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State moves to clear up cemetery mess

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Consumers who paid for cemetery services they never received will have new hope following a state decision to seize control over 28 public cemeteries, amid allegations of financial improprieties by the owner, an official said Wednesday.

Farmington Hills attorney Mark Zausmer, appointed as conservator over the cemeteries, said he will work diligently toward getting grave markers,

benches, plaques and other items never delivered.

The 28 cemeteries now under state control include Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland and United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, among others in Wayne County and across Michigan.

Attorney General Mike Cox asked Ingham County Circuit Judge James Giddings to allow the state to seize control of the cemeteries and to appoint Zausmer to secure the trust funds and operate them.

"We're running these cemeteries and trying to stabilize the situation and preserve the assets in the best interests of the consumers," Zausmer said Wednesday.

"We're trying to determine the exact nature of all the consumer complaints," he said. "There are many people who ordered items, such as markers, benches and plaques, that they never received. Many of these people paid for these things."

Some monument and bronze companies refused to deliver the

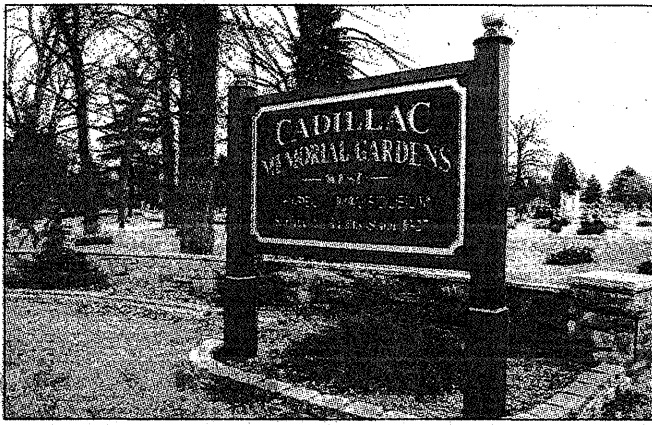
items because they hadn't been paid for prior services by the company that owns the cemeteries, Indian Nation LLC, managed by Oklahoma investor Clayton Smart, according to Zausmer.

Zausmer pledged to work toward getting the money to the companies so that the items can be delivered to the cemeteries.

"I'm hopeful that 90 days will be a reasonable amount of time to figure it out," he said.

PLEASE SEE CEMETERIES, A5

Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland is now under state control.



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Simply Marvel-ous

Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum, that is

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Talk about sensory overload. Imagine thousands of things that tick, spin, beep, twirl, fly, pop and even smoke — all hanging or perched, floor to ceiling, with only small paths for the non-mechanical species to maneuver through the mechanical maze.

If it all seems a bit much, it is — and it's all at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills.

Indeed, it is a museum, but without the red velvet ropes, docents and the "no food or drinks" sign. This extensive collection of mechanical relics mixed in with today's hottest arcade games, is a national draw for people of all ages. And, it's certainly hands-on — as long as those hands are filled with quarters.

An old-fashioned nickelodeon stands more than 10 feet tall and probably as wide, and awaits a couple of quarters so it can put its 60-or-so instruments to use. This amazing machine can play thousands of songs on instruments such as a piano, banjo, xylophone, steel drum and various gui-



Ask The Brain offers answers to your questions, but most of the time his answers do not make sense. He is also a known cynic.

PLEASE SEE MARVIN'S, A5



Jeremy Yagoda describes some of the more unusual machines at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum, which is owned by his father, Marvin Yagoda.

Rothwell: We can transform region

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Doug Rothwell is bullish on southeast Michigan.

He has to be. As president of Detroit Renaissance, he heads an organization committed to restarting the economic engine that runs southeast Michigan.



Rothwell

And now that Detroit Renaissance has joined forces with five other area nonprofit organizations to create One D: Transforming Regional Detroit, Rothwell said the time is right to effect real change in the region.

"Southeast Michigan, and indeed the entire state, is in crisis," he said. "But oftentimes it takes a crisis to shake us from our doldrums and provide opportunity

for meaningful change. I believe this region is at that point right now."

Detroit Renaissance was the first of the six groups to report on how specifically it plans to work to transform the region. Its "Road to Renaissance" blueprint was developed following a near yearlong effort interviewing roughly 600 business and civic leaders representing hundreds of organizations throughout the region.

From that information, the group's board of directors — a virtual who's who of area industry leaders — will work with task forces that will focus on helping metro Detroit achieve six primary objectives: become the world's dominant mobility center; become a global logistics hub; grow the creative community; expand the region's entrepreneurial capacity; secure a strong talent base, and promote the region globally while communicating locally.

Rothwell said that unlike many

past studies, this blueprint will not simply sit on a shelf collecting dust.

"We will pressure ourselves to prove to the public sector and general public that we are making real progress by issuing quarterly report cards about what we have done and what we have accomplished," he said. "Once we prove our worth, it will put pressure on the rest of the community to join us."

Rothwell said in order for the region to regain its economic footing, it must shed its "mindset of entitlement" and a reliance on procurement-based industries.

"The past success of the auto industry caused a mindset among the workforce that a high-end benefit package was a right, and that people were entitled to high-paying jobs without needing to invest in themselves," he said.

"That mold is broken for ever, it is not coming back. We need to convince our people that they need

to become better educated and better trained to meet the needs of the future marketplace."

A more immediate challenge for the group, Rothwell said, is to change the image of the region from the inside out.

"Our regional perception survey showed that people in this region feel worse about the area than those from outside of it, which is a huge problem," he said. "This area has a ton going for it, but we won't be able to convince others to come and invest here if we remain mired in pessimism and self-loathing."

Rothwell said he is "absolutely certain" the metro region can regain its place of prominence both nationally and internationally. The road to recovery may be long and windy, but it is navigable.

"We've got something really great going here," he said of the "Road to Renaissance" initiative and the One D movement. "We don't want to simply be talkers any longer. We want to be doers."

Schools, IKEA made headlines in 2006

As 2006 draws to an end, we take a look back at some of the stories that made headlines in western Wayne County. It was an election year, a year in which governments and businesses struggled and a year of some surprising successes.

Wayne County McNamara dies

Edward H. McNamara, longtime Wayne County executive and Livonia mayor, died Feb. 19. McNamara served 17 years as Livonia mayor and 16 years as Wayne County executive. He built a powerful Democratic political machine and was a mentor to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Michael Duggan and other prominent political figures. His legacy includes the \$1.6 billion expan-



Edward H. McNamara had a long and productive life in politics as mayor of Livonia for 17 years and Wayne County Executive for 16 years.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Passport fair Jan. 3

2007 is a good year to get a passport. Soon, the navy blue ID booklet will be required for travel throughout the Western Hemisphere. The Livonia post office will hold a passport fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Carl Sandburg Library on Seven Mile. "Instead of waiting in line with people who are sending packages or buying stamps, this is specifically for passports applications," said Patricia Nouhan, customer service supervisor at the Livonia Main Post Office. Plus, the library has plenty of parking. Applicants must bring an original birth certificate, with a

raised seal. The certificates will be returned, along with the passport, through mail. Minors applying for passports need parental permission. The fair is open to residents of any local community. The cost is \$97. Of that, \$30 goes to the post office for processing the application. The other \$67 pays the Department of State. Bring separate checks or money orders. Photos can be taken on site for \$15. Air travelers must produce a passport to reenter the United States beginning Jan. 23, according to the U.S. Department of State. If by land or sea, travelers will need a passport beginning in 2008 to get back in the U.S. from any country.

Charity drive

A Livonia couple enjoyed a bout of good weather, and 44 families in three Kentucky counties enjoyed a bounty of presents. That's how Mary and Jim Hendrian spent their Christmas vacation. For seven years through their charity, Help Appalachian People Survive, the Hendrians have brought Christmas presents, furniture and appliances to families in the Appalachian mountains who don't have basic necessities. To date, 24 semi-trucks full of merchandise have been dispatched to the region, with the help of the Teamsters Local 299 and local volunteers. Teamsters Joint Council 94 and USF Holland each donated a truck and fuel to transport the gifts from Michigan to Kentucky. It's not too early to help with next year's effort.

Mary Hendrian is looking for a nearby storage facility to use for free to keep donated items between trips. The storage facility she used in the past is under new ownership. The effort has grown so big, "I can't store it all in my basement or garage anymore," she said. A spring charity drive will be scheduled. Volunteers can also adopt a family for next Christmas. A fund-raiser will be held Oct. 6 at a Knights of Columbus hall in Livonia. For more information about how to help, visit www.haps-mi.org.

Farmington

The Farmington City Council is currently accepting applications from eligible Farmington residents to complete a term on the City Council expiring Nov. 11, 2007. Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office or on the City Web site.

www.ci.farmington.mi.us and will be accepted until 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007. A special 3-hour holiday skating session will be held 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Sunday, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, located on Eight Mile, west of Gill Road in Farmington Hills. The ice arena will close at 2:30 p.m. and will remain closed on New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1. Regular skate schedules will resume on Jan. 2. Farmington Public Schools will present its 15th annual Day for Strings program. The district will partner with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for this event which begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 6. The culminating activity, open to the public, takes place at 2 p.m. in the North Farmington High School gym and will involve several hundred string students. The high school is located at 32900 13 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Admission to the program is free to parents, friends and school personnel. The program will include performances by the fifth grade orchestra, the sixth grade cadet orchestra, the seventh grade orchestra, and high school honors and concert orchestras.

Christmas trees collected for compost

The City of Livonia will collect Christmas trees for composting on the regularly scheduled trash collection day the week of Jan. 8-12. Decorations must be removed, and trees should not be left in plastic bags. For information, call the Livonia Sanitation Department at (734) 466-2588.

Read Rick Bloom on money matters in the O&E, beginning Jan. 7

Read about how to invest and safeguard your money along with planning for the future in Rick Bloom's column which debuts Sunday, Jan. 7 in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Look for Bloom's column every Sunday and Thursday. On Thursdays, Bloom will cover a variety of topics on investments, college planning, retirement and 401(k)s. On Sundays, Bloom will answer questions from *O&E* readers.

Bloom is a founding partner in Bloom Asset Management, Inc., Farmington Hills, a Registered Investment Advisor firm that manages more than \$600 million in assets and is ranked No. 16 on Crain's Detroit Business' list of Largest Money Managers. He is also a partner in the law firm of Bloom, Bloom & Associates.

He hosts *The Rick Bloom Show* on 1400 WTKD-AM, and was also host of the popular *Money Talk* radio show on WXYT-AM 1270 for 16 years and *The Rick Bloom Show* on WDXD-1310 AM. His twice-daily Business Updates are also heard throughout the state on the Michigan Radio Network.

Bloom has been selected as one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by *Worth* magazine, and has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* and other national publications on financial planning and the stock market. He is also a fre-



Rick Bloom will be writing a financial column for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* beginning Jan. 7.

quent spokesperson regarding financial matters on local TV news and radio shows. Bloom gives numerous seminars and speeches on financial planning and investments at a number of local libraries as well as many professional, civic and business organizations. An honors graduate of both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan Law School, Bloom is a licensed attorney and certified public accountant (CPA).

Bloom will present a free seminar on "Investing 101" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, in the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road. Call (248) 932-5200 or e-mail seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com to register or for more information.

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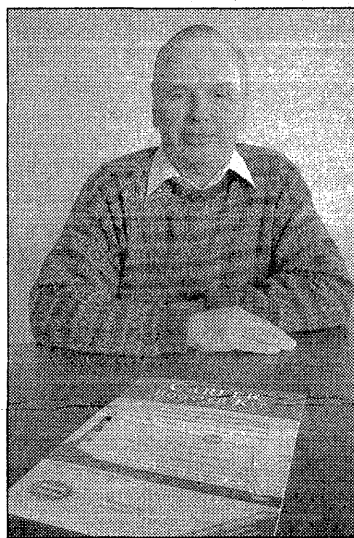
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Canton resident Hermann Kaiser authored the 'Career Booster Kit' with his son, Raymond A. Kaiser. He said it's aimed at people who are looking to make career changes.

Book aims to help people 'boost' career

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Born out of an idea tossed out 20 years ago, a career handbook penned by a father and son has recently hit bookshelves.

The "Career Booster Kit" is designed to help readers assess their career and define goals. Canton resident Hermann Kaiser authored the book with his son, Raymond A. Kaiser, and said it's aimed at people who "know they could do better but lack the tools to get started."

Unlike a job-hunting book that focuses on résumé tips and interviewing skills, the "Career Booster Kit" taps into long-range career planning that includes job changes, market forecasts and strategic planning.

The book is targeted at people who are concerned about job security, have jobs instead of careers, don't look forward to going to work, have stagnated in their progress and find their boss unacceptable.

With a variety of checklists and scorecards stuffed inside the handbook's 64 pages, Kaiser said he and Raymond made it a point to keep the book sleek and user-friendly.

"We didn't write this for libraries, we wrote it for users," Kaiser said. "There are a lot of big books out there but we didn't feel the need (to duplicate those). People don't have to read 150 pages to find out what to do."

The book, which is available at The Book Cellar in Plymouth

for \$14.95, has run into a few challenges getting mainstream attention.

"It's frustrating dealing with the big companies," Kaiser said. "They're more concerned about glitz instead of substance."

The two plan to follow up the "Career Booster Kit" with two more editions.

"We could write about another aspect but we have a lot of new ideas and we're going to stick with what we know," Kaiser said, adding that public response to the book has been positive.

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Humane Society has plenty of pets for you to love

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Heaven Schuster of Taylor and husband Ron came to the Michigan Humane Society in Westland Wednesday for a dog.

"A pal for the kids," she said. "They lost their dog a couple years ago." The children are ages 13, 6 and 2½ and eager for a new pet.

"This is for them more than us," Heaven Schuster said. "Dogs are good for kids. It's just like loving a child, really. It's something to play with and love. Everyone should come here."

They were among early visitors Wednesday when the doors opened at the MHS shelter on Newburgh at Marquette in Westland. The MHS also has shelters in Detroit and Rochester Hills.

"Last week it was quite busy," said MHS spokeswoman Stephanie Baron, a Macomb Township resident. "We've been busy. This (past) week'll probably be the same because kids are out of school."

The three facilities have a number of cats, dogs and other animals available for adoption. The MHS cares for more than 100,000 animals a year.

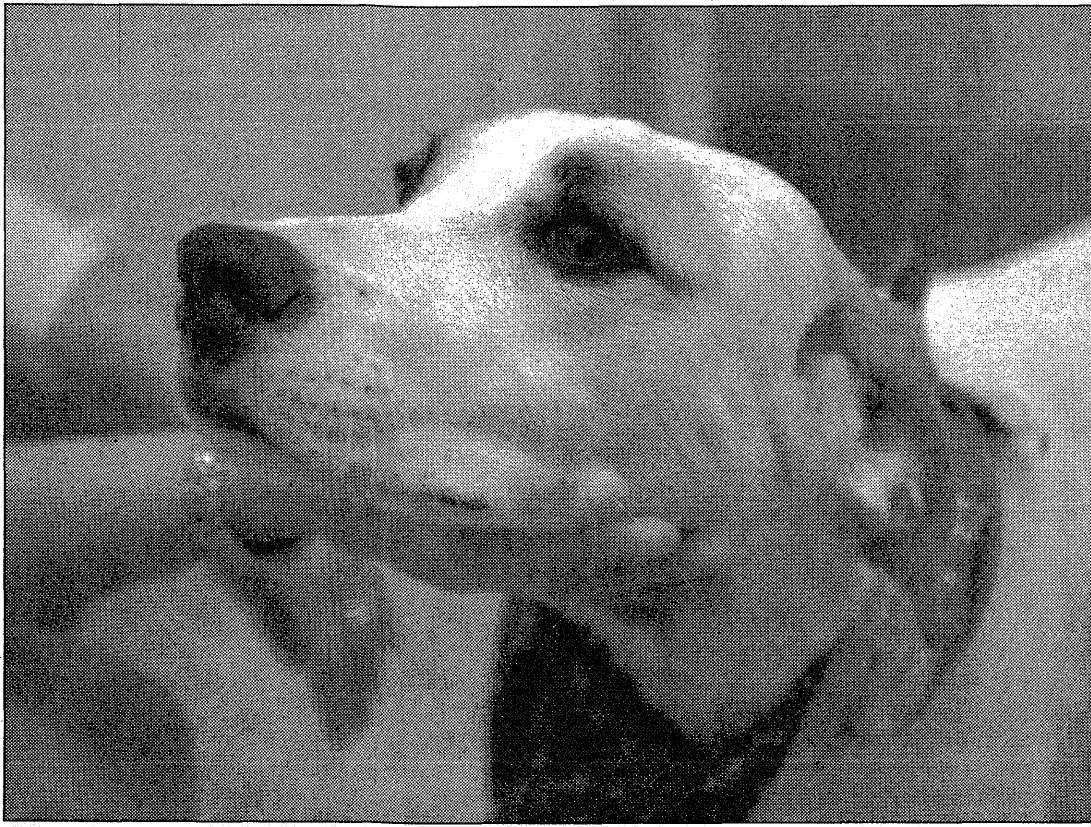
"So we've got quite a bit of work to do," Baron said with a smile.

She has down to earth advice for those considering pet adoption. "Bring your whole family with you, first of all."

The Schusters planned to return with their kids. The couple played with Apollo, a Jack Russell mix, but weren't sure the dog would do well with their youngest.

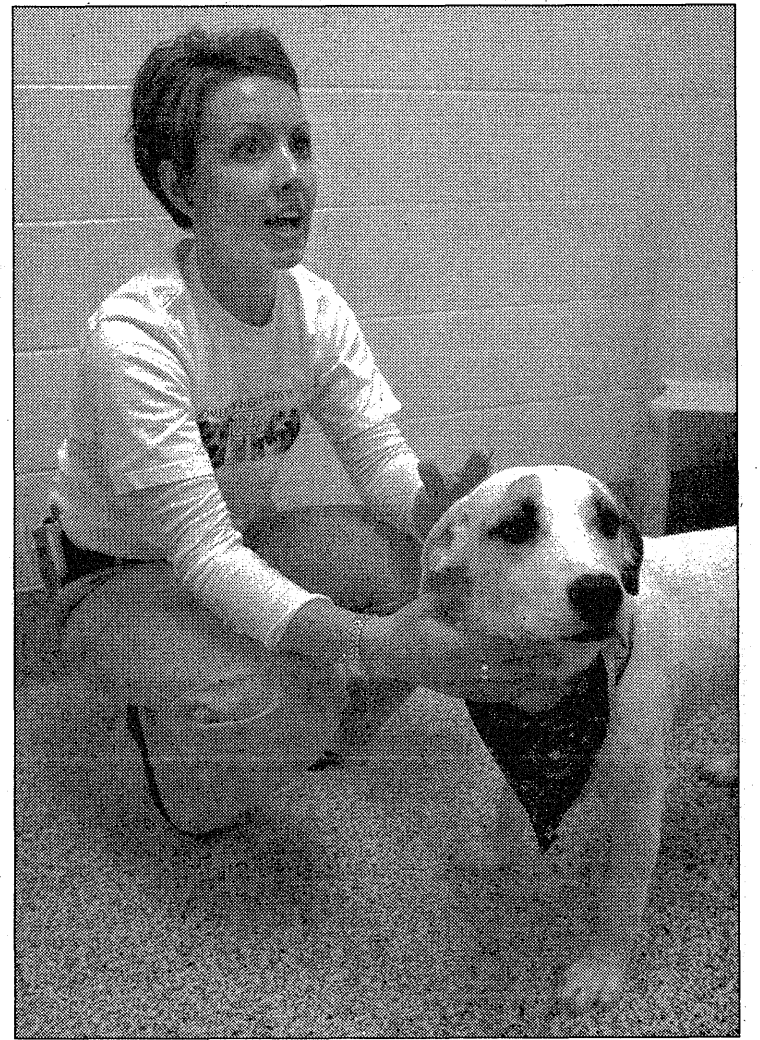
Baron said the MHS tries to match up lifestyles, for example putting certain pets in homes with only older children. "It can be difficult for both the family and the dog" if there's a mismatch, she explained.

Those considering adoption spend time in a "get acquainted" room with the pet to interact with the animal, and meet with an adoption counselor. Pets must be spayed or neutered as part of the adoption package, to control overpopulation and cut down on

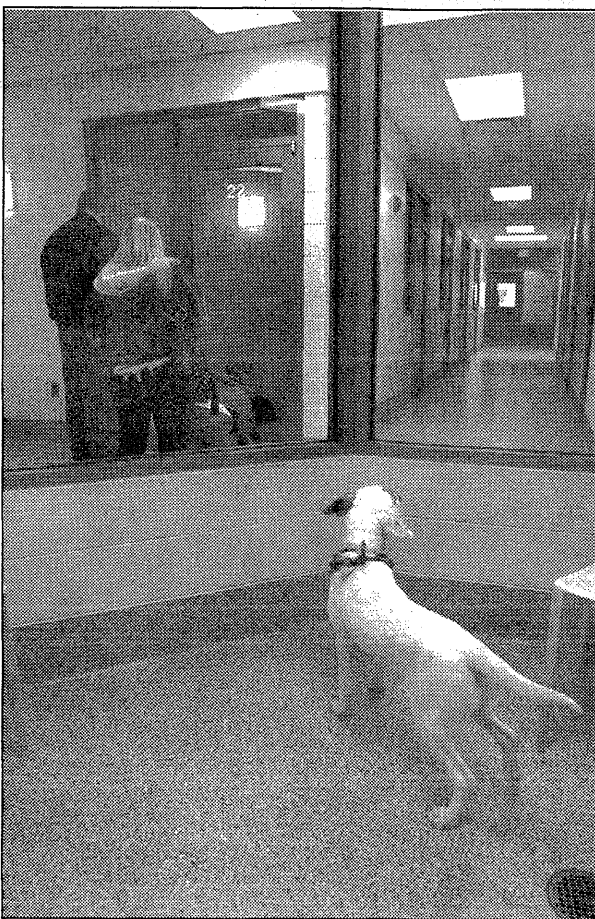


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A beagle mix who goes by the name of Snoopy enjoys a little attention from Humane Society staffer Stephanie Baron.



Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator for the Michigan Humane Society, and Snoopy, a beagle mix, explain the shelter's mission.



Snoopy explores a 'Get Acquainted' room where prospective pet owners can spend some time with an animal up for adoption.



Heaven and Ron Schuster get acquainted with Apollo, a Jack Russell terrier mix. The Schusters live in Taylor.

sunshine just does so much more for an animal," she said of the Westland facility's brightness.

The Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland was expanded a great deal. It now has some 40,000 square feet available, and will mark its two-year anniversary for the



Patches waits for a new home.

expansion this spring.

The MHS offers many services, including adoption, veterinary services and

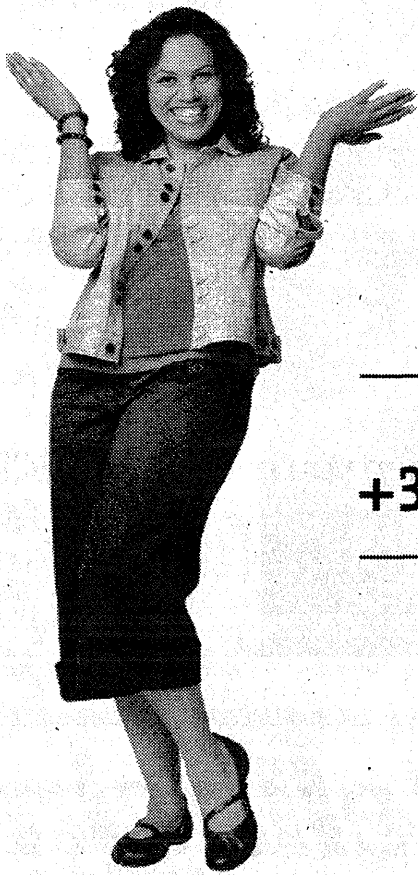
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Baron led a tour through the

"cat condo" area. She has two cats at home. "The natural

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sion at Metro Airport, that includes the south terminal named in his honor; the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority that built Comerica Park and Ford Field; a new juvenile detention center; and 16 consecutive balanced budgets after inheriting a \$135 million county debt.

Canton

IKEA cometh

"I can't remember a retail operation in the state of Michigan that has been greeted by as much anticipation," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack observed during the grand opening ceremonies for IKEA back in June.

In fact, the much-anticipated June 7 grand opening for the Swedish furniture retailer was as much a carnival as it was a store opening. When the doors finally opened, there were already 4,000 people waiting in line, many of whom had spent the night in the parking lot.

The day was also the culmination of a long process that began a couple years earlier when IKEA officials initially chose Canton to be the site of their first store in Michigan - a giant 311,000-square-foot store at Ford Road and I-275 that employs some 400 people.

It didn't take long for IKEA to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Audrey Seilheimer was first in line at IKEA's much anticipated opening and made a rock star's entrance to the cheers of IKEA Canton's employees.

prove its appeal, as more than 100,000 shoppers visited the store during the first four days it was opened.

Silver medal finish

Ice skaters Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who train at Canton's Arctic Ice arena, were the darlings of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy. The couple took the silver medal in ice dancing.

Garden City

GC privatizes positions

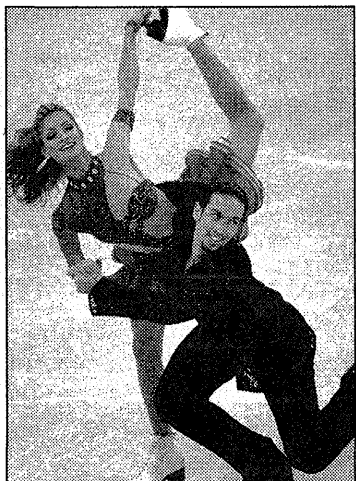
Faced with a \$1.3 million deficit, the Garden City Public Schools took the extraordinary step of privatizing its custodial services late June.

More than 30 employees were laid off when the school board

voted unanimously to hire Grand Rapids Building Services Inc. to clean the school buildings.

Angry custodians took the district to court in an attempt to stop the layoffs, but after more than two days of negotiations at the behest of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Isidore Torres, the two sides reached an agreement, giving the laid-off workers a better settlement package.

The custodians also mounted a recall against five of the school board members, collecting more than 2,400 signatures on each of the five petitions. However, Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett in November ruled that organizers had failed to collect enough signatures to force a special election.



COURTESY OF PAUL/MICHELLE HARVATH, U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Ice-dancing pair Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who train in Canton, became American darlings during their silver medal run at the Winter Olympics in Italy.

Library moved

Things are usually pretty quiet at a library but the Garden City Library got plenty of attention this year.

As part of efforts to deal with a budget deficit, City Manager David Harvey proposed closing the library and contracting for library services in a neighboring community. After hearing from residents on all sides of the issue, the council decided to accept an alternative plan - moving the library into the Maplewood Community Center and selling the vacated building. In November, voters rejected a proposal to fund construction and operation of a new community center/library. That month, the library reopened in its new location at Maplewood after being closed for nearly three months.

Livonia

Legacy school plan

Livonia Public Schools' Legacy Initiative, approved a year ago, focused on closing elementary school buildings to save money and improving education, especially for upper elementary students. The plan was criticized for, among other things, busing too many students, closing too many schools and making students go through an extra transition by attending very large grade five-six buildings. Opponents failed to get board members to change or delay the plan, but voted out one incumbent

in May. They also forced a recall election against five trustees - but voters retained the board members in August. The controversy apparently helped fuel an exodus of students, as the district lost 250 more than expected this fall, translating into more than \$2 million in revenue.

Toy loses election

State Sen. Laura Toy lost her bid for re-election to state Rep. Glenn Anderson following a bitter campaign, during which both candidates complained about the negative advertising. In addition to her time in the Senate, Toy has served in the state House, as a Livonia treasurer and on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

Plymouth

Sheldon underpass

One of the top stories of 2006 is one that really never happened - the ill-fated Sheldon Road underpass.

As in nearly every year since it was proposed some seven years ago, Wayne County officials said it would happen this year. But a number of problems left the project, which would close Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township for some 22 months, stalled in its tracks.

First, the City of Plymouth threatened to withdraw its financial support. County officials also had a hard time getting signed contracts from CSX Railroad and the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. Once that all finally happened, county officials announced the road would close and the project would begin in mid-December.

But then the discovery of a DTE Energy power line forced yet another delay. County officials announced last week the project would be delayed into January.

School bond fails

In May, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education decided to split the request for some \$120 million in bond proposals into two questions - one for basic needs, the other for things like a new pool, athletic upgrades and a new theater. Voters soundly defeated both questions, forcing the district to come up with a new plan. A smaller, more compact bond

issue comes before voters in February.

Redford

Redford Union deficit

The Redford Union school district faces a \$710,000 deficit this year. The deficit was caused by a decline in students. Enrollment dropped from 4,021 in fall 2005 to 3,816 students this fall. A district reorganization earlier in the year, including layoffs and building closings, was aimed at reducing a cumulative deficit estimated at \$3.4 million.

Dillon named Speaker

State Rep. Andy Dillon was elected Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. Dillon was elected to his second term in the House in November. The 44-year-old Dillon said he would emphasize job creation, schools and the environment during his tenure as speaker.

Westland

Park contamination

A controversy involving Central City Park rocked Westland after it became public in early November that city, county and state officials kept quiet for years about contamination, particularly lead, in the 100-acre park.

Angry parents lashed out at officials for allowing them and their children to use the park - without telling them about the contamination - for such events as Little League baseball, soccer and the cancer fund-raiser Relay for Life. Mayor Sandra Cicirelli ordered the park closed in early November except for a paved walking path.

Peer trial

A criminal case that captured attention in 2006 involved Westland teen and Livonia Franklin High athlete Jeremy Peer driving off a Florida road, killing a woman and injuring her husband during a spring break trip. He fled the scene but was later arrested.

One witness testified that Peer had been drinking alcohol - an allegation he denied at trial. A jury found him guilty, and a judge sentenced him to 12 years in prison. Under Florida law, he will have to serve more than 10 years before he is eligible for parole.

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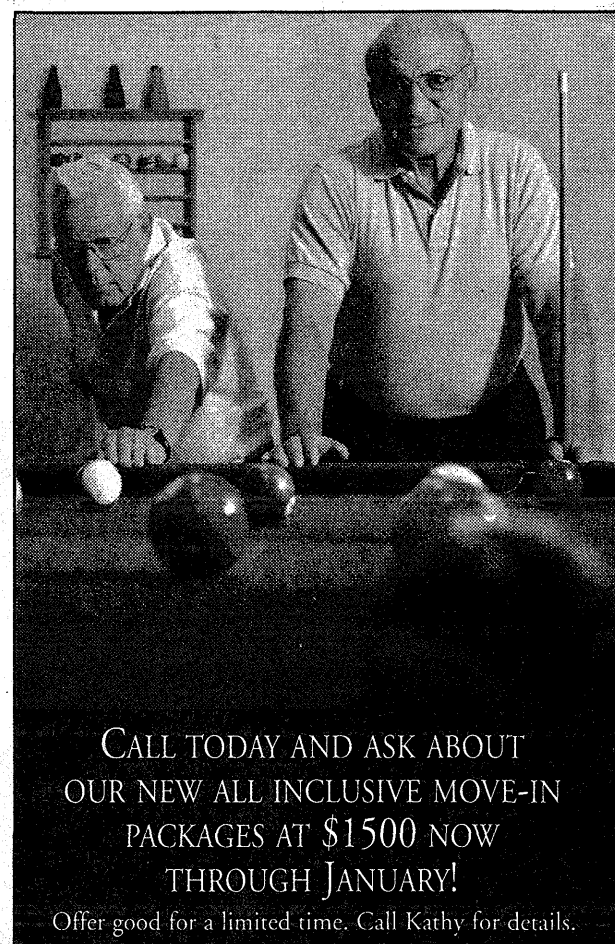
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MARVIN'S

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tars — all viewable as they come to life behind the Plexiglas. It was made for Marvin's by Ken Caulkins, of the Ragtime Music Co.

Around the corner, you'll find the original P.T. Barnum replica of the Cardiff Giant, which he commissioned following an 1869 hoax in Cardiff, N.Y., when workmen uncovered what they thought was an amazing petrified giant man. When P.T. Barnum tried to purchase the original "giant," his offer was refused, so he commissioned a replica, which is now housed at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum.

Other mechanical wonders at Marvin's include an English Execution machine, which was handmade in the 1930s. Next to that is Crankenstein, which invites guests to "crank the handle to revive the beast."

"The kids love this one," said Jeremy Yagoda, son of the museum's owner, Marvin Yagoda. "It scares the beezus out of 'em."

Model airplanes buzz across the museum on a moving cable line, while the noise of the video games create that unmistakable backdrop typical of any arcade. Photo booths, "claw" machines and even old-fashioned fortune teller machines like "Ask the Brain," who is a known cynic, and the antique Zelda the Mysterious, whose blue eye shadow and red lipstick hasn't faded in 50 years.

"There's no method to the madness," said Jeremy Yagoda, 32, of West Bloomfield. "You've really got to look around, because there is stuff everywhere. You could come here every day for a year and see something different every time."

Marvin Yagoda started the museum in 1980 as part of the old Tally Hall, which was located on Orchard Lake Road and 14 Mile. Tally Hall, which had a food court, shops and mechanical games, closed in 1988. He decided to re-open the museum in 1990 in its current spot in the Hunter's Square plaza, under the archway where the unmistakable Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum sign hangs.

Marvin Yagoda, 68, started collecting unusual mechanical stuff just after he graduated from the University of Michigan in the 1960s. A pharmacist at his family's 75-year-old Detroit business, Sam's drug store on the city's west side, Marvin Yagoda remains an avid collector.

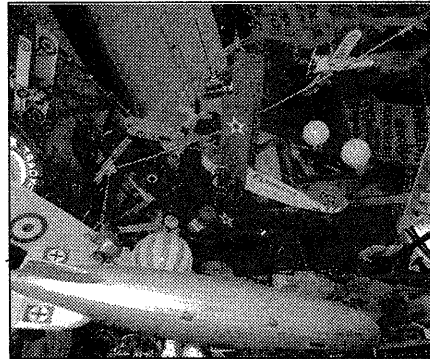
"I still buy stuff," he said, admitting he has plenty of items at his home, too. "You can't really get away from it."

He enjoys seeing people of all ages visit and enjoy the museum. From birthday parties for kids to bus loads of senior citizens, the museum is a destination for anyone looking for the unusual.

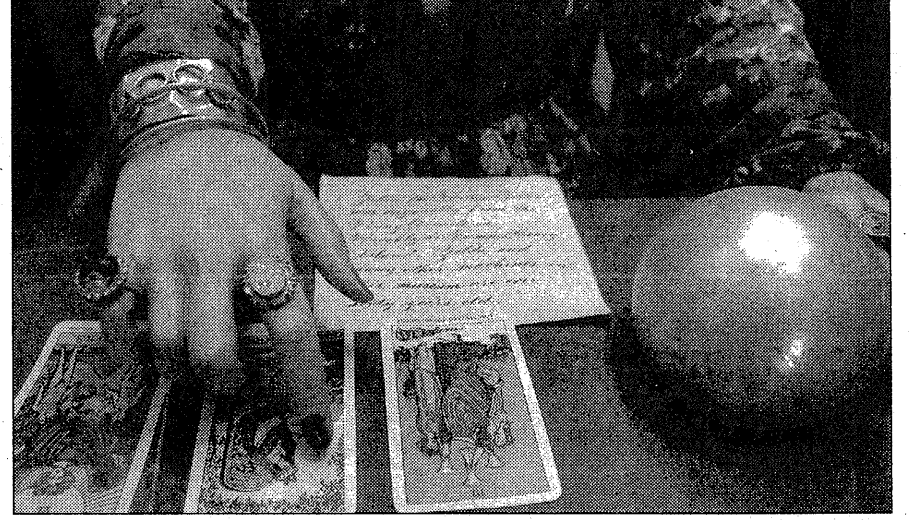
"When you come in this place, you'll never see everything," said Marvin Yagoda, who said he doesn't know how many items are in the museum, but there are 1,000 electrical outlets, "if that tells you anything."

For more information on Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum, visit on-line at www.marvin3m.com or call (248) 626-5020. Hours are extended during holiday break. Their address is 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

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Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum is full of airplanes of all kinds that move along a conveyor.



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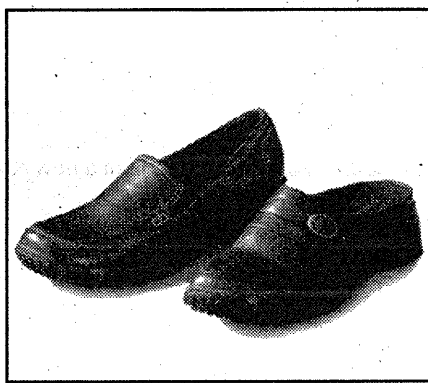
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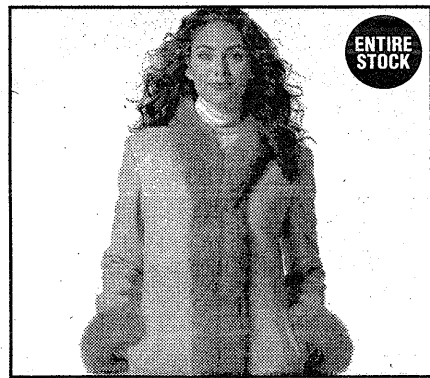
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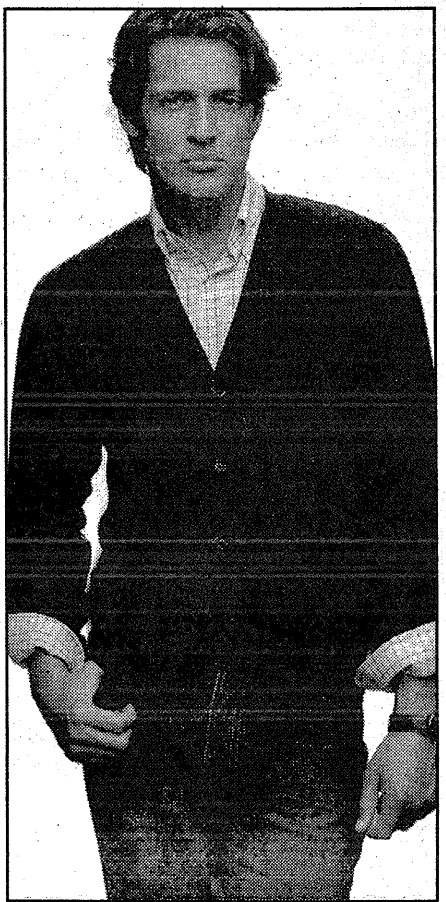
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CEMETERIES

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Michigan authorities believe that millions of dollars in trust money may be unaccounted for — a move that led to a six-count administrative complaint filed against Indian Nation by Michigan Cemetery Commissioner Andrew L. Metcalf Jr.

"There is some money that was supposed to be held in trust that's clearly not there," Zausmer said.

Metcalf, in his administrative complaint, cited the improper commingling of funds; improper use of trust funds for the purchase of life insurance; failure to abide with laws for investing cemetery trust funds; failure to file appropriate annual reports; and failure to comply with deposit requirements and annual reports mandated by the Michigan Pre-Paid Funeral and Cemetery Sales Act.

Smart has been ordered to respond to the complaint, and a hearing could be held as early as January unless a delay is sought and approved.

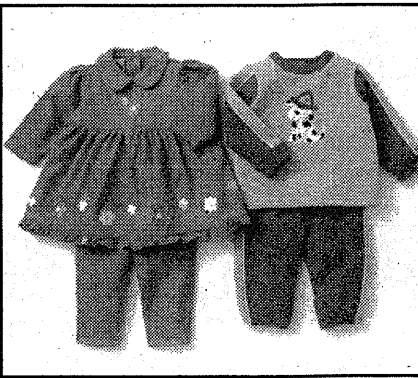
Officials at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland declined to comment.

On Wednesday, Zausmer confirmed that the state takeover of cemeteries hasn't affected cemetery employees who, he said, have received their paychecks, Christmas bonuses and health care.

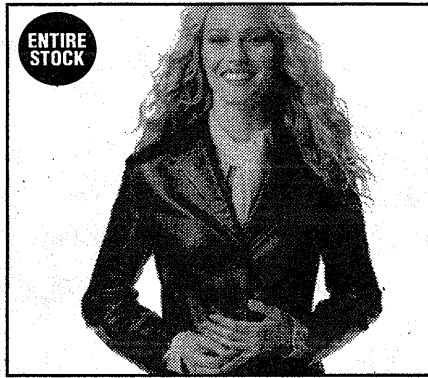
Zausmer urged anyone who may have had problems with the cemeteries to call him at (248) 851-4111.

"The consumers are in a much better position today than they were the day before the cemetery commissioner took these cemeteries over," he said.

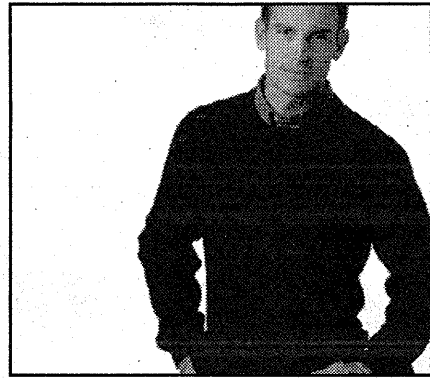
Other Wayne County cemeteries under state control include Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Grand Lawn Cemetery, Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Woodlawn Memorial Park and Woodmere Cemetery.



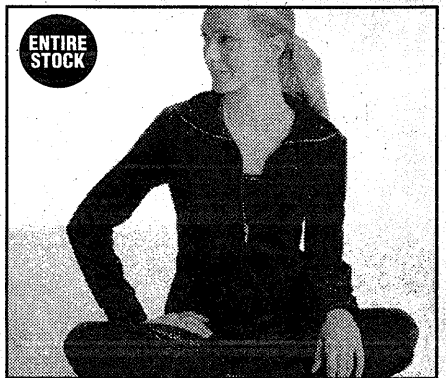
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Canton

■ Day-after-Christmas shopping at IKEA turned sour for one woman after her wallet was stolen from her purse.

Sometime between paying for food at the store's restaurant and attempting to check out at the end of her visit, the woman noticed her wallet was gone. It contained credit cards, \$200 and a few hundred dollars worth of gift cards.

An IKEA official told police surveillance film spotted the woman putting her wallet back in her purse. They are still reviewing footage to see if the theft was caught on video.

■ A wallet stolen earlier this month was found on Christmas morning. While walking his dog on Siever Street, a Canton man called police after he discovered a laptop bag containing paperwork and two wallets.

One of the wallets belonged to a 20-year-old Canton woman, who reported it stolen Dec. 11. After coming to retrieve the item, the woman told police everything was in it except for \$60.

Garden City

■ An alert clerk at 7-Eleven,

28205 Ford, spotted a counterfeit \$100 bill offered by a customer Dec. 19, Garden City police said. The clerk told police the woman handed him the bill which looked real until he held it up to the light and saw the watermark was Abraham Lincoln whose face appears on \$5 bills. The clerk told police that he'd received training about counterfeit money and one method was bleaching a \$5 bill, which would then be reprinted as a \$100.

■ On Dec. 20, a resident in the 29000 block of Warren reported wrapped gifts including a digital camera, clothing and a hand held Nintendo DS valued at \$950 stolen, along with her bowling bag containing two balls and shoes.

■ On Dec. 22, a man told police someone smashed a window on his vehicle while it was parked outside Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt. He said \$175 worth of assorted meat — beef tenderloin, turkey, Dearborn Ham and New York strip steaks — were missing along with a duffel bag containing two sets of his work clothing and tennis shoes.

■ Two bowling balls in a bag, bowling shoes, clubs, golf shoes

COP CALLS

and assorted Christmas presents valued at over \$700 were reported stolen Dec. 23 from a vehicle parked in the 30000 block of Ford.

■ Police were called to Frankie's, 31268 Ford, Dec. 24 after a patron reported his vehicle window smashed and Christmas gifts valued at \$200 missing. Due to a language barrier, the officer said he wasn't able to get a detailed list of the stolen items.

■ About 9 p.m. Dec. 21, Garden City police were called to the Healthy Drug Pharmacy, 827 Inkster Road, after the owner said he'd been contacted by his alarm company. The rear door had been pried open and there were 10-15 bottles of painkillers including Lorcet and Lortab missing.

■ A resident in the 30000 block of Cherry Hill told Garden City police Dec. 27 that she returned home from vacation to find her garage service door had been forced open. A 42-inch flat screen television was stolen.

The resident told police that her neighbors were in the process of moving but she had noticed their garage service door open. The officer went to check on the home and found the door

to the home from the garage was also forced open.

That homeowner told police he had moved most of his possessions from the home after a neighbor reported seeing some people walking between the two houses that were broken into. The man reported a television-VCR unit, a portable DVD player and a gold diamond ring, valued at \$2,000, stolen.

Livonia

■ A woman helping her mother out of a car and into a wheelchair had her purse stolen on Christmas Eve, Livonia police said. The woman left the purse atop her car in the parking lot at Dorvin Nursing Home, 29270 Morlock, at 11:30 p.m. She went back for it a minute later, but it was gone. The purse contained cash and credit cards.

Redford

■ A Romulus man's leather jacket and his wife's Christmas present were stolen from the man's Dodge Ram pickup truck while he was at work on Dec. 22. Someone damaged the truck's door lock and stole about \$600 in merchandise. The truck was parked in the 14000 block of Kinloch.

Donations bring soldiers home for the holidays

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Michigan National Guard 1-182FA, known as the Deuce, got a fully paid leave over the holidays but were left to their own devices to get back to Michigan from Ft. Dix, N.J.

Thanks to donations, including heavily discounted charter buses, 160 members of the Deuce got to spend more than a week at home with family and friends prior to deploying to Iraq next month.

"We followed the news broadcasts — we didn't know what was going to happen," said Garden City resident Lorraine Robak, who was thrilled her grandson Pvt. Frank Robak made it home for the holidays.

The Family Readiness Group was fund-raising to help the soldiers, based at the Detroit Armory on Grand River and McGraw, make the trip. The fund-raising efforts really took off after WRIF's "Drew and Mike" got involved.

After arriving in Detroit on Dec. 23, Frank Robak said he's been busy visiting with friends and family, relaxing at his home in Wayne.

"It's a little overwhelming — my phone hasn't stopped ringing. My parents passed the word around that I was coming back," said Robak, 33. "It's kind of weird now that I'm home for a week. I wake up and want to get up for work."

Robak's extended family including his parents live in Garden City. A graduate of Trenton High School, Robak also attended Garden City High School and Livonia Franklin High School as he stayed with different relatives while his family was living in Detroit.

This isn't Robak's first stint in the military — he served in the Navy from 1992-96. Robak was firefighter paramedic at Metro Airport before moving to a position

with Rapid Response of New Boston. Two years ago, he joined the National Guard to help pay for nursing school, he said.

"I knew I could be deployed sooner or later — my unit was just coming back from a deployment in Iraq," Robak said. "I knew we have great people in the unit who know how to take care of each other."

Although he has medical skills and is looking into a change in his job classification, Robak enlisted in a field artillery unit.

"I thought blowing things up would be fun," said Robak, whose unit has been training in their basic army skills and mission specific skills. "We've been working on physical fitness — that's what I needed the most."

Along with seeing family and friends during his leave, Robak said he's most excited by a Christmas gift from his cousin.

"My cousin gave me tickets to see Bob Seger. It was the best Christmas gift — he's my favorite singer," Robak said.

Bianco Tours of Taylor provided four buses at a hugely discounted price to transport the soldiers, said Jen Bayer of the Family Readiness Group. Bianco Tours also arranged for food and beverages to be provided to the soldiers during the 13-hour trip.

"We raised \$60,000 in donations. It was huge — just amazing. Not in our wildest dreams did we think so many people would step up for this," said Bayer. "Once Drew and Mike put it on the air, it just exploded. We would never have gotten to this point without them."

Along with corporate donations, Bayer said many individuals donated to the efforts in amounts of \$10-20.

Mighty Key donated USB security keys to each soldier in the Deuce. The item most requested by the soldiers, the USB plugs into a PC allowing the soldiers to save their letters to the keys onboard memory, back up the files in online databanks and create secure encrypted folders on their computers.

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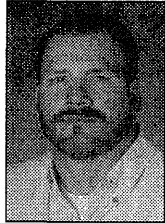
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It's time to get serious about global warming

Just about every year since I was a little kid, my family has visited my aunt's house on White Lake in Oakland County to celebrate Christmas. One of the things I always looked forward to most about the trip was the chance to bust out my ice skates and play hockey with my brother on the frozen lake. While the grown-ups were inside telling stories, my brother and I would skate until our toes were so frozen we had to go in to warm up.



Kurt Kuban

A couple weeks ago, I took my family out to White Lake to celebrate Christmas. Needless to say, I didn't need to bust out the skates. You can't skate on open water. That particular day, the temperature was in the mid-50s and quite balmy. It felt like we should have been celebrating Easter, not Christmas. In fact, at one point my kids were running around outside without wearing their coats.

As chance would have it, after we got home that night, I watched the movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, Al Gore's documentary about the growing crisis of global warming. If you haven't seen the film, you owe it to yourself to go out and rent it. In fact, you owe it to your great grandchildren, and their great grandchildren.

Whatever you think of Al Gore – and I definitely think the movie was a bit self-serving for him and his image – you can't ignore some of the issues he raises in the movie. We as a society can't ignore them. As Gore says in the film, we have entered a time of consequence, when the lifestyles we lead will have long lasting effects on our planet and its ability to sustain life.

We are already seeing some of these consequences. The 10 hottest years on record have all occurred in the last 14 years, and 2005 was the warmest yet, according to NASA.

The canaries in the mineshaft are the world's glaciers, which, with a few exceptions, are receding at an unbelievable rate. In Antarctica, the Arctic and Greenland, glaciers and ice sheets are retreating. Even here in the lower 48 states, we are losing our glaciers. The most notable example is Glacier National Park in Montana, where there once was about 150 glaciers. Today, there are less than 30, and by the year 2030 there will be no glaciers left in the park, according to U.S. Geological Survey predictions.

And as these changes take place, plant and animal species will suffer. Just this week, federal officials have recommended that the polar bear, the world's largest land predator, be classified as a threatened species. The bears are dying in record numbers, largely a result of drowning as the ice sheets they depend on are melting away. Some scientists believe between 15-37 percent of plant and animal species could be wiped out by 2050 because of global warming.

Humans will not be spared. Scientists warn that

some places in the world will suffer horrible droughts, while other places will be victim to cataclysmic weather events like hurricanes. In fact, Gore and some in the scientific community believe we have already begun to suffer these effects of global warming. They say hurricanes and tropical storms have increased by 100 percent in intensity and duration since the 1970s. In 2005 alone, the National Climatic Data Center estimated that there was \$100 billion of damage caused by hurricanes hitting the U.S.

Other predictions show ocean levels worldwide rising because of melting ice in the polar regions. Some models show much of Florida, Manhattan and the California coast under water, as well as parts of China that are currently populated by millions of people.

The reason for all this global warming, according to scientists, is the amount of carbon dioxide we put in the atmosphere – from our automobiles, power plants and other instruments of modern society. And no country pumps out more of it than the United States. We are the No. 1 global warming polluter.

Yet we are one of only two nations that has not signed the Kyoto Treaty, an international agreement between nations to commit to reduce their emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases.

And, according to Gore, our Congress hasn't passed a single bill aimed at curbing global warming pollution. Our leaders have not been compelled to act because I don't think the average American gives global warming much more than a passing thought. But it is the lifestyle of the average American that is most to fault for global warming. We drive our gas-guzzling SUVs and chew up electricity to power up our homes and our toys. By some estimates, the average American generates about 15,000 pounds of carbon dioxide.

People have been debating the merits of the global warming theory for years. Conservative talk show hosts including Rush Limbaugh have criticized it, saying it is something being pushed by tree huggers to bring down American industry and freedom. That isn't going to change. In fact, there has been no shortage of people getting in line to criticize Gore's movie, claiming it is "shrill alarmism."

Well, I am alarmed. I am worried about what kind of legacy we are leaving for future generations, and their ability to raise their own children. Will they read about us in history books and discuss our callousness and lack of foresight?

Who knows, maybe my great-grandchildren will be water skiing on White Lake for Christmas having a great time, and look back and laugh at me and others who were concerned about global warming. Then again, they might live through unprecedented droughts and other natural calamities, and wonder why we did nothing.

To see what you can do to reduce global warming, visit the Web site www.stopglobalwarming.org.

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As year draws to a close, it's a good time to rant

Shout, shout, let it all out, these are the things I can do without
Come on, I'm talking to you, come on

Tears for Fears

The end of the year seems to be an appropriate time to follow Howard Beale's advice.

Beale was the frustrated, and then demented, news anchor in the movie *Network*. In a fit of glorious rage, Beale, played by British actor Peter Finch, tells his viewers: "Go to a window, stick your head out and scream, 'I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore.'"

Network was peculiarly prophetic. It predicted the rise of reality TV, the dumbing down of America, the media pandering to right-wing prejudices, the excess of violence in all media. Some

thought it was a little extreme in the mid-1970s. But reality has overtaken fiction and *Network*, basically a Howard Beale rant by screenwriter Paddy Chayevsky, now seems a bit tame.

But where do we begin with the things we're mad about?

On, yes, the war in Iraq.

A recent news item reported that American military deaths in that war have now exceeded the number of people killed in the 9/11 attacks. That doesn't account for the scores of thousands of Iraqis who would probably be alive if we had not invaded that country, albeit living under a brutal dictator.

While American troops continue to honor the mission they've been given, the president seems in a deep funk, unable or unwilling to seriously reassess what he has brought into Iraq and into a more violent, more dangerous Middle East. The president has his supporters but the number grows smaller each day he persists in ignoring the criticisms of those from all political sides.

It's true that there isn't an easy answer once we have committed this deeply, but to continue blindly in pursuit of something called "victory" seems seriously misguided. Closer to home, we are collectively mad as hell that our economy continues to sputter. We have relatives at Ford and GM, waiting for a goodbye check or the ax to fall. And for many, they won't find replacement job opportunities around here any time soon.

I have a son and daughter-in-law in Chicago because they couldn't find work in their fields here. She is a recent educa-

tion graduate with excellent references who has only been able to find long-term substitute positions here. He has been working as a biologist, lab assistant who got a job at a Chicago research center just before Pfizer and the state of Michigan began announcing layoffs at their laboratories.

They are typical of the young people leaving the state, unable and unwilling to wait for things to turn around. And they present a perfect example of the problems we face in trying to turn things around.

One side cries, slash government spending. But the government is a major employer – of teachers, biologists, lawyers, doctors, professors, researchers and many, many others. The other side says, yes, we must raise taxes to support needed government services. But, say their opponents, companies won't come if we impose "onerous" taxes on them and these companies provide employ-

ment. It will be interesting to see what our state government comes up with, but it's a sure bet that whatever it is someone is going to be "mad as hell" and someone, somewhere will be unemployed.

Then there's the news media. Everyone is mad at the news media, especially those who work in it. Change is quickly sweeping us into the world that Paddy Chayevsky only imagined.

Whatever happened to Headline News? CNN's round the clock news update service has been replaced at night by a shrill, loud former prosecutor named Nancy Grace, who is a disgrace to anything approximating news. Her shtick is to beat a sensational crime story to death and shriek at everyone. She is preceded by yet another right-wing radio commentator with a goofy grin. He has apparently been asked to bring his shtick to TV to compete with the windbags at rival Fox. I think I prefer watching Stephen Colbert on Comedy Central. At least he knows that what he's saying is absurd.

Finally, the Mackinac Policy Center has a new "science" magazine. It's one of those "science" magazines that is dedicated to showing that "global warming" is just a plot against good, honest business interests. It reminds me of an "environmental" newsletter that the petroleum industry used to finance.

I've got to open that window ...

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Saluting those who make prep sports click

As the sun sets on 2006, I thought it would be fitting to turn the spotlight away from the playing fields for a moment and shine it on some of the unsung volunteers who helped make this past year's Observerland high school sports seasons successful.

Unfortunately, the behind-the-scenes All-Stars are too numerous to name, but here's a toast to the selfless and often near-anonymous sacrifices they made over the past 12 months.

There's the dad who braves the minus-20-degree wind chills in early November - not to mention the risk of getting rolled over by a 280-pound offensive tackle on a sweep - to serve as a member of the football chain gang.

There's the parent who handles the often-thankless job of concession-stand cashier, a task that includes having to fig-



Ed Wright

ure out how to make correct change once the \$1's and \$5's are gone and the \$20's keep rolling in.

There's the smooth-voiced public-address announcer whose son or daughter graduated a decade ago, but still has the passion to stay involved.

There are the middle-school soccer players who chase down errant soccer balls during the high school games - even the balls that bounce over the fence and across Canton Center Road.

There's the stat guy who provides the coaching staff - and the *Observer* sports editors - with meticulous statistics, even on cold, rain-drenched nights that leave their stat books soggy

and their writing hands numb.

There are the 50-50 raffle ticket sellers whose incredible gift for sales convinces you to fork over your last \$5 bill for 15 shots at the jackpot.

There's the parent who invites the entire team over for a pregame pasta party ...

And the one who takes on the challenge of making sure 120 football players are adequately fed at the night-before-the-game spaghetti dinner.

There are the unpaid assistant coaches who take time away from their own families five nights a week to help teams reach their potential.

There's the tech-savvy parent who starts up, designs and regularly updates his or her son's or daughter's team's Web site.

There's the parent who volunteers as a

volleyball linesman and has about three-tenths-of-a-second to decide whether or not that 65-miles-per hour serve hit the line or was deep by one inch.

There are the booster club presidents, vice presidents and members of the board who volunteer countless hours to raise critical revenue for their teams in this era of decreasing athletics budgets.

And don't forget the ticket takers, the program sellers, the equipment managers, the scoreboard operators, the press-box spotters and the post-season banquet planners.

You all deserve to take a bow.

High school sports wouldn't be the same without you.

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Sidelines

High Velocity youth camps

Canton's High Velocity Sports will be offering a series of camps this week for youngsters who are home for the holiday break. The list of camps, which were designed to accommodate working parents and active children, includes all-sports, crafts and soccer.

The all-sports camp is offered by the day with both half- and full-day options from Jan. 2-5. The \$25 half-day camp is 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. The full-day camp runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$45 per day. Campers will be offered a variety of sports, including soccer, flag football, dodge ball, basketball and volleyball.

The craft camp (\$30 per day) runs every day from Jan. 2-5 from 9 a.m. to noon and includes all supplies. Participants will work on different projects each day.

The options for the soccer camp will be one for 5- to 8-year-olds from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and one for 9- to 12-year-olds from noon to 2 p.m. The cost for either camp is \$75. Campers will work on ball handling, finishing and defending.

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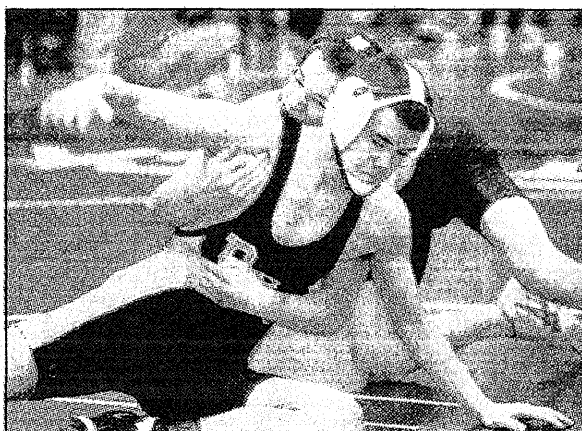
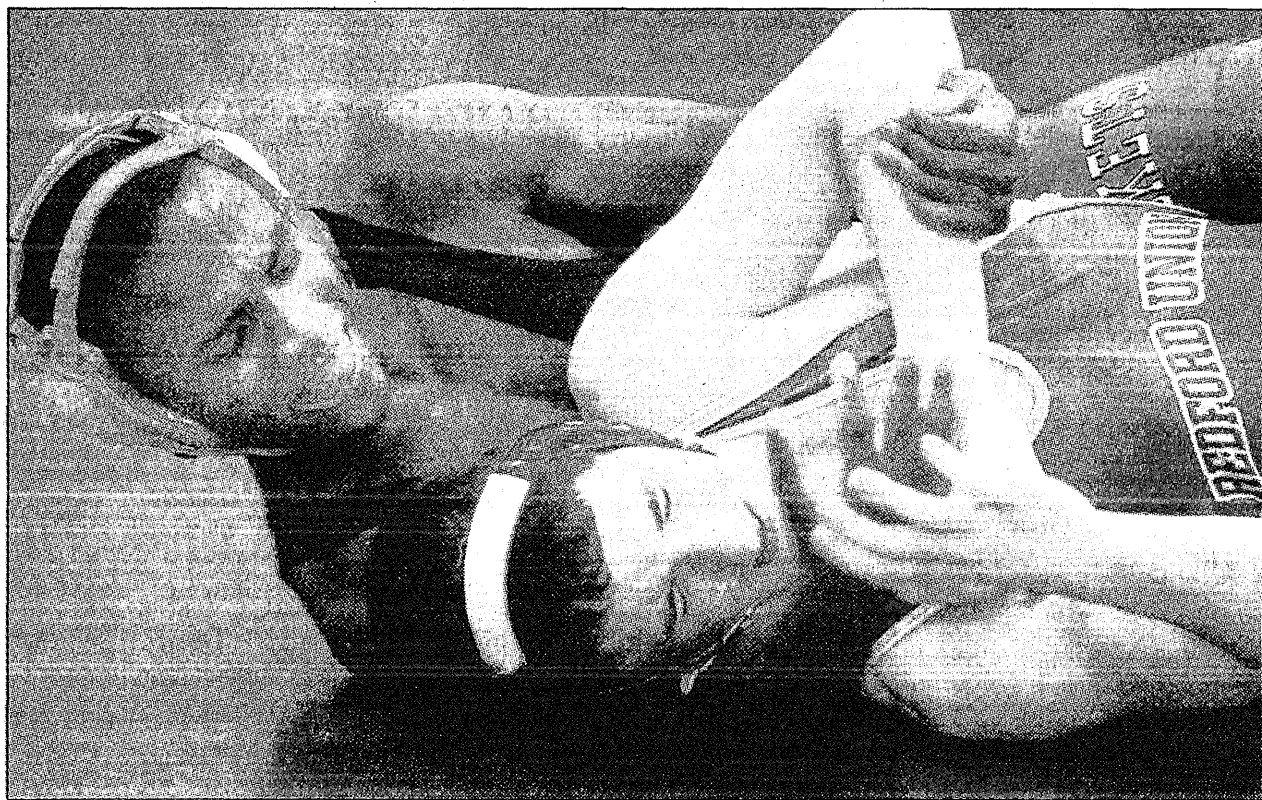
Ignition leaders

The Detroit Ignition, the first-year Major Indoor Soccer League team that plays its home games at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, has several players at the top or near the top of several key statistical categories.

Forward Jamar Beasley leads the MISL in scoring with 43 points, eight more than runner-up Greg Howes of Milwaukee. Beasley also leads the league in even-strength goals (10) and power-play goals (four).

Beasley's teammate Carlos "Chile" Farias is 10th in scoring with 21 points while Detroit's Hewerton Moreira is tied for 15th with 16 points.

The Ignition took a 5-5 record into Friday's game at California. Results will appear in Thursday's *Observer*.



Striving for the 'pin'nacle

Eighteen high school wrestling teams converged on Salem's gym Thursday for the Rocks' annual invitational. In the photo above, Westland John Glenn's Jared Stephens tries to get the upper-hand against Redford Union's Sean Meixner in a 125-pound second-round match that Stephens went on to win, 8-4. At left, Plymouth's Ben Kosmalski earns points for an escape against Wayne's Chad Dunn in a 112-pound match that he eventually won with a pin. Complete results will appear in Thursday's *Observer*.

Whalers toy with Spits on 'Kids Day'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine face-painting, balloon-shaping and four third-period goals?

Answer: a perfect "Kids Day" matinee game for the Plymouth Whalers and hundreds of their young fans.

On Thursday afternoon at the Compuware Sports Arena, the Whalers broke open a tight game with four goals over the final 14:24 to humble rival Windsor, 6-1. The victory improved the Ontario Hockey League West Division-leading Whalers to 23-10-1-1 heading into Saturday's 7:05 p.m. home game against Guelph.

The Spitfires dropped to 12-20-1-1 with the setback.

While several off-the-ice activities were available to youngsters in the Compuware concourses during the game, the Whalers provided an on-ice lesson in sharing for the kids in attendance as six different players scored goals.

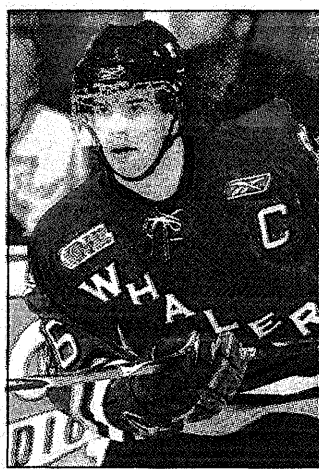
Following a scoreless first period, Windsor's Kevin Hudes knocked a rebound past Whaler goalie Michal Neuvirth to put the Spits up, 1-0, 3:58 into the second period. However, the Whalers responded quickly, grabbing a 2-1 advantage on second-period lamp-lighters from John Armstrong (3:44) and Joe McCann (5:59). Dan Collins

and Tom Sestito assisted on Armstrong's goal; A.J. Jenks picked up a helper on McCann's fourth net-finder of the season.

The third-period onslaught was ignited by Sestito's 24th goal of the season at the 14:24 mark. The power-play effort that put Plymouth ahead 3-1 was assisted by Collins and Evan Brophy.

Plymouth finished off the Spits with goals from Ryan McGinnis (from Chris Terry), Steve Ward (from Brophy) and Joe Gaynor (from McCann and McGinnis).

Neuvirth was solid in goal, turning away 18 shots. Plymouth outshot Windsor, 46-19.



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth captain Steve Ward anchored the team's defense and scored a goal in the Whalers' 6-1 victory over Windsor Thursday.

Chance for free tickets to Ultimate Fishing Show

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And Silver Streaks catch fish. They are almost always listed in one or more of the top categories at most salmon tournaments. In fact, according to Chip Cartwright, the biggest chinook salmon caught in Michigan waters of the Great Lakes in 2006 - a whopping 32-pounder caught on a charter boat out of Frankfort - was caught on a Black Screwball Magnum Streak.

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Bowling keeps coming up empty in bid for Olympics

During the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany, a bowling exhibition showcased the sport for possible future inclusion in the Summer Olympic Games. The great Joe Norris of Detroit took on the best that Germany had to offer. Since then, there have been many organized efforts to get bowling into the Olympics, but without any success.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

It even became a demonstration sport in 1988, but that did not convince the International Olympic Committee. Yet judging by the recent success of the 2006 Qubica AMF World Cup in Caracas, Venezuela, bowling has universal appeal. Ninety-two countries participated, including newcomers Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, India and Uzbekistan. Top finishers included bowlers from traditional giants such as the USA, Australia and Canada as well as smaller nations like Qatar, Malaysia and Costa Rica. One advantage that bowling offers the Olympics is total fairness of competition. Some of the present Olympic sports are judged on style points. That can be a matter of judges opinions, which can vary greatly. We have all seen gymnasts, for example, given an 8.0 by one judge and a 9.0 by another.

Sometimes those scores even seem politically slanted. In bowling, either the pin fell or it didn't. It is never a matter of judges opinion. There are ten pins set up, and if only nine fall, that is indisputable. Rules set by the U.S. Bowling Congress are used throughout most of the world. Standards for the lanes, pins and balls are pretty much universal as well. In most other sports, competitors can have a huge advantage due to their physical characteristics. In bowling, those who are slight of build can excel as well as the big guy, which makes it a more level playing field. Both men and women can be competitive, as proven over and over again in tournament play and the pro tour. Why the Olympics? It would be important to generate more growth in competitive bowling by the vast exposure on TV and other media. It would show the world that the greatest bowlers are truly athletes who are dedicated to bringing their performance to the highest level. To perform in competition takes a lot of training and practice. As for equipment, the ball manufacturers could make standardized balls that would be used in world wide competition. This would take away any advantages in technology that could give certain countries an unfair edge. Bowling is a natural for the Olympics. It

is easy for spectators to understand, unlike some other events which don't televise well. The recent formation of the USBC lends more credibility with almost 3 million certified members in the USA alone, serving women, men and youth bowlers. Some estimates show that worldwide more than 100 million people go bowling every year, whether it's league play or recreational. That, in itself, should be reason enough for the Olympics. With so many good reasons then why isn't the sport of bowling in the Olympics yet? The answer to that is complex because the International Olympic Committee is comprised of officials from many nations. Their views may have been formed from a distorted image of bowling, little exposure or possibly even some political bias against sports that are popular in America. At this point in time, the IOC is not looking at bowling for the next Summer Games, saying that the sport does not generate enough media exposure worldwide. But isn't the true spirit of the Olympic Games intended to bring nations together in harmony and good sportsmanship? That is exactly what bowling would bring to the Games.

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Dennie Taft

Dennie Taft is an expert in the field of sports-performance training and is the former athletic trainer for the Detroit Tigers. If you have a question relating to sports-performance for Taft, please send an e-mail to Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

GRAPPLERS RANKINGS

OSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Dec. 18)
TEAM: 1. Canton; 2. Livonia Franklin; 3. Belleville; 4. Westland John Glenn; 5. Livonia Churchill.
INDIVIDUAL
103 pounds: 1. Namic Kerimov, Farmington; 2. Tommy Myshock, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Chad Dunn, Wayne Memorial; 4. Donnie Watkins, Canton; 5. Brad LaRose, Lutheran Westland.
112: 1. Justin Feeson, Belleville; 2. Carl Lucke, Canton; 3. Dustin Ashley, Garden City; 4. Jared Pieknik, Livonia Franklin; 5. Kevin Bennett, Salem.
119: 1. Jamie Preiss, Wayne; 2. Nieko Ianni, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; 3. Ben Kosmalski, Plymouth; 4. Martin Rivera, Churchill; 5. Seth Wald, North Farmington.
125: 1. Dustin Zak, Belleville; 2. Jeremiah Austin, John Glenn; 3. Jon Roos, Franklin; 4. Nick

Steiger, Salem; 5. Steve Cox, Canton.
130: 1. Greg Roberts, Churchill; 2. Josh Billiau, Franklin; 3. Brent Winekoff, Canton; 4. Nick Shak, John Glenn; 5. Josh Palka, Lutheran Westland.
135: 1. Jon Reale, Stevenson; 2. J.P. Gaffke, Churchill; 3. Brian Augsburg, Belleville; 4. Brandon Smith, Franklin; 5. Alex Kemp, Salem.
140: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Jim Wood, John Glenn; 3. Steve Coak, Belleville; 4. Gramos Pallaska, Churchill; 5. Derek Robbins, Livonia Clarenceville.
145: 1. Matt Edwards, Lutheran Westland; 2. Adam Kibner, RU; 3. Jerry Ignash, Stevenson; 4. Jason Zanger, Franklin; 5. Robert Lanzilotti, Clarenceville.
152: 1. Steve Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 2. James Zerebiny, John Glenn; 3. Jeremy Epley, Salem; 4. Ryan Brown, Novi-Detroit CC; 5. Brian Wisniewski, Garden City.
160: 1. Ziad Kharbush, Stevenson; 2. Nate

Turco, Franklin; 3. Kiel Price, Canton; 4. Brian Ziemba, Churchill; 5. Dan McCahill, John Glenn.
171: 1. Jeff Eislwick, Wayne; 2. Dan Woodall, Franklin; 3. Andrew Hein, John Glenn; 4. Mike Nordby, Garden City; 5. Isaac Burris, RU.
189: 1. Vince Daroffi, Plymouth; 2. Matt Aubrey, Novi-Detroit CC; 3. Adam Powers, Canton; 4. Joey Kowtko, John Glenn; 5. Marc Kadrich, Franklin.
215: 1. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn; 2. Joe Kinville, Novi-Detroit CC; 3. Rod Gray, Franklin; 4. Dan Wanshon, Canton; 5. Adam Love, Garden City.
285: 1. Donnie Laramie, Canton; 2. Kyle Brown, Franklin; 3. Dean Hubbard, Plymouth; 4. Mike Martin, Novi-Detroit CC; 5. Frank Toarina, John Glenn.
 Note: Rankings are compiled by Jim Gourlay (Franklin) and Aaron Davis (Garden City).

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 2
 Red. Covenant at Ann Arbor Greenhills, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4
 Light & Life at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
 M.H. Madison at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 Franklin at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4
 Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Light & Life at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Macomb CC Tournament, 8 a.m.
 Clawson Tournament, 8 a.m.
 Grand Valley Invitational, 8 a.m.
 W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 Chelsea at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4
 Royal Oak vs. Redford Unified at Redford Arena, 7:15 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Detroit City Arena, 7:30 p.m.
 (Pioneer Tourney at A.A. Ice Cube) Churchill vs. Milford, 5 p.m.
 Birm. Unified vs. A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5
 Pioneer Tourney at Ice Cube, 5 & 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Farmington at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Plymouth at Woodhaven Tourney at the Icebox, TBA
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Plymouth at Woodhaven Tourney at the Icebox, TBA
 Detroit Country Day at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 3:30 p.m.
 Redford Unified at Troy, 6:15 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 4
 Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Fordson Invitational, 8:45 a.m.
 Wyandotte Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Troy Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Richmond Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 4
 U-D Jesuit, Saline at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Woodhaven at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 W. Bloomfield Invitational, 9 a.m.
 W.L. Northern Invitational, 1 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 Liv. Red-Blue at Hartland vs. Milford-Lakeland, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth vs. Salem at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4
 Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Canton at Rockford Invitational, 10 a.m.
PREP BOWLING
Friday, Jan. 5
 Clarenceville vs. Farmington-Harrison, Ladywood vs. N. Farmington at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Ladywood Holiday Tournament at Westland's Oak Lanes, 10 a.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Berkley Invitational, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 2
 S'craft at Scottsdale CC (Ariz.), 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 Davenport at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
 S'craft at Scottsdale CC (Ariz.), TBA.
Thursday, Jan. 4
 S'craft at Scottsdale CC (Ariz.), TBA.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 3
 Davenport at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Monday, Jan. 1
 Whalers at Owen Sound, 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5
 Whalers at London Knights, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6
 Whalers vs. Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

CANTON

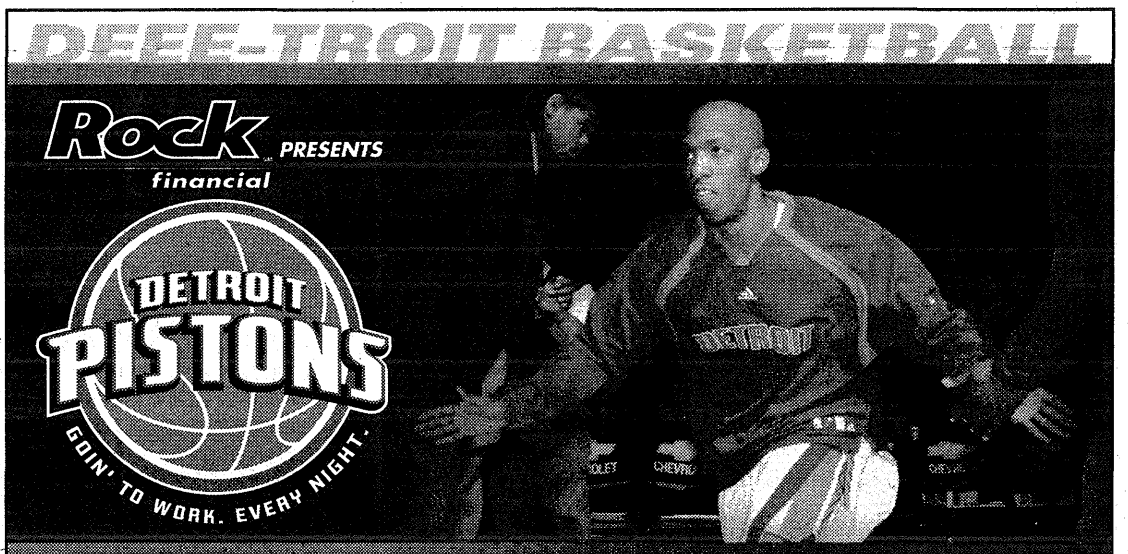


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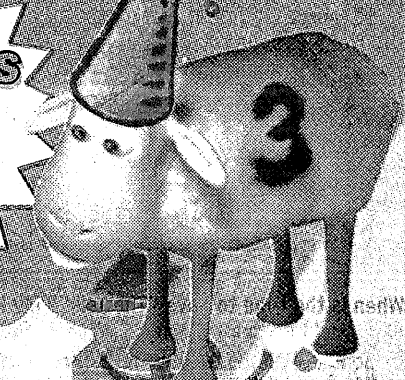
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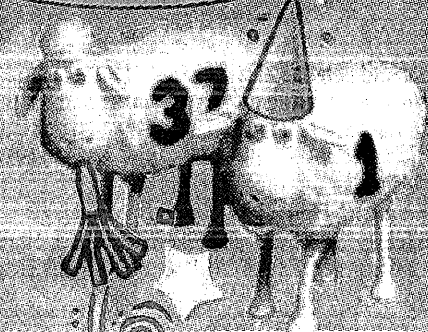
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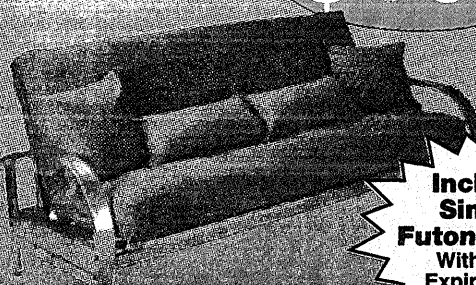
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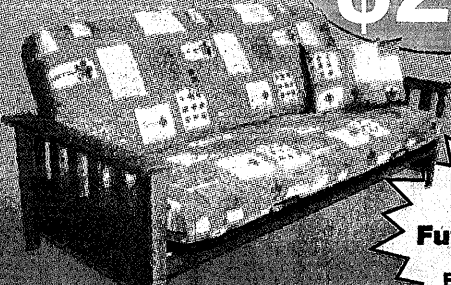
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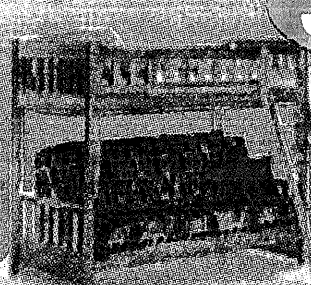
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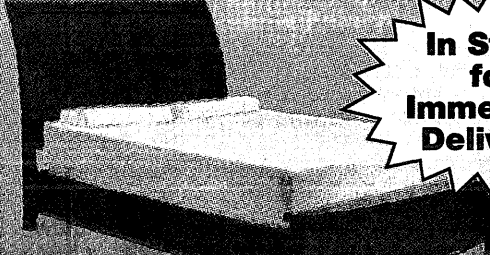
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Any time is right for 'the talk'

When is the time to have "The Talk"? My kids are getting older and I am really not sure when I need to do this. To be honest, I'm not really sure if I'm ready even if they are. Is 9 and 6 too young? Too old? Help!
S. S., via e-mail

Take a deep breath and relax. You can do this. Like most parents, educating our children about sex is uncomfortable or even panic-inducing. But it doesn't have to be.

Answer the child's questions as they are asked. Whenever they are asked. But only answer the question that is being asked. Do not read too much into it or try to answer in too much detail. Most children will let you know what they are curious about and why, but you have to allow them to feel comfortable telling you. Communication is the key.



On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

Don't feel pressured to give them "all-of-the-information-that-they-could-ever-possibly-need-in-their-entire-lifetime-in-one-sitting-or-less." Sex, like death, God, etc., is not a curiosity that is likely to be satisfied in one discussion or at one time in a child's life. As the child matures, new questions will arise and necessitate additional conversations. So in a nut-shell, there is no "Time" for "The Talk." There are many moments of opportunity for communication about a wide variety of important topics, including sex.

My 11-year-old son has already started puberty. He has grown like a weed in the past few months and his friends seem like they are so much younger than him now. Is this normal? I've heard that kids who enter puberty early have trouble with the other kids. Is this true?
D. G., via e-mail

It is perfectly normal for an 11-year-old boy to be entering puberty. In general, kids are entering this stage of life much earlier than in past generations with females starting about 15 to 18 months before their male cohorts. The reasons for this trend are not readily understood but a variety of factors, including hormones in our food to environmental stressors, are widely considered to be at least partially responsible.

Regardless of the reason, puberty signifies the child's transitions into adulthood. As they make this journey, they experience physical, emotional, social and cognitive changes that make them seem, at times, to be completely different from who they were. This accounts for your son's difference with his peers.

Finally, I'd like to address your concerns about any potential difficulties that may result from a child entering puberty before the majority of his or her peers. Usually, males that enter this phase earlier than his classmates are viewed in positive terms by peers and adults alike. They tend to be seen as leaders and more mature and may even experience a spike in popularity.

On the other hand, females may have a much different experience. They are often viewed negatively as manipulative, overly sexual, or aggressive. In addition, they may dislike the bodily changes that make them different from their peers, which to many adolescents is not desired. As a result, girls may try to hide their physical development and withdraw from certain situations. The outcome of this can be a significant decrease in self-image and self-esteem. Adolescence, regardless of its onset, is an important time in a persons life that is often misunderstood. Parents struggle with this time as much, if not more, than the adolescent. It is often mistakenly believed that it is necessarily a time of conflict and turmoil. At times it is, but it does not have to be. With effort and patience, the bonds that connect the parent and pre-adolescent can remain strong and effective throughout this period of life as well.

Terry 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.

Bed and Bread

Funny man Dick Purtan is serious about Salvation Army fund-raiser

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
 STAFF WRITER

Dick Purtan says he's a bit of a worrier.

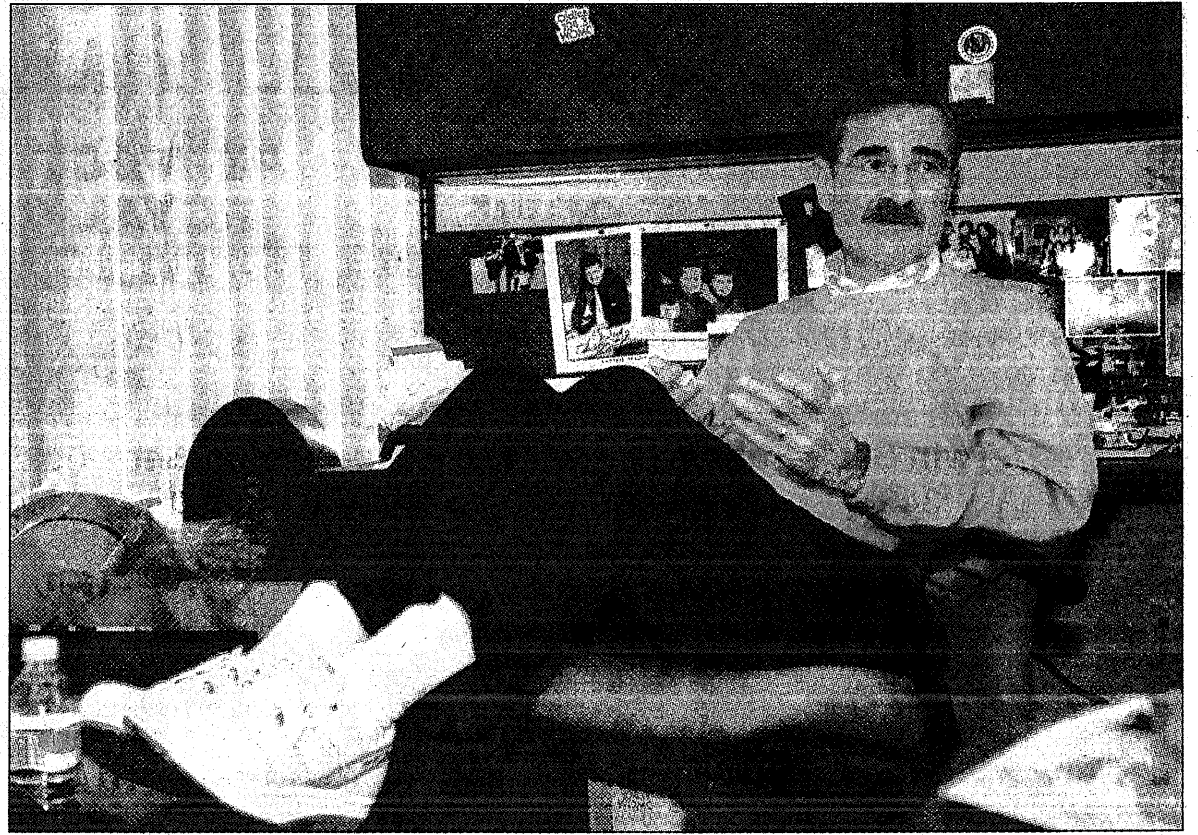
Last year, Purtan's 19th annual radiothon on WOMC-FM (104.3) for the Salvation Army helped raise \$1,808,440 for the Army's Bed and Bread Program.

Each year, the 16-hour drive has raised more than the year before.

"I worry about this from the time we sign off," Purtan said, casually leaning in a chair in his eclectically cluttered office at WOMC. "I go into my worry mode on how we'll do next year, because every year we go up in the total. Every year it gets tougher and tougher to raise more money than we did a year before."

This year's radiothon will broadcast from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, from Oakland Mall.

This year, with the Detroit metro economy continuing to limp along, the goal seems harder to reach but more important



Dick Purtan relaxes in his office at WOMC radio.

than ever. Every day, the Salvation Army sends our four trucks to serve more than 7,000 meals to the poor and homeless in shelters and on the streets of Detroit. In addition, the Army operates shelters that provide a roof and a clean bed for thousands every night.

The radiothon began as a way to celebrate Purtan's fifth anniversary at WCZY in 1988.

"We wanted to be involved with a charity and we were throwing out different charities' names and it turned out that the one charity everyone had a positive opinion of was the Salvation Army," Purtan said.

BED AND BREAD

Purtan met with Col. Clarence

BED AND BREAD RADIOTHON

What: 20th annual Dick Purtan fund-raiser for the Salvation Army

When: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

Where: WOMC-FM (104.3), Oakland Mall, 412 14 Mile Road, Troy

PLEASE SEE PURTAN, B3



Eileen Poole talks with people lining up for a warm lunch.

Bed and Bread Club provides food, hope

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
 STAFF WRITER

Dwight Walker and Bobby France are a team.

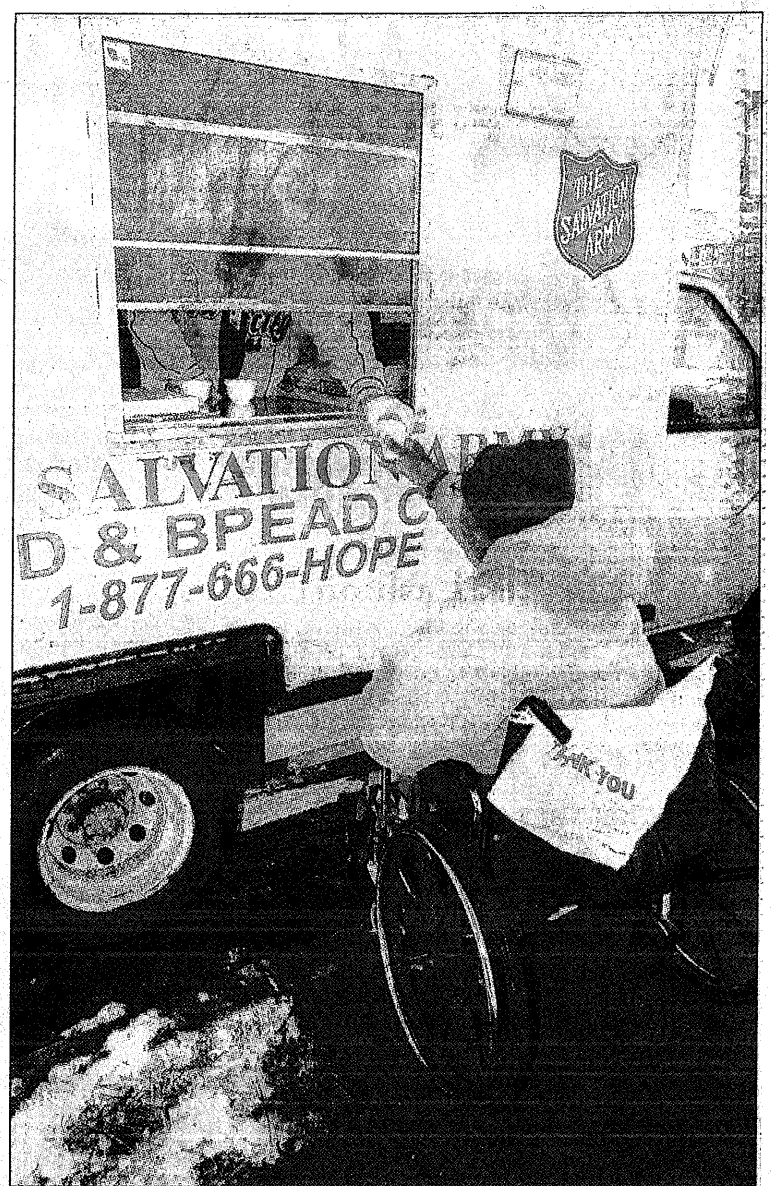
Every day at 10:30 a.m. they set out in a Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club truck to feed those in need in Detroit.

"We usually work as a team," France said. "When we see what needs to be done, we do it. He works the soup and I hand out the food. We work together."



A resident of a Salvation Army shelter receives his meal.

PLEASE SEE SALVATION ARMY, B2



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Dwight Walker ladles split pea soup into containers.



Driver Dwight Walker is ready to roll. Bobby France secures the food for the trip.

SALVATION ARMY

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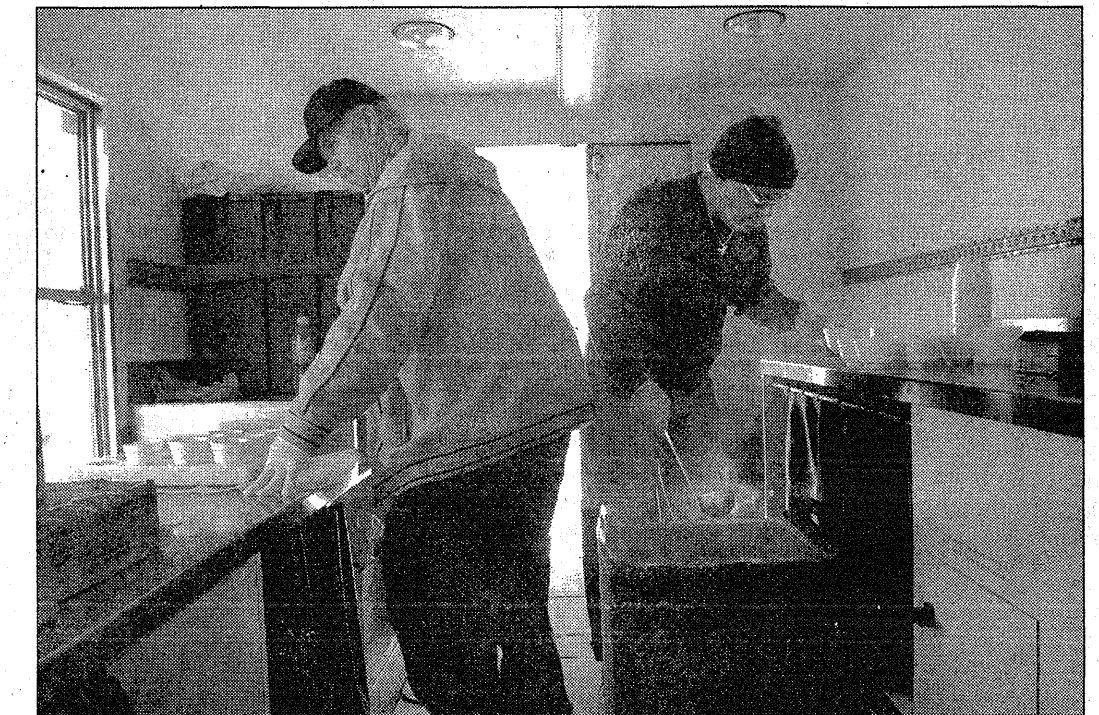
Their truck, with Walker driving, is one of four that serve 3,000 meals a day through the Army's Bed and Bread Club. Another 4,000 meals are served at Salvation Army shelters. The trucks provide food for the homeless, those in shelters and anyone in need who asks. In the summer, children will accompany their mothers to line up for food. In winter, the mothers will take extras for their children when they return from school.

A typical meal includes a sandwich, a bowl of soup, a piece of fruit, a snack and a drink. On a chilly day in early December, Walker and France were serving chicken sandwiches, split pea soup, an orange and, according to France, "the best hot chocolate" in Detroit.

"We see people at the edge of life," said Eileen Poole, coordinator of the Bed and Bread Club. "Going out on a daily basis, sheltering and feeding them, we can guide them in the holistic redemptive program of the Salvation Army."

Poole, who lives in Redford Township, is a professional social worker who has served in various roles with the Salvation Army over the last 30 years.

"What we want to do is to empower them to change their



Bobby France and Dwight Walker work in tight quarters.

lives," she said. "The need is greater than ever. We are feeding the homeless and those with homes."

Poole, a graduate of Thurston High School, knew at an early age that helping people was her calling.

"When I was 15 years old, I had the opportunity to associate with people four, five and six years older. They were involved in social work, one had a master's degree. They mentored me and treated me like I wasn't a dumb 15 year old. They encouraged me that this was something I could do and they were right," she said. Now Poole hopes that the efforts of the Army offer encouragement to others. But the message is never overt, it is muted in the simple kindness of providing a meal for a hungry stomach.

"Once we stop, we are there regardless," Poole said. "A lot of people are also flagging us down. We want to feed whoever comes. We're not there to judge. We just want to help."

PRODUCTION LINE

At one time, Bobby France was the recipient of that help, now every day he and Dwight Walker give to others.

On this cold and blustery day, people line up at a senior center behind Wayne State's

Bonstelle Theatre and an Army men's settlement near the Masonic Temple. The soup and hot chocolate are especially popular.

A large vat on the van floor holds the steaming pea soup. Two vats on the shelf hold the hot chocolate. France quickly assembles sandwiches, while Walker sets out bowls of soup and cups of chocolate. The two men are a tightly coordinated production line. At each stop they serve 25 to 75 or 100 people.

One man takes a soup with one hand, a hot chocolate with another and asks to have crackers and an orange stuffed in his worn jacket pockets.

"It's a fulfilling day," Walker said. "We start with a full truck and it's empty at the end of the day. You feed a lot of people. You have no idea how many people are hungry. Miss Poole, she's a good lady. She's in her element."

Taking food into poverty stricken areas can be dangerous. France said they try to get through the day without any confrontations.

"We've had a good day if there are no confrontations," he said.

The area in the downtown, where the homeless congregate, can be especially challenging.

"The longer they have to stay in the cold, the more irritated they get," France said. "We run into all kinds of variances in terms of personalities. It's a challenging job."

The truck runs from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., but Walker and France have the discretion of staying out a little later to make sure everyone gets fed.

Robert Wyckoff pulled up to the van outside the senior housing center in his wheelchair as he does every day. "I love it. It's so helpful. I hate to miss it," he said.

Another regular was also grateful for the truck. "The way things are going, I have to sacrifice and go hungry," he said.

"It's a good thing for the community, for the city."

The truck has a sign in the corner: "This truck donated by the Ford Motor Company in memory of Gene Taylor, 2001."


The late Gene Taylor was a longtime producer for Dick Purtan and one of the people behind Purtan's annual radiothon that helps pay for the Bed and Bread Club.

"We are grateful to Dick Purtan and his listeners for the support they give from the radiothon," Poole said.

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Not all of the clients are homeless. Some folks live in senior and disabled housing. Their money often runs out before the end of the month.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY FINAL DETERMINATION PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 18, 2006 the City Council of the City of Garden City, following a duly noticed public hearing, determined to submit the following projects for funding pursuant to the 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program subject to the county of Wayne's administration of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG Program.

LOCATION	PROJECTS ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED AMOUNTS
City-Wide	Housing Rehabilitation Park Playscape ADA Compliance City Buildings ADA Compliance	\$50,000 \$5,000 \$23,660

City-Wide Improvements to Senior Center \$25,000

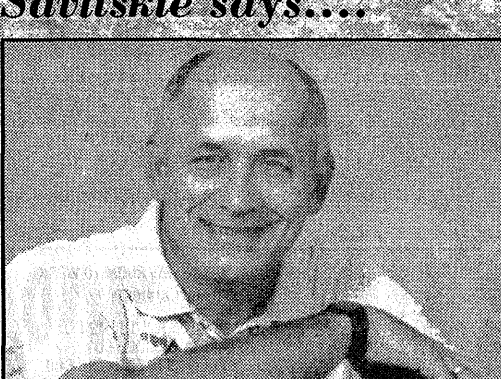
City-Wide Public Service Activity Senior Center Coordinator Salary \$27,740 Administration \$14,600 TOTAL \$146,000

Note: Program income in the amount of \$5,000 is estimated to be the approximate amount to be received from repayment of existing CDBG deferred loan liens. Program Income received will be used for Housing Rehabilitation. There is, in addition an annual appropriation of \$30,000 for housing rehabilitation that is separate from the Community Housing Rehabilitation funding listed above.

Further information is available by contacting Paul C. Zelenak, Community Development Director, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135 or by calling (734) 793-1663.

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Savitskie says....



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

REUNIONS

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Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

Detroit Western Class of 1962
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PURTAN

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Harvey, then the Army's divisional commander for southeast Michigan. He had been involved with a Bed and Bread Club in St. Louis and suggested that as the focus for Purtan's fund-raiser.

That first year, the studio-based radiothon raised \$25,000, which allowed the Army to buy a truck to distribute meals.

"The next year we had another one and we raised more money and the following year and the following year," Purtan said. "And it kept going and every year we have raised more money than the year before, fortunately."

The Army calculated that a contribution of \$120 could feed one person for a year and \$240 could feed two persons for a year. Purtan urges his listeners to consider making those contributions and sweetens the deal with special gifts — CDs of show highlights and bobble-heads. But all contributions are welcome for a cause that has become important to the radio funnyman.

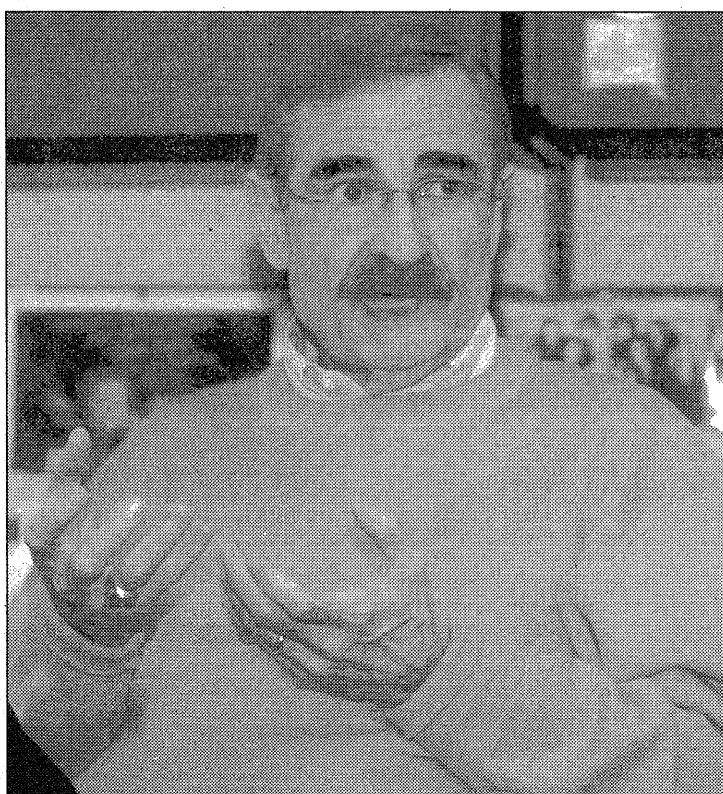
"If it weren't for the Salvation Army and this radiothon for the Salvation Army, how would these people on the streets of Detroit get fed?" Purtan said. "We've now gotten to the point, Detroit is the neediest city in the country in terms of feeding poor people. A lot of people have to decide if they want food or they want shelter, it's come down to that in many, many cases."

Purtan has been out on the Bed and Bread trucks many times.

"I think to fully appreciate the program, you have to go out on the truck," he said. "It's one thing to say we feed a ton of people every day, it's another thing to hand out the hot cups of soup and the apple, the orange, the sandwich, to see the people with just their two hands and pockets, shoving the sandwich in one pocket and the soup in another." He said it is especially poignant to see the children who gather around the trucks in the summer time. In winter, he said, mothers will take extra meals to feed their children when they get out of school.

HALL OF FAME COMEDY

This is all very serious to a man who has been making the Detroit area laugh for more than 40 years.



Dick Purtan will host the 20th annual Radiothon for the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club on Feb. 23.

Purtan arrived in Detroit in 1965 as a disc jockey for WKRN. The Buffalo native had done stints at radio stations in Syracuse and Cincinnati, honing his sharp wit and his love for topical humor. When he arrived in Detroit, he provided a fresh, funny take on the city's heated politics and unusual "characters."

They became rich fodder for Purtan on a number of stations around the radio dial — WXYZ, CKLW, WCZY, WKQI and now on Purtan's People, 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. on WOMC. He was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 2004 and the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame this year.

And his talents were sought by stations in bigger markets. "The opportunities I had to move on in some very desirable markets always came in the middle of a contract, so I was locked in," Purtan said.

He actually reached an agreement with New York's WNBC when he worked at WXYZ. But WXYZ owner ABC sued and Purtan had to stay in Detroit. Don Imus took the job instead. Other offers followed from stations in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

"I always had my opportunities, but they never came around at the right time," he said. "I can't complain that much about it, things have worked out fine here. We (he and wife Gail) have six daughters and they've all

done well, they're all married and they all live right here, amazingly."

The Purtons also have seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls.

Daughter Jackie is a regular on Purtan's People, a daily improvisation on the latest events and foibles in the Detroit area.

As always, comedy is king with Purtan. He was inspired by the radio personalities of his youth, including Frank Ward in Buffalo; Klaven and Finch, who did character comedy on New York's WNEW; William B. Williams, also on WNEW; and Frank King in Cincinnati.

Purtan has drawn on the quirks of local figures. In his early years, he gently chided Detroit Councilwoman Mary Beck.

Other targets have been Mayor Coleman Young, news-caster Bill Bonds, Bill Kennedy and former police commissioner

Ray Girard. "I had the Ray Girard cough-alike contest," Purtan said. "There were so many more characters back then than there are now. This has become a more PC world. A comment I would have made five, 10 or 20 years ago, I'll get an e-mail saying I'm unkind. In this e-mail world, I spend at least half an hour a day responding."

CHANGING CULTURE

But Purtan was on the right track and morning shows across the country began to emphasize comedy over music.

"Morning teams have proliferated. A lot of them are following the Howard Stern lead," Purtan said.

"And they do it successfully. I've always felt that Howard Stern and Madonna changed the culture of radio in this country, things got much wilder."

Purtan said he tries to be topical and aware without crossing that line.

Comedy will be a big part of this year's event.

Purtan said they always have nationally known comics at the radiothon in addition to Purtan's People — Big Al Muskavito, Dana Mills, John Ankles Stewart, Jackie Purtan, Rebekah Rhodes, Dave Zoran and Larry Lawson. The show will also include musical acts, schools bands and choral groups. In the past, several Motown groups have joined the fun.

"We moved to Oakland Mall 10 years ago and that helped us, too. It gave us a jump in donations," Purtan said. "People were able to come out and see the show. We're as jammed at 10 p.m. as we are at 5 in the afternoon. People are waiting to see if we go over the top. People cheer, they've really gotten into this."

And this year, Purtan hopes to go at least one dollar over last year's record donation.

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New Year's: There will be no trash collection on Monday, January 1, 2007. Trash collection will be delayed one day for the entire week.

Normal trash pickup will resume on Monday, January 8, 2007.

Please note: Township offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2006 to celebrate Christmas. Township offices will also be closed Monday, January 1, 2007 and Tuesday, January 2, 2007 to celebrate the New Year.

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Cookie sale teaches Girl Scouts lifelong skills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jackie Schmidt isn't sure if the girls in Brownie Troop 2022 realize the importance of sending cookies to the troops overseas, but she does. That's why Schmidt is excited about a sharing program available to purchasers of Girl Scout cookies this year. Customers can choose how many boxes they want to buy for themselves and how many to send to the troops, and then place their order during the pre-sale. Last year, Schmidt's brother was serving in the military and appreciated the cookies she mailed to him in Iraq. In fact he wanted more, but the troop had already sold out.

"I try to tell them the soldiers can't buy them because they're in war," said Jackie Schmidt who's led the 10-girl Brownie troop at Wildwood Elementary in Westland for three years.

The girls have been hitting up grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, and friends during a pre-sale to take orders through Jan. 28. The good news is that the Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Fudge Coated Thanks-A-Lot, Reduced Fat Cartwheels, and even the new Lemonades contain no trans fats to clog arteries.

Girl Scout troops receive 50 cents from the sales of each \$3.50 box. Last year, Brownie Troop 2022 used the \$580 they raised from the nearly 1,000 boxes sold to have a pool party at the Bailey Center

'They've all set goals and we've talked about safety when they're selling the cookies.'

Jackie Schmidt
Brownie troop leader

in Westland. This year they want to spend the night at the Detroit Zoo.

"They've all set goals and we've talked about safety when they're selling the cookies," said Schmidt.

The girls, who are in first to third grade, can earn Try It patches for completing requirements that teach them to plan their business, sell the cookies and stay safe at the same time. Every year, thousands of Girl Scouts with the Huron Valley Council not only gain self confidence but develop leadership skills during the annual cookie sales campaign that began in 1917.

Elissa Hebert, 8, shows off the two 200+ patches she earned for cookie sales the past two years. She's already sold 50 boxes since pre-sales began Dec. 11.

"The most popular is the Thin Mints," said Hebert. "They'll put them in the freezer and then eat them later."

Jill Wefsenmoe, 8, has already sold 20 boxes so far to her father's friends.

"I just ask them and then they buy a few boxes each time," said Wefsenmoe.

Miranda Chahine, 7, has only sold five boxes so far but she's not worried. She still has plenty of time before the last

cookie is sold. Although pre-orders end on Jan. 28, the girls will be selling the treats at booths around town from Feb. 24 to March 18.

Alicia Schmidt's 8-year old daughter, has already sold more than 20 boxes to family members.

"I want to earn money for the troop and to go on field trips and to get patches," said Alicia Schmidt.

Meagan Bush can't wait to go to Mall Mania, an annual event where girls shop till they drop. She's already sold 10 boxes to grandma and grandpa and this is her first year in Brownies.

Haley Bennett hasn't sold any so far but she has no doubt she will meet her goal of 25 boxes.

"I like to go to the campground," said Haley Bennett. "We can ride horses and we can pretend we're vets to the animals."

Bennett is especially excited about the flush toilets that were installed this year at Camp Linden.

Part of the proceeds from Girl Scout cookie sales paid for the luxury.

Cookie sales aside, Schmidt is most proud of values learned by the Girl Scouts every week during their meetings - to help people at all times and to be honest, considerate, friendly, helpful, courageous, strong, and to use resources wisely.

"It all helps us to grow," said Jackie Schmidt.

To purchase cookies, contact a Girl Scout or call (800) 49-SCOUT.



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It's that time again. Brownies, back row, Jill Wefsenmoe, Elissa Hebert, Miranda Chahine and, front row, Haley Bennett, Alicia Schmidt and Meagan Bush show off this year's cookie treats.

WEDDING

Sherburn-Layman

Michelle Dianne Sherburn and Timothy Earle Layman were married Aug. 12 at Wadel Estate in Ludington with the Rev. G. Richard Danielak officiating.

The bride is the daughter of William and Marjory Sherburn of Ludington. She is a 1995 graduate of Ludington High School and received bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 2000 and a master's degree in early childhood education in 2005. She is employed as an occupational therapist with the Taylor School District.

The groom is the son of Fred and Cathe Layman of Northville. He is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and received a bachelor's degree in integrated supply management. He is employed as a senior buyer for Behr America.

Attending the bride were: maids of honor Elizabeth Ganfield and Catherine Mateja and bridesmaids, Elisabeth Layman, Sara Ewing, Darcy Torres and Melissa Meyers.



Attending the groom were best man Brian Mateja and groomsmen Scott Hoenicke, John Sherburn, Kevin Seale, Greg Sherburn and Todd Eggert. The reception was held at Lincoln Hills Golf Club in Ludington. The couple honeymooned with a winery tour of the Leelanau Peninsula. They are making their home in Dearborn.

ENGAGEMENTS



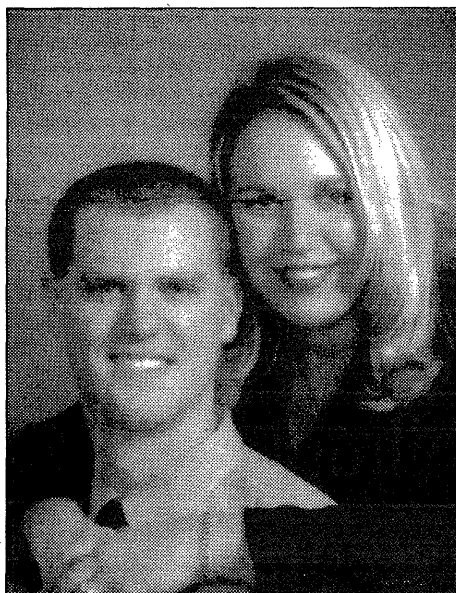
Girard-McCowan

Keith and Lauryn Girard of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Leigh Girard of Livonia, to Michael McCowan of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a business degree in marketing. She is employed by Centex Homes.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary and Gail McCowan of Milford. He is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a self-employed packaging engineer.

A September 2007 wedding is planned at Lyon Oaks.



Rzepka-Kaufman

Steven and Helen Rzepka of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Diane Rzepka, to Bryan William Kaufman of Canton.

The bride-to-be has a master of occupational therapy degree from Eastern Michigan University.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Renee Kaufman of Canton. He has a master of business administration from Cleary University and is employed as an account manager for Coca-Cola.

A May 2007 wedding is planned for St. John Neumann Catholic Church. The couple will honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii.

BIRTH

Joshua Thomas Lee

Thomas and Jennifer Lee of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Joshua Thomas Lee, on June 22 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Joshua has a 3-year-old brother, Jacob Raymond Lee.

Grandparents are Jerry and Jodi Holmes of Livonia, Maureen Lee of Livonia and the late Raymond Lee and the late Earl Barrick.

Great-grandparents are Margaret Repasky of Livonia and the late Joseph Repasky and Don and Joan Holmes of Howell.

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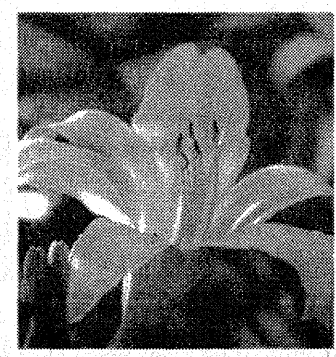
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JONATHAN D. CAMPBELL
Of Ortonville; age 31; December 26, 2006. Beloved son of Michael & Carol Campbell of Ortonville; dear brother of Josh (Aindrea) Campbell of Royal Oak and Joel (Kerry) Campbell of Ortonville; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Friday from the Sherman Wilk Funeral Home, 135 South St. Ortonville, www.sherman-wilkfuneralhome.com

DAVID QUINLAN
Age 48 died suddenly December 16, 2006. He was a resident of Teaneck, New Jersey, former resident of Bingham Farms, Michigan. David graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse, New York. He attended Villanova University and graduated from Madonna College in Livonia, Michigan in 1984. David worked in collections for Ford Motor Credit and Volkswagen while in Detroit and did the same work with a law firm in New Jersey for three years. He is survived by his daughter, Rachael Mount; parents, Joan and Bert Mount; sisters, Corinne Foster, Jennifer Bombardi and Jody Vorenberg; nieces and nephews, Matthew, Robin, Molly, Melissa, Madeline, Abby, Clay, Quinn, and Claire. Family will receive friends at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse, Friday, January 5, 2007, 2-6pm. Memorials appreciated to The American Heart Association or The Sierra Club. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

EMANUEL IGRISAN
Age 95, Dec. 20, 2006 Beloved husband of the late Bertha Lati. Survived by many nieces & nephews. Worked for Ford Motor in Tool & Die for 35 years. Private services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu & Sons.

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DONALD R. ROGERS
Age 92, December 28, 2006. Beloved husband of Doris. Dear father of Donna, Kathy (Bill), Kent (Beth) and Kelly. Dearest grandfather of 7 and 9 great-grandchildren. Funeral service Saturday, 12 noon at R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 5-9 pm and Saturday 11 am until time of service. Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society.

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Staying in the game

U-M program helps athletes overcome injuries, health problems

As any athlete knows, playing sports isn't just about physical strength. To really do well your brain has to be in the game too. And to play at an advanced level, like high school, college or professional, athletes need to be sharp. But the brain, and the network of nerves that it controls, are delicate and in the crush of competition or stress of training, they can be damaged. Plus, any problem off the field or court that affects the brain and nerves can hurt an athlete's performance.

In fact, athletes are more prone than others to a lot of brain and nerve problems, says Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, a University of Michigan neurologist. From concussions and migraines to sleep problems and nerve injuries caused by repetitive use, all of these have the potential to interfere with their ability to compete or even to return to practice. And the medicines that athletes use to treat these ills need to be chosen wisely to keep them from violating sports-league rules. That's why Kutcher and his colleague Dr. Jonathan Edwards, have launched a program for competitive athletes that focuses on injuries and illnesses affecting the brain and nerves. Called Michigan NeuroSport, it helps athletes on a high school, college and professional level get fast diagnosis and treatment without running afoul of performance-enhancing drug guidelines.

"Our clinic is dedicated to competitive athletes and the

neurological concerns they might develop from playing their sport, but also for the appropriate diagnosis and treatment of neurological conditions that they might have unrelated to their sport," says Kutcher, an assistant professor in the U-M Neurology Department.

Concussions are a big concern for athletes in many sports, Kutcher notes and not just the major full-contact sports like football and hockey. Getting hit on the head with a ball, suffering a hard jolt from a collision or hitting the ground hard are all ways that athletes' brains can be injured. Even if they don't get knocked unconscious, athletes whose brains get "bumped" in this way can suffer a concussion.

Athletes and coaches know that a concussion needs to be treated with painkillers and a few days' break from competition and practice. But even after the initial brain impact heals, a concussion can leave long-lasting effects. Athletes who have suffered more than one concussion are especially likely to suffer long-term problems with thinking, memory, depression and dizziness - an effect called post-concussive syndrome - and that can interfere with their performance on the playing field.

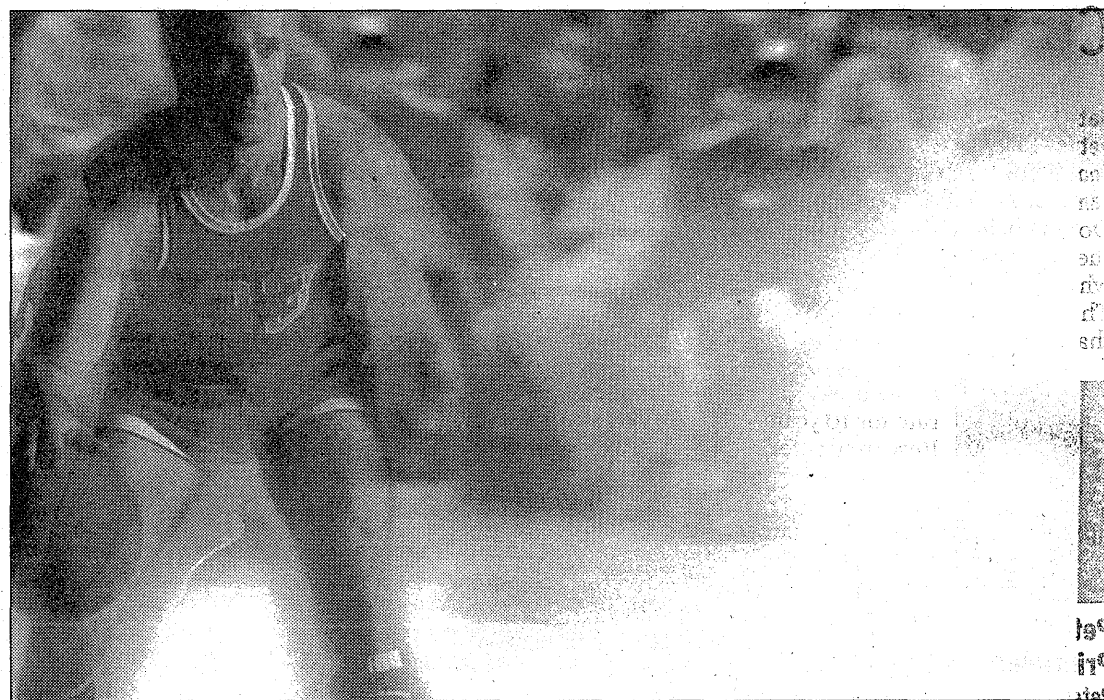
An athlete who suffers a concussion should check with a doctor for advice on when it's safe to return to practice or competition, which depends on the severity of the concussion and the nature of the sport.

Concussions aren't the only thing that can happen to an athlete during play or practice. Because athletes often make the same motions over and over, nerves in their wrists, hands, feet and other areas can begin to hurt from over-use. If they suffer a broken bone, the nerves nearby can become entrapped or pinched by the injury.

"We're always balancing between the desire for an athlete to get back into the game quickly and the need to make sure that there's no permanent damage intellectually," says Kutcher.

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Epilepsy and other conditions that cause seizures require special treatment in athletes. "Most athletes with seizures are able to compete



without any impairment of their performance," says Edwards, an associate professor of neurology. "The key is to choose treatments that don't interfere with cognition, coordination or concentration."

The stress of competition, and of intense physical activity, can make two other neurological problems worse: sleep disorders and migraine headaches. Athletes are prone to insomnia or the ability to get to sleep or stay asleep. They also are more likely to have a condition called sleep apnea, especially athletes in sports where large size is an advantage such as wrestling. People with sleep apnea experience brief interruptions in their breathing while they sleep because their throat closes up temporarily. This causes the brain to wake up for a moment, which means that the person doesn't get a good night's sleep.

Kutcher and his colleagues at NeuroSport often refer athletes to the U-M Sleep Center for an overnight test that can determine the type of sleep

problem they have and what kind of treatment might help.

As for migraines, the combination of performance-related stress and the typical age range of athletes creates perfect conditions for major headaches. "Migraines are most common in the second and third decade of life," during the peak ages for high school, college and professional athletes, explains Kutcher. "An athlete who's training hard, not sleeping a lot, putting their body through a lot of stress, is at a higher risk for getting more frequent migraines."

Medicines to treat sleep problems, migraines and pain have gotten better recently, and specialists like Kutcher and Edwards are experts at helping patients find the right treatment for them. But these medicines come with an added issue for athletes: the banned-drug list. College sports, many professional sports, and even some states' high school athletic associations, ban the use of certain medicines that can unfairly enhance an athlete's performance.

"Some of the treatments we use for migraines, narcolepsy or excessive daytime sleepiness are actually banned substances, and so we have to be very careful that we're providing the athlete with the best care without encroaching on the rules they're performing under," says Kutcher. "There are also drugs that aren't on a banned list but we suspect they might be added to the list soon because there are new medications every year in neurology and a lot of them have a direct effect on intellectual performance."

This attention to athletic rules, combined with customized treatment, makes NeuroSport a unique service, the doctors say. And that kind of specialization may help many athletes get back in the game faster.

Athletes, and athletic trainers or referring physicians treating athletes with neurological concerns, may contact the NeuroSport clinic at (734) 936-9055 or send e-mail to Neuro-Sport@umich.edu.

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Test can help detect cancer

Katie from Orchard Lake is dreading getting a mammogram. She wants to know if this test really can detect breast cancer and is it really necessary?

Doctors believe the mammogram is the best way to catch cancer early, when it is in the most curable stage. There is now some new evidence that helps prove this theory.

A new study looked at the breast cancer rate for 10 years. Researchers found that the death rate from breast cancer dropped almost 25 percent over that time period! Nearly half the decrease is linked to mammograms.

It is recommended that all women over the age of 40 get a mammogram every one to two years. The test does not take much time and it can actually save your life!

Frank from Shelby Township is looking for natural ways to help control his blood pressure.

Frank, some new research just might provide the answers that you are looking for.

We now know that the lining of your arteries can be critical to your overall health. Cells produce chemicals that control the pressure and flow of your body's blood supply.

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Vitamins C and E help your body defeat these harmful free radicals in a natural, healthy way. They work by keeping healthy blood flowing to vital tissues. This is another high potent weapon in the ongoing battle to fight high blood pressure.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com.

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DECEMBER

24-hour help line

While the holidays can be a joyful time of year, they can also present stress and pressure that can be difficult to cope with for some people, according to the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (D-WCCMHA). The county-wide Mental Health Agency offers help at its toll-free 24-hour Line - (800) 241-4949 (TDD 866-870-2599), which is available throughout the year for those in need of assistance.

Stress can reach a new level during the holidays. Changes in diet and exercise routines, memories of past celebrations, and an inability to be with loved ones can all factor into increased stress. The holidays can also lead to depression or holiday blues which are usually short-lived but can be intense and sometimes disturbing. It's not unusual for people to feel sad or lonely at this time of year, but those feelings should not be all-consuming or disruptive. The 24-hour help line provides crisis intervention, suicide prevention, mental health information, and referrals for the county's 2 million residents.

Blankets for AIDS

Higher Ground, an HIV-AIDS support group based in Royal Oak, is sponsoring the fourth Blankets for AIDS Drive to help adults and children living with HIV-AIDS in Southeastern Michigan. To participate purchase a new blanket and drop it into the bin at Affirmations on Nine Mile in Ferndale, Paramount Bank on Woodward in Ferndale, or St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, by Dec. 31. For more information, call (586) 427-1259 or send e-mail to higherground2003@aol.com.

UPCOMING

Teen drug workshop

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" series provides helpful information to families and others concerned about a young person who may be harmfully involved with alcohol or other drug use. The free workshops are presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are welcome. Free lit-

erature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided.

Part One: What To Know will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One and Two are repeated every first Tuesday of each month from October to June.

Part Two What To Do is scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, and provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker.

For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail tjessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

Stop smoking program

Presented by Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Monday-Friday, Jan. 8-12, and Monday, Jan. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge but donations accepted. For more information, call (734) 466-2540.

Widowed support group

A discussion of tips and techniques for beating the winter blues 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois. All community members welcome. For more information, call the Desmond Funeral Home at (248) 362-2500.

Caregivers support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association have collaborated to offer an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, which causes memory loss and a decline in mental function over time. The support group offers information, discussion and support to family members, friends, and caregivers who care for someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. There is no fee. No registration required. For more information, contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association, at (248) 426-7055.

Open forum discussion

Birth in the 21st century, hosted by a group of midwives, doulas, childbirth educators and concerned women 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Center for Childbearing Year in Ann

Arbor. The group is working to educate families on their options during pregnancy. For information or directions, visit <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Birthingthe21stcentury/>.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder meeting on Jan. 8, is a panel of college and high school students addressing the struggles and successes in managing AD/HD with academics and life. This will be the third year of a high school panel and first year with primarily college students speaking about the challenges and mastery of skills. Fran Parker Ph.D., a psychologist, and Kevin Roberts, B.A., an academic coach will moderate the panel. In addition, there will be a support group for adults in a different room. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., registration at 7 p.m. at the Way Elementary School on Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Members are free, \$5 donation for nonmember families. For details, call (248) 988-6716.

Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for anyone dealing with the cancer experience including those with cancer, or those who are related to or know someone living with cancer. Group meets the first and third Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the cancer treatment center off of the hospital's South Garden entrance, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For more information, call (248) 937-5163.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

New support group

For persons trying to quit smoking, support group offers education on various methods of quitting including but not limited to nicotine replacement and medications, begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. No charge and no pre-registration. For details, call (248) 937-3314.

Women's heart lecture

Do you have an abnormal rhythm and wonder what it means? Nurse Practitioner Michelle Loomis, R.N., who specializes in caring for individuals with heart rhythm disturbances, will discuss different types of abnormal heart rhythms and treatment 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 (Registration at 6:30 p.m.), at Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center, 5320 Elliott Drive on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. No charge. Register online at www.mhvi.org or call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

Tai Chi for seniors

The next session begins noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Tai Chi is an ancient martial art form that has proven to give one a higher enhancement of physical and mental well being. Participants will learn the simple form using five elements of study. No equipment needed. All ability levels welcome. \$40 fee for six-week session. To register, call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis classes

Representatives of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter have announced Winter/Spring class schedules for their specially-designed exercise programs including the Aquatic Program, a warm-water exercise program; Exercise Program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and Self-Help Course. For information, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Stress clinic

Presented by Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Tuesday Jan. 23, and Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Donations accepted. For more information, call (734) 466-2540.

Nursing refresher course

Madonna University's 12-day RN Refresher Course runs Jan. 22-Feb. 8 (Monday through Thursday only), 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the main Livonia campus. Register online at www.madonna.edu (click on Quick Links, then Continuing Education & Professional Studies; click on Registration and fill out the online non-student registration form (choose from mail-in, in-person or online registration.) Payment is due at time of registration.

After-holiday blood drive critical for area hospitals

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, the American Red Cross will once again be holding their Critical Post Holiday Blood Drive for businesses and residents in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park area. The drive will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites located off of the southbound M-5 Service Drive behind the Bill Cook Automotive Dealerships. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call (517) 545-7712.

The holiday season is an especially difficult time to collect the 800 units of blood that is needed on a daily basis to fulfill the requirements of local hospitals. Platelets have a shelf life of only five days and are necessary for treating patients who are undergoing cancer therapy or open heart surgery, or have leukemia or aplastic anemia.

The American Red Cross is asking everyone to try

to find time in their busy schedule to donate the gift of life at the Jan. 3 blood drive.

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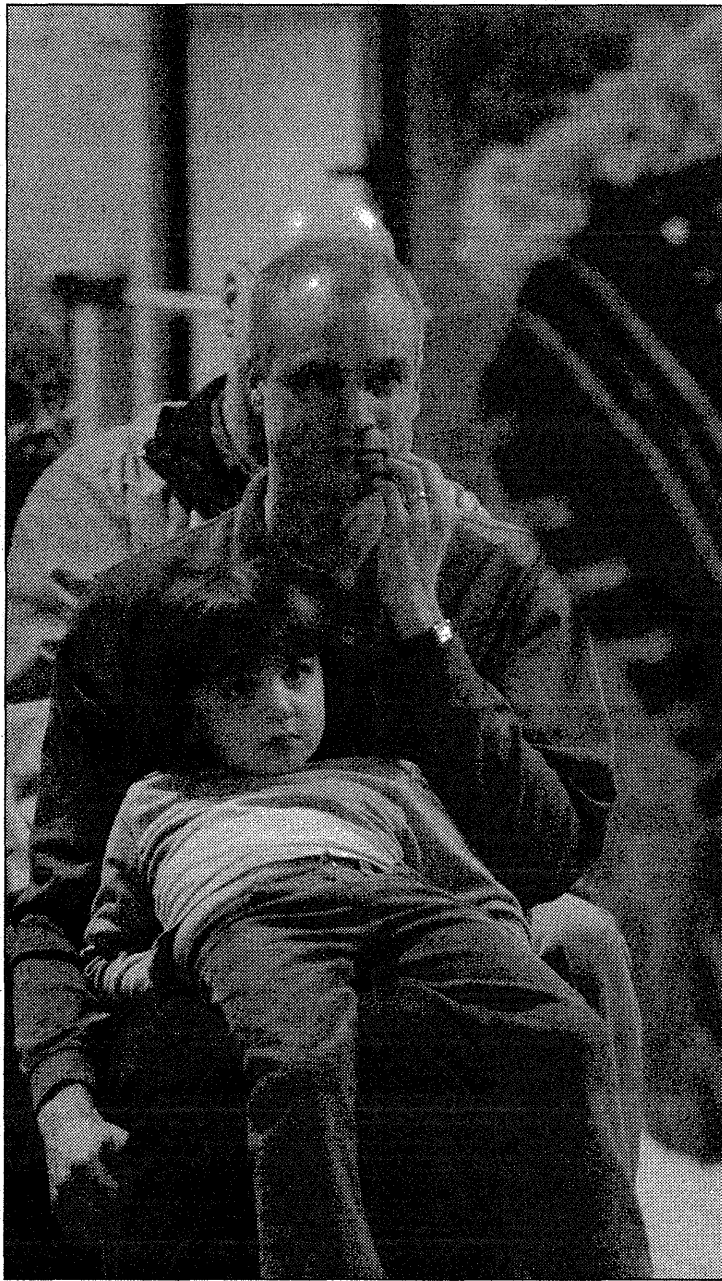
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Exhibition, programs showcase Elizabeth I

Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth I is the subject of a special exhibit at the Livonia Public Library's Art Gallery. The exhibit opened with a colorful display of dancing in 16th Century period costumes. The national traveling exhibition was organized by the Newberry Library's Center of Renaissance Studies. The display of panels highlighting Elizabeth's reign is being displayed in 40 cities throughout the United States. It will be on display in Livonia through Feb. 16.

A number of programs at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (unless otherwise noted) are scheduled to coincide with the exhibit.

Planned events are:
 ■ 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8, book discussion on *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory. To register, call Anne Sharp at (734)466-2490.
 ■ 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, Elizabeth the Queen - Should a woman rule? Presentation and discussion by Dennis Boyzk, History



David Edwards and daughter Helen, 5 years old, watch the Elizabethan dancers.

Department, Madonna University.

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■ 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Tea with the Queen. Meet the Queen and Sir Francis Drake. For children 6-12.



Pat Shanks is Lady Ashley, Michael Burton is Sir Francis Drake, Anne Dwyer is Queen Bess and Michael Wiggins is Sir Walter Raleigh.

■ 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Elizabethan movie night featuring a popular film on Elizabeth's life.

■ 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, Mother/Daughter discussion: Beware Princess Elizabeth by Carolyn Meyer. To register, call Patty Goonis at (248)893-4010. Ages 11 and up.

■ 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Noontime concert of period music in the atrium.

■ 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, Shakespeare Realm - Elizabethan literature and theater. Presentation and discussion with Ernest Nolan, English Department, Madonna University.

■ 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Book discussion: The

The display of panels highlighting Elizabeth's reign is being displayed in 40 cities throughout the United States. It will be on display in Livonia through Feb. 16.



Kathleen Nordstrom keeps the beat as the band plays that crazy Elizabethan pop.

Life of Elizabeth I by Alison Weir. To register, call Carol Harrison (734)421-4235. At the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

■ 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, Elizabethan movie night. Popular adaptation of a Shakespeare play.

■ 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

6, Challenges and Heirs: Who is the rightful leader? Presentation and discussion with Dennis Bozyk, History Department, Madonna University.

■ 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, No Feare Shakespeare, CSI Verona. Wayne State University Theater Department. For grades, 7-12.

■ 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, Long Live the Queen: Elizabeth through the ages. Presentation and discussion with Dennis Bozyk, History Department, Madonna University.

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 2006 WINTER TAXES

Winter Taxes are due December 1, 2006 and payable through February 14, 2007 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at the Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. After hours payments can be placed in the 24 hr **WHITE DROP BOX** located along the circular drive. Payments placed in the drop box over the New Year holiday weekend will be credited as of December 31st.

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RON EDWARDS, Treasurer
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: December 31, 2006

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CITY OF WESTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2582-K Gilman, 7422 Deering

Request for a non-conforming structure variance from Section 5:23 of Ordinance 248 in order to construct a first floor and second story addition to the existing non-conforming home.

Petition #2583-Cal Sign Company/Hahn Paint, 1615 S. Wayne Road

Request for two variances from Sections 15:3.6(a)(1) and 15:3.6(a)(2) of Ordinance 248 in order to replace an existing free-standing sign located at the site by replacing it with a sign that is proposed to be a 36 square foot, 12 foot high sign that would be located 76" from the front lot line.

Petition #2584-St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road

Request for a sign variance from Article XV, Section 15:3.2(k) of Ordinance 248 in order to erect a temporary sign on the existing church site for a period of nine (9) days (January 26, 2007 to February 3, 2007) in order to advertise a "Vegas Night Party" event to be held at the church on February 2 and 3, 2007.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

January 16, 2007 - 7:30 pm
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2006-09-78 (Rescheduled from December 12, 2006): Judith Fina, west side of Seltzer (9931) between Clements Circle South and Elmira, seeking the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals to operate a group day care home upon residentially zoned property.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-01-04: Harry Potash, 5042 Village Square Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48322, seeking to construct a single-family dwelling on the east side of Deering (9060) between Joy and North End, resulting in a lot which is deficient in lot width and lot area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-01-06: David Morden, north side of Capitol (34424) between Stark and Brewster, seeking to construct a covered front porch upon a nonconforming dwelling resulting in deficient front yard setback. Nonconformity is based on the existing front yard setback of 44 ft., where 50 ft. is required.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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ORDINANCE #2006-06

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CHAPTER 54, SECTION 54.233, THREATENING BY TELEPHONE, OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Sec. 54.233 Threatening by Telephone.

No person shall telephone any other person or cause any person to be telephoned for the purpose of harassing or molesting or threatening any person or his family, or their property, whether or not conversation ensues, except for telephone calls made for legitimate business purposes.

SECTION 2: Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective on the 8th day of January, 2007.

Made, passed, and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan this 18th day of December, 2006.

DAN DWYER, MAYOR LINDA LANGMESSER, CITY CLERK

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January 16, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended; Section 8 of Act 285 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1931, as amended, and Article XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2006-11-02-29 submitted by Thomas's Family Dining requesting waiver use approval to utilize a Class C liquor license at 33971 Plymouth Road, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Farmington Road and Stark Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33.

Petition 2006-11-02-30 submitted by Jonna Companies requesting waiver use approval to construct and operate a full service restaurant (T.G.I. Friday's) on property located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven Mile Road and Eight Mile Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6.

Petition 2006-11-02-31 submitted by Jonna Companies requesting waiver use approval to construct and operate a full service restaurant (Panera Bread) on property located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven Mile and Eight Mile Roads in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6.

Petition 2006-11-02-32 submitted by Brinker Michigan, Inc., requesting waiver use approval to construct and operate a full service restaurant (Chili's Grill & Bar) on property located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Middlebelt Road and Milburn Avenue in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35.

Petition 2006-11-02-33 submitted by Brinker Michigan, Inc., requesting waiver use approval to operate a Class C Liquor License in connection with a full service restaurant (Chili's Grill & Bar) on property located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Middlebelt Road and Milburn Avenue in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

John Walsh, Chairman

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ORDINANCE #2006-05

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CHAPTER 26, SEC 26.2, SAME-DUTIES, MEETINGS, OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Sec. 26.2 Same-Duties, meetings.

It shall be the duty of the cemetery board of trustees to make such recommendations to the city commission as are necessary and expedient for the proper control, maintenance and improvement of city cemeteries. Such board shall hold its annual meeting during the month of May of each year, at which meeting a chairman shall be elected for a term of one year. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the chairman.

SECTION 2: Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective on the 31st of December, 2006.

Made, passed, and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan this 18th day of December, 2006.

DAN DWYER, MAYOR LINDA LANGMESSER, CITY CLERK

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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO. 06-629697-CH

CAYMC, Two Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226-3413 313-224-5255

National City Bank of Pennsylvania c/o Lefkowsky & Gorosh, PC v Ruby Wallace 31500 Northwestern Highway, Suite 105 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 15620 Normandy Detroit, MI 48228

Jason M. Milstone (P53769) Lefkowsky & Gorosh, PC All Interested Parties 31500 Northwestern Highway, Suite 105 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248-855-5508

TO: Ruby Mae Wallace and All Interested Parties

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A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Eccentric Newspaper, three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Ruby Mae Wallace at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

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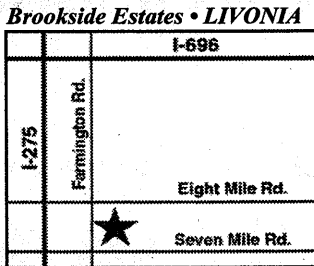

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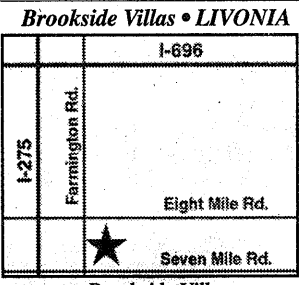
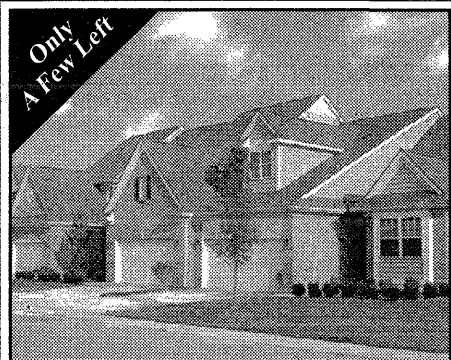
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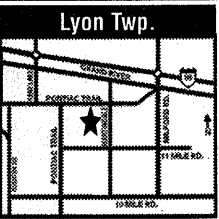

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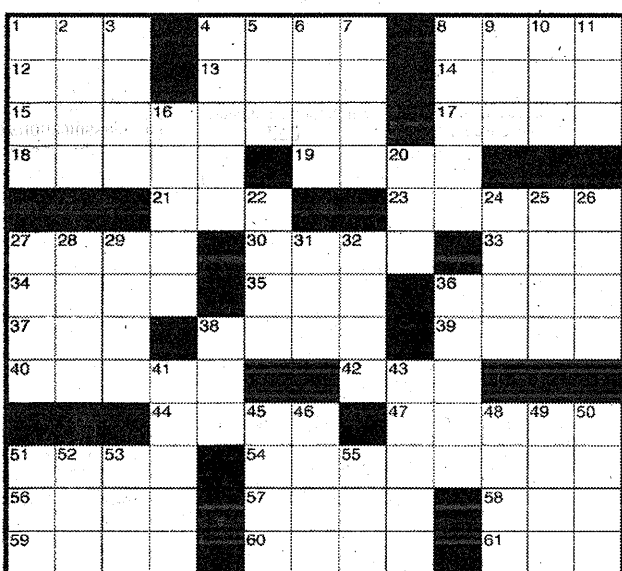
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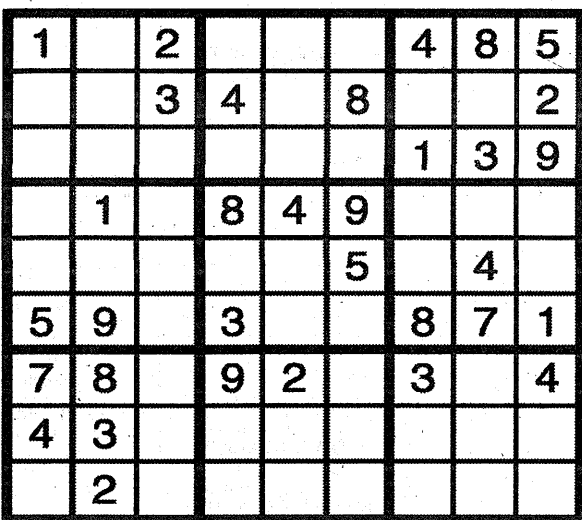
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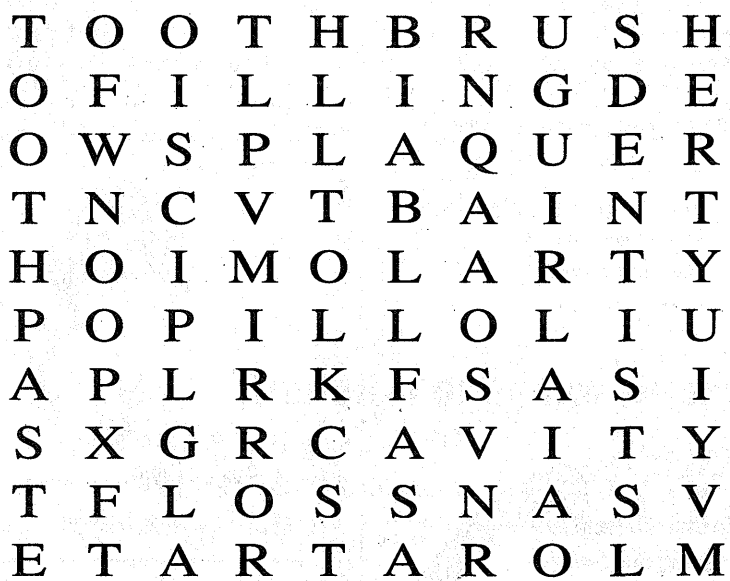
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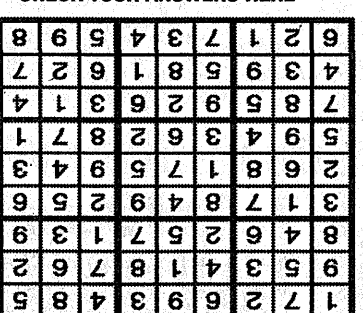
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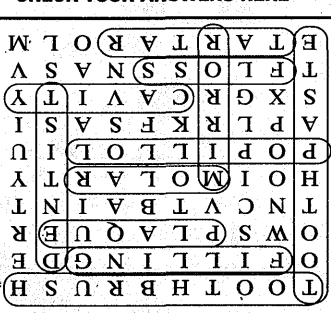
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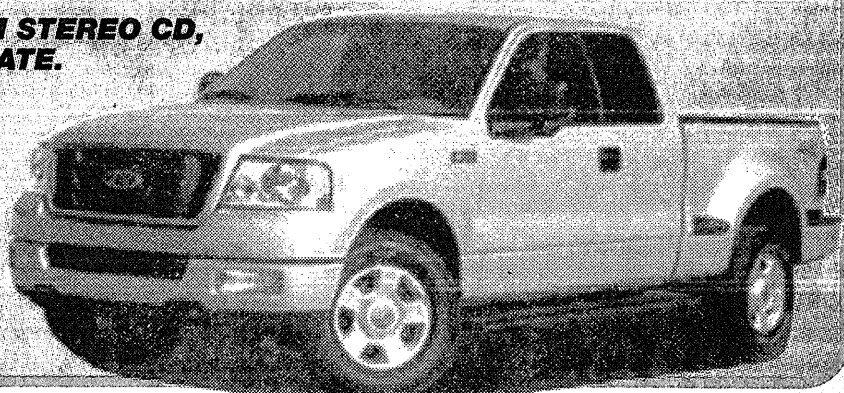
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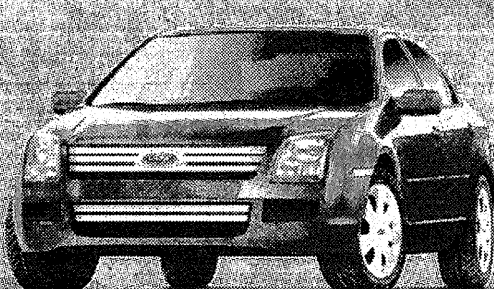
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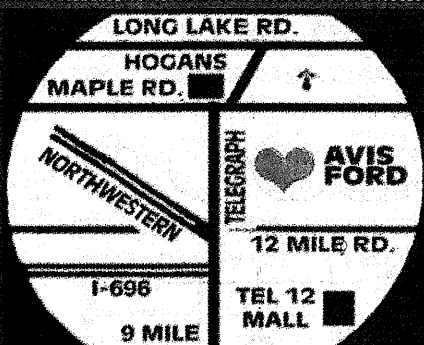
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If you Go Kart enthusiasts want a ride you can legally take on the road, get behind the wheel of the 2007 Mini Cooper and turn your speedy hobby into a full-blown obsession.

Mini designers pride themselves on keeping the BMW-built Mini's wide-bulldog stance intact, not just because it looks cool, but because it also adds to the precision control of the car.

The width of this vehicle, measured at 5 feet, 6 inches, is one of the widest in the U.S., offering superior handling. With the wheels pushed as far out as possible, the Mini has no overhang. That means the front or back end won't swing around tight corners. And its low center of gravity helps drivers maintain optimal balance.

The 2007 Mini, with a base price of \$18,700, is 2.5 inches longer than last year's model, but the width, height and wheelbase are the same as last year. The front and nose of the car were reshaped to be safer for pedestrians in case of an accident.

The new nose also provides more space under the hood, and BMW developed an all new, more powerful 120 horsepower (up from 115 horsepower), inline 4-cylinder engine for the Mini. That translates into a jaw-dropping 20-percent improvement in fuel economy for you, the driver.

The previous tilt-only steering wheel now swivels and the cup holders are now big enough to actually hold cups.

All of the main functions of the Mini, such as the fuel and temperature gauges, warning lights and odometer, are housed together below the large speedometer.

This unit, called the Center Speedo, is placed right on the middle of the dashboard, where it was when the Mini was exclusively used for racing. It was first put there to allow co-pilots to navigate more effectively and give them easy access to monitor critical vehicle data during races.

Adding functionality to the Mini's interior design,

The 2007 Mini Cooper maintains a bulldog stance. Vehicle class: Compact coupe. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: Anticipated 26 city / 34 highway. Where built: Oxford, England. Base price: \$18,700.



now the Center Speedo hosts the radio's controls and displays the optional GPS Navigation System, which includes real-time traffic information and voice control.

If you're looking for added punch, you can push the Sport Button, allowing you to adjust various settings to provide more rapid acceleration response and tighter steering. And if paired with the optional automatic transmission, it will even adjust your shifts for quicker gear changes.

The safety of the Mini has been highly touted over the years by its engineers, and for good reason. It achieved a 4-star safety rating from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, from 2002-06.

One great safety feature is Automatic Stability Control, which comes standard on the new model. This system senses different levels of friction between the two front wheels and redistributes power. Ultimately, it prevents the front wheels from spinning on slippery surfaces and makes it easier to drive back onto solid ground.

However, the Mini has got you covered if you do lose control and get into an accident by utilizing other safety features.

For example, after the impact of an accident, the Mini will trigger the accident sensor and automatically unlock the doors and turn on its hazard lights. And if the airbags are deployed, the car will also stop the fuel from pumping to help avoid a dangerous fire from being started.

There are six total front and side airbags that operate more safely than traditional air bags. That's because the

smart safety sensors constantly monitor driver and front passenger position, seatbelt use and how potentially harmful the safety bags impact will be, and then determine the airbag inflation rate accordingly.

Besides being safe, the new Mini is also secure. The Engine Immobilizer makes the car's starter useless without a key, so the Mini is nearly impossible to steal.

If you want to stand out of the pack, you can order your Mini with contrasting black or white roofs and side-view mirrors. Dual-pane panoramic sun roofs and sports seats are also optional in the '07 model.

True, the Mini is a very small vehicle, hence its name, but its designers did their best to infuse practicality in the car. One place they did this is by squeezing out as much cargo space out of the Mini's frame as possible. With the back seat down, the Mini's cargo space is extended by 5.7 cubic feet to 24 cubic feet.

There is an upgraded turbocharged 2007 Mini Cooper S available, starting at \$21,850. With an increased horsepower of 170, up from 163, this stylish convertible is sure to turn heads.

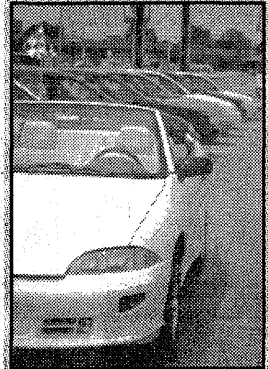
Although the estimated miles per gallon hasn't been announced yet, the 26 per city and 34 highway stats of last year's model shouldn't be too far off for the '07 version.

These new Mini Cooper and Mini Cooper S roll into showrooms in February, giving Go Kart fans a high-priced toy to play with.

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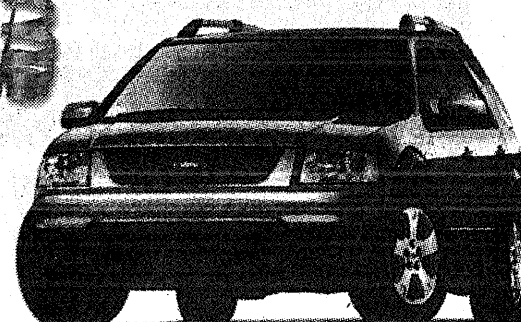
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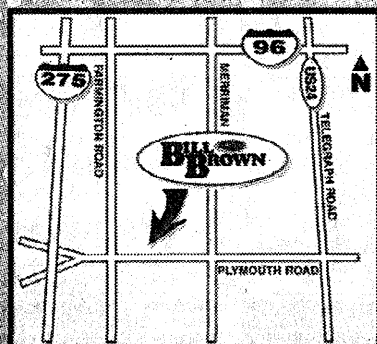
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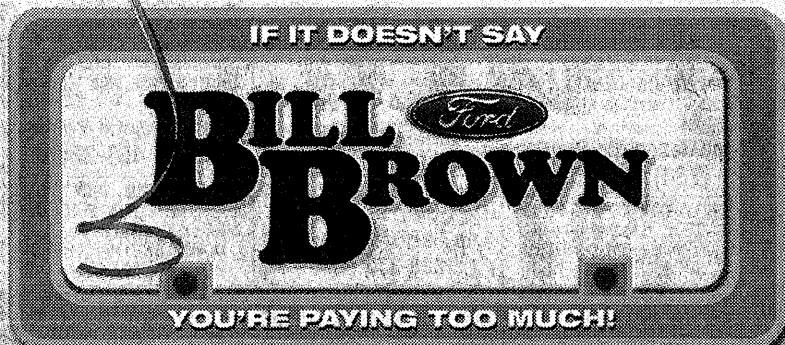


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