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2006 had its moments

School bond defeat, underpass among year's top stories

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth community saw a school bond get turned down handily, the Sheldon Road underpass project take on an on-again, off-again nature and one of the ugliest primary election campaigns in recent memory.

It also saw the return of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and the dedication, after 14 years of tremendous effort, of the new Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

Here's a look back at some of the things that made news in Plymouth in 2006:

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■ More than 200 people welcome home Andri Hill, the 9-year-old Plymouth girl who underwent a heart transplant. Friends and classmates lined several blocks of Arthur Street with signs and balloons only 13 days after becoming the recipient of a new heart.

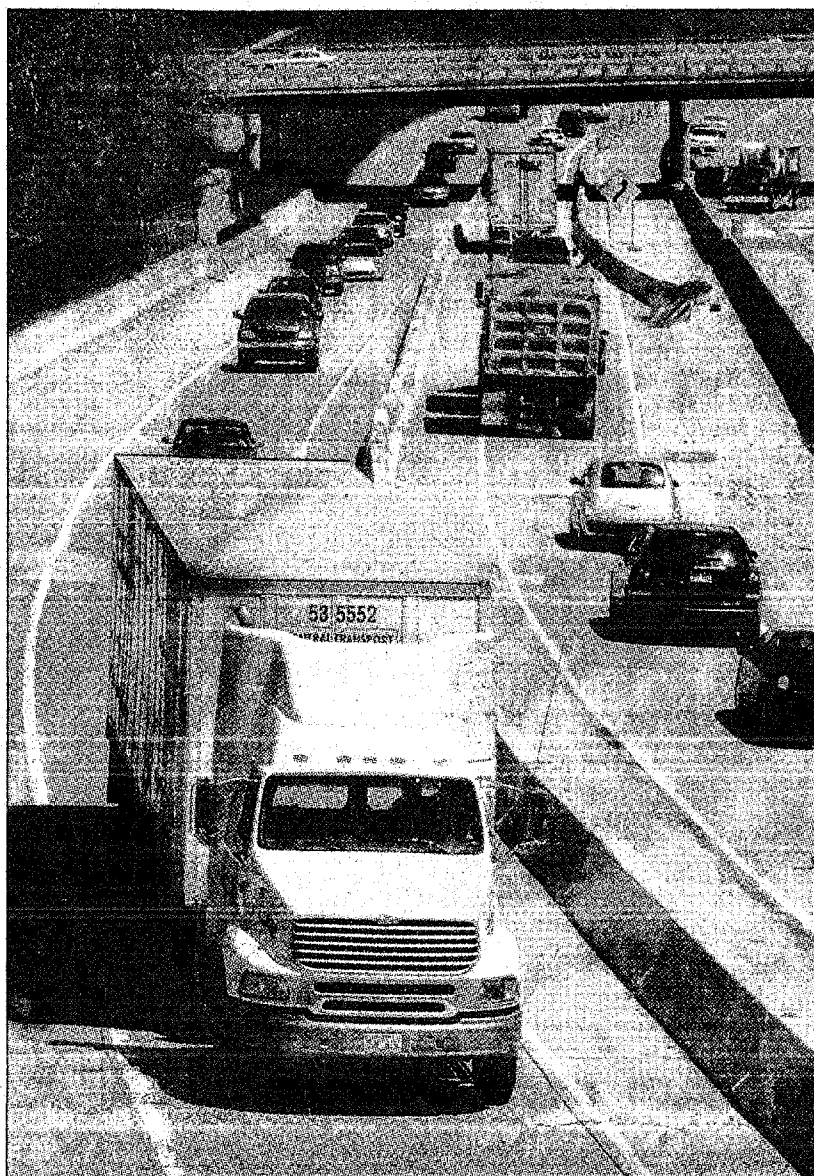
■ Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer announces talks will resume in earnest with Northville about providing a regional dispatch service. While the talks were substantive and an agreement was nearly reached, by the end of the year the city and Plymouth Township had reached an accord on a new intergovernmental agreement providing dispatch services.

■ A Southfield developer who had offered \$4.5 million for the so-called Bathey property in the City of Plymouth pulled the plug on plans to construct 180 homes on the 16-acre tract of land. City officials later sold the property for some \$2.4 million.

■ A journalist with ties to the Plymouth-Canton community is kidnapped in Iraq. *Christian Science Monitor* reporter Jill Carroll, the daughter of retired Plymouth-Canton Community Schools teacher Mary Beth Carroll, was abducted with her driver when gunmen ambushed their car and killed her translator in western Baghdad.

■ E.J. McClendon, former board member and

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Drivers along M-14 had to put up with construction for most of the year, through mid-December.



Eight-year-old David Bullock salutes after reading the inscription on the monument honoring vets from the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts. The new Veterans Memorial Park was dedicated on the Fourth of July.

Sheldon set to close Tuesday

Land deal might hike cost, but won't delay underpass project

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A legal battle is brewing over who owns 23 acres of land in the Sheldon Road underpass project area, which could result in millions of additional taxpayer dollars to complete construction.

However, the legal troubles won't keep Wayne County from finally starting construction on the long-awaited project next week.

Wayne County Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp said Friday Sheldon Road is expected to be closed Tuesday morning. That means motorists will finally be forced to find an alternative route as Sheldon will be closed at the CSX railroad tracks the next two years.

Meanwhile, in a legal development late Thursday afternoon,

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mary Beth Kelly issued a temporary injunction giving Wayne County access to 23 acres of land within the project area that a Commerce Township man claims he bought Oct. 19 from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office for \$40,000 in back taxes.

Romel Casab laid claim to the property, only two months before the project - on the drawing board for eight years - was to have begun construction in mid-December. Helmkamp said Casab was seeking \$2 million for the acreage, but the county's legal action has apparently angered Casab.

"We're raising the ante to substantially higher than \$2 million," Barry Steinway of Bingham Farms, Casab's attorney, said in response to the

PLEASE SEE SHELDON, A5

Kettle campaign rallies to top goal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In mid-December, three weeks into the annual Red Kettle drive, the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps collected \$27,800 - down 15 percent from the same time the previous year.

That was cause for concern for Capt. Jim Irvine, the corps commander. He not only feared the announced goal of \$155,000 wouldn't be met, but he needed more than the \$195,000 collected in 2005 to meet an ever-increasing need in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville communities.

Where there's a will, there's a way, with maybe a little divine intervention thrown in for good measure.

Irvine said after word the Red Kettles were lacking in donations, the community came through to raise a total of \$248,120.

"People heard and understood," said Irvine. "It's just a phenomenal effort for this area, and a tremendous response to the needs of those in the community."

Irvine said the turnout in donations seemed to come when word spread that many of those who once supported the Salvation Army were now in need because of Michigan's economic doldrums.

"We had 110 families this Christmas that never needed assistance turn to us this year for help," Irvine said. "Out of that number, 80 percent came from Canton."

"The real story, where we sometimes lose sight, is that despite what people may think Plymouth, Canton and Northville are hurting," added Irvine. "And we believe there are far more people hurting who haven't been able to get over the issue of pride it requires to come to the Salvation Army and say 'I need your help.'"

The annual battle of service clubs resulted in Plymouth Kiwanis beating the Plymouth Rotary clubs - again - in Red Kettle collections. The Kiwanians raised \$21,903 during one weekend, while the Rotarians collected \$8,957.

"You can't put a dollar price on that," said Irvine of the bell-ringing efforts of the various groups. "It not only helps during Christmas, but the entire community the rest of the year in terms of food, paying utility bills, mortgage assistance and keeping people in their homes."

"The piece that's missing is the level of hope that's provided to people that wouldn't be there if it wasn't for the donations," he said.

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Students add 'Voices' to local newspaper

The *Observer Newspapers* is proud to present "Student Voices" in today's HometownLIFE.com section. A group of high school students volunteered late last year to write and report on issues important to younger readers. If you wonder what teens are thinking about, please take time to read their stories in today's issue and online at www.hometownlife.com.

The students, with help from their mentors - reporter Tiffany Parks, Canton editor Kurt Kuban and Plymouth editor Brad Kadrich - prepared today's stories and photos. Students brainstormed ideas, did the interviews and research and wrote the stories.

"The students showed an eagerness to learn about journalism and an enthusiasm for putting together the



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The Plymouth-Canton student-journalist team consisted of Kelly Clawson, Summer Diehl, Brad Kadrich, Kurt Kuban, Tiffany Parks, Rodney Harris, David Hopper, Nicole Wildman, Gabrielle Zuzo and Carlee Barackman.

best section they could," said Parks, the lead mentor for the Plymouth-Canton contingent. "We were very

impressed with the effort they put into the project." From "Park set-up emulates college environment for stu-

dents" by Gabrielle Zuzo to "Local artists carve out names for themselves at Ice Festival" by Kelly Clawson, along with David Hopper's insightful column on police drug searches, the student journalists took their assignments seriously and have produced some compelling pieces.

As your hometown newspaper, we believe it's important to hear from younger readers and give them a forum to express themselves. They will be the print and/or online journalists of the future.

Congratulations to these outstanding students. We hope you enjoy their work and look for more to come from our panel of student journalists in 2007. We welcome your comments.

- Susan Rosiek, executive editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*
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Chorale concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents its ensemble, the Village Voices, in their first concert of 2007, "Remembering Fred Waring," regarded by many as the world's finest interpreter of popular choral music. The concert takes place 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are \$12 for general seating and can be purchased by phone at (866) 924-4276, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or log on to the Chorale web site at Plycommunitychorus.org and print off and mail in the order form.

Humane Society help

Area teenagers are invited to come to the Plymouth District Library 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 to create Kitty Forts for cats and kittens awaiting adoption. With materials donated from Victor Packaging in Plymouth, teen volunteers will make the cardboard homes that will be utilized by the Humane Society. The Kitty Forts will help keep the cats

and kittens happy and stress-free as they await adoption. This event is for middle and high school students and will provide documented community service time. Register today by calling the Library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Free throw contest

All boys and girls, of all faiths, ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2007 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan 21, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley in Canton. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year nearly 179,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Lou Brochner, (734) 453-7684. Pre-registration will be available at St

Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses between Jan. 13-21 or register at time of the event.

Calling Young Marines

The Wayne County Young Marines, a not-for-profit youth education program for boys and girls ages 8-18, is forming its next recruit platoon starting Jan. 23. Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, in Wayne. Its mission is to strengthen the lives of America's youth by teaching the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring veterans, good citizenship, physical fitness, community service, and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. It's directed by volunteer veteran Marines and parents. For more information, call (734) 788-6667 or visit <http://www.wcymarines.org/>

Chorale auditions

The BeckRidge Chorale is inviting the public to open auditions for the Chorale's Spring concert, "Sing for the Cure." All proceeds from this concert will go to the Barbara

Karmanos Cancer Institute, the local affiliate for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 16, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, west of Sheldon. For more information call (734) 416-9885.

American Legion meets

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Literacy tutors

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in Plymouth and Canton to help adults improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. The CLC will provide free training and materials to interested volunteers. Previous

experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. Volunteers will be matched with students in their area. The next CLC five-part training begins 6-9 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Canton Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

Exhibit extended

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's current exhibit by Margarete Nagarkar entitled *Looking In, Looking Out* has been extended to Jan. 11. The pieces are done in mixed media, from charcoal to computer wires, which gives Nagarkar the freedom to successfully develop her images. Nagarkar named her exhibit *Looking In, Looking Out* because she uses this work to examine the wider culture we live in and how it affects our innermost selves. "My paintings are deeply personal responses to the wider issues affecting us," she explained. "They are comments on both the state of the world and the state of our souls." PCAC and exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The PCAC is

located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Council on Aging

The Plymouth Council on Aging hosts an interactive session, "Fighting the Blues - Tools for a Happier You!" on depression education, prevention and recovery 10:45-11:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Participants will receive tools and skills to help combat all levels of depression. The class is sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court. To register or for more information, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to register. The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Life Line Screening, Tests That Can Help Save Your Life," Friday, Feb. 2, at the Plymouth Township Friendship Station. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. and will include tests for Stroke Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening. To register, call (800) 324-1851.

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Motor City Brass Band is looking for teens interested in joining a new ensemble for brass and percussion players ages 15-22. The Motor City Youth Brass Band is being formed to provide high quality instruction and performance opportunities

for students throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. The youth band's first open rehearsal will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt in Livonia. There are no try-

outs, and there is no cost to join the band. The band will rehearse 7-9 p.m. Thursday evenings. The initial season will run through May 20. Youth brass band members will have the opportunity to attend master classes and workshops with guest soloists and professional clinicians, including Woody English, trumpet soloist for the U.S. Army Band. The band also will perform concerts on March 25 and May 20 at Shriner's

Auditorium in Southfield. The youth band will supplement current band programs and serve as an outlet for students whose schools do not offer music classes. The music will vary from classical to rock to traditional and everything in between. More information and an application form can be found at the Motor City Brass Band Web Site, www.mcybb.org, or call Brian Jobin at (734) 626-4464. He also can be reached by e-mail at bjobin@gmail.com.

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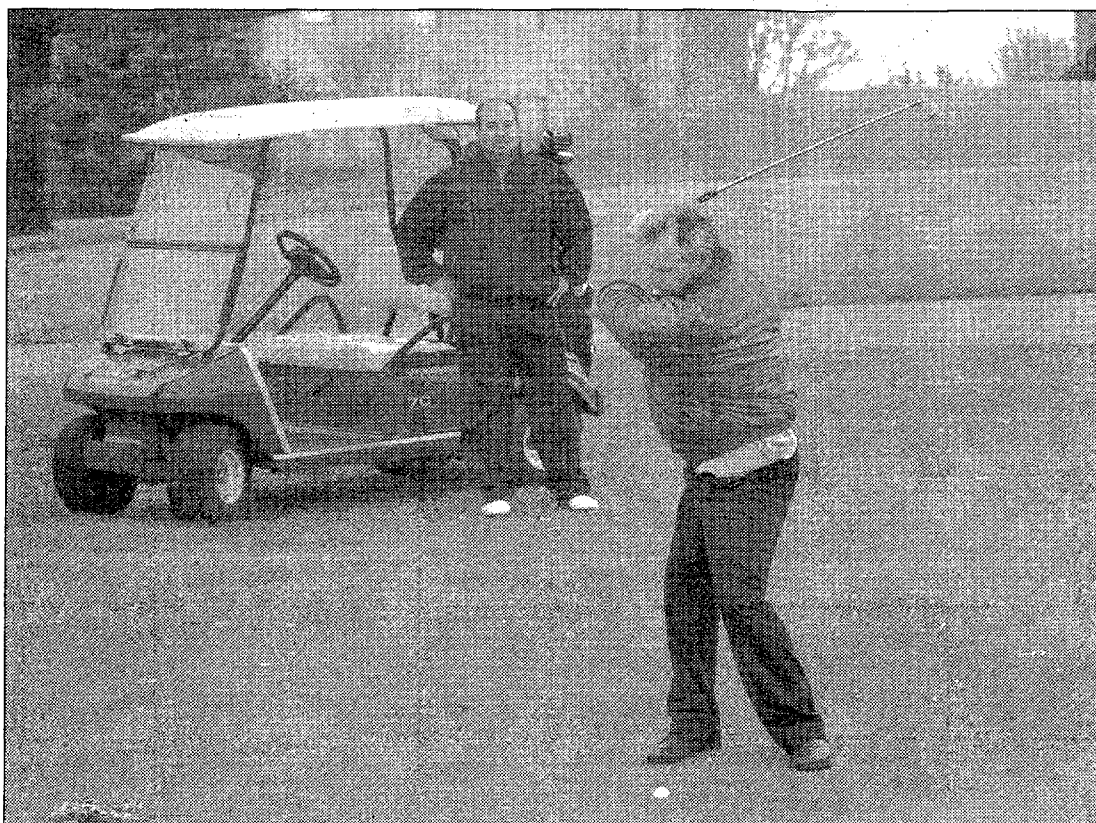
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Jim Devlin of Belleville aims for the green at the golf course at St. Johns, watched by David Fava of Canton.

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Memories contest, 2007 gala on tap as ice festival approaches

With the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular hitting the quarter-century mark this year, organizers are hoping to tap into people's memories. Festival organizers are sponsoring a contest to find people's favorite memories of the first 25 years of the festival, and they're offering a prize for the best one.

"The ice festival has a rich history in Plymouth," said Michael Watts of Watts Up, Inc., the festival's organizer. "We're hoping people will tell us about their fondest memories of the first 25 years of the festival, as we look forward to the next 25."

one to go for the 2007 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. After a successful Monday Night Football party at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth, organizers of the 25th-annual ice festival are hoping to pad their coffers with the second annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Gala Sunday, Jan. 14, also at E.G. Nicks.

"All the funds raised will go to support the 25th anniversary Plymouth Ice Spectacular," Watts said. "They will assist us in providing a

unique learning experience for hundreds of local students." The second annual gala fund-raiser, which starts at 8 p.m., will feature wine and cordial tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and entertainment. Last year's gala raised some \$2,000.

Tickets (\$35) are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, E.G. Nicks or from any Ice Spectacular Board Member. For more information, e-mail Watts at mikew@wattsupinc.com or call (734) 459-6969.

Weather lets courses tee it up

Golfers take advantage of warm January

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With pull cart in hand, golfer Jim Thoman headed to the first tee with golf clubs in tow Thursday afternoon at St. John's golf course.

Skies were mostly cloudy, but temperatures near 50 degrees allowed Thoman a chance to keep his regular routine of golf, despite the fact it was early January.

"I try and play every 8-10 days, so this fits into my schedule," said Thoman. "I didn't think I would be out again until March or April, but here I am."

It didn't hurt that Thoman, a Catholic priest who is the director of St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit, is allowed to golf free at St. John's, owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Jim Mrozinski, director of golf operations at St. John's golf course, said it's a day-to-day call whether to open the course. But, lately, it's been

open more often than not.

"There are a number of factors, but until the weather gets cold the main consideration is how wet the course is," Mrozinski said. "As long as we don't do damage to the course, it's open. Typically, in December, January and February we're shut down."

Mrozinski said weekends bring out scores of golfers on anything resembling good weather.

"The longer you can play, the shorter the winter, it seems," Mrozinski said.

Fox Hills director of golf, John Kuenzil, said the 27-hole Fox Classic — one of three courses — is open all winter.

"We had 700 rounds in December, which is quite a bit more than the last couple of Decembers," Kuenzil said.

Kuenzil added that since poor weather in September and October limited golfers days on the links, mild weather in December and January affords an opportunity to catch up on missed rounds.

"With the PGA tour back on television and with many receiving new golf equipment on Christmas day," Kuenzil said, "this kind of weather gets the juices flowing and feeds early enthusiasm."

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Where physicians experience difficulty is in dealing with pain in the bottom of the foot. Certain conditions, such as rheumatoid arthritis, lead to pain at the balls of the toes. However, the most common problem, plantar fasciitis, causes physicians the most problem, particularly in treatment. While a bone spur is most often identified as being the culprit, research shows the great majority of bone spurs give rise to nothing more than an interesting x-ray picture. The cause of plantar fasciitis is in the tough tissue that forms the plantar quadratus muscle and its surrounding tissue in the arch of the foot.

Injecting the bone spur or the worse tender point in the bottom of your foot does little good. Anti-inflammatory medicine rarely works to resolve the daily discomfort. Resolution of pain requires the services of a podiatrist or orthopedist. These specialists receive training in use of supports known as orthotics that help shift the body weight in a manner that relieves strain on the arch of the foot.

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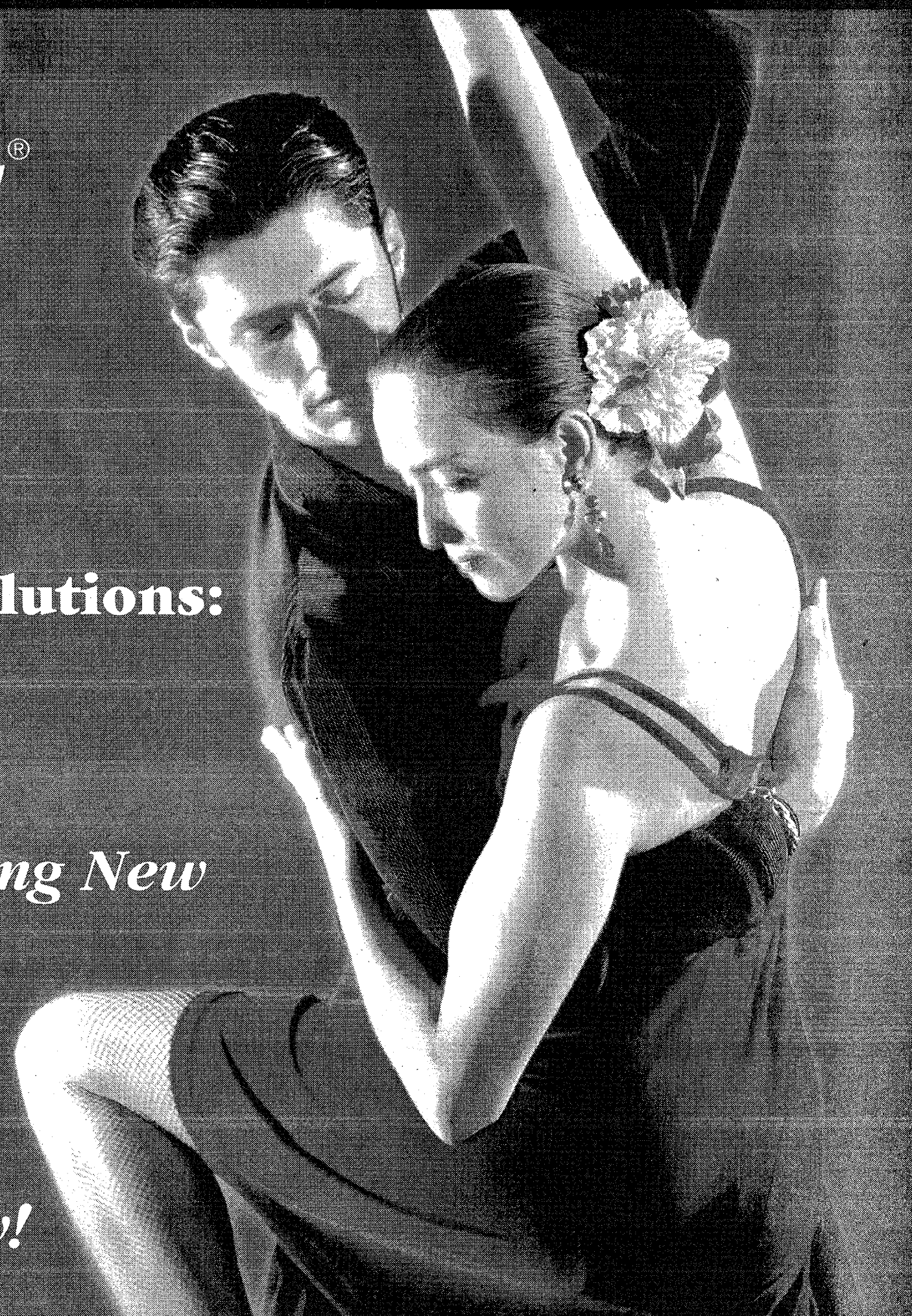


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Patti Kelly of Plymouth (right) and husband Dennis brought kids John and Kristin (right) to the Family Game Night. They were joined by Lisa Hominga of Plymouth Township (left) and daughter Julia.

Plymouth library offers board games, fun on winter night

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Families sometimes have trouble finding time to get together, so the Plymouth District Library provided some old-fashioned fun Wednesday night.

"We love it," said Joni McCarthy of Canton, who was setting up a game during Family Game Night for her sons and had time to talk. "We're just picking colors right now so it's easy."

"These are my three boys," Joey, 8, Andy, 6, and Jimmy, 4½, were eager to play Aggravation.

"My husband brought the big boys out last year," the first year for Family Game Night. This year, it was Joni McCarthy's turn and Jimmy came along.

"We come here quite often and enjoy the programs they have," she added, noting they live close to the Plymouth

'It's just fun to meet new people and play new games.'

Patti Kelly
Plymouth resident

library. "Family-friendly."

Joey McCarthy described the event as "pretty good" and liked the pizza and drinks provided by the Friends group at the library.

Carol Champagne, coordinator of youth services, said 23 families signed up to play board games provided by the library. "We limit it to 25 because that's all this room will hold," she said.

The Friends are a big help, Champagne added, and families had a good time last year during the school break activity.

"We decided we'd do it again," she said of the Game Night, geared to school-age

children, though the whole family's welcome provided a responsible adult attends.

The families played Trivial Pursuit, Sorry and other games, including a number of "Junior" versions "geared more for the younger set," Champagne said. She was ably assisted by children's librarian Dana Bussard.

Lisa Hominga of Plymouth Township and daughter Julia, 6, were "just looking for something to do over school break. She loves to play games." Julia particularly likes Monopoly Junior.

"It's a lot of fun," said Lisa Hominga, who attended last year.

First-timer Patti Kelly of Plymouth was there with husband Dennis, son John, 5, and daughter Kristin, 7.

"It's just fun to meet new people and play new games," Patti Kelly said.

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SHELDON

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county taking legal action. "We believe the value of the property to be \$200,000-\$250,000 an acre."

That calculation would put the value between \$4.6 and \$5.75 million. A hearing is scheduled for Friday.

At real issue is approximately two acres of the 23-acre parcel that was sold to Casab. According to the petition filed by Wayne County to obtain the temporary injunction, the county obtained a quit claim deed from CSX for a 50-by-100-foot rectangular strip - .12 acres - of property that runs along the western edge of Sheldon, just north of the current CSX railroad crossing. The county also claims it obtained a temporary easement on an adjacent two acres. The Wayne County documents claim the two sections of property "are essential to the start and completion of the Sheldon Road underpass."

Helmkamp said the rectangular strip is needed for part of the slope underneath the new

bridge, while the two acres is needed for a temporary CSX track around the construction site.

Wayne County lawyers claim the Treasurer's Office mistakenly included the CSX parcels in the petition and Judgment of Foreclosure. In short, Helmkamp said the property should not have been put on the tax rolls.

"The bottom line is there shouldn't have been a foreclosure for nonpayment because it's railroad property," Helmkamp said. "There should not have been any assessments placed on the property, and under state law railroad property cannot be assessed."

In the petition for temporary injunction, Wayne County claims it's spent more than \$2 million in land acquisition, planning and design costs for the Sheldon Road underpass, and claims the funding involves over \$15 million from the federal government, Wayne County, the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Steinway said he was surprised by Wayne County's filing of the temporary injunction, considering he held off from filing his own legal action after

talking with county officials late in the week.

"We scheduled a meeting Monday to resolve the matter, but then the county went and filed various pleadings without our knowledge," Steinway said. "It was implicit in our discussions that I would hold off (on legal proceedings) until our meeting."

When asked if he was angry with county officials for taking legal action prior to Monday's meeting, Steinway said, "You don't have to be clairvoyant to figure that out."

Oddly enough, it's the second time Casab has owned the 23-acre tract. Steinway said Casab bought the same property for back taxes of about \$60,000 in 2003. He said CSX challenged Casab, claiming the railroad wasn't subject to taxes, but the railroad lost the battle in 2004 after a ruling in U.S. District Court. Steinway said Casab then sold the property back to CSX "for substantially more."

On Oct. 19, Casab again purchased the property, this time for \$40,000 in back taxes which is being challenged by Wayne County.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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longtime supporter of Plymouth-Canton schools, died Jan. 21 after suffering from an extended period with Alzheimer's disease. The school board paid tribute to McClendon in 1993 by naming their administrative offices after him.

■ The Inn at St. John's, a new 118-room hotel at the St. John's Golf & Conference Center, reaches its goal by opening in time for the Super Bowl crunch. The hotel was built on 192 acres at Five Mile and Sheldon and gives the complex the hotel, a 27-hole golf course and a state-of-the-art conference center.

FEBRUARY

■ The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra struck a deal with the Friends of the Penn that makes the downtown landmark theater the new home of the symphony.

After using Our Lady of Good Counsel, there had been fears the symphony would have to move out of town to find a venue large enough. One such venue could have been the state-of-the-art performing arts center at Northville High School, which could accommodate the 400-800 patrons of the orchestra.

■ Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan got high grades from school board members on his mid-year review.

■ Longtime Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association president Al Flower came under fire when he disappeared after collecting \$115 registration fees, not scheduling any games and then refusing to refund the money.

■ Longtime Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, a Plymouth Township resident who was for a long time a political lightning-rod, died Feb. 19 after a long battle with cancer.

MARCH

■ The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees accepted a \$4.2 million bid for the old

township hall complex at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, only to have the bidder, Capital Acquisitions & Development of Bloomfield Hills, later pull out of the deal. The board eventually sold the former Friendly's, which housed the clerk's office, to a bank.

■ The Friends of the Penn sign a deal to take over the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Penn Theatre Realty, LLC, a 10-partner group, paid \$1.2 million for the building, then leased it to the Friends of the Penn for \$1 a year.

■ After a one-year absence, the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off returned to Plymouth. Organizers had moved it the year before when costs with the city couldn't be worked out.

■ Bob DeMattia and James Vermeulen Sr. were inducted into the Plymouth Hall of Fame.

APRIL

■ Jill Carroll, the *Christian Science Monitor* reporter kidnapped in Iraq, is released. Her mom, retired Plymouth-Canton teacher Mary Beth Carroll, got a call from her daughter around 5:15 a.m. March 29.

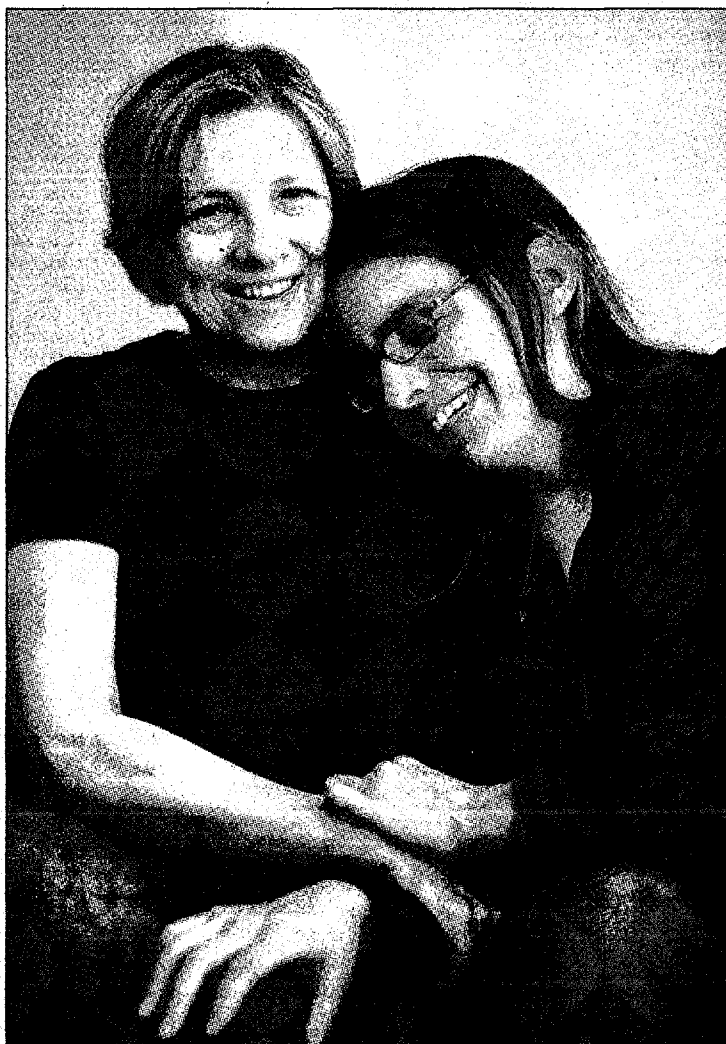
■ The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority announced a \$3 million plan to add a third deck to the municipal parking deck. The committee had eyed the idea of building a second deck, but decided against it.

■ Founding director Bob Pratt once again took up the baton as the 75-voice Plymouth Oratorio Society celebrated its 20th anniversary.

■ Roberta Pummill moved from the Plymouth YMCA to become the new director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, replacing Marsha Koet, who left to become the coordinator of senior programs for the city of Dearborn.

MAY

■ Voters delivered a double-whammy to the Plymouth-Canton school district, rejecting both parts of a bond proposal that would have made improvements to schools and added a theater, a pool and several athletic improvements.



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Foreign correspondent Jill Carroll is reunited with her family, including her mother, Mary Beth, after 82 days of being held hostage in Baghdad and finally released physically unharmed.

■ In the same election, voters chose Steven Sneiderman and Dianne Gonzalez as the new school board members.

■ Orange barrels started popping up along M-14 as MDOT got started on the reconstruction of the state highway. The \$38 million project was completed in December.

■ The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a collaboration between former President Bill Clinton's foundation and the American Heart Association, brokered a deal with Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Cadbury Schweppes and the American Beverage Association to stop selling sodas in most Plymouth-Canton schools.

■ The Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-Up at E.G. Nicks in Plymouth raised some \$45,000 from local donors.

JUNE

■ The Class of 2006 became the first graduating class of Plymouth High School, opened four years ago on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council Board of Directors hires Paula Gangopadhyay as the PCAC's new executive director. She replaces Stella Greene, who resigned in February.

■ 71-year-old bicyclist Gary Gothard of Plymouth Township sets out on a grueling trip from Alaska to Argentina. He expects the 12,000-mile trip to take about a year.

JULY

■ Plymouth Township officials and employees moved into their new, \$14 million hall at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road, then continued trying to sell their old home.

■ The Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Committee fulfilled a 14-year-old promise, dedicating a new Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School during Fourth of July festivi-

ties in downtown Plymouth.

■ The Plymouth City Commission approved the sale of nearly \$1 million in bonds to make improvements at city-owned buildings.

■ Opponents question the use of the Plymouth Historical Museum for campaign purposes by its longtime director, Beth Stewart, a Republican candidate for the 20th House seat being vacated by her term-limited husband, John Stewart. The issue sparked one of the nastiest election primaries in recent memory.

■ Capts. Jim and Pat Irvine take over leadership of the Plymouth Salvation Army, replacing Maj. Bill and Kathy Hogg.

■ A \$20,000 donation by the Downtown Development Authority to the Friends of the Penn sparked some anger when Commissioner Michele Potter objected to DDA money being used for "brick-and-mortar." The Friends later dedicated the money to programming.

AUGUST

■ The Plymouth Historical Society board fired longtime director Beth Stewart over alleged potential violation election and nonprofit laws.

■ Republican Mark Abbo, the Northville Township supervisor, beat Stewart in the Republican primary, while Northville lawyer Marc Corriveau edged his challengers in the Democratic primary.

■ A survey paid for by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education told board members voters who turned down a pair of bond proposals in May did so because they thought the district was asking for too much money for things that weren't necessarily "needs."

SEPTEMBER

■ Plymouth-based auto-supplier Metaldyne announced it had agreed to be acquired by Asahi Tec Corp., a Shizuoka, Japan-based supplier. The total value of the deal is estimated at some \$1.2 billion.

■ Fifth Third Bank offers \$2 million for the former Friendly's Restaurant building that used to house the township clerk's office.

■ MDOT agrees to study the feasibility of putting a permanent light at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge, which township police believe is one of the most dangerous in the township. A full traffic light was added in light of construction on M-14, but was later pulled pending the traffic study.

OCTOBER

■ After dabbling in discussions on dispatch services with Northville Township, Plymouth city commissioners and the Plymouth Township board reached agreement on a new deal to continue the joint operation.

■ Plymouth-Canton school board members decided on a \$63 million bond proposal to put before voters in February.

■ The state closed the doors on Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth amid reports officials there failed to report suspected abuse of a Canton toddler. The toddler's mother, Carol Ann Poole, was charged in the girl's death. Childtime director Jacqueline Hadwin was also charged with misdemeanors in the case.

■ Wayne County officials announce the Sheldon Road underpass project is finally a "go." After announcing it would begin in mid-December, though, the county was forced to delay it yet again because an electrical pole needed to be moved.

NOVEMBER

■ Democrat Marc Corriveau scored a surprise upset over Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo in the general election for the 20th District House seat.

■ In the same election, Judge Ron Lowe easily defeated Northville attorney James Plakas to retain his seat on the 35th District Court. Chief Judge John MacDonald had supported Plakas.

■ The Internal Revenue Service announces it is investigating claims the Plymouth Historical Society over the claims of campaign violations of former director Beth Stewart.

■ The Plymouth-Canton school district, with 18,388 students, became the fourth-largest district in the state, passing Flint.

DECEMBER

■ The task force created to study drug and alcohol use among students found no sweeping trends among kids in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

■ The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department announces it will raise the rate it charges Plymouth Township for water by nearly 30 percent.

■ School Superintendent Jim Ryan signs a one-year extension of his contract, allowing the school board to begin a national search for a successor.

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State political scandal was turning point in Ford career

Jan. 11 marks the 61st anniversary of a turning point in the life of the late President Gerald R. Ford. On that date in 1945, paid assassins shot and killed state Sen. Warren G. Hooper, R-Albion, on a rural stretch of M-99.

Ford had nothing to do directly with the case. But he was the beneficiary of its political fallout.

A one-man grand jury had been investigating bribery and corruption in the Michigan Legislature and business circles since 1943. Special prosecutor in the case was the flamboyant former Democrat Kim Sigler. Hooper had agreed a day or two earlier to blow the whistle on money that had been passed to influence votes on sausage manufacturing, barber regulation, chain banking, dog racing, horse racing, slot machines, small loan interest rates and the manufacture of oleo.

The story of Hooper's slaying is well told, in great detail, in *Three Bullets Sealed His Lips*, by Bruce Rubenstein and Lawrence Ziewacz (1987 Michigan State University Press). I recommend it warmly.

Sigler was highly ambitious. He wanted to ride the case to the governor's chair and then to the White House, in the footsteps of crime-busting Tom Dewey. Sigler did win one term as governor in 1946 but irritated so many that voters dumped him in 1948 in favor of Democrat G. Mennen Williams. (Sigler died in a plane crash 10 years later.)

As Rubenstein and Ziewacz relate the tale, Sigler and investigators believed the trigger men were members of Detroit's old Purple Gang who were safely in Jackson Prison. They were let out by corrupt prison officials and even used a warden's car to track down Hooper and force his car off the road.

But the trigger men weren't Sigler's target. He sought bigger game. He figured the money man was Frank D. McKay, a Grand Rapids banker, real estate tycoon and businessman who had served three terms as state treasurer and was the king maker among Michigan Republicans. McKay was the target of several investigations — including why state cars all had tires purchased from the tire company McKay had founded.

Before the dust had settled, there were 130 arrests and 62 convictions of politicians, cops, lobbyists and lawyers. Among the convictions were 23 of our \$3-a-day legislators — 18 Democrats and five Republicans.

Among the Republicans was Sen. Carl F.

Attending Wolverine Boys State in 1952, I worked with a Grand Rapids student who extolled the virtues of Jerry Ford, even then destined for sainthood. In 1953 my buddy and I took a spring break vacation to Washington and called on Mr. Ford. We had in mind seeing Ford run for governor. Ford was uninterested.

DeLano, of Cooper Township in Kalamazoo County. My late colleague Fred DeLano, whose erudite writings once graced these pages, kept a 1944 edition of the Michigan Manual on his desk at home. One of his kids asked why. Fred opened it to a picture of his father, the senator. It may explain why Fred always was a staunch Democrat.

Officially, the murder of Warren Hooper was never solved, and McKay never was convicted of anything. He died in Florida in 1965, worth \$50 million, in the fulness of years.

But McKay's days as a political king maker were pretty much over. In Grand Rapids there arose a reform group bent to brooming out the McKay machine. The reform group was composed of many University of Michigan alumni and friends, according to the Web site of the U-M's Clements Library.

Paul Goebel soon succeeded George Welsh as mayor. In the 1948 GOP primary, a young Navy veteran, former U-M gridiron star and lawyer named Gerald R. Ford challenged and beat veteran Congressman Bartel Jonkman.

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One wonders if the McKay machine ever would have been discredited if the Purple Gang members hadn't put three bullets into the head of an obscure legislator named Warren Hooper that chilly January day in 1945. Maybe Jerry Ford would have achieved greatness anyway.

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Helping the less fortunate should be a yearlong effort

"Devon? ... Devon." I had to say it at least twice ... "Devon." Maybe it was three times. Probably four, now that I think about it.

"DEVON."

"What."

The small 10-year-old boy didn't look at me. A puffy black jacket wrapped around him, his eyes were fixed upward, his hands hung limp into the sink, a steady stream of warm water pouring over them. He was in his head, concentrating on something I couldn't see.

I watched him for a minute. He never looked at me. I didn't really say anything.

I watched him because he was quiet. Quiet and focused. Something I hadn't yet seen Devon be in the nine months I had been volunteering at the Rosa Parks Art Studio in the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner Street in Detroit.

The studio provides inner-city teens and pre-teens with arts and crafts each weekday afternoon. The idea is for these kids to express their sometimes difficult feelings in art therapy projects, while staying off the streets or alone at home in the after-school hours from 4-6 p.m.

As a volunteer "counselor," one of my biggest challenges was this wiry boy with big eyes who seemed to have an electric current running through him at all times. He was distracted, frustrating, anxious and regularly gave new meaning to the term "acting out."

But here he was, I thought to myself that day last January, his restless personality quelled by warm water falling over his hands.

I relayed the story to Sister Nancyann Turner, an art therapist and Dominican nun who started the program. Devon settled down. I told her. He actually stood still and focused, though on what I didn't know.

What Sister Nancyann said next is on my top 10 list of phrases that have impacted my life.

That's interesting, she told me. Hmm, maybe it's because the lights and heat is always going off at his house, and the feeling of warm water is such a welcome novelty.

His mother would disappear for days at a time, and Devon, one of three children, came home each night to flip on a switch that doesn't work or a faucet that doesn't produce water.

I was surprised by this fact. I was surprised by what I learned later: More than 1,000 families serviced by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen alone regularly get their heat, water and electricity shut off because for them, it's a choice between rent, food and utilities each month.

I've learned not to be surprised anymore. So I'm not surprised to relate that even

though this winter has been relatively mild thus far, the need for heating and electricity for the area's needy goes on. The poorest, those who've recently lost their jobs and must choose a mortgage payment over heat, and the working poor who've learned to go without if it means groceries that week.

It's the week after Christmas and the new year looms, and we most of us can pat ourselves on the back for dropping a toy in a Toys for Tots box, dropping canned goods and a few bucks for the needy. Maybe we helped out in a soup kitchen, maybe we adopted a family for Christmas.

And now is the time to sit back, silently congratulating ourselves on what good people we are and contemplate that perennial weight-loss resolution.

Life is good and we're good people. We'll all have another congratulatory group hug next Christmas.

This is the time where the point of this mis-sive comes in: Charity relegated to one time of the year is not true generosity. Misty eyed sentiments expressed when dropping a dollar into a Salvation Army bucket are nice, but they're not enough.

We all have credit card bills. We all have debt. And you know what? In the great big scheme of it all, we have a lot.

That needs to be played through our heads all year. In the summer months, in the spring, in the autumn — hunger is hunger, heat is heat, water is water, electricity is electricity.

The needy don't just need at Christmas. And I tell you this knowing that we're all nursing battered bank accounts, myself included.

Need is need. It doesn't end. The needy don't go away when Christmas is over, even though donations seem to.

That's why when you see that solicitation for The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) come stuffed in with your electric bills, don't ignore it. Three dollars is better than nothing.

We may all be under the belief that for donations to mean anything, they need to be large. That's not true. Three dollars is better than nothing.

As for Devon, he still comes to art most days. He still is distracted and anxious.

But now, I think about him when he leaves the studio. I picture him going home and flipping a light switch. I imagine the lights go on. And the heat. He can take his puffy black coat off and sit in his home. Maybe he'll do his homework. Maybe he'll sleep.

Maybe. But I know that whatever happens, it's up to me. It's up to all of us.

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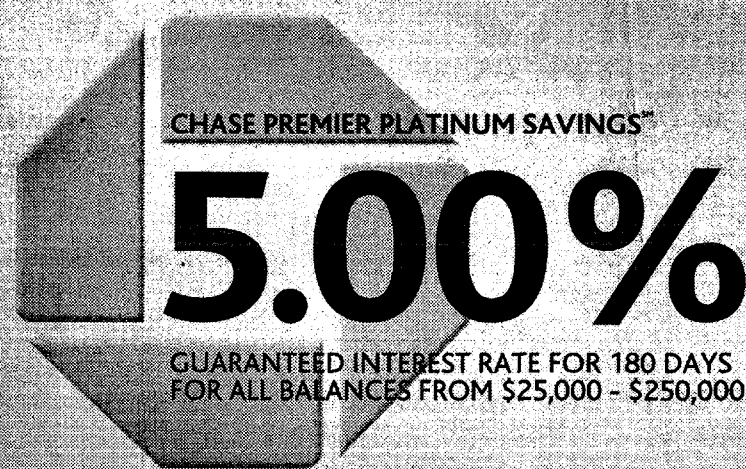
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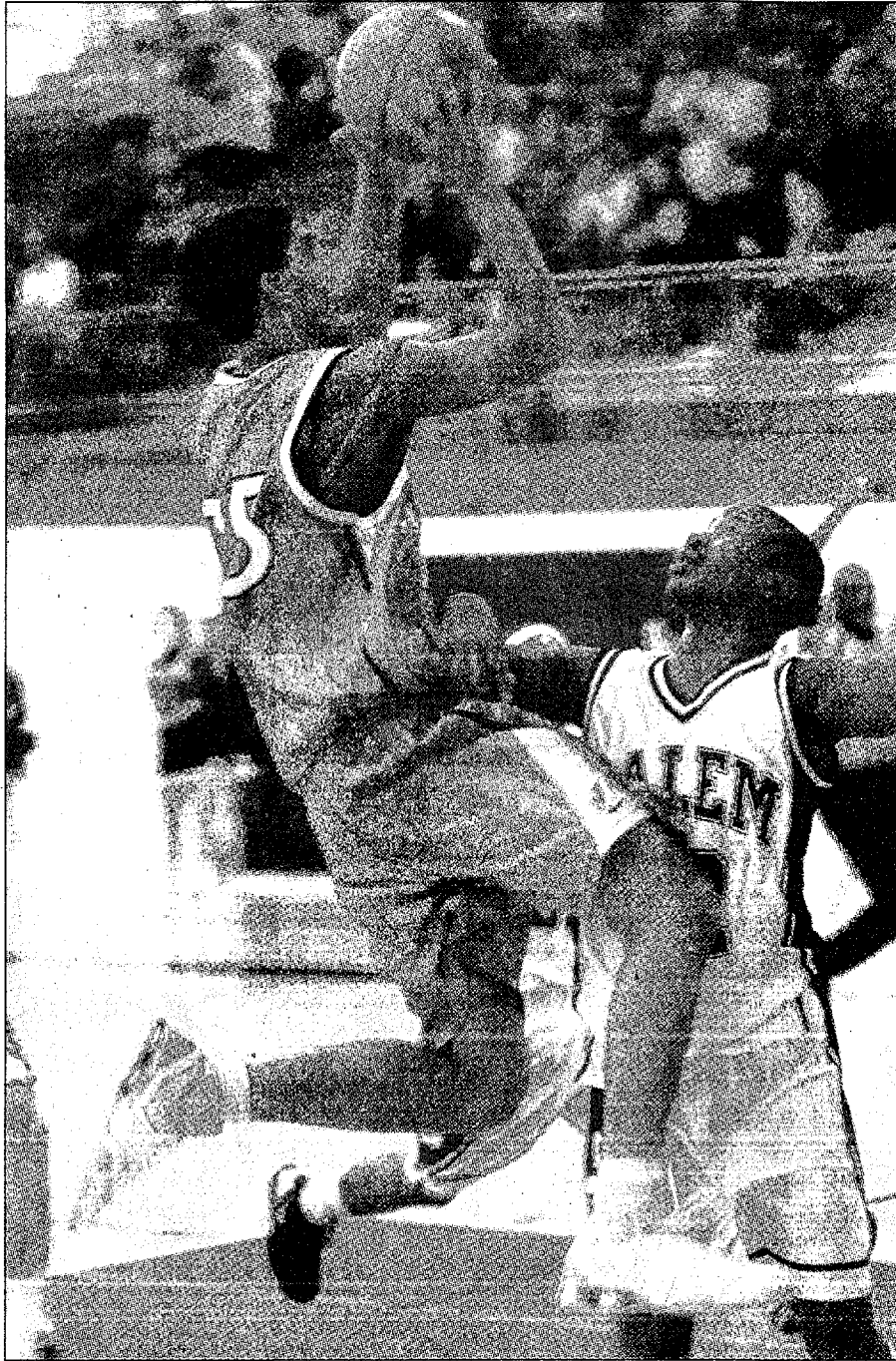
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Canton's Neil Sharma soars in for two of his 13 points over Salem's Anthony Mullins during Friday night's 52-40 Canton victory.



Salem's J.P. Truesdell and Canton's Ryan Langdon hit the floor for a loose ball during Friday night's cross-campus match-up. The Chiefs won, 52-40.

A win to savor

Balanced attack leads Canton to first victory of the season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The persistent hunger Canton's basketball team took into Friday night's game at Salem wasn't the kind that could be satisfied at an all-you-can-eat buffet at Denny's.

Following a winless December, the only thing that would subdue the Chiefs' appetite was a hearty "W", and that's what they got — a 52-40 triumph in the Rocks' gym.

Thanks to a rim-attacking offense that turned the ball over just five times and an energetic defensive effort, Canton

improved to 1-4 while Salem slipped to 2-3 in the season-opening Western Lakes Activities Association contest for both teams.

"We struggled our first four games, so we really needed a win tonight to boost our confidence," said Canton senior point guard Josh Butler, who tallied 11 points, five rebounds and three steals. "Hopefully, this will get us going."

"We played more aggressive tonight than we had been playing. Losing our first four games kind of shocked us. Tonight, we wanted to clear our minds and play

PLEASE SEE HOOP, B2

Ignition wins with huge 4th

Drop Callahan's three-point goal mid-way through the fourth quarter proved to be the game-winner in the Detroit Ignition's 24-14 victory over Chicago Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The victory leveled the Ignition's record at 6-6. Chicago slipped to 7-5.

Nine players registered points for the winners, including Kyt Selaidopoulos, who found the back of the net three times.

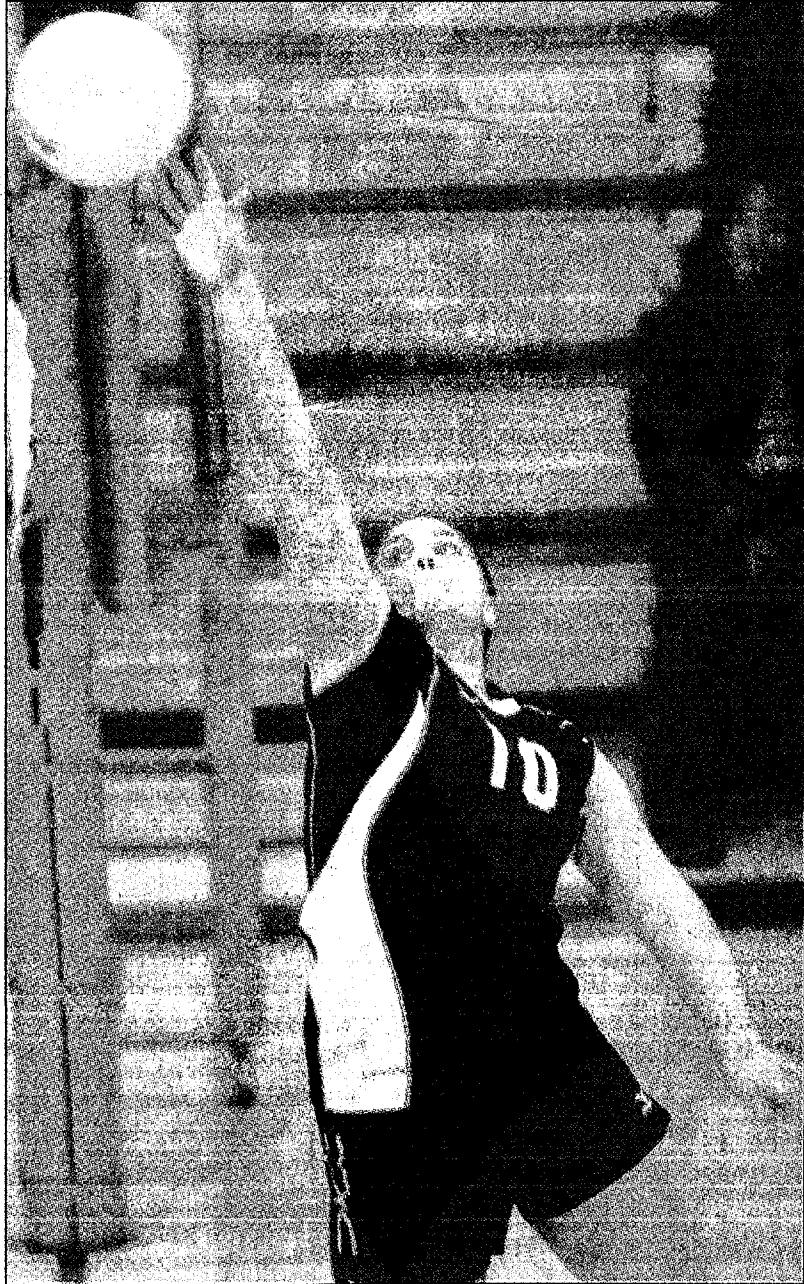
The Storm led 6-0 after one quarter thanks to goals from Chris Handsor, Awadalla Morad and Jorge Valle.

The Ignition stormed back to tie the game at 8-all at the half with goals from Mike Apple, Hewerton, Selaidopoulos and Carlos Farias.

Rookie forward Worth Sampson (Madonna University) gave Detroit a short-lived 10-8 advantage in the third before Chicago responded to seize a 12-10 lead on goals from Matthew Stewart and Randy Soderman.

Detroit's offense exploded for 14 fourth-quarter points to record the victory.

Sanaldo notched the victory in net for the Ignition. The two teams combined for 63 shots, which was a season-high for an Ignition game.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth Christian Academy's Sara Ross goes high to tip the ball over the net during the Eagles' four-set victory over Livonia Clarenceville Thursday night.

Eagle spikers bump Trojans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Back from the holiday break, Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team rang in the New Year with a four-game victory Thursday night at Livonia Clarenceville.

The Eagles, who squandered an 18-12 advantage in the first game before losing 20-25, captured the final three games in convincing fashion, 25-13, 25-21, 25-13, to improve to 8-4 overall with the non-conference triumph.

"I'm proud of the way we came back after losing the first game," PCA eighth-year coach Missy Henry said. "We gave them some unforced errors. We just needed to take control and play our style."

The Eagles used a balanced attack led by junior setter Sara Ross, who collected nine kills and 32 assist-to-kills. Not bad for somebody who sat out all of last season due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee.

Other standouts for Plymouth Christian included sophomore outside hitter Jessica Murphy, 15 digs and four ace serves; sophomore middle hitter Megan Greve, eight kills; and senior outside hitter Brooke Harris, nine kills, three aces and 11 digs.

"She's a leader, she leads by example and gets them going," Henry said of Harris. "It was not too bad for our first regular season match. We're young. Of the eight we're playing, five are sophomores. The mistakes we make are because of our inexperience. But our girls are working hard and they work well together."

Clarenceville slipped to 0-5-1 on the season as first-year coach Wendy Roy, a Trojan alum, remains in search of her first varsity win.

"We were missing a piece of the puzzle, we're still working on combinations," Roy said. "We were much better tonight, but we've got to work on our defense. The offense was there. We need to do a better job of covering the middle of the floor."

PLEASE SEE SPIKERS, B2

Sidelines

Brophey honored

Plymouth Whalers forward Evan Brophey was named the Ontario Hockey League's "Player of the Month" for December. Brophey netted seven goals and 19 assists while recording at least one point in 10 of the 11 games.

The Brophey-led Whalers went 9-0-0-2 in December. The Chicago Blackhawks draftee finished the month with a plus-10 plus/minus rating.

'Y' offerings

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of preschool sports programs, the focus of which will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. The programs include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball.

There will be morning and evening classes available for children between the ages 3 and 5 years old.

The programs run the week of Jan. 8 through Feb. 12 and the cost is \$57 for program members and \$74 for community members.

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

Plymouth Rec

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the following youth sports programs:

■ Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007.


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■ Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth.

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Despite the loss, there were some bright spots for the Trojans as junior setter Amanda Moody finished with 18 digs and 16 assists. Senior outside hitter Chelsea Gregg added nine kills, three blocks and four aces. Junior middle hitter Amber Mills finished with 20 digs, while senior Abigail Sochacki chipped in with eight kills. Roy also singled out the play

of 5-foot-6 sophomore Marlene Azar, who was filling in for starting senior middle hitter Shannon McNeilly (on a vacation cruise). Henry, meanwhile, was suffering on the bench from a touch of the flu. And when the PCA coach was asked if she felt better following the win, she said: "Not really, but I would have felt a lot worse if we had lost."

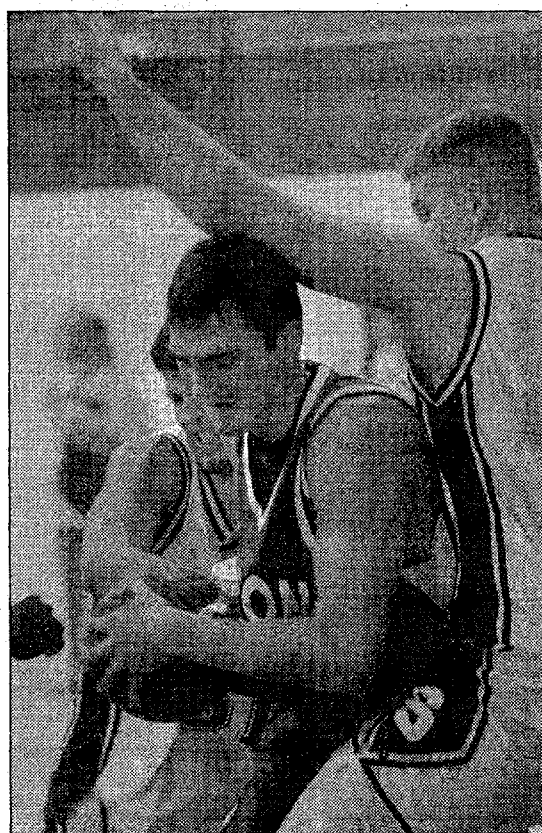
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**
Tuesday, Jan. 9
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
PCA at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Summerfield at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Plymouth at Livonia Churchhill, 7 p.m.
B'ham Roper at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Canton Agape at Detroit Urban, 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 8
Huron Valley at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9
Parkway at PCA, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11
PCA at Oakland Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin Road at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
PCA and Salem at U of M-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 9
Livonia Churchhill at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10
Detroit Country Day at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Northville at Plymouth at Computare Sports Arena, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Plymouth at Canton at Arctic Edge, 3:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 11
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Wildcat Team Tournament at Plymouth High School, 10 a.m.
Salem at Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m.
Canton at Novi C.C., 8:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 11
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Rock Kilgore Invitational at Salem, noon
Plymouth at Tecumseh, noon
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 8
Plymouth at Farmington, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10
Salem at Hartland, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11
Cantori at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Canton at Grand Rapids, TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 8
Wayne Co. CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas College, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 8
Wayne Co. CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 5:30 p.m.
Aquinas College at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 7
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Computare Arena, 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 12
Ignition vs. Milwaukee Wave at Computare Arena, 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 14
Ignition at Milwaukee Wave, 7:35 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

HOOP

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the way we know we're capable of playing." The Rocks didn't come close to playing up to their potential, according to Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We didn't come out ready to play and Canton did," said Brodie. "They beat us in all phases of the game. We didn't block out. We didn't rebound. We didn't play good defense and we didn't run our offense like we should. "Only a few of our players played up to their ability. One of the reasons for that was that Canton came at us so hard both defensively and offensively." The Chiefs' scoring attack was as level as the Salem gymnasium floor. In addition to Butler's solid performance, junior Neil Sharma poured in 13 off the bench, senior center Ryan Waidmann added 10, senior forward Eric Thornton had nine and senior forward Steve Paye chipped in with seven. Junior Grant Stone led the Rocks with 15 despite drawing extra attention from the Chiefs' defense. Junior guard Tyler Jeleniewski also played well for Salem in a reserve role, netting seven points on 3-for-3 shooting. Dan Cassidy also twined seven for the hosts. Two things that haunted the Chiefs in their forgettable opening four games — turnovers and poor shooting — went by the wayside Friday night. Canton turned the ball over just five times while shooting a respectable 40 percent from the field. "We worked on taking care of the ball better the past two weeks at practice," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "You can't win when you're turning the ball over 23 times a game like we were doing before the break. "We knew Salem was vastly improved from last year and that we had to do a good job defensively on Grant Stone, and I thought Josh did a nice job against him. It feels good to finally win one. I just didn't think we'd have to wait until 2007 to get it." The Rocks' lone lead of the night came 15 seconds into the game when Stone drained a long triple to put his team ahead, 3-0. However, Canton dominated the following 31 minutes and 45 seconds, posting leads of 17-6 after one quar-



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Canton's Ryan Waidmann battles through a double team formed by Salem's J.P. Truesdell (left) and Brian Baumgart.

ter, 26-13 at the half and 40-22 after three quarters. Both teams registered a couple of spectacular baskets: Thornton's two-dribble, high-rising baseline slam one minute into the second quarter brought the Chiefs' fans to their feet. Stone countered with a reverse, double-pump, off-the-glass drive early in the third quarter that was almost worth the price of admission. Led by Paye's eight boards, Canton outbounded the Rocks, 31-23. Salem hit 36.3 percent of their field goals (16-of-44). Canton swished 7-of-10 free throws (70 percent) while the Rocks made 4-of-6 (66.7).

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TENNIS CAMPS
A series of tennis camps through the Plymouth-Canton Community Ed after-school program will be held throughout the community in the coming weeks. Following is the schedule:
■ **Tuesdays, Jan. 23-March 6 at Isbister Elementary:** Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.); Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed 'Intro to Tennis') from 5-5:55 p.m.;
■ **Thursdays, Jan. 25-March 8 at Workman Elementary:** Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.); Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed 'Intro to Tennis') from 5-5:55 p.m.
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Salem gymnasts edge Wildcats

Led by a strong all-around performance from sophomore Katie Koetting, Salem's gymnastics team rolled to a 136.425-116.950 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet in the Wildcats' gymnastics facility. Koetting's most eye-popping performance came in the floor exercise when she earned a near-perfect mark of 9.7. She finished first in the all-around with a 35.45, less than a point higher than teammate Autumn Collins' 34.575. The Rocks swept the top four all-around places as Brittany Young was third at 33.75 and Katerina Kariotis was fourth with a 32.65. "For our first meet of the year — and considering the girls have been on break for 10 days — I thought we did pretty well," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We still have a lot of work to do, but everything went as well as can be expected tonight, especially since we were one gymnast short. Katie had a good night." Although the Wildcats slipped to 0-2, coach Diane Hodur saw some positive signs in her young and improving squad. "We improved from 110 to 116 from our first meet to our second, so this was definitely

our best all-around performance so far," said Hodur. "One of our freshmen, Danielle Gomrick, had what may have been the best floor routine that I've seen from one of our gymnasts in the two years that I've been here. She did well on vault, too. "Salem is going to have a great season. They're right up there in the league with the Livonia teams and Canton. Their work ethic is incredible." Along with her gold-medal effort on the floor, Koetting also placed first on the uneven bars (9.1). Collins placed first on the vault (8.65) and the balance beam (8.65). Sophomore Kaseigh Zebari turned in the Wildcats' best finish when she placed second on the vault with a 8.2.

CHIEFS SWEEP

Canton's gymnastics team improved to 3-0 on Thursday with a pair of victories over Livingston County rivals Howell and Brighton. "I was very pleased with how the meet went," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We were weak on the bars, but strong on the vault, beam and floor. We had four nines on the floor, which is pretty good this early in the season. Kate Staley had a 9.45 on the floor, which was a personal best." The Chiefs compiled 141.05 points to outdistance Brighton (137.25) and Howell (133.1) in the tri-meet. Senior Alyssa Kelley's 35.8 all-around was good enough for first against Howell and second against Brighton. Jessie Murray registered a strong 35.65 all-around while Kaitlyn Burns (34.65) and Staley (34.15) also excelled.

- SALEM 136.425**
PLYMOUTH 116.950
Wednesday at Plymouth
VAULT: 1. Autumn Collins (S), 8.65; 2. (tie) Kaseigh Zebari (P) and Katie Koetting (S), 8.2; 4. Brittany Young (S), 8.15.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.1; 2. Brittany Young (S), 8.9; 3. Autumn Collins (S), 8.4; 4. Erica Kosmalksi (P), 7.8.
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Autumn Collins (S), 8.65; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 8.45; 3. Katerina Kariotis (S), 8.95; 4. Brittany Young (S), 7.95.
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.7; 2. Katerina Kariotis (S), 8.95; 3. Autumn Collins (S), 8.875; 4. Brittany Young (S), 8.75.
ALL-AROUND: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 35.45; 2. Autumn Collins (S), 34.575; 3. Brittany Young (S), 33.75; 4. Katerina Kariotis (S), 32.65.
RECORDS: Plymouth, 0-2; Salem, 1-0.
CANTON 141.05
BRIGHTON 137.25
Jan. 4 at Brighton
VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.4; 2. Lauren Dillulo (B), 9.1; 3. (tie) Rachael Page (B) and Kate Staley (C), 8.85; 5. (tie) Tiffany Wysocki (B) and Jessie Murray (C), 8.7.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Rachael Page (B), 9.35; 2. Lauren Dillulo (B), 9.15; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 8.9; 4. Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.55; 5. (tie) Tiffany Wysocki (B) and Chelsea Selden (C), 8.0.
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Rachael Page (B), 8.9; 2. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Lauren Dillulo (B), 8.85; 4. Chelsea Selden (C), 8.65; 5. (tie) Andrea Houdek (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.4.
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Rachael Page (B), 9.7; 2. Lauren Dillulo (B), 9.6; 3. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.45; 5. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 9.35.
ALL-AROUND: 1. Rachael Page (B), 36.8; 2. Lauren Dillulo (B), 36.70; 3. Alyssa Kelley (C), 35.8; 4. Jessie Murray (C), 35.65; 5. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 34.65.
CANTON 141.05
HOWELL 133.01
Jan. 4 at Brighton
VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.4; 2. Alexis Johnson (H), 8.95; 3. Kate Staley (C), 8.85; 4. Monica Cauley (H), 8.75; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 8.7.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Jessie Murray (C), 8.9; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.55; 3. Alexis Johnson (H), 8.45; 4. Monica Cauley (H), 8.35; 5. Amanda Rohkohl (H), 8.2.
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jessie Murray (C), 8.85; 2. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.8; 3. (tie) Chelsea Selden (C) and Monica Cauley (H), 8.65; 5. (tie) Andrea Houdek (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.4.
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. (tie) Kate Staley (C), 9.45; 4. Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Monica Cauley (H), 9.45; 4. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 9.35; 5. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Alexis Johnson (H), 9.2.
ALL-AROUND: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 35.8; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 35.65; 3. Monica Cauley (H), 35.2; 4. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 34.65; 5. Kate Staley (C), 34.15.

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WRESTLING RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 44
SALEM 26
Jan. 4 at Salem

103 pounds: Salem won by void; 112: Kevin Bennett (S) won by major decision Matt Hecksel, 13-4; 119: Andrew Murray (LC) pinned Ben Dewitt, 3:26; 125: Nick Steiger (S) won by major dec. over Martin Rivera; 130: Alex Kemp (S) dec. Joey Tesner, 3-2; 135: Greg Roberts (LC) p. Kevin Hayter, 6:48 (overtime); 140: J.P. Gaffke (LC) won by technical fall over Johannes Oind, 22-7; 145: Gramos Pallaska (LC) p. Justin Kane, 0:44; 152: Jeremy Epley (S) dec. Danny Smalls, 4-3; 160: Brian Ziemba (LC) won by injury default; 171: Curtis Castleberry (LC) dec. Sam Lepper, 10-9; 189: J.J. Vandenbosche (LC) p. Blake Abbey, 1:48; 215: Hussein Ajami (S) p. Kyle Juco, 2:19; 285: Mark Parrish (LC) p. Chase Moore, 0:09.

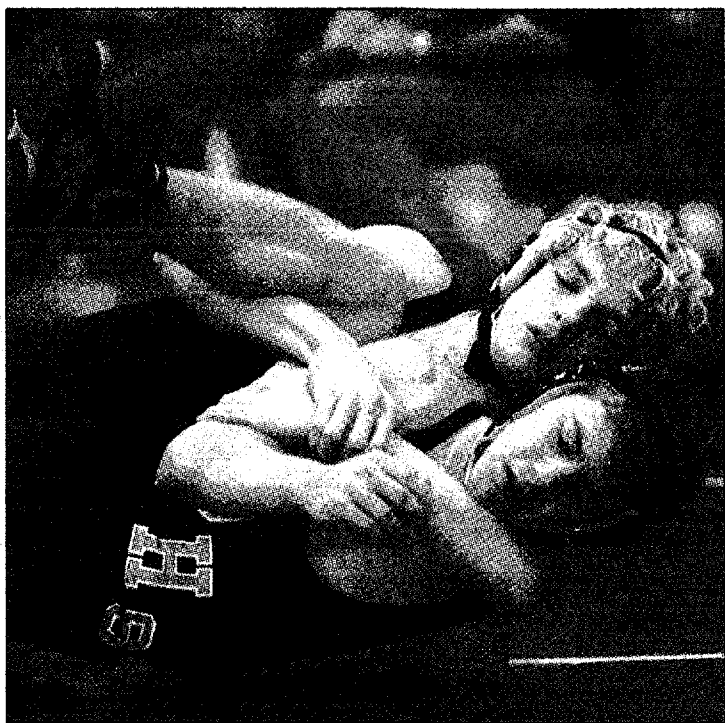
Churchill's dual meet record: 5-3 overall; 1-0 WLA-Lakes Division.

SALEM VARSITY TOURNAMENT
Dec. 28 at Salem

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1. Belleville, 262; 2. Richmond, 261; 3. Westland John Glenn, 248; 4. Lincoln Park, 240; 5. Monroe, 225; 6. Adrian, 177; 7. Melvindale, 169; 8. Novi, 163; 9. Wayne Memorial, 154; 10. Dearborn, 132; 11. Dayton (Ohio) Dunbar, 125; 12. Salem, 102; 13. Plymouth, 99; 14. Utica Eisenhower, 90; 15. Redford Union, 85; 16. Lakeland, 56; 17. Fraser, 53.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: 1st place: Gamal Yahia (MV) decisioned Jon Lichorobiec (N), 10-4; 3rd: Ryan Jones (M) dec. Cam Sebring (R), 4-0. 112: 1st: Justin Pullin (N) dec. Justin Fleeson (B), 8-7; 3rd: Ben Kosmowski (P) pinned Bryan Boulware (MV) in 4:04. 119: 1st: Jason VanWasshenova (LP) won by default over Jamie Preiss (WM); 3rd: Sean Turner (M) dec. Nick Wellman (MV), 9-4. 125: 1st: Dustin Zak (B) dec. Jared Stephens (JG), 8-3; 3rd: Nick Steiger (S) dec. Harold Winkle (LP), 9-4. 130: 1st: Lance Pitcel (R) pinned Wesley Long (M) in 3:27; 3rd: Jordan Belous (LP)



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Plymouth's Rob Barackman (foreground) tries to escape the grasp of Wayne Memorial's Jack Muncie during a 130-pound bout in the Dec. 28 Salem Wrestling Tournament. Muncie, who went on to place fourth, pinned Barackman in 1:23.

won by technical fall over Jack Muncie (WM), 19-3. 135: 1st: Brian Augsburg (B) dec. Wes Verner (A), 8-2; 3rd: Joe Hess (M) pinned Kevin Hayter (S) in 3:46. 140: 1st: Kyle Dupuis (R) dec. Jim Wood (JG), 11-6; 3rd: Steve Coak (B) pinned Dain Taylor (M) in 2:59. 145: 1st: Brian Peterson (R) dec. Kelly Poupard (M), 9-6; 3rd: Justin Zay (A) won by major dec. over Steve Sherman (B), 12-2. 152: 1st: James Zerebiny (JG) dec. Peter Meisner (DH), 7-6; 3rd: Bryan Decker (R) dec. Jeremy Epley (S), 9-7. 160: 1st: Justin Jaynes (R) dec. Wassim El-

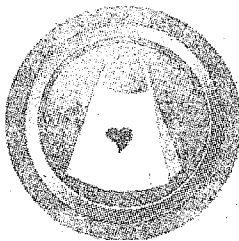
Awadi (B), 6-3; 3rd: Jeff Elswick (WM) won by major dec. over James White (DB), 12-2. 171: 1st: Nick Bosel (LP) pinned Will Marr (A) in 3:24; 3rd: Andrew Hein (JG) dec. Devin Duncan (M), 4-0. 189: 1st: Chris Perry (A) dec. Joey Kowtko (JG), 11-4; 3rd: Justin Gjonaj (UE) dec. Mike Lasinski (R), 5-3. 215: 1st: Brett Correll (E) dec. Marc Shaw (LP), 6-4; 3rd: Ed Henry (R) dec. James Rafko (M), 8-2. HWT: 1st: Sean Lathrup (LP) won by major dec. over Robert Coffey (WM), 15-5; 3rd: Chris Boma (M) dec. Jacob Sweeney (B), 6-1.



Dragons torch foes

The St. John Neumann Dragons 5th and 6th grade boys basketball team captured the Holy Family CYO Christmas Tournament Dec. 22-23. Pictured are (front row from left) Brandon Bird, Nick Lanava, Zach Rhodes, Justin Vitez (middle row from left) Kyle Polaski, Sean Meagher, A.J. Convertino, Nathan Emminger, Adam Dulong, Lucas Callahan, Gonza Lulika, Nick Boka, Gregory Williams, (back row from left) head coach Angelo Lanava and assistant coach Doug Huer.

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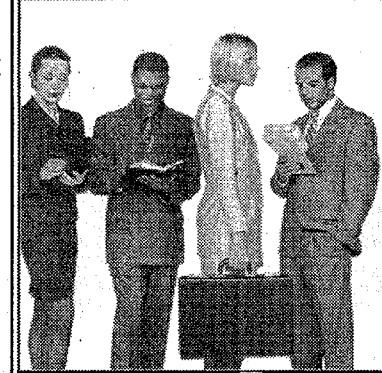
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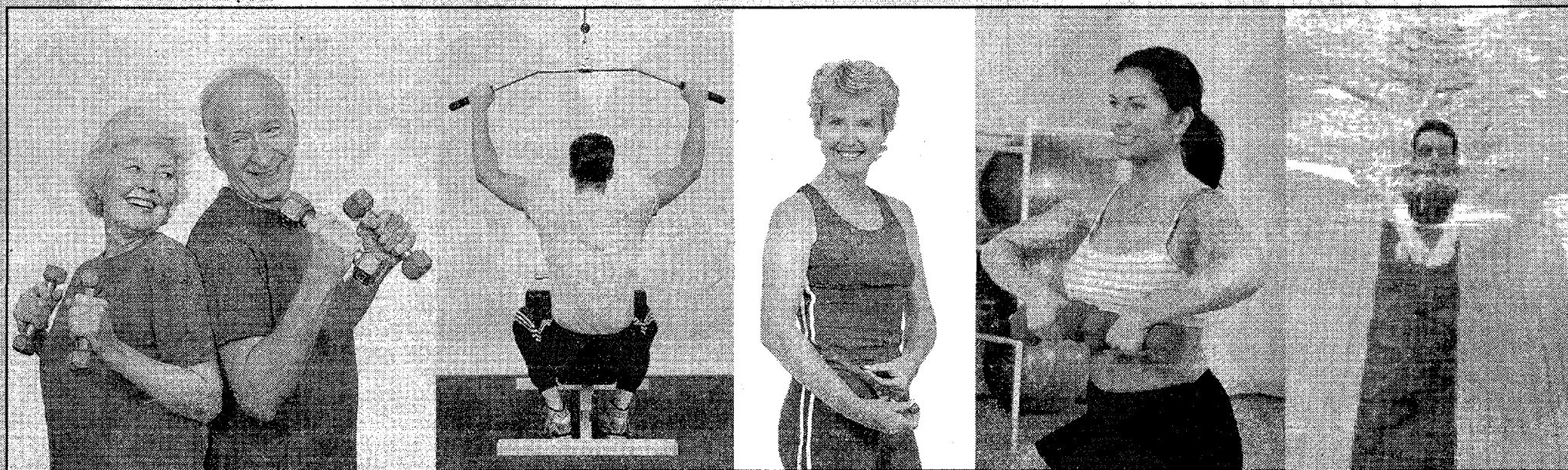
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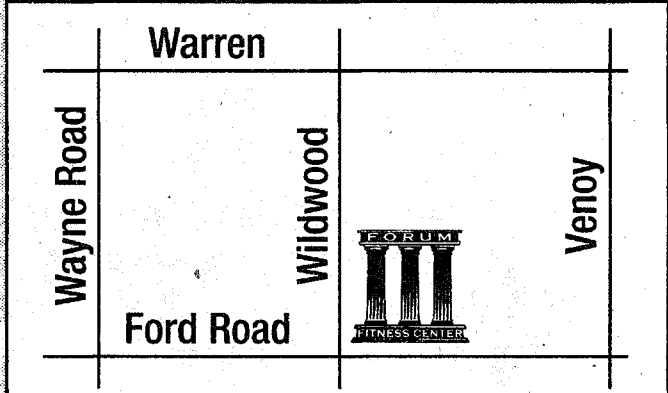
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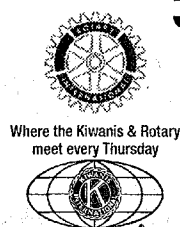
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Police drug searches violate student rights

Most students don't realize that when they buy a parking pass for the P-CEP parking lot, they're paying to sacrifice their basic rights as an American.

Nonetheless, students are all too willing to subject their car to random, unprovoked searches with no prior notification.

This little blurb in the Student Parking Pass Contract was just another clause of gibberish for most students until a few weeks ago, when Wayne County sheriffs, Canton police and six dogs swept Plymouth-Canton's Educational Park for illegal substances.

The dogs sniffed through parking lots and students were called out of class to open their vehicles whenever a dog showed specific interest in an automobile. Dogs then jumped into the cars to sniff for drugs. Since the only reported damage was slightly torn car seat, the "dog ate my homework" excuse still didn't go over too well with my teachers.

Needless to say, a multitude of illegal substances were confiscated from students' cars across the Park. But the fact that a handful of suburban adolescents are smoking pot and drinking alcohol is hardly breaking news.

And now that a crack-squad of police and school officials have broken new ground by revealing the startling truth that a fraction of students at the Park do indeed smoke like chimneys, it's time to ignore this small monkey on our backs and observe the 8,000-pound gorilla trying to hide behind a dinette set in the corner.

This drug sweep highlighted an alarming trend in Plymouth-Canton's school district, and quite possibly illustrates a nationwide tendency for school officials to involve themselves in every aspect of student life.

Though there's no question of legality of the search conducted by school security and police, the morality remains an entirely different issue.

How odd is it that in attempts to create a drug-free learning environment, students are being punished for keeping their illegal substances out of the school building?

Most students — especially the pot-smoking demographic — will probably continue to take the slight risk and won't feel inclined to keep their pot at home. And while the vast majority of these teens will continue to have a hash-stash in the glove box, the remainder of them will only be likely to stuff their pot in a backpack or pocket.

Congratulations, public schooling. You just pushed a little more marijuana a little deeper into the school system.

The misguided — though perhaps well intentioned — coordinators behind these busts declare minimal tolerance for illegal activities such as substance abuse.

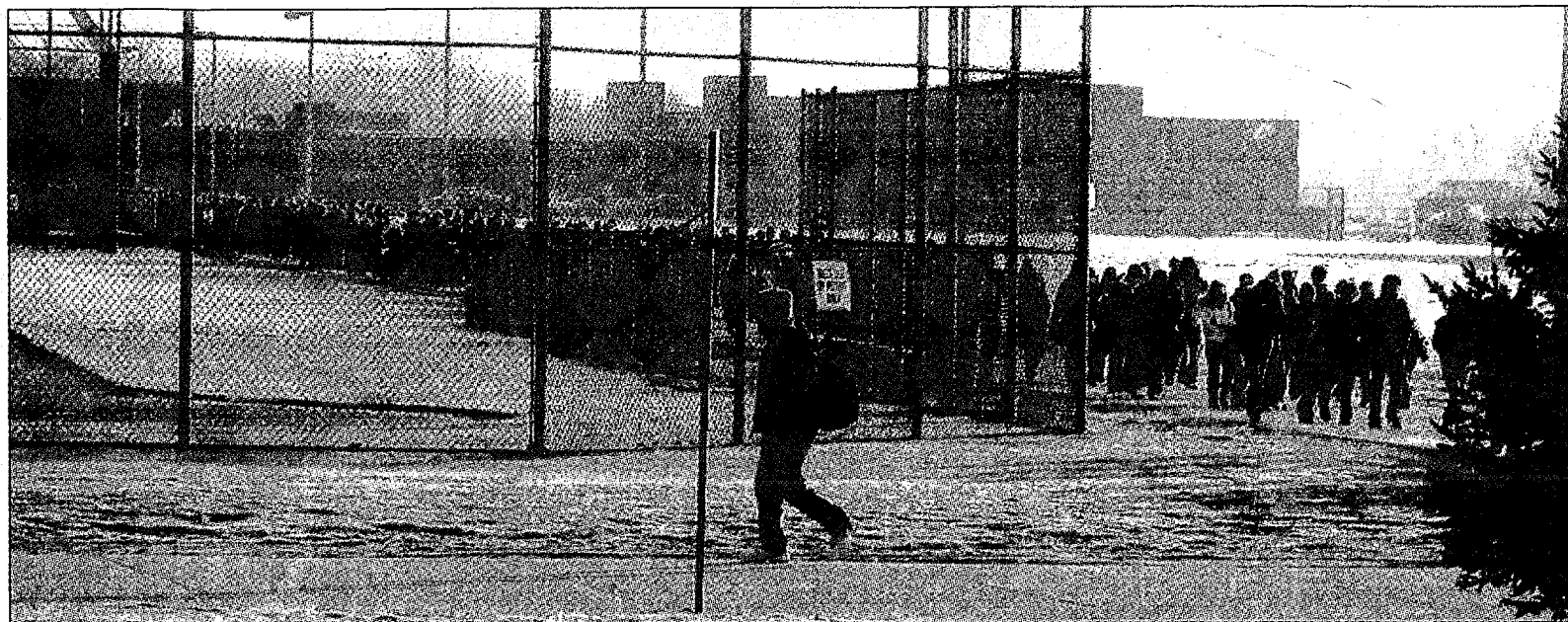
Nonetheless, rumors and reports abound that police disposed of and even ignored cigarettes that were found in student vehicles at P-CEP. Apparently reading, writing and arithmetic aren't the only lessons being taught in Plymouth-Canton. The newest addition to the curriculum may indeed be that it's "OK to smoke cigarettes, just not pot."

Just because the school district is going to void the student right to privacy, students should still be entitled to the American values of equality and justice.

I'll go out on a limb here and guess that most of the students caught with marijuana are a little indignant about receiving a minor-in-possession charge while the underage, cancer-pumping, nicotine-addicted smokers walked away with nothing but a pat on the back for smoking a different type of leaf.

If students are not going to be consistently disciplined and punished based on written rules, the school district has three options: enforce the rule, erase the rule or gradually allow the system to slip into a chaotic anarchy.

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The thousands of students who attend high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park use paths to make the trek between buildings.

Park set-up emulates college environment for students

GABRIELLE ZUZO

A quarter-mile hike through rain or snow to get to their next class is hardly what someone would imagine when thinking of the high school experience.

But the students of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park face these conditions every day.

Situated on a 305-acre campus, the district's three high schools, Canton High School, Plymouth High School and Salem High School, are referred to as "The Park."

Kaitlin Forster, a high school senior, said she appreciates the college-like atmosphere of the largest high school campus in the state.

"Walking from building to building at P-CEP will prepare you for the reality of college," she said. "In college, you won't be in the same building all day, so if you get used to the situation in high school, you'll have one less thing to adjust to."

With nearly 6,000 students in the three high schools, the park provides learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. Having students walk from school to school to get to their classes, forces responsibility and time management.

Forster said the back-and-forth treks don't bother her.



Amanda Lindbauer (left) and Laine Kostegian in front of the school store at Plymouth High School.

"I was stunned at the number of complaints I overheard about walking from building to building during my tour of Eastern Michigan University," she said.

In addition to the accountability of getting from class to class, P-CEP students are provided with other opportunities simulating a college environment.



Kaseigh Zebari (from left), Alyssa Kay and Erica Beitz hang out in the hallway at Plymouth High School.

Students determine their schedule by picking classes from a thick course book that includes offerings like creative foods, pre-calculus and thought to auto.

Along with the vast range of learning choices come numerous extra-curricular activities. Everything from the robotics club to great books and in between can be found at the park. Just about everyone can find an activity that will suit their interests.

High school senior Andrew Dooley said P-CEP provides a valuable one-of-a-kind experience for its students.

"My entire perspective on life has been changed by the ideas of the different people in classes like philosophy and Tao," he said.

Gabrielle Zuzo is a junior at Plymouth High School.

Local artists carve out names for themselves at Ice Festival

BY KELLY CLAWSON

For the last 25 years, Plymouth has been home to a very special event — one that draws people from all over Michigan. In less than two weeks (Jan. 19-21), we will embrace, once again, Plymouth's Annual Ice Sculpture Spectacular, a celebration that has become part of the heart of this town.

Using everything from chainsaws to blowtorches, high school and college students, as well as professional artists will carve more than 100 ice sculptures on-site for the enjoyment of the public.



kelly clawson

Spectators will have the opportunity to ask questions to the ice carvers as they work, and learn what it takes to turn a 330-pound block of ice into a delicate work of art.

The artists compete with each other in various categories, which include high school team, high school individual, college team, and college individual. Each year, there are even some participants from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.



Six-time world ice carving champion Tajana Rauker cuts into her work during a carving session at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular.

One such person is Kevin Tykoski, a senior at Plymouth High School. He was introduced to the art of ice carving as an assistant to his older brother, Scott Tykoski, and has since become a carver himself. For the last three years, he has competed in the high school individual category, winning first place each time. Using his own designs, he has created increasingly complex carvings, including "a marlin on a wave, a dolphin doing a back-flip over a wave, and a coi fish," as he

described them.

Kevin creates his designs ahead of time, even drawing them out on a big sheet of paper. But sometimes that doesn't work out, because even the best carvers must succumb to mother nature. A hot day, regardless of an artist's skill, can limit how intricate a sculpture can be because the ice can't support itself, thus making the artist change design in mid-course.

"As far as the weather goes, you just have to pray for the best," Kevin said. "Bing a good

ice carver means that you have to adapt to all kinds of situations."

In fact, he has had to make a few last-minute adjustments of his own.

"Last year I planned on doing a flying fish, but it was too hot to get the wings to stick. So I improvised and turned it into a coi fish," he said.

There are also times when the audience can be as unpredictable as the weather, especially when they stray from the typical questions. Kevin remembers one spectator asking him, "How do you get ice so clear?" The ice carvers use a wide variety of tools, including delicate tools, such as chisels, and much more heavy-duty ones, including dremmels, die grinders, disc sanders, chainsaws, and even blowtorches, to transform their single block of ice into a masterpiece to be remembered.

Of course, when dealing with such tools, safety is an important issue. An awareness and respect for the inherent risks involved is important to stay safe. Although the ice carvers are aware of the dangers, there is always medical staff ready at the event.

"You have to have a healthy fear for the sport," Kevin said.

Kelly Clawson is a senior at Canton High School.

Teens talk about eating disorders

Note: The names of the sources in this story have been withheld for privacy.

BY JUSTIN SMITH

The body to a teenager is simple to understand; if you are fat, then get rid of it all. And if you are thin, keep getting thinner. At least, that's how some teenagers feel at Garden City High School.

Teenagers, both male and female, have become accustomed to the fact that an eating disorder is a deadly but quick way to lose weight.

When asked why area students had an eating disorder, the answers were all different, ranging from the fear of never being loved to the fear of becoming an effigy of the thin kids.

"It's not a diet, it's a way of life," said a 14-year-old freshman at Garden City High School.

An eating disorder is considered to be a life-threatening neurotic condition caused by anxiety, abuse, nicknames, and puberty, according to Marya Hornbacher, author of the book *Wasted*.

The results of an eating disorder are devastating to see, let alone have. Fatigue, headaches, heart pains, weak bones, thinning hair, bad teeth, insomnia and mania

are all common in an eating-disordered person. These are just a few symptoms gathered from those who were interviewed.

An eating disorder is more than just purging or starving. There is binge eating, compulsive exercise, laxative or diuretic abuse, and diet pill abuse. A person is not limited to just one eating disorder. A person with multiple eating disorders is believed to be grouped in a different form of eating disorders: Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (E.D.N.O.S.).

"I have all the criteria for anorexia and all the criteria for bulimia except the bingeing," said a 16-year-old junior at Garden City High School. "I guess I would be considered E.D.N.O.S."

Hiding an eating disorder can be very easy, sources said.

"It can be as simple as taking a shower after eating to sneaking diet pills after eating a few carrot sticks," said a 17-year-old senior at John Glenn High School.

The freshman student agreed. "I always went to the garage to 'clean it' and my parents just thought that I was being nice," she said.

The senior noted: "I painted my nails to hide the discoloring and wore large hoodies and pants that were two sizes too big on me. I wore gloves on my hands to hide the scars from vomiting and when people asked why I was wearing gloves, I would just tell them that I was making a fashion statement."

SIGNS SOMEONE MIGHT BE HIDING AN EATING DISORDER

- Wearing baggy clothes
- Commenting that he or she ate earlier in the day
- Painting fingernails or wearing gloves to hide the blue tint
- Wearing more clothing than needed
- Rapid weight loss and denial of it
- Hard time walking up and down stairs
- Constant fatigue
- Anemia



NICOLE RENAUD
Teens with eating disorders may go to extremes to be thin.

Compiled by Justin Smith

A teen starves himself or herself in order to gain control of something he or she has lost control of in his or her life. By gaining control over life, the teenager will lose the respect of his or her friends and family.

Teenagers fear the rejection of their friends and family, and therefore, do not tell many people about their illness. Doctors believe that this is why teenagers lie about their disease.

Teenagers may realize that an eating disorder is a dangerous addiction and still refuse to get help of any kind. When asked about how long she has been ill, the 16-year-old Garden City High junior said that "it started in the seventh grade and manifested completely in the eighth grade and is still going."

Almost all anorexics or bulimics have admitted during interviews that goals and excitement over weight loss go hand-in-hand.

Not all people with eating disorders are affected by feelings of regret.

"Do I ever regret my habits?" said the 16-year-old. "Only on days when getting out of bed is harder than lifting an elephant and only on days when I cough up blood. And days when I realize that I have to keep secrets from my boyfriend. The pain you feel makes you know that you are alive."

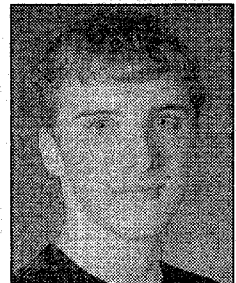
Those with eating disorders admit they have been impacted by television and the Internet.

"I heard about it from a Lifetime movie called *Kate's Secret*," said the freshman.

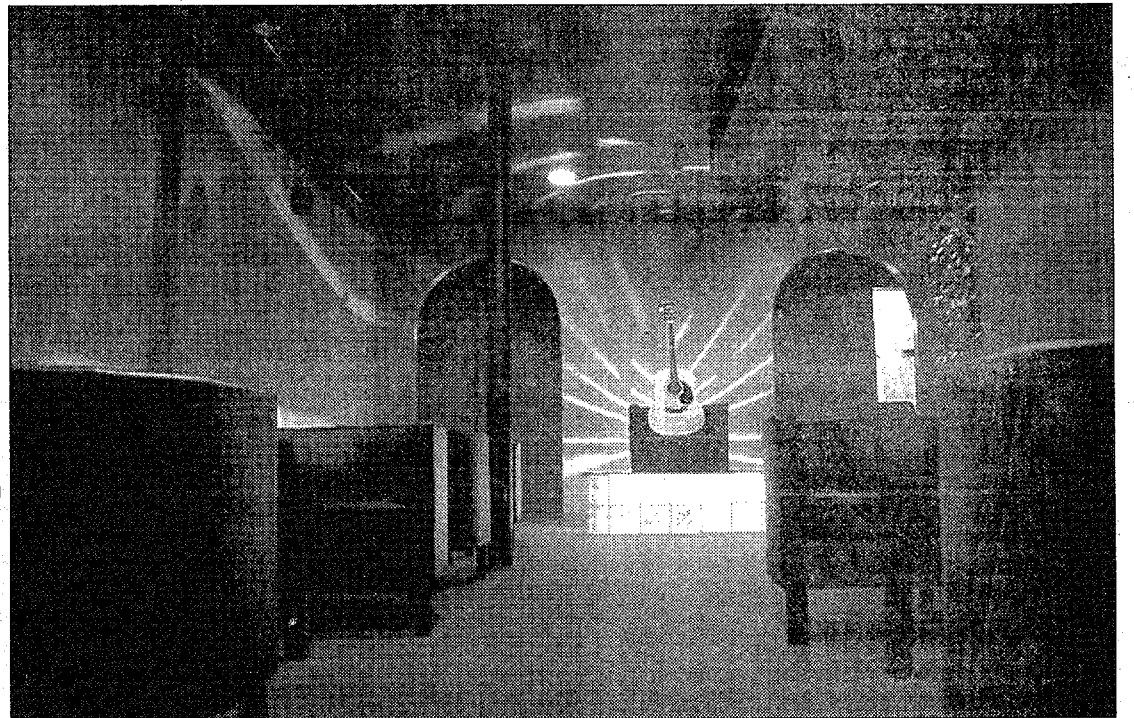
The junior said: "I didn't really know what I was doing. I just picked up a few tips online."

If you or anybody that you know is doing something to hurt himself or herself, please seek help. Clinics and support groups are private. Help is out there.

Justin Smith is a junior attending Garden City High School.



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LIZZ STUTZ

The Acoustic, a new hookah lounge recently opened in Westland.

Venue attracts young audience

BY EMBERLEY NEIDHARDT

The Token Lounge in Westland has made quite a name for itself through the years. Since its original opening in 1971, many musical acts have graced its stage, including Megadeth, Quiet Riot, and a slew of smaller up-and-coming rock bands. Popularity among teenagers and young adults has steadily increased over time, with the establishment of all ages shows every Sunday from 5-10 p.m.

The Lounge was closed down between the years of 1991 and 1993, but reopened in 1994 as the Mosquito Club under current owner John Anton. In 1998, Anton returned the club to its original name.

Part of the Token Lounge's reputation comes from his ability to bring small-time music to a wider fan base. Bands representing all genres, with members of all ages, are able to try out their material on a real audience.

Bands can make and distribute fliers, sell merchandise, and get the full concert experience in a small, local setting.

"You've got to start somewhere," said Anton.

With a maximum capacity of 500 and a main floor area the size of an average living room, fans get up-close and personal with the music.

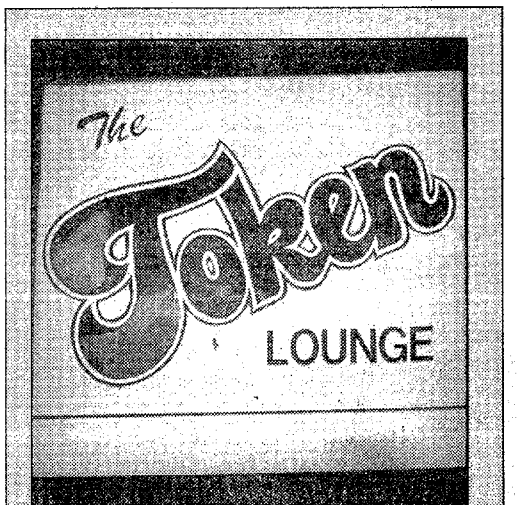
Host to many touring acts and battle of the bands-type events, the Token Lounge has become a bit of a hot spot among teens and young people.

"It's close to me, and it's an inexpensive way for me to hear good music," said Nick Janeczko, 16. Ticket prices are usually under \$10.

The Token Lounge provides an alternative for young people. Teens can gain exposure to new music, even if they don't have the means or desire to travel to downtown Detroit.

Located at 28949 Joy, just off of Middlebelt, it is accessible to those in nearby communities, including Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Dearborn, Redford and Canton.

Recent additions to the lounge include a curtain in front of the stage and a movie projector on which music



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videos are shown between acts.

Another addition is The Acoustic, a new hookah lounge located directly behind Token Lounge. It is managed separately, and hours range from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sundays. The deep-red lounge area features a small stage where acoustic music can be performed, and a wide variety of tobacco flavors.

Patrons of The Acoustic must be 18 or older.

The Token Lounge has held a rockin' place in history for music lovers young and old. Whether it's progressive or traditional, quiet or loud, chances are there'll be an act that will catch anyone's fancy.

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Fashion trends that will be hot in 2007

BY SUMMER DIEHL
TEEN JOURNALIST

One way for a teen girl to begin the new year with confidence and style is to update her wardrobe with some of the latest fashion trends sweeping the nation.



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Whether you're a size zero or a size 20, love your figure, play up its best assets and have fun creating your personal style.

Here are a dozen fashion tips that will help you look trendy in the new year:

■ Using one color from top to bottom: If you're self

conscious about your height or weight, wearing one shade can lengthen and slim your appearance.

■ Leggings and straight-leg jeans: The '90s had the return of the bell bottom and now these two blasts from the past are back and in stores everywhere.

■ Wedges: Add inches to your height while making your legs appear longer.

■ Knee-length skirts: If you hate your legs but love skirts, this could be a viable and fashionable option.

Unlike mini's that broadcast everything, a skirt that falls below the knee will often highlight the most toned area of your leg.

■ Bright-colored slacks: People tend to believe they can only pull off basic black, but adding a bit of color can do wonders for your appearance. Bright pants look great when paired with a fitted camisole.

■ Jewelry: Known to make a great outfit even better, jewelry is always a big hit with women.

Chunky jewelry, like necklaces and rings, are in this season and especially look cute with a chic shirt and jeans. When layering multiple necklaces, avoid overkill by making them the same length.

■ Wide belts: A great way to bring color to any outfit whether worn with jeans or on top of a long sweater.

■ Headbands: In addition to masking a bad hair day, a headband can offer your look its final touch. Whether colored, sparkly, cloth or solid, they look great coupled with fancy up-do's or side-swept bangs. And they cover your dirty hair that you didn't have time to wash in the morning.

■ Sheer blouses: When worn with a matching

camisole, a sheer top is a cute way to show skin without baring all.

■ Waist-length jackets: Putting aside your big, poofy winter garb, this can be a fun look for the season.

■ Fleece zip-ups: Do you want to look sexy but not want to show everything? Try one of these. They are warm, cute, and very fashionable.

■ Shearling boots: These have become a winter staple in recent years but if worn the wrong way, they can look dated.

The trendy way to don this footwear is tucking your pants all the way into the boot and avoiding scrunching.

Summer Diehl, a student at Schoolcraft College and resident of Plymouth, is a keen observer of fashion trends and an admitted TV junkie. She welcomes your comments at xsumm3rx@yahoo.com.

Rwandan author speaks on genocide

BY HALEY M. DUNNIGAN

For the students and staff at North Farmington High School, the 2006-2007 school year has been and will continue to be a learning experience in world-wide awareness and compassion. The high school has been engaging in an interdisciplinary study with a special focus on genocide.

Along with other events, North Farmington has arranged for Paul Rusesabagina, author of *An Ordinary Man* and the inspiration behind the film *Hotel Rwanda*, to speak to students about his experiences. Over a period of 100 days in the spring of 1994, some 800,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered, most hacked to death by machete.

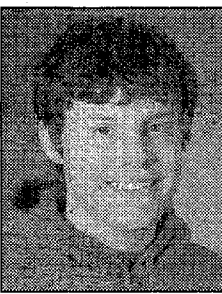
Rusesabagina, with a gift of persuasiveness and an impressive facility of words, was able to save 1,268 lives. Rusesabagina has traveled around the world to talk to groups, students and adults alike, to educate and share the horrors of the Rwandan genocide. In *An Ordinary Man*, Rusesabagina says, "I have told you that Rwandans have a special ear for their own history; we take it seriously in a way that few other nation do. It is what caused us to pick up arms against ourselves and kill each other."

Haley Dunnigan is a senior at North Farmington High School.

Despite some dangers, the Internet allows self expression

In a world of instant messaging, e-mailing, Web sites such as MySpace and Facebook, and where kids like me have their own Web sites, there seems to be a lot of horrible news about the Internet. We hear so much about how child predators are out there chatting with children and meeting up with them, or how some kids are bullying other kids online. It seems you never hear good news about the Internet.

Personally, I don't think there is anything wrong with the Internet, and it isn't as big of a danger as portrayed in the media. In fact, I find it very liberating.



rodney harris

The Internet is a way for people to get things out, good or bad. They can type what they think on blogs, which are online journals. Sites like livejournal.com and blogger.com, both free blogging sites, have become more and more popular as blogs have become more popular.

People seem to open up online. That is certainly the case with me. I have my own Web site (www.news14.4t.com) on which I run a daily newscast video that I record, edit, and post on the site.

I, myself, am more comfortable online than in person. If you were to visit my Web site, and watch my newscast, you could never tell that I am a shy person who doesn't talk a lot. Plus, with

instant messaging, you are able to talk to more than one person at once.

The Internet is a safe place. With all the news about kids chatting with predators, no one ever seems to bring up the fact that kids can block someone (meaning a person cannot talk to another person) and not have to deal with the person. Creativity comes out online also. On sites like MySpace or on your own Web site, you can decorate the Web site with colors, wallpaper, music, and even pictures. You could never do that in person. You can not walk around with different music and colors and pictures on you, so with Web sites you can show the real you.

One negative about the Internet is that people are now getting in the habit of horrible grammar. It is like a whole new language online. The problem is people transfer this into the real world. I have seen people writing computer lingo on their school work. Phrases like lol (laugh out loud), or b4 (before), and other phrases are being used away from the computer.

Web sites, e-mail, and instant messaging are the new thing. According to the New Media Concept Web site, more than 12 million people in North America use the Internet everyday, and as more and more people begin to use the Internet, its influence will continue to grow. And it is also becoming safer with new technology everyday.

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Scholarships are the answer to quick cash for college

BY JILL GORYCA AND JENNIFER WAKENELL

A student entering college is usually excited, sometimes confused, yet always seems to be "broke!" Wouldn't it be great to have some funds in his or her college account, even before going to the university?

Savvy students anticipate the costs of "higher education" and look for ways to cut expenses.

With tuition, books, room and board, the bills can really add up fast. What's a poor college student to do? Scholarships could be the answer. These awards are not only for the "super-brainy" or the "down and destitute," but also for the "average Joe" (or Jill).

Nowadays, almost any student is qualified for scholarships. The trick is knowing where to find out about these scholarship offers, how to apply for them and following through.

Before filling out any college entrance or scholarship applications, students should examine their GPA and ACT or SAT scores (these tests can be retaken, if necessary to try for a higher score). The student should also make a list of school achievements, extra-curricular activities, sports or clubs, volunteer service and community awards. It is best to be detailed about involvement in any of these areas, particularly if it is a leadership position (according to the book, *Winning Scholarships for College* by Marianne Ragins. Be sure to check the library or bookstore for other scholarship sources.) Even

hobbies or heritage may lead to some money. With this information, the student is better prepared to fully answer college admission or scholarship forms.

The application process usually requires an essay and specific information about the prospective student. School transcripts and/or references also might be necessary. It is very prudent to ask a favorite teacher, counselor, boss or someone who knows the student well to write this recommendation letter. This should be done at the earliest time frame possible to benefit the student to the

greatest advantage. (The student may want to send a "thank you" card or do something nice for the person who is writing on their behalf.)

In addition, many applications require submitting a FAFSA form, which gives information about the student's (and parent's) financial circumstances. Two ways students can fill out the FAFSA are on a paper form and on the Internet. Paper forms are usually available from the student's counselor or at a public library. Students can also complete the FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

When filling out any application, a person should be as neat and complete as possible. Applicants should follow all directions, pay attention to the deadlines, and have their paperwork "proofread" before submission. Students should showcase their unique talents which separate them from their classmates. It is important for the student to stand out as an individual. Numerous men and women apply for scholarships, and a student must explain why he or she deserves the scholarship over the other applicants. Hardships or overcoming challenges may be mentioned if the opportunity presents itself. A creative writing style or heartfelt sentiment could especially be appealing. Some students are so busy, scholarship applications are not a top priority, but think of how many "working" hours would be needed just to match the awarded amount. There may be a small chance of winning if there are many applicants, but each student should remember that there is NO chance without applying.

Students can look for scholarships on the Internet, as many Web sites provide free search opportunities. Some scholarship search Web sites are:

- www.michigan.gov/mistudent.aid
- www.finaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.scholarshipexpert.com

Students can ask their counselors at school or supervisors at work to see if there are any scholarships offered. Applications may take a lot of time, but the reward can literally pay off.

Sources for this article include personal seminars and experience, the FAFSA Web site, and Yahoo! Internet search among others.

Jill Goryca attends Grace Academy. Jennifer Wakenell graduated in 2006 from Divine Child High School.

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REUNIONS

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967
A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efnhs67@yahoo.com

Detroit Chadsey Class of 1957
A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody Class of 1957
A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$95 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD and much more. We extend this invitation to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Don't miss out. Call 800-859-9502 for details.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1957
Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

Detroit Western Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at

jlscranon@yahoo.com

Detroit Southwestern Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

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

Fordson High School Class of 1969
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynihilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Kilvingston@nu-core.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1987
Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

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

Livonia Churchill Classes of 1971-2007
Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. No fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynihilu@aol.com.

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1957, 1958
A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral74@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Marnia@comcast.net

Roseville High School Class of 1956
A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobel.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

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A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

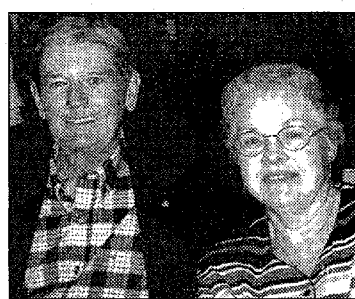
Southfield High School Class of 1977
A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@aol.com or lleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.net

St. Mary of Redford High School class of 1956 Grade School class of 1952
Looking for graduates. Contact (734) 525-5888 or e-mail: kheenan@gils.net.

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

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1957
A 50-year class reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 19, 2007, at American Legion Post, 9318 Newburgh Road (near Ann Arbor Trail), Livonia. Also a Wayne High Alumni Association "All Class Reunion," honoring class of 1957 on Friday, May 18. Try to attend both! For details contact: Richard Smith at (248)442-7543 or Carl Allore at (810) 231-2713 or Larry Schafer at LES87@aol.com.

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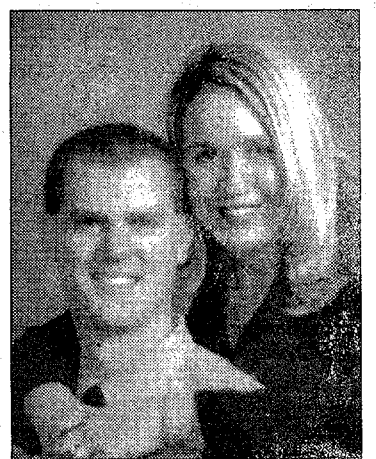
Schells celebrate 55th anniversary

Kenneth and Carol (Richards) Schell of Westland are will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. The Schells were married Jan. 19, 1952, at Grace Church in Redford Township. The Schells have three children: Denise (John) Maynard of East Pointe; Ken (Cheri) Schell of Commerce Township; and Jeanine (John) Patla of Livonia. They have five grandchildren. Kenneth is retired from MichCon. Carol is a homemaker. Kenneth is active in the V.F.W. and American Legion. They enjoy bowling and being with family. A family gathering is planned to celebrate their anniversary.

ENGAGEMENTS

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 is pursuing a master of occupational therapy degree from Eastern Michigan University. The prospective groom is the son of William and Renee Kaufman of Canton. He is pursuing a master of business administration degree 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.



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Serge-Blue

Michael and Joan Serge of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Serge of Livonia, to Matt Blue of Homewood, Ill. The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is an elementary teacher in a suburb of Chicago. The prospective groom is the son of Tom and Maryanne Blue of Muskego, Wis. He is a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is a physical education teacher and varsity boys basketball coach in a suburb of Chicago.



An August 2007 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Mich.

WEDDING



Kostun-Wysocki
Michael Kostun of Brighton and Erin Wysocki of Plymouth were married Oct. 7 at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church with Dr. William C. Moore officiating. The bride is the daughter of Edie and Tom Wysocki of Plymouth. She is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and 2002 graduate of Hope College. She is employed by R.S.V.P. in Plymouth. The groom is the son of Ginny and John Kostun of Brighton. He is a 1996 graduate of Catholic Central High School and 2006 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Accu-Read Contract Meter Reading Services. The bride was attended by maid of honor Catherine Baxter and bridesmaids, Jill Schwendeman, Heather Putt, Tricia Huddas and Amber Wendels. The groom was attended by best man Patrick Kostun and groomsmen Ken Galica, Michael Botka, Brian Apostolovski, Jim Bieniewicz and Joseph Wysocki. The reception was held the Plymouth Manor. The couple honeymooned on Hutchinson Island in the Florida Keys. They are making their home in Canton.

Merrill-Stone

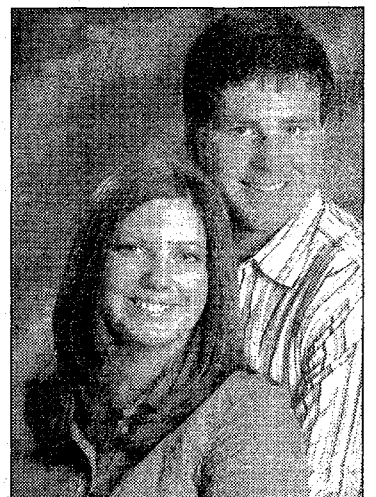
Jim and Sharon Merrill of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Merrill of Philadelphia, Pa., to Bill Stone of Philadelphia. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a middle school math teacher at Marion T. Academy Charter School in Wilmington, Del. She is pursuing an online masters of educational technology through Michigan State. The prospective groom is the son of Todd and Debra Stone of Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a first-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. An Aug. 11, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Colette Church in Livonia.



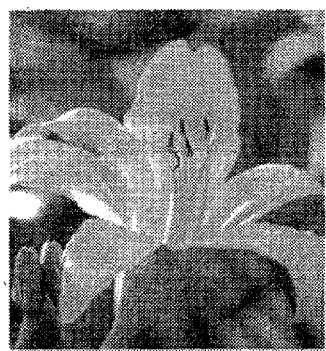
An Aug. 11, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Colette Church in Livonia.

Jordan-Wagner

Jerry and Lenore Jordan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Lynn Jordan, to Matthew Lee Wagner of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by a White Lake law firm. The prospective groom is the son of Carol and Jim Todd of Portland, Mich., and the late Jack Wagner. He is a graduate of Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. He is employed as a carpenter with PCI Industries.

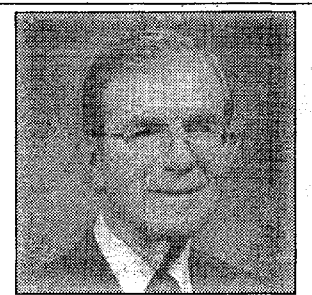


A Sept. 29, 2007, wedding is planned for Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

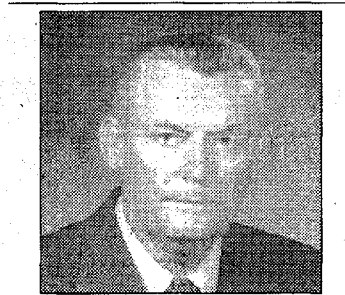


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DUANE L. BLOCK, M.D.
January 3, 2007 Age 80 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired Medical Director for Ford Motor Company. Beloved husband of Kathleen for 25 years. Loving father of Susan Rupe (Stephen) and Jeffrey. Dear grandfather of Katie, Lindsey, Bryan, Matthew and Allyson. Family will receive friends Monday 3:00-7:00pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Tuesday 2:00pm at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills Music Fund or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JOSEPH M. HENSHAW
Jan 4, 2007, age 76 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Janet. Loving father of Michael (Margot) and Kimberly (Steven) Gruke. Dear brother of the late Paul and the late Gerald. Proud grandfather of Kirsten, Kyle, Paige, Caroline, Garrett and Evan. Joseph was a Biology teacher in the Plymouth Canton Schools from 1962-1987. He was also a charter member and past president of the Plymouth Canton Civitan Club and past president of the Plymouth Fall Festival Board. Visitation Saturday 5-9 PM and Sunday 1 PM until funeral service at 3 PM. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Monday 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Civitan International Foundation. To leave a message of condolence, please log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

WILLIAM KIMBALL, DVM
December 26, 2006. Age 78, of Bigfork, Montana. Beloved husband of the late Donna, loving father of the late Ross, Scott, Tom, Melody, Todd, Monty, and spouses. Dear brother of Mary McGraw and the late Richard Kimball. Eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a special niece Marie. "Doc" will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His family wishes to extend special thanks to all of his friends and neighbors who have loved and supported him throughout his life. Donations may be made to the Humane Society, 43 Woodland Park Drive, Kalispell, Montana, 59901.

HERBERT JAMES BROWN
Age 87, January 3, 2007. Dear husband of Jean L. Uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Member of the VFW Bruce Post #1146 and proud member of the Cooties. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

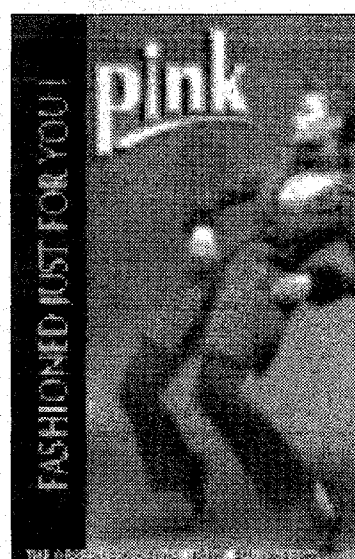
LAVERNE GORDON WILLESEY
Jan. 4, 2007. Retired Detroit Police Sergeant. Service on Mon., 1pm at Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Visitation Sun. 2-9pm.

RUTH N. ARNOLD
Age 83, November 14, 2006. Ruth was a long-time resident of Livonia, a member of the Livonia Church of Christ, and a General Motors retiree. She is survived by son, John Arnold of Remus MI, and daughter Sue Ellen Opperman of Netcong NJ; five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. There will be a memorial service in the Spring. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice.

ROBERT WILLIAM ROSENBERGER
Age 84, passed away January 3, 2007. He was born on January 20, 1922, in McKeesport, PA, to the late Harvey and Ruth (Fryar) Rosenberger. He resided in Plymouth, prior to moving to South Lyon. He served in the Army during WWII and was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. Bob was an avid gardener, and loved to do woodworking. He had just finished setting up his dream workshop. He also collected model cars. Robert is survived by his daughter Barbara Dorey, two granddaughters Kimberly (Correy) Turner and Jennifer (Andrew) Duncan, two great granddaughters, Mikayla, Chloe, and another one on the way. He also is survived by many nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors and his devoted dog Sable. Visitation will be held on Sunday 4 - 9 p.m., Monday 2 - 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile) South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

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Open Letter to all DFCU Financial Member-Owners

Restore Member Trust - It's time for a change in Leadership!

Dear Member-Owners,

DFCU Owners United is pleased to endorse three highly competent DFCU Financial members who are running for the credit union's volunteer board of directors. After fulfilling all the requirements mandated by the credit union's bylaws, **Jesse D.L. Brunais, Linda M. Malec and Salvatore Mazzola** have been notified by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors Nominating Committee that their names will be included on the ballot for the 2007 Board of Directors election.

Bruce D. Gearns, Ryan M. Hershberger and Ronald K. Seiler, endorsed by DFCU Owners United, also qualified to run for the board election. However, they have since notified DFCU Financial that they wish to have their names withdrawn from the ballot, and will lend their support to **BRUNAIS, MALEC and MAZZOLA** for the three announced open board positions.

Brunais, Malec & Mazzola pledge that putting members first is their #1 commitment. Each of these candidates has a passion for DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union, and they have expressed their displeasure at the recent attempt to change their credit union to a bank.

"It is no secret that DFCU's recent initiative to become a bank provoked very strong opposition from member-owners of the credit union. Early in 2006, I took the time to learn more about this ill-fated proposal by talking with others, attending informational meetings sponsored by DFCU Owners United, and reading industry related periodicals. The more I learned, the more my personal opposition grew. I now ask the members of DFCU for their vote as a candidate for DFCU's Board of Directors in order to help guide this great institution in an open and transparent manner as governed by the credit union's bylaws and policies."

--- **Jesse D.L. Brunais**, automotive product design engineer in Powertrain Operations at Ford Motor Company. A member of DFCU Financial since 1981, Brunais is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree in electronics and computer science from Wayne State University.

"I became re-involved in DFCU during the attempt to convert it into a for-profit bank. During that time, I also listened to members unhappy with other changes that seemed to be trending toward 'just another bank.' I was stunned because, as a cooperative, DFCU operates for the benefit of member-owners and should strive to be 'better than the competition' by returning earnings back to members with better rates on savings, lower rates on loans, and providing exemplary services so that over time, all members benefit. With your vote, I pledge to 'put members first' and to support continuing the great traditions of DFCU, its employees and members." --- **Linda M. Malec**, human resources associate on the corporate staff at Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters. A member of DFCU Financial for 36 years, Malec served on DFCU's board of directors from 1980 to 2000, including chairperson from 1988 to 1998. Malec holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

"In the nine years I have been a member of DFCU, I have come to value the credit union for what it is—an efficient organization of exceptionally competent professionals, committed to serving all its members as owners and not as customers. I first became involved with DFCU Owners United when my confidence in the present Board of Directors was shaken by last year's proposed bank conversion, which was strongly opposed by the membership. In seeking the members' vote for the Board of Directors, I ask DFCU member-owners to support continuing the credit union's traditions of professional service and growth driven by members' needs." --- **Salvatore Mazzola**, funding analyst in the Treasurer's Office of Ford Motor Company. Mazzola earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University.

Ballots are expected to be mailed to members in January 2007, in advance of DFCU Financial's Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2007.

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Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Saline Player auditions

The Saline Area Players announce auditions for "Gypsy," a musical fable by Jule Styne, Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents. Auditions take place 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. Callbacks will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. Auditions take place in the Saline Middle School Theater, 7190 Maple in Saline. Performance dates are March 16-18.

Auditions will be open and will consist of individual song auditions, cold readings from the script and a short dance segment. For more information, call (734) 429-7469.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society hosts its meeting Jan. 4 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Kerry Chartkoff, director of Capitol Tours, will speak on "Save the Flags Program" of the Michigan Historical Museum, which is preserving 230 Michigan flags, 160 from the Civil War. The public is invited. For information, call (810) 227-7745.

Career development scholarship

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development Scholarship" to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the work force or seeking to advance their careers. Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 34030 Fountain Blvd., Westland, MI 48185. Completed applications are due postmarked by Jan. 31. For more information, call Amy Allen, (734) 522-1603.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

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

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is

provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post #12 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

Our Italian Story DVD released in late December

John and Lina Del Signore of Livonia are featured in a new CD on Italian immigrants. It is an expanded version of the Our Italian Story documentary that aired on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in December. The additional footage includes more in-depth interviews with the Italian Americans whose contributions have made a significant impact on the Southeast Michigan area.

The documentary is the first in the Our Story Of series produced by Keith Famie of Visionalist Entertainment Productions. Our Italian Story recognizes and celebrates more than two dozen interesting and influential Italian Americans.

The Del Signore's owned Fonte D'Amore in Livonia for 38 years and still own Laurel Manor Banquet Center in the city. In October, Famie and cinematographer Kevin Hewitt of Livonia followed the couple to the town of Fonte D'Amore in Italy where they were married 49 years ago.

Internationally-known sculptor Sergio De Guisti of Redford is among the other local immigrants who were spotlighted along with Tony Filippis of Rochester Hills, founder of Wright & Filippis, a leader in rehabilitative health care since 1944.

All came as immigrants to this country and went on to become successful. Nino Salviaggio turned 500 cases of strawberries into a chain of fruit markets in Farmington Hills, Troy and St. Clair Shores.

When Jim Lipari came to America he was selling barbecue sauce out of his station wagon. Today Lipari Foods is a \$250 million business.

Pierette Domenica Simpson survived the sinking of the Andrea Dorea and went on to write a book about the tragedy after teaching in Farmington Hills Schools for 20 years.

John Zaretti of Canton is keeping alive the music of Italian opera composer Giuseppe Verdi through the Verdi Opera Theater of Michigan, a nonprofit that presents concerts as well as competitions for young opera singers.

A section at the end of the DVD is a hilarious and oh-so-honest chronicle of some of the film's funniest out-takes.

The Our Italian Story DVD costs \$19.50 and is available at the Italian American Club of Livonia, Nino Salviaggio Market places, Andiamo's restaurants, Bommarito's Bakery of St. Clair Shores, and by visiting the Web site at www.Ourstoryof.com.

SINGLES

MISC. SINGLES

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

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Chili Cookoff
7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, St. Linus Activity Center at 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Call Kathy at (734) 513-9479

Dance
Bethany Together Dance at the Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford. Limited to first 450 paid admissions, proper attire.

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'A little Meadow Brook'

Historic Pine Knob Mansion opens doors to public

BY KAREN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in decades, the general public may dine in the historic Pine Knob Mansion with its scenic vista of south-eastern Michigan.

Built in the late 1920s on top of Pine Knob in Clarkston, the 19-room English Tudor-style home was opened Dec. 17 by owners Nino and Stacey Catenacci for Christmas brunch, the first of several holiday special events they plan to offer. A New Year's Eve party is next.

Since 1992, the mansion has been used as a banquet facility for weddings and other private gatherings.

It was last open to the general public in the 1970s when it was a restaurant known to locals as the Hamburger Mansion.

BIG TURNOUT

"I can't tell you how happy people were (to have the mansion open again)," said Stacey Catenacci. "I was hoping for 60 (for brunch) and got 200."

Zoe Aldrich, event planner for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, remembers the Hamburger Mansion as a local hot spot and is glad more people will be able to enjoy the view from southeast Michigan's highest point — 1,221 feet above sea level.

"It's breathtaking when you get out of the car," she said.

Toni Smith, director of the Clarkston Heritage Museum, said the mansion is an important part of Clarkston history more people can now experience.

"It's nice to see an historical building coming back into public use," she said.

'A LITTLE MEADOW BROOK'

Clarkston resident Matt Duff, who lives near the mansion, has attended private functions there but is glad he no longer has to wait for an invitation to visit.

"It's like a little Meadow Brook (Hall) inside there," he said.

Col. Sydney Waldon, an automotive and aviation pioneer who helped develop the U. S. Air Force during World War I, built the mansion as a summer home for himself and second wife, Helen Rentschler, on 820 acres he purchased in 1927 from Harvey and Mary Fleming.

Waldon lovingly referred to his residence as "the hill," Stacey Catenacci said.

"I miss the hill," he would write to his secretary who oversaw things while he was away. "I can't wait to come home to the hill."

He designed his own gardens



Owner Stacey Catenacci points out design details in the Great Hall, including tributes to Henry Ford and the Wright brothers.

and had a bird sanctuary outside his library.

"He loved his birds," Catenacci said.

The home was designed by architect H.A. O'Dell with entertainment in mind. The Great Hall has an acoustically perfect ceiling so music lovers could enjoy music from an organ console hidden by a hand-carved oak screen.

FRIEND OF HENRY FORD

The stained glass in the great hall bears coats of arms and artistic tributes to friends Henry Ford and Orville and Wilbur Wright, who later served as a pall bearer at the colonel's funeral in 1967. Wood carvings in the great hall tell of Waldon's many travels, including safaris.

"Everything carved in the woodwork had a meaning," Catenacci said.

The mansion also had six master bedrooms with private baths, servants' quarters, a gun room, fruit room and wine cellar. Outbuildings included a carriage house, tenant house, machine shop and many barns.

The great hall and Waldon's library look much like they did when he lived there, but most of the rest of the house has been modified.

The Waldons moved from the home in 1941 to Helen's family home in Hamilton, Ohio.

FORMER SANITARIUM

The mansion and 460 acres were purchased in 1948 by Henry Ford Hospital as a sanitarium and convalescent center for psychiatric and physical

therapy patients. Ten years later, in 1958, Dr. Harley Robinson bought it for use as a rest home. In 1976, a group of developers turned it into the Hamburger Mansion.

In 1992, the current owners turned the mansion into the 27-hole championship Pine Knob Golf Course and Banquet facility.

Catenacci said maintaining the mansion has been a labor of love, but she and her husband have no plans to move in.

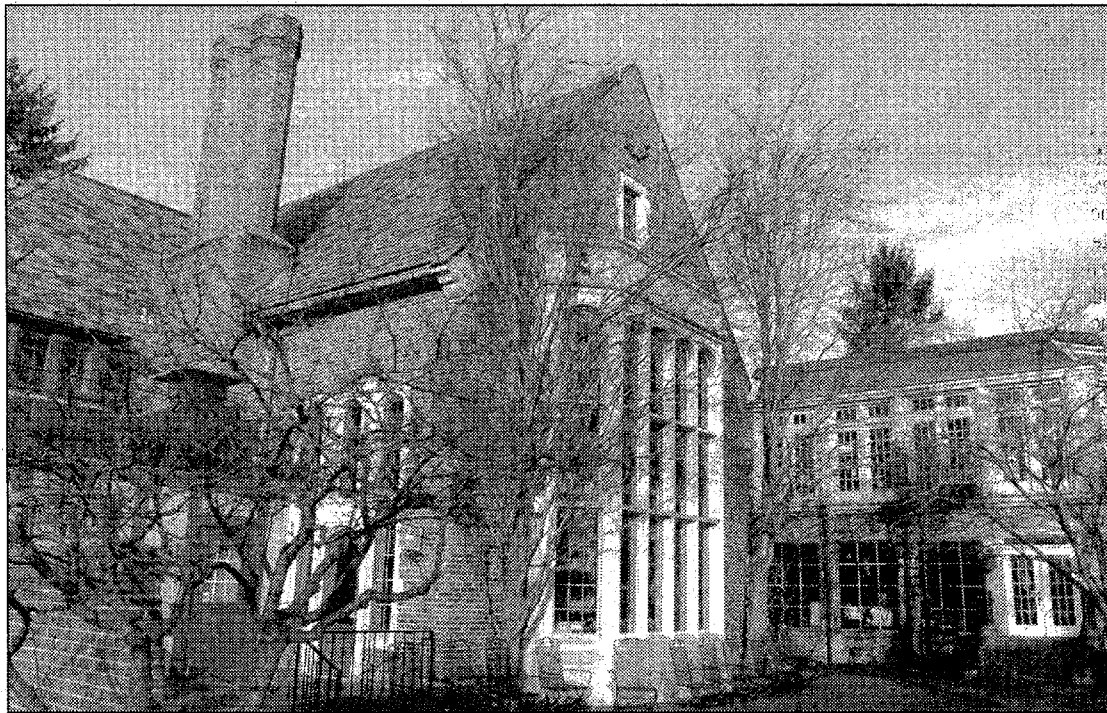
"It's spooky and they say it's haunted," she said, referring to local lore and adding she wouldn't want to be alone in the mansion at night.

Now, members of the public will be able to decide for themselves if those legends are true.

For Halloween, the Catenaccis have a "seance" planned.

For more information about the mansion, call (248) 625-0700.

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The Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston sits at the highest point in Oakland County, 1,221 feet above sea level. On a clear day, visitors can see Detroit from the mansion's back yard and gardens.

Mansion owner helped to build Air Force and road system

BY KAREN SMITH
COMMUNITY EDITOR

A history buff who researched the life of Col. Sydney Waldon, builder of the Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston, said he was a genius whose aviation and automotive innovations helped build the industries that have become the bedrock of modern society — air flight and motor travel.

Rachel Godley, who did the research for owners Nino and Stacey Catenacci, said Waldon was a friend of Henry Ford, the Dodge brothers and the Wright brothers.

He was born in London on Jan. 29, 1873, and came to America at age 20.

"These men ... were some of the most influential thinkers of their time — the very first to 'think outside of the box,'" she wrote in an article titled "Pine Knob Mansion: A Brief Historical Overview."

"Thanks to the unerring dedication and unshakable determination of these noble visionaries, Detroit has long been

known as 'the city that drives the world.'"

LIBERTY ENGINE

Specifically, Waldon was involved in building "from scratch" the U.S. Air Force during World War I, Godley said. After the war, he helped to create and improve Detroit's and the state's roadways, she said.

Waldon met the Wright brothers while working in the infant automotive industry, first as vice-president of Packard Motor Car Co. from 1910 to 1915 and later as executive/engineer for Cadillac Motor Co. from 1915 to 1916.

In 1916, during World War I, Waldon enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, which included the first "Air Service." There were only about a dozen pilots and about 150 obsolete planes at the time, Godley said. Waldon reached the rank of colonel and, as assistant to the chief of the Aircraft Production Board, he helped to create the Liberty engine, the first engine used in fighter planes.

After the war, Waldon served as president of the Street Railway

Road Commission and the Rapid Transit System in the 1920s. From 1935 to 1945, he served on the Michigan State Advisory Board.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Waldon and his second wife, Helen Rentschler, were also involved in civic activities. He was a founding member of the Detroit Club, first director of the Automotive Club of America and an original member of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

She supported the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Boys and Girls Scouts of America and the Garden Clubs of America.

The Waldons had one child, a boy, who died at birth. Little is known about Waldon's first wife, Lois Strong Burton, with whom he had a daughter, Maunie Waldon Streit.

Waldon died Jan. 20, 1945, of a heart attack at age 72 at the Rentschler family home in Hamilton, Ohio. Orville Wright was a pallbearer at his funeral.

Helen Waldon died Sept. 11, 1967, at age 77, also in Ohio.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its ANNUAL meeting January 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

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West coast workout

Nia combines art forms to improve health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Beverly Price is enjoying every movement of the newest class at the Body Connection in Royal Oak. Nia puts the fun back in exercise for those courageous enough to let themselves go.

Even though the workout originated on the West Coast in the 1980s, Nia is just beginning to catch on in Metro Detroit. In anticipation of the growth of the next hottest fitness craze, Price has scheduled classes from morning to evening for nearly every day of the week.

Usually Price is leading classes through yoga movements or counseling clients about their relationship with food but this evening she follows instructor Beth Silver who is scooping chi or energy out of thin air. A registered dietitian, Price regularly sees men, women and children with eating disorders and weight issues.

Nia's neuromuscular integrative action blends elements of dance, kickboxing, the martial arts including tai chi, and yoga and healing techniques such as feldenkrais to raise the heart rate, strengthen muscles, release tension, and burn calories while liberating the mind, body and spirit. Throughout the session students are able to express themselves during free style periods by creating their own movement.

"We bought an elliptical trainer for our basement but it's boring," said Price, a Huntington Woods resident who was practicing yoga every day and looking for a way to cross train when she invited a Nia instructor to teach a course in July. "When you go to a Nia class you gather everybody else's energy. Health wise, it's increased my endurance although yoga has as well, my strength and durability. I like the combination of both."

Price has observed a change in her nutritional counseling clients as a result.

"Many of them don't feel good about their bodies," said Price. "This is a nonjudgmental way to move your body. Many come to see me for weight loss but they're not exercising. This is a great way to do it and have fun."

Silver discovered Nia while on a self-exploration journey. Over the years, she tried pilates, yoga, weight training, and ice dancing as a way to stay fit after leaving Harbinger Dance

Company.

"Nia invites you to move your body naturally. You're not asked to get into positions that don't feel good," said Silver who became a certified Nia instructor after completing training in East Lansing. "It's a work in and a work out, a mind, body, spirit class. Anything cardio you've got to improve your heart, circulation. It's going to make weight loss easier. People in wheelchairs can take the class. It's designed for all fitness levels, ages, body types. I provide the movements. Students decide how big or small they're going to do the movement. It's self-adjusting."

Best friends Mayyadah Ali and Valerie Harris of Southfield had tried every kind of exercise program as well. They decided to take Nia together as part of a continuing search to keep their bodies limber. Both trained with Alvin Ailey.

"I love the constant movement," said Mayyadah Ali. "I'm feeling more relaxed. I'm just entering menopause and it's given me a release of stress, tension."

Kelly Ray drives all the way from Rochester Hills to take Nia classes at the Body Connection in Royal Oak. Her physician recommended Nia as a way for her to lose weight and reduce stress.

Jeni Langan likes the stretching, music and the fact that Nia incorporates dance. She earned a dance degree from Wayne State University.

Sandra Braden was searching for different way to exercise when she discovered Nia. Now at least once a week Braden leaves her job in Detroit to drop in for a Nia class in Royal Oak before heading home to St. Clair Shores.

"I'm age 56 and it keeps the joints moving," said Sandra Braden. "Even after the class I kept feeling the movement. You feel looser. It stays with you the whole week."

Amy Lockmondy is always looking for new, effective ways for students to stay fit at The Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. As the recreational facility's health and wellness coordinator and a mother of twin toddlers, Lockmondy doesn't always have time to exercise so when a Nia instructor contacted her a year ago she was excited about offering classes. Unfortunately, the community has shown no interest.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Valerie Harris, Southfield, participates in a workout called Nia which combines dance, and the martial and healing arts.

"I liked it because it was something different," said Amy Lockmondy. "I feel people are looking for out of the ordinary workouts. When pilates broke across the country everybody was asking about it. I will offer it if the community asks for it."

"With Nia there are a couple of parts where you have to freestyle with your movement. That can be very intimidating if others are around because people don't want to look silly. I am actually fine with it but think that part of it, letting yourself go completely, might be hard for some people."

It's not unusual for Lockmondy to offer a class and have no one sign up. While the community wasn't ready for belly dancing, Lockmondy says January and February will be "crazy" with people registering for land aerobics, pilates, yoga, kick boxing, tai chi, mother-daughter aerobics, and family yoga. For details,

call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org then click on leisure services.

For information on Nia classes at the Body Connection in Royal Oak, call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.bodyconnection-nia.com. In addition to Nia, pilates, yoga, and yoga dance are offered nearly every day from 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. along with nutrition counseling and workshops. Nia classes are \$15 for drop-ins or 12 classes for \$139, 24 sessions for \$239, or a \$79 per month unlimited package with a one year commitment. Price offers the first week of classes free to prospective students.

"It's a great way to exercise your body and your mind," said Price. "The instructors bring in a lot of stress management techniques, breathing techniques."

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Be careful with water during run



Peter Nielsen

Jill from Commerce is a marathon runner and wants some tips on proper water intake.

Jill, many endurance athletes think it is OK to drink and keep on drinking. That may be OK for high performance

athletes losing body fluids with excessive sweat, but athletes going at a slower pace just don't need that kind of water consumption. Taking in too much water can lead to a condition called hyponatremia, or water intoxication. The water overload causes the body's cells to swell up. This condition can

lead to things like headache and nausea. You can even become delirious.

Try to limit water intake to no more than a liter per hour for no more than four hours. When it comes to water intake, for some endurance athletes slow and steady really does win the race!

Terri from Detroit is concerned about her daughter's weight. She e-mailed Peter looking for help.

Terri I am glad that you brought this up. The childhood obesity problem in this country is skyrocketing out of control. One in 3 kids are overweight! Now, a new study could help fight the epidemic. Researchers followed a group of children for 10 years. They found the average child ate 165 calories more than they needed each day. Also, the more

overweight teens took in about 1,000 calories more each day than needed. That is almost two Big Macs! The study concluded children are spending more time putting food into their mouths than exercising.

So what can be done? Teach your children healthy eating habits, which include avoiding sugary sodas because they are packed with calories. Also limit television time. Experts found cutting television watching by just an hour a day can cut a child's food intake by 160 calories a day. Get your child involved in a physical activity instead!

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.

Protect yourself with a flu shot

Local visiting nurse associations are warning residents that time is running out to get a flu shot.

Walk-in clinics are being offered at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 in Oak Park from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Homebound service and corporate worksite clinics are also available.

"Flu season generally peaks in February for Michigan residents," said Kay Renny, R.N., Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan community programs manager. "The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stresses that

individuals can be vaccinated through flu season as late as March, but remember, it takes up to two weeks to build up sufficient immunity."

Each year in the United States approximately 36,000 people die and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized because of influenza complications, according to the CDC.

Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan cost \$24, and are payable by cash, check, Medicare, HAP or Care Choices. Pneumonia shots are \$40. For more information, call (248) 967-8751 or visit www.vna.org. The University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering a flu shot clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Michigan Visiting Nurses, 2850 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 75, near the intersection of Industrial and Eisenhower in Ann Arbor.

Flu shots are \$33 this year, pneumonia shots \$82. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare Part B, M-Care, CareChoices and HAP, all of which cover the entire cost of the flu shot.

You cannot receive a flu shot at these clinics if you have a fever of 101 degrees or higher; have an allergy to eggs or egg products; have a Thimerosal allergy; have been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, or are allergic to Benadryl or Epinephrine.

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Buyout/retirement offer calls for planning, thought

BY JULIE BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

Buyouts and early retirements are common right now in the auto industry. Those faced with such offers need to think things through, both financially and in terms of their careers.

Bob Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, urges those leaving auto companies to link up with professional organizations. Such organizations offer resume sharing and job postings, he said, citing Automation Alley as one option good for those taking a buyout.

OU also offers limited scholarships to those downsized through buyout or layoff, he said. Assistance is available for those changing careers, to see what's necessary in terms of educational requirements.

"So there's a variety of things that can be addressed," Thomas said.

He also recommends use of the state's Michigan Works! system. "It's a pretty vast network of job postings." You can work with state staffers on your resume, and Michigan Works! staffers have access to new employers in the state.

Michigan Works! can be reached online at www.michiganworks.org, and has a number of offices statewide. "They just have to get in

there and talk to those professionals in those offices," Thomas said.

Oakland University also has adult career counseling available free to nonstudents. For information, visit accc@oakland.edu online or call (248) 370-3092.

PJ Rao, assistant director for career services at Wayne State University in Detroit, said her office is also ready to help. "We have a staff of many counselors available to talk to folks." They work primarily with students and alumni on career development.

Rao and her colleagues see if job seekers would like to go back into same career path. "We work with them on resume writing, polishing up their resumes," she said. They also work on cover letters, what their niche is and assisting them with interviewing skills.

"We have a lot of resources they can utilize online and in the office," Rao said. In addition to students and alumni, those in the community are welcome to stop-in counseling hours, with no appointment needed, at certain times of day. You can go to www.careerservices.wayne.edu or call (313) 577-3390 for details.

"We hear from a lot of different people. We meet with a variety of folks," She said. Wayne State staffers have also told people about Michigan Works! and career Web

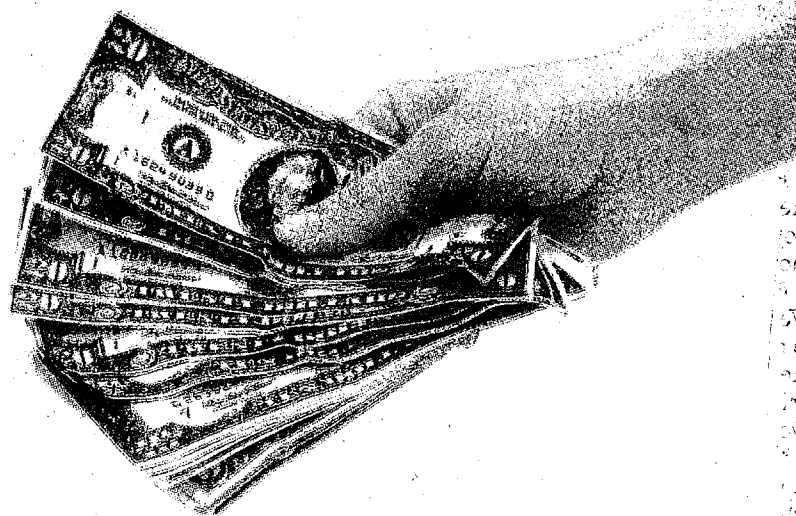
sites. The career services staff tells job seekers to bring in drafts of resumes so they can work on that, "and see where they want to go."

There are financial considerations involved in such buyout/retirements offers as well. "I have some clients that are in the process of doing that," said Mark Napolitano, vice president of investments for Raymond James & Associates in Plymouth, of buyouts.

There isn't a simple solution to making a life-changing decision like the one DaimlerChrysler, Ford, and GM have proposed to many of their employees, he said. Each package from the Big Three is unique, as is every employee's situation.

New legislation may be the key in the decisions you make regarding these offers, according to Napolitano. Even if you have made the decision to take the buyout, it's crucial that you seek out a professional that will help establish a plan to transition through this process.

That includes financial decision and investment strategies that take into consideration each client's future plans, family dynamics, and current situation. "Really have a good handle on one year's expenses," he added. "I think that's very important."





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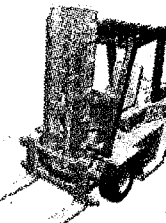
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 - Burglar's "key"
 - Papas or Cara
 - Skippy top
 - Brainpower meas.
 - Only
 - Fabled lumberjack addendum
 - Sudan neighbor
 - Klutz
 - Fit to be tied
 - Team
 - Put the - on
 - Opinionated
 - Baker's need
 - Like summer clouds
 - PBS funder
 - Thin
 - Conversational pause
 - Gauges
 - Oz canine
 - Derek
 - Hull bottom
 - Pancake go-with
 - Try to influence
 - Flo's co-worker
 - Prior to
 - Crowds
 - Checked out
 - Add- (extras)
- DOWN**
- Groom excessively
 - Remedies
 - Palm reader, maybe
 - Up for payment
 - Dash size
 - Bring into accord
 - Stumbled upon
 - Type of market
 - Behold!
 - IX opposite
 - A Bach
 - Nerve cell
 - Lose -
 - whisker
 - Hot soak
 - Loud
 - Home-heating fuel
 - Lemon drink
 - Gave supper
 - Steel girder (hyph.)
 - Trigger lock - "Tiki"
 - got it!
 - Prickly husks
 - Hypotheticals
 - Conference
 - Fern saint
 - Irk
 - Driver's 180 (hyph.)
 - Some are false
 - Barely makes do
 - Chocolate cookie
 - Mooch
 - Pizarro's quest
 - Affected by grief
 - UK
 - Second note

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	G	O	P	R	I	A	M	H	I	D
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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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B	A	R	R	E	L		D	R	A	M
B	U	S	H	E	L		G	A	L	L
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

6	1	4	2	5	9	8	7
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Interest building in housing trade show

(NAPSI)-Home buyers aren't the only ones interested in construction. More than 100,000 housing professionals are expected to descend on Orlando, Fla., for The 2007 International Builders' Show (IBS). In today's slow housing market, the educational sessions, networking opportunities and state-of-the-art technology and products featured make attendance critical for any professional working in the industry. Hosted by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the housing industry's largest annual light-construction trade show and exhibition will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, Feb. 7-10.

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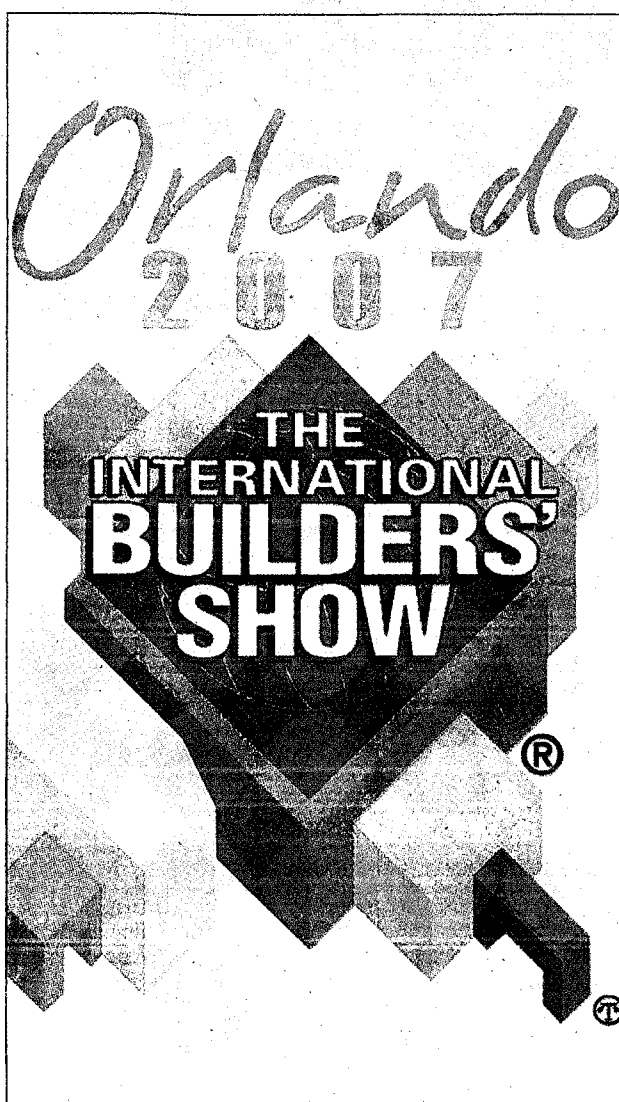
Hailed as "The Big Show," IBS promises a wealth of opportunities for professionals, particularly at a time when many home builders and associates have seen a slowdown in business. With more than 290 educational sessions scheduled during the show, attendees will discover that succeeding in changing times is a theme incorporated into many of the sessions. In addition, new for 2007 is the "Changing Markets" education track, which includes classes such as:

- Selling Smart to Builders: Your Best Plays for a Changing Market
- Cut Construction Costs: 20 Proven Techniques
- Using the Internet in a Changing Environment
- It's a Whole New World: Make Money in 2007
- 107 Marketing Ideas for 2007.

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These educational sessions are your best opportunity to learn how to grow your business and discover the latest trends and best practices that will take you to the next level. For more information on registering for classes and to see the full array of educational offerings, visit www.BuildersShow.com/Seminars.



On-site registration begins on Sunday, Feb. 4. Visitors can also see what the show has to offer at www.BuildersShow.com/VTS, a virtual showcase for exhibitors and their products.

Take credit for home energy improvements

(NAPSI)-Uncle Sam is ready to give you credit for the steps you take to reduce energy consumption in your home. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides valuable tax credits-as much as \$300 to consumers who purchase qualified high-efficiency heating, cooling and water-heating equipment.

These new tax credits took effect in January 2006. Unlike a tax deduction, which reduces the amount of income subject to tax, a tax credit directly reduces the amount of federal income tax you pay or increases the tax refund you receive.

The new energy legislation defines the type of equipment and the amount of the credit in this way:

- High-efficiency gas, oil and propane furnaces and boilers: \$150
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- High-efficiency fans for heating and cooling systems: \$50
- High-efficiency water heaters, including heat pump water heaters: \$300.

Manufacturers and retailers should be able to tell homeowners whether a specific product qualifies for a tax credit. Qualifying efficiencies identified in the bill include:

- Furnaces and boilers: Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of 95 or higher
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- Central air-conditioning units: SEER of 15 and EER of 12.5.

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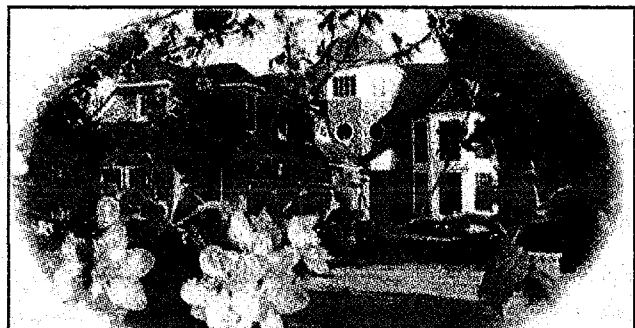
this new equipment employs technologies that make new heating systems much more energy efficient than the furnace or heat pump currently warming your home.

The maximum credit for all taxable years is \$500 and is applicable to other home energy-efficiency improvements, including the installation of new windows, insulation, doors and roofs. To qualify for the tax credits, homeowners will need to verify the efficiency of the equipment and the date when it was placed in service. The equipment must be installed between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

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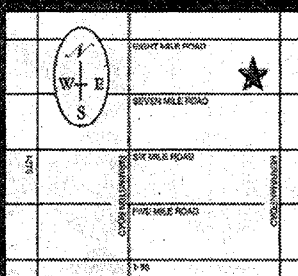
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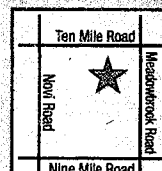


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■ Annual economic forecast for 2007 noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. David F. Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., will provide an outlook for the residential construction industry for the U.S. and southeastern Michigan. Lunch is included. Fees are \$40 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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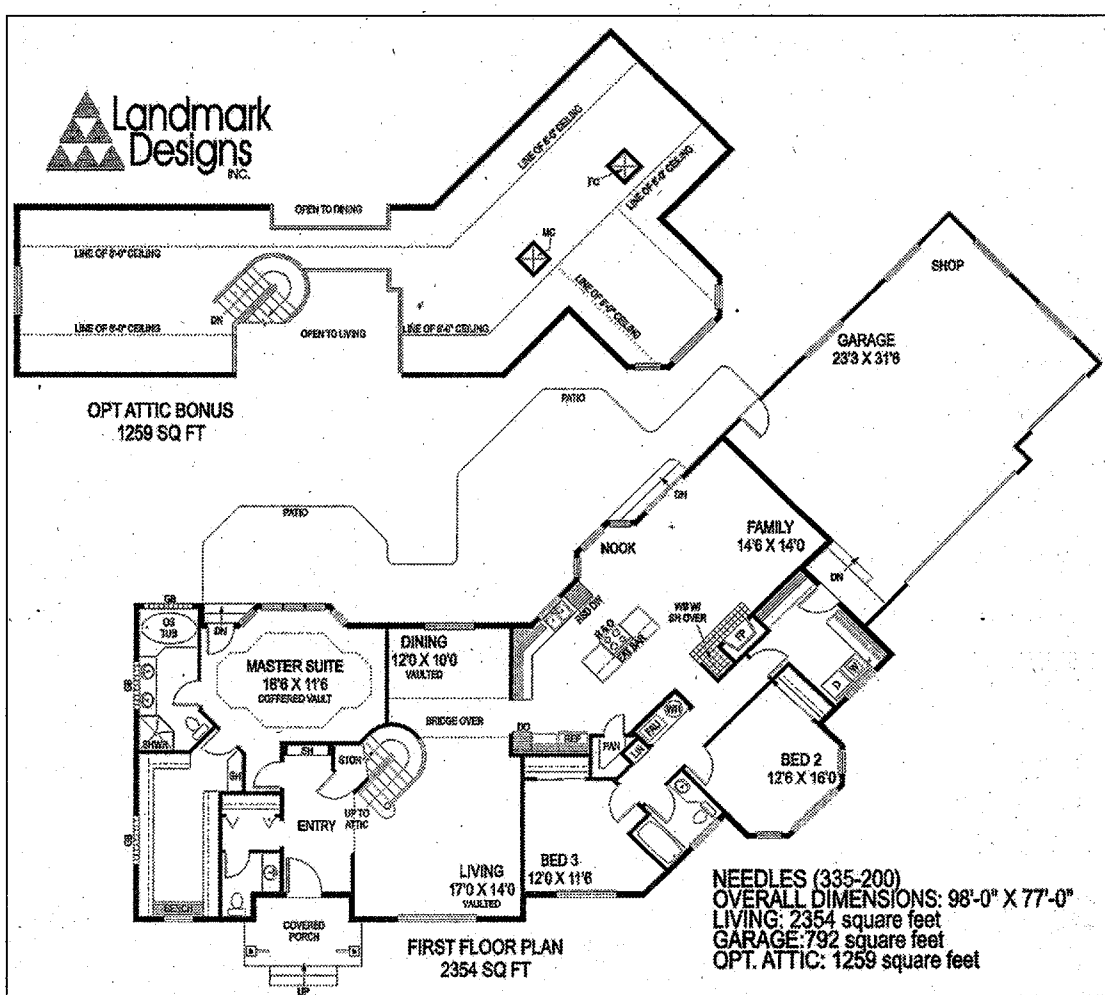
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POSSIBLE LTR
SWPE, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

MADE TO ORDER
SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. ☎993487

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Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

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SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendship first. ☎142588

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

BBW SEEKING COMPANION
SBF, 27, 5'5", BBW, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, plays. Seeking SM 27-50, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎153342

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

BIG THREE ENGINEER
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, sport motorcycles. Seeking SF, 25-40, race open, HWP proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

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LET'S TAKE A RIDE
Very tall SBM, medium build, independent, likes riding motorcycles, shopping and being outdoors. Seeking SF, 18+, easy-going, respectful and is not afraid to take a ride. ☎157364

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WWM, 68, retired, honest, independent, 5'8", 198lbs, enjoys golf, dining, home life, quiet times. Seeking like-minded lady, 55-68, for friendship/LTR. St. Heights. ☎115273

NEW TO AREA
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

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SM, 41, 5'11", 175lbs, enjoys all types of music, simple fun, good talks, good company. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving, affectionate lady light-hearted and optimistic, to share life's little adventures. Possible LTR. ☎157219

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM
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SWM, 6', medium built, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average built, did/d-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

SHARP
Easygoing SBM, 39, enjoys movies, music, long drives, gourmet tea, live music, much more. Seeking spontaneous SWF, 37-50, for friendship good times, good talks and maybe more. ☎152047

GOT TIME?
SBM, 46, 6'3", average build, seeks down-to-earth, gentle, honest SF, 35-55, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎154257

A GOOD CATCH
SWM, 30, athletic, shaved/blue. Seeking SW/ HF, 21+, with good personality, kind-hearted, who likes dining out, cocktails and more. ☎154141

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IT TAKES TWO
SBM, 36, enjoys movies, reading and socializing, seeks spontaneous, articulate, attractive, open-minded SF, 45+, who know how to enjoy life, for friendship, romance and more. ☎152776

WORTH IT
Sweet, real SBM, 49, fit, 6'3", 245lbs active simple and honest likes jogging, playing basketball, R&B, cooking, home life. Seeking good-hearted, compassionate woman beautiful inside/out, to share a little happiness. ☎154783

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM, 35, 6'2", N/S, independent, enjoys bowling and comedy shows. Seeks SBF, 26-36, for dinner dates, recreational activities on the weekends, good conversation and much more. ☎155319

CALL ME
Cool, fun guy, 18, dark complexion, dark brown eyes, looking for cool, sweet chick to chill with and get to know, call me. ☎155548

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
SWM, 26, enjoy road trips with friends, movies, sports, sightseeing, dinners out, drinks, good company, good talks. Looking for a nice lady to share these. ☎155622

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME
SBM, 18, 5'11", wavy hair, tattoos, independent, Seeking honest, SF, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎156937

KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN
SBM, 30, 5'7", long dread-locks, well-groomed, masculine build. Seeking a SF, 21+, mature, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎158454

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎289646

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 42, 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎969189

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 49, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

THE BEGINNING
SWM, 54, 5'9", N/S, d/d-free, open-minded, seeks active SF, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎154318

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SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

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DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and life's daily adventures. ☎146279

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SBM, 42, 5'11", enjoys concerts, museums, plays and long walks. Seeking SWF, 25+, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎156861

READ THIS AD!
Handsome SBM, 29, seeks SW/ BF, 21-40, must be energetic, mature and kind-hearted, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎152773

ANSWER THIS AD!
SBM, 33, athletic build, likes being indoors watching movies, listening to music and cuddling on the couch. Seeking SW/ HF, 20+, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎152913

PRINCE CHARMING
Educated SBM, enjoys dining out, jazz music, reading and cooking. Seeking SF, 27-49, N/S, for dinner dates, recreational activities on the weekends, good conversation and much more, possible ltr. ☎153040

READ THIS AD!
Handsome 5'10", BM, 23, seeks SB/ WF, who knows how to treat a good man and knows how to have fun, looking for friendship first, maybe more. ☎154423

KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN
SBM, 20s, 5'11", medium build, N/S, good sense of humor and personality. Seeks SBF, 18-24, for friendship, romance and more. ☎154524

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, kind, romantic SBM, 50, 5'9", 190lbs, level-headed, sincere, loving, respectful and God-fearing, seeks one down-to-earth, faithful lady. ☎154790

GOOD LOOKING...
SBM, 21, 5'8", 175lbs, masculine build, likes dancing, skating and music. Seeks SF, 19-28, N/S, out-going, honest, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎155283

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE
SWM, 57, young-looking, in shape, affectionate, romantic, honest, enjoys cooking, romantic weekend always, sharing life. Seeking SF, 45-60 with similar qualities and desires. LTR. ☎158200

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

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

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SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

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SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116781

SERIOUS
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

CUT TO THE CHASE
SBM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. ☎121414

LET'S TALK
Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. ☎124193

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

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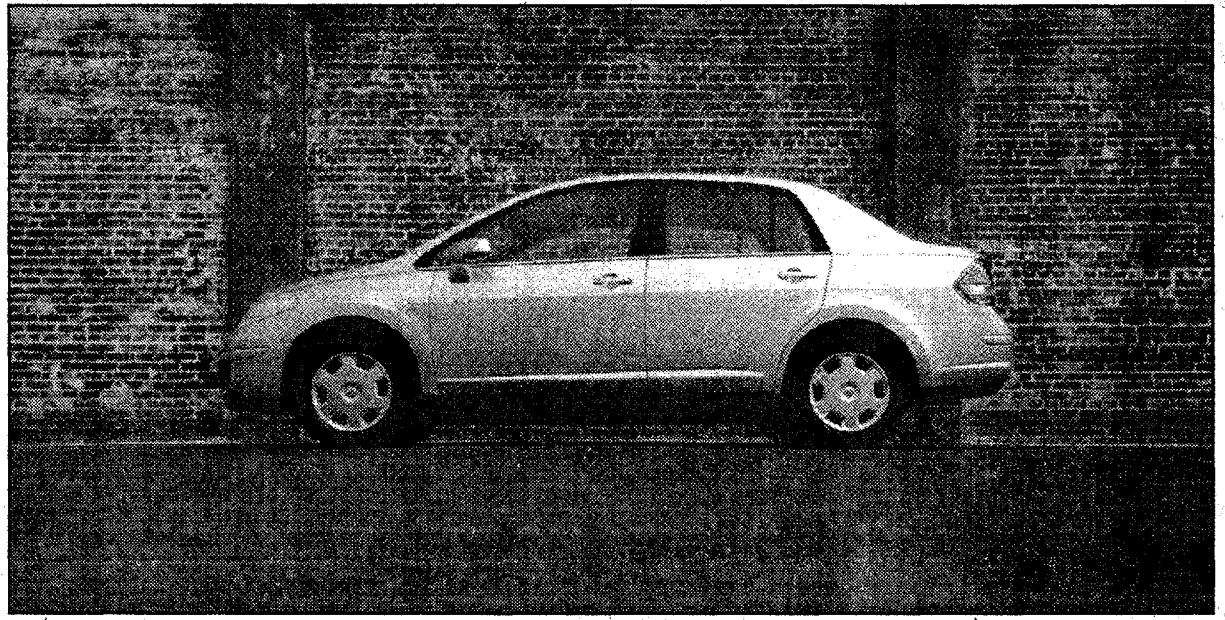
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The Nissan Versa Sedan's impressive fuel economy is sure to please car buyers facing rising gas prices.

Consistently adding new cars to its lineup since the introduction of the 2000 Xterra, Nissan continued that trend by launching a small hatchback Versa in July and a sedan version in December.

This new Versa is a compact car with an impressive fuel economy of 30 miles per gallon in city driving. It offers plenty of interior space, various features and with a base price of just \$12,550, is less expensive than the Nissan Sentra.

"Consumer response to the roomy, highly fuel-efficient Versa hatchback has been tremendous, with dealer inventory running at around a 15-day supply level or less since its introduction last summer," said Bill Bosley, vice president and general manager, Nissan Division. Demand is so high, additional Versa production is planned beginning this month at Nissan's plant in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Called the Tiida in Mexico, Japan and China, the Versa, as it is called in North America, reflects the versatile space provided by the roomy interior and cargo area.

The Versa hatchback's small-and-tall body style looks a little awkward, but provides value in that there is a lot of interior space within a small frame.

The interior length of the hatchback and sedan, front to back, is more than 6 feet long. The Versa hatchback is about 10 inches shorter than the 2007 Nissan Sentra, yet at only 38 inches tall, it offers almost 4 more inches of backseat legroom than the Sentra.

With a combined front and rear legroom that lets 6-foot-plus passengers sit comfortably in all four positions, the Versa's interior is spacious.

And all of that legroom coupled with the hatchback's high roof, the Versa easily provides enough headroom for tall passengers. That makes me wonder, was the Versa tailor-made for tall people who like small cars? Maybe as Nissan's Executive Bosley said, the Versa is simply for people who need functionality in a car.

"The new Versa sedan is a great choice for buyers who prefer sedan styling and a traditional trunk, while the Versa hatchback offers the added flexibility of a rear hatch and combined cargo/passenger compartments," Bosley said. "It's an easy choice to have, with two great cars for the same great price."

Two trim levels are offered for the hatchback and sedan: Versa 1.8 S and Versa 1.8 SL. The 1.8 S provides the bare-bones essentials. It has air conditioning, a rear wiper and a CD player as standard features with power windows, power mirrors and keyless entry optional.

Those features are standard on the 1.8 SL as well as cruise control, upgraded interior cloth, more adjustments for the driver seat and an in-dash six-CD audio system with an MP3 player jack.

Optional features for the Versa 1.8 SL include a Sport Package featuring fog lights, lower-body side extensions and a rear roof spoiler.

The Convenience Package comes with Bluetooth connectivity, Intelligent Key keyless entry and a leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, a sunroof, upgraded audio speakers and satellite radio.

And the Power Package includes remote keyless entry, power door locks, power windows, door armrest pad, rear door pockets and a glove compartment light.

As far as power options go, there are three Versa hatchback and sedan models available besides the 4-speed manual transmission base model.

There is the Versa 1.8 S 4-speed automatic transmission, priced at \$13,350; the Versa 1.8 SL 6-speed manual transmission, offered at \$14,550; and the Versa 1.8 SL with Nissan's advanced Xtronic Continuously Variable Transmission, which stickers for \$15,550.

The Versa's handling is enhanced by vehicle-speed-sensitive power steering. With this system steering feels more responsive and easy to turn at low speeds. As the car's speed increases, the feel of the

steering wheel tightens to help give you better control. The exterior of the Versa features a bold look for a small car, as evident in the large headlights, signature Nissan grille and large taillights. Its round body tips off the roomy interior of the Versa.

The Versa recently earned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 5-star rating for side-impact crash test safety. It also received the highest possible rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in all three tested areas - front-, side- and rear-impact evaluations.

This car is equipped with the Nissan Advanced Air Bag System, which includes dual-stage front supplemental air bags and front seat side-impact supplemental air bags for chest protection and roof-mounted curtain side-impact air bags for front and rear head protection.

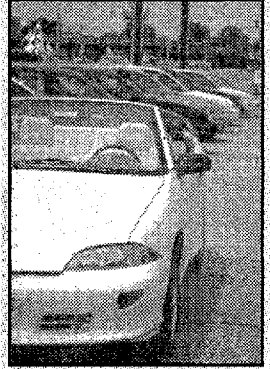
After hearing about all of these great features and packages, you shouldn't be asking yourself, "Should I get a Versa?" The question should be: "Which Versa should I get?"

2007 Nissan Versa Vehicle class: Compact car. Comes as hatchback and sedan. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 30 city/36 highway. Where built: Cuernavaca, Mexico. Base price: \$12,550.

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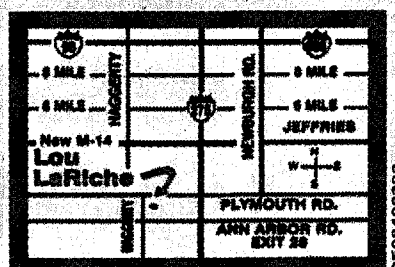
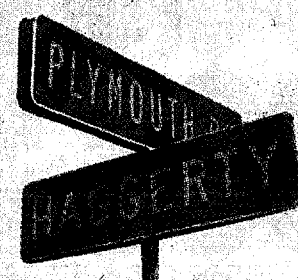
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