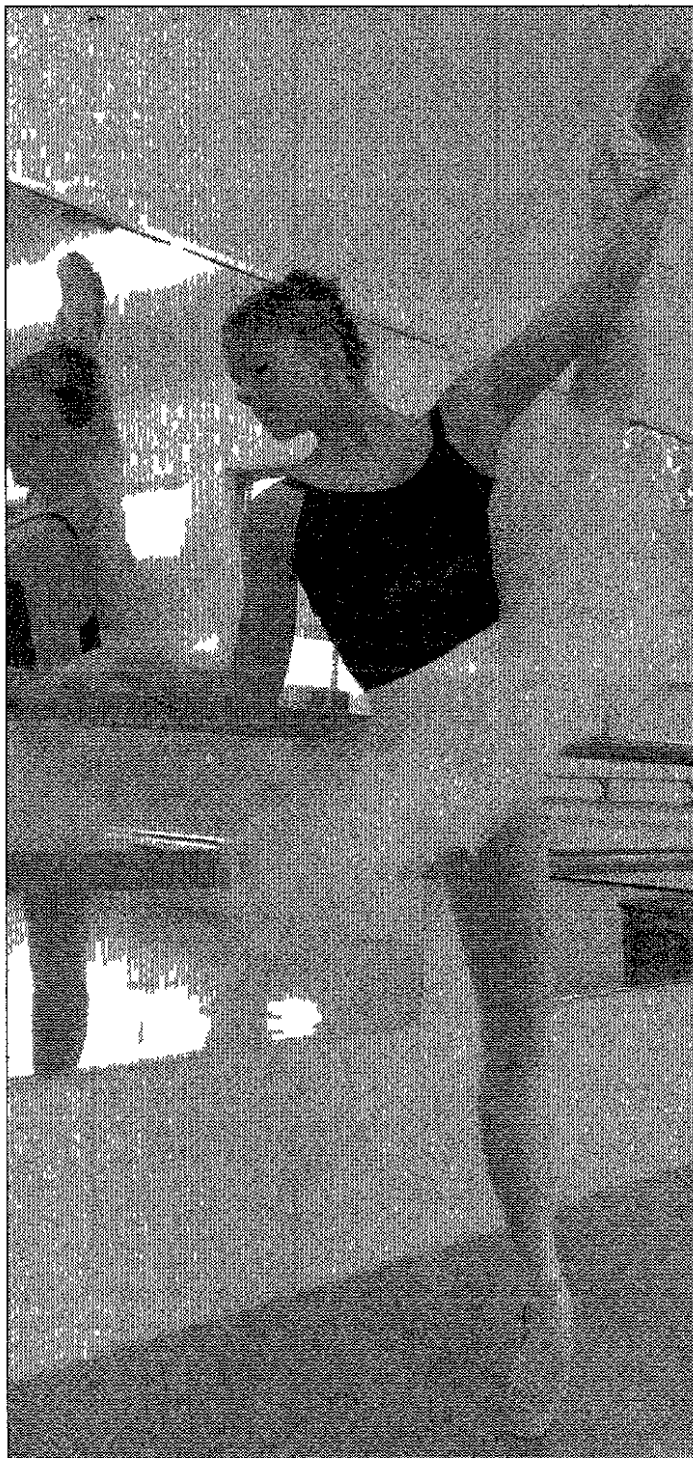
Emily Pardington's delicate smile and the stiff tulle of her tutu can fool you. On the surface, she looks like any sweet 15-year-old girl who wants to be a professional ballerina when she is done with high school. But behind her graceful countenance lurks an athlete so focused, talented and competitive she could quite possibly join the ranks of the very best in her field.

Pardington of Canton was a "late bloomer" in the world of ballet, said her former teacher, Angie Chadwick-Hahn, who teaches at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia. Most children start ballet classes as toddlers and preschoolers, but Pardington was 9 years old when she hung up her tap shoes for ballet slippers.

She worked harder than the other students - going to five or six classes a week - until she caught up. After school, she'd head to the University of Michigan for private lessons, then do homework in the car on the way to Livonia for classes. Then came the summer programs at prestigious ballet schools like the National Ballet School of Canada, the Joffrey Ballet, Hope College and the Chicago Ballet. Last summer it was The Rock School outside Philadelphia, where some 1,500 young dancers try out every year. And when her instructors asked her to stay on as a full-time student, Pardington accepted.

It was a hard decision and I wasn't going to stay, but I thought about it and decided this was the best thing for me," she said.

It wasn't easy on parents Lisa and John Pardington either to let their youngest daughter leave home to attend school far from Canton. The Pardingtons own Holiday Market in Canton.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Last summer Canton's Emily Pardington, 15, left home to attend The Rock School, a prestigious performing arts school outside Philadelphia. She has dreams of becoming a professional ballerina.

It was hard to let her go. In the eighth grade, she decided she wanted to do this for a living. After a lot of research and a lot of prayer, we found something that was right for her. Lisa Pardington said. It's her

dream and I have to let her do it.

Daily phone calls and e-mails help, and knowing that she's an hour's plane ride away does too. But the hardest thing about the experience is being away from

home and friends, Emily said.

It's also difficult competing against classmates and friends for parts, she added.

"But everyone understands because we all have the same goals. We all want the same thing," she said.

At home, it wasn't so easy. Pardington sacrificed social time and football games and school dances in order to chase her dream of becoming a professional dancer.

"Friends didn't understand a 14-year-old who wants to make a career out of dance," Chadwick-Hahn said.

And despite Pardington's poise and love of the stage, she was bashful about sharing too much about her dance ability before she went to The Rock School. Not wanting to sound privileged or conceited, Pardington rarely discussed dance - or the hard work she put into it - with friends.

"Millions of girls want to do what she's doing. But only a handful can actually do it," said Lisa Pardington.

But Pardington's new classmates understand, and they participate in a schedule that her mother describes as "grueling." Pardington attends three hours of academic classes and six hours of dance classes six days a week, with Sundays off.

This summer, Pardington hopes to be admitted into a program with either the School of American Ballet in Chicago or San Francisco. And in just a little more than two years, she hopes to land work with a dance company. College will wait until retirement at age 35, she said.

Despite the long hours of hard work and the occasional loneliness of being far from home, Pardington said it's worth the sacrifice to prepare for a career in dance.

What's the best thing about doing this? she said, and paused. Everything.

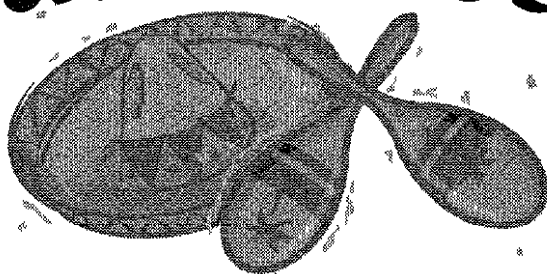
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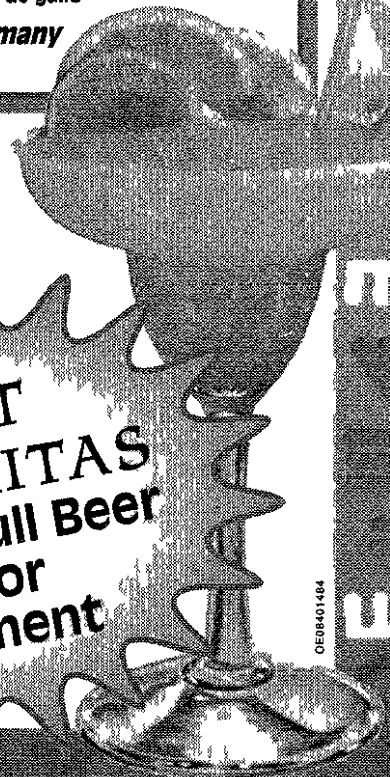
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## Ice fest gets national TV exposure

As the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular board of directors prepares for a fund-raiser to bolster a stretched budget, some good news came in for the annual festival. Officials for the national television program Good Morning America's Weekend Window will be on site for the 24th-annual ice spectacular, videotaping a segment to be broadcast in conjunction with things to do in and around Detroit for the upcoming Super Bowl XL.

'It's another indication that Plymouth's ice spectacular annually draws a great deal of attention,' said Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., the festival's organizer. The ice festival has helped put Plymouth on the map, and continues to be a strong draw for our town.

Meanwhile, with corporate sponsorships down and downtown Plymouth retailers not spending the \$400-\$600 for ice sculptures in front of their businesses, the cash-starved event is hoping to raise about \$10,000 for the Jan 20-22 show with an old-fashioned fund-raiser.

A \$35 per person liqueur and wine tasting takes place 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Jan 15, at E G Nicks restaurant in downtown Plymouth to benefit the non-profit event, which has seen sponsorships dwindle by half from just two years ago.

It's a chance for people who can't support us in a larger manner to contribute and have a nice evening, Watts said. Fund-raising has progressed a bit, but we still have the need for more dollars. The more money we raise, the more ice carving we can do.

The 300 tickets on sale for the fund-raiser can be purchased from ice festival board members, at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and E G Nicks.

Ron Loisel, president of the ice festival board, said a minimum of \$50,000 is needed to put on the event. Thus far, nearly \$65,000 has been raised, which is half the \$130,000 raised two years ago, and much less than the \$100,000 collected last year.

It's still going to be worthwhile, because we'll have the Japanese carvers, who always do a phenomenal job, Loisel said. The quality will be great, but the quantity won't be what people are used to.

Loisel said since there won't be a Fantasyland display in the Gathering because of cost considerations, the carvings will be concentrated in Kellogg Park.

Staff writers Brad Kadrich and Tony Bruscato contributed to this report.

## Help sought for foster care board

Volunteers are being sought to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

The five to seven member boards meet one day each month to review a representative sample of the cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect.

At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys, and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward.

Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents, and other interested parties. The purpose of the review is to insure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency, and that the children are being well cared for while in the foster care system.

The Foster Care Review Boards are comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities.

The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Minorities and men are especially encouraged to apply. Employees of the

Family Independence Agency, family court, or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on Foster Care Review Boards.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a mandatory two-day orientation training in Lansing on April 6-7. Also, board members attend yearly training which is held in different locations throughout the state. Expenses for training are reimbursed.

Anyone interested in becoming a Foster Care Review Board member should call (313) 972-3280 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is February 15 with interviews of prospective candidates taking place in February and early March.



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## UNDERPASS

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in supporting the project. The city offered its support at a meeting last month, agreeing to its \$503,250 share, but with a caveat. All other financial parties have to agree. The majority of the project is being funded by federal grant money, the county, city, township and CSX Railroad bear the rest of the financial burden.

Helmkamp told city commissioners last month the county would pick up CSX's \$600,000 share, then try to recoup it from CSX. That put the onus on the township board, which originally agreed to pay just over \$1 million.

It's difficult to predict how the township board will vote. It's a coin toss right now, township Supervisor Richard Reaume said. "We've got people on our board who voted against it the first time. There

are considerations to take into place. If we were to terminate, what would our penalty be? There's also the issue of closing the road that long, and there are environmental impacts."

The township board appears to be split on the issue. Clerk Marilyn Massengill, Treasurer Ron Edwards and trustee Kay Arnold have opposed it in the past, and Massengill said she'll oppose it again.

"I voted no before and I'll vote no again," Massengill said. "I don't think it's fair for township residents to pay for a road everybody uses. We pay a lot of tax dollars to the county, and I don't think it's fair to pay that kind of money for a road the state and county should be paying for."

One key factor could be the cost the municipality will incur even if they pull out. Both governments agreed to pay a portion of the design costs, even if the project doesn't happen. County officials said the latest estimates put the city on the hook for some \$430,000 in design costs, while the town-

ship is responsible for some \$850,000.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz likely will vote for the underpass, because "no one has given an informed opinion that we're going to be able to get out of" paying the design costs.

"If that holds true I'll probably vote for it," said Doroshewitz, who is likely to be joined by Reaume and trustee Chuck Curmi. "I don't know that we have a lot of options at this point. I'll probably make it conditional on having a bond approved by the voters."

That would cause a potential problem for former supervisor and current trustee Steve Mann, because the law firm for which he works, Miller Canfield, handles the township's bond work. Mann reportedly will ask to abstain from the vote, which could cause a 3-3 deadlock.

Mann could not be reached for comment.

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**REBUILDING**

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Shirley Carpenter, 76, has been going to the activity center for nearly 15 years. She was institutionalized for a vast majority of her life, said Hingelberg. She was one of those individuals if you were born being different you were put in an institution. She's very articulate now and you realize how sad a thing was done to her.

On Thursday, several of the adults including Carpenter helped bake cakes for the rest of the group.

"I didn't make it, but I put the frosting on," Carpenter said. Sometimes I exercise, knit, or play bingo. My next big goal is to make a bank book, and save some money."

Linda MacQueen of Berkley, the director of developmentally disabled services for Cass, said the skill levels of the people who visit daily vary.

They come here for skill building, maintaining the skills they have and learn new ones, said MacQueen. Like learning social skills, writing their names or making change so they don't get cheated when they go to the store.

"We talk about putting these people to work, so they can have some kind of gainful employment and can feel like productive citizens," she said.

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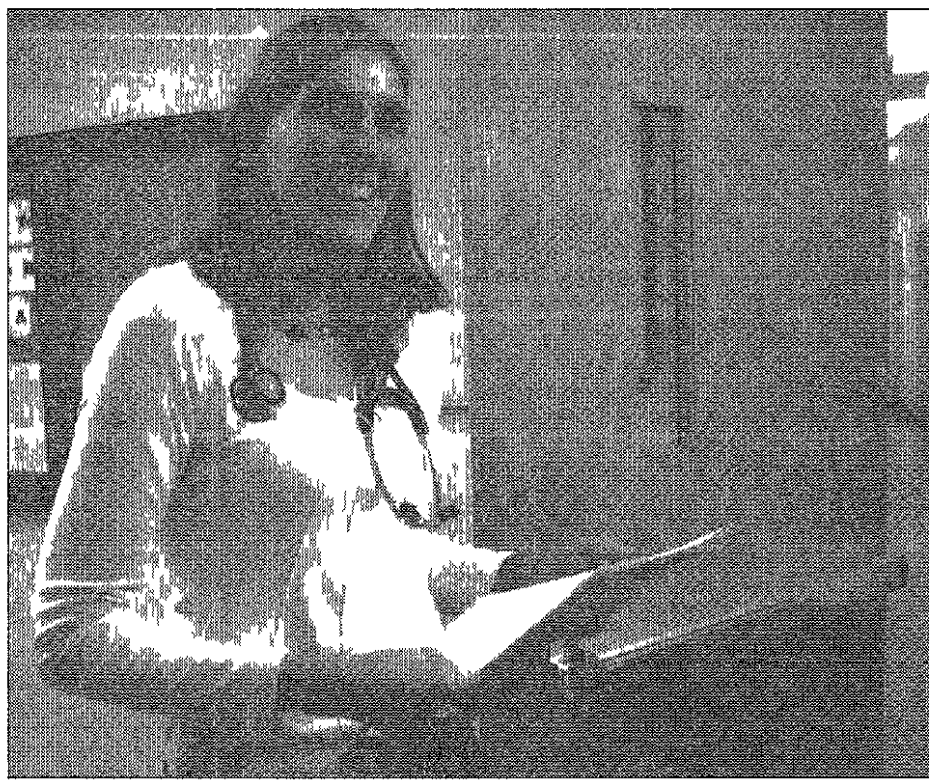
Hingelberg not only supervises the developmentally disabled and homeless programs, but also a food service program that serves 20,000 meals a week in a kitchen that helps train unemployed and under-employed people for jobs in culinary arts.

Cass also has residential and emergency programs for homeless people including a rotating shelter that makes its way to Plymouth.

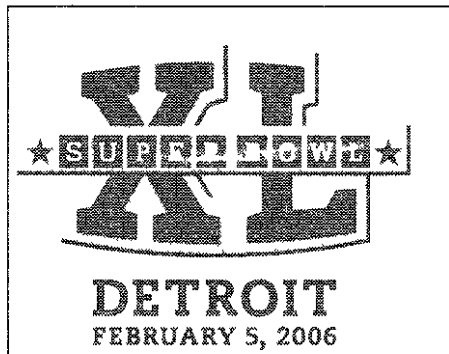
Plymouth Methodist Church is part of the Wayne County rotating shelter program serving up to 80 people in a week, said Hingelberg. "Plymouth is getting more and more involved in our programs, and a lot of businesses have donated to our annual banquet."

Hingelberg grew up in St. Clair, Mich., eventually moving to Canton Township before buying a home in Plymouth. He is known by many of the people he serves while walking through the activity center or the soup kitchen. However, he travels around Plymouth in somewhat obscurity.

"You won't remember me, but Tashmoo is known by everyone in downtown Plymouth," said Hingelberg with a chuckle, referring to the 125-pound



Wayne State medical school student Mary Tanski Arbogast of Plymouth is a volunteer at the clinic.



black Newfoundland puppy he walks around town. We go to Friday night concerts and will be there for the ice festival. All the little kids like him.

On Friday Feb. 3, two days before the Super Bowl - Tagliabue, Miss America and several NFL players will visit the Cass Avenue Activity Center to participate in some of the remodeling work.

They will be putting up some ceiling tiles and putting a brush in their hand for a two-minute United Way spot that will be played during the pre-game, said Hingelberg. People pay millions of dollars for a one-minute commercial. We've gone from being a place in Detroit to the international stage.

Hingelberg has a smile for anyone and everyone participating in the programs of Cass Community Social Services.

There are so many judgments about



Linda MacQueen of Beverly Hills, director of Developmentally Disabled Services, said clients at the Cass Avenue Activity Center come here for skill building, maintaining the skills they have and learn new ones.

so many things. Try to imagine how little it means down here, Hingelberg said. This literally means life and death.

We're not saving the world, but we are making a dent, he said. When I put my head down on a pillow at the end of the night, I want to think I did something to make a difference.

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**BATHEY**

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be divided among several taxing authorities, including the city, Plymouth-Canton Schools and Wayne County.

Recently, another legal snafu which found a second mortgage on the property resulted in the city paying \$92,000 to finally secure the deed.

The city originally received three bids for the property. Along with 21 Century Holdings, Crosswinds Communities of Novi bid \$27 million, with a similar bid by Robertson Brothers of Bloomfield Hills.

At the time, former Mayor Bill Graham and Commissioners Michele Potter and Dave Workman were part of a subcommittee to analyze the bids for the largest tract of land still available for development in the city.

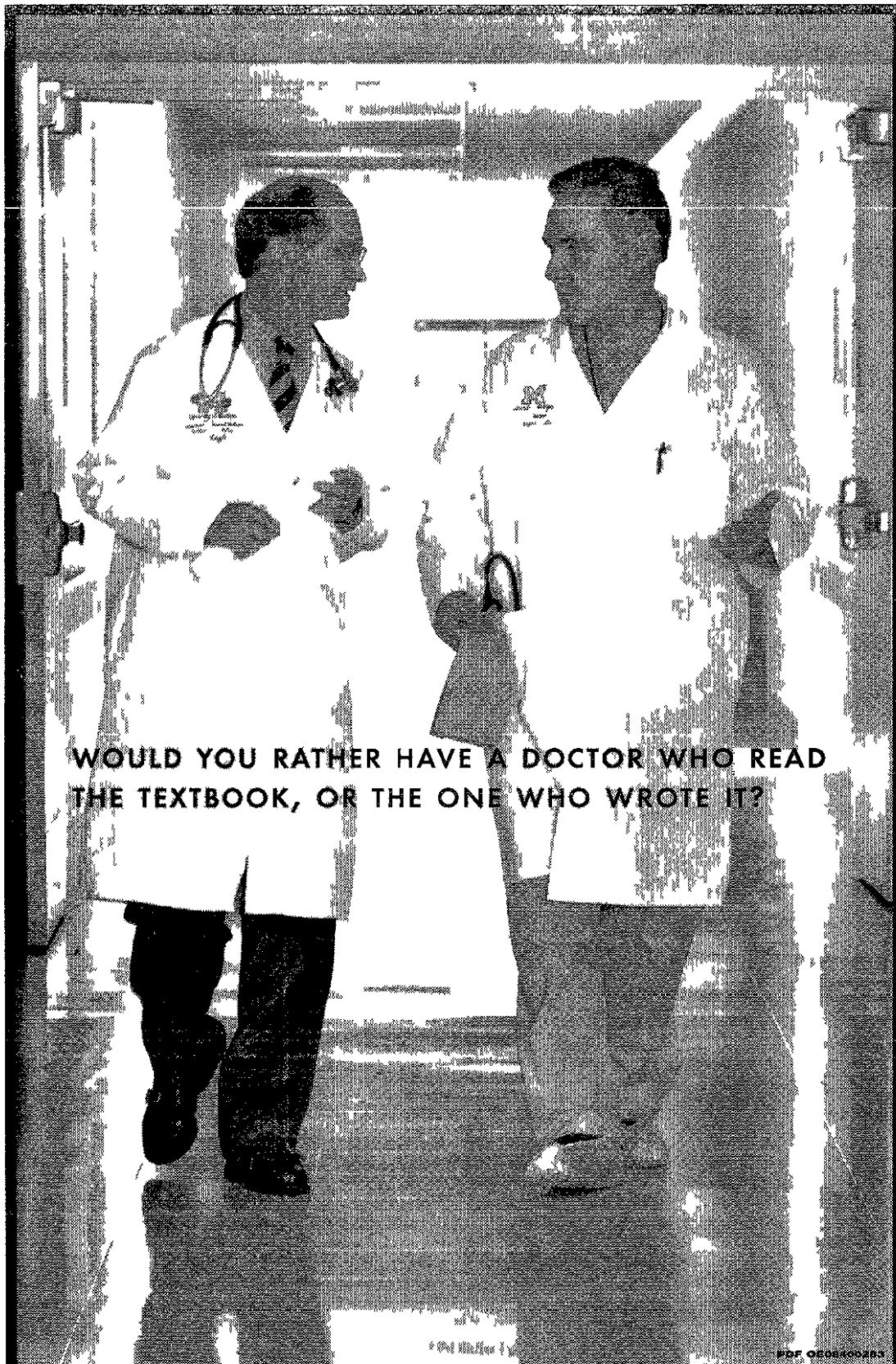
"It's disappointing," said Potter. "While their offer was higher than any of the other finalists, our decision to go with them was not solely based on the offering price. The preliminary project plans they showed us were very appealing."

Workman said the discrepancy in the bids was a red flag, but commissioners were confident they made a solid choice.

"Logic would tell you some thing was astray, and we quizzed them hard," said Workman. "They were confident in the direction they were heading, and their portfolio looked good."

Sincock said that since 21 Century Holdings pulled out, there have been at least four other developers who have called him with interest in the property. He declined to identify them, but noted none were previous bidders considered by commissioners.

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- **PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP** Thursday Jan 19 7 p.m. - Kristine Hahn of the MSU Extension Service will speak on the demonstration planting of Bennett Arboretum in Northville. No registration is necessary.
- **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP** Tuesday Jan 17 4:53 p.m. Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary. Come to either session or both.
- **YOUR POETRY GROUP** Sunday Jan 8

- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Readers' discretion on language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett (313) 272-3548 or donhewlett@aol.com.
- **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP** Monday Jan 16 7 p.m. Join lively astronomer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affect on for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information, contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com.
- **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION** Wednesday Jan 18 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read "The Laments" by George Hagen. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library (734) 453-0750 or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org.
- **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION** Wednesday Jan 25 noon - This month's discussion invites members to read "The Bone People" by Keri Hulme. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch/beverage are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the library (734) 453-0750 or e-mail

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- **FAMILY SCIENCE AND READING PROGRAM** Phenomenal Paleozoic: Out of Water Saturday Jan 28 10 a.m. - This program is back by popular demand and presented by the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum. This is the first of three parts of their "Life Through the Ages" program for children ages 5-12 with their parents, no younger siblings please. Space is limited to 35 children, register at (734) 453-0750 Ext. 4.
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**Tight knit**

Judy Gwozdek explains knitting to Mital Patel as Jenny Forrester reviews instructions in the Plymouth District Library's Teen Knit/Crochet Club. Members of the club recently delivered some 120 hand-knitted caps to the Karmanos Cancer Center, a charitable project the club had worked on over the last year. The caps will be donated to chemotherapy patients. The club meets twice a month, January meetings are set for Jan. 11 and 18. For more information, e-mail Cathy Lichtman at [clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org) or call (734) 453-0750 Ext. 230.

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## Drive to let voters decide will also make voters wait

Voters this coming November might want to take an iPod or a book with them to the polls. They may be facing a long wait as their fellow voters plow through a never-ending ballot. In addition to voting for U.S. senator, U.S. House member, governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state legislators, county officials and the always obscure judicial seats, they may also be deciding on more than half a dozen ballot issues.

The same people who wail about the sanctity of legislative decisions in court proceedings are often behind ballot measures that wouldn't stand a chance of getting approved in a legislature.

They are also the same people who like to play semantics and declare that we live in a "republic" not a "democracy," and then deplore decisions made by representative bodies.

The popularity of initiatives and referendums in recent years has been a boon to advertising agencies, petition-gathering companies and political consultants. Its value for sound government and intelligent discussion of public issues is another matter. Debate by crude, loud, misleading and out-right deceptive advertising has dumbed down public discourse. Rather than being a fine example of pure democracy, these campaigns become an object lesson in public manipulation.

While we are often frustrated by the political wheeling and dealing in Lansing and Washington, legislators are often guided by a wealth of background information, historical precedent and negotiated compromises that keep them from acting too rashly or too far outside the mainstream. Initiative campaigns are ruled by emotional and sometimes dishonest appeals that are often checked only by counter emotional appeals. It's hard to make a strong argument and present a detailed position in a 30-second soundbite. And, unfortunately, soundbites have a greater impact than more detailed newspaper stories.

Of course, referendums and initiatives do have their place in the public forum. The 1963 state Constitution reads, "The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the power to approve and reject laws enacted by the legislature, called the referendum. The power of the initiative extends only to laws which the legislature may enact under this constitution."

Sometimes public vote is the only way to overcome entrenched special interests. Sometimes constitutions do need to be amended. Sometimes public vote does create an honest debate over a controversial issue.

So what might voters have to look forward to in the coming election?

At the top of the list, of course, is the affirmative action proposal. The proposal would amend the state Constitution to "ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin." The Board of Canvassers has twice rejected the petition but has been ordered by the State Court of Appeals to meet again to certify the petition and proposal language by Jan. 20. Some board members have argued that the petition circulators deceived people about the intent of the proposal.

The language does suggest a bold move to eliminate "discrimination" and as one paid petition gatherer told me "the leader of the campaign is an African American. That would be Ward Connerly of California. But this is an example of a complex issue that will be reduced to angry soundbites or deceptive language that never address the history of discrimination in this state, the position of the University of Michigan (and the Armed Forces, most unions and many corporations) and the nuance of last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision that makes the proposal nothing more than divisive mischief."

Another Supreme Court decision has also given rise to an initiative on "eminent domain." In ruling that New London, Conn., had a right to use eminent domain to clear a site for a private development, the court set off a firestorm on the issue of property rights. Conservatives were offended that the court would make it easier for the government to take private property and liberals were offended that the court's liberals would write the decision that favored developers over the working class residents of the New London neighborhood. Talk about strange bedfellows.

In its decision, the court challenged state legislatures to examine its eminent domain laws and cited a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision against Wayne County's use of eminent domain for the Pinnacle Aeropark project as an example of how to balance property rights against public benefit.

But again this is a serious issue that will be reduced to a soundbite, with that irritating voice heard it seems on all of these ads intoning, "They are trying to take YOUR property away!"

Other issues that may get on the ballot include creating a dove hunting season, allowing defendants to request a jury where 50 percent of the jurors are identical in racial appearance to the defendant, providing minimum funding increases for schools tied to a price index, and an anti-abortion proposal that grants rights of due process to a person at conception.

Let the noise begin.

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## Horror of crime extends beyond Detroit's limits

A Detroit Cody High School student was walking home from a local branch of the Detroit Public Library when she was raped and stabbed to death this past week. Seeing her grieving family on the TV news made me sad and angry. My husband, who grew up in Detroit until his early teens, said "No one should have to live that way" as images of her grieving relatives flashed across the screen in our living room Wednesday night.

I went online the next morning to try to find out more about the victim, her name, age, year in school, maybe even her plans following high school graduation. It was tough to find much information, however, as so many young people have been killed in Detroit that one stabbing death doesn't seem to merit much mention.

A call to the Detroit Police Department revealed she was 16. Her names not being released. "We're receiving calls but no one's been apprehended," a department spokeswoman said Friday afternoon.

Detroit police received the call Jan. 1 at 10:45 p.m. but are uncertain of the exact time of the crime. Those with information are urged to call Detroit homicide at (313) 596-2260 or Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Clementine Barfield of Detroit founded Save Our Sons and Daughters in 1987 following the shooting death of one of her sons, age 16. SOSAD closed about a year ago in part due to budget cuts and debts, along with IRS questions about finances. I remembered reading about Barfield having grown weary of fighting the good fight for crime victims in Detroit, as so many continued to be killed year after year.

In Plymouth where I live, we don't give a lot of thought to letting kids walk home from the library, unless maybe the weather's too cold. That Cody High student should have enjoyed the same freedom, to be able to walk from her library home without fear of her safety.

My husband, 49, still speaks fondly of his west side Detroit neighborhood, near the old Catholic Central and Sinai Hospital. Friendships made during those years have endured. Like so many other white families, they moved (to Livonia) in the late 1960s.

Black families have followed in more recent years, seeking better schools for their children and better housing. Certainly crime is a factor in decisions to

The reality is Detroit's not so far away and the brutal death of a teen on a cold January day affects us all. Our racially divided region continues to grapple with crime, which extends beyond Detroit's boundaries.

The 1967 riots were a defining moment, but nearly 40 years later our region still struggles.

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Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer spent 23 years with the Detroit Police Department, leaving in 1985. He remembers well the toll of that work.

"We certainly see it in the suburbs," said Dwyer. "No one is immune from this type of violence. That's a concern today as far as the increase in violence."

Dwyer cites unemployment, drugs and casino gambling as factors. He agreed dealing with such crimes takes a toll on police.

"Law enforcement have families too. They have sons and daughters, husbands and wives. We are compassionate and we do have grief."

He talked with one of his department's dispatchers who was upset about a child drowning. Another officer was first on the scene when a man who'd returned from Las Vegas killed his pregnant wife and children.

Dwyer emphasizes that public involvement is what police and prosecutors need to fight crime. "We need that help from the public. We always have and always will." He's pleased with such efforts as Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards for anonymous tips leading to solving of crimes.

A recent news report cited deadly violence in Saginaw, as even outstate communities see their share of crime. Thinking of urban violence as only a Detroit problem won't do anything to bring about a reduction in crime.

May the teen from Cody, who died all too soon, rest in peace and may she and her family find the justice they deserve.

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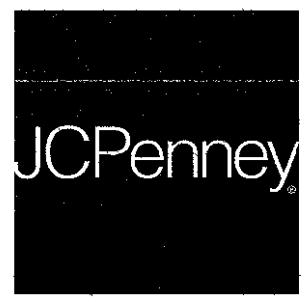


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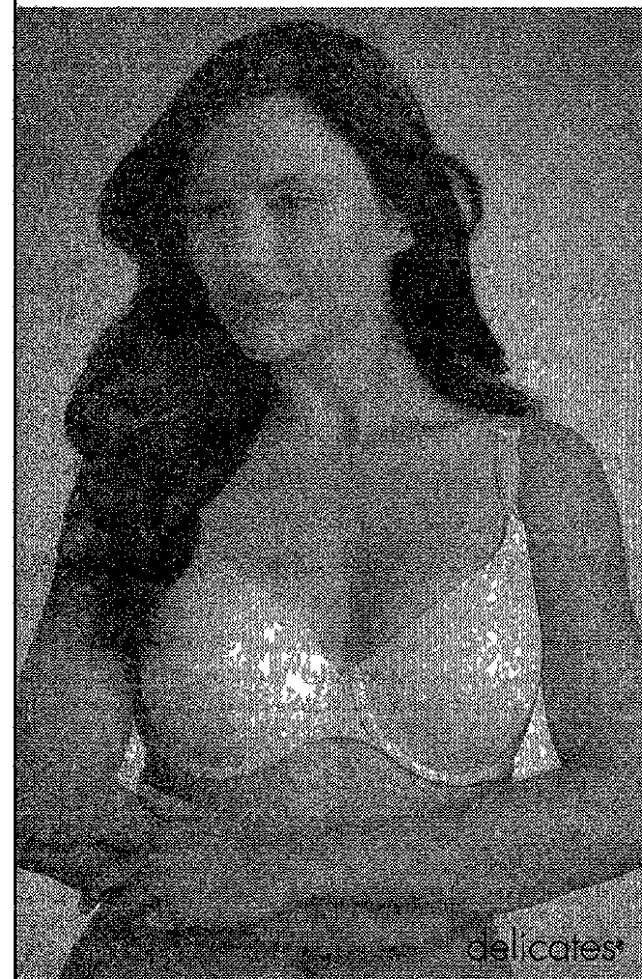
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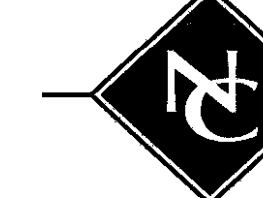


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# Senate primary full of intrigue

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Political handicappers have framed the upcoming primary election for Republican U.S. Senate candidacy as a race between two men, but depending on which way the wind blows, the third man might come from behind and create a three-way horse race.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, the Rev. Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra are in the race to be the Republican challenger to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow next year. The primary vote will be held Aug. 8.

Oakland County GOP Executive Committee member John Bowker said the primary is going to be a race worth watching. There are a lot of different elements that make the race hard to handicap.

Bouchard has the ability to draw voters, he's got excellent name recognition and ability to raise funds," he said. "He's got a history of victories in Oakland County."

But, he said, it's his history that's going to hurt him. Bowker said the in-and-out nature of Bouchard's candidacy (he dropped out of the senatorial race in the summer, citing health reasons) puts a lot of members of the party in a difficult position.

"Those who were with him initially put their support behind Butler," Bowker said. "Now he's back in and that's distressed some people."

Butler, on the other hand, has the ability to pull votes in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit and Flint — areas with significant minority populations — and could be a real boon for the Republican ticket as a whole.

"That's not to say that blacks are necessarily going to vote for a black candidate," he said, "but conservative black



Bouchard



Butler



Zandstra

Democrats could cross over for him and pull votes from Stabenow.

Zandstra, he said, could be the spoiler for Butler in terms of the religious conservative vote. He said Zandstra could beat Butler, but not Bouchard. A bruising primary, however, could leave any of the three candidates unable to take on a sitting senator come November.

The 9th Congressional District Republicans held a senatorial candidate forum earlier this month. All three candidates came out for the "Showdown in Motown" to air their views on topics topical and abstract. The group's chairman, Glenn Clark, said there was something for everyone.

"If you like GM cars, you're going to walk into a Chevy dealership and find something you can drive off in," he said. "Butler was very strong on social issues, Bouchard on law and order and Zandstra was strong on economic issues."

Unfortunately, he said, it's going to come down to who has the money to spread their message to the voters. If that's the case, he said Bouchard and Butler are going to be the contenders. Zandstra hasn't got a track record here and is going to have to settle for dark horse status.

That could change. "He's well-spoken, he's probably the smartest guy in the race," Clark said. "If he's able to get on radio and TV while Bouchard and Butler are slugging it out, he could swoop in and take the race."

Whatever happens, he said the candidate who wins the primary will be the one who takes on the mantle of "The Gipper."

"The people who win Republican primaries in Michigan are those who articulate conservative social and economic visions for America," Clark said. "Long gone are the left-of-center Republicans (President Ronald Reagan cast a long shadow and Republicans like his principles, less taxation and traditional family values. Like a bird, you have to have both of those wings to fly."

What they all need to do, Bowker said, is keep their distance from President George W. Bush and Republicans currently in Washington.

"He should not be invited to the state and not mentioned in the race," he said. "Between the budget and Iraq, he's a liability. Conservatives are dissatisfied with the drunken sailor spending in Washington and Bush hasn't vetoed any of that."

He said the winning strategy in Michigan is keeping it local and that means focusing in on jobs. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a veteran of

several political campaigns including a run for governor, said whoever comes out of the primary had better be ready for a real fight against Stabenow.

"Bouchard looks like the leader, he's in a very visible position," he said. "He's going to have to raise about \$20 million to counter Stabenow, because she's going to have that much and some change. If he can't do that, he should get out of the race now."

While he concedes that Stabenow will benefit from Bush's unpopularity, he said she's got enough baggage of her own she'll need to counter. "We're still seeing Canadian trash coming over the bridge, prescription drug costs are still out of sight, we're not getting our fair share of transportation funds," Patterson said. "Those are areas she said she'd deliver on and she hasn't."

The three-way primary, he said, could be a good thing for the candidates because it's a good dry run for their organizations to work out the kinks and get in shape for the real contest in November. Provided, that is, that whoever emerges as the Republican candidate hasn't been savaged in the process.

"If there's an absolute blood-letting, that would be different," Patterson said. "I don't think it will be."

# School new hires will get background checks

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Rules that went into effect at the beginning of the year will place new requirements on school districts to do extensive background checks on every person on the payroll.

The requirements, which apply to all schools, public and private, call for every employee to be fingerprinted for a criminal background check. Any employee convicted of an offense requiring registration as a sex offender may not be hired for any job.

But that isn't the extent of the legislation, it also has requirements for prospective hires that are found to be convicted of crimes not sexually related. Employees who are convicted of other felony offenses that do not require registration on that list would have to be approved by a district's superintendent and school board in writing.

Further, any school employee charged with a

crime of any kind would have to report to the Michigan Department of Education within three days of arraignment or be charged with another misdemeanor or felony as applicable to the original arraignment.

Margaret Trimmer-Hartley, communications director for the Michigan Education Association, said the teachers' union is behind efforts to guarantee the best hires possible.

What the MEA is concerned about, she said, is what could be done with information gleaned from a background check. There are legitimate concerns about the accuracy of state records and if the wrong information gets out about a teacher, there are few ways to clear a person's name.

Wrong information, she said, can be generated in a number of ways.

Trimmer-Hartley said the MEA would stand firm that the cost of the fingerprinting program would not be borne by the teachers themselves.

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## Special bond

Local coaches agree rewards of coaching own children outweigh potential problems

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On several evenings over the next two months, Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will instruct his talented sophomore point guard to take the ball hard to the basket.

A few hours later, he may ask him to take out the trash.

Henry's point guard is unique in that he shares more than a deep love of basketball with his coach. He also shares a house, DNA and a last name.

Madonna's point guard is Charlie Henry, the oldest of Chuck's two sons. Together, the Henrys make up one of the area's handful of genetically linked coach/player combinations at the collegiate or high school levels.

While the potential for problems sometimes hovers over a parent coaching his own child, the Henrys and the area's other parent/player duos look at their situation as an enriching bonding experience that can't be duplicated.

"The best thing about coaching my own kids has been the extra time I've been able to spend with them," said Henry, who has, at one point or another over the past 15 years, coached all five of his roundball-loving children. "When I've talked to some of my friends who are in coaching, they've told me that one of the toughest parts of the job is that they miss seeing their own kids play because of their team's practice and game schedules. I consider myself lucky to be in the position I'm in."

"To be able to spend quality time with Charlie and share the same passion for basketball we have is a great opportunity."

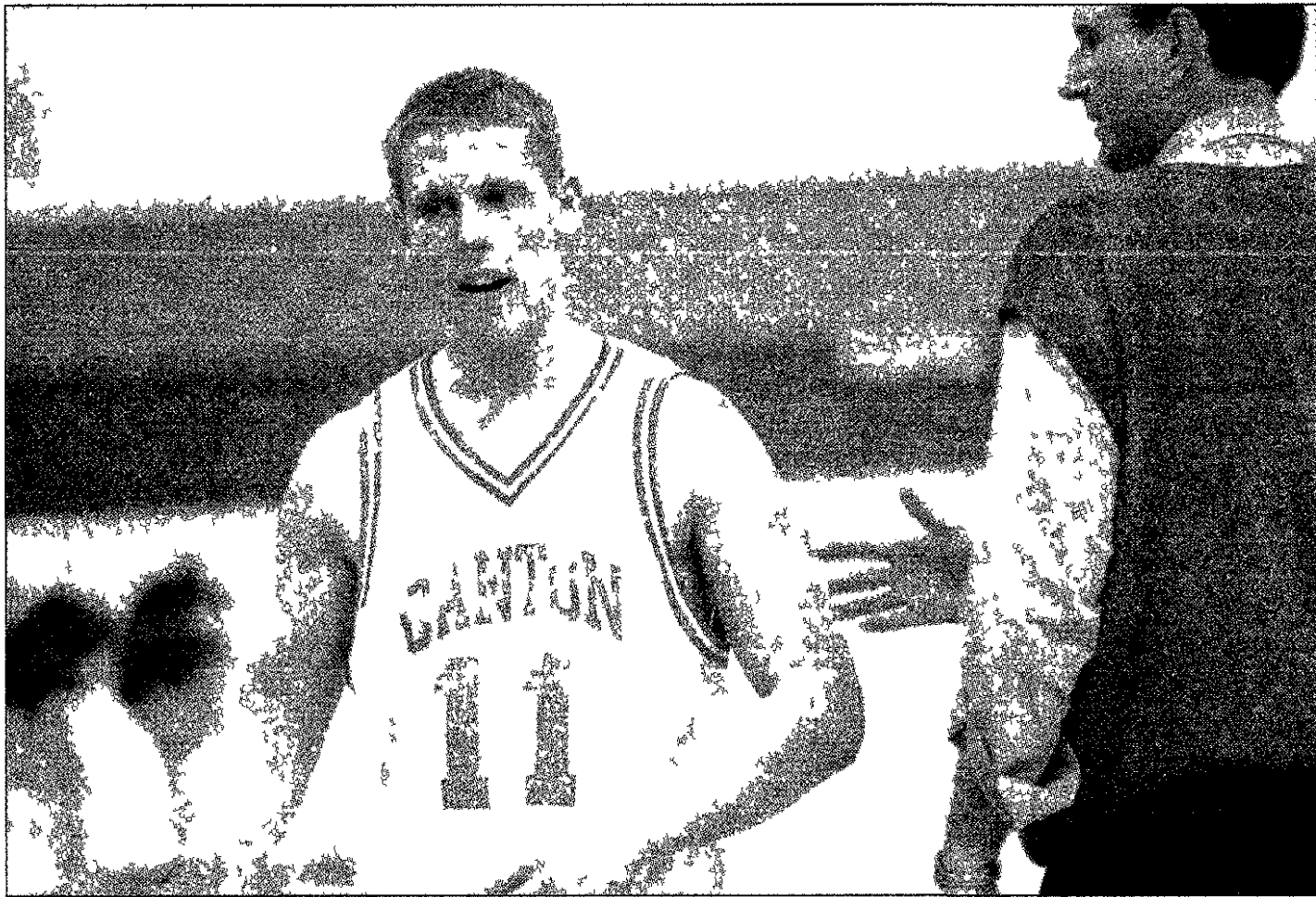
"I consider it a privilege to be able to coach the kids who are on my team," said Plymouth-Canton Salem girls hockey coach Lori Callahan, whose daughter, Kristin, is one of the team's defensemen. "To be able to coach at the high school level and have the opportunity to coach my daughter at the same time is extra special."

### DRAWING A LINE

Knowing when to stop coaching and start parenting is a skill that is vital to making the coaching parent/playing child scenario successful, said Canton boys basketball coach Charlie Paye, who has coached sons Matt and Steve at Canton.

"We try to leave everything at the gym, and I think we do a pretty good job of it," said Paye. "We don't really get into what we do at practice or in games."

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Canton junior forward Steve Paye gets a pat on the back from his coach/dad Charlie Paye during a game earlier this season.

### FAMILY TIES

Following is a list of a few area families that have a parent coaching a child.

- **Canton's Payes** — Father Charlie coaches son Steve on Chiefs basketball team
- **Madonna University's Henrys** — Father Chuck coaches son Charlie on Crusaders basketball team
- **PCS girls hockey's Callahans** — Mother Lori coaches daughter Kristin on Penguins
- **Canton Agape's Anleitners** — Father Keith coaches son Jack on Wolverines' basketball team, and
- **Livonia Franklin's Whalens** — Mother Mary Kay coaches daughter Robin on Patriots basketball team



Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey coach Lori Callahan has coached daughter Kristin for the past two seasons. Kristin is a sophomore defenseman for the unbeaten Penguins.

## Sidelines

### Lynn shines

Former Salem swimmer Eric Lynn is enjoying a successful senior season as a member of the Oakland University men's swim team.

Lynn played a key role in the Grizzlies' first-place finish in the Miami (Ohio) University Invitational, a three-day meet that took place Dec. 1-3.

Lynn swam the last leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay, which earned first-place and set a new meet record with a time of 1:22.86.

Lynn was also a member of the Grizzlies' first-place 200 medley relay team that set a meet record with a clocking of 1:30.31.

The former Rock closed out a great meet by winning the 100 backstroke in 50.10.

### Jaskot excels

Salem graduate Kelly Jaskot scored 11 points in a reserve role for the University of Detroit Mercy's women's basketball team in the Titans' 88-73 victory over Loyola on Thursday.

In 18 minutes of action, Jaskot, a senior, also compiled three rebounds and six assists while hitting 1 of 3 three-point shots.

### Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the 2006 Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls basketball teams will be held at the following times and locations:

- 9 and 10-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School, and Friday, Jan. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School.
- 11-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School, and Friday, Jan. 20, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School.

- 12-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, and Monday, Jan. 16, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.
- 13-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, and Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

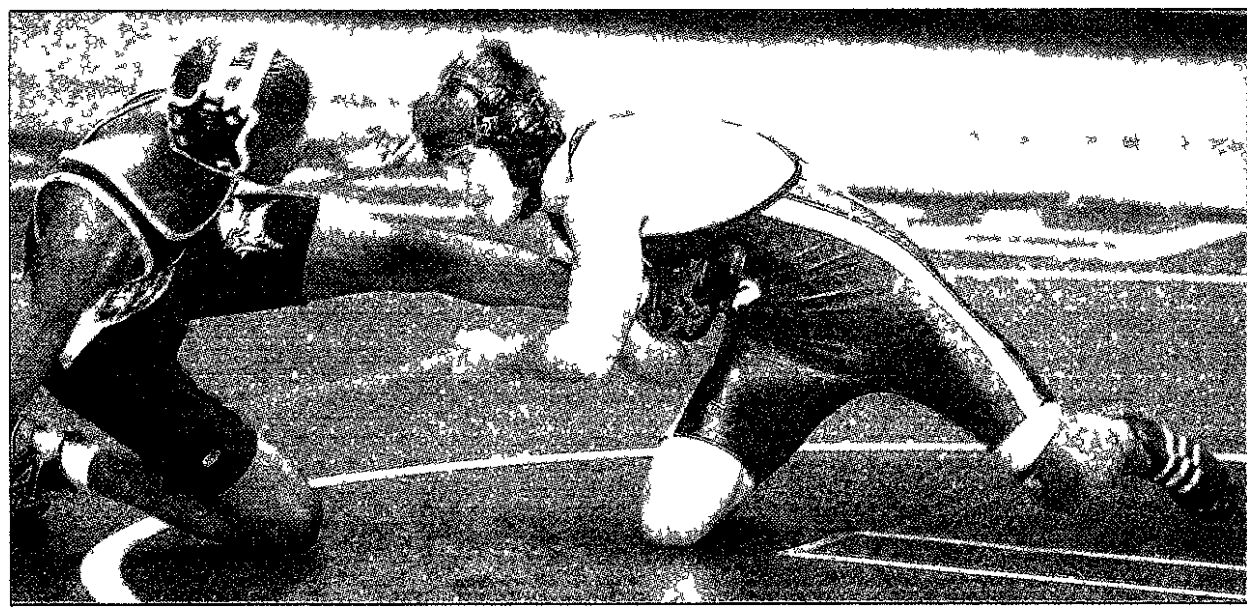
### Wolves perfect

The Michigan Wolves' U14 boys soccer team recently captured the Super Y North American Championship in Tampa, Fla., in dominating fashion.

The Wolves went 5-0 without allowing a single goal.

Michigan, which was coached by Livonia Stevenson High School boys coach Lars Richter, won the title by blanking the SCC Breakers, 6-0, in the final match.

Local players competing for the Wolves were: Joshua Gatt (Plymouth), Vinh Nguyen (Canton), Sasa Miskovic (Canton), Kevin Cope (Canton), Adam Bedell (Livonia), Joey D'Agostino (Livonia), Etienne Lussiez (Livonia), Doug Beason (Northville), Nick Scabassi (Northville), and Nick Tacconelli (Northville).



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Salem's Jake Bennett (right) defeated Walled Lake Central's Jamar Leggs, 11-9, in their 140-pound match Thursday in the Salem gymnasium. Bennett is one of Observerland's top-ranked wrestlers at his weight.

## Salem wrestlers pin Vikings, 36-28

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Due to voids and injuries, the Salem wrestling team's line-up was shuffled around more than a deck of Texas Hold'em cards Thursday night in its dual meet against visiting Walled Lake Central.

But the Rocks handled the adversity as well as they did the Vikings, winning 36-28. The showdown between the

two Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contenders was the league opener for both teams.

"Considering we lost 12 points at the start due to voids, I was happy with the win," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "It's early in the season, so I don't think either team has a set line-up yet, but Walled Lake Central has

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Salem's Andrew Ross (foreground) outpointed Walled Lake Central's Steve Hazel, 13-4, in a 171-pound battle Thursday night.

## Whalers sink Sudbury, 5-1

The Plymouth Whalers rebounded from a tough loss the night before to bury Sudbury, 5-1, Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played in the Sudbury Arena.

The Whalers are now 20-14-1-3, which is good enough for first place in the OHL's West Division. Plymouth goalie Justin Peters earned the nod as the game's No. 1 star by turning back 20 Wolves' shots. The Whalers outshot their hosts, 25-21.

Offensively, the winners were paced by John Vigilante, who picked up a goal and two assists. Vigilante's third-period lamp-lighter was short-handed and gave his team a commanding 4-0 advantage.

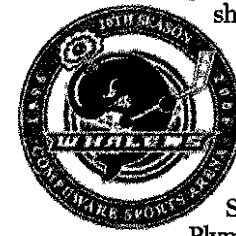
Also tallying goals for Plymouth were Evan Brophrey, Jared Boll, Steve Ward and Andrew Fournier. Gino Pisellini, Dan Collins (two), Peters and Tom Sestito notched assists for Plymouth.

On Thursday, the Barrie Colts led from start to finish in a 5-1 victory over the Whalers before 3,597 at the Molson Centre.

Ryan Hamilton led the Barrie attack with a pair of goals, while Andrew Marshall, Vladimir Nikiforov and Travis Fuller scored one each.

John Vigilante scored the lone Plymouth goal (16th of the season) at 1:48 of the third period. Barrie led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 after 40 minutes. The Colts outshot the Whalers, 44-21.

The game was a penalty-filled and fight-filled affair, which will lead to suspensions to players (second and third fights in the same sequence) on both sides: Mike Letzka, James Neal and Derek Merlim each received a two-game suspension for the participation in fighting Thursday night in Plymouth's 5-1 loss in Barrie. They are eligible to return to the lineup when Plymouth returns home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, against Saginaw.





**WRESTLING**

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a senior-led team. They're pretty decent with a lot of kids back from last year. Woochuk heaped praise on a pair of his lighter-weight performers who registered decisive victories despite moving up a weight.

Both 119-pound Alex Kemp and 125-pound Nick Steiger pinned their opponents in 5:32.

"Alex and Nick both had to bump up a weight because of injuries and they both came through with outstanding performances. I thought Kevin Bennett did an excellent job at 103, too."

"I was also pleased with our heavyweight, Hussien Ajami. He's a first-year wrestler who's only been in the wrestling room for about a month, but he only lost by one point to a senior who is a very good wrestler. Hussien was winning after two periods, so he did a great job even though he lost."

The match remained close throughout, with Salem receiving key victories from Jake Bennett (140 pounds), Andrew Ross (171) and Jeremy Henderson (189).

Leading 33-28, the Rocks needed a strong effort from their 215-pounder Alex Smith, and that's what they received.

Smith decisively Jordan Korastus, 9-4, to clinch the W for the hosts.

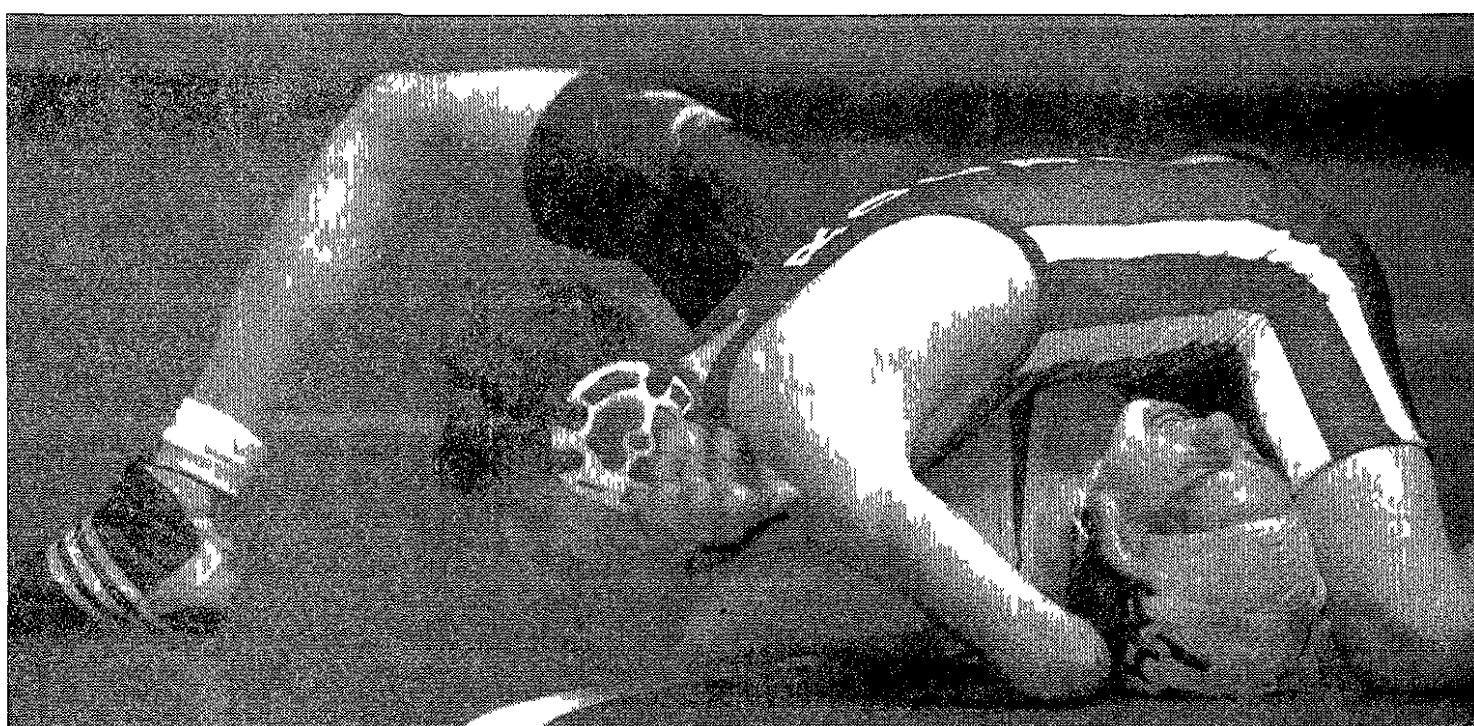
"Alex has always wrestled well under pressure and he did again tonight," Woochuk stated. "He really stepped up

'Alex and Nick both had to bump up a weight because of injuries and they both came through with outstanding performances. I thought Kevin Bennett did an excellent job at 103, too.'

Greg Woochuk  
Salem coach

big in the last match when we needed him.

The Vikings highlights included Jerrell Leggs victory over Kevin Hayter at 135 and Gene Simon's win at 160 over Sam Lepper. Both Central wrestlers won with pins — Leggs' came at 1:08 while Simon's came at the 26-second mark.



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Salem's Alex Kemp pinned Walled Lake Central's Matt Lesnick in 5:32 during Thursday night's 36-28 Rock victory.

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**Canton opens WLAA slate with a win**

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The Chiefs are now 17-2 overall heading into Thursday's key WLAA dual meet at Livonia Franklin.

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## Special bond

Local coaches agree rewards of coaching own children outweigh potential problems

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On several evenings over the next two months, Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will instruct his talented sophomore point guard to take the ball hard to the basket.

A few hours later, he may ask him to take out the trash.

Henry's point guard is unique in that he shares more than a deep love of basketball with his coach. He also shares a house, DNA and a last name.

Madonna's point guard is Charlie Henry, the oldest of Chuck's two sons. Together, the Henrys make up one of the area's handful of genetically linked coach/player combinations at the collegiate or high school levels.

While the potential for problems sometimes hovers over a parent coaching his own child, the Henrys and the area's other parent/player duos look at their situation as an enriching bonding experience that can't be duplicated.

"The best thing about coaching my own kids has been the extra time I've been able to spend with them," said Henry, who has, at one point or another over the past 15 years, coached all five of his roundball-loving children. When I've talked to some of my friends who are in coaching, they've told me that one of the toughest parts of the job is that they miss seeing their own kids play because of their team's practice and game schedules. I consider myself lucky to be in the position I'm in.

"To be able to spend quality time with Charlie and share the same passion for basketball we have is a great opportunity."

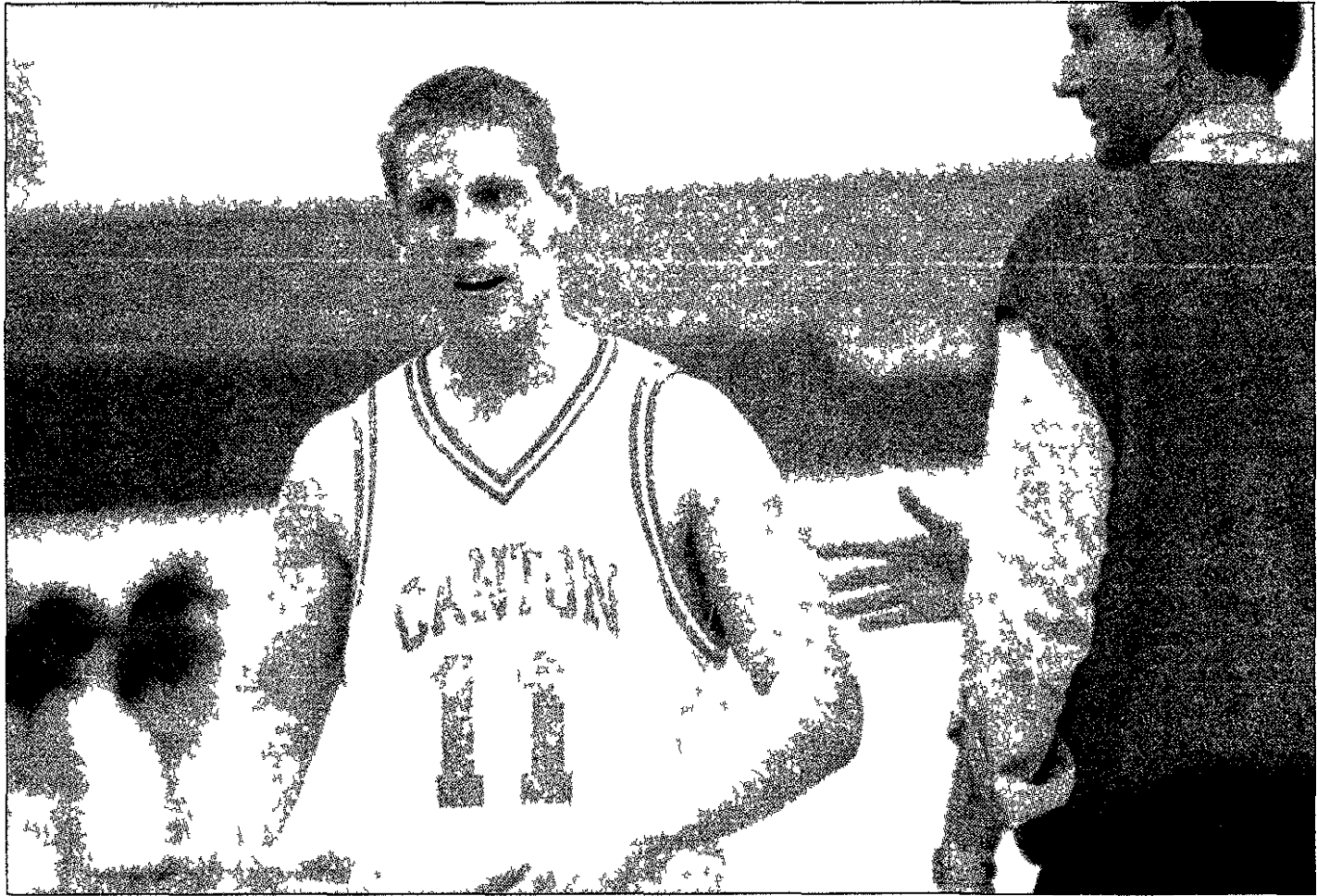
"I consider it a privilege to be able to coach the kids who are on my team," said Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey coach Lori Callahan, whose daughter, Kristin, is one of the team's defensemen. "To be able to coach at the high school level and have the opportunity to coach my daughter at the same time is extra special."

### DRAWING A LINE

Knowing when to stop coaching and start parenting is a skill that is vital to making the coaching parent/playing child scenario successful, said Canton boys basketball coach Charlie Paye, who has coached sons Matt and Steve at Canton.

"We try to leave everything at the gym, and I think we do a pretty good job of it," said Paye. "We don't really get into what we do at practice or in games."

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Canton junior forward Steve Paye gets a pat on the back from his coach/dad Charlie Paye during a game earlier this season.

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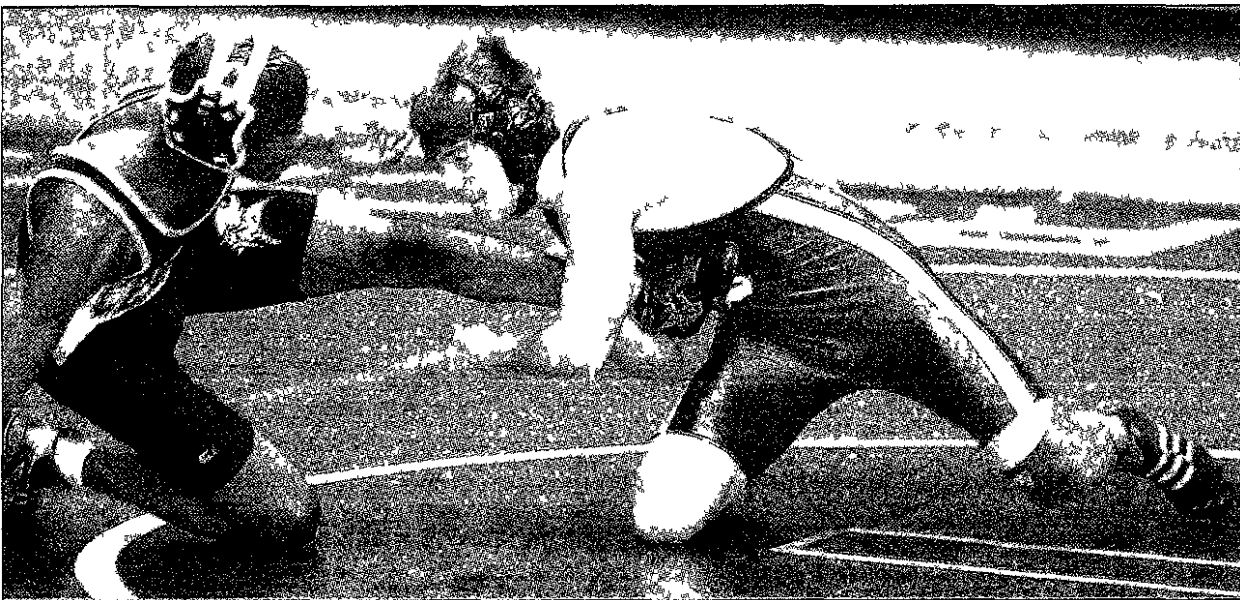
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- **Canton's Payes** – Father Charlie coaches son Steve on Chiefs basketball team
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- **PCS girls hockey's Callahans** – Mother Lori coaches daughter Kristin on Penguins
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- **Livonia Franklin's Whalens** – Mother Mary Kay coaches daughter Robin on Patriots basketball team



Plymouth-Canton Salem girls hockey coach Lori Callahan has coached daughter Kristin for the past two seasons. Kristin is a sophomore defenseman for the unbeaten Penguins.



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Salem's Jake Bennett (right) defeated Walled Lake Central's Jamar Leggs, 11-9, in their 140 pound match Thursday in the Salem gymnasium. Bennett is one of Observerland's top ranked wrestlers at his weight.

## Salem wrestlers pin Vikings, 36-28

BY ED WRIGHT  
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Due to voids and injuries, the Salem wrestling team's line-up was shuffled around more than a deck of Texas Hold 'em cards Thursday night in its dual meet against visiting Walled Lake Central.

But the Rocks handled the adversity as well as they did the Vikings, winning 36-28. The showdown between the

two Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contenders was the league opener for both teams.

"Considering we lost 12 points at the start due to voids, I was happy with the win," said Salem coach Greg Woodchuk. "It's early in the season, so I don't think either team has a set line-up yet, but Walled Lake Central has

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B2



Salem's Andrew Ross (foreground) outpointed Walled Lake Central's Steve Hazel, 13-4, in a 171 pound battle Thursday night.

## Whalers sink Sudbury, 5-1

The Plymouth Whalers rebounded from a tough loss the night before to bury Sudbury, 5-1, Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played in the Sudbury Arena.

The Whalers are now 20-14-1-3, which is good enough for first place in the OHL's West Division. Plymouth goalie Justin Peters earned the nod as the game's No. 1 star by turning back 20 Wolves' shots. The Whalers outshot their hosts, 25-21.

Offensively, the winners were paced by John Vigilante, who picked up a goal and two assists. Vigilante's third-period lamp-lighter was short-handed and gave his team a commanding 4-0 advantage.

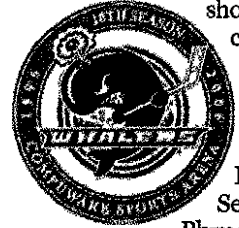
Also tallying goals for Plymouth were Evan Brophrey, Jared Boll, Steve Ward and Andrew Fourmier. Gino Pisellini, Dan Collins (two), Peters and Tom Sestito notched assists for Plymouth.

On Thursday, the Barrie Colts led from start to finish in a 5-1 victory over the Whalers before 3,597 at the Molson Centre.

Ryan Hamilton led the Barrie attack with a pair of goals, while Andrew Marshall, Vladimir Nikiforov and Travis Fuller scored one each.

John Vigilante scored the lone Plymouth goal (16th of the season) at 1:48 of the third period.

Barrie led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 after 40 minutes. The Colts outshot the Whalers, 44-21. The game was a penalty-filled and fight-filled affair, which will lead to suspensions to players (second and third fights in the same sequence) on both sides. Mike Letizia, James Neal and Derek Merlmi each received a two-game suspension for the participation in fighting Thursday night in Plymouth's 5-1 loss in Barrie. They are eligible to return to the lineup when Plymouth returns home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, against Saginaw.



## Sidelines

### Lynn shines

Former Salem swimmer Eric Lynn is enjoying a successful senior season as a member of the Oakland University men's swim team.

Lynn played a key role in the Grizzlies' first-place finish in the Miami (Ohio) University Invitational, a three day meet that took place Dec. 1-3.

Lynn swam the last leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay, which earned first-place and set a new meet record with a time of 1:22.86.

Lynn was also a member of the Grizzlies' first-place 200 medley relay team that set a meet record with a clocking of 1:30.31.

The former Rocket closed out a great meet by winning the 100 backstroke in 50.10.

### Jaskot excels

Salem graduate Kelly Jaskot scored 11 points in a reserve role for the University of Detroit Mercy's women's basketball team in the Titans' 88-73 victory over Loyola on Thursday.

In 18 minutes of action, Jaskot a senior also compiled three rebounds and six assists while hitting 1 of 3 three point shots.

### Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the 2006 Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls basketball teams will be held at the following times and locations:

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### Wolves perfect

The Michigan Wolves U14 boys soccer team recently captured the Super Y North American Championship in Tampa, Fla., in dominating fashion.

The Wolves went 5-0 without allowing a single goal.

Michigan, which was coached by Livonia Stevenson High School boys coach Lars Richters, won the title by blanking the SCC Breakers, 6-0, in the final match.

Local players competing for the Wolves were Joshua Gatt (Plymouth), Vinh Nguyen (Canton), Sasa Miskovic (Canton), Kevin Cope (Canton), Adam Bedell (Livonia), Joey D'Agostino (Livonia), Etienne Lussiez (Livonia), Doug Beason (Northville), Nick Sclabassi (Northville), and Nick Tacconelli (Northville).



**WRESTLING**

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a senior-led team. They're pretty decent with a lot of kids back from last year. Woochuk heaped praise on a pair of his lighter-weight performers who registered decisive victories despite moving up a weight.

Both 119-pound Alex Kemp and 125-pound Nick Steiger pinned their opponents in 5:32.

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The match remained close throughout, with Salem receiving key victories from Jake Bennett (140 pounds), Andrew Ross (171) and Jeremy Henderson (189).

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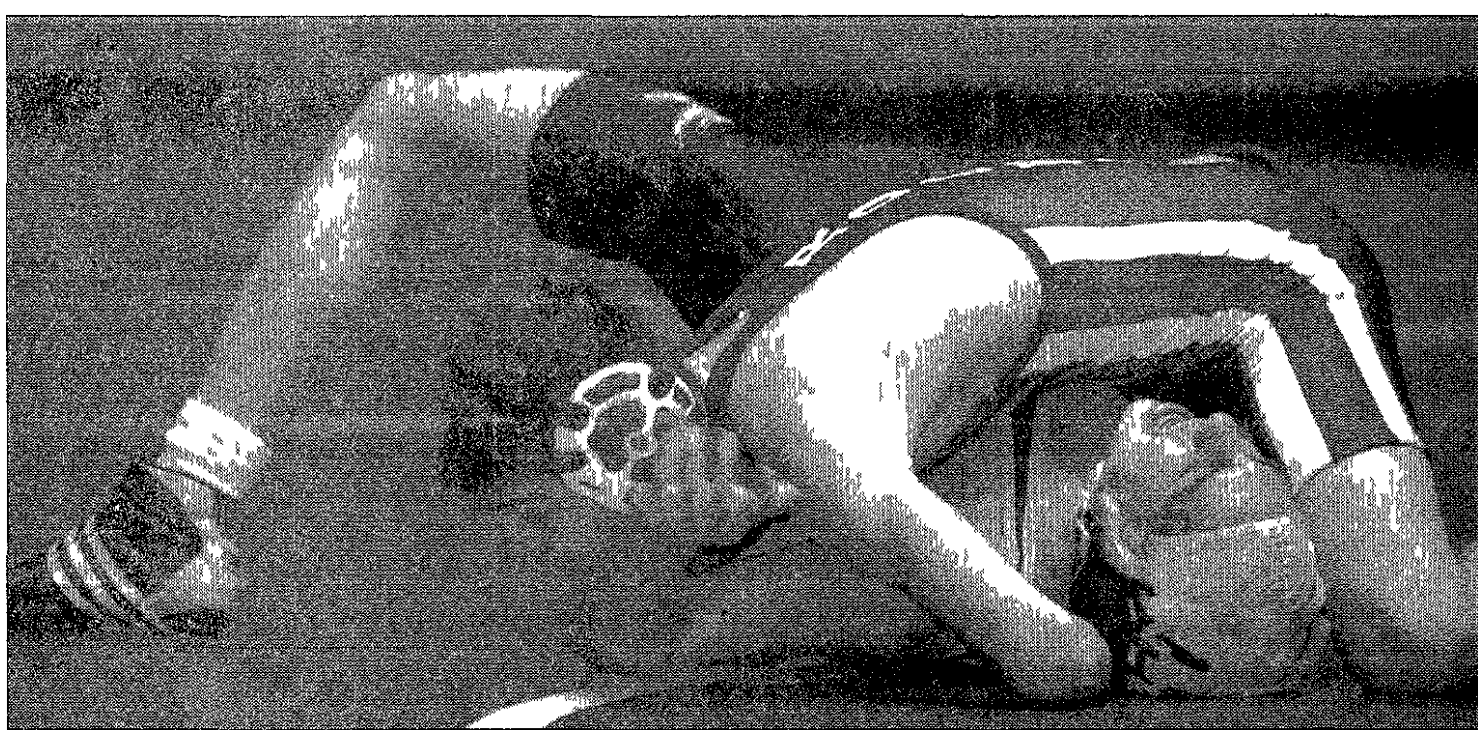
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# PCA spikers sweep Trojans

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team opened its record at 6-1 Thursday night by sweeping Livonia (Livonia, 25-13, 25-4 and 25-13)

We played very strong and we were scrappy tonight, said PCA coach Missy Henry. This group of girls is playing very well and they're coming together. They have great chemistry.

Senior outside hitter Kelsie Hohen led the Eagles with 20 kills, 10 digs and seven blocks. Fellow senior Bre Ruark also played well, racking up 30 service points, 20 assists and 16 digs.

## FRANKLIN EDGED

Ivonia Franklin put up a battle, but came up short in Wednesday's non-league girls volleyball match with visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer, 25-17, 25-19, 25-23.

Pioneer, getting 14 kills and seven aces from Erica Jaffe, improved to 11-3-3 overall. Cassie Petosky added 10 kills and seven digs, while setter Mary Bieschke finished with 16 assists to kills for the Pioneers.

Franklin's top attacker was junior Liv Dempsey, who finished with seven kills. Jaleece Lavine and Jenn Boettcher added six each. Boettcher also hit at a .500 clip.

The girls were extremely competitive throughout the entire match against an exceedingly tough team, said Franklin first year coach

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

Damelle Wensing, whose team is 2-5-4 overall. This was our first home game, so I believe everyone had the case of the jitters, including myself.

However, I thought we came together very efficiently with each game and made it pretty close in score.

Franklin's top serve receivers included Cassie LaPrairie, Dempsey, Boettcher and Lavine.

It's still early enough in the season for us to develop into the team we know that we can be," Wensing said. "I look forward to the (Western Lakes) conference matches and compete with some of the best schools around."

## Lutheran Westland wins

Rachel Sieloff, Kayle Gieschen and Andrea Guse each registered six kills Thursday to propel Lutheran High Westland to a 25-14, 25-22, 25-12 non-conference victory over host Bloomfield Hills Roper.

Junior Lauren Schwede added 14 digs as the Warriors improved to 2-0.

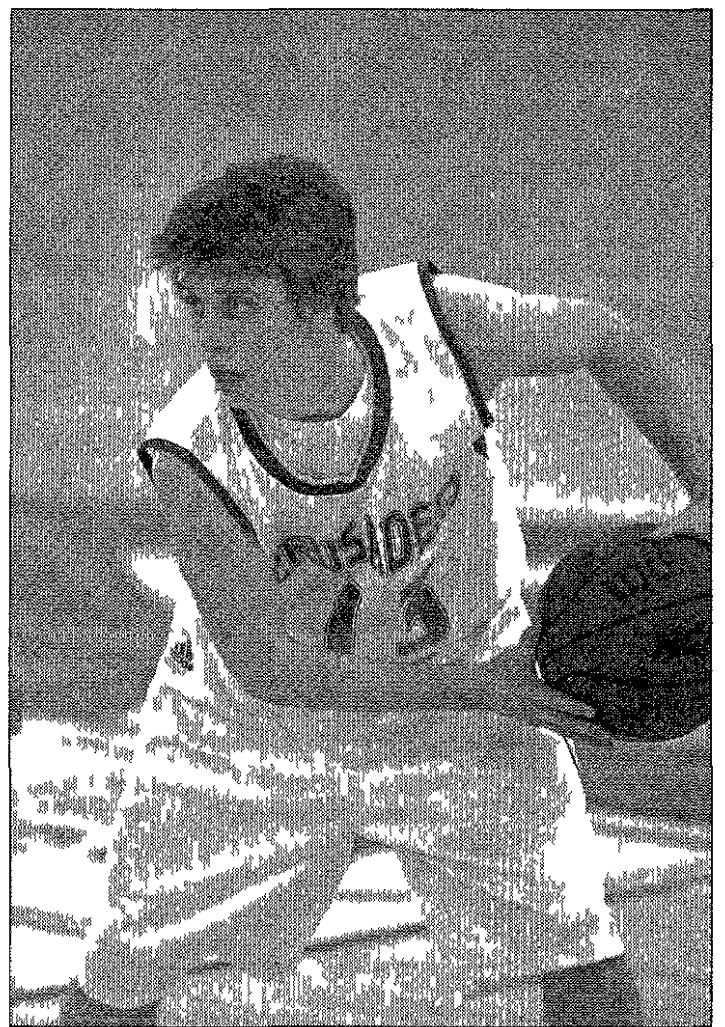
"Our team served really well and in rally scoring that is a big part of the game," said Lutheran Westland coach Gail Sieloff.

The loss drops Roper to 0-2.



MADONNA UNIVERSITY PHOTOS

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry (middle) has coached all five of his children at some time in the basketball careers. Henry currently coaches his oldest son, Charlie, at MU.



Madonna sophomore guard Charlie Henry said playing for his father, Chuck, has been a great experience.

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around the house. We'll watch basketball on TV and we'll talk basketball a lot, but, for the most part, we don't discuss what's going on with our team too much when we're at home.

## BALANCED TREATMENT

One problem that has doomed many coaching your-own-child situations is the delicate issue of pushing your own kid harder than the other players so that you're not accused of favoritism.

"I think it's important to use constructive criticism with my daughter just like I do the other players, but not expect too much from her," said Callahan. "I think it's natural for parents to expect more from their own children, but I make sure I don't make the mistake of being harder on her than I am the other girls."

It's so important that we're as absolutely objective as possible when it comes to judging our entire team, including our own children, said Canton Agape Christian basketball coach Keith Anleitner, whose son, Jack, is the Wolverines starting

point guard. "It's hard to do sometimes, but it's necessary. If we're not totally objective, we're going to create petty jealousies among the team and it's going to create the appearance of favoritism."

Henry's rule of thumb is simple.

"I try to be fair, be firm and be honest with all my players, the veteran coach said.

## THE PLAYERS' VIEWS

One sentiment was unanimous among all the coaching parents: The unique situation they share is always tougher on the players than the coaches.

"I hesitated a little bit when it came to applying for the Canton job because I knew it could be tough on my sons if their dad was the coach," Paye said. "There are always going to be people out there who think a kid is starting just because his dad is the coach, and that can be hard on the kid."

I decided to apply for it when Matt told me he wanted me to coach the team. The playing time thing was not going to be an issue because Matt started as a junior under the old coach, so he was going to start his senior season whether I was

there or not. One thing that convinced me to apply was that both of my sons are mentally tough and I knew they could handle whatever happened."

Charlie Henry said playing for his father has been a rewarding experience that he wouldn't trade for anything.

I've really enjoyed playing for my dad, he said. It's not always easy and it's not for everyone, but it's worked out well for us. My dad wants to win, especially now that he's coaching at the college level, so he's going to play his best players. If he thinks I can help him win, I'm going to play. If not, I won't.

The younger Henry admitted there is one drawback to playing for his dad.

"The only hard part is when I come home from a tough loss sometimes and it would be nice to talk to my dad about the game as if he was just a fan, not my coach," Henry said. "It's tough sometimes the way it is now because my dad just lost the game, too, and he feels as bad as I do."

In the not-too-distant future, Charlie Henry hopes he'll be able to relate to what his father goes through on the sidelines.

I want to be a coach myself after I graduate," he admitted. "What my dad does and how he does it has really rubbed off on me in a positive way."

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# Optimism reigns for PCA volleyball team

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The first of returns in five years to Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team has reason to be optimistic for the 2005-06 season.

The Eagles have compiled a modest 6-1 through their early season schedule, but that mark is deceptive considering the competition they've faced on the other side of the net.

In our first two tournaments, we were the only team that wasn't in Class A or B, said PCA coach Missy Henry, referring to her Class D squad. Our record isn't great right now, but we've played a lot of strong teams.

The Eagles finished third at the season-opening Mott Community College Invitational and second in the Silver Division at the Livonia Stevenson Invitational.

I'm very optimistic this year, Henry added. "Our goal is to win a regional title, and I think we can do it."

PCA fell in the Class D regional final to perennially strong Lenawee Christian last spring.

The Eagles will be led by a strong senior class, including captains Kelsie Tietjen and

Julie Bahbah, both of whom are talented all-around players.

Kelsie is amazing, Henry said. She is a quiet leader who everyone else feeds off of. She leads by example. Kelsie is an excellent hitter and she's good at defense, too. She's probably our best defensive player.

Julie is an excellent defensive player and she is the team's verbal leader. She's the one who rounds everybody up and gets us ready to play. She's only 5-6, but she can really get up.

Other key seniors for the Eagles are Bre Ruark, who took over the team's setting responsibilities following an injury to sophomore Sara Ross, outside hitter Stephane Auwers, and middle hitter Rachel Ward. The lone junior on the Eagles' nine-player roster is Brooke Harnis, who Henry praised as a good all-around player with strong defensive skills.

Two freshmen round out the team: Mim Monroe and Jessica Murphy, both of whom will play primarily defensive roles.

"This is Julie, Kelsie and Bre's fourth year on the varsity, so it would be nice to see them go out on top," said Henry.

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# SC men's team falls

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College's return to Eastern Conference play after a year in basketball purgatory turned into a night to forget.

The Ocelot men's team suffered a rare loss Wednesday at home under coach Carlos Briggs as perennial nemesis Flint Mott earned a 77-62 victory.

Schoolcraft falls to 11-3 overall and 0-1 in the conference, while Mott improves to 8-5 and 1-0.

The Ocelots, unable to compete for last year's Michigan Community College Athletic Association crown or conference title because of off-season rules violations cited by the NJCAA, couldn't stay with the Bears in the second half after trailing by only one at intermission, 33-32.

"They (Mott) outplayed us from the jump ball and they competed," Briggs said. "And we did not do a good job in our substitutions or rotations. They beat us in every aspect of the game."

Schoolcraft, despite a game-high 24 points from 7-foot center James Davis, struggled offensively much of the night, shooting just 19-of-53 from the field (35.8 percent) and committing a total of 21 turnovers.

"We had shooters who were dribble-driving and guys who should be driving it to the basket taking jump shots," Briggs said. "I bet we only had 10 assists and that's a sign you're not running your offense."

Schoolcraft led on only two occasions all night.



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Schoolcraft College's Cedric Sims dives over Flint Mott's Kevin Tiggs for a loose ball during Wednesday night's game at Schoolcraft.

The Ocelots took a brief 32-30 advantage with just 15.5 seconds left in the half on a basket by Wallace Hall.

But Mott's Jesse Bunkley, who led the Bears' balanced scoring attack with 17 points, nailed a triple with 5.5 seconds remaining to put Mott back on top, 33-32 at intermission.

Mott made only 11-of-29 first-half shots (37.9 percent), but connected on six first-half 3-pointers.

In the second half, Mott committed just two turnovers and nailed 17-of-35 shots from the floor while taking advantage of several Schoolcraft scoring droughts, including one which lasted 3 minutes and 21 seconds.

We knew at the beginning of the year our guard play was a question mark and we got hurt pretty bad because we weren't strong with the ball and we didn't get into our offense," Briggs said.

Only Jarred Axon was able to complement Davis scoring with 13 points as no other Ocelot netted double figures.

Meanwhile, Mott had a more balanced attack as Kevin Tiggs came off the bench to score 15, while Breylon Watson contributed 12.

We played good competition two games in California against teams the caliber of a Schoolcraft and one with Lansing to get ready for this

game," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, whose Bears have won four out of five. "This one of our best efforts at Mott as far as playing from start to finish."

"You have to come to play against a talented team like Schoolcraft. We tried to contain Davis, and I don't know if we did. He's a tough matchup and a very good player."

Schoolcraft went down by 12 with 7:57 left in the second half on a basket by Marcus Skinner.

The Ocelots pulled back within six, 62-56, with 4:29 to go on a basket by Ryan Williams, but never got any closer.

"We wanted to control tempo and stay focused on the defensive end," Schmidt said. "We changed our defenses to give them three or four different looks. We were able to mix it up and keep them off-balance. This is the first time we've pressed this year full-court."

Mott made 15-of-18 free throws, while Schoolcraft was 17-of-23.

"Steve (Schmidt) did a good job rotating all of his guys," Briggs said. "We had a couple of people missed practice and we started a different lineup, but that's not to take away any of the credit from Mott."

This is got to be the worst Schoolcraft has ever played at home.

# New year not kind to lady cagers

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

So far, the new year hasn't been all that happy for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team.

Two top Schoolcraft players did not play in Wednesday's first contest of 2006 against Flint Mott Community College, one of who will not return this season.

On top of that, poor shooting and costly turnovers down the stretch resulted in Mott earning a 78-67 triumph - stopping Schoolcraft's season-opening unbeaten streak and certainly knocking them out of the top spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II polls for the first time in five weeks.

The player who won't play again this season is 5-8 sophomore forward Renita Price (Wayne Memorial), who SC head coach Karen Lafata learned has been ruled academically ineligible. Schoolcraft also faced the Bears without sophomore guard Mikki Williams, who arrived late for the contest and sat out.

"Without these people, it affected us at the end of the game where we needed some big-time plays," Lafata said. "Two of our experienced players, sophomores, weren't there. I think Char (Greer) did as much as she could to ride this team on her shoulders. And Winke (Tracey Winkler) grabbed 13 rebounds while Winkler (Walled Lake Western) hit four triples to amass 14 points. But they did not have much help as the Lady Ocelots (12-1) stumbled from the start against the

tough Bears (8-4) - a team that has four returnees from a squad that went to the national tournament last year.

"We made some bad decisions at the end of the game, turnovers that led to baskets," Lafata noted. "And you can't do that."

Schoolcraft led 62-61 following a triple from sophomore guard Tomica Hodge (13 points) with less than seven minutes remaining.

But things quickly unraveled when back-to-back SC turnovers - one an intercepted inbound pass in Mott's end - led to baskets, giving the Bears a lead they would not relinquish.

The lone points scored by the Lady Ocelots in the final four minutes was another Hodge try.

Poor free-throw shooting (7-17 for the game and 1-8 in the second half) also curtailed Schoolcraft's chances as did a 13-rebound performance by Mott sophomore center Parris Hargrove.

"I'm very concerned with the free throw shooting," said Lafata, whose team didn't fare much better from the floor (26-69, 38 percent).

The opening 20 minutes featured teams that traded hot streaks.

A 9-0 run by the Bears, including five points by sophomore guard Jamie Rose (21 points) opened up a 15-7 lead midway through the half.

It was 21-11 when Winkler sparked a 16-2 run that gave Schoolcraft a short-lived 27-23 margin. She hit two triples and set up a Greer bankshot with one of her five steals.

She (Winkler) had a fine game, Lafata said. But a 7-0 Mott stretch fol-



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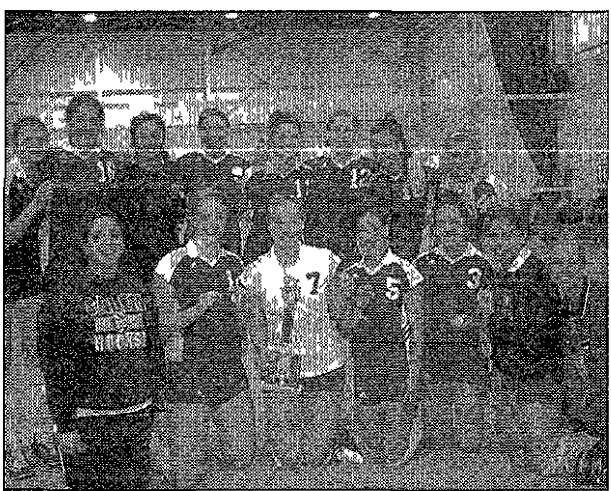
Schoolcraft College's LaShanda Thomas drives through the Flint Mott defense during Wednesday night's game at Schoolcraft. The Ocelots lost for the first time this season.

lowed and the teams traded baskets the rest of the half, with the Lady Ocelots claiming a 36-35 advantage at the break on a layup by Winkler (assisted by freshman forward LaShanda Thomas, who had nine points).

Mott regained control early in the second half and only once gave up the lead the rest of the way.

Now, Lafata wants to see what her squad is made of. The Lady Ocelots return to action in p.m. Saturday at St. Clair County Community College.

"Hey, I was not expecting to run the table," Lafata said. "This was our first loss, and now we've got to see how we respond to that."



## Rolling Rocks

Members of Salem's volleyball team are pictured with their medals and first-place trophy moments after winning the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational on Dec. 30. Overall the Rocks went 5-0 and defeated Wyandotte Roosevelt in the final match. Pictured (from row from left) are coach Amanda Suder, Lauren Price, Nicole Mersch, Danielle DiPietro, Kelly Behr, Ashley Hayes, coach Jill Dombrowski (back row from left) Courtney Seiler, Teresa Coppellie, Chelsea McPhail, Katrina Cope, Jansan Falcusan, Lauren Kurtz, Shannon Rusin and Kristin Kozub.

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## Wrestling novices to square off

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Young wrestlers from all over Observerland will converge on Garden City High School Saturday to gain valuable experience that could lift them to solid prep careers.

Ninth and 10th graders from 29 high schools will participate at the 39th annual Garden City Novice Wrestling Tournament.

Among high schools within the Observer coverage area expected to be on hand for the day-long extravaganza are Garden City, Redford Union, Novi Catholic Central (formerly based out of Redford Township), Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, Wayne Memorial and Belleville.

Oakland County schools include Farmington, North Farmington, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western. To give the youngsters a chance to succeed and even get a medal, the tournament includes divisions for ninth and 10th graders with trophies to be awarded to the top three squads in each bracket. There also will be an Outstanding Wrestler Award in each division.

For more information, contact Garden City athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

# Whalers-to-NHL pipeline still prolific

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Jason Bacashihua is the latest alum of the Plymouth Whalers to be called up to the National Hockey League and his former coach isn't surprised.

First of all, Compuware Sports Arena is a hotbed for big-league scouts. As many as 50 could be prowling the facility during a Saturday night game.

But also give credit to the 23-year-old Bacashihua, stressed Mike Vellucci, the Ontario Hockey League team's president, general manager and head coach.

"I think it's quite fitting," said Vellucci. "I thought he was an outstanding goaltender for us (in 2001-02), and being taken in the first round I knew it would eventually come someday for him to get there."

Bacashihua, a Garden City native called up to St. Louis of the NHL in December, follows the goalie skate tracks of several alums of the Peter Karmanos, Jr.-owned franchise who graduated to the NHL.

Those include Fred Braithwaite (who actually played for the Detroit Jr. Wings) and Robert Esche (currently with the Philadelphia Flyers). Other Jr. Wings/Ambassadors/Whalers netminders drafted by the NHL, but never getting called up, include Aaron Ellis, Jason Saal, Mike Minard, Rob Zepp and Jeff Weber.

Don't forget many of the franchise's former forwards



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Jason Bacashihua played 2001-02 for the Plymouth Whalers

and defensemen also have gotten the call, from Bryan Berard (Columbus) to David Legwand (Nashville) to Stephen Weiss (Florida) to Chad LaRose, a young right wing promoted to Carolina

just before St. Louis brought up Bacashihua.

"We get a ton of NHL scouts here on a Saturday night," Vellucci continued (Detroit GM) Kenny Holland comes quite a bit, as does

(Wings' assistant GM) Jim Nill. Both live in the area so it's very convenient for them.

So OHL players are well aware they likely are auditioning for a future job every time they play at Compuware.

That is a big part of why we always have a top team in the league," Vellucci said.

"You see all the kids that have come through the Whalers. We have put so many guys, seven first-round NHL picks and a lot of guys playing in the NHL right now."

Meanwhile, Vellucci tries to watch his former players whenever his own busy schedule allows him to.

So far, he hasn't been able to watch Bacashihua play for the Blues.

"I get nervous to watch them (Whaler alums) play but I'm very proud of them," he said. "I'm happy to see them succeed."

Vellucci very well might be coaching yet another NHL-bound goalie in Justin Peters, a 2004 draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes who became a Whaler in December. "I definitely think he's an NHL goaltender, he has the mentality and the talent," said Vellucci about the 6-2, 210-pound Peters.

The coach said Bacashihua is quicker and relies on his reflexes whereas Peters is technically very sound, very big and covers a lot of net.

But Vellucci thinks both goalies have a good chance to do well at the sport's top level.

Without a doubt, he said with a smile.

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## ALUMS MAKING THE GRADE

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League continue to churn out players who crack the National Hockey League with goalie Jason Bacashihua the latest. Following is a who's who of Whaler alums (or those who played for their predecessors the Detroit Jr. Wings and Detroit Ambassadors) who played in the National Hockey League during the 2003-04 season. The name of the player's NHL team is in parenthesis.

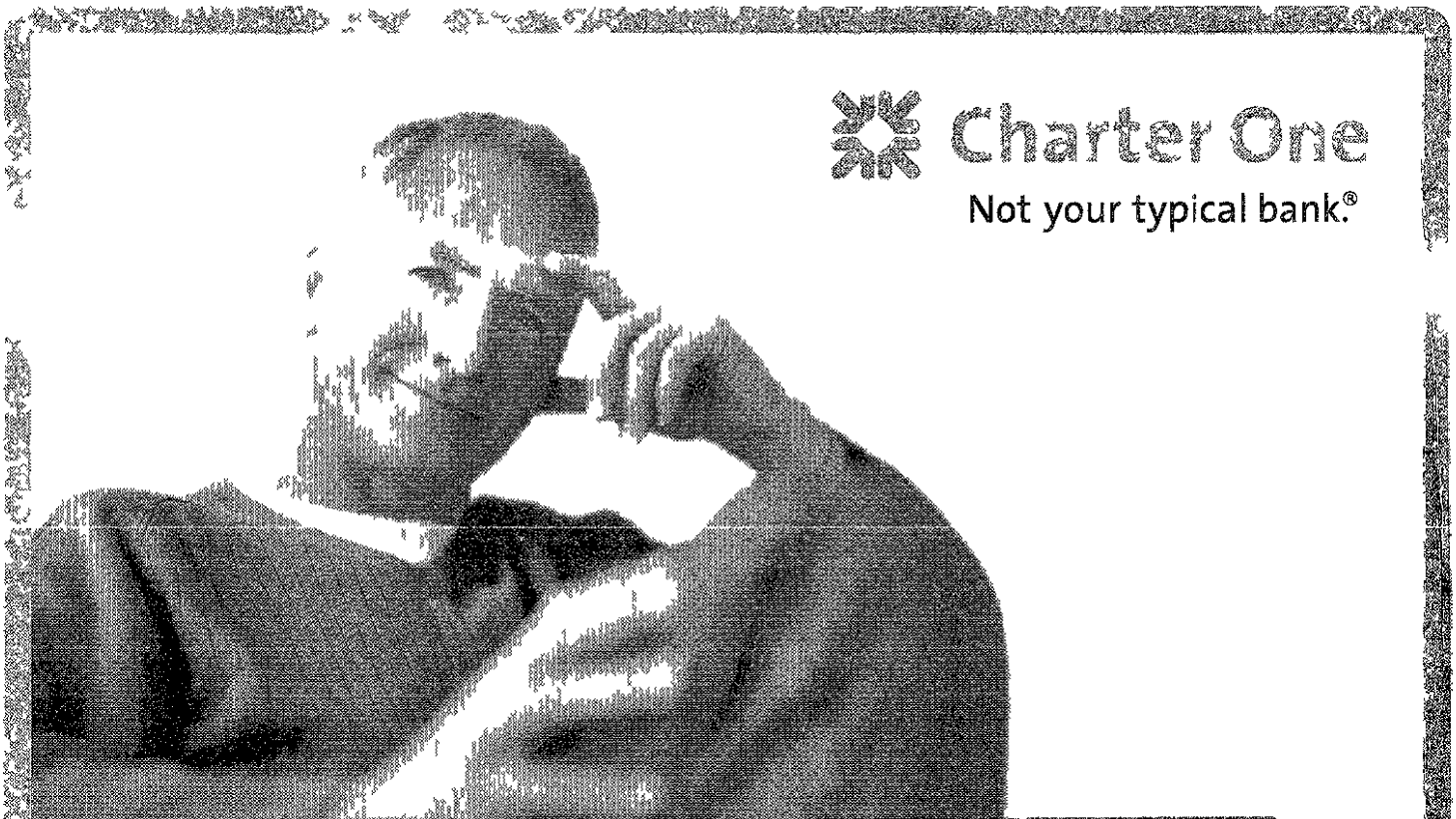
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## The second time around

Imagine you have finally made it to what many call your "golden years." You're 65 and loving it, a time for retirement and relaxation. Or is it?

Now, try to imagine the children you have raised to adulthood, paid their way through college and saw them go on their way to begin their new life, coming to pay you a shocking visit. During this visit you learn that you are now a grandparent and the child you have already raised informs you they are not ready to be a parent and now you, the grandparent, have to assume the responsibility.

It's a situation that doesn't have to be conjured up, for many senior Americans this is life as they know it. The golden years are supposed to be a time for reflection, ease and leisure, or at least it used to be. Unfortunately, now it seems retirement is quickly becoming a time to raise and nurture the grandkids.

According to a US Census Bureau study conducted in 1994, 1.3 million Americans under the age of 18 lived in a grandparent-headed household and sometimes the grandparents feel as if they have done something wrong to cause this situation and also feel they have nowhere to turn.

However, there are many reasons why grandparents end up raising the grandkids, according to a study conducted by the University of Minnesota. The study cites reasons such as immaturity on the part of the biological parents, unfavorable living conditions and undue and unexpected stress.

But the overwhelming reason the study found was drug and alcohol abuse on the part of the biological parent or parents, a trend which has been taking place for some 20 years according to the study.

Surprisingly enough grand parents don't just deal with raising the kids the second time around. There are a whole host of issues on the table when grandparents find themselves in this situation. They have to deal with custody and adoption issues, ponder whether to take over legal guardianship. And, once they do settle on these issues, financial concerns are paramount, along with health care and the proper guidance for the grandchild.

The grandkids placed in these less-than-ideal, but often necessary, living situations, grapple with their own problems, such as uncontrolled anger and conflict issues. Most feel lost and abandoned by their natural parent and some act out in a very destructive manner.

I recently got a chance to peek in on this delicate situation when an older friend of mine found herself the primary caretaker of her 2-year-old granddaughter. I was able to see the coordinated balancing act necessary to make this arrangement work in full swing. I watched my friend navigate her way through the court system in order to learn more about her rights as a caretaker.

I watch her struggle with where to go to get aid and food for the child, because kids have very special nutritional needs. Day care and schooling needs had to be considered, and she worked through all of this without knowing there were information and support groups out there designed to help.

Well, there is help out there, and for anyone who finds themselves in the same unplanned situation. There is a Web site and group designed especially for grandparents, [www.grandparentsraising-grandkids@groups.msn.com](http://www.grandparentsraising-grandkids@groups.msn.com). Also, grandparents can access a magazine that tackles all the issues facing them at [www.grandmagazine.com](http://www.grandmagazine.com) and for legal help and advice go to [www.legalfairnessforall.com](http://www.legalfairnessforall.com) or [www.custodycenter.com](http://www.custodycenter.com).

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Barbara Bloom (left) joins original Vandellas Rosalind Holmes and Annette Helton on stage. Holmes and Helton were cast as Bingo Mamas who live to play. Bloom plays a nun.

## Everything's new about world premiere

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When Eric Gutman landed the role of God in the world premiere of *Father Bingo*, the 28-year-old Livonia actor thought his greatest challenge would be mastering the commanding voice.

Gutman soon realized he was facing bigger problems. Gutman had always researched the originating role even before portraying Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills in his senior year.

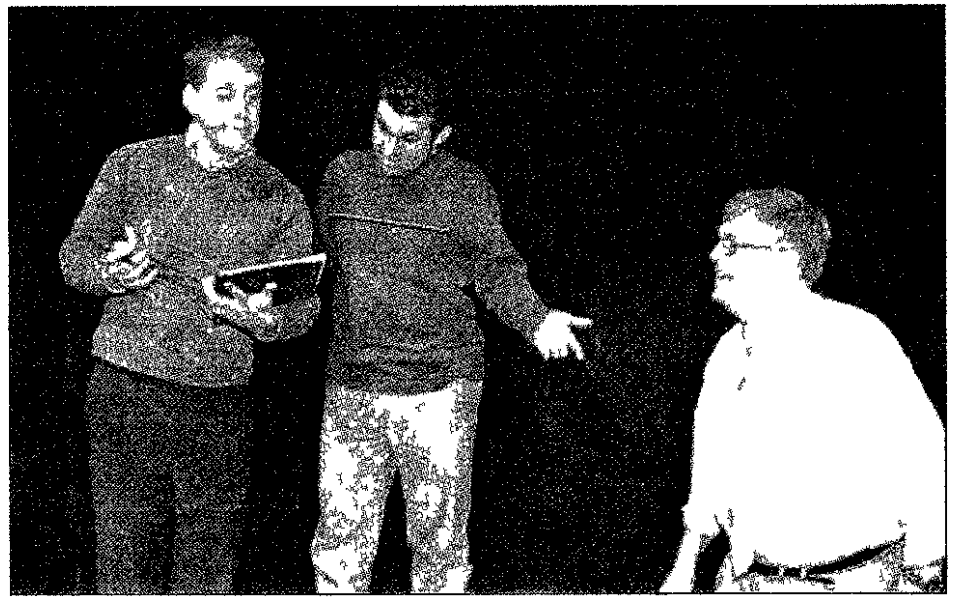
The first time God appears before an audience will be Feb. 10-12 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

Written by William Nilsson, *Father Bingo* brings to life the politics that surround gambling in Detroit. One of the major players along with God is Father O'Neil. The priest is about to lose his church so he considers bingo as a way to raise money. That decision goes against what he stands for as head of an anti-gambling coalition which opposes the mayor's efforts to allow casinos. Original Vandellas Annette Helton and Rosalind Holmes add to the antics by playing the Bingo Mamas who live to play.

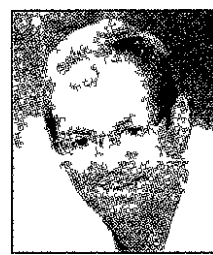
### PRESSURE'S ON

It puts a lot of pressure on you. I thought the role would be of a gentleman with a booming voice. He's the exact opposite. I'm just a short Jewish kid from the suburbs," said Gutman, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater at Western Michigan University and

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Dan Morrison (left) plays St. Peter, Eric Gutman is God and Joseph Lannen is Father O'Neil in a new musical comedy presented by 5th Avenue Productions.



Rick Beyer is the executive producer of *Father Bingo*.



Paul Miles (left) plays the role of Pallini Armond is the Mayor in a production at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

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## Dance to raise funds for First Step

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Judy Ellis can't say enough good things about Brian Duggan. In the last 15 years, he's raised several hundred thousand dollars to help First Step provide a wide range of services for women, children and men. The nonprofit agency helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through its offices in Plymouth.

On Friday, Feb. 10, Duggan hopes to raise another \$50,000 for First Step by holding the 16th annual Charity Dance and Casino.

Night 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

According to Ellis, "losses in state and federal funding have made contributions such as Duggan's critical to First Step's work. In addition to providing a safe haven at an undisclosed shelter location, First Step provides counseling for adults and children, and through its outreach programs sends advocates into the schools. It costs around \$2.5 million a year to provide meals, clothing, transportation, formulas, and counseling for survivors.

### RAISING AWARENESS

I met Brian 17 years ago when he came to talk about how to help families experiencing violence," said Ellis, executive director of First Step. "Through his annual First Step Charity Dance literally thousands of people have become aware of First Step and the services we offer. We count Brian as an outstanding concerned citizen dedicated to making our community safer."

Duggan has raised the ticket price to \$40 in order to top last

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Roulette and other casino games are part of the fun at the annual First Step Charity Dance and Casino Night. This year Texas Hold'em has been added. The dance will be Friday, Feb. 10.



LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 'S is for Silence,' Sue Grafton
- 2 'Mary, Mary,' James Patterson

- 3 'Predator,' Patricia Cornwell
- 4 'At First Sight,' Nicholas Sparks
- 5 'Forever Odd,' Dean Koontz

NONFICTION

- 1 'Team of Rivals,' Doris Kearns Goodwin
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- 5 'Noises at Night,' Beth Glass

Try IOUs to teach teens value of money

One single father finally just had enough. With three allowances to dole out each week, plus weekly up-the-ante debates he took action. At the beginning of the new year, each pre-teen had a chance to hash out a weekly allowance with their father. Then, each pre-teen got a packet of allowance IOUs good for the year. But here's the kicker:



Teens in 2006  
Alice McCarthy

The IOUs were as good as cash at any time, take your pick. Budget them, save them up, or cash them in all at once. There were no restrictions. Money management 101 had begun.

What most preteens know and see and hear about money is simple and straightforward. Money buys stuff. Better stuff, more stuff, a lot of stuff - it all equals money. From CDs to video games to iPods, money buys stuff.

What they usually don't know is that money is expensive. A credit card debit can cost money in interest. Money spent now means less money saved or invested for the future, and in many cases that future is your child's future or your future. Young people simply do not understand the meaning of the old saying: there's no such thing as a free lunch.

Your family values and knowledge about money will make talking to your child a lot easier. The resources below can help as well.

Start working on an allowance figure. Decide exactly what items the allowance will cover and give your child some time to keep a record of expenses before starting the allowance. Make sure you aren't doing all the work here. You're the bank, not the one asking for money. Then remember: Talking about the allowance doesn't have to mean changing the amount or a temporary bailout.

Share a monthly household bill with your 12-14-year-old, an electric bill for example. And not just the part that shows how much the family owes. Have him or her go over the whole bill - see all the pieces. Talk about the cost of keeping the lights - or water or gas or phone - running versus the cost of some of the items a teen may want to buy. There's no reason to be harsh or heavy here, just make some simple comparisons.

Talk about saving, especially saving for his or her future. Anything from college funds to 401(k) plans. Talk about long- and short-term debt. All of these issues bring up matters most young people have never thought about but can usually understand (and do the basic math).

You may be interested in having your pre-teen set up their own savings account. Again, let them do the legwork here. Many banks have differing accounts

for children of different ages, some that can be opened for as little as \$1. Some banks set a specific amount for opening the account and maintaining the account. Fees may be based on whether the parent has an account in the bank chosen.

What about work? If your son or daughter is making some money of their own, how is that money budgeted? What percentage is for short-term spending? How much is saved for "big ticket" items? How much is saved or invested for the long term?

Americans are great economic optimists, and great spenders. As with most things, teens listen and talk, but they also watch and imitate.

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

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Consumer protection 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 Michigamans," 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 Hotline at (877) 765-8388.

Auditions are 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.

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Unity offers learning opportunities

Anyone who desires to grow and change is welcome at recovery oriented sessions led by the Rev. Dennis Skiles beginning 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster.

In 1952, Bill Wilson, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous wrote, "If we go on growing, our attitudes and actions toward security, emotional and financial security

commence to change profoundly."

Skiles takes this concept of personal change and shows how to draw near to your higher power to understand the spiritual laws that lead to peace of mind in sessions on the 12 Laws of Life and Success. Each session is independent, so attend one or all. Sessions continue on Wednesdays for 12-weeks.

Unity regularly hosts activities

to promote personal growth. At noon Thursday, Jan. 12, Skiles and the Wise Guys 'N Gals Senior Group invites community seniors and adults to a potluck and lecture on the true nature of homelessness. Nancy Spencer thought it could never happen to her. She speaks from her own experience at the potluck.

Bring a dish to share, if you can. If not, you are still welcome. Call (734) 421-1760.

**Opening Ceremonies**  
to Super Bowl XL

Join the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee on Monday, January 30 for **A Detroit Salute** the official opening ceremonies for Super Bowl XL.

This black tie evening at the Fox Theatre will include live performances by some of the Motor City's great entertainers, a tribute to Detroit automakers, recognition of the **40 moments that define Detroit sports**, appearances by hometown sports legends and a visit by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Enjoy this **once-in-a-lifetime event** in Super Bowl style. Get your tickets by visiting [www.sbxl.org](http://www.sbxl.org) or calling **313.262.2006**.

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years \$35,000. The Livonia resident shouldn't have any problem selling out the hall again as he has for the last several years. Jennifer Granholm may even show up as the governor is the honorary chair along with U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Livonia City Council President Joe Taylor.

"The goal is always to have a sellout crowd. A lot of people donated to victims of hurricanes and times are rough. I'm calling all of the sponsors from last year after sending letters. The holiday season the letters get lost in the shuffle," said Duggan.

"We're going to have an excellent spread of food and entertainment by Steve King & The Dittles. If you made a New Year's resolution now it's time to party. It's time to forget about the diet and have a good time. The casino tables are

always full. We plan to have Texas Hold'em tables which are new for us this year. And it's all to help a worthwhile charity.

Duggan admits the event is a lot of work, but enjoys helping the cause. He's especially excited to have sponsors feeling the same way. Anyone who buys a car raffle ticket for \$20 to win a two-year lease of a Ford 500 or \$5,000 cash also receives a two-for-one coupon to dine at Docs in Livonia or Irami Su in Northville. Purchase a ticket to win a television set or night on the town packages and get two-for-one coupons to E.G. Nicks in Plymouth, Gauhos in Livonia, and George Subu's Leather Bottle in Livonia.

"I don't like seeing battered women or children," said Duggan. "There's no reason to harm a child. It's incredible when I think back to all the people I've met through the years because of the dance,

people who come up to me and say I'm going to donate because I've been battered."

## FUN EVENING

Battered women and children are the reasons Theresa Bizoe attended the event long before becoming associate director of community relations and fund development at First Step. She says it's a fun affair that she usually goes to with a large group.

"It's kind of like going to a wedding, but you don't have to bring a gift," said Bizoe. "People are out on the floor doing all the dances, doing the Hustle."

Like Ellis, Bizoe credits Duggan for the success of the event which makes it possible for First Step to provide services.

Brian has been an angel to our organization. He's kind of adopted us as an agency and pulled his family, friends and colleagues together to make



Good food is guaranteed at the First Step Charity Dance and Casino Night at Burton Manor.

this possible," said Bizoe. "There's so many generous sponsors year after year. He's really made a difference."

"With utility bills going up, think what it would take to house a family of 35 or 40 like we do at the shelter. To have this kind of regular support is

valuable. People want to help a good cause. If you can have fun and do good, it makes it all worthwhile."

Tickets are \$40 in advance, no sales at the door. For more information, visit [www.firststepcharitydance.org](http://www.firststepcharitydance.org) or call (734) 591-1900.

For information about volunteering or donating to First Step, call (734) 416-1111.

If you know of anyone who is in need of First Step's services have them call the 24-hour help line at (734) 459-5900 or toll free at (888) 453-5900. [ichomin@hometownlife.com](mailto:ichomin@hometownlife.com) | (734) 953-2145

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continues to perform with the touring version of *Forbidden Broadway* after appearing in the production at the Century Theatre in Detroit.

It's challenging to learn a brand new work. I only had the vision in the writer's script. I've never seen a step on the stage and now we're presenting this two-act musical, but I love the fact I'm originating a role and am able to originate it in Detroit, like *Sweet Charity* and *Hello Dolly*. To go along with that tradition is nice.

Rick Beyer is hoping to draw Broadway producers to the Detroit production. Touring agents from New York have said they will attend a performance and that's a start. As executive producer of *Father Bingo*, Beyer has dreamt of making the big time since first hearing his stepfather play the music on a piano in his Dearborn Heights home. Even though Beyer has lived in Washington, D.C., 10 years, the telecommunications executive would like to see the local production become successful. So far about 2,000 seats have been sold in 2 1/2 months.

## LOCAL TALENT

Nilsson originally wrote the music for Mary Jane, his soprano wife who's active in productions with the Plymouth Theater Guild, now Spotlight Players. In addition to performances at Music Hall, Beyer's been responsible for the recording and mixing of the CD at Live Wire Music in Farmington Hills and Audio Post in Southfield.

Andrew Ingersoll, a Canton native, orchestrated the tunes that include *It's Time For Me*, *I'm a Busy Guy*, *You Love Me and I Love You*, and *I'm Gonna Get That Man*.

"Father Bingo is much like developing a new business," said Beyer. "We have the fundamentals of a great musical, a good script, good music," said Beyer. "We had to find investors and then hold auditions. We have big choirs and the music is lively. It's a very big sound complete with full orchestra."

Nilsson is new to writing musicals. At age 77, he formerly worked in computer design and integration until beginning *Father Bingo* in 1996. In his teens, Nilsson played the trumpet with bands covering Glen Miller and Tommy Dorsey charts.

"The music for *Father Bingo* is a casserole, a balance of ballads, torch songs, Broadway show music," said Nilsson.

Some were easy to write, some were hard. Rick heard some of it around 2003. The next thing I knew I was writing a musical. There's a love interest, Mary Jane. God's under a lot of stress. God's always a busy guy and he's asked to help find Mary Jane a husband. It's been a lot of fun. God shows up and asks Father O'Neil why don't you put in bingo. The mayor finds out. It's mostly a comedy. I was laughing a lot.

Barbara Bloom hasn't stopped laughing since taking on the role of Sister Andrea, Father O'Neil's right hand nun who pretty much runs the parish. Bloom finds it ironic that her last role was as a nun in *The Sound of Music* with Spotlight Players (formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild) last

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Rick Beyer

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## 'WITH A PAST'

She is a nun with a past. We don't know what that past is, but she seems to know how to do a lot of secular things," said Bloom, a former Canton resident now living in Novi. Bloom along with serving as vice president of Spotlight Players is active with Village Players in Birmingham where she directed and choreographed *Rags* last spring. This spring she is directing and choreographing *Anything Goes* for Spotlight Players. Auditions are Feb. 27-28. Visit [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net) for details.

It's a character role and a lot of fun," said Bloom, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in theater and communications from Wayne State University and has since appeared in more than 130 shows. She was in professional theater for more than a decade before owning dance schools. Today she works in creative services for Borders designing art for bookstores.

It's a hoot, a fun entertaining evening. I'm sure native Detroiters will recognize some of the characters. It's loosely based on local politicians."

Debbie Lannen knew she had to direct the show after reading the script. She's been in theater since earning a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and then directing children's shows at the Marquis Theatre in Northville and outreach programs for Michigan Opera Theatre.

"I grew up in Detroit and frequent the casinos so I have some real insight into this show," said Lannen, whose husband, Joseph, plays Father Bingo. Her son Tony, a member of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra and Civic Jazz Band, wrote all of the bass lines and will be playing in the pit.

People are going to have a good time. Plus it's a world premiere and getting the Vandellas was the coup. They're Motown. They have that sound I'm looking for as the Bingo Mamas, the ladies who always play bingo. They're there every night, every weekend.

Performances of *Father Bingo* run 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 10-11, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12, at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$49 and are available by calling (248) 645-6666. Private receptions take place after each performance and before the opening night show. Proceeds from receptions go to Music Hall. For group discounts, reception and corporate ticket packages call (248) 981-7003.

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### VIRGINIA POOL ANDREA

Age 87 of Bloomfield Hills Michigan passed away January 4 2006 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland She is survived by son Ken Pool and wife Betty son Barry Pool and wife Susan and her loving and devoted partner Gordon Jaynes brother Charles Lets and family grandchildren Cara Bozyk and husband Paul Tom Pool Joshua Pool and Christopher Pool great grandchildren Allison and Nicole Bozyk Gimie was actively involved with numerous community service organizations including serving on the Boards of Cranbrook Music Guild Detroit Junior Symphony The Village Club, The Village Woman's Club (Community Service Chair) and University of Michigan Alumnae Club of Birmingham (Past President) She generously contributed her time to the American Cancer Society United Way Oakland County Child and Adolescent Services, Community Living Center and Children's Hospital Burn unit Her endless energy and generosity was shared with others less fortunate She attended Miss Newman's School Penn Hall and the University of Michigan School of Music and was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club and Detroit Athletic Club She loved family and friends golf tennis travel, and especially her many years in the Les Cheneaux Islands in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Services will be held at Wm R Hamilton Funeral Home, 820 E Maple Rd Birmingham Funeral service will be Thursday January 12th at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial gifts to the Village Woman's Club Foundation 190 E Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 American Cancer Society 18505 W Twelve Mile Rd Southfield MI 48076 Mercy Cranbrook Hospice Care 281 Enterprise Ct Ste 300 Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 or the charity of your choice

### JACOB L. CHASON, M.D.

Age 90 a long time resident of Bloomfield Hills passed away on November 22 2005 A private memorial service was held at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas Texas on Thanksgiving Day Born May 12 1915 in Monroe Michigan he won numerous awards both scholastic and athletic graduated from Monroe High School as salutatorian of his class in 1933 and received the first Alumnus of the Year Award from Monroe High School in 1966 He went on to study at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor receiving both his A.B. with Distinction in 1937 and his M.D. in 1940 with memberships in Phi Beta Kappa Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Omega Alpha honor societies He was also a member of Tau Delta Phi and Phi Delta Epsilon fraternities In 1940 he began his internship and then his residency in pathology at Wayne County Hospital When World War II broke out he enlisted in the Army as a battalion surgeon in 1942 and served with the 81st Infantry Division in the South Pacific He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Major Dr Chason returned to Wayne County General Hospital to finish his residency in Pathology and in 1949 became Director of the Laboratories at the VA Hospital in Dearborn That same year he joined the faculty of Wayne State University School of Medicine, in Detroit, as Assistant Professor of Pathology He received further training as a Visiting Fellow in Neuropathology in 1952 at the Mayo Clinic under Dr James W Kernohan He was promoted to an Associate Professor in 1955 and to full Professor of Neuropathology in 1958 In 1959 he went on a year sabbatical as a NIH Senior Fellow at the Hammersmith Hospital in London England where he studied histochemistry of the central nervous system with Dr A.G. Pearse He returned to Detroit and became the Director of Resident Training in the Department of Pathology at Wayne State University in 1961 1964 He was Chairman of Pathology from 1964-78 During this time he was Associate Dean for Hospital and Clinical Affairs from 1970-72 and was the Chief of Pathology of Detroit General Hospital from 1966-78 and served as President of Detroit General Hospital from 1970-72 After leaving the medical school in 1978 he joined the faculty as a Staff Neuropathologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit where he practiced until 1986 At the age of 86 Dr Chason and his wife moved to Dallas Texas where he continued his love of neuropathology attending neuropath conferences and readouts at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School He received the Lawrence M. Weiner Award in 1993 for recognition of his outstanding contribution as a non alumnus to the School of Medicine at Wayne State University for teaching research and administrative duties He is survived by his wife Helen of 63 years his son Steven L. Chason of Chicago Illinois, his daughter Ellen Blanchet of Marseille France and his son David P. Chason M.D. of Dallas, Texas. Contributions may be made to UT Southwestern School of Medicine for Neuropathology Research in care of Charles L. White III M.D. Neuropathology Laboratory Department of Pathology University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center 5323 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas TX 75390 9073 For further information please contact David P. Chason M.D. David.Chason@UTSouthwestern.edu



### MILTON FETNER

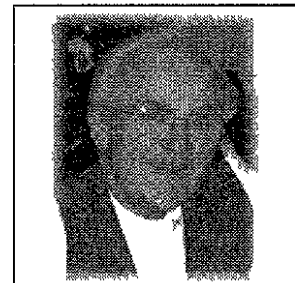
Age 95 December 17 2005 a Plymouth resident for over 50 years Mr Fetner was born in Raleigh NC on September 24 1910 When he was six his family moved to Latrobe PA where he graduated from high school in 1928 He then attended Juniata College in Huntingdon PA graduating with a degree in Business Accounting in 1932 In 1935 Mr Fetner married his college sweetheart Ruthann Davis who preceded him in death in 1986 Together they raised two daughters Ginny (Howard) Slater of Novi and Ruthie (Ken) Emerick of Plymouth They also have one grand daughter Marcie Emerick (Kevin) Khashan of Plymouth Mr Fetner was the second oldest of five brothers His older brother Walter of Williamsburg, VA died in 2005 at the age of 97 Surviving brothers are Graham age 92 of Phoenix AZ Scott age 80 of Stuart FL and Bill, age 74 of DeQuincy LA Mr Fetner worked his entire career with Whitman & Barnes Drill and Tool Corporation which moved its operations from Latrobe to Detroit in 1933 He retired in 1973 after 40 years as Assistant Treasurer and Plant Controller A memorial service with nearly 100 people in attendance was held on December 21 at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home with interment at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth The service was a celebration of Mr Fetner's long and active life his generosity to others and his years of volunteer service to Arbor Hospice The Reverend Paul Clough of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated over the service which was highlighted by the beautiful music of Carole Holmekangas Heather Daugherty Karen and Katie Buddenberg, and David DellaMora The service also featured fond remembrances and humorous stories from over the years offered by family friends and neighbors Reverend Clough delivered a memorial tribute entitled Run to Win based on 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 which tied to Milton's legacy as a winning anchorman in the 1931 and 1932 Penn Relays At the conclusion of the service at Riverside Cemetery Mr Fetner's daughters released two white doves symbol of the heavenly reunion of Milton and his beloved wife Ruthann Afterward a memorial luncheon was held in his honor at Station 885 in Plymouth

### ANNE MARIE PACKARD

Age 96 died December 18 2005 She is survived by 4 children In memory donations may be sent to the Washington Hospital Service League 2000 Mowry Ave Fremont CA 94538 Memorial Service at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Wednesday January 11 12 noon Visitation 10am until time of service

### MARY V. SACKINGER

Age 78, January 5 2006 Beloved wife of Thomas Dear mother of Stephen of California Sister of William Walker of Dearborn and the late Mildred O'Donnell of Livonia Also survived by many nieces and nephews Service at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile (one mile west of Farmington Rd.) Monday 9am then St Colette Catholic Church, 930am Visitation Sunday 1 9pm Rosary at 7pm



### DONALD JAMES SMITH

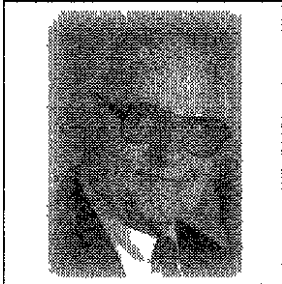
Age 80, of Canadian Lakes MI (formerly of Bloomfield Hills) December 29 2005 Survived by his wife of 58 years Nellie son Gary of St Clair Shores, daughter Julie (Joseph) Wright of Troy and grandchildren Elizabeth & Joseph Wright Jr Memorial services are 1 p.m. Friday January 13 at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 Long Lake Rd Bloomfield Hills 48302 Memorials may be made to Kirk in the Hills or Hospice of Holland Home 2100 Raybrook Ave SE Ste 300 Grand Rapids MI 49546

### MARY WICKHAM

Age 83 of Farmington Hills December 28 2005 Beloved wife of Robert E. Wickham Loving mother of Steven R. (Ellen) Wickham Patricia Lee (James) McLaughlin and the late Fritz J. Wickham Cherished grand mother of Justin Scott Kyle Mary Elizabeth Daniel and Anne Dear sister of Lee Warner and Theresa Smith Memorial service Sunday January 15 2006 1pm at Salem United Church of Christ 33424 Oakland Farmington Arrangements by Thayer Rock Funeral Home downtown Farmington

### PAUL F. ZELLNER

Paul F. Zellner 78 of 25 West Liberty St Bloomville, OH, died Tuesday Jan 3 2006 at St Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, after a lengthy illness He was born May 29 1927 in Bloomville to Franklin and Mable (Barrett) Zellner On Dec 2 1946 he married Ruth L. Wadams and she survives Also surviving are three sons Stephen (Erin) Zellner and David (Cheryl) Zellner of Bloomville Ron (Tami) Zellner of Livonia four grandchildren, one great grandchild three brothers and a sister He was preceded in death by two brothers He was a member of the Bloomville United Church of Christ a life member of the VFW and American Legion a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers a former Bloomville Chief of Police a former member of the Bloomville Volunteer Fire Department and a World War II Navy veteran He retired from the France Stone Co. in 1992 Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



### ARTHUR EDWARD HERRING

Age 71 of Northville Michigan passed away peacefully at home after a long courageous battle with Emphysema on January 4 2006 He was born on February 13 1934 in Altus Oklahoma to Art and Ruth Herring both deceased He graduated from Marion High School in Marion Indiana Art attended Indiana University on a baseball scholarship twice winning the L.G. Balfour award for bringing honor and distinction to Indiana University and later became a member of the IU Men's Association He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army In 1994 he retired from 3M Company after 30 years of service Art was an excellent golfer and enjoyed playing at courses throughout the country He also enjoyed fishing at his cottage in Northern Michigan woodworking traveling reading, and spending time with his children and grandchildren He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years Kathy Roshert Herring his four daughters Cathleen Koozt of Indianapolis Mary Beth Price of Indianapolis Amy (Tim) Davidson of Philadelphia Melissa (Chris) St. John of Northville his sister Sandra Herring (Jerry) Bass of Anaheim California and seven grandchildren Visitation Sunday January 8 1 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service Monday January 9 11:00 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home 122 W Dunlap Northville with viewing from 10 11am Donations may be made to American Lung Association or Odyssey Hospice Program of Southfield

### FRANCES E LEE

Age 84 of Livonia died January 4 2006 at The Cleveland Clinic Beloved wife of Jack dear mother of Janice DiBasio John Patricia and Thomas Lee grandmother of 10 great grandmother of 1 sister of Robert Beier of Seattle WA and the late Edward Joseph Hudson Memorial mass was held at St Colette Church 17600 Newburgh Road Livonia Contributions may be made to St Vincent DePaul Society Arrangements entrusted to the Bodnar Mahoney Funeral Home & Cremation Service (216) 631 3075 bodnar mahoney.com

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Baldwin-Schmidt

Mary Lou and Shane Wilson of Loma, Colo., and Susanne and Greg Baldwin of Eagle, Colo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Baldwin, to Michael Schmidt, of Denver, Colo. Brooke is a graduate of Grand Junction High School and Colorado State University She is currently a corporate event manager Her fiancé, Mike, is the son of Debbie and Dave Schmidt of Livonia He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan He teaches mathematics at Wheat Ridge High School Mike and Brooke are planning an October wedding at the Donovan Pavilion in Vail, Colo.



### Dalian-Marshall

Keith and Lanette Dalian of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Steffanie Marie, to David Francis Marshall, son of Frederick and June Marshall of Farmington Hills The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University She currently works for Forbes magazine in San Francisco, Calif Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison High School and Michigan State University He is currently working toward a doctorate in clinical psychology at Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in Palo Alto, California David and Steffanie are planning a July 2006 wedding



## NEW VOICES

### Samantha Frances Ransom

Samantha Frances Ransom was born at 8:03 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan 3, 2006, at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago Proud parents Brian and Michelle Ransom, along with big brother, Griffin, who is 2 years old, welcomed the 6-pound 12 ounce baby girl into the world She measured in at 19 inches The proud grandparents are Jerry and Ann Ransom, of Livonia and Linda Templin Brian, Michelle, Griffin and Samantha reside in Glendale Heights, Illinois



the birth of their daughter, Autumn Jeanne, on Dec 11, 2005, at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor She joins big sister, Chloe, 5 Autumn's grandparents are John and Barbara Sherwin of Canton, Faith Reece of Hazel Park and Jay Reece of Wixom Her great-grandmother is Jeanne Smith of Brighton, and her great-great-grandmother is Maxine Sheridan of Hazel Park

### Autumn Jeanne Sherwin

James and Bethany Sherwin of Redford Township announce

Audrey Catherine Schrier Chris and Linda Schrier of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Audrey Catherine, on Dec 5, 2005, at Providence Hospital in Southfield She joins big brother, Nathan, 3 Audrey's grandparents are Ralph and Arlene Nicholls of Farmington Hills, and Marguerite Schrier of Sterling Heights

## CLASS REUNIONS

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

and White Bell on Saturday May 20 2006 About the activities www.geocities.com/edse150th To contact the committee email edse150@gmail.com

## REUNIONS

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

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

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

**Edsel Ford High School**  
A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events Final activity will be a Black

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

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

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

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

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

**St Mary of Redford**  
High School class of 1956  
Grade School class of 1952  
Looking for graduates Contact (734) 525 5888 or Email kheenan@gls.net

## SINGLES

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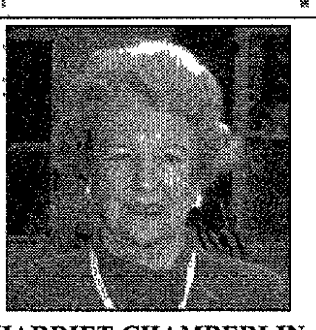
**Euchre**  
Every Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lakes 35000 Grand River Ave just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is

also available off the menu \$5/member \$6/non members

### MISC. SINGLES

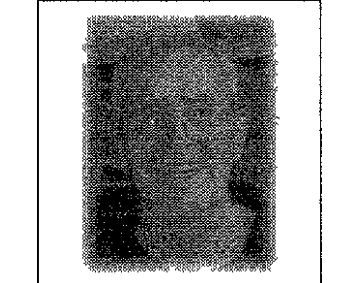
**Moon-dusters**  
Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30 11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia Admission guest/\$6 associates/\$5.50 members/\$5 Dress Ladies date style clothes gentlemen jackets and ties for more information call Joe Castradale (248) 968 5197

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### HARRIET CHAMBERLIN ERVIN

86 Years Harriet was born to Mildred C and Stephen E Chamberlin on September 16 1919 and passed away peacefully on January 5 2006 She is survived by her husband of 64 years Charles E Ervin Jr Stillwater MN son, Charles E (Sally) Ervin, III of Marietta GA and daughter Heidi E (Robert) Stevenson of Stillwater MN and her grandchildren Christopher (Dana and great grand son Charles) Ervin Caroline Ervin Julie (Matthew and great grandsons Ian Nick and Peter) Goldsmith Mark (Gretchen and great grandchildren Jacob Grace Joseph) Stevenson Harriet grew up in Webster Groves, MO and after marrying Charles settled in Birmingham MI where they raised their children When Charles left General Motors they enjoyed 26 years of retirement, in Sun City west AZ In July of 2004 Harriet and Charles moved to Stillwater MN Harriet loved entertaining and playing bridge with her dear friends She was an avid golfer and loved her adopted summer home of Charlevoix MI She will be remembered with love and a smile by her friends children grandchildren and great grandchildren Memorial service will be Saturday, January 14 2006 at 1:00 PM at Boutwells Landing Chapel 5610 Norwich Parkway N Stillwater MN Private interment will be held at a later date Memorials preferred to Irohton Congregational Church 03582 Washington Ave Charlevoix MI 49720



### JOHN R. (JACK) ETHERINGTON, Sr.

Age 71 of Westland passed away at home surrounded by his family on January 2 2006 after a courageous battle with colon cancer Loving husband of 49 years to Nancy together they have 6 children and 10 grandchildren Best friend and brother of William (Donna) of Westland and preceded in death by his beloved Mother and Father sister Loretta and brother Dale Wonderful Dad to John Jr (Laura) Terri (Mike) O'Connor Janet (Jovita) Carolyn Lewis Jackie (Tony) Martin and Jennifer Shaddawvine Loved deeply by his grandchildren Matthew, Mary Jessica Natasha Kathleen Dustin Sean Andrew Kenny and Dante Jack was an avid golfer who loved spending time on the course with his brother Bill many brothers in law and friends Our family wishes to express thanks and gratitude to the many friends who helped us through this difficult time We love you Dad

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734-953-2867  
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**AROUND TOWN**

**Heartland Hospice**

Heartland Hospice offers a six week series Living with Grief 4:30 p.m. Jan 12 Feb 16 The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief The series takes place at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone For more information or to register contact Ann Christensen bereavement coordinator at (734) 973 1145 or toll free at (888) 973 1145

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and western Wayne counties Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting patient transport/patient outings errand running grief support and clerical services Contact volunteer coordinator Ann Christensen for information on upcoming training classes by calling (888) 973 1145

**St Raphael open house**

Visitors can check out the new computer lab at open house events for St Raphael Catholic School in Garden City The Kindergarten Sneak Peek for preschoolers and parents is Friday Jan 20 9:30-10:30 a.m. The school wide Open House (K-8th grade) is Sunday Jan 29 1-3 p.m. At either event you can take a student guided tour meet the teachers enjoy refreshments and receive a gift for your child The Jan 29 Open House will also include classroom activities and numerous information booths highlighting the school's educational and extracurricular activities St Raphael is located at 31500 Beechwood (on Merriman two blocks north of Ford Road) To RSVP for either event or for more information visit www.straphaelgc.org or call the school at (734) 425 9771

**Blood sugar seminar**

The Diabetes Support Group at St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation Problem Solving for Better Blood Sugar Control 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan 11 in the hospital's auditorium St Mary Mercy is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia For more information see the hospital's Web site at www.stmarymercy.org or call (734) 655 8961

**Parenting tips**

St Mary Mercy Hospital offers parenting classes called Parenting with Love and Logic 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays The classes offer a common sense approach to parenting teaching par-

ents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children by offering them choices empathy and respect while adults avoid anger threats warnings or lectures The Jan 11 class is for toddlers and preschool age the Feb 8 class is a time out refresher for all ages and the March 8 class is for pre teens and teenagers There is a fee for the class Call (734) 655 1100 to register or for more information

**Genealogical society**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Jan 5 with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about 'Scandinavian Research' There's a 6 p.m. help session The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell For details call (810) 221 7745

**Alone exhibit**

The Beili Liu installation ALONE will begin Jan 6 and run through Feb 18 in the Ann Arbor Art Center's Exhibition Gallery 117 West Liberty Street in Ann Arbor Hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday noon 5:30 p.m. Sunday A reception is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday Jan 13 For more information contact Amanda Krugliak Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center (734) 994 8004 Ext 110

**Literacy Council tutors**

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

**Grief support**

Arbor Hospice & Home Care and Braveheart Grief Services announce a winter grief support group for adults in Northville Support groups are tailored to meet the needs of individuals who have suffered the loss of someone close to them and are open to everyone in the community Advance registration is required and all support groups are free of charge although donations are greatly appreciated to defray program expenses The group starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays Jan 17 March 7 at the Northville District Library 212 W. Cady in Northville To register or for more information about any of our support groups contact

**Grief support**

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

**CLUBS**

**Rotary A M**

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

**MOPS meet**

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

**Mosaic**

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering It presents speakers on child and family issues has small group discussion time crafts and brunch Child care is provided It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church 42021 Ann Arbor Trail on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month September to May Contact Resha at (734) 207 0658 or resha@juno.com

**Moms Club**

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

**DAR**

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



**Queen of Lights**

With Victoria Maxe of Livonia (center) portraying Lucia, the Queen of Lights the Jenny Lind Club of Michigan whose goal is to encourage Swedish culture held its Lucia Fest recently at the Travis Pointe Country Club in Saline The club's 67th annual dinner dance presented the traditional Swedish pageant featuring Maxe clad in white with a red sash and crown of candles leading a procession of girls and boys dressed in white bearing lit candles The pageant tells of Lucia a young Sicilian girl who just before marriage gave her dowry to the poor and confessed to being a Christian She carried food and drink to Christians hiding in the catacombs wearing candles in her hair to light the way She was captured accused of witchcraft and brought to trial Legend has it Lucia was beheaded on Dec 13 when fire would not ignite and attempts to burn her at the stake failed

**City of Plymouth, Michigan  
Public Notice of Determined Uses of  
2006 Community Development  
Block Grant Funds**

Pursuant to Federal guidelines the City of Plymouth during the public hearing process on January 3 2006 determined the following projects and respective funding levels for the 2006-07 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program

1 Senior Transportation Services	\$58 500
2 Grant Administration	\$ 6 500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

Linda J Langmesser CMC  
City Clerk

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Furniture for the New Elementary School at Cherry Hill** Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746 Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 2:00 p.m. Friday January 27 2006 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

Board of Education  
Plymouth Canton Community Schools  
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction January 13 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road Westland MI 48185 The vehicles will be sold as is starting bid is for towing and storage

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN #
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1995	Ford	Taurus	4 Dr	1FALP5345SG252704
1994	Chevy	Lumina	4 Dr	2G1WN54TXR1101835
1990	Chevy	Lumina	4 Dr	2G1WL54T7L1196684
1989	Ford	Probe	2 Dr	1ZVBT21C7K5298652
1991	Buick		4 Dr	1G4CW53L6M1601259
1989	Plymouth	Reliant	4 Dr	3P3BK46K5KT008488
1992	Toyota		SUV	JT3AC12R8N1016350
1996	Geo	Metro	4 Dr	2C1MR5295T6745142
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PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its ANNUAL meeting January 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S Main Street Plymouth Michigan, 48170

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

Barbara Kraft Library Secretary  
Plymouth District Library  
223 S Main Street  
Plymouth MI 48170  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN  
PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING SERVICES  
FOR 2006 "CELEBRATION ON ICE" SHOW**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk at Plymouth City Hall 201 S Main St Plymouth, MI on Wednesday January 25 2006 until 2:00 pm local time on for the following

**PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING SERVICES FOR 2006 "CELEBRATION ON ICE" SHOW**

Contract Documents and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Purchasing Agent Plymouth City Hall 201 S Main St on or after 12:00 noon Friday January 6 2006

Vendor shall provide install and operate professional lighting in an ice arena setting during the week of May 19-21 2006 for the 2006 "Celebration on Ice" Show at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena 525 Farmer St Plymouth MI

A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check in an amount equal to 10% of the bid submitted must accompany each proposal as security to assure the bidders acceptance of the contract within (7) days from the date of award

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals to waive any irregularities therein and to make the award in any number deemed to be in the best interest of the City

LINDA J LANGMESSER CMC  
City Clerk

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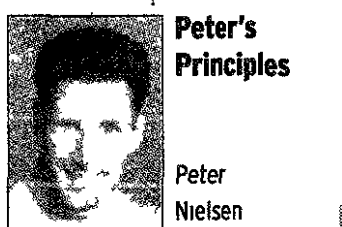
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# HEALTH

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Peter Nielsen

## Rice aids glucose tolerance

Shawn from Kalamazoo is a big rice fan and e-mails asking which kinds are tops when it comes to nutrition. Shawn, that's a simple question with a complicated answer. Federal guidelines now recommend three servings of whole grains a day, which includes brown rice. What is surprising, however, is new studies show that most Americans actually only get one!

Taking in plenty of grains helps your body's glucose tolerance which is important for everything from diabetes prevention to weight loss. But, it's the kind of rice you eat that makes all the difference. The latest research shows that processed rice digested quickly can sometimes actually raise blood sugar levels. Unprocessed rice takes longer to digest and shows an overall health benefit. So remember, increasing unprocessed rice intake is a tasty way to add important whole grain to your diet.

Victor from Warren e-mails asking if caffeine has any effect on the strength gains achieved by taking Creatine.

Victor, simply put caffeine wipes out any benefit you might get from taking Creatine. Creatine is known to enhance athletic performance and increase lean body mass. Now, research shows that taking even small amounts of caffeine will completely negate the benefits of taking Creatine.

This recent discovery lays the blame on the way caffeine affects calcium levels in the body. Calcium assists in muscle formation and boosts its capacity to flex and grow. Creatine is like a calcium ATM card, letting the muscles

withdraw more calcium in order to grow. Caffeine shuts down your calcium ATM card so you are no better with Creatine than you were without it.

There are many differing opinions about the role caffeine plays in training and performance.

One fact is clear though, if you want the benefits of Creatine, then any cola, coffee, or other caffeine source will rob you of your investment!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950.



## Hospitals educating staff on cultural, religious differences

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The fact that Southeast Michigan is a melting pot hasn't gone unnoticed by area hospitals. Nearly all of the health systems have instituted training programs and published guides to educate staff on beliefs and customs of various cultures and religions in order to improve communication with patients and their families.

Henry Ford Health System released the fifth edition of its Diversity Resource Guide in early December. The 166-page desk-side reference was distributed to its 17,000 managers and patient care staff at the Detroit hospital and med-

ical centers including West Bloomfield. Many probably didn't know that whistling and winking may be considered rude by East Indian people and could offend patients or that Arab Christians first came to this country in the 1850s.

"We're hearing from staff who like it," said Jocelyn Giangrande, a Birmingham resident who serves as director of recruitment and human resources services. Nurses say it makes it easy to know who in the family to talk with. They want to make sure they're talking to the right person, not to offend anybody and to make sure they're getting enough information about the patient's health.

The Office of Workforce Diversity published the guide after staff requested information about food, health practices, pregnancy and maternity and death and dying issues for various cultures and religions. Henry Ford Health System cares for large African American, Spanish and Arab American patient populations but also growing numbers of Asian, European and European Americans in addition to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals.

The staff wanted something very comprehensive, easy to read," said Giangrande. "We also added a

section on people with disability because we didn't have one in previous editions. The more sensitive you are, the more comfortable you feel. That's a good foundation for communication, patient care and satisfaction.

As an Arab American, Zana Macki is proud of the Oakwood Health Care System's commitment to hire bilingual staff to address issues in the hospitals and the community. In spring, the health system will hire bilingual staff to address issues in the community. As a breast cancer survivor, Macki knows the C word is kind of taboo in the community. Oakwood staff want patients to know

there's no shame in having the cancer and there is help. For information about the forum, call (800) 543-WELL.

I'm first generation born in Dearborn. I've always lived in two worlds so it doesn't matter whether I'm treated by a male or female physician but I like an Arab-American physician sometimes," said Macki, transcultural outreach and PR specialist for Oakwood Health Care System. Others have modesty issues and prefer to have just a female physician so they're actively recruited.

A member of the Transcultural Strategic Task Force, Macki is always looking for ways that the health sys-

## Hospital offers parenting assistance

Classes are 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, for parents who have children in the toddler and preschooler age range at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Fee for single is \$15, \$20 for a couple. Call (734) 655-1100 to register.

Parenting with Love and Logic is a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children. Other classes are scheduled Feb. 8 (refresher course for all ages of children) and March 8 (pre-teens and teenagers).

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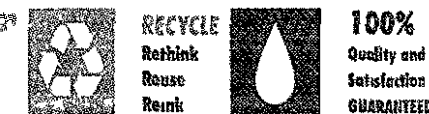


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# Doing what works best: Hospitals approach diversity differently

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

It's Gloria Edwards' job as director of multicultural programs to know that the largest minority group cared for by the University of Michigan Health System is African-American followed by Asian and increasing numbers from the Middle East and Jewish from the former Soviet Union. More and more hospitals are creating separate departments to serve the needs of patients. Since 1993 The U-M Health System has even tailored exercise programs to specific cultures.

Edwards trains faculty and staff in addition to giving lectures to the dental and pharmacy schools, and the genetics departments within the University of Michigan.

"We have to first learn about what that particular group participates in so it's native to them," said Edwards who increased the department staff to nine since its inception. "The Latino we know that Salsa, the dance, is pop-

ular with them so we have a movement program incorporating movements of Salsa. We're very much concerned about participatory inclusion, finding out what individuals want, then we use vast resources of the university's education division to develop programs. We have some materials in different languages such as Yiddish so they can read and understand, so it's much easier to read and comply. The various cultural and religious groups need to be recognized and shown respect.

The U-M health system uses a variety of educational tools to teach staff including a series of bi-weekly statements and cultural competency questionnaires that appear on the Intranet for the system. Lunch meetings serve to train individuals during a multicultural health series. The health system treats patients from all over the world so it's especially important to maintain its high standards by having interpreters on staff and hiring minorities

"We now have a prayer room in hospital for Muslim patients and sensitivity to nutritional differences," said Edwards. This country, this location, is increasingly being populated by people from various groups. It's exciting work and so gratifying to accomplish without diluting the quality of care we want to give them. We want to continue to be able to see patients in a different light, not stereotyping them but recognizing their differences."

Although Garden City Hospital doesn't have a formal training program to address cultural differences, it has implemented an interpreters program which utilizes multilingual employees to assist patients and family members who speak little or no English.

The Karmanos Cancer Institute and Karmanos Cancer Center, an independent entity since separating from the Detroit Medical Center on Dec. 1, followed DMC's Diversity Action Council model and in the new

year plans to create a similar program to educate employees on religious and cultural beliefs and customs.

All seem to recognize the need to learn about differences to provide the highest quality of health care. At Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Jewish Chaplain Andrea Teeple wrote a brochure on beliefs about birth and still birth, death, abortion, organ donation, and blood infusions.

"I wanted staff to know that if the patient dies is there any particular rituals. If there was a health crisis, certain religions have ways of dealing with crisis," said Teeple. "I work in ER a lot and it happens quite often. When Sinai Hospital in Detroit closed we started getting more diverse patients and I was using word of mouth to try to explain this is the way they grieve. The family of a younger Chaldean man who died wanted to wash his feet. I knew it was part of their culture. It was a medical examiner's case and we weren't supposed

to do anything to the body so I watched.

Some families' way of dealing with grief is to start screaming. I try to get the staff to know this is something they have to do."

Teeple had to do a lot of explaining to security staff to enable a Sikh priest to enter the hospital wearing a sword as part of his garb. While the hospital serves a majority of Catholic patients, religions vary as well as cultures.

"We have a small population of Jehovah Witness not comfortable with our chaplaincy so the hospital provides someone," said Teeple. "It's scientifically founded that the spiritual part of the patient is just as important, sometimes even more important to the physical health. We're an osteopathic hospital so we deal with the mind, body and soul. Often times a chaplain's work can help the patient to heal as fast as what the doctor does. Often times they're afraid, confused. Having a nonmedical person walk into the room is comforting."

## DIVERSITY

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tem could better serve the community. Currently there's a concern about young people smoking tobacco in water pipes because they feel it's less dangerous than smoking a cigarette.

"I'm proud of the fact that we're always trying to see the needs of the community," said Mack. "Say my uncle got sick. All of the relatives go to the hospital, 50 to 60 people. Oakwood tried to find larger waiting areas. Something as little as that is so important. We have an Islamic prayer area and many translated documents and informational brochures including My Voice, Your Choice for advance directives in Arabic. The fact we have a part time Imam is very significant. We have spiritual support services that are truly interfaith."

## DIVERSE BELIEFS

William Beaumont Hospital chaplain, the Rev. Carl Buxo

was born in the Caribbean to a Bengali family and later worked in Trinidad "where every creed and race draw together in unity and find an equal place." The Episcopal priest passes on his lifelong enthusiasm for learning about diverse beliefs to new employees.

"We've taken a multi-faceted approach in addressing the needs of patients and start off with our staff at new hire orientation with a one-hour presentation of why we should be interested in diversity sensitivity," said Buxo. "How would it be to feel as if we didn't have the same access to health care? The Lunch and Learn Series is available to all employees. We talk about caring for the East Indian patient, subgroups like Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Christians. We talk about generational differences. Those from the old country and ones born here have a different perspective on care. We talk about caring for the Muslim patients, not all Arabs are Muslims and vice versa.

As director of the Birthing Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Deborah Valli knows people's perception of birth and labor varies. Because the Muslim patient population is growing at the Livonia hospital, an Arabic midwife gave a 2-hour program on the birth experience at a monthly staff meeting. All one Arab American father-to-be needed was a place to put his prayer rug. Since labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum take place in one room, customs could create havoc if not addressed. Valli uses *Culture and Nursing Care*, edited by Juliene Lipson for the

University of California Nursing Press, as a guide.

"It's your job to be culturally sensitive," said Valli, a registered nurse. "Nursing schools are just starting to teach this. From Brazilian to Native American the manual tells about the birth experience and rituals, care of the mother postpartum. An Asian woman from China, you ask her if she's in pain, she will always say no. You learn to say, 'I can see you're in pain. Can I get you something? We can't ignore cultural needs. That's kind of what America is all about.'"

Sue Carter uses the same 300-page *Culture and Nursing*

Care manual at Providence Hospital in Southfield. The West Bloomfield resident is director of nursing information and co-chairperson of the hospital's diversity council.

"Customer service is extremely important to us," said Carter who's Palestinian. "We have a Martin Luther

King Day celebration every year, a celebration for Black History Month. On a monthly basis we choose different foods for the cafeteria. We try to educate people. When you understand where you come from, you understand where everybody else comes from."

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The individual afflicted develops pain, joint swelling, fevers and fatigue just if the joints were attacked by an infection. Another characteristic of a reactive arthritis is its predilection for the knees, ankles and feet. A reactive arthritis may also include a skin rash or ulceration similar to that seen in psoriasis.

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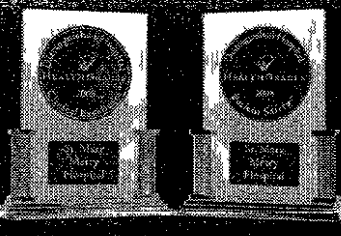
Medical experience indicates that optimal treatment includes responding to a joint effusion arising from reactive arthritis with early removal of fluid and injection of a steroid medication. Large doses of aspirin help. Some physicians use medications such as methotrexate and the biologicals like Enbrel, Remicade and Humira, but success with these therapies is uneven.

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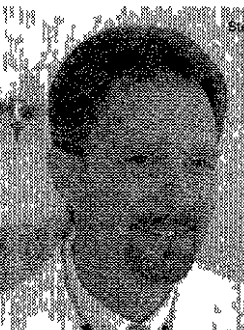

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## NARS stylist brings color to winter

Michigan's winter palette of white and gray can get pretty drab. NARS Senior Stylist James Boehmer will bring a little color to town when he visits Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Jan. 13 & 14. Boehmer will demonstrate the best ways to lighten your look for winter, offering makeovers, tips and techniques based on the NARS Fall and Holiday products.

He will also get customers thinking spring by introducing the NARS Spring 2006 line, which just hit counters.

Boehmer has extensive experience doing makeup for high-profile runway shows, and his personal clients in New York pay \$300 to have their makeup done by Boehmer.

This week at Saks, customers will get some free attention when they book appointments with the NARS Color Team.

NARS is known for intense color, using deep, rich pigments to create luscious eye shadows and lipsticks that get women noticed. The Holiday collection for NARS features roses, plums, rich pinks and wine tones.

### Black Eyeshadow?

Boehmer said his favorite new product is a black cream eyeshadow called Zardoz. He likes it because it's versatile. It can be used to create a great smoky eye, or to intensify color on the lids.

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NARS Senior Stylist James Boehmer

'You can really have fun layering cream shadows into powders to deepen or soften them,' Boehmer said.

To get a smoky eye, Boehmer uses his finger to apply Zardoz along the top lash line and perhaps the bottom. You can also use a pointy, synthetic bristled brush.

'You can use that cream sort of like you use eyeliner,' Boehmer said. 'Deepen the lash line and apply colors on top of it.'

To deepen the color of an eyeshadow, use Zardoz like a painter would use black.

Simply blend on the lid of the eye on top of your powder shadow.

### Spring Trends

NARS will take it down a notch in Spring 2006 with light, subtle colors — but watch for intriguing textures, Boehmer said. For example, Sandpiper Lip Gloss appears nude, but is laced with gold shimmer.

His favorites in the spring line are Madly blush, a warm rose that's good for shape and definition, and Party Monster Eyeshadow, a light iridescent violet with a touch of gold shimmer.

### Skin is In

Even though he's a makeup expert, Boehmer is the first to stress that skin care is even more important than color. So how should Metro Detroit women help their skin cope with dry, artificial heat and biting cold?

'The key is getting as much water as you can get to your skin, drinking more water and also hydrating the skin,' Boehmer said, recommending NARS Aqua Gel Hydrator.

When your skin is at its best, pat on some loose powder with a hint of sparkle to achieve winter's perfect finish.

All NARS products are available at Saks Fifth Avenue, as well as [www.narscosmetics.com](http://www.narscosmetics.com).

## Celebrity! pink picks

By Barbara Selinger

If you like modern dance, thank Barbara Selinger for helping to keep the art form thriving in Detroit. Selinger is an award-winning performer, choreographer, artist and teacher who formed the Detroit Dance Collective in 1980. The DDC is ringing in the new year with 'On 4 Sides,' a multi-media performance at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Jan. 14. Selinger took time out of rehearsals to pick 'em for PINK.



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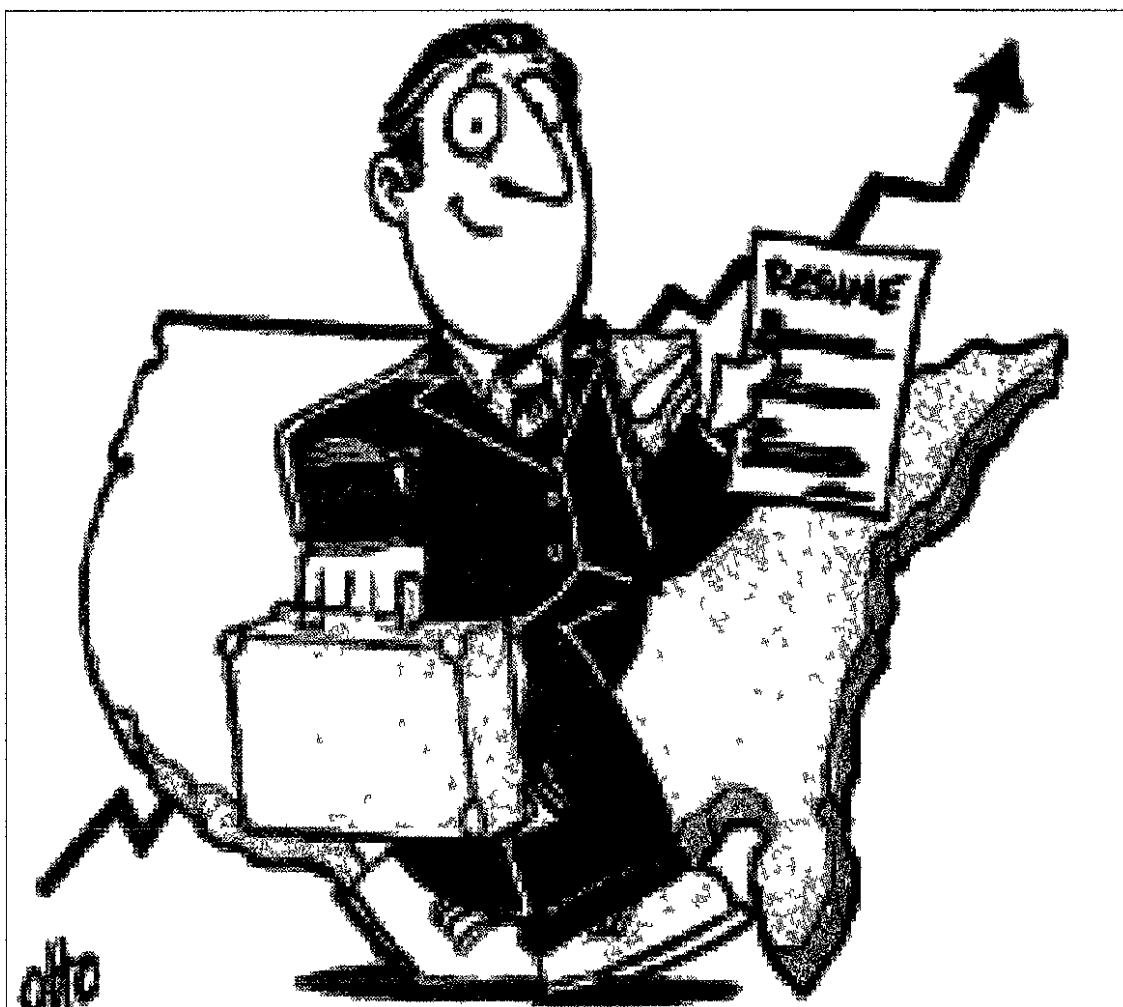
(NAPSI) — Job seekers can face the future with confidence — hiring demand is expected to be strong, offering them a chance to find a new position that provides fresh opportunities and maybe even a few more bucks

U.S. businesses are confident about the strength of the economy and are actively hiring in anticipation of further expansion, said Steve Pogorzelski group president, international for Monster Worldwide parent company of Monster.com

According to Pogorzelski, current hiring trends suggest prosperity in the New Year for job seekers across much of the country. The Monster Employment Index, a measure of online job demand culled from more than 1,500 Web sites, recently reached an all-time high this season. This indicates that the improving U.S. economy is helping to create an ever-increasing number of new job opportunities.

Several industries are expected to have strong recruitment activity. According to the Monster Employment Index, workers looking for employment in IT, finance, health care, real estate and government will benefit from increased online job availability.

When pursuing a new job, seekers should remember that first impressions are key and that a thoughtful resume and



experience in that section to ensure they stand out.

Seekers should also prepare at least one thought-provoking question before each interview. This demonstrates that they've researched the company as well as the specific job they're hoping to land. When seekers establish that they are engaged learners and listeners, they prove that they will also be engaged workers and a better investment for the employer overall.

Lastly, seekers shouldn't always jump at the first job offer that matches their salary requirements. While the prospect of making more money is certainly enticing, there are other factors to consider. Savvy candidates will keep in mind that there are a variety of non-monetary factors that contribute to overall happiness and job satisfaction. These benefits, which may include a collegial corporate culture, flex time, telecommuting and on-the-job training, can vastly improve the quality of a job and — ultimately — one's career. In considering offers, seekers should remember they can be more selective in this job market.

For additional advice and information on hiring trends, visit Monster's New Year Featured Report at <http://featuredreports.monster.com/newyear/>

positive attitude are the most integral assets to open the door of opportunity. Given that a resume and cover letter are gen-

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most important part of a resume is the top third of the first page. Seekers should aim to place their most marketable skills and

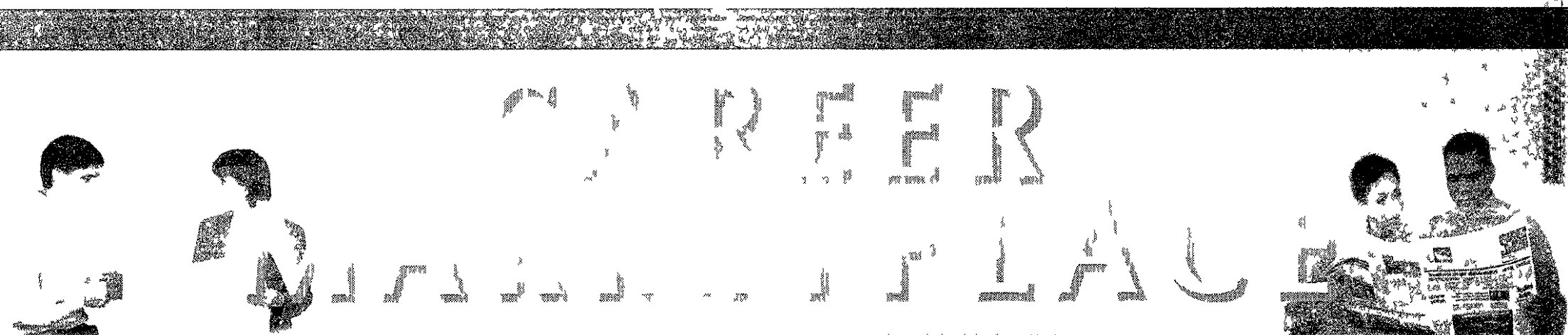
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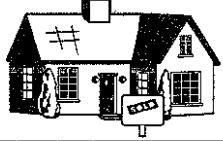
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## Study focuses on legal trends in real estate

The National Association of Realtors has made available the key findings from a comprehensive study of legal issues and trends in the real estate industry on its member Web site at [www.realtor.org](http://www.realtor.org)

The 2005 *Legal Scan* was prepared by Legal Research Center Inc., a leading provider of outsourced legal research, compliance e-training and knowledge management services. The newly updated study tracks historical data regarding more than 90 different legal liability issues faced by real estate professionals. It uses this data, along with surveys of selected industry leaders, to predict what issues NAR members will likely face in the future.

'NAR's *Legal Scan* is our crystal ball to a better understanding of the key legal issues and trends affecting the U.S. real estate marketplace,' said Laurie Janik, NAR general counsel. 'The 2005 *Legal Scan* provides NAR members with a wealth of trend information on agent/broker liability on issues such as agency, fair-housing and property management law, helping them better understand - and plan for - the legal pitfalls and compliance requirements they will likely encounter.'

The complete study is available at no charge to all NAR members who enter their password on the [www.realtor.org](http://www.realtor.org) Web site.

The *Legal Scan's* historical data primarily comes from traditional legal research of court decisions, statutes and regulations, and jury verdict reports. There were 1,058 specific court cases examined as part of the study, as well as 350 new or amended statutes and regulations. One of the helpful features of the 2005 *Legal Scan* is an appendix that lists each case, statute and regulation found for each issue, with full legal citation. This allows attorneys to check quickly to see if there are any relevant cases or legislative actions that offer guidance for a pending legal matter, saving real estate professionals valuable time and money on legal costs.

Some of the noteworthy findings in the 2005 *Legal Scan* include:

- The most common type of real estate dispute being litigated involved property management issues, including debt collection, liability for tenant's property condition, liability for the condition of a common area, liability for crimes occurring on leased property and fair housing claims.

- In nearly three quarters (72 percent) of the real estate litigation cases in which liability was determined, the real estate brokers or agents involved

in the dispute were not held liable.

- Indoor mold continues to be a hot and growing issue for real estate litigation, with more states enacting laws that require disclosure of mold and more court cases being reported.

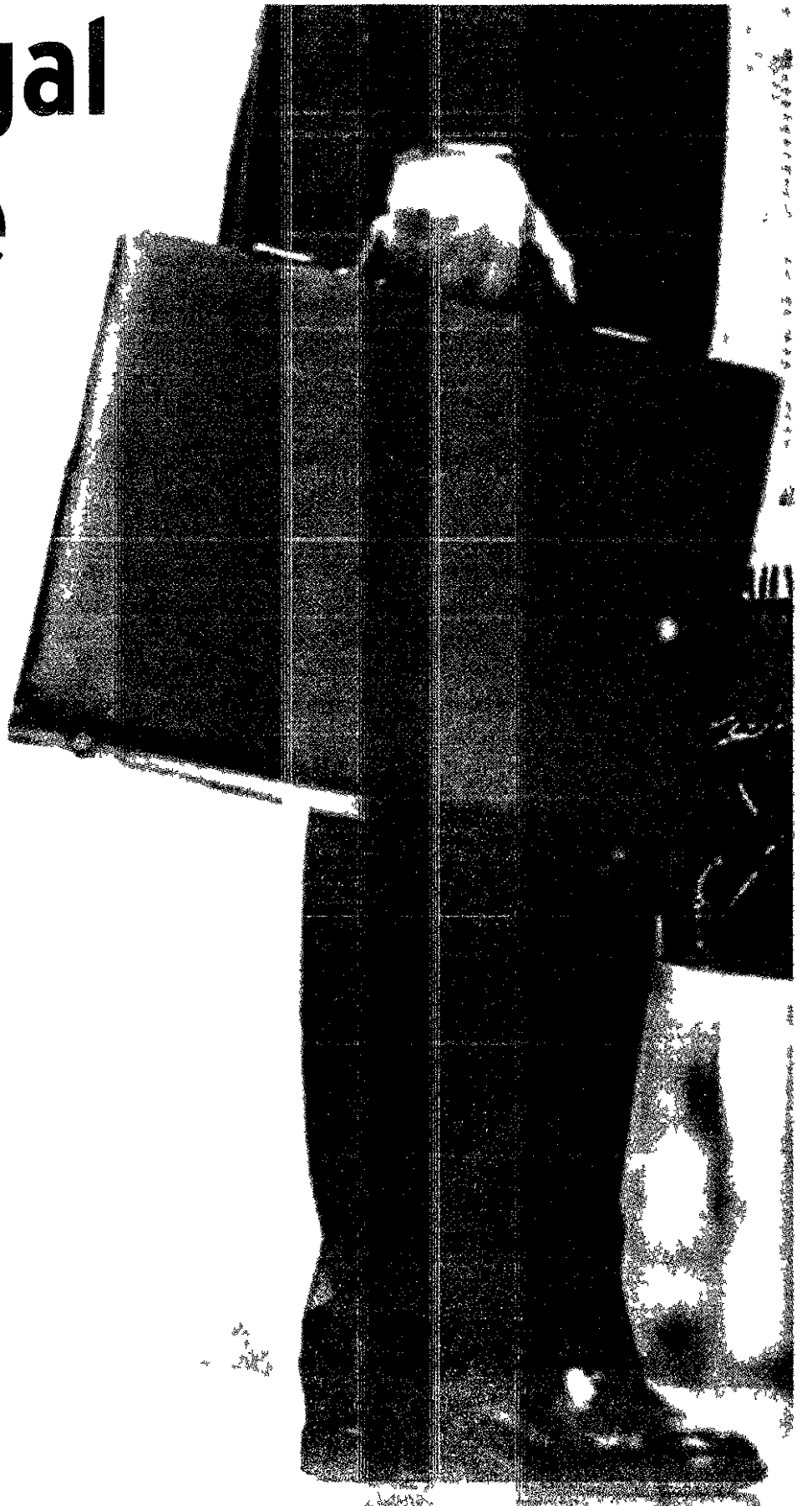
- Agency disclosure issues are drawing significant legislative attention, with 19 new or amended statutes and regulations regarding the subject being introduced in the past two years.

- Additional real estate hot topics targeted for increased preventive training include dual agency, breach of fiduciary duty, Internet advertising and anti-solicitation laws.

'We're very proud of the detailed research and analysis that went into creating this study, which will now allow each of NAR's more than 1.2 million Realtor members to access information quickly about recently enacted statutes and recent court decisions on a wide variety of real estate topics,' said James Seidl, president of LRC. 'NAR's 2005 *Legal Scan* will help real estate professionals efficiently obtain important legal information and NAR will be able to keep its membership updated on new legal developments. It's an invaluable resource for planning training programs for real estate licensees to ensure that they comply with state regulations while implementing efficient, effective and ethical real estate business practices.'

The National Association of Realtors, The Voice for Real Estate, is America's largest trade association representing more than 1.2 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

Legal Research Center ([www.lrc1.com](http://www.lrc1.com)) has been helping corporate law departments and their outside counsel reduce their research costs and efficiently manage their legal knowledge for 26 years. LRC's primary services are outsourced legal research, knowledge management and compliance e-training. LRC's research attorneys are honors graduates who have practiced law for at least two years, and many for more than 25, in major law firms and corporate law departments throughout the United States. LRC's corporate vision is to remain the nation's premier provider of outsourced legal research, knowledge management and compliance e-training services, culturally committed to operational excellence, customer intimacy and innovative products and services.



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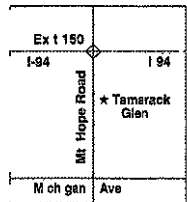


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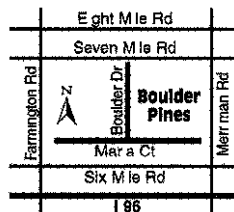
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# Lowe's offers information on home heaters

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

■ **British thermal units (Btu)** measure of how much heat the unit puts out. The Btu rating determines how much space the unit can heat safely and effectively.

■ **Variable settings** allow you to set the unit's heat output and its energy/fuel consumption. During warmer periods or in smaller spaces you can turn the heater down and conserve energy/fuel while maintaining a comfortable temperature.

■ **Built-in blowers and fans** or oscillating units distribute heat more evenly over a greater area thus saving energy/fuel and increasing the overall

comfort level in the space being heated.

■ **Portability** is an important feature when you only want to heat or supplement the heat in specific areas. Having the ability to easily move the heater from one place to another allows you to heat only the area you choose when you choose to heat it.

■ **Built-in safety features**, such as automatic shutoffs, anti-tipping devices and heat guards make heaters much more user-friendly and give you peace of mind.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use and placement of all heating devices.

## ELECTRIC HEATERS

Electric heaters are available as portable or permanently affixed units.

An oil-filled radiant heater is a good choice for heating an entire room.

## PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATERS

In portable heating options, you can find anything from

small, personal heaters that will fit on a table to large heaters designed to heat entire rooms. Most small electric heaters have a wire resistance coil or a ribbon strip that provides heat when electricity is supplied to the coil or strip. Some of these models have ceramic casings that hold more heat for longer periods than basic models, making them more efficient. Some personal heaters also come with blowers and/or oscillating features that allow them to project heat over a larger area quickly. Small, personal heaters are a good choice for heating specific areas quickly.

Larger heaters, designed to warm entire rooms, may be permanently filled with oil to allow them to hold and radiate heat for long periods. This design allows the heating element to cycle on fewer times and save energy while heating a larger area. These heaters usually take longer to warm up than personal heaters, but they will heat a much larger area and do it more efficiently. Electric fireplaces simulate

traditional wood-burning units.

## PERMANENT OR FIXED ELECTRIC HEATERS

When you need a more permanent solution, you can choose from baseboard heating elements, wall-mount units or electric fireplaces. Electric baseboard heaters have a resistance coil that works much like a coil in a personal heater. The differences are that the baseboard units are much larger, heat more efficiently and can be wired to a wall-mounted thermostat.

Fan-forced electric heaters are normally small rectangular boxes that mount directly to the wall. The heater has a built-in fan that moves the heated air throughout the room. This design allows these small heaters to quickly and effectively bring an entire room up to a comfortable temperature.

Electric fireplaces

come with hearths and mantles that simulate actual wood-burning fireplaces without the expense of adding a brick and mortar fireplace. These heaters combine the convenience of electric heat with the comfort and ambiance of a traditional wood-burning fireplace.

## WOOD HEATERS

A glass-fronted stove allows you to enjoy the dancing flames.

Wood heaters are available as either traditional wood-burning stoves or as pellet stoves. Traditional wood stoves burn logs from 18 to 22 inches long to generate heat. Pellet stoves burn specially manufactured hardwood pellets that produce a lot of heat and very little ash.

Some stoves have glass fronts that allow you to enjoy the dancing flames while taking advantage of superior heating. Look for a stove with

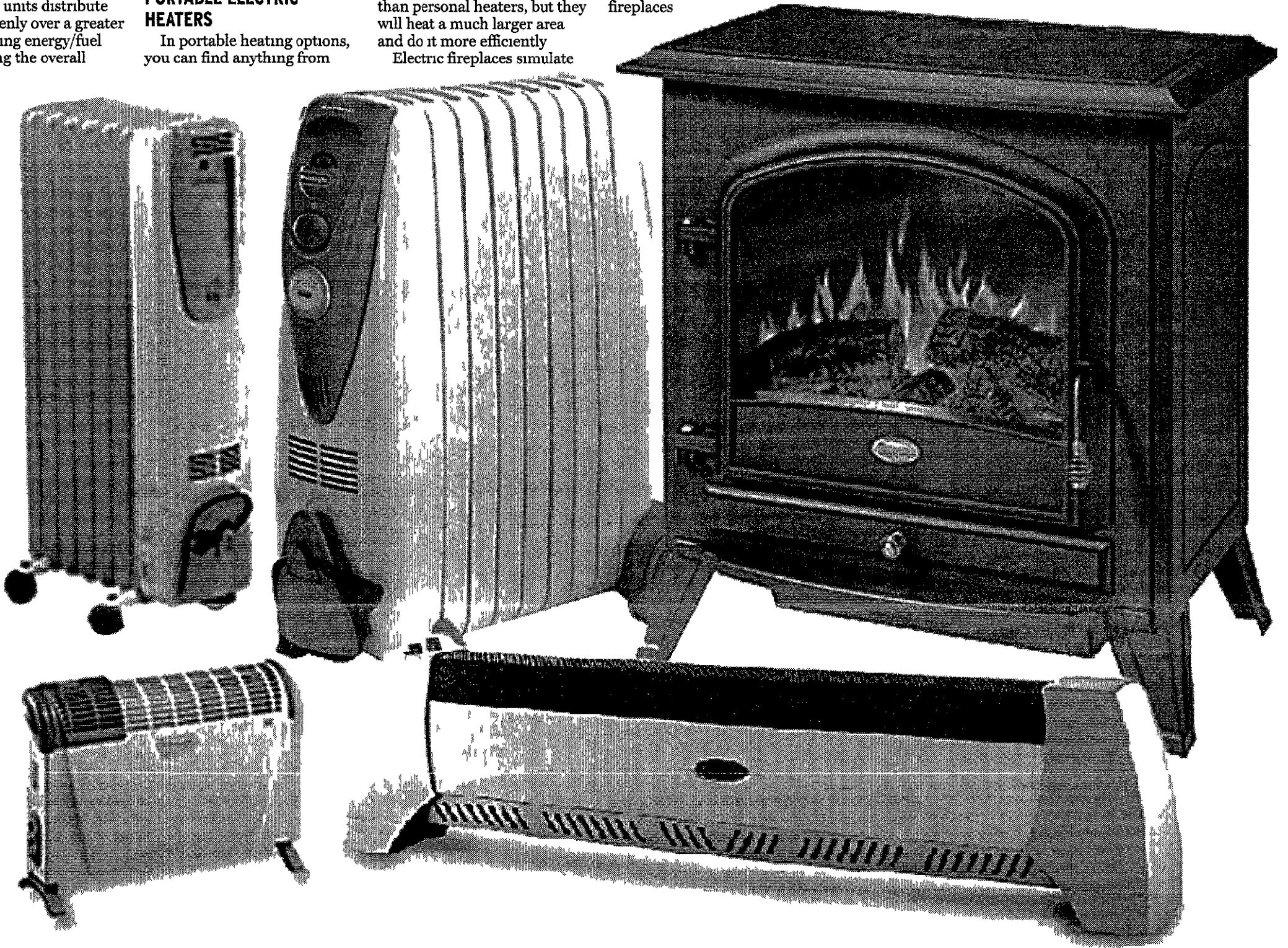
an ash drawer to make clean up easier and safer.

## GAS HEATERS

Gas logs provide the ambiance of a traditional fire without the work.

Gas heaters are available as either Natural Gas or Liquid Propane (LP) burning units. The type of fuel you use will largely be determined by availability in your area. You will also be able to choose between wall-mounted gas heaters, gas logs and freestanding units that resemble wood stoves. Some gas heaters require a vent stack to the outside of the home; these units are commonly called vented logs. Vent-free heaters can be installed anywhere in the home without the need to vent or exhaust gasses to the home's exterior.

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The re-certification demonstrates continuing outstanding relocation service and performance, and adherence to the RQC policies and guidelines which are modeled after other initiatives, such as the Malcolm Baldrige national quality award and Six Sigma RQC is designed to recognize outstanding relocation departments in the network based on meeting a rigorous set of standards.

The criteria are stringent and the application process for obtaining this recognition is sequential, spread out over a number of months. Leading Real Estate Companies of the World is the first to offer a true system to measure quality in the real estate industry.

The division is headed by Carolyn Bowen-Keating, VP Relocation, and is headquartered in the company's Birmingham office.

Weir Manuel Realtors has more than 150 real estate professionals in four Michigan offices: Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and West Bloomfield. Its Web site is at [www.weirmanuel.com](http://www.weirmanuel.com).

## Business/Real Estate Investing Seminar

Learn What You Need to Know When Your Seller Is in Bankruptcy - presented by David Ruskun - sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St., Clawson. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 ([www.REIAofOakland.org](http://www.REIAofOakland.org)) For additional information, call Don Eichstaedt, (248) 552-8030.

## Oxford Loan Officer to Donate Money

An Oxford loan officer is reaching out to the children at Crossroads for Youth by donating \$300 to the nonprofit agency each time an applicant closes on a mortgage or refinances with her and mentions the organization.

Crossroads for Youth provides education, support and counseling for at-risk youngsters and their families.

Jude Cunningham will make the donation to Crossroads for Youth in the applicant's name. There is no deadline on the offer. "This is such a kind gesture," said Karen Tuohy, agency relations coordinator for Crossroads for Youth. "Towne Mortgage is a relatively new neighbor of ours, and we appreciate Jude's commitment to our mission."

Towne Mortgage is located at 115 S. Washington St. in Oxford. The company works with many different lenders and offers a wide range of services. For more information, call Jude Cunningham at (248) 736-2343 or e-mail her at [jude.cunningham@townemort.com](mailto:jude.cunningham@townemort.com).

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For more than 50 years, Crossroads for Youth has served thousands of children and teens in southeastern Michigan. Crossroads' main campus in Oxford includes a school, vocational center, adventure center, five residence halls, recreation facilities and more. It has another program site in Commerce Township. For more information, visit [www.crossroadsfor-youth.org](http://www.crossroadsfor-youth.org).

## Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate

Kathy Coon, broker of Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate, announced that 10 of her sales associates recently attended the Corporate Mobility Specialist Training Course offered through a relocation-focused partnership between GMAC Real Estate and GMAC Global Relocation Services.

The Corporate Mobility Specialist Training Course is a comprehensive session packed with relocation expertise that teaches sales associates how to better meet the needs of relocating consumers and maximize the relationship between GMAC Real Estate and GMAC Global Relocation Services. Attending this training results in the CMS designation, which must be followed up with a refresher course every two years in order to retain the CMS designation. CMS training is a resource as well as a continuing education tool for brokers, managers and sales associates as they find themselves becoming more involved in the relocation process.

For more information on relocation services by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate, call (248) 293-0000 or visit [www.greatlakesgmac.com](http://www.greatlakesgmac.com). Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate has two offices and 55 sales associates serving greater Oakland and Macomb counties. Its offices are located at 2915 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills 48307, (248) 293-0000, and 5767 W. Maple, West Bloomfield 48322. GMAC Real Estate has more than 1,300 locations and 22,000 sales associates throughout North America.

## Education Seminars

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

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 12, lien law seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including continental breakfast are \$75 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$100 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 'Builder's License Preparation Course' at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 27, 'Safety and Security' at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Registration fees are \$145 for Remodelors Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, Certified Graduate Builder seminar, 'Construction Contracts & Law', BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, Executive Image Seminar on 'Hiring Trustworthy, Hard-Working People', BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, Builder's License Preparation Course, at BIA head-

quarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fees are \$200 per class for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb.

7, Effective Business Management Seminar on Integrated Marketing, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar on 'Estimating', at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

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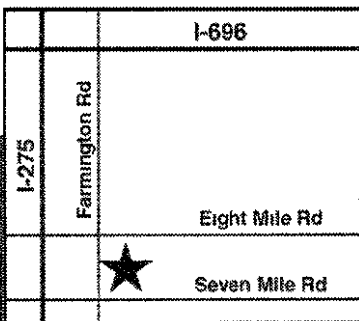
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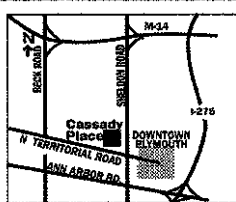
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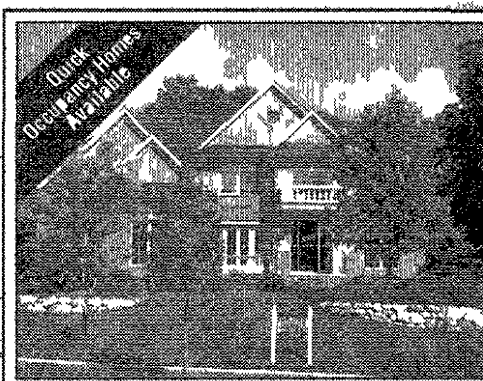
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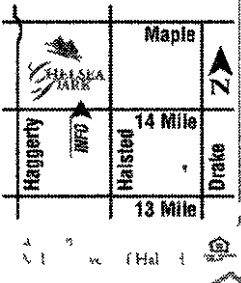
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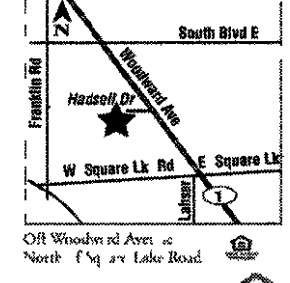
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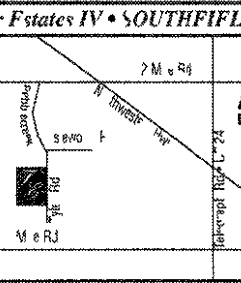
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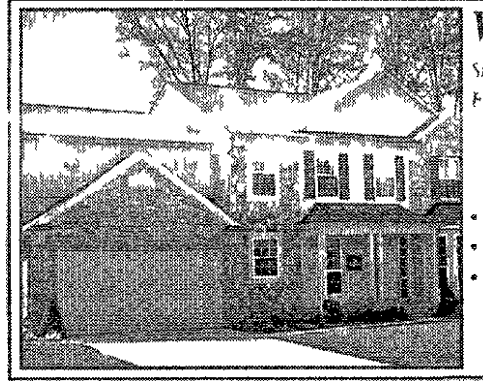
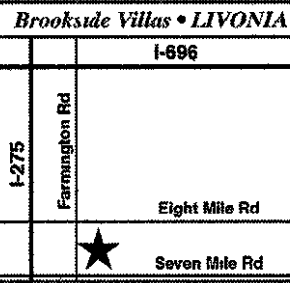
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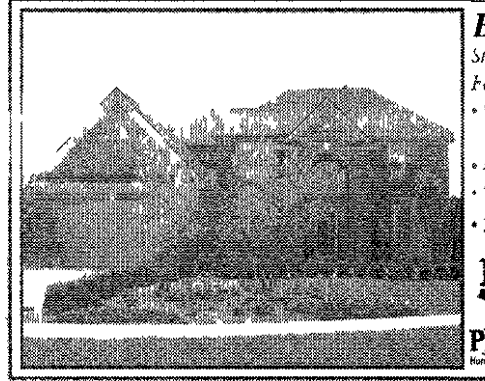
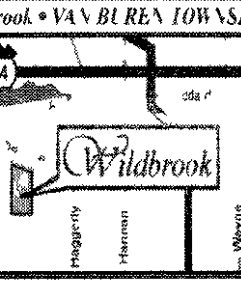
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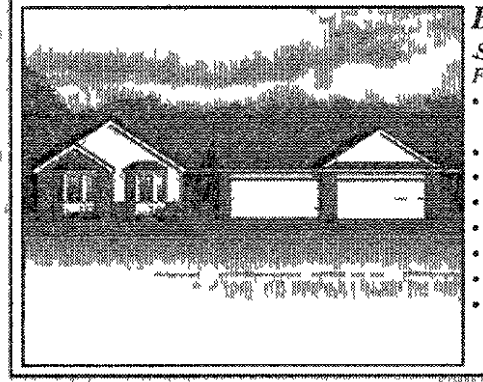
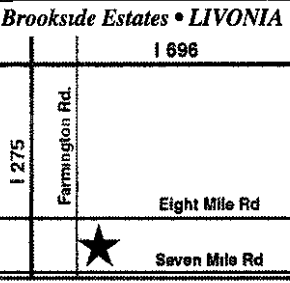
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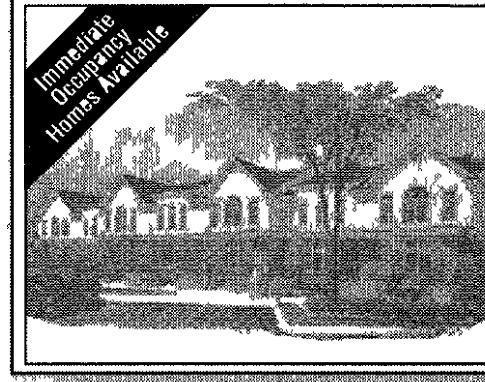
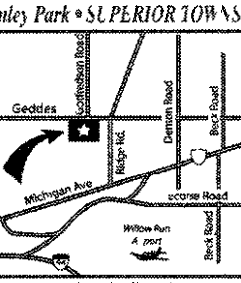
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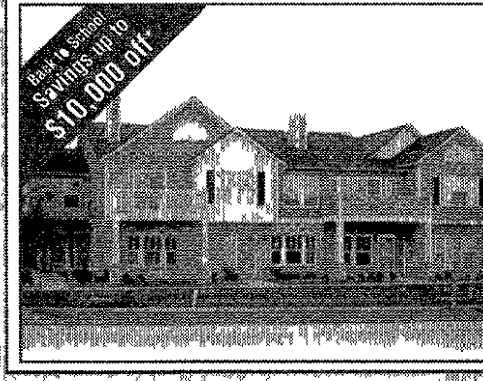
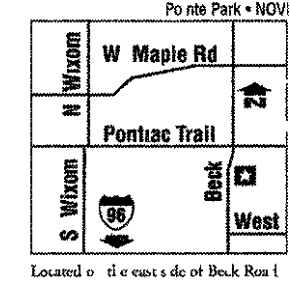
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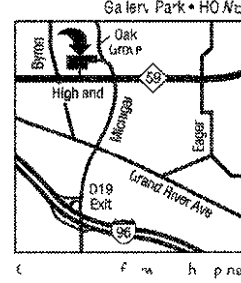
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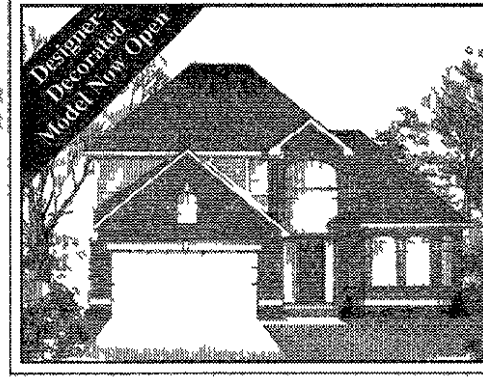
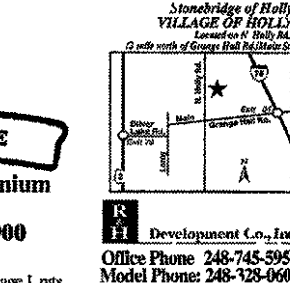
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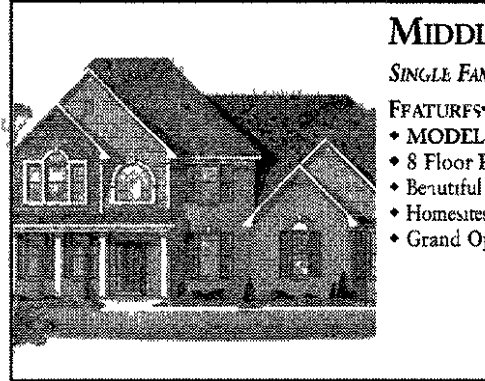
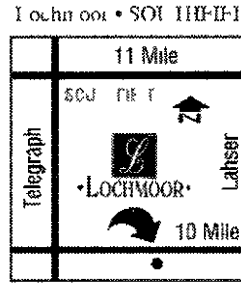
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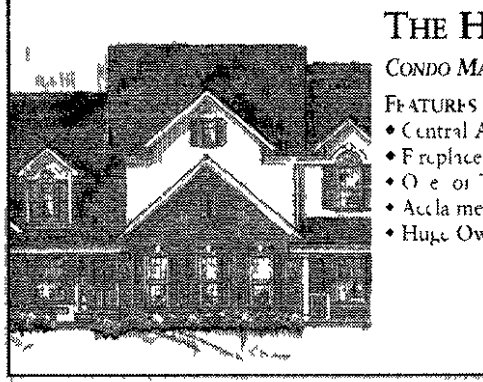
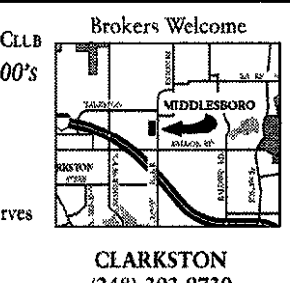
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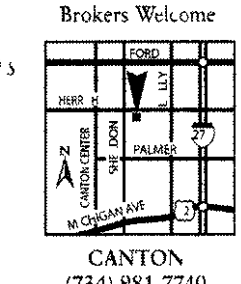
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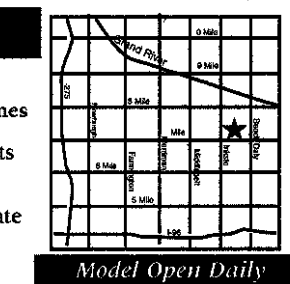
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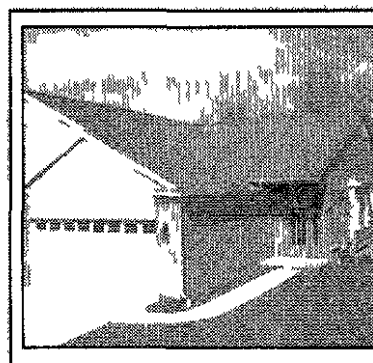
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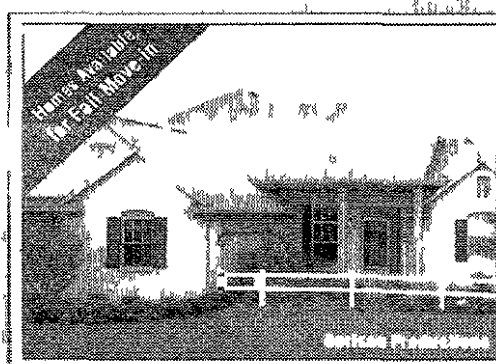
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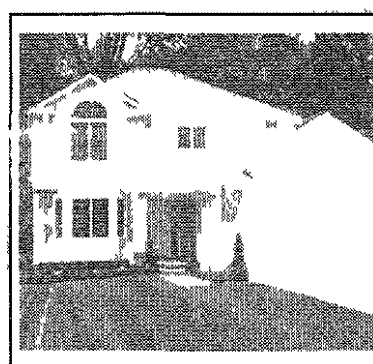
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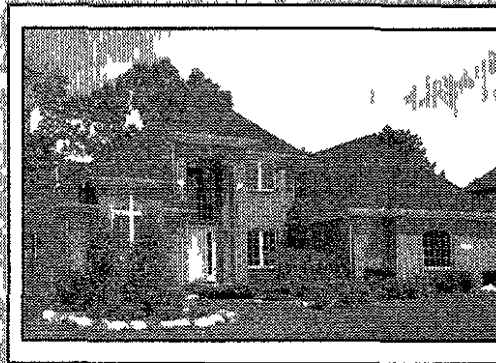
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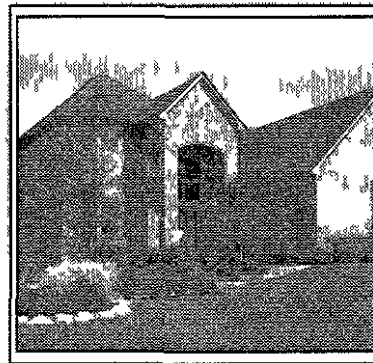
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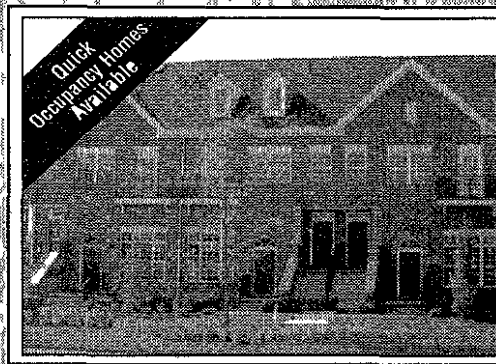
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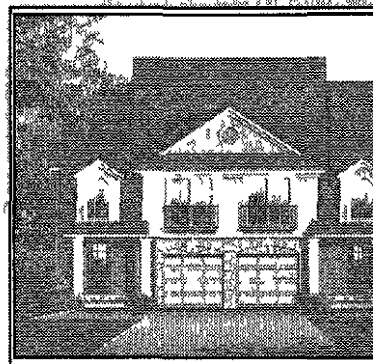
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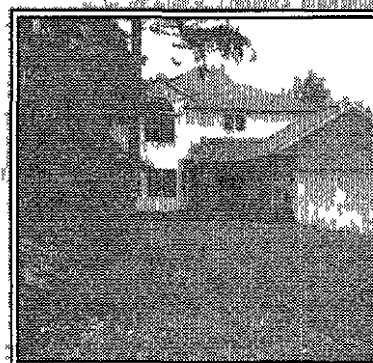
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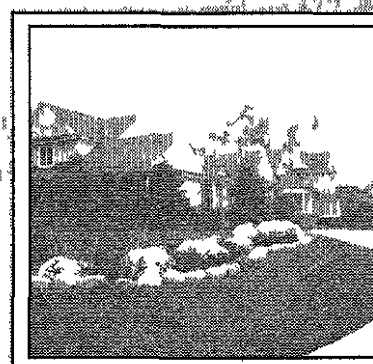
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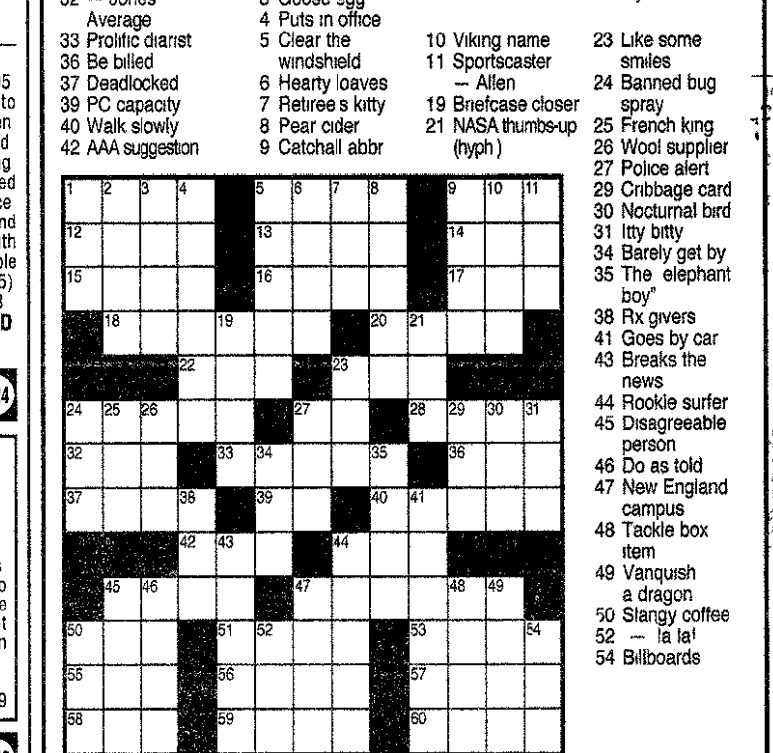
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