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McNamara's families say goodbye

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

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More than 1,500 people — family, friends and political leaders — packed Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit's Corktown Friday morning to say goodbye to Ed McNamara.

McNamara, 79, died early Sunday morning, Feb. 19, from heart failure at Harper Hospital in Detroit with his family by his bedside.

The former Wayne County executive and Livonia mayor spent more than 40 years in politics, mentoring people like Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Detroit Medical Center CEO Mike Duggan. Both spoke at the funeral Mass, with the central theme about McNamara's family, both immediate and extended.

Duggan delivered the eulogy, chronicling McNamara's early childhood, growing up in Detroit's Brightmoor area, accelerating his high school education at Redford High School in Detroit to enlist in the Navy, where he earned three medals, and numerous — often funny — stories about McNamara during his time as county executive.

But despite his political connections and public accolades, Duggan said his wife, Lucille, and their five children and five grandchildren were always

the most important in his life.

"He talked about his kids incessantly," Duggan said. "You never met any body more proud of his kids."

"And in retirement years, he got to spend more time with his grandkids," Duggan added. "Those were the things he talked about all the time."

The most touching part of the ceremony came when four of McNamara's grandchildren spoke, remembering their grandfather.

"I love grandpa because he took me swimming. He called me Snookums and said I'm a pain in the butt," 9-year-old Marisa McNamara said. "I love my grandpa because he loved me."

"My grandfather was a really great man who dedicated himself to his family, friends and community," reflected Cullan McNamara, 11. "I am proud to be his grandson, and I hope to emulate him in my life. I will always love you, grandpa, and will look for your guidance."

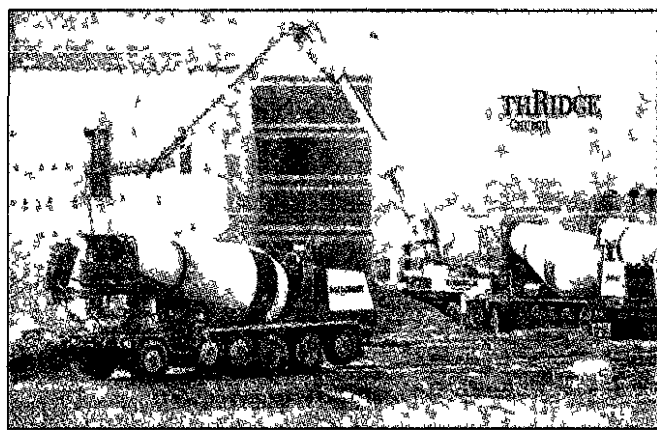
Granholm said it was fitting McNamara's funeral was held at Most Holy Trinity, built by Irish-Catholic immigrants and now serving a disadvantaged area of Detroit.



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Gov. Jennifer Granholm said that she would not be governor, nor who she is, but for Ed McNamara. The funeral crowd was a who's who of Michigan politics. Besides Granholm, this photo includes Mike Duggan, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep. John Conyers, U.S. Rep. John and Debbie Dingell, and former Michigan Gov. Jim and Janet Blanchard.

PLEASE SEE McNAMARA, A5



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Construction continues at NorthRidge Church, where residents say — and church officials disagree — the church is not living up to a consent judgment governing its size.

Residents: Church violating judgment

Pastor says NorthRidge sticking to agreement

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When the former Temple Baptist Church moved out to Plymouth Township from Redford more than 10 years ago, a court-approved consent judgment was necessary to settle disputes about size, traffic patterns, parking and other issues.

Now renamed NorthRidge Church and located at North Territorial and Ridge, and growing by leaps and bounds, officials at the church are overseeing some major expansion. They've seen their congregation grow to some 14,000 members and are aiming for more.

But neighbors of the massive church, located on some 55 acres of land, think the church is violating segments of the consent judgment that apply to parking, size and road access.

PLEASE SEE NORTHRIDGE, A4

Residents vexed over unannounced home assessments

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Dave Murphy received a notice from the city of Plymouth that said "Not a Tax Bill" he — at first — took it at face value.

But, Murphy, who likes to be exact, looked more closely at the information and decided to do the math himself. What he found out was the notice that wasn't a tax bill actually revealed he was receiving a tax hike on his Evergreen Street property.

The Headlee Amendment allows taxable values to go up by the rate of inflation, or 5 percent, whichever is lower. But, what Murphy discovered is his assessment didn't go up the maximum 3.3 percent to match inflation, but actually

increased 4.5 percent.

The reason? The City of Plymouth reassessed all residential property last year by recording physical changes, including additions, decks and air conditioners that weren't previously reported to the city and not on the tax rolls.

Murphy, and about a dozen of his friends who decided to check their "Not a Tax Bill" notices, weren't pleased their assessments went up for so-called "additions" that have seemingly always been on their property, some for as long as 40 years. In fact, some thought the "additions" were already part of the assessments which were calculated when they bought their homes.

PLEASE SEE ASSESSMENTS, A4



Plymouth resident Dave Murphy said his assessment went up 4.5 percent largely because of this shed, which has perched on four cinder blocks since the home was built in 1961.

Public safety tops residents' list of concerns

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Public safety is a high enough priority for Plymouth residents that they would pay an additional tax to support it.

That's one of the conclusions from a survey sent to city residents last fall, which was conducted by University of Michigan graduate students in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy for the city commission.

Surveys were mailed to nearly 3,800 residents, with 1,100 — or 30 percent — returned. Among the conclusions:

■ Respondents overwhelmingly rank public safety as the most important city

service, and the service that deserves most of the priority in the city budget.

■ A substantial number would be willing to support a special property tax for public safety, but would not support a similar tax for parks and recreation, road maintenance or other services.

■ Most looked favorably on the idea of strengthening regulations concerning development.

■ Residents valued Plymouth's prime location, and place a high premium on the small-town feel.

Respondents to the survey give the highest budget priority to public service, followed by road maintenance, waste removal

and recycling, parks and recreation and street lighting.

The survey was designed to help the city commission address future budget priorities.

"This was never intended to be a decision-making tool, it was intended to be the beginning of a discussion," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "We'll start to talk about how we react to this, and get back to the citizens and answer some of the questions they have."

The entire survey can be viewed on the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

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Legacy tribute

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan hosts its annual black-tie-optional Legacy Spring Tribute Dinner and Auction 4 30-8 30 p m , Sunday, March 12, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township

The evening includes a silent auction, dinner and a program celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization. Tickets are \$130

For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.biam1.org or call (810) 229-5880

'Guys & Dolls'

The Novi Theatres announced its upcoming production of the long-running 1950s Broadway musical, *Guys and Dolls*. The show, which



Kallie

includes Plymouth resident Larry Kallie, takes the stage at the Novi Civic Center Friday-Saturday, March 10-11 and March 17-18, at 7 30 PM, and also for Sunday matinees 2 p m March 12 and 19

Based on the stories of Damon Runyon, a columnist whose tales of the Big City thrilled early 20th century U.S. newspaper readers, this musical depicts a mismatched romance between gambler Sky Masterson and missionary Sarah Brown. Sky is bet by gambler Nathan Detroit that he can't romance the strait-laced missionary. Meanwhile, Nathan has troubles of his own,

trying to set up a floating crap game while avoiding the wrath of his fiancée, a brassy chorus girl named Miss Adelaide, who is desperate to marry Nathan after a 14-year engagement.

Tickets to *Guys and Dolls* are on sale at the Parks and Recreation Desk in the Novi Civic Center. For ticket information, call (248) 347-0400

Magazine sale

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library still have a wide selection of used magazines for sale

Found in the Library's meeting room lobby, the magazines include all issues for one magazine for one year - each bundle is \$1

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

Volunteer rally

The Johnson Creek Protection Group hosts its sixth-annual Volunteer Rally and Informational Meeting 7-9 p m Monday, Feb 27, at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile

The meeting will include discussion about the JCPG and its mission, along with upcoming events and volunteer and educational opportunities. Participants will have a chance to view displays and interact with other relevant groups

For more information, contact Demetria Janus via e-mail at djanus@stantec.com or call (734) 214-1885

Lenten services

The churches of Plymouth host a series of Lenten services and luncheons Wednesdays through April 5. All services and luncheons are hosted by



Winter break

The Plymouth District Library hosts a number of events for students of all ages during winter break, all free of charge. Events include a Game Night with hot chocolate and snacks 7-8 30 p m Wednesday, March 1; a Dungeons & Dragons Fest 10 a m to 4 p m Saturday, March 4 (registration required, call (734) 453-0750, press 4); the Winter Break Movie is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' 2 p m Tuesday, Feb 28, and a Winter Beach Party 2 p m Thursday, March 2

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Services are noon-12 30 p m, with a soup-and-bread lunch 12 30-1 p m at the following locations: Our Lady of Good Counsel March 1, First Baptist Church of Plymouth March 8, First United Methodist Church March 15, St. John Episcopal Church March 22, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth March 29, and Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church April 5

Donations at the services will be made to donate the Salvation Army

Basketball raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is raff-

ling off two tickets for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Basketball tournament to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills

The tickets will be good for all games played March 17 and March 19 and are valued at \$360. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. The drawing takes place 8 a.m. March 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, you don't have to be present to win

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the programs of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. Projects planned include donating dictionaries to all third-graders in Plymouth-Canton schools, scholarship for a graduating

senior and support for First Step, Angel Tree Prison Ministries and Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family programs

For more information email Deborah Torzy at dtorzy@hotmail.com or call (734) 453-9904

Mass transit meeting

'Lessons from the Super Bowl', Regional Mass Transit in Our Life Time will be the topic of a public meeting hosted by The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County 7 15 p m Tuesday, Feb 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library

The featured speaker will be Vicki Kovari, the senior organizer of MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength), a faith-based community organization which works to improve the quality of life in local communities and to create a more just and human society

Kovari will discuss the goals and objectives of MOSES to improve mass transit in the Detroit metropolitan area. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization, but it does have positions on issues it has studied. The league is an active supporter of public transportation and invites the public to join in the discussion at this meeting

The library is located in the Livonia Civic Center at Farmington and Five Mile

Hospice benefit

The Inn at St. John's celebrates its grand opening with a fund-raiser designed to benefit Hospice of Michigan 6 30 p m Friday, March 31

Showcasing the work of some of the area's top artists, this special evening will celebrate the opening of The Inn's 118-room boutique hotel and the new Five Restaurant. The black-tie event, emceed by WDIV Channel 4's Chuck Gaudica, will include a strolling dinner, cocktails, desserts,

three rooms of live entertainment and a silent auction featuring artwork donated by local artists

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate, comfort care to people with acute, chronic and terminal illness, and offers support for their loved ones. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Hospice of Michigan's Open Access Policy, which provides care to individuals regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay

Tickets are \$125 per person. The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 357-5344

Open house

Cross Bridge Academy, a school for the development of children along the autistic spectrum and those with significant language and sensory processing disorders, hosts an open house 7-8 30 p m Wednesday, March 1 at Compass Cafe in downtown Plymouth

The academy, which opens a second classroom for the 2006-2007 school year, incorporates the successful Association Method, Sensory Integration Therapy and Social Pragmatic language lessons all geared to the individual needs of the child. The program is academically oriented with a focus on reading and writing

For more information or to attend the open house, e-mail director Katie Kramer at katie.aces@comcast.net or call (734) 649-1044

Blood drive

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts a blood drive 8 a m -2 p m Sunday, March 5

The church is located at 47650 N Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. For an appointment or more information, call Anne Perdue, (734) 453-7372

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Running for grandpa

Sisters tackle marathon for a cause

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Elizabeth James of Plymouth Township read a newspaper article about a marathon being run to benefit the American Stroke Association, it touched her in a particularly personal way.

Her father, Jim Garvie, had suffered a stroke back over the Christmas holidays, so James told her daughters about the marathon.

Now three of them - none with much of a background as runners - are training for a June 11 date with a 26.2-mile track in Kona, Hawaii.

"Our grandfather was a big factor," in the decision, said 22-year-old Caitlin James.

(But) none of us is really a runner. It's very different than we thought it would be. It seemed like a good way to make money for a good cause.

Caitlin and two of her sisters, 23-year-old Julie of Birmingham and 18-year-old Jennifer of Plymouth, have begun training for the event, teaming with other members of Team Detroit, training in Hines Park.

Some three weeks into their workouts, the sisters have worked their way to the point of doing about four miles.

"It's harder than I thought it would be," said Jennifer James, a student at Schoolcraft College who hopes to get into that school's culinary arts program. At first you think, "It won't be that hard to add a mile. But it's really hard."

While organizers of the marathon encourage all participants to train to get to the point they can run a full marathon, the sisters are more realistic.

While they plan to complete



Jennifer (from left), Caitlin and Julie James are looking for help financing their efforts to run a 26.2-mile marathon in Hawaii to benefit the American Stroke Association.

the entire 26.2 miles, they know it probably won't be done running.

"I don't expect to be able to run the whole marathon," Jennifer said. "I'd like to be able to run half or more."

To get there, though, the sisters need help raising the \$5,000 financial commitment required to enter. They're soliciting donations, and Champs, the Livonia restaurant where two of them work as waitresses, is considering a fund-raiser for them.

But raising the money has been tough, because the sisters move in pretty much the same circles.

It's hard because we went to the same high school (Farmington Hills Mercy), so we have the same friends, and

of course the same family," Caitlin James said.

Still, the girls are hopeful. Julie James, who graduated in April with a degree in marketing and management, plans to run the marathon with her boyfriend, Aaron Fenton, who lost his grandfather to a stroke.

Fenton has run a marathon (in Chicago), but Julie James hasn't run farther than nine miles at a time. Like her sisters, she's realistic about being able to run 26.2 miles by June - "I'd like to double my miles and get to 18," she said - but she's still looking forward to taking part.

"We decided it would be a good thing to do together," she said of Fenton. "It'll be good for the families, and for the cause."

Donations are 100-percent tax deductible. Anyone interested in helping the girls can donate at their Web sites: www.teamdetroit.kintera.org/kona/caitlinjames (substitute the other sisters' names at the end). Letters of encouragement - and donations - can also be sent to the James home at 13596 Westbrook Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Fund-raiser aims to help family

Jennifer Hayse, a 34-year-old mother of three from Plymouth, lost her battle with breast cancer when she died Feb. 10 while in Israel trying a treatment not available in the United States.

Now, friends and people from around the community have a chance to help her husband and three children in their battle with the aftermath of Jennifer's death.

Paradise Park Novi, on Grand River east of Beck, hosts Jen Possible Family Fun Week, which runs through March 5. The idea is to raise money for the Jennifer Hayse Assistance Fund. Participants can bring a flyer - available at the Web site www.jenpossible.us - or simply mention Jen Possible to have 15 percent of their purchases donated to the Hayse family.

Paradise Park offers a variety of family entertainment, including laser tag, arcade games, climbing walls, miniature golf, go-karts, soccer cages and wireless internet access.

It's all to benefit the family of Hayse, whose health had been declining for several weeks, according to friends, but whose "spirits remained surprisingly good."

Hayse, who is survived by her husband, Keith, and their children Nicholas, Natalie and Angelina, was 31 and a mother of two when she found a lump in each breast in July 2003. She went to her doctor and had a mammogram but,

because she was so young and the statistics were in her favor, the doctors did not biopsy the lumps, assuming they were just cysts, according to information on the Web site.

So the couple, assured she was fine, went ahead with their family plans. In January 2004, Hayse discovered she was pregnant with her third child.

After doing research and finding treatments deemed safe for pregnant women, Hayse delivered Angelina in September 2004. She continued receiving treatments, but the cancer continued to spread.

Finally, she was referred to the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem for treatment which was not available in the States. She left for Israel Nov. 11 and was admitted to the hospital in Jerusalem on Nov. 28. She had a bone marrow transplant, and was also treated with white blood cells from her father. In late January, she was re-admitted to Hadassah struggling with side effects of the treatment. She died from complications of the cancer and treatment Friday, Feb. 10.

Paradise Park is open 4-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

For more information on Jen Possible Family Fun Week, visit www.paradiseparknovi.com or call Paradise Park, (248) 735-1050, or Cindy Peterson, (734) 274-1026.

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Paul E Boelter
 Boelter 89 of Utica formerly of Rochester and Port Sanilac died Feb 11
Irene Byrnes
 Byrnes 84 died Feb 24
- C**
Richard E Carter Jr
 Carter of Taylor died Feb 22
Rosemary S. Chapman
 Chapman 79 of West Bloomfield died Feb 20
Ardith Coonley
 Coonley 88 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Feb 20
- E**
Erik C Engelhard
 Engelhard 26 of Clarkston died Feb 18
- F**
Todd W. Ferguson
 Ferguson 43 of Waterford died Feb 15
Dorothy M. (Blount) Froberg
 Froberg 87 of Tucson Ariz formerly of Royal Oak Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills died Feb 13
- H**
Diane Hardie
 Hardie 59 of Clinton Township died Feb 21
Robert Arthur Husted
 Husted 53 died Feb 20
- K**
Waymon Kisselburg
 Kisselburg 72 of Redford died Feb 23
- L**
Harry F Locke
 Locke 83 of Bloomfield Hills died Feb 23
George M Losie
 Losie 92 of Howell died Feb 19
Kathleen (Kit) E. Lutkus
 Lutkus of Farmington died Feb 20
- M**
Erwin W. Miller
 Miller 80 of Brighton died Feb 11
Valery Anne Mosborg
 Mosborg 46 died Feb 18
- P**
JoAnn P. Pagett
 Pagett 66 of Keswick Ontario formerly of Rochester died Feb 11
Roy Melvin Potvin
 Potvin 84 of Benton Tenn died Feb 22
- R**
Robert L. Rudnick
 Rudnick 86 died Feb 23
- S**
Milton G. Sackett Sr
 Sackett of Southfield died Feb 20
Martha M. Scott
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- T**
Catherine M Trepod (Bakonyi)
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NORTHRIDGE

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I think what they're planning on doing is expanding well beyond the scope of the consent judgment that governs what that facility should or should not be able to do," said Paul Bortell, the new president of the Plymouth Commons Homeowners Association, which borders the church property "They have a model in their lobby that extends the property well beyond what is called for" in the consent judgment, Bortell added

It's true the church is large. Between the three phases - the third phase is currently under construction - the church is going to occupy well over 230,000 square feet

The consent judgment, which covers the first three phases of construction at the church and also sets the rules for egress/ingress and parking, allows for a total of 1,167 parking spots

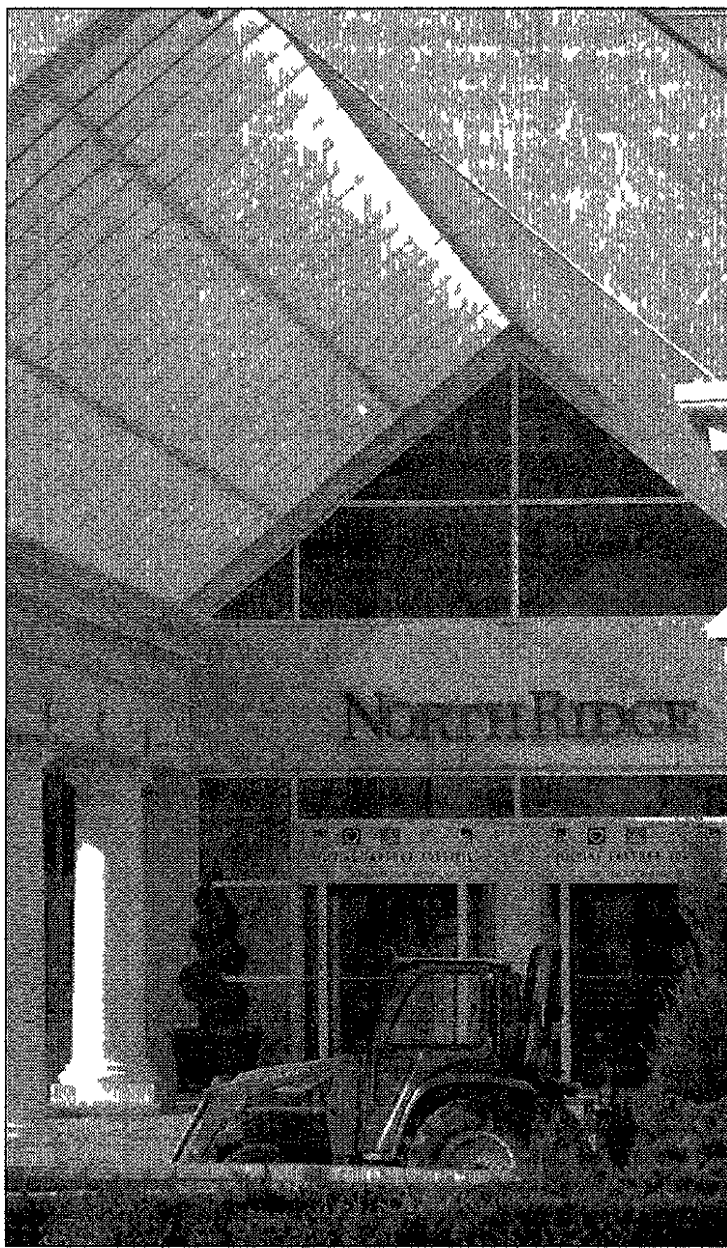
SIZE CONCERNS

The issue is not the square footage, but the footprint. According to the consent judgment, Phase I of the church was restricted to a 60,000-square-foot footprint, Phase II had a 50,000-square-foot restriction, and Phase III was limited to a 40,000-square-foot footprint

NorthRidge pastor Brad Powell said the church has stayed well within the limits placed in the consent judgment

"We're well within the consent judgment, and as long as the consent judgment is in place, we intend to honor it," Powell said "And we are adding tons of green space, which they wouldn't have gotten if the church hadn't come"

The biggest issues involve parking and traffic. The area around North Territorial and Ridge is congested, especially before and after services. The congregation is so large - one estimate said as many as 9,000 attended weekends during



NorthRidge Church at North Territorial and Ridge continues with the third phase of its construction project

2004 - at NorthRidge the church provides shuttle service from Johnson Controls

In an effort to keep some of the traffic from clogging the subdivisions, a provision to not allow right turns out of the parking lot south onto Ridge was included in the consent judgment

Residents say NorthRidge members violate that provision with impunity, but Powell said it's the township's responsibility to police that. While acknowledging church services obviously add additional traf-

fic, church officials also point out the traffic problems would exist to a certain extent without the church, citing a traffic study done by Wade Trim

PARKING PROBLEMS

The next big issue could also wind up in court. NorthRidge has purchased some 25 acres of land abutting houses in the Plymouth Commons subdivision. Residents fear the church is going to put up a separate parking lot

"They appear ready to add several hundred parking

spaces, Bortell said (The plan) calls for an access road to curve behind all of the homes in our subdivision and enter Ridge at a point where there are four subdivision entrances and greater congestion"

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume confirmed Thursday the church has talked to the township about another curb cut along Ridge for an access road. He said a stand-alone parking lot, and a new access road, would not be something the township would favor

"It would probably be the township's position the property can't be a parking lot alone," Reaume said "We wouldn't allow a parking lot alone, no matter what the zoning was. The township and its legal staff would have to evaluate that situation"

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PROPERTY VALUE

Bortell said residents are worried about property values in the surrounding neighborhoods should the church put up a parking lot that abuts some of the residential lots

"Those homes are worth \$500,000-\$750,000," he said "We're already suffering in that area with regards to the number of homes on the market due to economics, and this will only drive more out"

"There are also safety concerns from a fire and EMS per-

spective, he added "Sometimes it takes our residents 30 minutes just to get from our subdivision to North Territorial on Ridge, and that's only about a half-mile"

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ASSESSMENTS

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Murphy said he's perplexed as to why the "Not a Tax Bill" notice appeared to be a tax increase, but not revealed by the city

"I was told it was because of the shed on my property, which was there when the house was built in 1961," said Murphy "I'm the third owner in the home, and I went through a tax review three years ago. I assumed I was already being

taxed for the shed, and feel I'm being double taxed"

The shed is made of wood and sits on four cinder blocks. The tin on the floor was added in 2002 to keep out raccoons. Two years later, chicken wire was added to keep animals from underneath. For that, and an unheated porch which was found to have an old rug and space heater, Murphy said he's being taxed an additional \$87 a year

Paul Benson has two Plymouth properties, a home-stead and rental units. The rental property assessment, according to Benson, is up 13 percent

"I called the city and they said it's because I have a wood porch, instead of a cement porch, and the garage has storage on the second level, which

they didn't have recorded," said Benson "In reality, the garage is ready to fall over, there are no doors or windows, and it's leaning to the left. I purchased the building 10 years ago, and I haven't changed anything on the porch or garage"

The city hasn't performed a residential appraisal since 1982, and the City Commission paid Wayne County Appraisal \$40,000 to conduct the surveys, which generated about \$270,000 in total revenue. About \$90,000 - pending final results of the Board of Review from homeowners who are challenging their assessments - will end up in the city's general fund budget this year, and subsequent years

"If there were omissions or

additions to the property that we don't have, the law requires us to adjust for those," said Aaron Powers of Wayne County Appraisal "We found a change in about 63 percent of the residential properties additions and deletions"

Murphy and his neighbors' biggest complaint is with the communication from the city about the higher assessments

"The city has done a terrible job of communicating the results to homeowners," said Murphy "I don't consider this letter arriving three weeks before the tax board hearings timely. And, I don't consider having to stumble upon this rate increase"

City Finance Director Mark Christiansen said the "Not a Tax Bill" notice does explain

the new assessments, but admits it's confusing

"The information on the form is required by the state, and it's confusing," said Christiansen "With our financial situation we probably won't be able to conduct a reassessment for another 10 years"

Powers said property owners can find updated assessment records on the city's Web site, although Murphy and several of his neighbors say their new assessments haven't been recorded on the site

The city's Web site is www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. Powers can be reached by calling City Hall at (734) 453-1234, Ext 253

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Laurel Manor event to benefit soldiers' families

A major dinner and auction fund-raiser will be held in Livonia next month for the families of U.S. soldiers wounded or killed in military combat

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers' Fund is staging the event that will take place at Laurel Manor, starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11. The

fund helps families travel to visit their wounded soldiers in overseas hospitals, send their children to college, and provide handicap accessibility equipment at the homes of wounded and disabled soldiers

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. Television meteorologist Chuck Gaidica will serve as

master of ceremonies. Guest speakers will include Special Forces Master Sgt. William Gillette, Col. Danny Pummil from the Office of the Secretary of the Army, and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton)

In addition to ticket sales and sponsorships, the event will also raise money with an

auction of dinners, overnight hotel stays, jewelry and Special Forces paraphernalia

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- By Dan West

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The Rev. Russell Kohler surrounded by McNamara's daughter Colleen McNamara, widow Lucille and other family sprinkles holy water at the beginning of the service.

McNAMARA

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'He was a poor kid from Brightmoor, who raised a middle-class family in Livonia, made it in America and never forgot where he came from, Granholm said. He made you all important, because we're important to him, no matter where you came from. Your race, your gender, your title, meant nothing.'

'He filled our extended family with people who were political in the very best sense of the world — who knew that all politics was local, and they represented their communities like they did their own families,' she said. 'I surely would not be governor of the state of Michigan if it weren't for Ed McNamara.'

Many of those who attended the two-hour service were political figures, like U.S. Rep. John Dingell, former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and former Gov. Jim Blanchard.

Blanchard met McNamara in 1970, as his driver and advance man during McNamara's bid for lieutenant governor.

'He loved local government, he loved Michigan and he loved Detroit,' Blanchard said. 'Today, everybody wants to go to Washington. He was happy to stay here, and he really got things done.'

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin said McNamara was an old politician, in the true sense of the word.

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Colleen McNamara hug during the peace greeting.

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former Michigan governor

service, loved his constituents and making a difference for average people,' Levin said. 'My memories are very fond and deep.'

Not everyone who attended was a high-profile politician. Kellianne Nagy of Northville got to know McNamara well after getting her first job in 1978 — in the Livonia assessor's office — during the time McNamara was mayor.

He was like a mentor, and I got to know him pretty well, Nagy said. 'He was always laughing and smiling, but always forward-thinking with great visions for the city.'

He was always somebody's friend, she added. 'He will be missed.'

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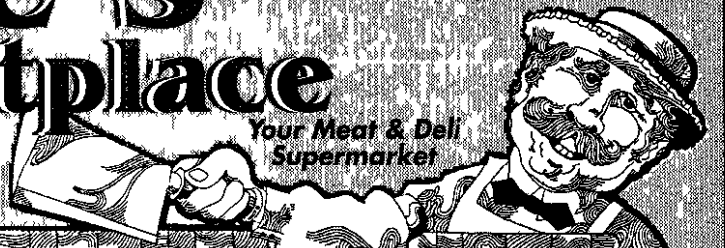
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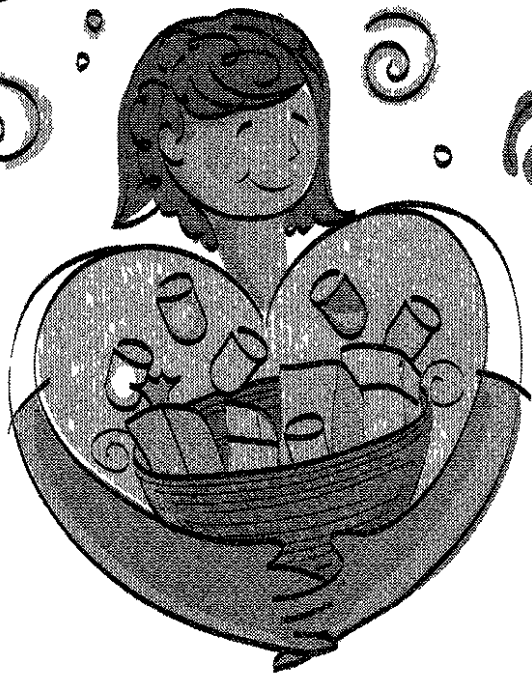
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Quilts helped slaves find freedom

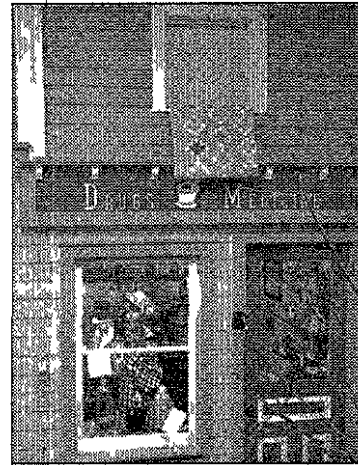
BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The 25-some quilts on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum are both attractive and useful. "The Secret of the Underground Railroad Quilts," which includes some smaller quilt squares, features quilts that helped escaping slaves find their way north to freedom in Canada in the 19th century.

Some 14 of the quilts feature the code identified in the book *Hidden in Plain View* by Jacqueline L. Tobin and Raymond G. Dobard. It was common for abolitionists, those who opposed slavery, to hang or drape quilts outdoors.

They used them in a variety of ways, said Beth Stewart, director of the museum at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. People just weren't suspicious of it.

The quilts feature patterns telling escaping slaves in which path to travel, such as



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a zigzag to avoid detection. This area included a number of people active in the abolitionist movement, Stewart said, with the Michigan Anti Slavery Society dating

back to the 1830s and active in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and elsewhere.

"Their ultimate goal was to get to Canada," where the Canadian government was offering free land. "They had such a huge country they were trying to settle."

In addition to the exhibit of quilts from the museum's collection, which will continue through May 28, the museum features the Weldon Petz collection of Abraham Lincoln items. There's also the Plymouth timeline downstairs, going up close to modern times with the sign and other items from the now-closed Daly's Drive-in.

Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students through high school age, \$7 for a family. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit plymouthhistory.org on the Web.

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Theft suspect fails to swipe parked car

A car owner on Marc Trail apparently came close to losing her vehicle after what appeared to be a failed car theft attempt.

The woman told Plymouth Township police she parked her car in front of her house around 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20, locked and secured.

Around 10:30 p.m., she went back out to head for work. When she tried to start the car, she told police, she noticed the ignition switch was damaged and wires were hanging down.

According to police, the suspect got into the car by using a 'slim jim' device to pry open the driver's side door, as evidenced by scratches on the door trim and window area.

Police said once inside the vehicle, the suspect pried and punched out the ignition, but either got scared off or simply couldn't start the car.

Sugar in tank

The owner of a business on Schoolcraft told police he drove a company vehicle on Friday, Feb. 19, then left it on the lot.

When he tried to drive the vehicle the following Monday, he noticed it was having problems. He had a mechanic take a look at it, and the mechanic discovered wires under the hood had been cut and someone had dumped sugar in the gas tank.

Car damage

A car owner living on Jodi Court told police that sometime between 10 p.m. Feb. 19 and 6 p.m. Feb. 21, someone entered

her 1993 Pontiac Sunfire, which she had parked in the street in front of her house. The suspect damaged the dash around the ignition switch but the ignition itself was intact.

The owner told police she was unsure if anything had been taken.

Stolen keyboard

A resident in a Wilcox apartment building told police she purchased a digital keyboard (piano) and stored it in her apartment building's basement storage cage Jan. 20.

She remembers seeing it a week later but then discovered it missing Feb. 4.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb. 15-22.

■ Wednesday Feb. 22 — Residential rescue runs on Old Pond Drive, on Brougham, on Terry, on Newport, on Canton Center on Maple, on Hammill and on Postiff, wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and I-275 commercial rescue run on Forrester rescue run on Tavistock.

■ Tuesday, Feb. 21 — Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, residential rescue run on Terry, investigation at Beck and M-14, rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Monday Feb. 20 — Industrial rescue run on Haggerty residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on

Sutherland and on Shadygrove vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 and Sheldon, downed wires on Dewey.

■ Sunday, Feb. 19 — Residential rescue runs on Heritage, on Shadywood and on Deer Court, vehicle accident on southbound I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Church.

■ Saturday, Feb. 18 — Residential rescue runs on Maple, on Brougham, on Sheldon, on Benjamin and on Evergreen, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road and I-275 dumpster fire on Forest rescue run on Napier.

■ Friday, Feb. 17 — Residential rescue runs on Ann, on Shadywood, on Postiff and on Herald, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Thursday, Feb. 16 — Vehicle accident with wash down at Beck and N-Territorial, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 and I-275 commercial rescue run on Eastside, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, carbon monoxide detector runs on Pine Tree and on Red Maple, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue run on Northville Road.

■ Tuesday, Feb. 15 — Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Road residential rescue runs on Creekwood, on Sheridan and on Chamwood, vehicle accidents at Sheldon and Junction (with wash down) and on eastbound M-14 east of Sheldon, rescue runs on Woodgrove.

Winner in right place for scholarship

The only thing remotely serendipitous about Carrie F. Blamer winning the prestigious Adams Entrepreneurial Fellowship from Walsh College is the timing. Everything else makes perfect sense.

The fellowship is, after all, targeted at developing the entrepreneurial skills of promising business students or alumni, and Blamer fits that description.

A Walsh College school of accounting alumnus who is currently pursuing a master's degree in taxation there and who recently passed her CPA exam, Blamer is also a full-time associate at Linville & Company, PLLC, a tax and accounting services firm located in Plymouth.

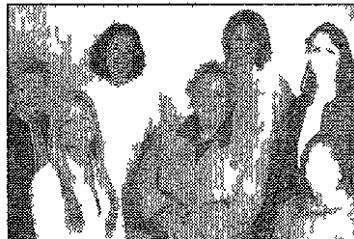
Her professional mentor Kay Linville, cites Blamer's strong business skills and independent thinking as reasons she encouraged Blamer to

apply for the fellowship in the first place.

"Carrie already had a long list of accomplishments to her credit—Plymouth Canton Board of Education Trustee, Rotary Club member graduate of Leadership Plymouth and cum laude Walsh graduate, Linville said. "With her experience and her ambition, she was the ideal candidate for this fellowship. It doesn't surprise me at all that she won."

The \$126,000 Adams Fellowship matches its recipients with local entrepreneurs for one year. Following that period, Blamer plans to stay on at Linville & Company with the goal of becoming a partner.

It's really the perfect circle, to avail myself of this opportunity to learn from the best and then to apply everything I learn there toward the good of the company and our clients, Blamer said.



Carrie Blamer (back second from left) won the Adams Entrepreneurial Fellowship from Walsh College. She was encouraged to apply by Kay Linville (back left).

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Schoolcraft studies culinary exchange with China

A team from Schoolcraft College will journey to China in early March to explore the possibility of providing training in Western food preparation to Chinese culinary schools and chefs.

The trio of Schoolcraft entrepreneurs includes John Walsh, executive director of development and governmental relations, Bruce Konowalow, director of Culinary Arts, and Shawn Loving, culinary instructor and owner of Loving Spoonful restaurant in Farmington

Hills. They will be on the road March 4-14.

The idea for the trip came about through the intercession of Laura Wang, a Northville business consultant who is Chinese. Wang, who is familiar with the Schoolcraft Culinary Arts program, recognized a growing demand for European and American cuisine in China.

This stems from the large number of Western business representatives and tourists traveling to the country since it began relaxing its economic

polices in the early 1980s. Furthermore, with the Chinese economy growing by more than 9 percent a year for the past 25 years, more affluent Chinese citizens want, and can afford, all things Western, including food.

This prompted Wang to set up a link between Chinese culinary schools and Schoolcraft officials, which led to the forthcoming trip. Walsh described the trip as a cultural exchange, perhaps leading to a workable contract between Chinese entities and

Schoolcraft.

"This trip is investigatory and demonstrative," said Walsh. "It also is an opportunity to test the feasibility of Schoolcraft entering into training contracts for which we would provide instruction in American and European culinary techniques to Chinese chefs and instructors."

Instructors from Chinese culinary schools would be taught both in China and Livonia, preferably during the summer.

The Schoolcraft group will

make three stops while in China. First they will visit Beijing, stopping at the Beijing Western Cuisine Association, which houses a training center and university-based culinary school. They also will meet with a representative of the Escoffier International Society to assess the overall culinary scene.

The second destination is Shenzhen, where they will spend time at the Shenzhen Polytechnic Institute. Walsh said this was described to him as a state-of-the-art culinary

training facility. Chef Loving will test this out with limited demonstrations of Western cooking.

Shanghai is the third stop on the itinerary, and includes visits to another vocational and technical school, as well as talks with the executive staff of China's only Ritz Carleton Hotel. Here the group will explore opportunities for Schoolcraft instructors to train the Ritz Carleton's Chinese staff, especially as the chain expands its hotel locations.

Loving may do a number of demonstrations - depending on the equipment, the schedule and what the Chinese hosts expect as the group moves around the country.

"I will be representing all the chefs at Schoolcraft," said Loving. "Every one of our chefs' names will be on my coat. I am meeting with our chefs for their advice on how to best represent our cooking and how I will display it."

"I also plan to push for the opportunity to sit in on a demonstration or class in the Chinese culinary schools to see what the students are capturing. The learning experience will be endless."

Loving said an agreement to train Chinese chefs would create a more powerful Schoolcraft program and make the department globally strong.

To facilitate that possibility, Walsh said he also plans to meet with U.S. Department of Commerce officials in each city so that, "I have a name and a face to contact who, if we are successful, will help us put the deal together."

While Walsh concedes doing all this in 10 days makes the trip very intense, he sees it as very exciting. "We are dipping our toes into the international market," he said. "It gives us a glimpse of three very different potential markets and makes us part of the global economy."

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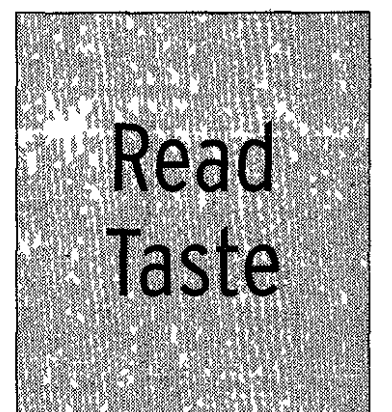
Habitat schedules March 13 orientation

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is hosting an application orientation. It will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton.

The church is located on the west side of Sheldon north of Ford Road, across from Baker's Square Restaurant.

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McNamara inspired his staff with love of life, drive to serve

With a mixture of profound sadness and fond memories we mark the passing of Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. To the world he was the astute politician who was able to transfer a dilapidated county into a prosperous and solvent one. To those of us who had the opportunity to know Ed McNamara well, he was an old-fashioned Irish politician who believed that public service is the most honorable profession.

We had the opportunity of working with Ed McNamara and were witness to his compassion and humanity in the light of his many accomplishments. Unlike many people who reach the pinnacle of success in their lives, he was always focused on the human aspect of his mission. Those of us who were privileged to work with him remember him as a man of keen vision, high standards and virtue. We consider our time spent in his service to be the highlight of our careers.

It is not surprising to us that in those first few hours after his death, so many people used the term "love" when describing Ed McNamara. For those of us who came to work closely with Ed, love was a truly appropriate word. He cared and respected everyone.

We all felt a sense of family and kinship working for him. He managed to hire a collection of diverse people from all walks of life and make them into a loving family. Even after his retirement, this "work family" remained connected and devoted to him. We became a family dedicated to service.

People want to know his formula for his power. His formula was very simple. His power came from his humbleness and his ability to empower those around him. He enjoyed seeing his people succeed. He saw the potential in people and made sure he cultivated them. He never held anyone back, preferring to encourage and nurture his or her abilities.

Employees who worked directly with Ed McNamara often said that they loved working for him because he would let the people around him (his younger staff) develop ideas. In many instances the ideas were great and innovative. Occasionally, an idea would flop and Ed's reaction would often be to smile at the staffer and say, "Oh well, we tried and did the best we could." However, we never wanted failure as an option.

Another strength in his blueprint of power was his fearlessness and his belief that anything was possible. We worked for him in Lansing and Washington, D.C., where he worked with both Republicans and Democrats alike.

He often said, "You need to work with both sides to bring home the bacon." When the City and the suburbs were sparring on issues such as the Wayne County Parks millage and SMART, he

worked with both sides to eliminate the problem. He believed that Wayne County should be a world class county and worked diligently to achieve this status.

Friends and foes always respected Ed McNamara because they believed in his ability to deliver. He was a visionary man with a keen eye on economic development. He knew that the county could not resuscitate itself on its own so he developed partnerships with business communities and the union, building a team to work on this issue.

McNamara was a builder at heart. He built teams of successful people. He built a world class airport, parks, jail and most of all he built efficient and sustainable programs at the county that will benefit the community for generations to come.

He accomplished so much with utter humility, humbleness and humor. Just about everyone who was part of the negotiations that ultimately crystallized into Comerica Park and Ford Field knows that this deal would never have happened without Ed McNamara. Yet, when the deal was announced in August 1996, he was standing in the background, hardly noticeable with a big grin on his face.

In his private office, Mr. McNamara had this quote framed on the wall "Anything can be accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit." It was not just a framed saying, but a practiced belief.

As for his sense of humor, he was quick on his feet, always having something funny to say. We never knew what would come out of his mouth, but we always knew we would have to hold our breath and laugh.

Throughout his life, Ed McNamara befriended many that remained friends with him until his death. His collection of his friends are people he went to school with at Redford High School, former employees at Michigan Bell, Livonia and Wayne County. He cherished his friends and family as they did the same for him. The sense of loyalty to him is unmatched anywhere. He gave of himself to his friends without sacrificing his love for his family. He often told us "Nothing is better than going home to someone you love who loves you back." He reminded us that he fell in love with his wife during high school and loved her more every day.

Another important aspect of his wisdom is his love of life and his attitude toward his life in general. Even in the midst of his illness he was actively traveling, working, advising friends, baby-sitting and of course playing golf. He had such a positive attitude about everything that it was infectious. When asked how is he enjoying retirement, he quipped that he was still doing the same thing as before but not getting paid for it and he loved it.

Ed's death and Lucille McNamara's loss sadden us. Still, we smile at his accomplishments, his energy and his love of people. During this week we, along with so many of our colleagues, just wanted to let people know that "We loved Ed McNamara."

Bob Morris and Terry Ahwal worked for Wayne County in the McNamara administration. They are married and live in Canton Township.



Bob Morris



Terry Ahwal

Mass transit advocates find encouragement in Super Bowl

There's life in the old town after all. Suburban residents who had long abandoned downtown Detroit discovered that a big city downtown can be a fun place. They were even lining up for buses to take them down to the many Super Bowl activities.

Could this be a watershed moment for city-suburban relations and the future of what is laughingly called 'mass transit' in metro Detroit?

Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation Riders United, admits that a Super Bowl is not an everyday event, but if the region wants more big events such as the scheduled 2009 Final Four or a whispered GOP convention, transportation needs to be part of the equation. "If we want to be a venue for these events, the biggest flaw is transportation," Owens said. "It shows that people are willing to use transit if it's convenient and serves their needs. People were using the (SMART) shuttles despite the problems."

Suburbanites were actually complaining that there weren't enough buses and they had to wait.

Transportation Riders United, a nonprofit advocacy group for mass transit, and the Michigan Environmental Council used the success of Detroit's Super Bowl as an opportunity to push for mass transit and, particularly, for rail lines connecting Ann Arbor-Metro Airport and downtown and Birmingham and downtown along Woodward.

"If you look at other major cities that have put in light rail systems, property values around the stops jump," Owens said in a telephone interview. "People want homes along these transit systems. It encourages more people to live along these lines."

As Owens points out, metro Detroit's population hasn't grown significantly in the last 20 years but the population has spread out across a wider and wider area. The Hazel Park resident, who buses to downtown twice a week, argues that the lack of good mass transit has created sprawl.

"Every taxpayer is paying more for infrastructure because we are sprawled out so much," she said.

At a recent gathering of planners to discuss options for developing an "aerotropolis" connecting Ann Arbor to Detroit and the two airports in between, three groups each proposed some form of mass transit. Owens favors a commuter train connecting with light rail to downtown and up Woodward. She said developers would welcome a fixed train route rather than a bus system that can be moved.

It's exciting to see planners take transit into

account," she said. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has a \$100 million grant to begin developing plans for a mass transit system connecting Ann Arbor and Detroit.

"As SEMCOG moves forward, there is a hope they can get agreement on method," Owens said. For years SMART and D-DOT have both sold bus service for "need riders" - workers from the city to suburban jobs, the disabled and the elderly. Owens said more needs to be done to serve "option" riders, those who have cars but would commute on mass transit if it were available.

"One of the things we've been focusing on is improved quality of the existing bus system," Owens said. Owens and other mass transit advocates know that without "option" riders it will be difficult to get legislative support for mass transit. The legislature killed the planned Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority, which would have coordinated several area systems and become the conduit for state and federal funding. There is a strong resistance to mass transit as a waste of taxpayers' money for "empty buses" traveling to "empty cities" in an area where there is no center.

They also follow a long history of legislators who think funding mass transit is disloyal to the area's primary auto industry. But to Owens a mass transit system will create a center, create development and save the city. Legislators just don't understand. It's a challenge. I don't think they're looking at transit as an option," she said. "If they analyzed it they'd see we're not trying to kill the car. Dozens of studies show that every dollar spent on mass transit returns \$4 to \$9 in economic development for the area."

It will be an uphill trolley ride to get support from the current legislature. But maybe some of Detroit's newly minted fans can help make the case for a stronger central city, better Detroit-suburban cooperation and a 21st century mass transit system like every other major metropolitan area in the country.

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Bouchard emphasizes homeland security expertise

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Shortly after the 2001 terrorists attack on the United States Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard said he sent a detailed white paper on how to improve homeland security to members of Congress and never received a response. Now he wants to go to Congress and make his case as Michigan's senator.



Bouchard

Bouchard is competing for the Republican nomination against the Rev. Keith Butler, founding pastor of the Word of Faith International Christian Center, and the Rev. Jerry Zandstra from western Michigan. The winner of the

Aug. 8 primary would face Democratic incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow in November.

On Thursday, Bouchard brought his campaign to the Suburban Republican Womens Club in Livonia, where he emphasized his experience as a law enforcement officer and as a state senator. Butler addressed the group last month.

In an interview following his

short speech, Bouchard talked about his frustrations over homeland security issues.

"I think we're more secure than we were, but there is a lot more that we need to do and I'd love to talk about specifics, but too many specifics would give a lot of bad people ideas," he said. "I see on a daily basis vulnerabilities that I have tried to raise to people. We need a practitioner in the role to push it into law. That's the simplest

way to say it. We have very specific things that I know can be fixed."

Bouchard was appointed Oakland County sheriff in 1999 to fill a vacancy and elected to the office in 2000 and 2004. He served in the Michigan Senate from 1991-99.

Bouchard said he has concerns about a plan approved by the Bush administration to have the United Arab

Emirates-owned Dubai Ports World operate six U.S. ports.

"The core issue that needs to be examined isn't whether an Arab country is bidding on any particular project, but whether any foreign company should be involved in controlling or managing a national security facility," he said.

"He said he favors having American citizens operating the ports."

"We're in a different world and we need a closer watch," he said. "It's not about being Arab, but whether it's Chinese or any foreign country. We need very close American oversight and security."

In Iraq, Bouchard said it is important to work with the leaders in the local town councils and build the country "from the ground up, rather than pushing it down." He said it is important to remain in the country and not create an unstable situation that will create a training ground for terrorists.

"We need to do everything we can to stabilize Iraq and turn power over to the Iraqis," he said.

On domestic issues, Bouchard said the federal deficit is getting worse because of too much spending, not because of too having too little tax money. He said a good place to start cutting the budget is to deal with Congressional earmarks.

"I don't have a problem doing away with earmarks or at the very least having an individual vote on them," Bouchard said. "A lot of people say it was in this big package and the package was good and I had to vote for it. That's a subterfuge."

He also said the "federal pie" was too big and too tempting for members of Congress looking to earmark special projects.

Bouchard is also leery of federal mandates such as the No Child Left Behind Act.

"I'm not a big fan of having educational policy being driven from Washington. I think there is too much being driven from Washington and I don't believe the more you can make a decision local, the more it will reflect the needs and wishes of the people directly affected," he said.

He favors a program that would bring business and educational leaders together to discuss what is needed from the educational system and what kind of tests are needed to evaluate the system.

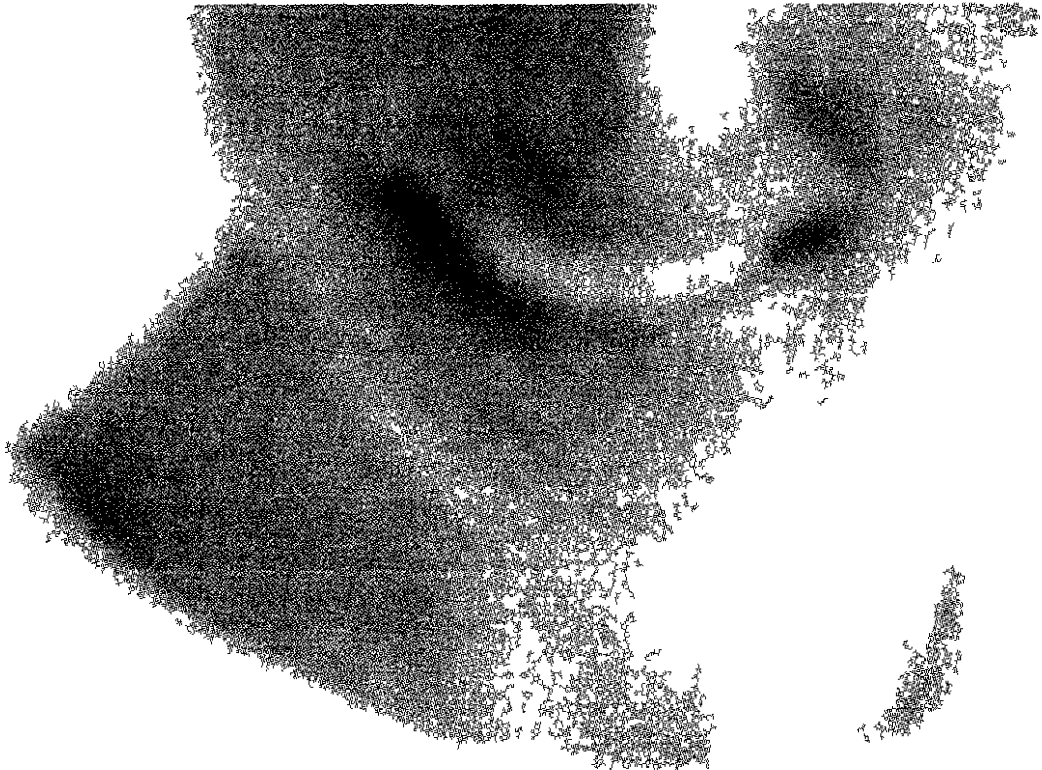
Bouchard was critical of Stabenow's record on the economy. He said she has low ratings with both the National Association of Manufacturers and the small business associations.

"You can't create jobs if you're not helping the providers of jobs," he said.

Bouchard said he has a political base to build on that his rivals for the nomination don't have.

"The reverends are good guys and either of them would be better than our current senator, but I have more experience on the major issues," he said.

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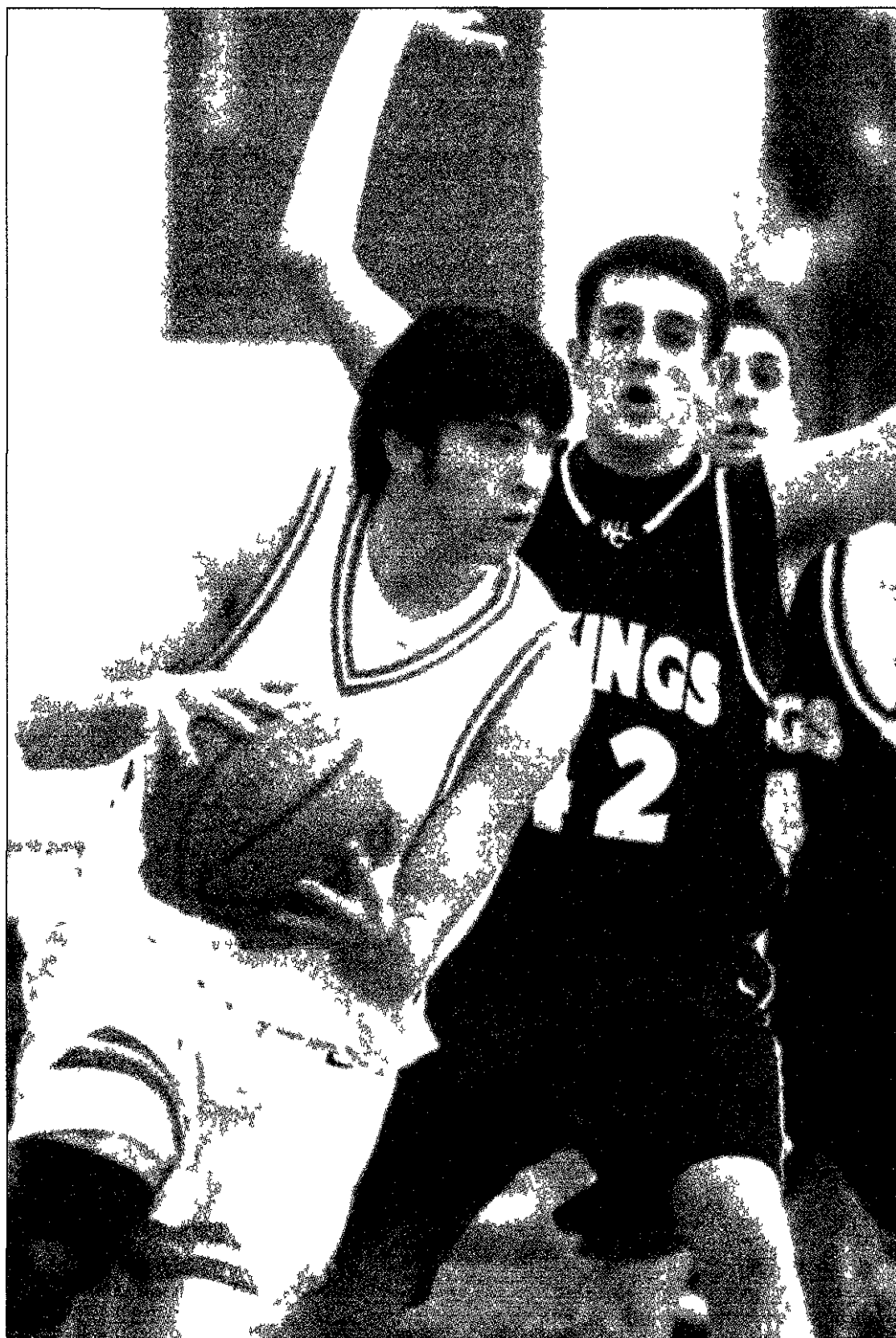
U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Thursday, turning over significant control of six of our largest ports to Dubai Ports World without proper investigation could be disastrous.

McCotter, a member of the House International Relations Committee, is an original co-sponsor on three bills, which will be introduced next week.

"America's homeland security must remain in Americans' hands," McCotter said. McCotter also said he would "absolutely" support overriding a presidential veto of any of the above bills.

The legislation, if passed, will temporarily halt the Dubai Ports World deal, initiate a thorough 45-day investigation of the firm, and allow Congress to review the findings.

WLAA basketball semifinals



Canton's Andy Larsen drives to the basket for two of his 15 points during Friday night's 56-51 setback to Walled Lake Central. Larsen also grabbed seven rebounds.

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Chris-crossed

Chiefs' hopes for conference tourney title dashed by Farr

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team has come a long way since dropping a 64-54 decision to Walled Lake Central six weeks ago.

But as it turns out, not quite "Farr" enough.

In a Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal game played Friday night in Canton's Phase III gymnasium, Central's Chris Farr proved to be the difference in the Vikings' 56-51 triumph. The senior center netted 20 points and seven rebounds — both team highs — despite attracting extra attention from the Chiefs' defense.

Canton had won 9 of 10 games since the earlier setback to the Vikings.

"Farr is a very good player," said Canton coach Charlie Payne.

The first time we played them, we fronted him, but he's so quick, he got a lot of easy baskets. Tonight, we played behind him and he beat us with his jump hook. (Neal Mitchell) had a good game for them, too."

The victory propelled the Vikings into Wednesday's WLAA title game against 19-0 Northville at Plymouth High School. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. Canton will play for third place against Livonia Stevenson in a contest set to start at 5:30 p.m. The WLAA All-Conference awards will be presented between games.

Friday night's game was a rematch of the 2005 WLAA championship title, which Central won in overtime.

TOURNEY TIME

All three P-CEP basketball teams will be competing the week of March 6 in the Class A district tournament hosted by Novi High School, while two of the area's private Christian schools will participate in the Class D tourney at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. Following are the local teams' district schedules.

■ District No. 25 (at Novi) —

On Monday, March 6, Canton will face Novi at 7 p.m. The winner will play Plymouth on March 8 at 7 p.m. On

Wednesday at 5 p.m., Salem will play the winner of Monday's Novi-Detroit CC-Northville game. The final is set for 7 p.m. March 10.

■ District No. 106 (at Huron Valley Lutheran) —

Plymouth Christian will open at 8 p.m. on March 6 against Detroit Urban Lutheran. On March 9,

at 6:30 p.m., Agape, which drew a first-round bye, will take on the winner of the March 6 Lutheran Westland-Detroit Westside Christian Academy game. The district final is slated for Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Wrestling trip

Fans of the Canton wrestling team are invited to travel together to Friday's Division 1 quarterfinal competition in Battle Creek on a bus that has been reserved for the occasion.

The bus will be departing from Canton High School on Friday at 11 a.m. and returning at approximately 8 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$11, which includes transportation and admission into Kellogg Arena. The fee can be paid in the Canton High School athletic office (located in Phase III) from Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Thursday at 4 p.m.

Interested individuals must pre-pay to ensure a seat on the bus.

The Chiefs (28-4) registered the school's first-ever regional title on Wednesday with a 34-30 victory over Novi Catholic Central. They will take on 32-1 Rockford in a quarterfinal match slated to begin at 3:15 p.m. A victory would propel them into Saturday's semifinal match against the winner of Friday's Romeo (29-9) vs Davison (25-6) showdown.

Youth hockey

Youth hockey players can skate on the same ice as the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and have fun at the same time.

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Field of Dreams

There will be a "Soccer Field of Dreams" update meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, in the Plymouth High School distance-learning lab.

The agenda will include a summary of the program's funding and facilities successes to date and an informational presentation by Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan regarding the May 2 bond election that includes funding for the "Soccer Field of Dreams" project.

Members of the P-CEP soccer booster clubs are encouraged to attend, along with their friends and any other interested citizens.

Call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360.

Whalers outlast Erie, 4-2

Evan Brophy's 15th goal of the season at 5:10 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers went on to defeat the Erie Otters, 4-2, Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The victory moved Plymouth (29-24-1-3) into a tie at the top of the OHL West Division with the Windsor Spitfires (28-25-3-3), who lost 5-3 to Sault Ste. Marie on Friday. The Whalers and Spits both have 62 points.

Erie (21-31-3-3) is now five points behind Sault Ste. Marie for the final playoff spot in the OHL's Western Conference.

Joe Gaynor (third), James Neal (15th) and Gino Pisellini (15th) all scored single goals for the winners. Justin Hodgman (sixth) and Adam Berti (25th) found the net for the Otters.

The first two periods featured no more than a one-goal differential. Gaynor scored at 2:03 of the first to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead when linemate John Armstrong dug the puck out from behind the net and found Gaynor on the right-wing doorstep. Hodgman tied the game at 1-1 at 15:58 of the first when he stripped a Whaler defender and beat Plymouth goalie Justin Peters.

Berti gave Erie its only lead — 2-1 — at 5:54 of the second period when he batted home a rebound off a hard shot by Ryan O'Meara from the right dot. Neal tied the game at 2-2 at 13:50 of the second period when he finished excellent cycling by linemates Brophy and Joe McCann and scored from the right wing goal line.

Livonia nips Canton for WLAA crown

Please see complete results on Page B3

The Canton Chiefs, in their coach's own words, "lacked butt" at the Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics meet Thursday night — but it still wasn't enough to catch Livonia Unified.

The Chiefs registered a school-record 147.1 points, but still fell more than two points short of Livonia for the conference title. Livonia won the crown with 149.125 points.

Livonia finished with the highest point totals in all four events to edge the Chiefs and Brighton, which finished a distant third at 145.625.

Salem earned fifth place with a score of 142.5, less than a point behind fourth-place Northville-Nov. (142.8). Plymouth was eighth in the nine-team field after

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racking up 129.05 points

DIVISION 1

Canton's Alyssa Kelley won two events plus the all-around, and was second in the floor exercise. Her 9.650 in the vault and 37.675 in the all-around were school records.

In finishing second (37.375) in the all-around, Livonia's Andrea Pisani finished tied for fourth (9.050) in the vault, third (9.375) on the uneven parallel bars, third (9.450) on the balance beam and fourth (9.5) in the floor exercise.

Canton's Kate Staley and Livonia's Paula Guzik finished tied for fifth (36.650) in the all-around. It was a personal best for Staley, who was fourth in

the vault, fifth on the bars and sixth in the floor exercise.

Guzik was second (9.45) in the vault and fifth (9.225) in the floor exercise.

DIVISION 2

Livonia's Alyssa Supplee and Paige Albers finished 1-2 in the all-around, while Laura Nomura was fifth.

Supplee won the vault (9.3), the uneven parallel bars (9.35) and the balance beam (9.45), and finished second (9.3) in the floor exercise.

Albers won the floor (9.75), was third (9.3) on the beam and tied for fourth (9.050) in the vault.

Nomura finished second (9.350) on the beam.

Brittany Young of Salem (34.950) was sixth in the all-around, while Canton's Karlynn Burns was 12th.

Saagman is PCA's athlete for all seasons

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With just under two minutes left in the first half of Tuesday night's basketball game against Bloomfield Hills Roper, Plymouth Christian Academy swingman Matt Saagman darted to an open spot on the left wing just behind the three-point line.

After securing a pass from teammate Trevor Zinn, Saagman dribbled once, glanced down at the line to make sure his feet were behind it, cocked the ball in his left hand, then stroked a smooth, back-spinning jumper that floated through the net 20 feet away.

Saagman repeated his long-distance set-aim-shoot-and-score routine three more times in the second half of the



Prep Profile

Eagles' dramatic 47-46 victory over Roper.

The effort was pure clutch, but nothing out of the ordinary for Saagman, a three-sport standout who has made a name for himself both athletically and academically at PCA over the past three years.

Matt is one of those kids whose intelligence in the classroom carries over to athletics," said PCA basketball coach/athletic director Doug Taylor, referring to Saagman's

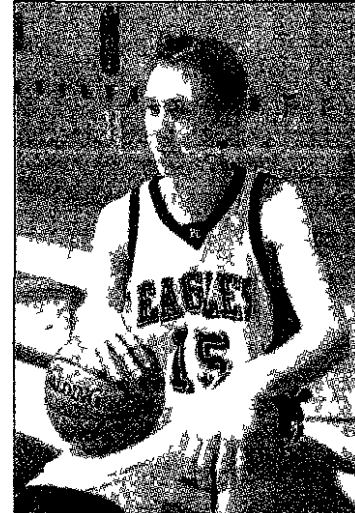
3.8 grade-point average and 11.0 scoring average. "Along with being a good athlete, he's a heady player who calls out our defenses and helps call out the offensive plays we run, too."

JUNIOR ACHIEVER

Saagman is a rarity these days in the look-to-seniors-for-leadership world of high school varsity sports. He's a junior captain who has earned the respect of every player on the Eagles roster.

"Even though he's a junior, the other guys on the team respond positively to Matt's leadership," Taylor said. "He's a catalyst for us — Matt works hard every day, which makes the other players work hard."

PLEASE SEE SAAGMAN, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy student Matt Saagman has been a three-sport standout for the Eagles over the past three years. The junior, who has a 3.8 grade point average, excels in basketball, soccer and baseball.

HOOPS

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The Chiefs were led by senior sixth-man Andy Larsen, who contributed 15 points and seven rebounds

Senior guard Andre Bridges added 15 points while junior center Ryan Waidmann added 10

Mitchell, a 6 foot 2 swingman, complemented Farr's effort with 13 points and senior point guard Aaron Hakula chipped in with nine points while doing a nearly flawless job of directing the Vikings offense

Using a patient offensive attack that often included five or six passes before a shot, Central connected on 22-of-38 field goals (57.8 percent)

More often than not, Farr was the last one to touch the ball before it was fired at the cylinder and he delivered — mostly from inside six feet — hitting 8-of-10 attempts

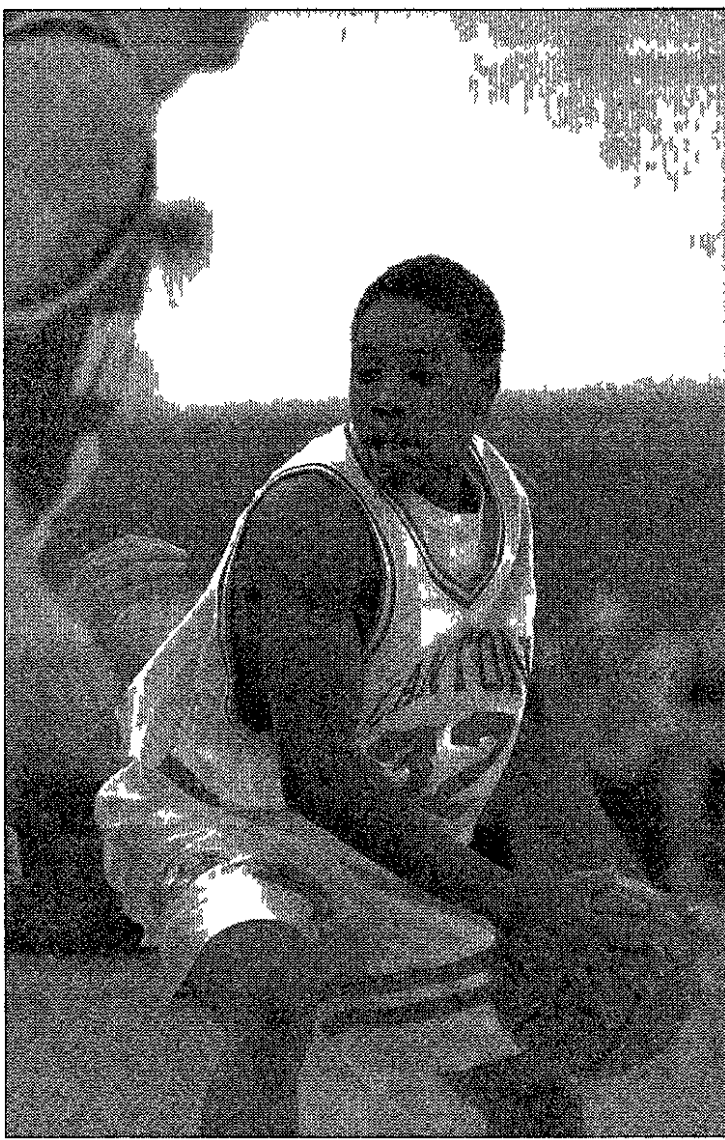
The Vikings nailed just 2-of-6 three-point shots, but it didn't matter considering the strength of their inside game

The visitors grabbed a 14-10 lead after one quarter before Canton rode the hot hands of Larsen and Bridges to secure a 29-25 halftime advantage. Larsen twined eight points and Bridges four during the Chiefs 19-11 second-quarter run

The Chiefs played the entire first half without committing a turnover

Canton's largest lead, 31-25, came 35 seconds into the second half when senior guard Rob Eppler swished a pull-up jumper, but Central answered by outscoring the Chiefs 7-1 over the next 3-30

The Chiefs' final lead came 11 seconds into the final quarter when Steve Paye converted a give-and-go pass from



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton guard Josh Butler looks for an open teammate during Friday night's 56-51 loss to Walled Lake Central in the Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal contest

Waidmann while getting fouled. Paye sank the free throw to put the Chiefs up, 43-42. Central's lead was never greater than five points down the stretch

"I thought we were aggressive offensively tonight, especially in the first half," said Charlie Paye. In the second half they turned up their

defensive pressure and we stood around too much and played too much one-on-one basketball. We got back in the game in the fourth, but we couldn't make the big shots. Canton hit 20-of-49 field goals (40.8 percent) and 8-of-13 free throws (61.5 percent)

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Plymouth gains momentum with 58-51 victory over Wayne

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Instead of packing it in after getting edged out of the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament last week, Plymouth has packed a punch in a pair of WLAA consolation round-robin games

On Friday, the Wildcats won their second consecutive game, 58-51, over Wayne Memorial (4-15). Plymouth will take an 8-11 mark into Tuesday night's regular-season finale at Salem

"The kids got after it tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They played with more intensity and defensively we took things away from Wayne. In the fourth quarter, they only made one shot from the field. There's no question that these games will give us some momentum heading into the district tournament next week. Every win is important with the way we've struggled this year."

The Wildcats, who have now won four of their last six games, were paced by sophomore guard Brandon Roberts, who netted 12 points. Senior forward Josh Le Duc added 11 and senior guard Brent Jones tallied 10

"Brandon has really stepped up for us the past couple of games," Van Wagoner said. "In fact, he's played well in

PREP BASKETBALL

most of our wins this season. Alex Harvey (eight points) and D J Coleman (nine) also played well tonight."

Justin Collop led Wayne with 19 points (three triples) and John Hill chipped in with 10

The host Zebras led 28-24 at the half, but Plymouth surged back to deadlock the game at 42-all with eight minutes to play

Wayne knocked down 13-of-19 free throws. Plymouth went 12-for-19 from the line

SALEM 70, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 56: The Rocks extended their winning streak to two Friday nights with a decisive victory over the visiting Chargers. Every player on the roster scored for Salem (5-14), which was paced by Billy Leddy's 16 points and Grant Stone's 15. J P Truesdell also excelled for the winners, netting six points and a team-high nine rebounds

Joel Hall led Churchill with 15 points. Brad Evans chipped in with 12

Salem rushed to a 19-9 first-quarter lead and 35-21 halftime advantage. The Rocks extended their lead to 51-32 with eight minutes left to play

On Tuesday, the Rocks will host Plymouth in both teams' regular-season finale. The

opening tip is set for 7 p.m. **A.P. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 65, PCA 58 (OT):** On Friday night, the Eagles nearly pulled off a monumental upset over the host Chargers, who clinched first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division earlier in the week

PCA, which slipped to 9-10 overall and 3-7 in the conference, led 22-18 at the half before Inter-City (14-4 and 9-1) rebounded to win in the extra session

PCA guard Dave Koscielny sent the game into overtime by draining a 22-foot triple to knot the score at 54-all with five seconds remaining in regulation

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn led PCA's upset bid with 20 points and eight assists. Also shining for the Eagles were junior guard Matt Saagman (13 points) and Koscielny (11). Saagman and Koscielny combined to make five three-point shots

Brennan Rees led the Chargers with 14 points, 12 of which came after the break.

The Eagles struggled from the free-throw line, canning just 4-of-11 attempts. Inter-City drained just 10-of-23 from the stripe

PCA closes out its regular season Tuesday night when it hosts Sterling Heights. Bethesda

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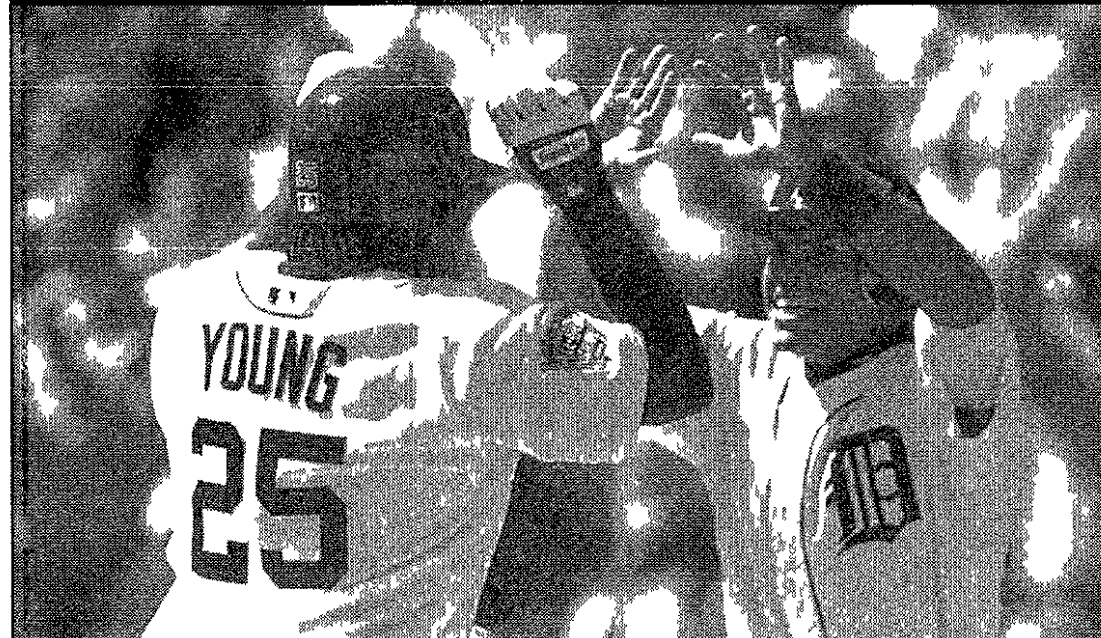
THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb 28
Plymouth at Salem 7 p.m.
Sterling Heights Bethesda at PCA 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1
WLAA 3rd-place game
Canton vs Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth HS 5:30 p.m.
WLAA title game
Northville vs W.L. Central 7 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING
Friday, March 3
Division 1 Quarterfinals
Canton vs Rockford at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena 3:15 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 4
Plymouth, Salem and Canton at

Division 1 regional tourney
ICE HOCKEY
Monday, Feb 27
Division 1 Pre-Regional
Canton vs Salem at Novi Ice Arena 5:30 p.m.
Division 2 Pre-Regional
Novi vs Plymouth at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 4
Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League State Tournament at Arctic Edge
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, March 3
Division 1 District tournament at South Lyon HS.
Livonia Churchill vs Salem

on Court A 5 p.m.
Canton vs South Lyon on Court B 5 p.m.
Plymouth vs Churchill/Salem winner on Court A 20 minutes after first round match
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb 26
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 2 p.m.
Friday, March 3
Whalers vs Chargin' Spirit at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 4
Whalers vs Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 5
Whalers at South Lyon Marie 7 p.m.

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Mudri's triple wins it for MU

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

This was the point where Madonna's men's basketball team usually faded, if they got there at all.

Not this time. Derrick Mudri hit a 3-point shot with 7.6 seconds left in overtime, and the Crusaders pressured Indiana Tech's Alan Frison into a missed 15-foot jumper as time expired.

Madonna won its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff game by stopping Indiana Tech 85-84. The win set the Crusaders (11-19) up with a date with Cornerstone, the tournament's second seed, in Saturday's WHAC semi-finals.

Results of that game weren't available at press time. "It was a big win because at that point in the year, if you lose your season is over, Madonna coach Chuck Henry said. "To me, the most exciting time of the year is the playoffs. If you're a competitor, you want to keep the season going."

Madonna led 44-41 at half-time, but IT came back in the second half, setting up the overtime dramatics.

After Mudri's 3-point shot with 7.6 seconds left, IT called time-out to set up a potential game-winning shot. Frison got the ball around the free throw line, but the Crusaders managed to pressure him into missing the

shot. Madonna's Joe Calhoun got a hand on the rebound and slapped it to midcourt to seal the deal.

"I knew we were down by two," Mudri said of his game-winning shot. "I just came off a pick, had a step on the (defender) and shot it. I had no idea it was going in, and when it did, I was like, 'Wow, we're up one.'"

Mudri, who scored 20 points in the first half, finished with 33 points, including 6-of-12 from 3-point range, and grabbed seven rebounds. Doug Creighton chipped in 18 points, including 6-of-8 from the floor and 5-of-7 from long-range.

Madonna had lost to Indiana Tech twice this year already, and the Crusaders have made a habit of losing close games all year, according to Henry.

"We've not been able to get or maintain a lead at the end of games," Henry said. "It was nice to see the kids hang in there and beat one of the top opponents in our league."

Athletic director Bryan Rizzo went even farther than that.

"We've beaten top-10 teams before," Rizzo said. "But I'd call this the biggest win in the team's history."

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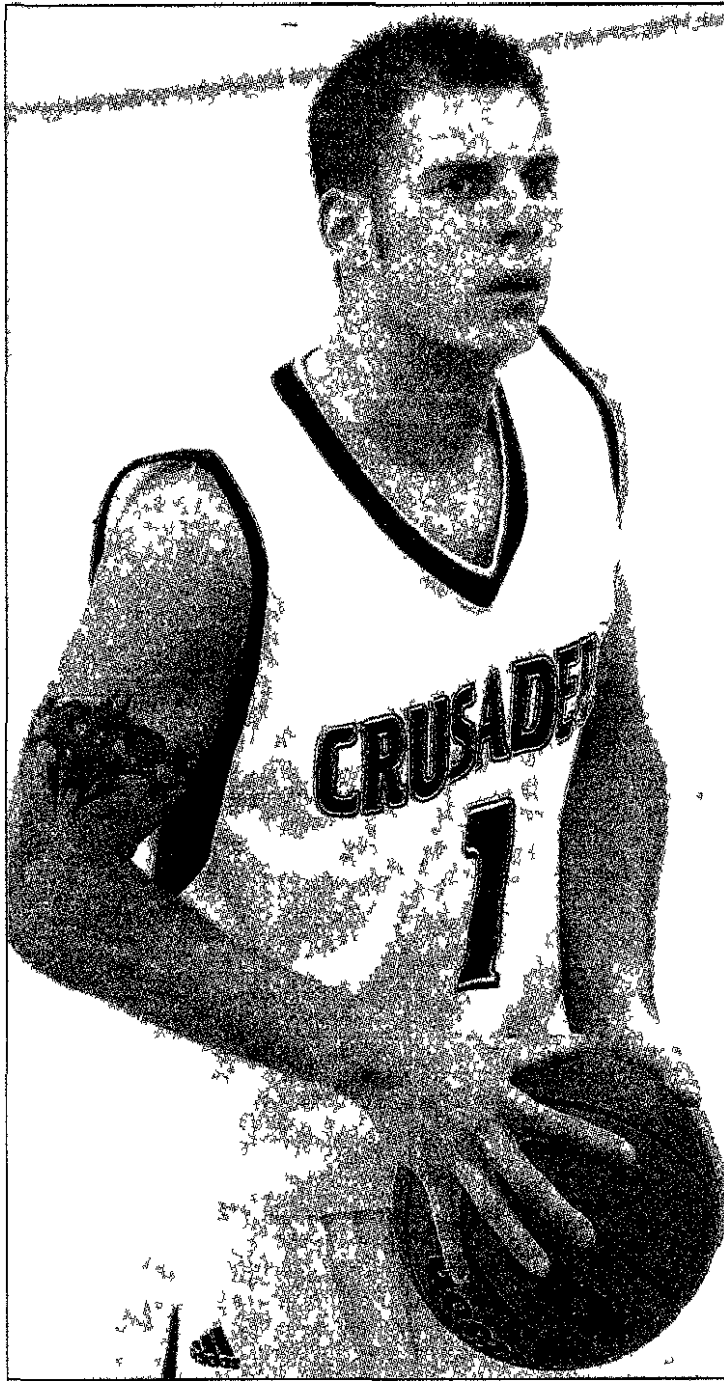


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Madonna's Derrick Mudri scored 33 points, including the game-winning 3-point shot, in the Crusaders' 85-84 overtime win over Indiana Tech.

SAAGMAN

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NO TIME TO REST

Once the Eagles' basketball season ends sometime next month, Saagman will have collected seven varsity letters — three in soccer and two in both basketball and baseball. In all three sports, Saagman plays positions that are near the heart of the action — the lefty pitcher and plays first base for the Eagles' baseball squad, and he's a goalie/forward for the PCA soccer team.

"Of all the sports, I'd have to say I like basketball the best because it's the one I think I'm the best at and it's the sport I've been playing the longest," Saagman said. "I probably started playing basketball when I was 5 or 6 at the YMCA, so I've been doing it for awhile."

BRUSH WITH GREATNESS

Saagman knows what it takes to achieve greatness after

serving as a waterboy for the Eagles' dominant teams of the late-90s that advanced as far as the Class D quarterfinals.

"That was an awesome experience," he remembered. "I'd like to see our team do something like that before I graduate. We lost a lot of seniors last year, so we're really young this year, but next year we have a lot of players returning."

Saagman said he enjoys the everybody-knows-everybody atmosphere at PCA.

"I love our school," he said. "I've been playing basketball with some of my teammates since the fourth grade, so we know what each other likes to do."

Athleticism runs rampant in the Saagman family. His dad, Keith, excelled in soccer at Calvin College and his sister, Amanda, was a standout athlete at PCA and currently plays junior-varsity softball at the University of Michigan.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking bids for a Radio Dispatch Console System for the Plymouth Community Communication Center used primarily as communication for emergency services for Plymouth Township and Plymouth City. Bid packets containing specifics may be obtained from the Plymouth Township Clerk's Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Packets will not be mailed. Sealed bids must be received by March 6, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 18, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday	March 7, 2006	Organizational Meeting	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(No Appointments)
Monday	March 13, 2006	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.		(Appointments Only)
Tuesday	March 14, 2006	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.		(Appointments Only)
Saturday	March 18, 2006	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		First Come First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Please be advised entry to the building on Tuesday, March 14th after 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review, (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton

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PREP GYMNASTICS RESULTS

WLAAC CONFERENCE MEET Thursday at W.L. Central HS

TEAM RESULTS
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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
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Division 2 1 Alyssa Supplee (L) 37.40 2 (tie) Paige Albers (L) and Jacqueline Gazette (NN) 36.60 4 Paige Lochler (H) 35.45 5 Laura Nomura (L) 35.20 6 Brittany Young (S) 34.95 7 Sarah Ilkhanjani Powr (NN) 34.80 8 Monica Cauley (B) 34.425 9 Katerina Kariotis (S) 34.35 10 Emily Sicheneder (H) 34.30

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kate Staley, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, helped lead the Chiefs to a second-place showing in Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or at pcmymyers@hotmail.com

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season. Registration forms are available online at csc.cantonmi.org or you can visit the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park for walk-in registration.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

FOOTBALL MEETING

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current and future Wildcat football players are encouraged to attend the meeting. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78 ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 27 IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE ZONING MAP.

Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:

Section 78 "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by changing the Zoning Map as described in Section 2.

Section 2. Legal Description.

993 N. Holbrook LOT 541 ASSESSORS PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 16 as recorded in Liber 66 Page 82, City of Plymouth, WCR is changed from R 1 Single Family Residential to MU Mixed Use.

Section 3. Zoning Map Insert - (Modify as Required)

Section 4. Rights and Duties.

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 5. Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

Section 6. Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced February 6, 2006
Enacted February 20, 2006
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Mustangs thrive

The Canton Mustangs a U-11 soccer team, placed third at the National Indoor Soccer Championship held Feb 11 and 12 in Columbus, Ohio. The Mustangs advanced to the tournament after winning a regional competition. Pictured are (front row from left) Kiefer Snell, Tyler Fosdick, Robbie Morgan, Taku Ikenaga, Evan Joseph, Riley Doxater, Brenton Zuzo, (middle row from left) Joey Amado, Phillip Millian, Garrett Moores, Colin Rooney, Jon Malone, Tyler Bashaw, (back row from left) coaches Clive Snell, Larry Joseph and Gary Zuo.



Penguins soar

For the second consecutive year the Arctic Pond Penguins claimed the District 4 Championship Feb 12 defeating the Michigan Hurricanes 5-1, in the Midget A Finals at Lakeland Ice Arena. The Penguins 32-10-5, will travel to Marquette March 10-12 for the Midget A State Finals. Goal-scorers in the game were Jon Ponte of Novi, Court Murtland of Farmington Hills, Tony Thomas of South Lyon and Sandro Spambati of Canton Township. Joe Burgo of Redford Township stopped 24 of 25 shots in net for the Penguins. Other Penguins players from the area are defenseman Ian Barnaby of Plymouth Township, Cody Longuski of Westland, Steve Breneman and John Germane, forwards, and Jerry Pitt of Canton Township, T.J. Hohl, Ian Curran of Livonia, Ted Pletsch of Canton Township, Chris Gendron of Farmington, Colin Roife of Canton Township, and goaltender Bobby Smith of Canton Township. The team's coaches are Britt Ponte, Kevin Longuski, Brandon Longuski and Frank Spambati. The team is managed by Maria Pitts.

Brown fills Briggs' shoes as new Schoolcraft coach

Michael Brown is the new head basketball coach at Schoolcraft College, having served as an assistant coach during the 2005-06 season. Brown was an assistant varsity basketball coach at Belleville High School and a four-year starter in college, playing for Stenna Heights University his freshman and sophomore years and for Wayne State University his junior and senior years. I am genuinely inspired by the appointment of Michael Brown, said Sid Fox, Schoolcraft director of athletics.

"I'm extremely confident that as head coach, he will demonstrate an astute skill level, an eagerness and excitement that will be welcomed by the college community." "Michael has the charismatic qualities and capacity to bridge the college community into a new era of support for basketball at Schoolcraft." Brown said he is extremely excited to step into his first head coaching job. "Schoolcraft has a great reputation, and the basketball program has had a lot of success in

terms of the number of wins and players going on to four-year schools, he said. That's what we want to do, take players on to the next level and help them get a degree. In a written statement of his basketball philosophy, he said, "We want to be recognized as a national powerhouse basketball program, but we will not become that at the expense of our integrity, or the reputation of the program and school."

Brown said there will be no scholarship players returning for the 2006-07 season, and his first task is to recruit between 12 and 16 players. "We want to put the best talent we can on the floor," he said. There is a process for finding out what kind of person potential players are, what kind of players they are, and will they buy into my goals and the direction the school wants us to go. "I want to be in line with the

school's mission and continue to have great success on the court, in the classroom and in the community." Brown said he wants his players to be visible in the community, participating in events and volunteering for community service. "I want the team to be positive and active members of the community, and I want the

community to support us," he said. Brown grew up in Ann Arbor, and is a resident of Ypsilanti. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in sports administration at Wayne State University. He works as an executive search consultant for Management Recruiters International in Ann Arbor.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday March 2 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI to consider the following item:

Z 06 03 263 S Union Proposed Apartment addition
Non Use Variance Requested
Driveway Greenbelt Width
Zoned RM 1 Multiple Family Residential
Applicant Constantine Pappas

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act the City of Plymouth 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/hearing to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie ADA Coordinator
201 S Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170 (734) 453 1234 Ext 206

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton 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 two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton MI 48188
(734) 394 5260

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE BY AUCTION, LIVE OR ON THE INTERNET, OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY
ORDINANCE NO. C-06-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION, LIVE OR ON THE INTERNET, OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AUCTION SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROCESS BY THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND/OR THE SUPERVISOR; PROVIDING FOR REPORTS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD UPON THE CONSUMMATION OF THE SALE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY BY AUCTION. RECOMMENDATION; SUPERVISION; REPORT; POLICIES.

When it is determined by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth that the sale of unneeded property by means of auction, including electronic auction, is necessary and reasonable in the exercise of the Township Board's fiduciary duty to obtain the best price for property to be sold, the Board may authorize such sale. If a minimum bid is advisable, the Board shall set a minimum bid that will be accepted for the property. Such auction of Township property shall only occur upon the recommendation and under the supervision of the appropriate department head and/or the Township Supervisor and the results of the auction shall be reported to the Township Board at the next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting. All Township policies inconsistent herewith are hereby amended to comply with this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SUPERVISION, ACCOUNT.

Any account eBay should be set up in the Township's name and the department head supervising the process shall be responsible for handling all questions about the item being sold. Its condition inspection by potential purchasers, pictures of the item and delivery/pick up. The Board shall also designate the account to be credited with the sale proceeds.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Unless otherwise provided any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-06-01 considered for first reading at the February 21, 2006, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. The Ordinance in full is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734 354 3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 20, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 132 99 0003 701 (132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000 (4930 BELLEVILLE RD), 132 01 0014 000 (5010 BELLEVILLE RD), 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0019 000, 132 01 0021 000 (5050 BELLEVILLE RD). Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road. (Second Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 16 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Bird Elementary Site Work**. A pre bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. at 220 Sheldon Road Plymouth MI. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 31 2006 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips RE Bird Elementary Site Work Bid Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170. 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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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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THOMPSON TRUST REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 142 99 0020 000 FROM C-4 INTERCHANGE SERVICE TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 16 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2006 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30 in the school's gymnasium. OLGC is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006). Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible: OLGC St. Kenneth, Our Lady of

Victory St. Mary's of Wayne St. Richard, St. Thomas a Becket, Divine Savior Resurrection St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed. For more information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@amertech.net or (734) 737-9935.

Also, information about the program can be found at

www.olgcfootball.net

3-ON-3 HOOP

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville. The team fee is \$85, which includes T-shirts and awards to the first place teams. The tourney will be divided into four age brackets for both girls and boys: 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17.

Registration forms can be

picked up at the rec department office at 700 W. Baseline Road in Northville.

ANN ARBOR RUN

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica, Sunday, June 4.

The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half Marathon Championship. Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in

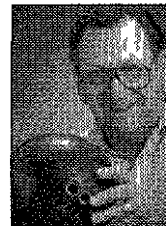
downtown Ann Arbor. Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborryun.com.

Canton's Biggs rolls out a stellar season

Roy Biggs of Canton is having an incredible bowling season.

He just took home \$1,500 first-place money in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association Senior Masters by beating John Bennett of Clarkston 450-375 in an overtime win at Indian Lanes



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

in Wyandotte. Biggs qualified 22nd in a field of 137 and went undefeated through five rounds of match play over such luminaries as Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield, Ken Voodre of Troy, Len Ciancio of Robert Rheaume of Ferndale and Ennio Odorico of Macomb before falling to Bennett in the matches.

I set some goals back in the summer — 300 game, 800 series, make match play in the Masters and winning the GDBA Senior Masters," said Biggs. "I've had four 300 games and two 800 series, I missed match play in the Masters but winning this has made my goals complete."

He is the current 1st vice president of the GDBA, which will be changed over on May 1 to the USBC of Greater Detroit. More updates on that later as we get closer to the transition date.

The main topic of the most recent Ten Pin Alley column was all about the upcoming Pro-Am for the Ace hardware Professional Bowlers Tour coming to Taylor Lanes next month.

Some callers were not quite sure of the various packages available, so we need a little clarification. The cost for the Exempt Package is \$149 for youth and \$169 for adults. The price includes the Brunswick Inferno Ball as well as the cash prizes and the rest of it.

This year the televised finals will take place right at Taylor Lanes instead of a remote location. Also, the Celebrity Bowl on Tuesday, March 14, will take place at Garden Bowl in Detroit, located on Woodward Avenue near Wayne State.

It is a fund-raiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Detroit. Now there is more added, as pro bowler Bob Learn, Jr. will conduct a special clinic at Taylor Lanes on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by Columbia 300 and Track International bowling balls. Learn is also known as "Mr. 300" having bowled over fifty 300 games in his great career.

The clinic will include one hour classroom and one hour on the lanes, consisting of Equipment evaluation, Grip analysis, CD of lesson and worksheet, coaching - ball selection and increased knowledge of your game and how to fix it when no coach is available.

Cost is \$100 and \$75 will be applied to the purchase of a new ball if bought on the day of the clinic. This is a limited offer, there are only 20 spots available, call now - (734) 947-9077 or visit www.taylorlanes.com for this and any information on the Pro-Am.

The US Bowling Congress Championships are now well underway at Corpus Christi, Texas and will run through July 1. It was formerly known as the ABC Tournament and will continue on in the same traditions from years past only the name has been changed. The big difference is the venue for the USBC annual meeting is different from the tournament, it will be held April 19-23 at Orlando, Fla. The USBC Women's Championships — which were known as the WIBC — will take place this year March 16-17 in Reno, Nev. On March 14-15 the USBC Senior Championships will take place in Reno as well.

Good news to report, the GDBA has been able to sell its east-side property and will soon be moving to a much more centrally located facility on Southfield Road in Lathrup Village. This will save some of the folks a good deal of gas money, in addition to sharing space with the Bowling Proprietors of Southeast Michigan.

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



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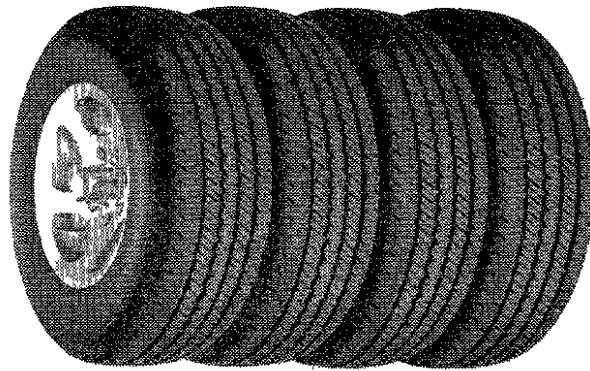
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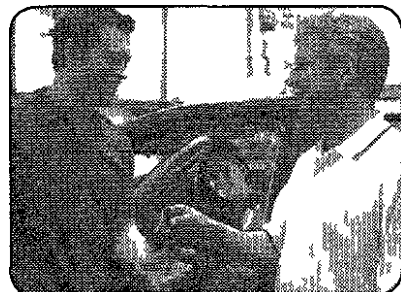
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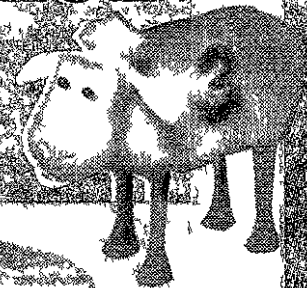


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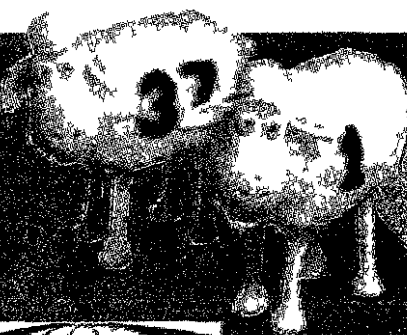
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On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

Plan ahead to manage change

My son is in fourth grade in Livonia. This means that next year he will be moving to a new school as part of the new Legacy Initiative. I mentioned this to him once and he got upset and said he didn't want to go. Should I continue to talk to him about this as the year goes on or wait until the summer? I don't want him to be stressed out about it all year long, but I don't know if he will feel blindsided by it if I wait too long. What do you think?

Unsure in Livonia

Change can be very stressful. It is not unusual to experience significant levels of anxiety and insecurity. If the change is beyond our direct control, feelings of helplessness, frustration and victimization may result. The key to successful transitions is preparation and planning. This means addressing it before it happens and making a plan of action. Even though this change is months away, it is not too soon to discuss. I believe that the most beneficial time to address concerns is as soon as they are identified. This allows sufficient time to study the alternatives and develop an effective plan of action. Having an idea of what is to come and a sense of preparation can dramatically reduce the amount of worry and apprehension that is experienced. Encourage your son to talk with peers and find out how they are feeling. This will help to normalize his own emotions and thoughts. Sometimes, just knowing that others have similar feelings is enough to reduce our own negative emotions. I would also encourage you to speak with other parents, teachers, and school personnel to learn as much about this proposed transition as possible. Then, you may find yourself in a better position to help your son, as well as yourself, deal with this change. In the end, the amount of preparation and planning that is done may determine how stressful a transition will be. This is true for your son as well as for yourself.

My wife and I have been reading books about behavior management and are confused on one specific point: What is the difference between a bribe and a reward? They seem the same to us, which is confusing our efforts. We know that a reward is good and that a bribe is not, but if we can't tell the difference, how can we use these tools correctly? Can you help us? Bob, Dearborn

I can understand your confusion. The ideas are very similar in that they are things that you present as incentive to get a desired response. The difference, although slight, is an important one and I will do my best to clear up any confusion. As I see it, a bribe and a reward are things that are offered to increase a desired behavior. In this way, they are exactly the same. The difference is in how they are presented and awarded. A bribe is presented at the time and there is little or no planning in place. For example, a child is told "If you stop throwing a fit, I will buy you a toy." The objective is to get a toy and this is clearly the lone motivation. The negative behavior becomes linked with the payoff, and in this way is reinforced. The child learns to employ misbehavior for his or her advantage and maternal gain. Familial blackmail ensues.

PLEASE SEE CHANGE, C6

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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If Dr. Dennis Francisco, 57, was ever to stroll through downtown Plymouth again, he knew panicking would not help free him from the hairpin turn in the one-foot wide by two-and-one-half-foot high passageway inside Carter Caves in eastern Kentucky.

Francisco thrives on physical activity, whether bicycling 420 miles along the Oregon coast, walking the streets where he lives, or taking part in the annual Crawlathon. Crawling on his belly through the passageways is the only way to reach the 30-foot underground waterfall and mysterious areas that bats and blind fish call home.

It's an underground adventure, getting lost in passageways, discovering neat formations or a slot in the floor that you drop through," said Francisco, an optometrist at Metropolitan Vision Associates in Dearborn Heights. "Each tour has a guide for 10 to 20 persons. It's something neat to do in winter and fairly warm. It's 55 degrees in the caves all year round."

Annually for the last 25 years, Carter Caves State Resort Park has opened the more than 20 caverns to adventure seekers, depending on whether or not they meet the requirements for four levels of trips or tours. One of the caverns in this January's Crawlathon wisely decided not to enter the slimmest of passageways in Skyscraper Cave after becoming stuck once. Others were unable to gain access because they failed a 12-inch squeeze box test. Francisco had no doubt his 9 by 11 inch helmet would fit through the passageway, but never counted on his size 14 feet. Unfortunately, his protective helmet didn't do much to shine any light on the predicament, but he was still happy it was on his head. In 2002, Francisco became lost in a cave. He was glad the lights didn't burn out then and leave him in the pitch black underground.

It's not enough to work in a dark room, I had to go play in some dark caves," said Francisco, who began his optometry career in Garden City in 1977. The scariest moment was when I couldn't pull my foot through. I got this feeling, is this where I'm going to end up? I found a way to wiggle my foot and started breathing again. When you're on a belly crawl, it's kind of like doing the roller coaster at Cedar Point. You get through and say, That's fun.

Francisco enjoys exploring the geological formations so much he's returned to Carter Caves three times since 1999, when he organized a group of 10 after learning about the adventure as a member of the SOLAR, an outdoor recreation club in Southfield (www.solaroutdoors.org). This year he returned alone. Although he and wife Kathleen bicycle and sail together, she isn't into tight spaces. Their daughters, Lauren, 25, and Susan, 19, have gone caving with him before, but were busy this year.

Francisco warns caving is not for everyone. Bicycling thousands of miles a year keeps him in shape, as does walking four to six miles three times a week through Plymouth.

"It will be very dark," Francisco said. "You're going to be crawling. You're going to get very dirty."

"But Carter Caves is the perfect place to learn about caving. There's a two-hour orientation that teaches you never to touch rock with bare skin because the oils stick to the rock and ruin the formation. It costs only \$30 for the entire weekend and if planned far enough in advance, lodging is available inside the park.

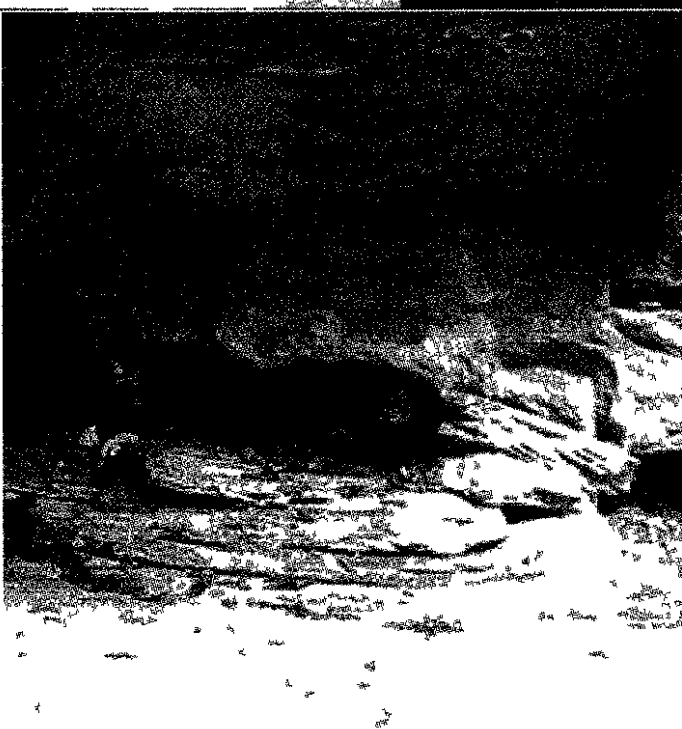
This year, the Crawlathon drew 562 cavers and 120 volunteer guides in search of a treasure of beauty underground. In the evenings, Squeezebox Competitions provided fun for ages 6 years and up.

"It's only one weekend a year," Francisco said. "Throughout the year they do commercial cave tours, but several caves are only open for the Crawlathon because of

PLEASE SEE ADVENTURE, C6

Underground Adventure

Optometrist works and plays in the dark



Diablo Cave along the Tygart Creek has some 'devilish' tight crawls. Raccoons and cave crickets call it home.



Dr. Dennis Francisco stands outside the entrance to Skyscraper Cave.

This Crawlathon participant is entering Skyscraper Cave. Once inside, the passageway became so narrow that toes had to be pointed outward and helmet turned sideways.

Expert has advice on clearing clutter, stress

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Chris Mack has six active e-mail messages, considerably fewer than most of us. Mack, a West Bloomfield resident, spoke Feb. 16 to the Plymouth Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women, offering her knowledge of feng shui and how to reduce clutter and resulting stress.

It's basically just an art form," Mack said of feng shui, which is 3,000-5,000 years old and includes placement of furniture for maximum harmony. She recommends the book *Clear Your Clutter*

with *Feng Shui* by Karen Kingston (Broadway Books, 1999) as a good guide.

Our lives are so complicated. We have so much information thrown at us," she said.

Mack told the women that feng shui involves wind and water. "It's all about flow, it's all about harmony in your environment. What is it to you? It's your life. Don't let anybody else tell you what to work on here."

She uses the Bagua design, which has eight sides. It looks like a stop sign, but it means start here," she said. "It gives you a way to focus your energy."

One area represented by purple means

prosperity. The career area is associated with the color black.

Mack told of shifting a client's women's magazines with recipes into labeled blue boxes. "What a shift. It's just a matter again of shifting energy."

Mack said multitasking is overrated and just a way to get women to do more work. Self-love is essential, she added. As a veteran of the airline industry, Mack knows the importance of putting on your own oxygen mask before your child's in an emergency.

"The floor is not an extension of your desk," she said. Mack recommends that only a phone, computer and day planner

be on the desktop, and that all papers be put away at the end of the day.

"Your desk greets your with clarity." The subconscious mind never turns off, she said. "It's panicking and you don't know it."

Mack describes homes as a sanctuary, the only one. "We need private sanctuary. It's a mean world out there," she told the audience at Heartland Healthcare Center in Canton.

Mack now works as a sales manager in the travel industry after 30 years as an airline employee. She can be reached at Keep-It-Simple Solutions, her business, (248) 977-KISS.

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'Sky is the Limit' in Scouts' program to help troops

BY RICHELLE HERRIMAN
CORRESPONDENT

No job too big, no girl too small

This is so true for one local Canton Girl Scout Brownie troop whose goal is "The Sky Is The Limit" when it comes to a service from their heart

The 19 brownies, who are all 6- and 7-year-old first-graders at Eriksson Elementary in Canton, are goal-driven and fully supported by a cluster of people including their service unit manager, troop leader, trio of assistant leaders, a cookie mom and dad and the best parent support link they could ask for

Tom Yack and the Canton Township board have also jumped onboard and given the thumbs up to support this more than worthy cause and are urging all of Canton's citizens to do the same

"The Sky Is The Limit" if we all combine efforts to ship cases of cookies to our servicemen and women overseas. The goal is to stack cases of cookies that surpass the height of Canton's own symbol of patriotism, the American flag, located outside the Canton Township hall

Canton is such a great community to live in due to its diversification. This goes hand-in-hand with the Girl Scout fundamentals, which teach diversification and the concept of serving

others

How can you help? Donations will be collected in many different fashions

For information and placing an order, call Ronda Stothers, service unit manager for Canton E, at (734) 844-2407 or mail donations to her at 375 Robyn Dr., Canton, MI 48187

Also, the township treasurer's office in the township hall and The Summit's information desk will be collecting donations until March 20. Only cash or checks made payable to Troop 640 will be accepted

If you want to personally meet this troop and contribute to its cause, members will be at the Canton Expo held at The Canton Summit on The Park March 4-5. They will also be at the Cherry Hill Village 7-8 p.m. Feb. 24-26 by invitation and March 15 from 11 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m. by invitation also

Canton's own Brand New Day espresso cafe, owned by Chris and Andrea Mocer, have also decided to play a major role in this worthy cause

"Their business is such a great service to our community, so it didn't surprise me when Chris and Andrea decided to support the service men and women along with their local Girl Scouts and the Canton board," Stothers said

Brand New Day will also be accepting donations at its location in the Cherry Oaks Plaza



The 19 scouts in Brownie Troop 640, all 6- and 7-year-old first-graders at Eriksson Elementary in Canton, hope to ship cases of cookies to servicemen and women overseas

This is located at 42480 Cherry Hill, on the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley

They can also be contacted by phone at (734) 983-0334

Another local business, with a heart for giving, has stepped forward to send these cases of

cookies to our servicemen and women

How many cases will this take, you might ask? Well, that fully depends on your contributions. We promise to do our part and look forward to Canton's support to this more than worthy cause

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 "Cell," Stephen King
- 2 "Memory in Death," J.D. Robb
- 3 "Gone," Lisa Gardner
- 4 "Last Templar," Ray Khoury
- 5 "The Hostage," W.E.B. Griffin

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Marley and Me," John Grogan

- 2 "For Lac: A Mother's Story," Sharon Rocha
- 3 "My Friend Leonard," James Frey
- 4 "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion
- 5 "You're Wearing That?," Deborah Tannen

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S

PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 "Just in Case," Judith Viorat
- 2 "Penny," Jeffrey Patnaude
- 3 "Ten Cows to Texas," Peggy Mercer
- 4 "The Squeaky Door," Mary DePalma
- 5 "Click Clack Splash Splash," Doreen Cronin

Here's the 'big deal' about online teen sites

Friends bring gifts to friends. Mine are often inspirational writings and I am grateful. This column is from the Rev. Joseph Hindelang, principal at Notre Dame Preparatory in Pontiac. A student at the school is the daughter of the designer of my Healthy Newsletters (Bonnie Zielinski) to be printed in early March.

Hindelang has given me permission to share with readers his recent powerful message

Dear Parents,

Please take a few minutes to read and investigate before you think that I am not speaking about your son or daughter.



Teens in 2006

Alice R. McCarthy

far too many are posting provocative pictures, using foul language, writing about drinking, drug use, and sexual activity, and seem to brag about other immoral activity such as cheating, stealing, and making fun of others.

So what's the big deal? The big deal is that this is in a very public forum. Not only is this a site visited by predators and stalkers, it is also a site that college admissions offices and potential employers are aware of. Anything that a teen posts on the site and any comments made to or about that person are now part of a public record. In addition to screen names - often first and middle names - students post their city, date of birth, school, teams, jersey numbers, schedule of games, sometimes even addresses and cell phone

numbers. Quite a few students have also posted names and pictures of friends or team pictures from Notre Dame Prep. In their privacy policy, MySpace says that users may search for other members using first and last names, e-mail address, school, or workplace. We had no trouble finding and identifying many of our students.

The staff at Notre Dame Prep is concerned about the safety and moral well-being of your/our daughters, sons, and students. With as much as they know about computers and the Internet, many of them have not learned that there is potential danger in giving too much personal information in a public forum. As a priest and teacher, I have worked with teenagers for 28 years. I am not shocked by things that students say in confession or in personal counseling situations, but I am disappointed by inappropriate pictures, immoral behavior, and sexual invitations that are posted on some Web pages.

I am aware that this is not a problem that we face only at our school, other Catholic, private, and public schools also have a large percentage of students who post information on these sites. (One article says that MySpace is the fourth most popular site on the Internet.) The least that I expect is that every reference to Notre Dame Prep/NDP, any staff member, and every team or school picture be removed from personal Web pages. What I really hope for is that with more guidance on safety and morality from parents and our school, we can help our children grow as people of integrity who respect themselves, make responsible choices, look for opportunities to help others, and are grateful to God and their parents for all their blessings.

Please check out these Web sites and discuss safety and morality with your children even if they do not yet have such a site. MySpace at <http://search.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=find> or Facebook at www.facebook.com, and others like Xanga.com and LiveJournal.com

Additional information can be found in these articles. Dateline at <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/11064451>, the *Boston Globe* article at www.boston.com/business/personaltech/articles/2005/12/08/websites_power_to_over_expose_teens_sturs_a_warning, and the *Washington Post* at www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/16/AR2006011601489.html

I assure you of my prayers for our students and your families and for wisdom and patience for parents and educators.

It is with sadness that I tell you that this is my last column for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. I take courage from a beautiful collection of poems and art to be published in April 2006 by Candlewick Press: *This Place I Know* (selected by Georgia Heard, \$12.99). I especially love the following poem:

*Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.*

A. L. Gordon

Please keep in touch through our Web site at www.bridge-comm.com and e-mail at bridgecomm@aol.com. Thanks for giving careful guidance to adolescents. They need you. More information on this column will be offered at "Keeping Your Child Safe on the Internet" led by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Roth, 7:15 p.m. Feb. 28 at Abbott Middle School in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 865-3670.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health and health publications.

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BIRTH



Mallory Alexis Holmberg
Joshua and Amy Holmberg of Brighton welcome their daughter, Mallory Alexis, to their family.
Mallory was born Feb. 4, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long.
Her grandparents are Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton, and Ted and Patti Holmberg of Lansing.

ANNIVERSARY

Fitrakis
Nick and Jane Carol (nee Epps) Fitrakis of Redford celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 18. They were married Feb. 18, 1951, at the City County Building in Downtown Detroit. They have lived in this area 38 years.
Nick has been retired for 26 years from Redford Sanitation. They are members of Calvary Missionary Church of Livonia, and also have a membership at Waldenwoods. Currently they are taking computer classes at Pearson Center.
Nick and Jane have eight children, Nick Fitrakis Jr. of Midland, Vicky Fitrakis McElroy of Romulus, Bob Fitrakis of Columbus, Ohio, Robin Fitrakis Urban of Redford, David Fitrakis of Redford, Debbie Fitrakis of Garden City, John Fitrakis of



Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dana Fitrakis of Redford, 36 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one on the way in June.
Nick and Jane celebrated their anniversary by going out to dinner with their family.

WEDDINGS

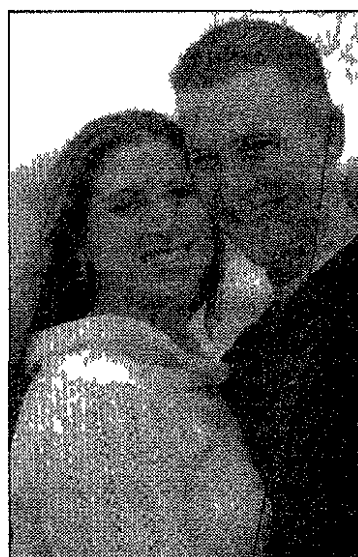


Everett-Oatley
Elizabeth Ellen Oatley and Jeffrey David Everett were married June 18, 2005, at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia before the Rev. Barbara E. Welbaum and Deacon Paul Ellis. A reception was held at the Italian-American Banquet Center in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENTS

McLeod-Hastillo

Dean and Carol McLeod of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan McLeod, to Dave Hastillo of Connecticut.
Megan is a 2005 graduate of University of Connecticut. She is the assistant director of athletic equipment services at UCONN.
Her fiancé, Dave, is the son of Alex and Sandy Hastillo of Ashford, Conn. He is a 2004 graduate of University of Connecticut. He is employed as a robotics integrator at MFG Automation in Connecticut.
Dave and Megan are planning a June wedding at Western Golf and Country Club. After a honeymoon on an



eastern Caribbean cruise, they will be making their new home in Coventry, Conn.

Noel-Drouillard

Matt and Nancy Noel of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle LeAnne, to Webster Lloyd Drouillard Jr.
Michelle is a 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is a 2004 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn and is currently a student at Cooley Law School. She is employed as a photo tech supervisor at CVS.
Her fiancé, Webster, is the son of Marie Drouillard of Westland and the late Webster Drouillard Sr. He is a 1996 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2002 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as a



system's engineer for Raytheon. Webster and Michelle are planning an April wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

Kopka-Eddy

Janet Kopka of Livonia, and Kenneth and Penelope Kopka of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Christine Kopka, to Derek Jon Eddy of Livonia.
Marie is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as an accountant.
Her fiancé, Derek, is the son of Lynne Eddy of Boyne City, and Raymond and Lori Eddy of Michigan Center. He is a 2000 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed at Central Transport in Warren as a collector.
Derek and Marie are planning an October wedding at St



Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia.

Ideh-Youngblood

George and Sylvia Ideh of Livonia, and Russell and Carol Youngblood of New Hudson, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Michelle and Stevan.
Michelle Ideh is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a degree in public relations/communications. She is currently employed at an advertising agency in Southfield.
Stevan Youngblood is a 1998 graduate of South Lyon High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. He is a licensed real estate agent currently employed at Century 21.



Town and Country in Plymouth. He is also owner of Vivid Image Painting and Remodeling of New Hudson. Michelle and Stevan are happily planning an August wedding in Livonia.

Culp-Wolf

Jo Culp of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Janille Ann, to Michael Andrew Wolf of Plymouth.
Janille is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. She is a residential assistant at Autumn Associates in Farmington Hills.
Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Bob and Jo Wolf of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is a CNC machinist at Dadco in Plymouth.
Michael and Janille are planning a May wedding in Northville.



BIRTH

Katelyn Taylor Humphreys

Marshall Humphreys and Melissa Craddock of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Taylor, on Jan. 4, 2006, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long.
Katelyn's proud grandparents are Rich and Donna Haught of Livonia, and Norm Craddock of Inkster.



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IRENE BYRNES

Died February 24, 2006, age 84. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Dear mother of Kathleen (Giovanni) DeSantis, Grandmother of Tina, Mark (Dawn) and Sean. Family will receive friends at Manns Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S of 6 Mile) on Monday from 2-9 pm with services at 7 pm. Memorials are suggested to Angela Hospice.

RICHARD E. CARTER, Jr.

February 22, 2006, of Taylor. Beloved husband of Rebecca Loving father of Amanda, Jordan, Dylan and Lauren. Corinne Dearest son of Richard and Colleen Carter. Dear brother of Christopher (Jessica) Carter. Dear brother-in-law of Terra (Jesse) Saylor and Sean (Cassie) Horgan. Dear son-in-law of Debbie and James. Special uncle to Kassie, Chloe, Landen, Jessalyn, and Brein. Funeral prayers Monday, February 27, 2006, 9:15 am, at Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Rd., Taylor Chapel with Mass at 10 am at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church. Taylor Visitation Sunday 12:00 pm. Scripture service Sunday, 7 pm. Richard was a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and worked as a millwright at Ford Motor Co. (Romeo Engine Plant). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family to help in the upbringing of the children.

ARDITH COONLEY

Age 88, formerly of Bloomfield Hills died February 20, 2006, at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois. Mrs. Coonley was born June 24, 1917, in Williston, North Dakota. Mrs. Coonley is survived by her daughter, Shelly (Ken) Hoganson, grandchildren, Alson (Peter) Kozloski, Andrew (Caren Joy) Dickson, Erika Hoganson and Ken Hoganson III and great-granddaughter Maya Ann Kozloski. She is preceded in death by her husband George and daughter Joan (Dr. Jim) Dickson. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14 & 15 Mile Rds.) Tuesday 11 am. Friends may visit Monday 4-7 pm. Interment in North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills. Memorials appreciated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1421 E. Twelve Mile Road, Building A, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071.



ANNA KATHERINE DREYER

(Formerly Baugh) age 96. February 23, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Walter Dreyer and the late Clifford Baugh. Loving mother of Bonnie Jean Riggs (Richard). Dear grandmother of four and great grandmother of eight. Stepmother of Neale Baugh (Charlotte) and Vincent Baugh (Donnabelle), and their families. Funeral service Thursday, 11 am at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (brwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Wednesday 4:00-8:00 pm. Memorial tributes to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



DOROTHY M. (BLOUNT) FROHBERG

Age 87 of Tucson, AZ (formerly of Royal Oak, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills) passed away February 13, 2006, in Tucson, AZ. Survived by her husband of over 65 years, Lytle Frohberg, children Ann (Ron) Kellison of Tucson, James (Nita) Frohberg of Rochester Hills and Tucson, Marilyn (Dennis) Olson of Lake Oswego, OR, and William (Barbara) Frohberg of Ft. Wayne, IN. Eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Preceded in death by parents George and Gladys Blount of Royal Oak and her brother John Blount of Petoskey. Dorothy graduated from Royal Oak High School, was a member of the DAR and the First Methodist Church of Birmingham. Services were held February 18, in Tucson. The family suggests memorial tributes be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 5132 E. Pima, Tucson, AZ 85712.

WAYMON KISSELBURG

Of Redford age 72. February 23, 2006. Dear husband of Tessie for 52 years. Beloved father of Greg (Rhonda) Kisselburg. Also survived by two brothers and five sisters and his special nieces Sandra and Sherry. Funeral Monday 1 PM at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Road). Visitation Saturday 4-9 PM and Sunday 2-9 PM. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to National Kidney Foundation of MI. www.thayerrock.com



HARRY F. LOCKE

Age 83, February 23, 2006 of Bloomfield Hills. Proud US Navy Veteran of WWII and retired marketing manager for Detroit Edison Oakland Division. Beloved husband of Virginia G. (nee Lovat) for 63 years. Dear father of Harry J. Jack (Julia), Jill L., and Susan L. Grandfather of Andrew (Dusty) Casey (Hillary), and Jay. Great Grandfather of Zoe Ann. Brother of the late John I. Graveside services at Glen Eden Cemetery will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073, or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Perpetual Education Fund, 37425 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 appreciated. For information, call A J Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT L. RUDNICK

February 23, 2006, age 86. Loving husband of Mary. Dear father of Patricia Conzett (John), James (Doreen) and Ken (Mick). Dear grandfather of Matthew, Christine, Jennifer, Christopher, Robert and Megan. Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Sunday 2-8 PM with Scripture Service Sunday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Monday 10 AM at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 AM. Memorial Tributes Alzheimer's Association. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

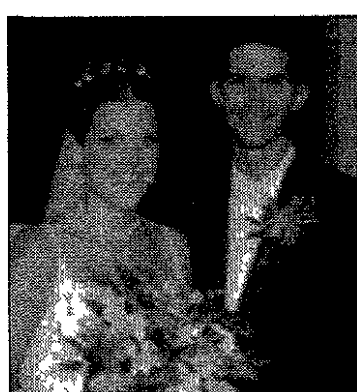
MILTON G. SACKETT, Sr. 1928 - 2006

Of Southfield passed away February 20, 2006, as a result of heart failure during a surgical procedure for cancer in Bradenton, FL. Milton is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dolores. Children: Linda (Gary) Gabler and Milton Jr. (Marsha) grandchildren: Christopher, Scott, Holly and Ashlee, great grandchild Scott Jr., and three brothers: Milton served in the U.S. Marine Corp. and was second to join the seventeen-man Southfield Township Police Department in 1954. He was appointed the department's first Chief of Police when the city was incorporated in 1958 and served as Chief of the department during its formative years, and through 1978. Milton was a 1961 graduate of the FBI National Academy and an active member in the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and a Past President of the South Oakland County Police Chiefs Association. During his years of service he was very instrumental in the formation of various multi-jurisdiction law enforcement activities: Mutual Aide Agreements and the early development of an Oakland County Police Training Academy. Milton also enjoyed hunting and snowmobiling, and was an avid fisherman. Funeral services and interment have taken place in Ellenton, Florida. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army or a cancer organization of choice.



CATHERINE M. TREPOND (BAKONYI)

February 21, 2006 in Connecticut formerly of Troy, MI. Beloved wife of Scott. Loving mother of Tyler. Dearest daughter of Anna and the late Stephen M. Bakonyi. Dear sister of Susan Bakonyi and Stephen Bakonyi (Kelly). Aunt of Nicholas and Kyle Bakonyi. Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Monday 3-8 PM. Funeral Mass Tuesday 9:30 AM at St. Anastasia Church, 4571 John R. Troy. Visitation at church begins Tuesday at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 2031, Kalamazoo, MI 49003. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



Laichalk-Haycox

Laura Mary Haycox and Jeremy Lawrence Laichalk were married Aug. 27, 2005, at Links At Pinewood in Walled Lake before the Rev. Gary Dawes. A reception followed at the Links At Pinewood.
Attending the bride were matron of honor, Julie Dlugoss, bridesmaids, Sylvia Rucca, Sara Moran, Kelly Przywara and Ann Jones, junior bridesmaid, Lauren Staszal, and flower girls, Maria Revant and Shelby Moran.
Attending the groom were best man, Jason Laichalk, groomsmen, Andy Ricci, Eric Redfield, David Haycox and Bill Jones, junior groomsmen, Eric Staszal, and ring bearer, Scott McGlade.
Laura is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Haycox of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School and a graduate of Walsh College. She is an administrative assistant at Expo, Inc.
Jeremy is the son of Lawrence and Pamela Laichalk of Novi. He is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School. He is employed with Elopak.
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Frog listeners

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Citizens for Peace meet

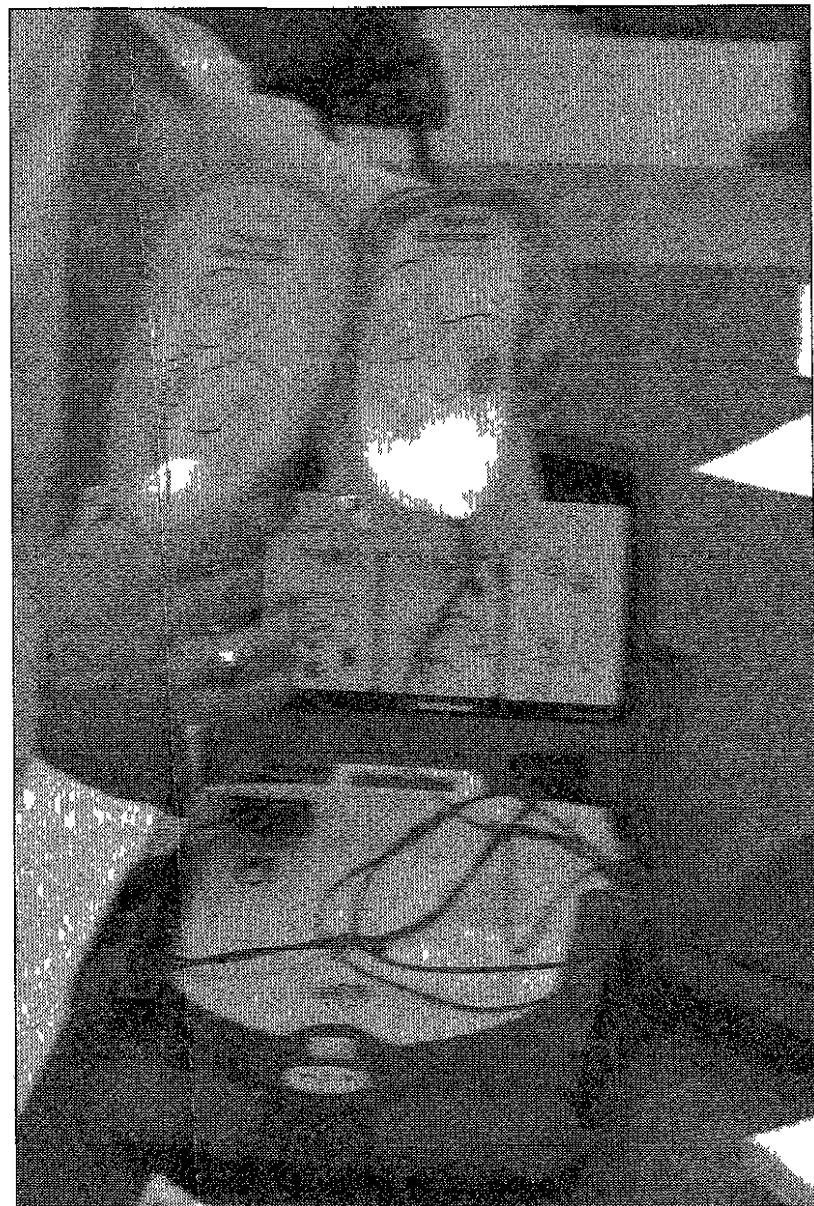
Shea Howell professor of communications and rhetoric at Oakland University will speak at the 11th Congressional District Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday March 14 at Unity of Livonia on Five Mile Road east of Middlebelt. She will talk on Truth Activism and Creating a Community Peace Movement Reframing our Vision and our Strategy. Colleen Mills (734) 425 00079.

Mercy auction

An opportunity to have a great evening and support a worthy cause comes when Mercy High School in Farmington hosts its 27th annual auction March 4. The evening includes a strolling buffet dinner and live and silent auctions. Entertainment will be provided by the Mercyaeres and the Mercy Mimes. The auction is a parent sponsored fund raising event. Proceeds will benefit the quality of education for Mercy young women. WDIV's Steve Garagiola emcees the evening. Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle International Auctioneers will be the auctioneer. For auction reservations or more information call Erin Carlesimo or Diane Ludwinski (248) 476 8020 Ext. 253.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. March 2 for a presentation on Genealogy and Adoption Research presented by guest speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan a search and support organization founded in 1972 by people directly affected by all aspects of adoption. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in



Defib donation

Defibrillator models installed at West Middle School - which are completely automatic and will sense erratic heartbeats and voice-coach the rescuer through the process - were donated by the Hospitalier's Committee of Detroit Commandery No 1 K T through the Kimberly Anne Gilary Foundation. The life saving device was accepted by West Principal Ellison Franklin during a recent ceremony where it was presented by Gilbert Rice, a member of the Masonic organization. The group also has donated defibrillators to Central Middle School Discovery Middle School and Allen Elementary School.

Howell A help session starts at 6 p.m. The public is invited. For more information call (810) 227 7745.

Parenting seminar

Jim Fay one of America's most sought after presenters in the areas of parenting and school discipline returns to the Northville area for two Love and Logic parenting seminars. March 6 in the auditorium at the new Northville High School on 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck. The first session 4 30 6 p.m. is for parents of preschool and elementary age children. The second session 7 30 9 p.m. helps parents learn how to quit arguing with their children ways to handle recovery

time and food issues and how to get their children to help around the house. For more information call (248) 344 8443.

Grace & Glorie

Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for Grace & Glorie a humorous and heart warming play by renowned playwright Tom Ziegler. The opening gala will be held 6 30 p.m. Friday March 24 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Set in a tiny cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains Grace & Glorie is a modern day comedy which features Grace a feisty octogenarian with incurable cancer who has returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die. She is

cared for by a volunteer hospice worker named Glorie a Harvard MBA graduate and sophisticated urbanite who is a recent transplant to the rural area and is the volunteer hospice worker assigned to assist Grace. Acclaimed producers Joanne W. Hulce and Gloria Logan will be at the helm of the production. Gloria Logan will also star as Glorie in the production. Donna Adams Schulte will play the character of Grace. Proceeds from the production will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care. Tickets to the Opening Night Gala on Friday March 24 are \$75 each and include an opening reception with a chance to speak with the cast at 6 30 p.m. and the production beginning at 8. Other show times are 8 p.m. Saturday March 25 and a matinee performance 2 p.m. Sunday March 26. Tickets for those productions are \$40 apiece. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662 5999 ext 152. specialevents@arborhospice.org or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhospice.org.

Girlstown Foundation

Girlstown Foundation is looking for foster parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes. For information call (734) 697 4804.

Drawing into painting

The exhibition Drawing into Painting runs through April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery 117 West Liberty Street. Ann Arbor Hours are 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday noon 5 30 p.m. Sunday. 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. Call (734) 416 4906 for more information.

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

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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 newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information call Crystal Johnson (734) 459 1861.

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details call Birtha 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 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

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

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459 7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841 9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mother sandmore63@onebox.com.

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ADVENTURE

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"Caving's a different world. It's fascinating the way water forms these tunnels and passageways. It's a geologist's dream. There are underground rivers and streams that have blind fish, often transparent. It's a lesson in evolution with spiders and crickets with antennae three times longer than their bodies. In Diablo Cave, there are ground hogs and raccoons.

Although Francisco's "real passion is bicycling touring," he is planning to return to the caves most likely after a summer

of sailing his boat on Lake St. Clair. Francisco learned to sail as a student at Henry Ford Community College and later became an instructor for American Youth Hostels while finishing his degree at the University of Michigan.

Dearborn Still, there's something about caving which attracts him to the twisting passageways below ground.

This time I went into Level 2 and 3 caves, and learned the basics of vertical caving where you drop down into caves, Francisco said. "Caving offers plenty of excitement. If you do two to three caves in a day, you're worn out. Beginners can go down there and have a great time. To me it's like a mini-adventure and because you're

guided you won't be stranded somewhere.

The Crawlathon is one way to lure visitors to Carter Caves State Resort Park in winter.

It's a great event for us in the dead of winter, said Coy Amsley, park naturalist. "What's good about the Crawlathon is it's geared to any level caver."

Next year's Crawlathon is scheduled for Jan. 26-28. For more information, call (606) 286-4411 or visit www.crawlathon.com, or www.ky.parks.gov.

To learn more about caving and Michigan clubs, visit www.caves.org, the Web site of the National Speleological Society.

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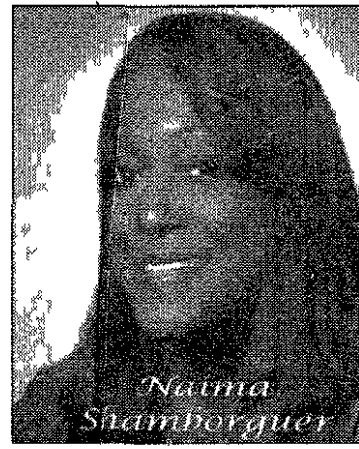
Sarah Vaughan tribute to raise funds for Michigan Jazz Festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If the audience notices a glimmering in the eyes of Naima Shamborguer on March 12, it might be a tear. Some songs just make the jazz singer cry — especially those from her new CD, *My Heart to Yours*.

Shamborguer plans to include several of the love songs in her concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. The program is a tribute to Sarah Vaughan.

In 2001, Shamborguer received a Creative Artists Grant from the state of Michigan to develop a jazz education program on the late singer for Detroit Public School students. On March 12, Shamborguer brings Vaughan's life to the stage with professional actor Council Cargel reading the narration she wrote. A rhythm section composed of Buddy Budson, piano, Marlon Hayden, bass, and Bert Myrick on drums back Shamborguer's vocals as they did on the CD released in January.



Naima Shamborguer sings the songs of Sarah Vaughan during a tribute to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

It's narration about her life with interaction with the music so it's moving. It never stops," said Shamborguer.

"Sarah Vaughan's a favorite of mine. Her voice was so wonderful. Many people say I remind them of her. Our vocal tones are similar. It's really a compliment for people to feel that way about me."

Shamborguer came from a similar background as Vaughan. She was raised in church and performed with her musical family.

"It seemed like I started singing from the crib," said

Shamborguer who's sung professionally since 1964. "I was exposed to so much. My new CD has many different tempos with strings augmenting many of the tunes. I chose the songs because they're old standards that are beautiful, but you don't hear them, songs Sarah sang, and Nat King Cole and they mean a lot to my heart."

Shamborguer says she is not the only one who appreciates Vaughan's music. Since she began presenting the jazz education program in schools, students have overwhelmingly expressed their love for the music. In March, she'll perform the program in Oklaoma schools.

The young have come to me and said I wish I had more of this in my classroom," said Shamborguer who feels like she's keeping Vaughan's legacy alive.

The March 12 show not only features music which Vaughan sang like *If You Could See Me Now* but songs she might have

sung like *Here's to Life*. *Send in the Clowns* is sure to be a crowd favorite.

I want to make people feel good when I sing and to leave a part of me with them, to sing as if I'm singing to each individual person and that they'll feel the music like I do," said Shamborguer.

"I chose those songs because they have a lot of life meaning."

Midge Ellis is excited about the program because Sarah Vaughan was her favorite singer. She's hoping to sell all of the tickets since proceeds help fund the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College.

Shamborguer has sung four times at the festival which costs over \$30,000 to produce. Every year thousands of jazz fans enjoy the free performances by local musicians thanks in part to fundraisers such as the concert and a Father's Day Brunch.

Sassy had a way with songs that in my opinion no other singer has, said Ellis of Livonia, "and Naima is very close to that. She's an excellent singer, a musician and knows the music."

Tickets for the March 12 concert are \$15, and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.

Shamborguer's new CD will be available for sale in the lobby. Some of the proceeds from the CD go to Variety Children's Foundation which she's been affiliated with for 20-years. The CDs are also available at Street Corner Music in Beverly Hills, or online at www.cdbaby.com.

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In contrast, a reward is offered as a result of positive behavior and is coupled with verbal praise and reinforcement. "I am so proud of the way that you behaved in the store. Because you were so helpful to me, I'll let

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Terry M. Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

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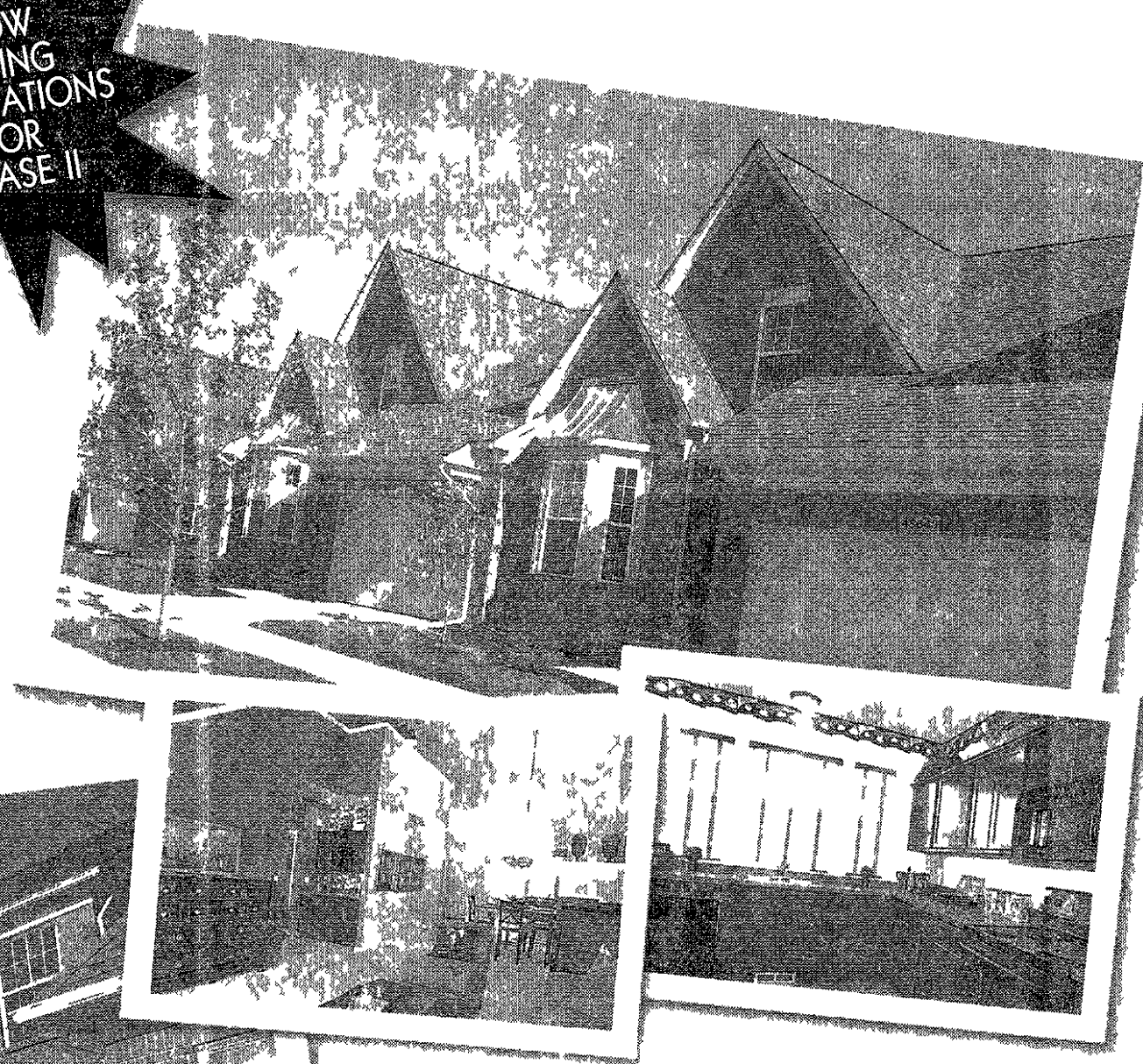
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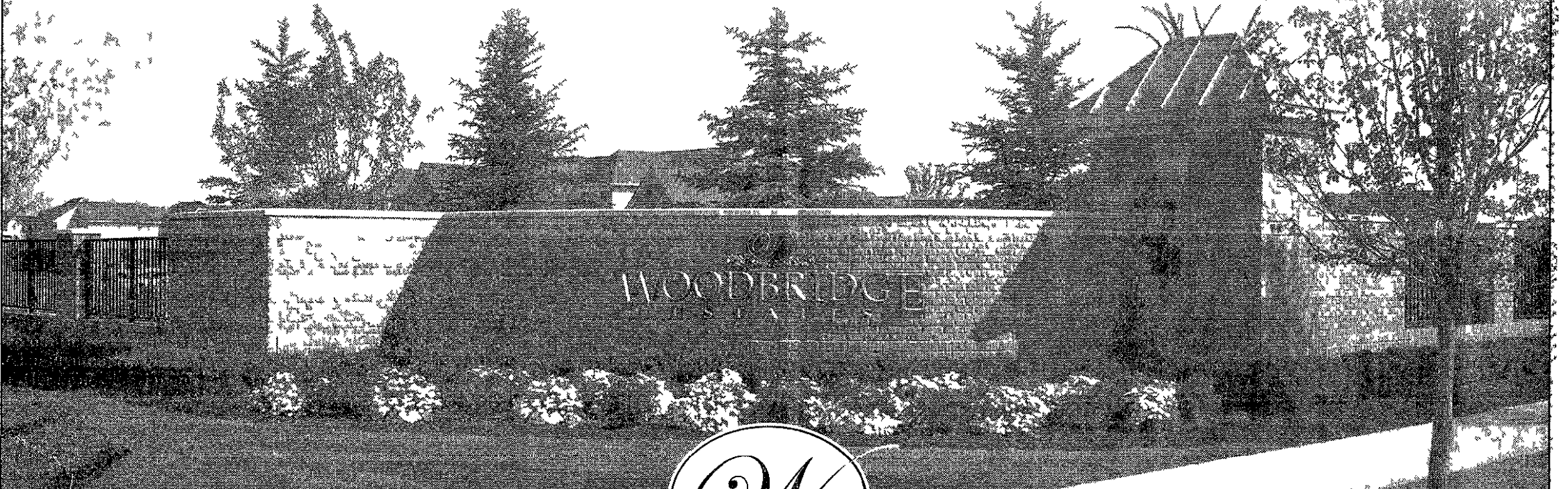


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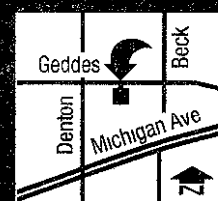
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John from Eastpointe e-mails asking if it's true that nonpoisonous mushrooms still contain harmful components

John, the answer to your question is yes, but in such tiny quantities the risk is almost zero. There are two substances we watch and they are purine and agaratine. Purine aggravates gout. It is present in so many other foods, avoiding it for a gout sufferer is practically impossible.

However, agaratine causes cancer in laboratory animals. But, it is only present in the smallest trace found in mushrooms. To put it into perspective, you would have to eat a full serving of raw mushrooms every day of your life, by age 70, and it might give you a 1 in 10,000 risk of cancer. Cooking mushrooms further reduces the agaratine content by one-third. All of this adds up to a very low risk.

Mushrooms are a good source of protein, vitamin B, and other minerals. They also contain chemicals that fight breast cancer. So if you like mushrooms, just make sure they are cooked and cleaned properly because they are a good part of a balanced diet!

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. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



Feed Your Brain for Learning



SANDY BAUMANN, M.S.

Sandy Baumann talks about the connection between good nutrition and learning in her new book.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Baumann could set her watch by one male college student who regularly fell asleep at 11 a.m. during a biochemistry lecture she was giving. Convinced that skipping breakfast affects the brain's ability to learn, the Farmington Hills mother of two tested her theory by assigning an extra-credit project. For three days, students were to eat certain nutritious foods. Amazingly, the sleepy student stayed awake for the two-hour classes until resuming his old habits.

Baumann's observations intrigued her so much she decided to research nutrition and its connection to educational pursuits. The result was *Feed Your Brain for Learning*, a paperback book written for parents and students of all ages. Baumann is also the author of *Feed Your Brain for Memory* and *Feed Your Bones Naturally*.

'If you eat more protein for breakfast and lunch, you're more alert,' said Baumann, a Farmington resident who earned a master's degree in biochemistry from Michigan State University. 'I went into one school last week where the students were real fidgety and edgy and had difficulty paying attention. Many hadn't eaten breakfast.

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Eating to learn

Author concludes students need to feed their brains

BRAIN POWER

Along with food, the brain needs water, iron, oxygen, glucose, and a properly working thyroid. That means drinking one ounce of water for every two pounds of body weight, exercising and eating healthfully. In the book, Baumann tells what foods nourish the brain, why lack of water causes mental confusion and fatigue, and how physical activity helps improve memory.

'I have an acronym for the brain,' said Baumann. 'Be physically active. Remove soft drinks and caffeine. Add fruits and vegetables. Increase water. Never stop learning. When you learn new activities you grow more connections in your brain that makes it more efficient.'

Baumann continues to learn as part of her job as program manager for Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning where she develops classes and conferences related to wellness. Prior to that, she promoted healthy living to senior citizens through Botsford General Hospital. It was there Baumann realized the importance of teaching good nutrition habits in childhood.

One Mountain Dew has 55 mg of caffeine which washes soluble C and B vitamins out of the body. The loss increases anxiety and restlessness.

SCHOOL AND LEARNING

One of Pamela Green's second-grade students at a Farmington elementary school couldn't sit still after drinking root beer every day. Another student skipped breakfast or ate Twizzlers. Green might never have known about their eating patterns if not for taking a workshop with Baumann at Farmington Public Schools training center.

'I had been frustrated because many

students weren't completing assignments, were tardy or had inattentive behaviors. I wondered what these kids were eating and started asking them questions,' said Green, who began her own research project with 20 of her students. Her findings appear in Chapter 9 of Baumann's book.

I wanted to see if I could truly make a difference in my kids,' said Green, who taught a nutritional unit, served a high-protein breakfast menu to students for three weeks and kept track of assignments. The food cost her \$1,000, but she feels the expense was well worth the results. Students completed 86 percent of the morning assignments compared to 27 percent before the study.

'I had a little boy complaining of migraine headaches,' said Green. 'He was always falling asleep, couldn't sit still when he was awake. After eating a healthy breakfast every morning, he started doing his work, was well-behaved.'

Still wondering three years later if the results could have been a fluke, Green started a breakfast program for the same students now in fifth grade at William Grace Elementary. Green wouldn't provide the food this time. Instead she asked parents to make a one-month commitment. Her statistics mirrored the first project.

Attention increased. There were no tardy students or absences during that period of time, said Green. 'During both studies I spent no time dealing with complaints - I'm hungry. I have a headache.'

BREAKFAST MATTERS

Since tabulating her findings, Green has been looking for funding to continue the breakfast program.

'My biggest frustration is how do we do that all the time,' said Green. 'I still provide healthy snacks in my classroom, fresh fruit. It gets expensive, but it's worth it. If you go to bed at 8 p.m.

and don't have breakfast, lunch at our school is at 1 p.m. You're asking your body to go on no fuel. When I put it that way their ears perk up.'

'Lots of kids don't like standard breakfast foods. They said they didn't like wheat things, but I made an egg sausage casserole with wheat bread and they never knew. My husband (Matt) and I did a lot of cooking the night before.'

Baumann keeps her breakfasts simple. A typical morning meal includes long-cooking oatmeal with 1/2 cup of organic milk and a handful of nuts sprinkled on top. Other days, she blends a protein shake from yogurt, honey, kiwi and flax seed.

'The trend is to have carbohydrates for breakfast, cereal and milk,' said Baumann. 'The brain thinks you're on Thanksgiving dinner. When blood sugar gets high you release insulin and then crash.'

'Some mornings leftover brown rice heated with milk and raisins. For lunch a can of sardines is so easy to

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Sandy Baumann believes the brain needs a nutritious breakfast and lunch, plenty of water, and exercise to function at its best.

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FEBRUARY

Eating disorders sessions

A two part educational presentation about eating disorders focusing on how genetics plays a role 7:30 p.m. Monday Feb 27 (focus on adolescents) and Wednesday March 1 (focus on adults) in the first floor auditorium of the Administration Building at William Beaumont Hospital 3601 W 13 Mile west of Woodward Royal Oak No charge Call (248) 898-9700

Golf fitness seminar

Gearing Up for Golf 7 p.m. Tuesday Feb 28 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital 1 William Carls Drive Commerce Orthopedic surgeon Philip Schmitt D.O. and physical therapist John Connolly discuss how range of motion and proper body mechanics can affect your golf game and how to physically prepare for the season so as to prevent injury also how long you can expect an injury to keep you off the greens No charge Pre registration required Call (248) 937-3314

Divorce support

7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb 28 gaining financial control of your divorce Jacqueline Gold Roessler C.D.F.A. and partner David Roessler C.D.F.A. discuss the financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following divorce an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day) a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5:30 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on the first Monday of each month at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia Call (734) 462-4443

Mentally ill support

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County provides family support meetings for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness on the first Monday of every month at 30233 Southfield Suite 220 Southfield For information and referral for AMI Oakland South call (248) 557-6440 AMI Oakland North (248) 706-0591 AMI general meeting is held the fourth Thursday of every month Education regarding mental illness related topics is provided in the Administration Building Classroom AB1W (lower level) at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Enter west service drive and park in west lot Time is 7:30 p.m. refreshments at 7 p.m. For information call (248) 706-0591

Hearing aid program

Individuals with hearing problems who meet eligibility requirements of hearing loss and low income criteria will be able to obtain free hearing aids from the Lions Hearing Center Hearing Aid Program Candidates should call (888) LHC MICH for information and if eligible will be referred to a Lions Club in Oakland/Macomb County for sponsorship and an office in Southfield Bloomfield Hills or Detroit for testing and fitting Alternatively candidates may approach their local Lions Club for sponsorship and/or more information about the program

Art exhibit

Artist and cancer survivor Arlene Evans displays a collection of original artwork that captures the powerful healing effects of nature through March 31 at the Nancy A. Fox Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center 47601 Grand River Novi Call (248) 465-5455

Volunteers wanted

The Beaumont Hospice Volunteer Program is currently seeking volunteers (especially in Farmington Farmington Hills Clarkston and Novi) to provide companionship and friendly visiting to patients residing in homes nursing homes or assisted livings in your area For information call (248) 743-9405

Caregiver support group

Meets regularly the second Thursday of the month at The Village of Redford 17383 Garfield Respite services provided for free during the session For more information call Linda Peak at (313) 843-2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387-2788

Grief support group

For any adult who has experienced a loss sessions began 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan 17 and continue to March 7 at the Northville District Library 212 W. Cady No charge but donations appreciated to defray program expenses Advance registration required Call (248) 348-4980

Baby Signs workshop

Sign up now to learn how you and your baby can communicate with each other before words develop by using simple and functional signs The Parent Workshop is designed for parents to be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months and caretakers Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into everyday life The workshop is offered 2:40 p.m. on the third Sunday each month The Sign Say & Play class is a six week program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun musical and play environment Classes meet Friday mornings Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents

Pre registration required There is a materials and instructional fee Programs are taught by Ruth Haberkorn-Halm a speech and language pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center in West Bloomfield Call (248) 737-3430 or send e mail to rhh4962@aol.com for information

Volunteers needed

Avalon Hospice serving Oakland county is looking for a few friendly visitors to volunteer four hours per week in their own community After a few conveniently scheduled training sessions you may sit and visit with a patient provide emotional support for a patient's spouse assist with a meal or on occasion do some light house keeping Call Brian for more information at (248) 320-0106 or email him at bhansen@avalonhospice.org for February/March training classes

Pet-a-pet

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

UPCOMING

Sharing & Caring

Regain ease of movement Scar therapy and tissue mobilization with Charlotte Versagi of William Beaumont Hospital's Integrative Medicine 7:30 p.m. Thursday March 2 in the first floor conference room at the Beaumont Cancer Center 3577 W 13 Mile Royal Oak Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors their family and friends on Thursday evenings To learn more about programs or to have a schedule of speakers mailed to you call (248) 551-8585

Heart health

Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States Because awareness is more important than ever Oakwood Community Health is offering a number of women's health screenings in cooperation with Life Line Screening to test for a blocked carotid artery abdominal aortic aneurysm peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis All for a nominal fee Registration required The dates and locations follow 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday March 2 and 21 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Cost is \$8 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday April 12 at the Wayne Senior Activity Center 35000 Sims (\$4) and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday May 9 at First Baptist Church of Canton

Walkers get off on right foot at mall

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Walking Club at Westland Shopping Center is sponsoring a presentation called, 'Get Off on the Right Foot,' 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the Westland Shopping Center Community Room Speaker will be Lora Lazar, from RunningFit of Northville

To encourage area residents to use walking as a form of exercise, St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors this mall-walking program Studies have shown that walking provides great overall cardiovascular fitness, reduces the risk of arthritis and osteoporosis, and helps alleviate stress and depression

As part of the mall walking programs, the hospital also provides regular blood pressure checks, health education, speakers, and special walking activities Walkers keep track of miles and earn prizes Westland

For more information, contact the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or visit www.stmarymercy.org

EATING

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carry to the workplace with handful of baby carrots, pecans, or half a cup of green grapes

Until March 15, Baumann's book is available for a cost of \$17 (includes shipping fee) if mention is made of this *Observer & Eccentric* article Checks should be sent to Emerging Free Associates, 33230 S. Manor Drive, Suite 503, Farmington, MI 48336 For more information, visit www.feedyourbrain.org, or call (248) 474-1974

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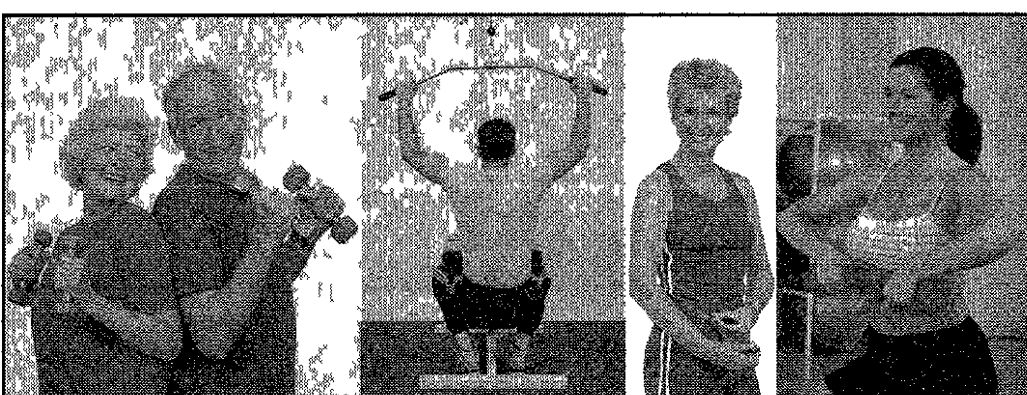
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ON CAMPUS

Murray State

Jane DeWitt of Plymouth was among some 1,927 undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students at Murray State University to make the Dean's List for the Fall 2005 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average ranging from 3.5 to a perfect 4.0 to be eligible for Dean's List status.

Albion College

Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Matthew Baciak is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Candace Bean is a sophomore majoring in German and minoring in women's studies. She is the daughter of Michael Bean of Detroit and Cathy Crowley of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Anthony Bosco is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Donald and Gina Bosco of Plymouth and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

William Fitzsimmons is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Joseph Jr. and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Brandon Hill is a junior majoring in biology and minoring in French. He is the son of James and Merr-Lyn Hill of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

Ryan Johnson is a junior majoring in economics and management and minoring in history. He is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Sarah Jose is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

Katherine Mills is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of James and Susan Mills of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Carrie Oleszkowicz is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth and a

graduate of Canton High School.

Sarah Paciocco is a junior majoring in economics and management and speech communication. She is the daughter of Tarcisio and Jennifer Paciocco of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Danielle Shepard is a junior majoring in speech education and completing the elementary education program.

She is the daughter of Chuck and Carol Shepard of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Katherine Smith is a senior majoring in political science and speech communication and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

Frat leader

A local student's leadership qualities were recently recognized by his peers, who elected him one of the 2006 leaders of their Albion College Greek fraternity.

Ryan Johnson has been elected president for Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

Johnson is a junior majoring in economics and management and minoring in history. He is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of

Detroit Jesuit High School.

"The entire fraternity chooses its leaders from among its most dedicated and responsible members," said Samuel Centellas, director of Greek Life at Albion College. "Holding a leadership position is an honor for any member."

University of Northwestern Ohio

Two students from Canton were among those to make the Dean's List for the November session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima. **Sean Kenney** and **Matthew Steidle**, both of Canton, earned grade-point averages of 3.5 or better to make the list.

Hope College

Five local students were among those who made the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

To be named to the list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Local students named to the list include freshman **Emma Vought** of Plymouth and juniors **Kathryn McLean** and **Meghan Wind**; sophomore **Brendan Krueger** and senior **Ryan Weaver**, all of Canton.

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Employers have traditionally relied on the "employment at will" doctrine, which allows both employers or employees the right to end the work relationship with or without notice and with or without cause. But the broad protection afforded by the doctrine is coming under legal challenge, reports the latest edition of the sharedHR Bulletin (www.sharedHR.com/news/)

Most employers are extremely frustrated to receive advice from employment attorneys or HR professionals suggesting restraint before exercising their right to terminate at will," said Paul Finkle, President and CEO of sharedHR. "But an employer facing employment litigation quickly learns the 'at will' doctrine has been significantly eroded in many states."

He points to a recent case study in which a California employer terminated an hourly employee after just three months on the job. "The employer believed he was within his right to terminate at will," said Finkle. "However, the employee retained an attorney and threatened to sue. The employer settled when he discovered the lawsuit could cost as much as \$20,000 to get to a summary judgment hearing, the first step in the process where the case might be dismissed."

The Bulletin offers several ways to help avoid expensive lawsuits when exercising the 'at will' doctrine.

They include:

- Documenting all actions, and using progressive disciplinary techniques, prior to discharge

- Establishing dispute resolution procedures at work. Many employees are driven to litigation because they were never given their 'day in court.' Set up a policy to give employees an audience with uninvolved managers to review all the facts before taking action.

- Using arbitration agreements as an exclusive means of employment dispute resolution. Arbitration lowers the stakes in most discharge disputes.

For a complete list of protective steps to take, point your browser to sharedHR.com/news/

While the ability to terminate without cause technically remains the law of the land, it is unlawful for any employer to terminate an employee based on factors such as race, color, creed, sexual orientation or violation of public policy, said Finkle.

Employment litigation is expensive, time consuming, gut-grinding and negative for morale, it benefits no one, said Finkle. Except in rare circumstances — employment at will is a myth.



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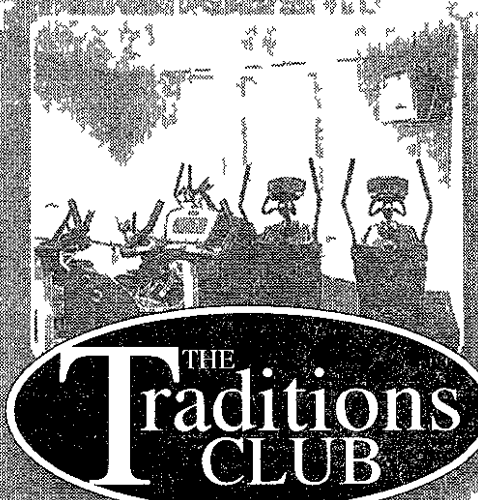
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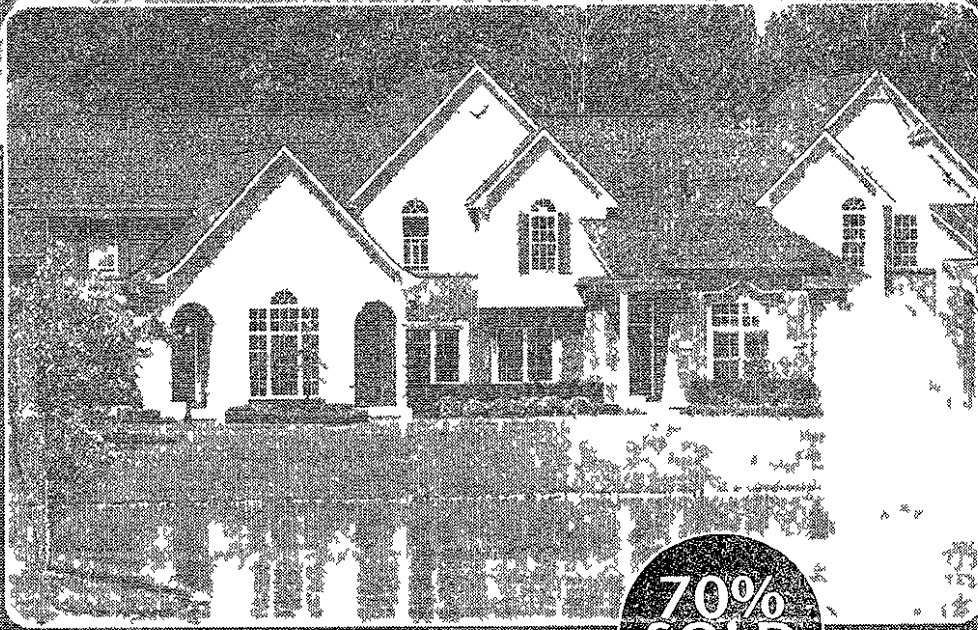
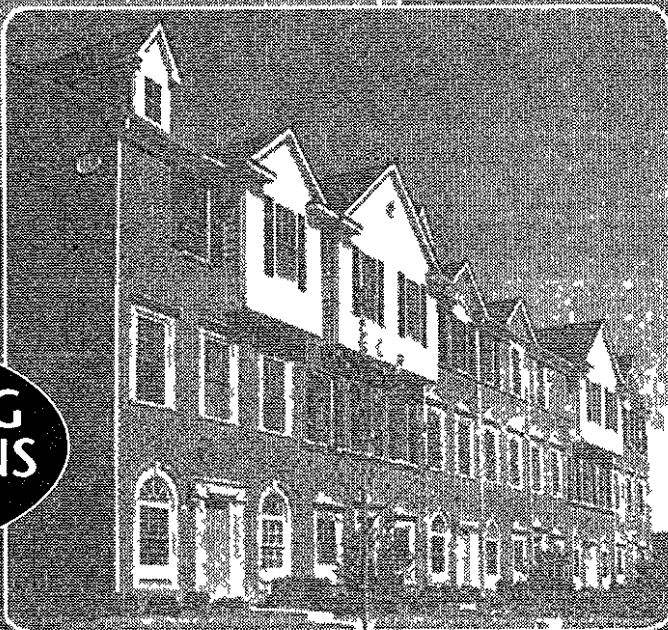
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Woodwind offers a 'unique' option in western Oakland County

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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The new development going up in Lyon Township, western Oakland County, is a bit pricier than others in the area. But the builders are convinced that they're offering something unique that others aren't.

Woodwind Village is being developed by two companies, Curtis Building Company and A&M Homes — under the new name of A&M Woodwind L.L.C.

The Curtis Building Company has been around since the end of World War II and is now on its third generation of homebuilders.

The Woodwind development is close to lakes, golf courses and recreational facilities and easy access to I-96 and I-275, making it just 45 minutes from Hart Plaza in Downtown Detroit and Ann Arbor, respectively.

Curtis Building Co. Vice-president Melvin Menuck said the units are more expensive than others, but they offer more to the customer.

"We've got unique floor plans not offered by the eight other builders in this area," he said. "They're pricier, but unique."

Prices for the Woodwind units range between \$399,900 and \$479,900. The development offers three different models.

■ The Augusta is a first floor master bedroom with a loft, two and a half baths and three bedrooms. There is also a fourth bedroom option available.

■ The Belmont is a four-bedroom colonial with three and a half baths and a unique raised den off of the stairway.

■ The Pinehurst is a four-bedroom colonial with a large living room, dining room, den and a two-story family room. There are two staircases and vaulted ceilings.

Any of these designs can be customized or, if requested, customer's own plans can be put in on the site. Three of the homes are available for immediate occupancy.

All three selections range between 2,997 square feet and 3,549 square feet. All of the homes feature full floor covering (hardwood in the



The latest Curtis development — Woodwind — features a variety of home choices and elevations, including this colonial, dubbed The Pinehurst.

kitchens), nook and foyer, three car side entry garages, Kohler plumbing fixtures, Nelson energy seal, granite kitchen countertops, custom dimensional base moldings, dimensional

shingles, Kraftmaid cabinets, basement waterproofing, nine foot first floor ceilings, reverse-osmosis water softeners and concrete streets and sidewalks.

"There's a lot more stuff, a lot more details," Menuck said. "The Woodwind units are better quality."

The development is set up in two phases. Phase one has 89 lots and

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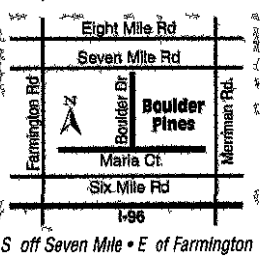
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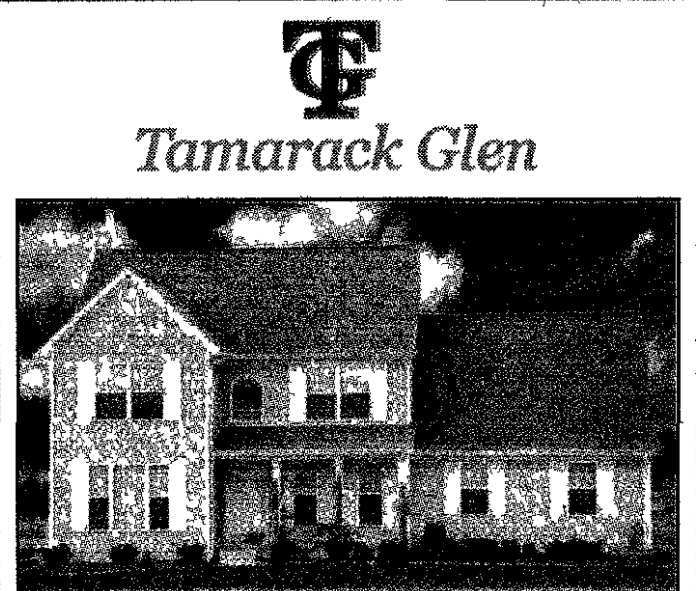
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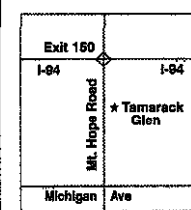
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Liberty Property Trust (NYSE LRY), which owns and manages nearly four million square feet of office and industrial space in Michigan, announced that it has signed leases with one new tenant and two existing tenants in Michigan for a total of 12,160 square feet of industrial and flex space

Computer Support Technology (CST), provider of mission-critical air and power conditioning, has renewed with Liberty for 8,000 square feet of industrial space at 1409 Allen Drive in Troy The location has served as the company's headquarters for the past 11 years and is home to 15 of the company's employees CST uses the space for engineering and sales offices as well as inventory warehousing CST cites the building's value and location as well as Liberty's customer service as reasons for renewal

Measurement Instruments has signed a new lease with Liberty for 2,550 square feet while Fricco Incorporated has renewed its lease for 1,610 square feet of flex space at 27260 Haggerty Road

Technology Park is a six-building Business Park on over 20 acres featuring units for the office, high-tech and light industrial users Located on Haggerty Road south of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, Technology Park accommodates a wide range of tenants in spaces of 1,000 to 10,000 square feet It is centrally located with easy access to I-275 and I-696

Million Dollar Guild

Bonnie Cameron of RE/MAX Classic has been recognized by the prestigious Institute for Luxury Home Marketing for her performance in the million-dollar and above luxury home market within the tri-county Detroit area

Cameron has been in the local real estate market since 1989 Although her reputation has grown based on her experience in the Birmingham

and Bloomfield Township residential markets, she has built her career on specializing in the sale of high end lakefront, lake access and golf course community properties in Oakland County RE/MAX Classic is located at 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100 in West Bloomfield

Condominium Living

Condo Owners of Livonia is sponsoring a free seminar for all those living in or considering a condominium The first in a series 'Rules and Regulations, Who Wants Them? Who Needs Them?' will be held 7-8 30 p m on Tuesday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library This series will address all the aspects of condominium ownership and association membership Call Michael, (734) 464-7455 (condownersoflivonia@earthlink.net)

Luncheon/Speaker Series

The National Association of Office and Industrial Properties (NAIOP) is holding the latest in its monthly luncheon/speaker series 11 30 a m to 1 p m Thursday, March 16, at the Embassy Suites Southfield The venue is at 28100 Franklin Road in Southfield

The program will cover the importance of effectively branding and marketing for real estate companies and their properties as well as practical media relations and adversity management advice Featured speakers will include Scott Marcus, President, RSM Development & Management, Don Tanner, partner, Marx Layne & Company, and Brandy Sereno, creative director, Marx Layne

For tickets http://www.naiop.org/Michigan/index.cfm Admission is \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers

Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following

8 30-10 30 a m Tuesday, Feb 28, 'So You Found the Land Now What?' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests Registration, (248) 862-1033

8 30 a m to 4 p m Wednesdays, March 1 and 8 and Thursdays, March 2 and 9, Certified Sales Professional Course, at Charter One, Troy Registration fees are \$425 for SMC members and \$475 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members (248) 862-1033

8 30 a m to 12 30 p m Friday, March 3, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act safety seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests (248) 862-1033

6-8 30 p m Wednesday, March 8, 'What's Your Sales DNA?', at Somerset Inn, Troy Registration fees are \$49 for SMC members and \$69 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members (248) 862-1033

8 a m to 3 p m Tuesday, March 7, 'Land Development, Site Planning & Zoning', at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests (248) 862-1033

noon to 1 p m Wednesday, March 15, 'Masonry Flashing - What Is Its Importance?', at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests Participants should bring a brown bag lunch, pop and cookies will be provided (248) 862-1033

8 30 a m to noon Friday, March 17, 'Extreme Makeover Marketing', at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills Registration fees, are \$69 for PMC members and \$79 for BIA members and guests (248) 862-1033

8 a m to noon Tuesday, March 21, 'Customer Service & Homeowner Relations', at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, are \$145 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests (248) 862-1033

6-10 p m Thursday, March 23, 'Wild Game Dinner and Texas Hold'em Tournament' at St John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Registration fees, including dinner, are \$65 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$80 for guests and non-members Table top sponsors are available for \$300 Bar sponsorships are available for \$500 (248) 862-1060

8 a m to 4 p m Friday, March 24, 'Builder's License Preparation Course', at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees are \$200 per class for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers (248) 862-1033

8 30-10 30 a m Tuesday, March 28, 'Workplace Spanish for Builders and Contractors', at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, including one-hour audio CD, are \$50 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$75 for guests and nonmembers (248) 862-1033

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes

6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, March 6 and 8, Basement Remodeling, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus,

22566 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials Pre-registration is required by Thursday, March 22, Henry Ford Community College (313) 317-1500

6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, March 6, 8, 13, and 15, 'Michigan State Builder's License Examination', at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Room 133, Bloomfield Hills \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, March 2, Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248) 433-0885

6-10 p m Tuesday/Thursday, March 7 and 9, Basement Remodeling, Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia. The cost is \$101 plus \$10 for textbook and materials Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 3, Livonia Community Education (734) 744-2602

6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, March 13 and 15, Basement Remodeling, Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials Pre-registration is required by Thursday, March 9, Waterford Community Education. (248) 682-1088

6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, March 13, 15, 20, and 22, How To Build Your Own Home, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$199 plus \$30 for two course textbooks Pre-registration is required by Thursday, March 9, Walled Lake Community Education (248) 956-5000

6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, March 13, 15, 20 and 22 'Michigan State Builder's License Examination', at Avery Elementary School, 14700 Lincoln, Oak Park. \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, March 9, Berkley Community Education (248) 837-8900



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- Information on all the houses and condos on the market. Realtors have access to all the homes that are listed,

whether from their company or from another real estate company. All you have to do is give your Realtor the criteria that you wish him/her to search by and everything that meets your criteria will appear.

Touring the buyer on all the potential properties. Your Realtor will make appointments for you to see houses

and go with you to see the properties that you are interested in.

Realtors can also help you determine the market value of the property. This is critical because in order to know how much to offer, you need knowledge of the home's market value. Realtors have access to the relevant information in order to find out how much the home is worth on the market.

Doing the cumbersome paperwork. The paperwork involved in buying a home can be very complicated. Your Realtor will write the purchase agreement on your behalf, take it through the inspection and

the other contingencies, in order to bring the sale to a successful close.

A buyer's agent works for the buyer. Some of the duties that a buyer's agent must give to a buyer are "promoting the best interest of the buyer, fully disclosing to the seller all facts that might affect or influence the seller's decision to accept an offer to purchase, keeping confidential the buyer's motivation for buying, and presenting all offers on behalf of the buyer."

Some buyers think that Realtors can only work for a buyer if it's a property listed with another Realtor. This

isn't quite the case. Realtors can usually continue to work for you in a new construction and a for sale by owner.

I highly suggest that if you are working with a Realtor and you see a for sale by owner (unrepresented seller) tell your Realtor. Otherwise you can't take advantage of all the great services you would normally get from a Realtor.

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Lowe's has tips on organizing

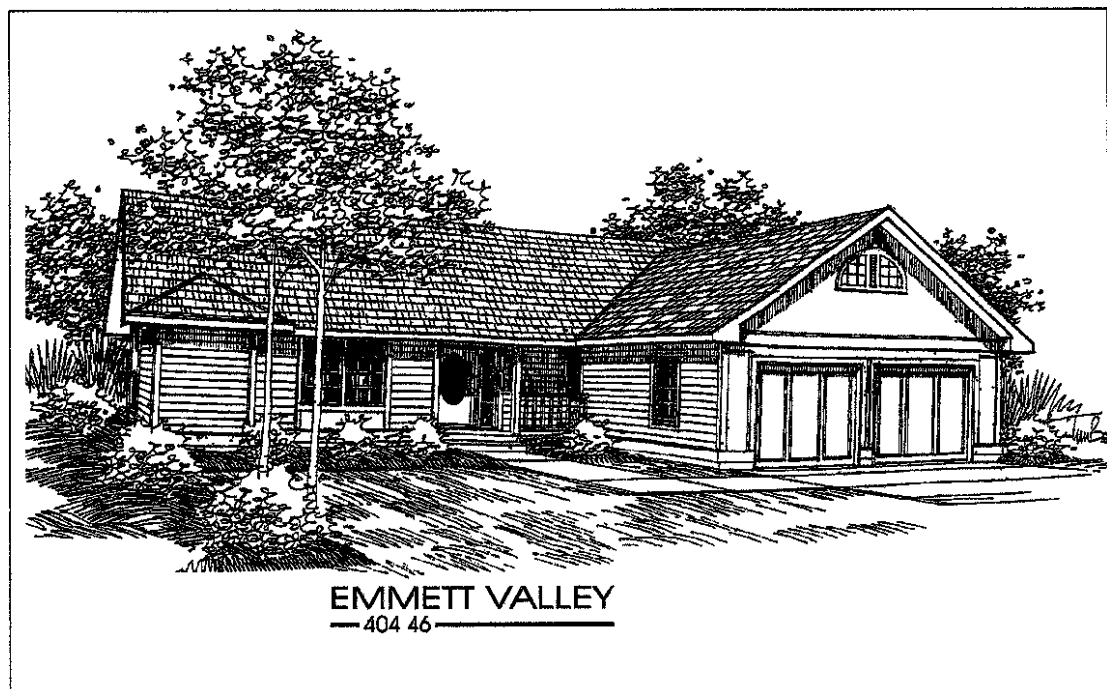
Use these tips to organize your home. Streamline your storage possibilities in your child's room, closets, laundry, or any room in your home.

- Organizing your entire home can seem overwhelming. Focus on one room at a time and work only in short intervals. Decide on a time limit — 15 to 30 minutes a day is manageable — and set a kitchen timer. When the bell rings, stop working and be proud of what you've accomplished.

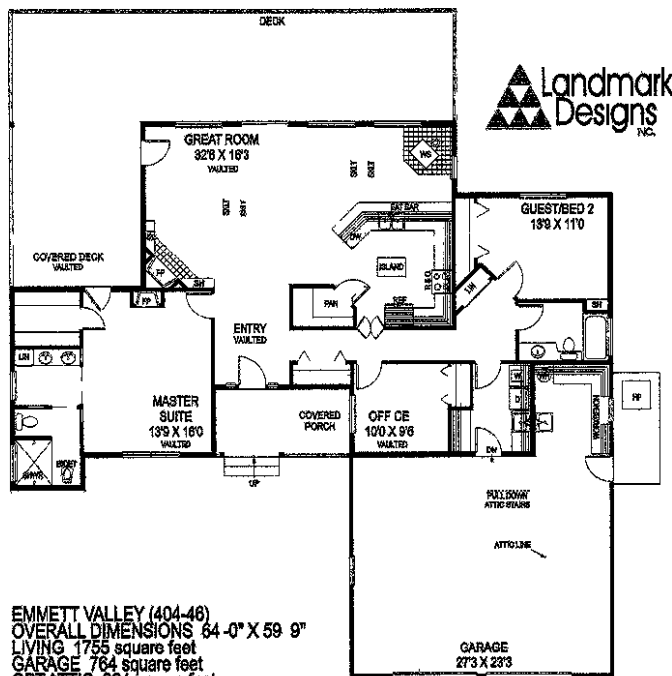
- Every organization project starts with three basic steps: purge the items you no longer want or need, analyze what's left to determine how you use it and measure the space you have to figure out what will fit where.

- When you're organizing, use a three-box system: keep, discard, and don't know. When you're finished, seal the don't know box and put it away. If you haven't opened it in a year, you don't really need whatever is in there. Throw it away without looking inside.

- Create an inventory of the items in your home. Go room by room and write down each item in that room. For example: living room end table, price paid \$400, replacement price \$600. Keep the list in a fire-proof safe or at your office.



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The Julius 2 a portrait of simple elegance

The Julius 2 (403-43) may be entered through the recessed gabled entry, protecting you from inclement weather. The garage entrance is located within the entry for easy access.

Kitchen amenities include a dishwasher, large walk-in pantry, range and oven. Tucked in behind the kitchen is a utility room with space for a washer and dryer. The eating bar connects the kitchen to the nook and dining room, for easy access by the cook of the house.

Elegant in its simplicity, the living room is adorned with two large windows for enjoying nature. It is sure to be a gathering place for the family.

The master suite is large, with plenty of windows to enjoy the morning sun or an evening sunset. Its amenities include a large walk-in closet, a private bath with linen storage, and a shower.

The second floor recreation/den is spacious and made for relaxing after a long day at work or school. This enormous room has enough space for a pool table or Ping-Pong table, a big screen television, and a couple of couches.

For outdoor entertainment, the deck is accessible from the recreation/den through sliding glass doors.

Completing the floor plan on this level is a bedroom with vaulted ceiling, a large walk-in closet, and a

built-in desk. The bedroom shares a bathroom with the recreation/den.

The garage has a large storage or shop area in one corner. There is room for plenty of storage. The odd jobber of the house will have plenty of space for working on hobbies or fix-it projects.

For a study plan of the JULIUS 2 (403-43), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Sagnaw Rd E, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldplans.com

CHILDREN'S STUFF

- Use a double-rod system (top and bottom) in the closet. With the space you save, you'll have room to move a chest of drawers in there, too. You've just freed up floor space in the bedroom!

- One way to organize your baby's clothes for at least a week is to use an over-the-door shoe holder. It goes over the door and hangs on the back.

- Give each child a labeled hook, shelf and plastic bin in the mudroom. Boots, coats, bookbags and everything else will be easy to find if they have a regular home.

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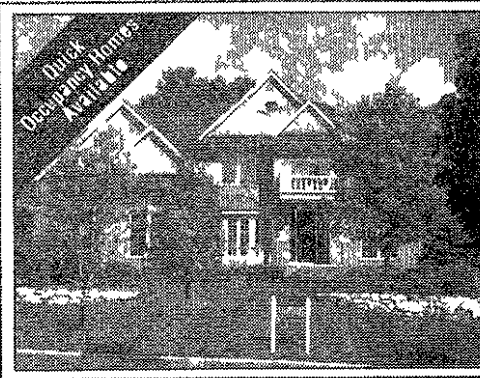
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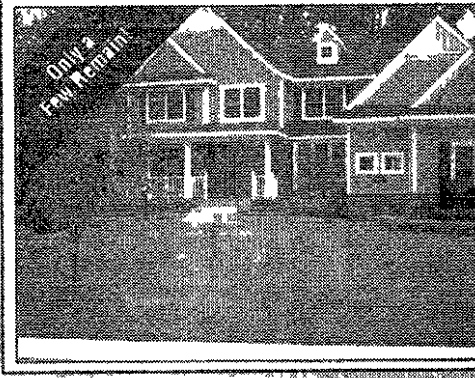
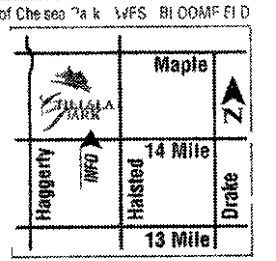
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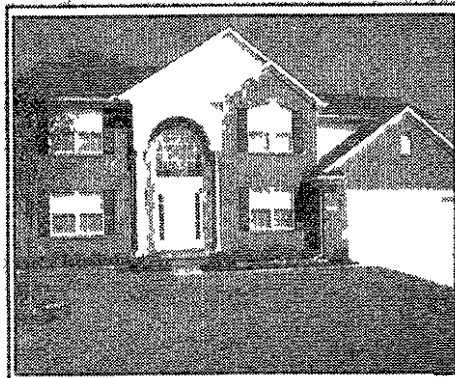
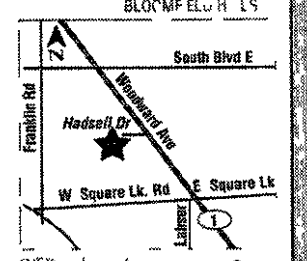
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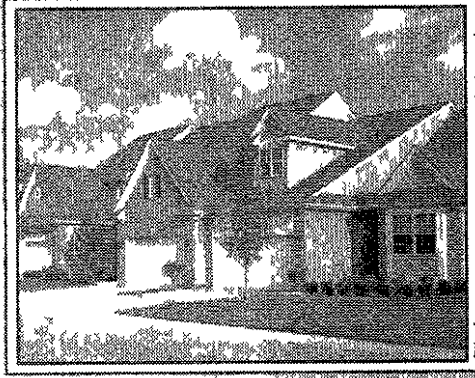
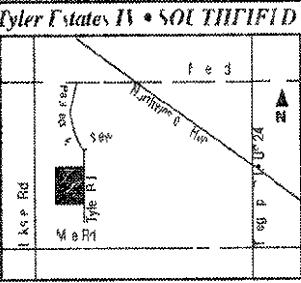
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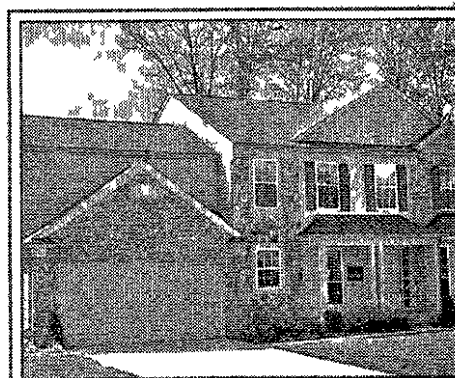
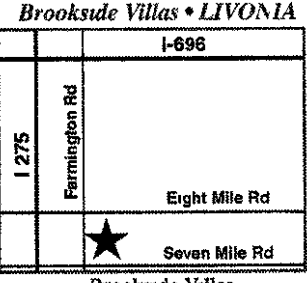
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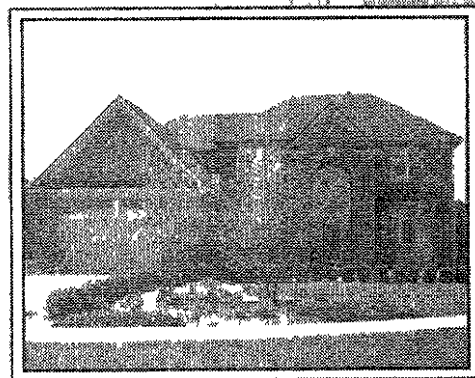
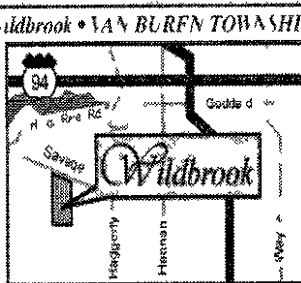
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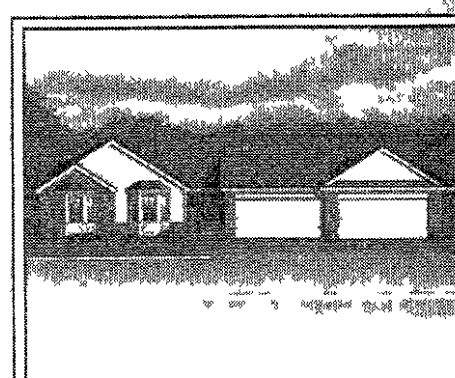
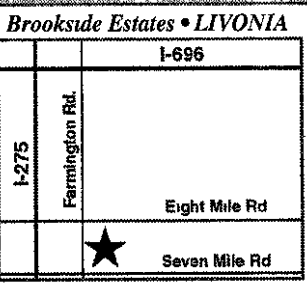
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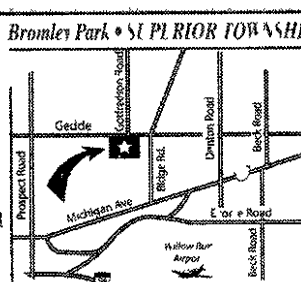
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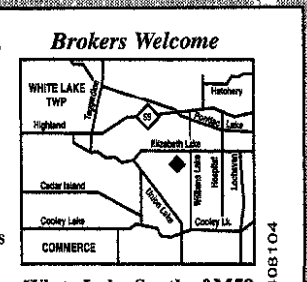
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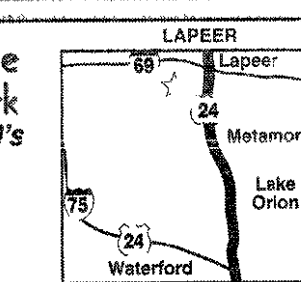
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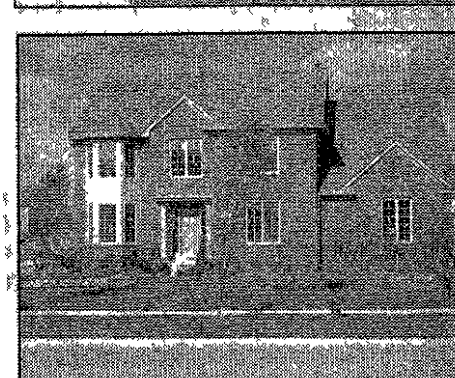
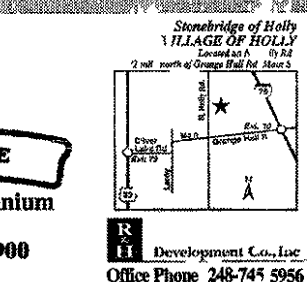
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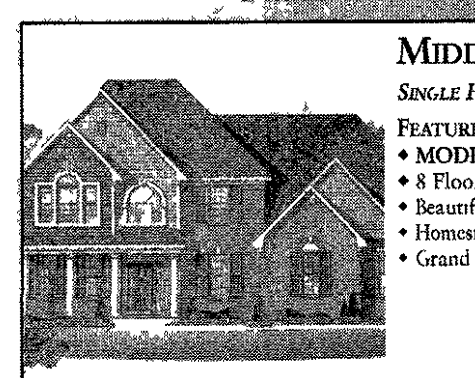
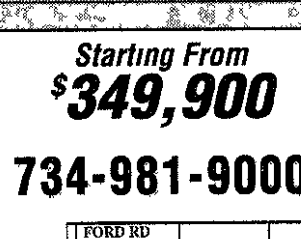
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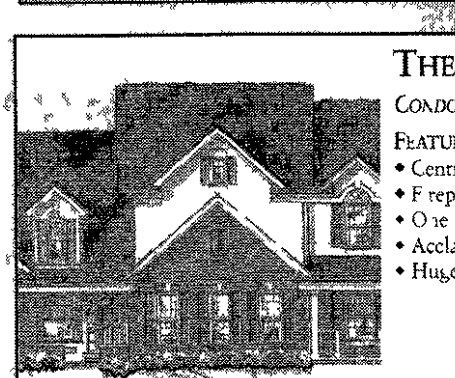
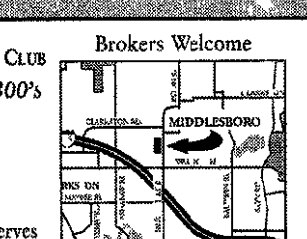
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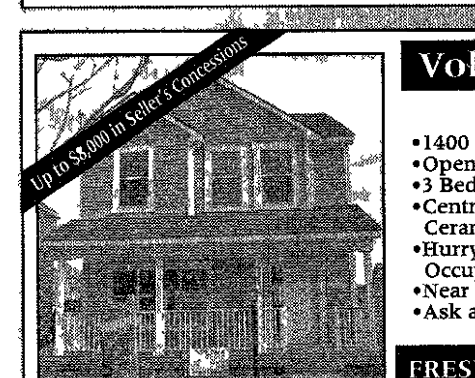
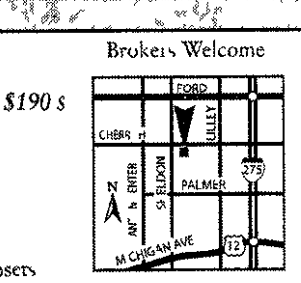
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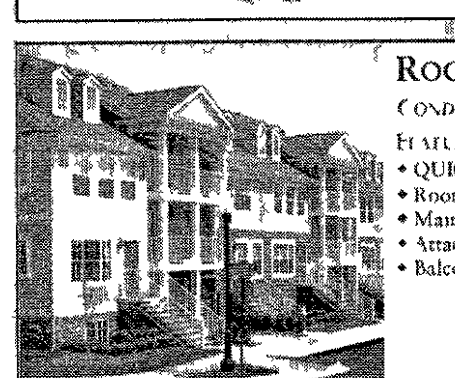
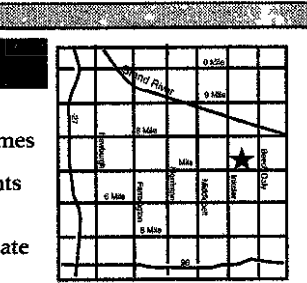
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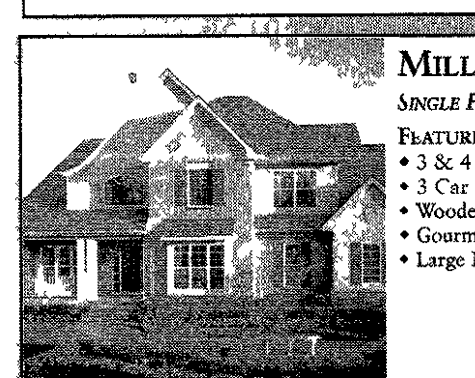
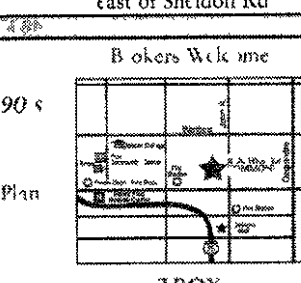
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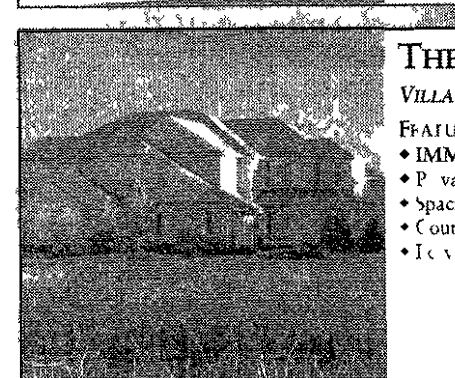
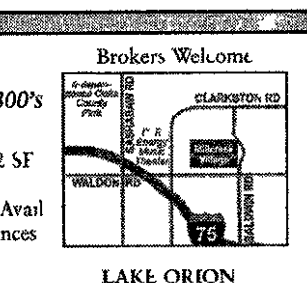
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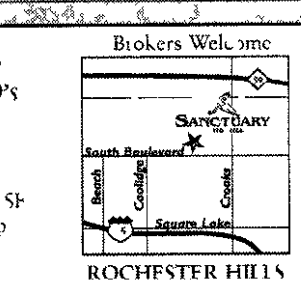
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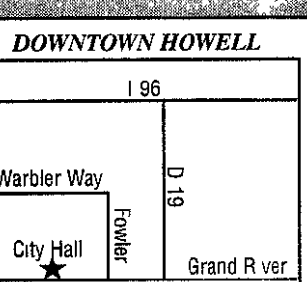
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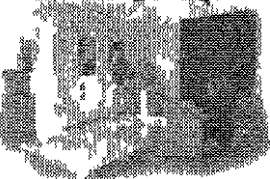


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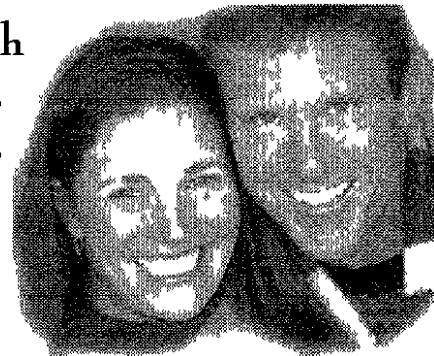
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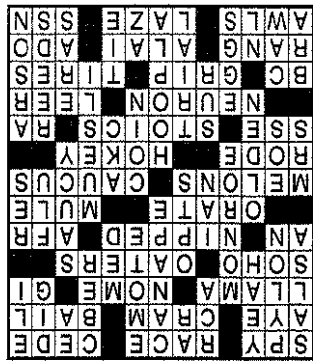
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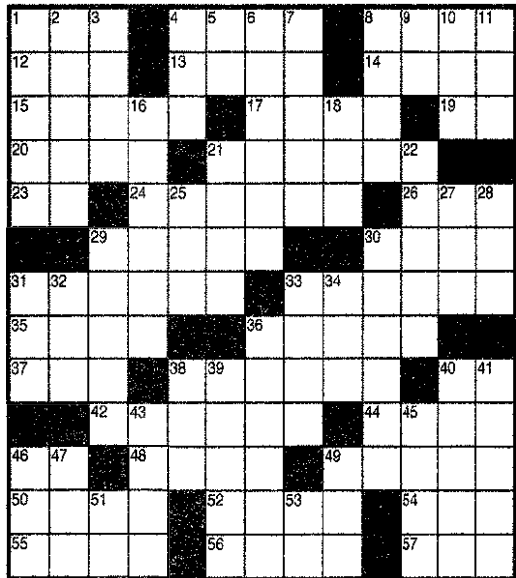
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SWF 5'5" 125lbs, financially stable I enjoy concerts, walks, dancing, etc Seeking an honest SBM, financially stable, 40-55, for friendship, possible LTR ☎924511

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing enjoys walks music, life, open to new ideas Looking for SM who wants to do things together Must be employed and like pets ☎909140

TRY ME!

Attractive SWF, 49, I enjoy movies dining, skiing and skating Seeking an attractive SWM, 45-55, who enjoys most activities ☎869847

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SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with ☎912553

A GOOD FRIEND

SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4", likes movies, dancing, good company Seeking a nice guy to enjoy a friends first relationship ☎916193

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 24, mother, brown/brown, 5'4", likes skating skiing, dancing dining out, good talks, life simple pleasures Seeking compatible, caring, SM, to enjoy the good times, friendship and possible LTR ☎920771

FORMER MODEL

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

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WF, 38 5'4" 108lbs, two children enjoys cooking the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining Seeking attractive WM, 39-52, who is fit and secure ☎579528

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

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

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out Seeking WM 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance ☎890004

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DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR ☎69606

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter good times and LTR ☎725001

KIND HEART

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

LOVING LEO

Widowed W/PF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests ☎759316

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining traveling family time Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR ☎861408

SHALL WE DANCE?

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

THE SIMPLE THINGS

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

VERY ATTRACTIVE

Classy, slim, young-looking, SWF 57, with good personality and values financially/emotionally stable ISO SWM, 53-64, with same qualities for serious relationship ☎867073

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s Let's talk! ☎794040

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

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I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special no games WM 45+, N/S for caring quality committed relationship Let's create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD

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

HI LADIES

Loyal, affectionate, commitment-minded DWM, 44, 5'11", blond/blue, father, mustache/goatee 195lbs, self employed enjoys fitness simple fun Seeking active healthy open-minded lady who enjoys the same ☎924288

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SBM, 42, 5'7", 157lbs, enjoys music, dining out, snuggling, good talks, beach walks Seeking fun, full-figured lady to share happiness and romance ☎924565

A BIT ABOUT ME..

SWM, 42, 5'10" 185lbs brown/brown, enjoys boating, dining out, dancing, pool, bowling, darts Seeking a SW/HF 25-52, who is interested in a LTR ☎914372

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!

SWM, 38, active, open-minded, honest, respectful health-conscious, goal-oriented I enjoy cuddling, family time, sports, festivals running, etc ISO SWF, 35-42 for friendship, possible LTR ☎916909

EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations Let's meet over coffee and see what develops ☎259844

LIFE'S A CABARET

Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55 Let's share life, romance and laughter ☎480718

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative Libra, N/S, works out enjoys movies, restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF, 50-65 N/S Shirley, please call back ☎708126

SEEKING A REAL WOMAN

SBM, 25, 5'5", 160lbs, hard-working, easygoing, love to have fun and enjoy life Seeking a SF, 18-40, for friendship and hopefully develop a relationship ☎919424

TRY THIS ONE

Employed SM, 27, 5'11", fit light complexion, hazel eyes enjoys motorcycling, cars/trucks bowling, fitness, keeping active Seeking compatible, fit, understanding SF to enjoy the good things in life ☎925130

LET'S TALK

Loving, up front SM 27, 5'8", 165lbs, likes basketball, fun Seeking down-to-earth, intelligent, non-materialistic lady, honest and sweet, not into games, to share romance, good talks, good times maybe more? ☎925367

HELLO THERE

SBM, 30, 5'8", 175lbs, light complexion, short hair, nice-looking, polite, not about games, likes shooting pool, nights out ISO sociable, open-minded, lovely lady who enjoys togetherness, romance, love and affection ☎925494

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SHM, 33 5'10", 188lbs black/brown, mustache/goatee, independent D/D-free enjoys reading movies, relaxing at home, cuddling Seeking lovely sweet white, Asian, Hispanic lady to share good times good talks much more ☎924249

HEY LADIES

SM 19, brown/brown 6', 170 lbs, outgoing, nice, fun, looking for similar lady friend to enjoy the good times in life with ☎926020

TRUE GENTLEMAN

DWM, 60-years-young, 5'9", 240lbs good health, N/S N/D I enjoy movies music dining classic cars and just living life Seeks SWF, 45-50, 125-130lbs 5'4"-5'6" ☎886694

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SWM 80, 5'8", 155lbs healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75 N/S, who loves classical music opera, Stratford Festival and travel ☎882041

A GOOD MAN

SWM, 44 5'8" 193lbs red/brown, Leo N/S loves fishing, beaches, taking walks movies watching basketball and football Seeking WF, 40-51 ☎909984

GET IN TOUCH

40 year-old DWM, 5'7" 155lbs brown/green employed, down-to-earth Seeking a SW/HF, 35-45, who enjoys movies, dining out, camping, fishing and just enjoying life ☎920353

TRY ME

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ISO A GOOD WOMAN

SBM 37 180lbs, 59 enjoys travel music movies and more Seeking a single female, age and race unimportant If interested contact me ☎922725

GIVE IT A SHOT

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HOPE YOU ARE MY GIRL

SWM 45, hard-working enjoys fishing golfing flea market, work on cars Looking to meet an attractive slim/medium build for dating, possible LTR ☎913286

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN...

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LET ME MAKE YOU SMILE!

28 year-old SBM, 5'7" 150lbs, mechanic very mature I enjoy movies, working out running, etc Seeking a SWF 25-65, with similar interest ☎921276

LET'S MEET FOR CAPPUCCINO

SBM, 21, 6', college student (political science), store clerk, market manager, tax preparer N/S open to most activities, seeks HF 18-27, N/S ☎921703

HI LADIES

SWM 24, 5'7", black/brown, outgoing, fun, good-humored, looking for sweet, easygoing, light-hearted SF, not into games, to share friendship, dates talks and possibly more ☎922320

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

SBM 19 black/hazel 5'11", employed enjoys concerts, movies music etc Looking to meet a single female, to hook up and have fun with ☎925331

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54 Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest ☎912726

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

COULD IT BE YOU?

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

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DWM, 64 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S socially drinker, great SOH I am looking for the right lady to spend time with get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship ☎891796

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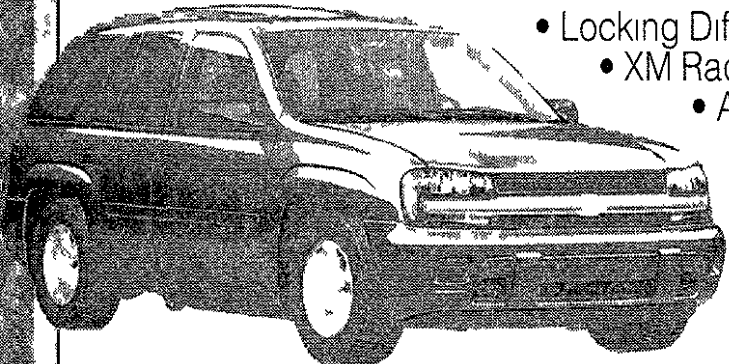
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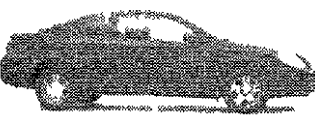
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GMS Pay \$17,659*
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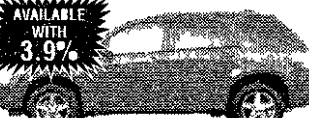
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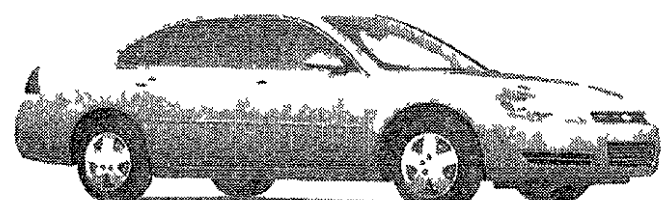
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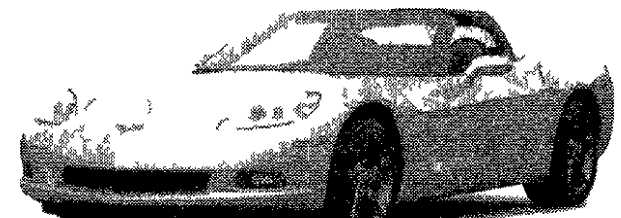
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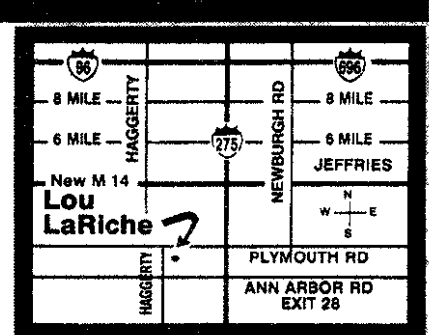
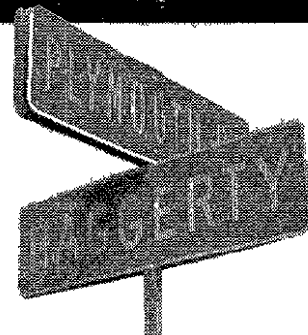


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2006 Lincoln Zephyr has a lot going for it

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When was the last time you remember being excited about any car carrying the Lincoln name? It's been so long that I'll say "probably never." Years removed from the excitement the nameplate used to generate - we all remember the song 'Hot Rod Lincoln,' right? -- Lincolns were always cars that your older, more well-off relatives drove. Perhaps realizing that demographics might eventually make the name irrelevant, the Lincoln division of Ford has resurrected the Zephyr name first used in 1936 and slapped it on an all-new car for 2006.

Competing with the likes of entry-level Lexus and Infiniti models, the Zephyr is a five passenger mid-size sedan with a lot going for it. The exterior package combines the classic Lincoln waterfall grille with quad projector-beam headlights (high-intensity lights are optional), fog lamps, 17-inch split spoke aluminum wheels and chrome-tipped dual exhaust. Heated, power outside mirrors are standard. The lines are nice, with a good combination of luxury looks and enough sportiness to hint at powerful performance.

While I'm not sure I'd use the word "powerful" to describe the Zephyr's performance, it's no slacker, either. While not in a sports car class, the standard Duratec 30 V-6 generates 221 hp and 205 lb-ft of torque - more than enough for everyday driving. It's mated with a six-speed transaxle automatic transmission. The combination will give you smooth acceleration through the gears and still provide you with a respectable 20/28 mpg on regular fuel.

The Zephyr, as you would expect in a car carrying the Lincoln name, gives you a nice ride, with out feeling like a couch on wheels, like some older luxury cars. The front suspension uses a short-and-long arm design, with a double ball-joint control



2006 Lincoln Zephyr. Type: Mid-size. Where built: Hermosillo, Mexico. EPA: 20/28. Base price: \$28,995. Price as tested: \$33,375

arm and coil-over damper suspension. The Zephyr's rear suspension uses a multi-link independent arrangement with lower control arms and a 17mm stabilizer bar. The bumps are smoothed out, and the ride is fairly quiet.

The power-assist rack-and-pinion power steering handles the car nicely and the braking is excellent.

You'd expect a Lincoln, even an entry-level mid-size like the Zephyr, to shine in the cabin, and it does. The cabin is full of leather and wood and looks like a luxury car should look - chrome bezels, well-lit, easy-to-read analog gauges. The heated, 10-way power leather seats are comfortable and adjust easily to a good driving position. There's plenty of room up front, there's enough room - barely - for a rear passenger with the front seats put all the way back. There's lots of trunk space, too, and the 60/40 rear seats fold down.

The Zephyr comes with the usual standard features: Dual-zone automatic climate control, cruise control, universal garage door opener, tilt steering wheel and rear window defroster.

The standard audio system on the Zephyr is

an AM/FM/six-disc CD changer with six speakers. You can upgrade to a THX-II audio system, which features 14 speakers (including two subwoofers) and it's a beauty. The sound is rich and deep and the highs are crisp and clean. It'll cost you \$995 extra, but you won't pay that extra charge if you buy the navigation system that Lincoln offers (\$2495). This is an easy-to-use system that allows you to do things like "breadcrumbing," which leaves marks on the streets you've traveled to help you find your way back, or confirm that, yes, you've already been this way.

The 2006 Lincoln Zephyr starts at about \$29,000, not bad for an entry-level luxury sedan. Add the navigation system, HID headlamps, and chrome wheels and you're at about \$33,000.

Lincoln is betting that it can get a younger generation in the door to see the Zephyr. If you're looking for an entry-level mid-size luxury vehicle, and you've been sticking with the imports, you really should put the Zephyr on your list. It's been awhile since Lincoln's had anything exciting going on. This qualifies.

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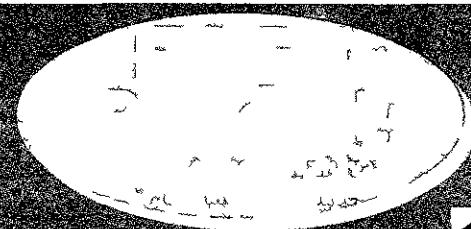
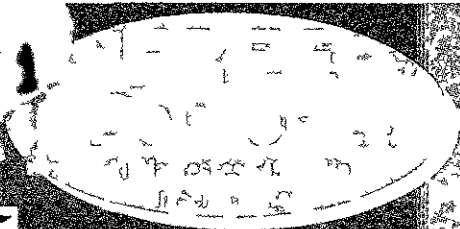
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SBXL Star Style

Joan Jett rocked bright green MAC eye makeup



During the Super Bowl, Detroiters got a chance to see celeb style up close. Actors, actresses and athletes flocked to parties hosted by P. Diddy, Maxim and Sports Illustrated. Model Niki Taylor, Actress Jessica Alba and Detroit's own Kristen Bell were among the fresh faces spotted at events around town. PINK got a ticket to the Playboy Party at Detroit City Airport Hangar, where we caught up with some PINK Carpet looks.



Ferndale Bachelor Bob Guiney's wife Rebecca Budig, star of *All My Children* (above) looked casually chic in plaid capris, a fitted blazer and chunky necklaces from Target. Jaime Pressly from *My Name is Earl* (right) dressed for Detroit in a cozy cardigan with slim jeans and boots.



General Hospital's Kelly Monaco kept it simple in basic black, but her split-sleeve shirt added drama.

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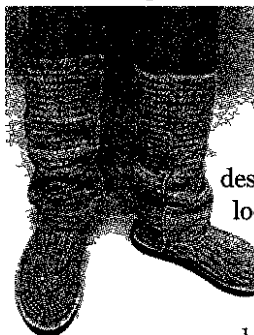
Q I admit it — I'm a little celeb and fashion obsessed. Can you lead me to some online shops where

I can find what the stars are wearing?

A The fun thing about celebrity fashion is that it's normally much more wearable and accessible than what you see cruising down the runway. Celebs are able to give us a real-life view into how to wear things that first appeared on the runway, where we all thought "what the heck is that!" Or, perhaps I should say their stylists are able to give us the real-life view, but whoever gets the credit (or the blame), you can start your celebrity shopping at As Seen On Screen's Web site asos.com. Shop by category or celebrity and view pics of

celebs in their natural habitats at this UK based online shop that features celeb inspired looks at affordable prices.

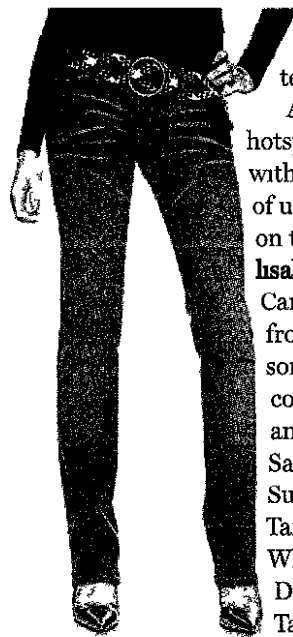
If you want to don what the celebrities are actually wearing, check out L.A.-based shopintuition.com. When you see photos of celebs shopping in *US Weekly* and all of the other paparazzi driven mags, more than likely, they're at Intuition. Here you can pick up the newest and hippest, like Primp thermals (Mischa's a fan), trendy



'Liv' a little with Ms Tyler's flat knit boots @ shopkitson.com

leggings and skinny jeans not to mention jewelry, bags and stuff for guys, babies and pets too.

Also based in LA and a destination for celebrities looking to spend some of their hard-earned bucks, shopkitson.com offers everything a trend-loving fashionista needs. Find Ugg's new replacement, Livs knit boots, as well as Kooba bags, Chick



Belted skinny jeans ala Sienna Miller @ asos.com

by Nicky Hilton tees and the like. Another L.A. hotspot for shopping, with a site for those of us who don't live on the West Coast, is lisakline.com.

Carrying hipster frocks and accessories by up-and-coming designers and cult faves like Saint Grace, Anna Sui, Ella Moss, Tarina Tarantino, White Trash Designs, Rebecca Taylor and tons more, Lisa Kline pretty much pioneered the famed

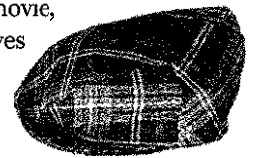
Robertson Boulevard shopping destination that exists today.

Another celeb favorite, which carries higher-end designers, is satineboutique.com (Kirsten's a regular). Here you can nab edgier and artsier frocks by Chloe, Alexander McQueen, Y & Kei, Stella McCartney and Sass and Bide. Traceyross.com is a hotbed for celebrity fashion, too.

Another L.A. outpost with a Web site

for the rest of us is bellegray.com, owned by former *Melrose Place* and *Days of Our Lives* star Lisa Rinna. You can shop by designer, category or as worn by to see what the stars are hankering for these days. You can find some of the more predictable garb like Juicy sweats, but there's also a cool selection of more underground items by VATO, I Can 2 and even the shop's own private label.

Last, cruise by famousfashionsfound.com, where you can shop by TV show, movie, magazine must-haves star, designer, etc. Find Selma Blair's belt line Elegantly



Waisted here, as well as Jessica Simpson designed Goldenbleu bags, this preppy tartan cap @ famousfashionsfound.com. Lamont hats and whatever else Jessica is wearing that week.

And a quick word to the style wise: Let celebrities inspire you, but don't be an imitator — Paris impersonators are never haute (despite what her copycat twin might think).

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Artist finds beauty inside and out

By Wendy White

As a national makeup artist for Estee Lauder, Fere Shirvani travels five days out of every week.

Originally from Milan, Italy, she now lives in Chicago but is based out of New York. Somehow, she manages to visit Metro Detroit quite often, and says it's like a homecoming.

One recent weekday I visit Fere (pronounced Fer-ah) at the Estee

Lauder counter at Neiman Marcus, Somerset. As we chat, women come up and hug her, kiss her, tell her they're so glad to see her again.

"I'm excited to be back in Michigan. It's one of my favorite spots to be," Shirvani says in her charming Italian accent. "The Midwest, you can't beat it. The people are so friendly."

Shirvani wears a black turtleneck with black pants tucked into shearling Coach boots. "I'm a Coach freak. I have them on speed dial," she says. Yves Saint Laurent sunglasses sit atop her hair.



Fere Shirvani

Estée Lauder National Artist

Meet Fere Shirvani, national makeup artist for Estee Lauder, as she visits counters throughout Metro Detroit.

Feb. 28-March 1 Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy

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April 5-6: Marshall Field's, Novi

April 7-8: Marshall Field's, Somerset

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In her position with Estee Lauder, Shirvani hobnobs with the stars, doing makeup for models and celebrities. But her biggest high comes from connecting with the women who visit her at department stores across the country.

"I have people who come back and I always remember them," she says. "I treat them like they were my girl friends. I may remember one or two models I've done, but I remember all my clients' faces."

Shirvani's tools of transformation are Estee Lauder makeup and skin care products, but also her warmth and enthusiasm. After being around her, you walk away feeling refreshed — both inside and out.

"I want to make sure everyone who gets out of the chair is absolutely 100 percent comfortable in her own skin," Shirvani says. Shirvani says women in the Midwest too often sacrifice me-time for mom-time. And women everywhere suffer from a negative self-image.

"What makes me sad is so many people say 'I'm so old, you can't do anything with this face.' I ask how old they are and they say '40,' she says. "I don't believe in age and not being able to do certain things. We are women. We like to feel we can do anything we want."

Shirvani says she loves showing cosmetic junkies the latest products and trends, but gets equal satisfaction teaching makeup novices simple techniques they haven't tried before. I tell her applying eyeliner has always been a problem for me, so I don't often wear it.

She dabs black powder eyeshadow along my top lash line using a flat-tipped

brush, and my eyes pop. Later, she applies some gloss and my lips sparkle. Shirvani has such a matter-of-fact approach with Estee Lauder products, you hardly notice she's selling them. Instead, you feel like you're making a friend.

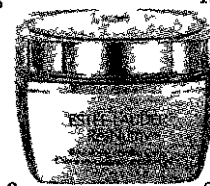
Shirvani has always loved cosmetics. She recalls the gorgeous perfume spray bottle on her grandmother's vanity, and doing her mother's makeup when she was just four years old.

"Complete with blue eyeshadow on her cheeks," Fere said. "She would wear it out the door and then take it off in the car so she wouldn't hurt my feelings."

Shirvani has come a long way. These days people stand in line for a face by Shirvani. She makes sure they're satisfied.

"Makeup is like a pair of shoes. If you don't feel comfortable, you're not going to wear it," she says.

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Local teens shown here in the stylings of Guys n Gals will model clothes from throughout Metro Detroit at Fashion Unleashed to raise money for the Ben Brith Youth Organization

Fashionista Shopping Party

Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres while celebrity stylists present the hottest spring trends from BCBG Theory, Nanette Lepore and Tracy Reese 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 2 at Marshall Field's Somerset. Free beauty treatments, gifts with purchase and special discounts make this a fashionista's dream come true. Reservations required by March 1. Call (248) 816-4130.

Kay Unger Personal Appearance

Meet designer Kay Unger and view her Spring 2006 collection 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 4 at Neiman Marcus Somerset. Call (248) 643-3300.

Prom As You Like It

Preview the latest prom styles during As You Like It Prom Event 2006 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Parisian Laurel Park Place. The day includes a 1 p.m. prom fashion show, refreshments, live music and prom giveaways. Get a free makeup consultation and take home a deluxe Clinique sample for trying on a dress. Visit www.parisian.com to find out how you can win a \$250 shopping spree and \$2,000 in cash for your school or call (734) 953-7500.

Prom Week at Von Maur

Visit the Junior Department at Von Maur Laurel Park Place through March 4 to see styles, colors and designs for prom 2006. Purchase any regular priced prom dress of \$100 or more by labels like Jessica McClintock, Morgan & Co. and Zum Zum and receive a

special gift: Buy matching Chinese Laundry shoes and get a free cosmetic bag. Call (734) 432-6949.

American Girls Fashion Show

The Junior League of Birmingham will host four American Girl Fashion Shows at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham March 3-5 featuring historical and contemporary fashions. Local girls selected through auditions will model. Two-hour shows are 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 3 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4 and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Tickets for the Friday show are \$35; all other shows are \$30, benefiting various charities supported by JLB. Call (248) 203-9841.



PHOTO BY KRISTEN TAYLOR

Chelsea Rutherford of Ontario will model in the American Girls Fashion Show

Fashion Unleashed Runway Event

Local teens will model styles from Guys n Gals, Moosejaw, twc surf and sport and The Shirt Box at this fund-raiser set for 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4. The show will benefit Ben Brith Youth Organization. Music, Star Trax dancers, a coffee/hot chocolate bar, desserts and prizes complete the evening. Tickets \$18 for young people and \$36 for adults can be purchased at the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road. Call (248) 788-0700.

Spring '06 Fashion Book Event

Parisian will hold its free Fashion Book Event noon-3 p.m. March 16 at both store locations: Laurel Park Place in Livonia and The Village of Rochester Hills. View must-have trends, sip tropical drinks, relax to Latin jazz and watch informal modeling. Receive a spring cosmetic makeover with national makeup artists and register to win a 3-night trip for two at Costa Careyes Resort, Mexico. RSVP by March 13: (734) 953-7500 Laurel Park or (248) 276-6705 Rochester Hills.

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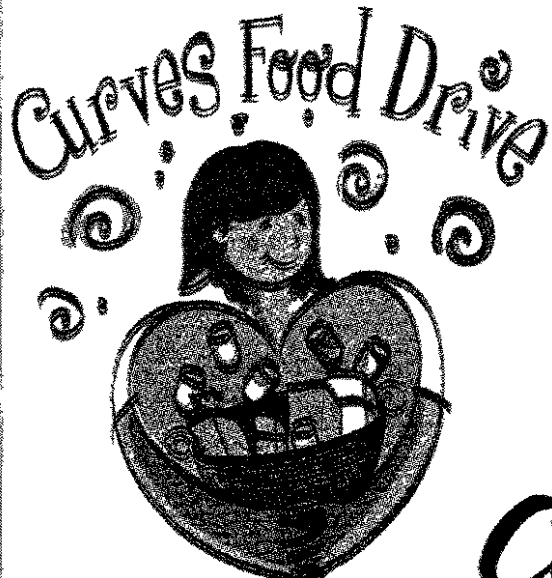
Marshall Field's Men's Night

Marshall Field's Somerset makes shopping easy and fun with this special night 5-8 p.m. March 9. Guys can enjoy cocktails, liquor tastings, Americana hors d'oeuvres and complimentary grooming services as they check out the latest in menswear. Call (248) 816-4130.

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Oscar Buzz

Linda Solomon takes PINK beyond the red carpet

Interview by Wensdy White ■ Photos by Linda Solomon

Photojournalist Linda Solomon has come a long way since she began her career at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers in 1980. The Birmingham resident has become known as a celebrity photographer because her portfolio includes images of Hollywood's biggest names. Linda's work has been widely featured on national television, and she recently published the best-selling coffee table book *People We Know, Horses They Love*. For more than 20 years, Linda has been among the elite group of photographers selected to shoot the Oscars in Los Angeles. With the 78th annual Academy Awards fast approaching, we phoned Linda at her second home in Tucson, Ariz. to find out what it's like to shoot the red carpet.



Linda Solomon

How did you land the to-die-for job of shooting the Oscars?
When I first started my column with Detroit News in 1982 I sent a letter asking for credentials, and that was my first year. I was a columnist at the News for nine years, and covered the Oscars every year. I would go right from the Oscars to the airport and put my film on a plane. Someone would pick it up in Detroit so it could be published the next day.

Do you automatically get to go back every year?

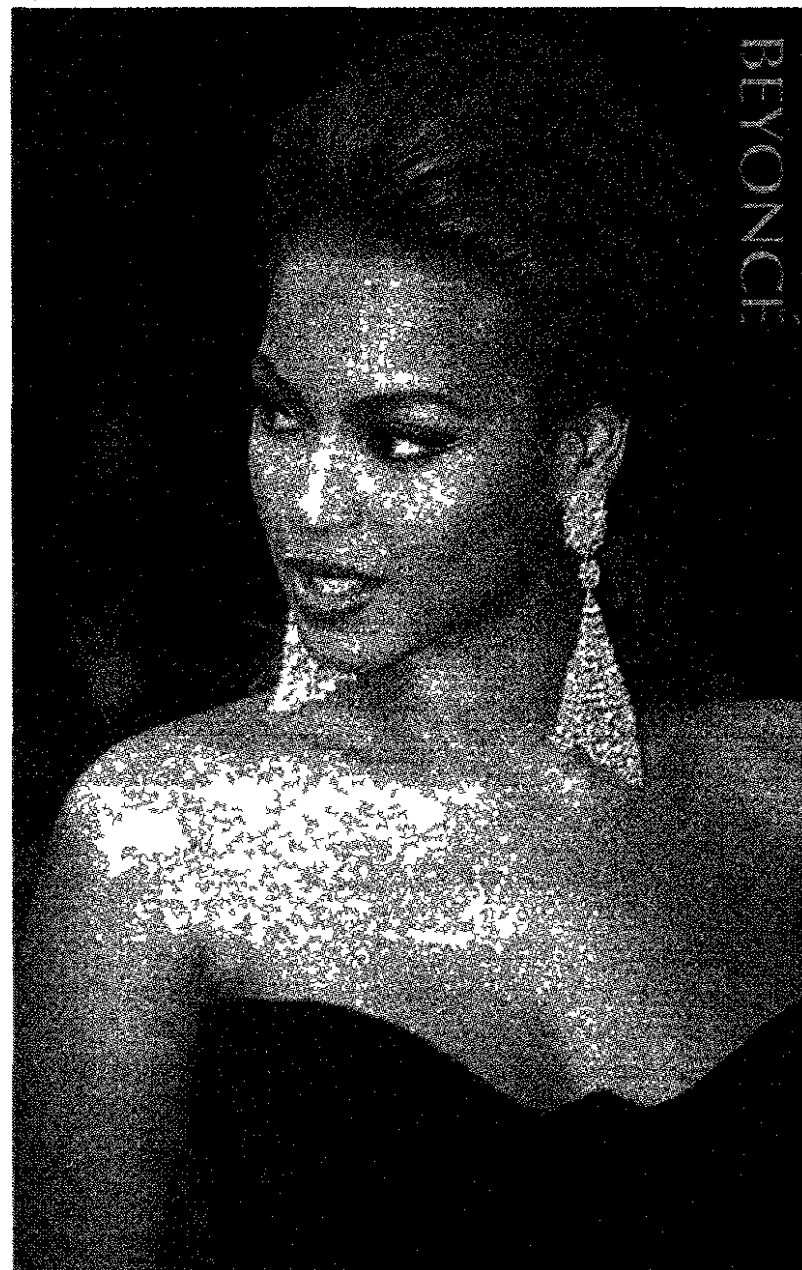
No. Even though I've been covering the awards for a long time and they do know me, you are re-evaluated every year. They really want to make sure the journalists they've invited have covered the Oscars in a way they feel is accurate. There are strict rules and unbelievable security. Even though you may have every credential around your neck, you still can't move around freely.

Describe the scene on the red carpet.

The stars begin to arrive around 4:30 p.m. Usually there's a crush at the very end as all the big names come in, so you've got maybe a second to capture all the nominated stars as they race through 110 photographers from all over the world, and videographers doing interviews. It's very challenging to get a shot, let alone a good one. You have to be ready, know which lenses to use and how you want to do it because you only have seconds and you can't afford to miss. Afterwards, the stars who win go to the press rooms where you have an opportunity to photograph them with their Oscars.

What's the press room like?

There are four different press rooms, and I'm in the one for general photography. Once stars walk off stage they will go to each of the four rooms



for about 10 minutes and quickly move to the next. The press room is nice, but the red carpet is the most challenging and fun. There's no comparison. The press rooms are very calm, but the red carpet is just a thrill. The minute the stars step out of the limo there's a lot of noise because fans have been in the stands for two nights to protect their spots, and everybody's screaming.

What do you wear?

The key to the Oscars is wearing the right shoes. I wear cowboy boots every year because they're comfortable. Once you're in your spot you can't move for five hours. They

see Oscar Buzz next page



Oscar

require you to wear black tie, so I wear all black I do my thing — a sequined tank with a black cashmere sweater, black pants and black cowboy boots This year I'm going to wear my pewter cowboy boots And I always wear my Native American jewelry One year Dustin Hoffman came up to me and complimented my jewelry You have all these women wearing Fred Leighton and here I am with my concho belt, and my big turquoise chandelier earrings handmade by an artist You've gotta be a little different

Your sister, Jill Rappaport, also covers the Oscars as Entertainment Correspondent for *The Today Show*. Do you hang out with her?

I never get to see her We drive there together and I don't see her again until the next morning when she's reporting on TV She's on the red carpet and in the broadcast room She stays at the Four Seasons, and I'll stay at my mom's

Your mother comes with you, right?

My mother has always been my assistant We have a great time Her actual title is 'messenger' She takes my film to the lab in the middle of the night so they can start printing, and I can go on the air in the morning and talk about it One year, Tom Hanks walked through and my mom was standing next to me, and he said 'Is that your mother? Let me take a photo of you two Photographers never get their pictures taken' He actually photographed me with my mother in the red carpet line It was so adorable He is so nice His wife, Rita Wilson, was laughing It was very sweet of him

Do you have many opportunities to talk to stars?

Sometimes on the red carpet you do have a chance to talk It's rare, but you can A couple years ago Kate Hudson was nominated She came through the red carpet first and then Goldie walked by and asked 'Did you see Kate?' I said she looked beautiful, and Goldie was thrilled Yes, she's a famous actress but

her daughter was nominated, and that night she was just a proud mom Once I stopped Robin Williams who was with his mother He went to Detroit Country Day and they lived in Bloomfield Hills right off Long Lake and Woodward, so I told her I was from Birmingham and his mother was so excited

Do you ever get starstruck?

I do get starstruck I am so excited to photo George Clooney this year I've never photographed him, and he's never been to the Oscars, even as a present

Where are your photos published?

They've aired nationally on *Good Morning America*, CBS and CNN I've been doing this so darn long that I'm asked to do retrospectives I have such a wide array of images we can use I pick out photos through the years that capture the essence of the Awards I have shots that I'm really quite proud of

Do you sell your photos to tabloids?

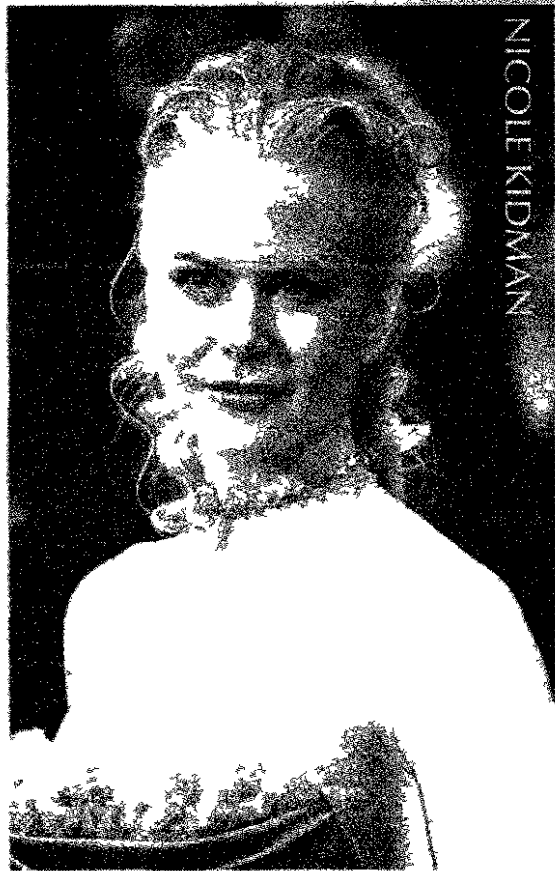
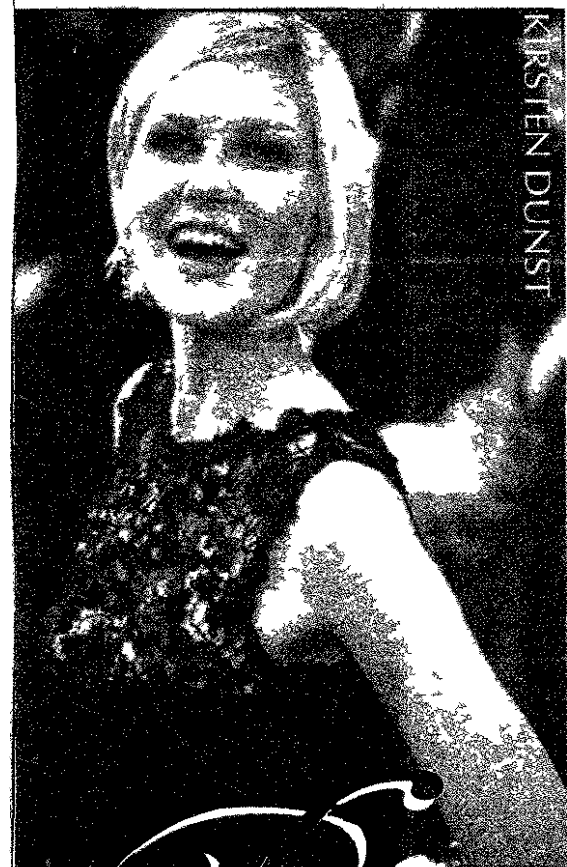
I've never sold to a tabloid, never I've been asked, and have always turned them down I'm very, very picky I think you have to be

Do you go to any after-parties?

I'm usually invited to some parties, but I am so tired Doing the red carpet and press room it's long day I arrive at 1 30 in the afternoon When I first started, we had to get there at 9 a.m. to find a spot and guard it with your life Now we have assigned places but that system only started about five years ago

Do you have to be aggressive to get the shots you need?

We've all heard about the paparazzi You leave your manners at home when you go to the Academy Awards because the European press can be very difficult The London press is similar to guerilla warfare They're fighting for their shot



All photos courtesy of Linda Solomon, from the 2005 Academy Awards

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People can be very rude. You have to alter some of your style —I'm usually very easygoing.

What kind of equipment do you use?

I bring four cameras so I'm prepared for any kind of shot. I go through 27 rolls of film.

You still use film?

I'm just really comfortable with my film. Through years I've noticed an amazing change—about six or seven years ago there were just one or two photographers using digital. Now, there are just one or two using film. It's unbelievable what's happened in a very short span. They call us dinosaurs, but I like the texture of film. I think it's warmer and there's certain types of film I use to get certain results. When I shot Robert Redford he appreciated that I use film because it's so natural. Digital has a lot of contrast, that's just my opinion. When I do faces, I don't want anything with that edge to it, especially when I photograph women.

You often zoom in for portraits of the stars. Why?

The last couple years that's what I wanted to concentrate on because everyone else is doing full length. I go on TV with the images before and after the awards, in Arizona and L.A., so I like things that have a different look. These people are so magnificent looking, why not see them as they really are?

You are known for not altering your images.

In magazines photographs are so often retouched, but I think people want to see celebrities without being altered. They are just as beautiful. In

today's world there are too many altered images and it's creating a self-image problem for women. You don't need to take anything off a face. They're human, they have expressions, so let's see them the way they really are.

You photograph stars under other circumstances, what's special about the Oscars?

My favorite aspect is the opportunity to photograph stars with their families. It's the only time you get to see them with their children and parents. That's very rare because they protect them so much. Who would have imagined when I shot Angelina Jolie at age nine that she would become a major celebrity? It's so personal. You see their affection, love and excitement. They're proud and happy and they want to share the excitement with their families.

Do you have any predictions?

There were some wonderful films this year. I loved *Brokeback Mountain*. The cinematography is the most exquisite I've ever seen. Every frame is a still photograph. I think it's an exciting year for the Oscars. There are a lot of close races here — *Brokeback Mountain* and *Crash* are in the lead, but you never know. There's always a few surprises. In the press room all the photographers are trying to predict and they always get it wrong.

What is the key to being a successful photographer?

I always say sensitivity is number one. It doesn't matter if your camera is film or digital, it's your heart that separates you from someone else. It's how you capture the essence of someone. It's understanding how natural light impacts the face. I always use natural light, and at the Oscars it's late afternoon with that gorgeous, subtle light of day, so it's a beautiful time to shoot.

Designer is 'in' with 'Project Runway'

Michigan native makes it to the final three

When it comes to *Project Runway*, you're either in, or you're out. If you're "in" with millions of fans who watch the design reality show, you've seen Grand Rapids native Daniel Vosovic cut, drape and sew his way into the final three. Vosovic has won a record five challenges — most recently, supermodel Iman chose his evening gown to wear to a red carpet event. The win placed him among the final three contestants, who presented collections during Olympus Fashion Week in New York. Vosovic grew up in East Grand Rapids with his parents, Dan and Sharon Vosovic, and his older sister, Sarah. A competitive gymnast, he planned to attend a Big 10 school for athletics, but changed his mind before graduating from Lowell High School. Vosovic soon discovered a talent for sketching and creating clothing, and embarked on his career in design. We spoke to the 24-year-old on his cell phone in New York about what it was like on *Project Runway*.

When did you move to New York?

I went to Grand Rapids Community College, and the deal that I struck with my parents was if I went to community college for three years they would help me go to FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology).

How did you first become interested in design?

I've always, always been a designer whether it was with sculpture, with painting — even theatre, architecture and landscaping. I didn't officially make the career switch to become a fashion designer till I was 18, when I took my first fashion design course at community college. It's a seemingly risky career, but if it's what I do, I'm going to make it work.

How did you get on *Project Runway*?

I auditioned in mid-April here in New York, my senior year at FIT. Throughout the whole application process I helped move about 20 guys out of the dorms, looked for an apartment, had my senior show and my senior portfolio. Then I moved and didn't even unpack or get any furniture. I was sleeping on the floor and five days after graduation I literally ripped open boxes and pulled what I would need for the show — all my clothing and sewing supplies. I did laundry, repacked a suitcase and left.

Do you think *Project Runway* is serious design show?

Of course. I think that *Project Runway* is just an extreme version of design school. You're always going. You're pulling late nights, working on a budget, working project to project. I think it was a big advantage for me to be right out of college because people in the industry don't necessarily have that lifestyle anymore. The job becomes more specific when you're into your career, and you don't have to multitask, but when you're a student you're doing every single thing — pattern making, draping, design, with no time and no sleep. It really was fashion boot camp.

Project Runway

Tune in to see if Daniel Vosovic wins!
Project Runway Season Two
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Daniel Vosovic

Did you make friends with people on the show?

I'm friends with everyone on the show. I'm really good friends with Nick and John Wade and Raymundo. Honestly, I do still talk to everyone. I just think it's an understanding of having gone through a very intense, similar experience together. It's definitely not what people think it's like — it's much more intense than what you guys will ever see on television.

What's Heidi Klum like?

Before and after the film starts rolling, she's very, very funny and what makes her so much more beautiful is her personality. She's a goofball, has a great family, and she's able to crack jokes about herself. That's what makes her so appealing. She really is as gorgeous as she appears.

What was it like to win the challenge that put you in the final three?

It was just a mix of emotion, having Iman wear my dress and then getting that ticket to Fashion Week. I actually do not like my dress, though. It's comparable to the lingerie episode because although I won, it wasn't the idea I wanted to achieve. There were so many complications in the mental design, and the fabric wasn't where I wanted and needed it to be. I was more proud of my Nicky Hilton dress and the orchid outfit.

What was it like to show your collection at New York Fashion Week?

The whole experience was so positively overwhelming. It really was a mix of emotions because you wanted to enjoy every minute but it was not the time to celebrate yet. Bottom line for me, there was a job that had to be done. I was backstage running everywhere — I was multitasking like a crazy man. I've been to many fashion shows, and I've worked backstage, but having all that energy centered on me was the insane part, just the pinnacle of excitement, so intense I can't even explain it.

Do people recognize you now?

Yeah, two girls just stopped about 50 feet away from me to take my picture. I waved and they ran away. On the train, there are people grabbing me, telling me they love the show. I make sure I have my iPod on and my hair in my eyes, and go about my business. It's a trip. This whole reality show thing will wear off and in the end, I want to be known as a good designer. The whole fame thing is fun, but this isn't what I signed up for.



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Daniel Vosovic won the fanciful 'Garden Party' challenge by creating this dress out of greenery and flowers.

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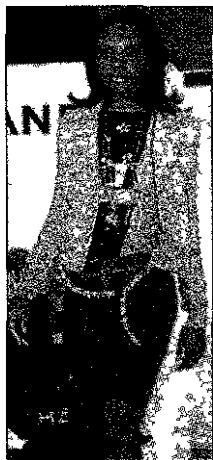
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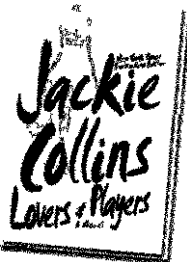
A ponytail, low and to the side

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Pride and Prejudice

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Drink It!

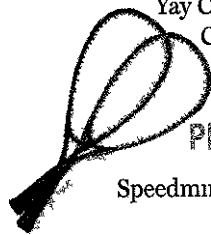
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Armani Face Designers (from left) Debra Montgomery, Shelley Smith, Liz Shepanek and Monique Zafarana staff the new Giorgio Armani Beauty Bar at Saks Fifth Avenue. During the Super Bowl, wives of the Pittsburgh Steelers booked time on Saturday, Feb. 4 to get ready for pre-game parties. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and the newest spring colors awaited their arrival. Face designers gave the NFL wives — and their entourage — this season's smoky eyes and nude lips. How can the everyday gal get the Armani glow? Start with best-selling Luminous Silk Foundation, applied with a natural-bristled brush. Patented microfibril in all Armani products ensures subsequent layers bond into a single, sheer finish.

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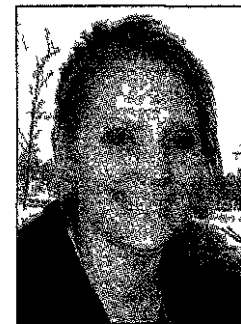
By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

It was a cold and blustery Monday, one that calls for a hot mocha latte, so PINK headed to Starbucks in Northville to ask four local women

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fries that
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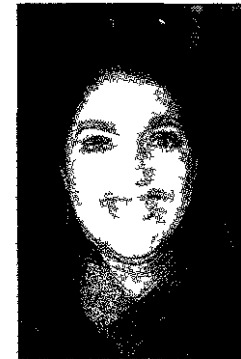


"Cookies
Chocolate chip
I'd say three or
four at a time"

Krystle Weingart,
Livonia

"Pedicures It's
down time for a
single mom"

Grae Gummerus,
Novi



"Spending time
by myself in a
bathtub reading
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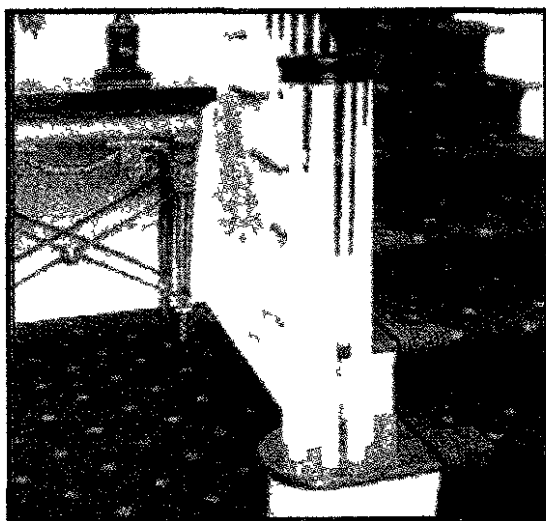
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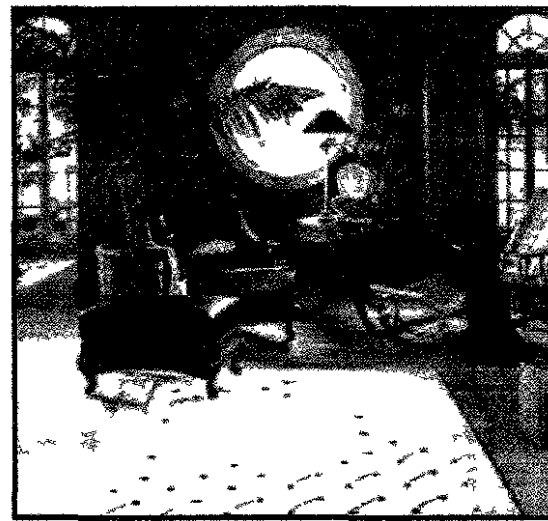
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