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Schools wrestle with \$10M deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth-Canton school officials await word on a possible state funding cut which could result in a \$2-\$4 million loss in state aid, the Board of Education will soon be looking at ways to cut a structural deficit of \$10 million this year, which will go even higher if the state cuts the foundation allowance next month.

Patricia Brand, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, told trustees Tuesday night that since the 2002-03 school year the district has received a per-pupil increase of \$461 per student from the state. However, increases in state-mandated retirement costs, as well as health care and utility increases, have gone up \$990 on a per-pupil basis over the past five budget years.

"If you take the \$529 and multiply that by the number of kids we have, that's about \$10 million of revenue we have not received to cover expenditures we have incurred," Brand said, "without even having a conversation about wages."

"We're really expending \$8,200 per student, and our foundation allowance is \$7,410 per child," she added. "We have said, time and time again, sales tax is not a reliable source of funding. It is cyclical, and Michigan has been cyclical."

Plymouth-Canton continues to run a deficit each year, despite cutting \$8.23 million the past five years.

Board Secretary Judy Mardigian has been behind an effort to deal with the district's structural deficit, and it appears the Board of Education will begin looking at that during upcoming sessions to develop the 2007-08 budget.

"We're going to have to get a handle on this," Mardigian said. "If we were to eliminate the structural deficit over three years, we'd have to cut about \$4.8 million a year."

"I think we've been partially successful by cutting over \$8 million, but the reality is we're getting less money from the state against inflation and other increases that every other enterprise experiences," she added. "The challenges to us will be enormous."

Brand indicated the average state foundation allowance has gone up 1.2 percent, but the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the same period of time has gone up a little better than 2.5 percent.

Vice President Mark Slavens said if the state does cut the foundation grant again, look for more educational cuts.

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Justin White sings "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and accompanies himself on guitar during the Building Bridges talent show Saturday.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Their chance to shine Building Bridges students take to the stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

One of the things organizers of the Building Bridges Therapy Center's annual "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" talent show love is the fact it gives their special-needs students a chance to shine.

And shine they did last Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, as the eighth annual show went off without a hitch.

"It went off really well," said Stephanie Naberhaus, the center's owner and clinical director. "They get to do something where they're on stage and get to shine and be a star. It's their moment, and it's a really big deal for them and for their parents."



Jillian Lundblad performs a cheerleading routine during the talent show at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

The show featured some 20 students, including some new faces taking part in their first talent show, playing instrumental music, telling jokes and

doing gymnastics and song and dance numbers. As always, the show was choreographed by volunteer dancers from Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton. Naberhaus said the effort those girls put in is the key to the success of the show.

"The girls who work at Joanne's Dance Extension volunteer their time for about three months, every week, and they love doing it," Naberhaus said. "A lot of teenagers aren't willing to do that, but these girls do. They give up a lot of their time to work with our kids."

For the girls, it's a staple of their year.

"When they sign up every

PLEASE SEE TALENT SHOW, A5

Museum board talks to hopefuls

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical Museum, which has been without a director since August, could soon have a new administrator.

Four candidates for the part-time director's position will be interviewed by a search committee Monday and Tuesday, with the entire Plymouth Historical Society's board of directors expected to approve a finalist by its regular Feb. 7 meeting.

"We had a dozen candidates for the position," said Armado Lopez of Plymouth Township, a museum board member who is leading the search. "All have some kind of museum experience. They've either managed a museum directly, or have been involved with museums, such as consulting."

Lopez declined to identify the applicants, but said one is an internal candidate, with the other three from Ypsilanti, Southfield and Bay County.

The position pays about \$25,000 annually, based on a 24-hour week, with limited benefits. Lopez, who said "we just don't have a lot to offer by the way of benefits," did note that former director Beth Stewart received an additional stipend to purchase health insurance, as well as a small contribution to a 401(k) retirement plan.

Stewart was fired Aug. 2 by the Historical Society's board of directors for allegedly using the museum and its resources to promote her unsuccessful campaign to succeed her husband, John, as the state representative in the 20th House District. Stewart lost to Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo in the Aug. 8

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Principal Jane Van Steenis shows students the reproduction of the mural.

Bird watchers hope pictures help save Earth

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When several hundred Bird Elementary students drew pictures depicting their thoughts on nature, saving the Earth and preserving the world's resources, little did they realize they would pilot a project that not only embraced students throughout the state of Michigan, but will be used to inspire students throughout the country to speak loudly — through pictures — about saving the Earth.

Bird parent Jim Mulhern is a member of Project S.N.A.P., which stands for Share, Nurture, Act, Preserve. When he and Project S.N.A.P. organizer

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Yes it's cold, but it's something to have fun with at Detroit's Winter Blast.



Pop for the Penn

Potential donors still wanting to help fund the Friends of the Penn get their chance through Feb. 5.

Organizers are asking local people to save their pop cans through the rest of January, then turn them in during a collection day Feb. 5. Collection takes place at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, in the north-west corner of the parking lot. Collection takes place 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Movie lover Thursdays

The Penn Theatre is launching Movie Lover Thursdays, a four-month long movie series that premieres Feb. 1 with *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Every Thursday for 18 weeks, The Penn will present a classic movie supporting a monthly theme. February is Romance month, followed by Comedy (March), History (April) and Mystery (May). Upcoming titles include *Somewhere in Time*, *The Graduate*, *Young Frankenstein*, *A Man for All Seasons* and *The Sixth Sense*. After *Sleepless*, February's schedule includes *Breakfast at*

Tiffany's (Feb. 8), *Somewhere in Time* (Feb. 15) and *An Affair to Remember* (Feb. 22).

Tickets are \$3 and all showtimes are at 8 p.m. Free movie passes are available at select downtown Plymouth businesses. "Movie Lover Thursdays" is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with additional support from the DTE Energy foundation.

The Penn Theatre is one of the few remaining single-screen classic movie houses in Michigan. Today, The Penn is home to second-run movies and also features live performances by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Community Band.

For more information visit the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre.org

Sagear scholarship

With its Sandra Sagear Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity. The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in suc-



Ignition appearance

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the Canton High School Varsity Chiefette pom squad will perform during halftime at the Detroit Ignition Game at Compuware Sports Arena. The game starts at 4:30 p.m. Since September, the squad has performed at various sporting events. The varsity Chiefettes are coached by Jenny Kesler.

ceeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive the \$500 Sagear scholarship, named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Application deadline is April 7. For more information go on-line to <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/sandrasagear.html>

Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Damaris Fine Arts Award recognizes a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field.

Applications for the \$600 award will be accepted March 1-21. Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material.

Applications can be downloaded on-line at www.artsculturelink.com/DamarisAward.pdf. For more information, call

the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Early childhood meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford in Canton.

At this meeting, parents will learn about preschool programs and be able to get enrollment materials for the 2007-08 school year.

For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or check the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/early-childhood

Newcomers wine tasting

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors hosts its annual Wine Tasting and Membership Mixer 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The event offers a chance to meet others in the community while sampling a variety of wines and light appetizers. Participants should bring a bottle of wine concealed in a bag for the blind tasting.

Special guest Lisa O'Donnell from Grape Expectations Wine Bar and Merchant will be on hand to offer her expertise and lead a brief discussion on different wines and wine tasting.

RSVPs are due Feb. 7 to Janet Keller, (734) 451-1840, or e-mail to robertplus@janet@aol.com.

Canton BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Palermo's Restaurant, located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon.

Guest Speaker Lynn Jarrett, president of LifeQuest Training & Coaching, will discuss balancing all life offers. Jarrett is a best-selling author, motivational speaker, life coach and a resident of Canton.

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 9. Contact Canton BPW president June Nicholas, junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

Maybury Farm docents

Maybury Farm is in need of docents for its pre-school and elementary school programs. In March, students begin arriving for a variety of programs offered at the Farm and docents are needed to assist with these programs.

Event coordinator Dana Weeks will offer training for the docents beginning in February. Commitment is once or twice a week for three hours.

Anyone interested should call (248) 374-0200 to be added to the docent list.

Rotary essay contest

The Plymouth Rotary is inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250- to 500-word essay about the Four Way Test and how the test can be used to make good decisions.

The Four Way Test is a decision-making model used by Rotary International. The test of things we think, say or do asks "Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

There will be two winning students from each middle level program in Plymouth-Canton, with the winning students receiving a \$100 savings bond. Essays must be submitted by Feb. 16 to Ellison Franklin, West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Entry forms can be obtained at middle schools or from the middle-level Language Arts teachers. For more information, call West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin, (734) 416-7599.

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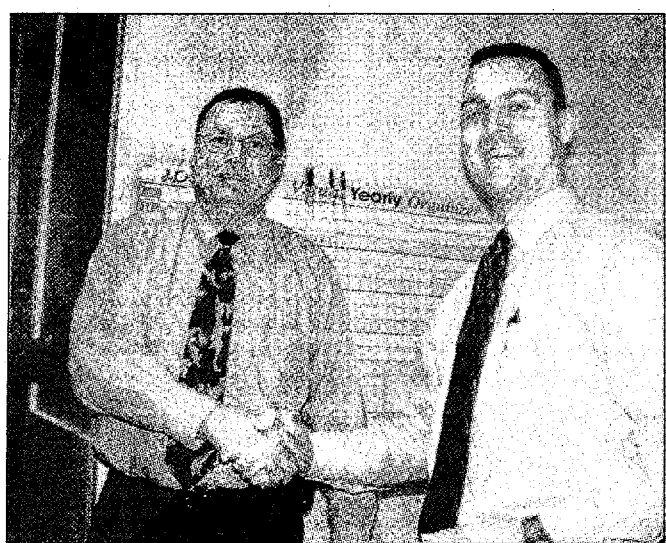
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Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll (left) congratulates new Lt. Al Cox after Cox's promotion to lieutenant, the second-highest rank in the department. Cox is from Canton.

Plymouth officer earns promotion

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth police officer Al Cox, Jr., 37, was in second grade, one of his assignments was to write a paper about what he wanted to be when he grew up.

"I wrote 'a cop, like my dad,'" said Cox, referring to his father, Al, Sr., who was a Northville police officer for 23 years before retiring in 1993. "I always knew that's what I wanted to do."

After spending more than six years working as a guard at the federal prison in Milan, Mich., Cox joined the Plymouth police force nine years ago. Earlier this week, Cox was promoted by Police Chief Wayne Carroll from sergeant to lieutenant, the second-highest rank in the Plymouth police department.

"What I like about being a cop is even though you take the same types of runs, they're all different and you never know what's coming," said Cox, who resides in Canton Township. "And, in a community like Plymouth, you actually feel satisfaction in that you're helping people. Plus the fact I enjoy everyone I work with."

Cox was recently assigned as a detective in the Plymouth police department, his second stint in the detective bureau.

"He's the type of officer who will make a good chief some day," Carroll said. "He's done a good job as an investigator, is a good supervisor with his troops, well-respected by his peers and well-fitted for the community."

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'Alive and well'

Chamber takes time to note accomplishments

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Potential students put off by the high cost of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Plymouth program now have a chance to take part, thanks to a reorganization of the program announced at Thursday's State of the Chamber breakfast.

Leadership Plymouth was a program designed to take people from various businesses, civic groups and other organizations and teach them about Plymouth, the legal system, history, etc. But the time constraints (a full day once a month for nine months) and the cost (more than \$700) became prohibitive and attendance dwindled.

The chamber's Leadership Plymouth committee, headed by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou, revamped the program and rolled it out for chamber members at Thursday's annual breakfast at the Inn at St. John's.

Everyone is running everywhere, and the biggest issue was people finding the time," said Fran Toney, the executive director of the chamber. "We've taken everything and crunched it down, and they're still getting great information."

The new format features four half-day sessions that cover history, government, the legal system and the business climate. Potential students can take all four for \$150 or sign up for any of the four for \$45 each.

The first session is set for Feb. 16.

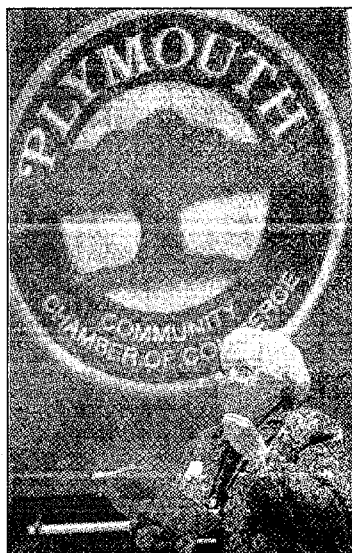
Committee representatives extolled the chamber's successes, including dealing with issues such as elimination of the Single Business Tax, environmental issues, education issues and others.

Jim Vermeulen, president of the chamber's board of directors, pointed out the chamber's budget more than broke even (revenue exceed expenses by some \$400) despite the still-slumping Michigan economy.



Chamber member Mike Puzio applauds an announcement at Thursday's State of the Chamber breakfast at the Inn at St. John's.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, introduced her Board of Directors at Thursday's State of the Chamber breakfast.

"The chamber is alive and well," Vermeulen said.

For more information on Plymouth 101 and other chamber events, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

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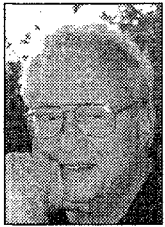
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Symphony set for 2nd performance

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the second concert of its 61st "Music for All Time" season, "Music of Remembrance," performing an evening of classical and new music by 2006 Grammy winner William Bolcom at the state-of-the-art auditorium at Northville High School 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

Former Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Youth Artist Competition Winner and current University of Michigan senior Zachary Shemon heads up the talented young group, the Twelve-Ten Saxophone Quartet, as the soloists for the jazzy, upbeat and virtuosic Concerto Grosso for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra by multiple Grammy Award-winning composer, University of Michigan's own,



Bolcom

William Bolcom.

One of Ann Arbor's treasured musical celebrities, Dr. Bolcom swept this year's Grammy Awards with the recording of his setting of William Blake's Songs of Innocence and of Experience. The Naxos recording under the baton of Leonard Slatkin won for one Best Classical Contemporary Composition, Best Choral Performance and Best Classical Album.

As the concert title suggests, Johannes Brahms is also prominently represented on the program with his majestic and ever popular Symphony No. 1. The PCEP Middle

School Orchestra will join the PSO again in our annual "Side-by-Side" performance this year playing St. Anthony Chorale and the finale to Symphony No. 104 by Franz Josef Haydn, a work edited specifically for the young ensemble, as always, by award-winning PSO Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Washburn and guest composer William Bolcom. There will be also a reception for all PSO season subscribers and donors backstage following the concert.

This concert is sponsored in part by New Liberty Bank. It is also supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for

Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for all PSO season subscription concerts are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and free for students through 12th grade. Tickets for PSO performances can also be purchased using our secure Online Box Office on our Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

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For more information on the PSO's 61st Season "Music for All Time," please visit its Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Cox appointed to committee chair

Wayne County Commission Chairwoman Jewel Ware (D-Detroit) appointed Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) to chair the Committee on Government Operations, one of the commission's eight standing committees for the 2007-2008 legislative session.

The Government Operations committee oversees and reviews standards and practices related to general government.

"Commissioner Cox has many strengths and career experiences that she will bring to this committee," said Ware. "She has a strong commitment to efficient government, and I know she will be a strong leader of this committee."

In addition, Cox will serve on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Public Services.

"I am very pleased with my committee assignments," Cox said. "They are very important committees, and I can impact the citizens of my district in a very meaningful way when it comes to operations, budget, and roads and parks issues."

Cox represents District 11, which includes the communities of Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Habitat rewards

Representatives of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, held Oct. 1 in downtown Plymouth, will present Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity with the net proceeds from the event.

The check presentation takes place 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Habitat for Humanity office in the Old Village section of Plymouth.

The 2006 event was the largest in 11 years with over 20,000 in attendance and more than 3,000 motorcycles. This

annual event hosts a chili and salsa competition, a restaurant chili challenge and a motorcycle bike show. More than \$100,000 has been donated to local charities to date.

The 2007 event is in the planning stages and details will be announced at the check presentation on Feb. 8.

Habitat for Humanity Plymouth office is located at 638 Starkweather, just north of Main.

Board appointment

Tom Barker of Plymouth, vice president of Guardian Environmental Services, Inc., located in Livonia, has been appointed to a two-year term on the board of advisors of The Unified Group, a national network of 53 pre-eminent heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanical contractors.

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Davey promotions

The Davey Tree Expert Company has promoted three in its Michigan golf division, including one at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township.

Rick Bellers is currently serving as superintendent at the St. Johns Golf Course, and will continue in that role while assuming responsibility for additional golf course maintenance contracts. He holds an associate degree in turf grass management from Michigan State University and is also a certified superintendent with more than 25 years experience in the field.

Canton soldier bases book on war experiences

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

In between leading a team of soldiers, jumping from airplanes and executing raids in Iraq, Sgt. Robert Guttersohn was jotting down random anecdotes about his military service.

Eventually, the former Canton resident had enough material for five books.

"It started as something to pass the time because the characters (were inspired) by the soldiers around me," he said. "I never thought I'd publish anything."

Guttersohn's first novel, "Bartholemoo Chronicles: Volume One," was recently released.

The 260-page book is a mix of fantasy and current events that was born out of his war experiences with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

"I feel like anybody can pick it up," said Guttersohn, 23, who was deployed three times and got the idea to publish his work from a fellow soldier.



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Robert Guttersohn's first book, based on experiences over three different tours in Iraq, was recently released.

"It took me about four months to fix up the story line and then I contacted (the self-publishing company) BookSurge," he said.

Guttersohn, who wrote the book's material in 2003, had a

'Aside from how long and hard it was, I learned so much about myself. I saw what life could be like outside of America, so I appreciate this country so much more.'

Robert Guttersohn
soldier turned author

yearlong stint and two, four-month tours in Iraq.

"While we were there, I'd write a couple chapters and pass it around," he said. "They all loved it."

With an appeal to sci-fi lovers, Guttersohn said the book centers around two characters and offers his views on Iraq as well as comedic moments.

"Ninety-percent of the characters are based on soldiers I know," he said.

Guttersohn said he'll soon push to have the book, which is

only available on-line, sold in bookstores.

"People I know that don't normally read (novels) have finished this in a week," he said. "I really think just anybody would enjoy it."

A graduate of Agape Christian Academy, Guttersohn now lives in Wayne and is taking classes at Schoolcraft College. He plans to publish the other four books in the series as well as open a downtown Detroit restaurant in the future.

Released from the Army in June, Guttersohn says his military career not only provided fodder for his book, it shaped his life.

"Aside from how long and hard it was, I learned so much about myself," he said. "I saw what life could be like outside of America, so I appreciate this country so much more."

"Bartholemoo Chronicles: Volume One" is available at www.Target.com, www.Borders.com and www.Waldenbooks.com.

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Nerves settle for coffee shop owner

Local woman now 'enjoying' career change

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Christie Gilliam has gone from slinging hammers to slinging java. The 22-year-old Westland woman has opened a Bearclaw Coffee shop at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road. It marks the 16th location for the Michigan-based franchise. "I was very nervous when we first opened, but it's gone away," Gilliam said. "After the first few days, I knew we would be OK, so I'm enjoying it now." Surrounded by walls painted orange, olive and soft gold, Gilliam said the coffee shop is a welcome change of pace from her former jobs as a construction worker, housekeeper and secretary. "I'm a single mom and with those jobs I was doing too much work for not enough money," she said, adding that she wanted to be her own boss. "I wasn't sure of what I wanted to do, but when I began thinking about opening a Bearclaw (location), I liked it." With the franchise owners being friends of a friend, Gilliam opened the shop in late November with a business partner, Eric Kowalski. "We sell soup, sandwiches, coffee by the bag and of course, bearclaws," she said. Gilliam said she chose to open in the township's budding cultural area because of its growth and looming development. "We're the only (coffee shop) they have out here," she said, leaning back on one of the shop's purple couches. "I wanted to get in now and grow with the community." Debi Scroggins, co-founder of the Bearclaw

Coffee franchise, called the location a perfect fit. "We've really been embraced by the surrounding area," she said. "The Canton store came off with a bang and we're all very excited." Open seven days a week, the eatery's boom time is 7-9 a.m. weekdays. The most popular item has become "The Milkyway," an espresso-based drink that tastes like the candy bar of the same name. After Gilliam prepared a cup of cappuccino, she looked around the colorful coffee shop and credited her family with helping pull together its modern appearance. The shop is decorated with several small artificial pine trees, a series of paintings bearing words such as "latte" and "mocha," a couple of bear carvings, decorative fountains and a flat-screen television mounted over a fireplace. Saying her 2-year-old daughter, Carly, can be spotted on any given day walking around the coffee shop, Gilliam said she's looking forward to the future of her business. "When you're just starting something, it's not going to be easy," she said. "The people around here have gotten used to not having anything like this, so I'm going to hang in there." Bearclaw Coffee is located at 50166 Cherry Hill Road. Hours of operation are from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call (734) 495-9490.




Christie Gilliam admitted to some nerves when she opened Bear Claw Coffee in the Cherry Hill district of Canton.

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Psoriatic arthritis illustrates a feature of several arthritic conditions: severity related to the weather. In the case of psoriatic arthritis, the joint and skin problems worsen in winter and recede in the spring.

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Other arthritic conditions work in an opposite manner with the weather. Lupus arthritis is worse in the summer and remits in the winter, also because of the effect of sunlight. In Lupus, the ultra-violet rays flare the condition. Deficiency of that part of the light spectrum in winter makes Michigan a safe harbor if you have Lupus arthritis or its frequently associated skin problems.

The cold itself brings out another arthritic condition: Raynauds Phenomenon. Raynauds is a sensitivity to cold in which blood vessels to the hand close down making your hands numb and awkward to use. While medicines are available to treat it, the best therapy is to keep your hands warm.

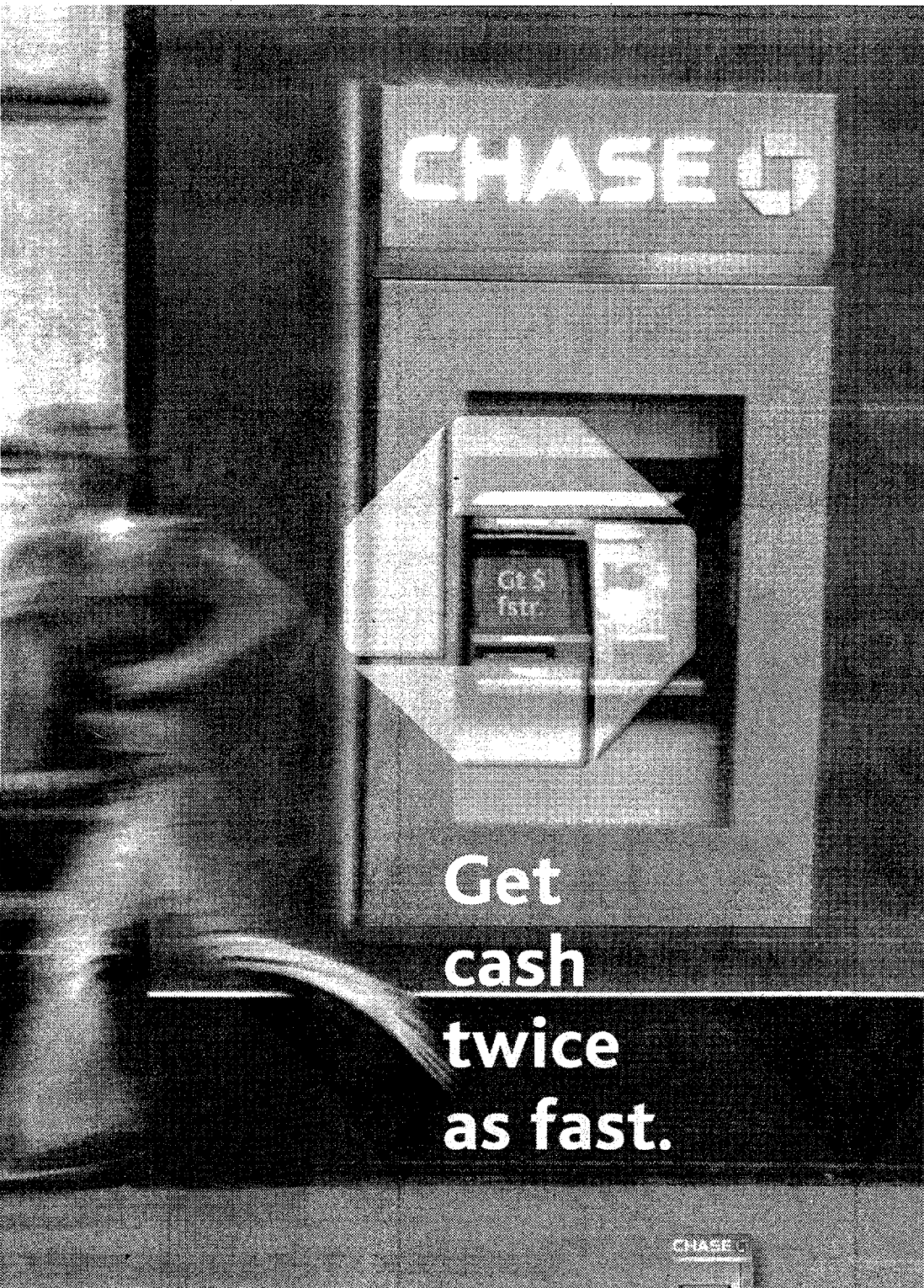
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"I'm afraid it's going to affect even more in the classroom than we've already cut," Slavens said, "because the state isn't stepping up and providing the proper foundation allowance." Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said state budget officials need to rethink their priorities, citing Michigan spends \$30,000 a year on each prison inmate, while only \$7,410 a year for each Plymouth-Canton student. "We seriously have some priority issues in this state when it comes to funding," Ham-Kucharski said. "How can they justify spending (that amount) per prisoner versus what we're trying to allocate to our students? We really need to help our legislators understand that." Brand said the district's financial picture looks a bit brighter, as the district began the year with \$11.9 million in fund equity, \$3.2 million more than originally projected. Brand projects the fund balance at the end of the current fiscal year in June will be \$5.9 million, which she said is "a much better position than we originally thought."

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TALENT SHOW

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August the first thing they ask is, 'Are we doing the talent show?'" Joanne Zavisa said of her students, who spent some 30 hours working on the show. "They would be upset if we didn't come back. They love what they do." Naberhaus was also quick to point out the show couldn't go on without the help of businesses such as Kroger, C&M Printing, Screened Images, Vanessa's Flowers and the Gap Kids, which provides the cloth-

ing to be modeled in the event's fashion show. That kind of support is integral to the show's success, according to Naberhaus. "It's nice because it's become a community effort," Naberhaus said. "Everybody makes the donations, and it helps us make the day special for everybody." But the best part, she said, was the reaction of the students themselves. "The kids were very proud of themselves, which is always great to see," she said. "I love seeing them smiling."

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Growing church finds another new home

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The reverend's arm extends to hand over a large postal card. One side of it features an open cardboard box that proclaims: God is moving.

Having outgrown three previous locations, Harvest Bible Chapel is now having Sunday morning service at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford.

"The Lord is opening doors for us," said Dan McGhee, who heads the 200-person ministry. "It's such an exciting thing."

The church, which is a member of the Harvest Bible Fellowship of churches, has also acquired a building off of Canton Center Road to serve as its main office and recreational center.

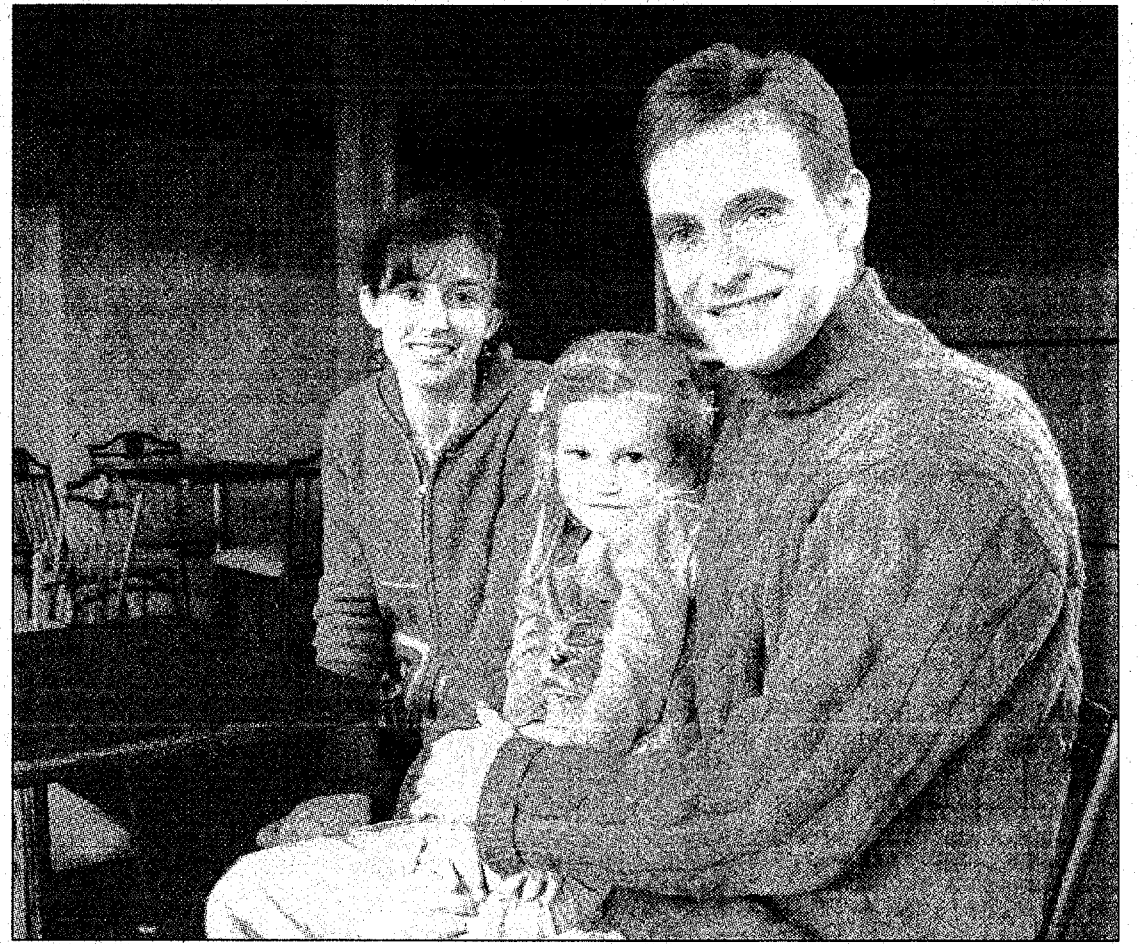
A big-box structure at 45570 Maben Road, McGhee, 37, said it used to be a music store.

"God gave us this facility," he said, while walking around the building. "With this, we're able to do some of the things that mobile churches usually don't do."

Harvest Bible was created three years ago and met in the basement of a Plymouth home.

"There were 13 adults and some children," said McGhee, a married father of three kids. "It was more or less a Bible study group but then we outgrew the basement."

The church went on to have its services at the Plymouth Elks Lodge and then the



Dan McGhee, pictured with wife Julie and daughter Sydney, is pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel.

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Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth.

"We've been led this way," McGhee said. "And we are committed to being a blessing to the community and a place of hope and help."

The church will have its open house service at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 4 at the middle

school.

The series for the month is titled "Family 9-1-1." Messages will include "The family under siege," "Help for a PlayStation nation," "Help! I have a teenager!" and "Principles that protect."

McGhee said the move to Maben Road and the middle

school have been seamless. "It's only been that way because we have a great group of people here," he said.

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Corriveau chairs new ethics committee

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This new committee was created to ensure that the House is held to the highest standards and to explore issues of ethics, election reform and access to voting.

"The people of Michigan



Corriveau

made their voices heard in November when they demanded change," said Corriveau, whose district includes

Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Wayne, Northville and part of Canton. "Our residents are fed up with the culture of corruption that has run rampant in government. They deserve a Legislature that is open, honest, and true to its goal of creating a stronger and better Michigan. I will fight to ensure

that is what they get in the State House."

Other top priorities for Corriveau and his colleagues include:

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protections.

"Respecting the law is something that I take very seriously, and I will bring this passion to my position as Chair of the Ethics and Elections Committee," said Corriveau, a general practice attorney who focused on representing employees and people with disabilities. "Public servants should be held to the highest ethical standards so our residents can have confidence in the people who represent them."

Corriveau also will serve on the Education Committee, Health Policy Committee and Judiciary Committee.

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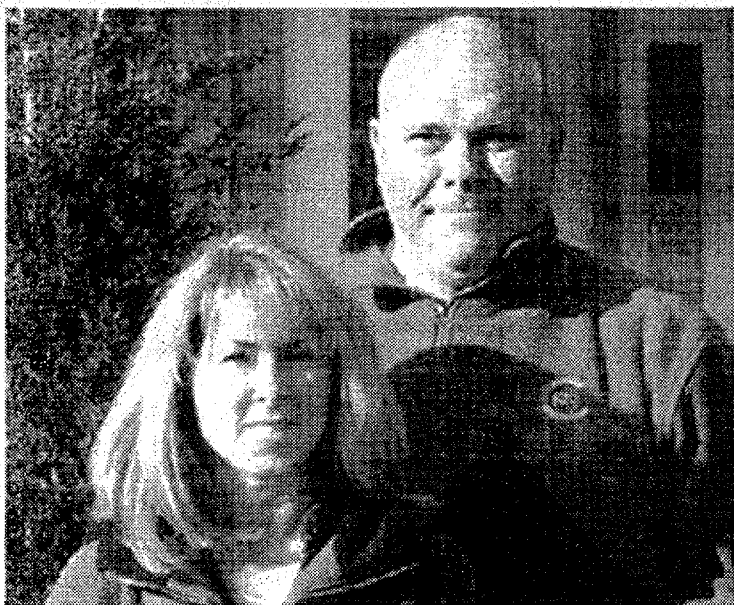
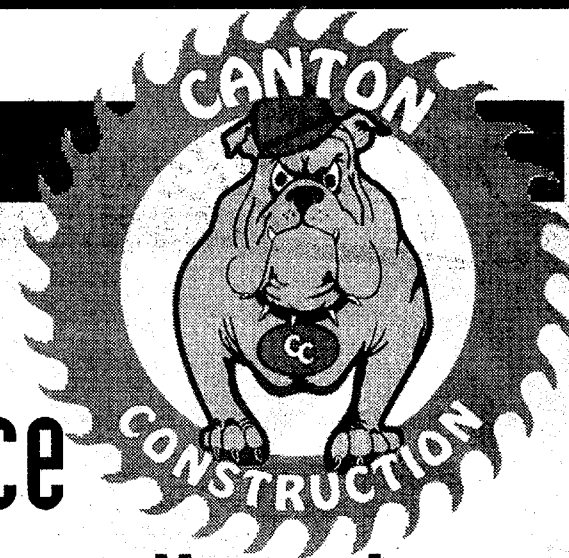
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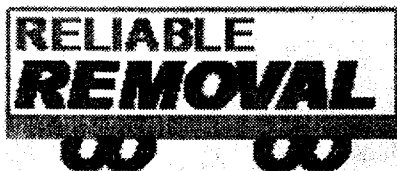
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Deborah Rubyan of West Bloomfield were looking for students to draw pictures that would eventually be part of a giant state mosaic mural with 13,000 pieces of artwork. Mulhern knew just the school that could get the project off the ground.

"We thought Bird would be as good as any to start collecting the artwork that had to do with nature and preserving the environment," Mulhern said.

Students drew their pictures, which were then scanned into a computer, arranged, printed and put into a frame. Many were used twice to come up with a small mosaic mural of about 1,200 pictures which was titled *Teamwork*.

The Bird mural was then taken to schools around the state, to get other students to

draw more pictures about the Earth's environment. On Tuesday, a handful of Bird students traveled to the Detroit Science Center to view the unveiling of a giant mural with more than 13,000 pieces of artwork from students across the state — including the Bird pictures — that will be displayed across Michigan. The event was attended by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who met and posed for a photo with Bird students.

Project S.N.A.P. will introduce the Mosaic Mural project nationwide, with the smaller Bird Elementary mural traveling around the country to encourage students in each state to draw pictures about saving the environment, which will then be made into giant mosaic murals for their states.

For its reward in becoming the first school in the nation to participate, Project S.N.A.P. gave Bird school a copy of its



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Roy Feinson is the artist of the work.

mural, which will be displayed at the school.

"Of all the schools that participated in the (Michigan) mural, Bird Elementary was the very first school that got it started," said Roy Feinson, a mosaic artist who spoke to Bird students during a special assembly Tuesday. "Your pictures will be shown all over the country as we get people excited about taking care of the Earth. Some of your pictures were truly amazing."

Ten-year-old Sarah Plencher, a fourth-grader, drew a toucan sitting in a tree.

"It's important that we save the rain forests, otherwise we

won't have such beautiful birds," Sarah said. "There's too much pollution, and there's a lot of trees missing in the rain forests."

Third-grader Camille Tish, 9, put a bear on her drawing to tell why it's important to take care of the Earth.

"We need to stop cutting down trees because of the animals that might want to live in them," she said. "It's really important because we might use up all our land and people might not have a place to live."

Rubyan said she began Project S.N.A.P. last year because she felt compelled to do something to get kids to

speaking out.

"The idea is to teach them about citizenship and collaboration, and how to make things happen by working together," Rubyan said. "You can speak together in a very productive and positive way and people will listen."

As she walked through a crowded gymnasium showing students the mosaic made especially for Bird Elementary, Principal Jane VanSteenis told students their message is one of teamwork.

"Your drawing is a part of something that will change the world," VanSteenis said.

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MUSEUM

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Republican primary. Abbo lost to Democrat Marc Corriveau, who took office Jan. 1.

Lopez said the museum has been running smoothly with interim director Sanford Burr, "who has been so dedicated to the museum," but it's time to hire a director and move forward.

"We need to make some adjustments in how we run, and we need to redefine our direction better than it has been in the past," Lopez said. "We need a strategic plan, a vision. We need to expand our services and get, what I view, more community support."

"We need to increase our cash flow," he said. "We're privately funded and get no public funds."

The Plymouth Historical Society Board of Directors is awaiting word from the Internal Revenue Service concerning its probe into the alleged campaign violations by Stewart, as well as possible violations of the Plymouth Historical Museum's nonprofit status. Board attorney David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, answered the IRS letter which arrived Oct. 31, and recently said "there is no word" from the IRS. Meanwhile, nearly 700 museum members have been notified of proposed changes to the bylaws which will be discussed at a Feb. 8 meeting at the museum, with a vote scheduled for March 8. The changes are designed to avoid improprieties that could jeopardize the future of the museum.

"The original corporation papers and bylaws are probably deficient," said 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, a museum board member who is working on the new bylaws. "We will put them in the 21st century, and by doing so have provisions to reduce the likelihood of repeat problems like this."

"They will make clear what is and isn't acceptable behavior for anyone working at the museum, for board members and guidelines for renting the museum, so we don't get ourselves into that situation, again," he said.

Lopez said interview questions for the four museum director candidates will include those surrounding ethics.

"One of the questions we will ask is what kind of ethical guidelines they operate by," Lopez said, "and if those guidelines have ever been tested and how they resolved the situation."

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Trust investment needs relief from losing growth fund

Welcome to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. I was looking forward to your first article. My problem concerns a trust that I set up for my nephew in 2001 after my mother passed away. The initial investment was \$54,000 and as of Dec. 31, 2006, the value of the investment is \$30,875. My nephew is about 17 or 18 years old and will be entitled to the trust when he's 21. I invested the money in a growth fund with the American Century Investment Co. Should I consider GMAC demand notes; what should I do?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Dear Delores: More likely than not, the fund that you have is the American Century Ultra Fund. The American Century Ultra used to be a very good long-term growth fund; however, it has run into difficult times. My advice is to sell the fund and have the money reinvested elsewhere. Since your nephew is still three or four years away from getting a distribution, my recommendation would be to divide the money equally into two separate funds. The two funds that I recommend would be the Vanguard Wellington and the Vanguard Wellesley Income, (800) 992-8845. These funds have good track records; they are commission-free and they have very low management fees. With regards to the GMAC Demand Notes, the 6 percent is a fair rate of return, however, GMAC Demand Notes are an aggressive investment at this point in time. After all, GM's debt obligations are not investment grade, thus you take a much greater risk. I used to be a fan of GMAC Demand Notes, however, in the current environment, I am not. I believe by purchasing the two funds that I've recommended, you will have a better balanced and diversified portfolio. Good luck!

Although I have retired, I do odd jobs to help make more than \$2,000 a year. Can I still contribute into an IRA? My wife is also retired. Can I contribute into an IRA for her?

Steve

Dear Steve: In order to contribute new money into an IRA, you must have what is known as earned income. Earned income is income from your labor. Thus, on the \$2,000 a year, if it is money that you are reporting on your tax return as earned income, then yes, you can use that money to make an IRA contribution. In making an IRA contribution, the first issue is whether you should use a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. The benefit of a traditional IRA is that you can deduct your contribution from your tax return. However, the down side is that once you reach 70, you must begin taking minimum required distributions, which are subject to ordinary income tax. In a traditional IRA, money does not grow tax-free, but rather tax-deferred. The benefit of the Roth IRA is the fact that you are not required to take minimum required distributions at 70 and the money grows

tax-free, not tax-deferred. You never pay income tax on the IRA. The down side of the Roth IRA is that you cannot deduct your contribution off your income tax return. In most situations, and considering that you are retired, I would recommend that you contribute into a Roth IRA as opposed to a traditional IRA. With regards to your spouse, unfortunately, since you only earned \$2,000 that is the most you can contribute. Thus, if you choose to put \$1,000 in your Roth IRA and \$1,000 in hers, that is permissible; however, the total contribution can only be \$2,000. It is still not too late to make 2006 IRA contributions. You have until April 16, 2007, to make an IRA contribution for 2006. I strongly recommend that people who are eligible take advantage of IRAs. The maximum contribution to an IRA is \$4,000 and if you are over 50, the maximum is \$5,000. One last note, if you can use a Roth IRA — take advantage of it.

When determining your asset allocation prior to actually retiring, should any consideration be given to future benefits such as pension or Social Security benefits? If so, should they be considered a bond portion of the allocation?

Dear Dan: In today's world, unless someone is going to retire in the next few years, I generally do not adjust the portfolio allocation based upon pension or Social Security. For someone who is retiring over the next couple of years, I will typically treat the Social Security and the pension benefit as an income flow which is important in determining how to adjust the remaining investments. For someone who needs income, I will increase the fixed income portion of the portfolio. If they don't need income, I will increase the equity portion of the portfolio. As I have stated many times, the key to being a successful investor is to have the proper allocation. Asset allocation is a strategy where investors invest money in different parts of the economy no matter what sector of the economy is in favor or out of favor. I believe in asset allocation and I think it's a strategy that more investors should adapt. I am a firm believer that prior to investing; you need to establish the proper allocation in a portfolio. In establishing a proper allocation, the fact that someone is retiring or in retirement is relatively immaterial. What is material is someone's individual situation; in other words what they're trying to achieve as an investor. The key to being successful is not to focus on your age but rather to focus on what you're trying to accomplish. In other words, do you need income from your portfolio today or do you need it five years from now? By building a portfolio and allocating your assets based upon your goals and objectives as opposed to your age you too can be a successful investor. Good luck!

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Democrats' bold visions take a 'punch to the gut'

On Monday, Michigan House Democrats did a cross-state dog and pony show outlining their plans for the coming legislative session.

In Livonia, new state Reps. Marc Corriveau of Northville and Richard LeBlanc of Westland joined Speaker of the House Andy Dillon of Redford at Schoolcraft College to outline a swath of proposals on health care, schools, the environment, consumer protection, energy and legislative ethics.

They even proposed eliminating the property tax pop-up when a property changes hands. Under current law, a property's taxable value rises less than its state equalized value. When a property changes hands, the property will be assessed at the higher SEV, which has put a damper on an already deflated housing market.

But the Democrats didn't mention the state's revenue problems until they were asked. Speaker Dillon said a meeting was scheduled to discuss the state's structural imbalance. He offered the view that there were still areas where the state could cut services, particularly from its expensive corrections budget. But he was cautious about using the word that all politicians loathe — tax.

Meanwhile, down the road a piece, Pfizer Inc. dropped a bombshell, announcing that it would be closing its large Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo research facilities and a smaller facility in Plymouth. The move is expected to eliminate 2,400 jobs by the end of next year. In Ann Arbor, it will mean closing down a 177-acre research campus with two million square feet of laboratory, office and production space on the city's northeast side. By the end of 2008, the city will be losing 1,000 more jobs than it will gain when Google moves some of its operations there later this year.

The news couldn't have come at a worse time for the newly Democratic House and for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has staked her political legacy on turning around the state's woeful economy.

As the governor said, it was a "punch to the gut" but one that the state would have been hard-pressed to deflect.

Pfizer is just the kind of non-automotive

business that Michigan has been trying to court, but the world's largest pharmaceutical company has problems of its own. Caught between lawsuits and sales losses to generics, Pfizer's profits are way down. It was only able to keep its head above water by selling off its Johnson & Johnson division last year.

The first cries you'll hear are people claiming that Michigan's "high taxes" were a deciding factor in Pfizer leaving the state. But for Pfizer the Michigan job cuts are merely part of nearly 8,000 job cuts worldwide by the New York-based drug company. AND, Ann Arbor has given Pfizer tax credits worth \$800 million.

The Pfizer announcement is in a sense unrelated to Michigan's general economic miseries. It's just another in a long, bleak list of disasters for the state. But while the state has been watching the steady freefall of the dominant auto industry, many of the more prized research and development and life sciences companies are having problems of their own.

The state still needs to continue aggressively courting a diversified range of businesses, but it also needs to maintain state services and meet growing challenges to provide for the educational, health and environmental protection needs of the state's residents.

This seemingly never-ending decline in Michigan's private sector will make it difficult if not impossible for the Democratic House to realize some of the items on their Bold Vision To Strengthen Michigan's Future. The irony, of course, is that many of these initiatives would have a long-term, positive impact on our economy and on the quality of life. But short-term, they beg the question — if we do this, what won't we do? How do we pay for these good new ideas, if we can't pay for the programs we already offer?

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* on Thursday put the question to our readers. What do we cut, what will the consequences be of those cuts? Should the state raise taxes? If the state raises taxes, what will the effect be on its economy? And what about those bold new visions, are we willing to pay the cost or are we fine with pursuing less bold initiatives?


What do you think? E-mail your suggestions to myadvice@hometownlife.com.

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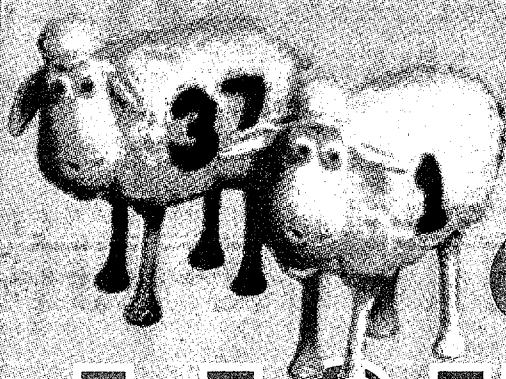
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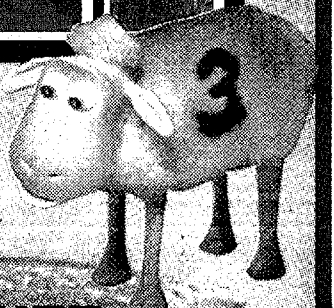


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High-flying Rockets soar over Rocks, 68-53

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With its fifth-consecutive victory already securely in hand and just over a minute left in Friday night's home game against Salem, Westland John Glenn's basketball team reeled off a play that showed why it's sitting atop the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Guard Austin Anderson hit the floor hard near half-court to retrieve a loose ball, which he scooped to backcourt mate Keshawn Martin from his back-side.

Martin then fired a pass to a breaking Stefan Marken, who converted a layup while getting fouled to help put the wraps on the Rockets' 68-53 win.

The hustle-pass-pass-score sequence epitomized what's been a turn-around

season for Glenn, which now sits atop the Lakes with a 4-0 mark (7-4 overall).

Salem slipped to 6-5 overall and 3-1 in the division.

"We're playing with a lot more teamwork and discipline this year than we did last year," said Marken, who netted 19 points and eight rebounds. "Coach Young has stressed discipline and getting our stuff straight, both on and off the court."

Apparently, it's working.

Young, in his first year at the helm at Glenn, said it's still too early in the season to say the program has turned the corner, even though this year's contingent has already surpassed the six wins last year's team compiled.

"I don't know if we're there yet, but if we continue to share the ball and play

PLEASE SEE HOOPS, B3

Sidelines

Learn to skate

Beginning Feb. 3, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will offer eight weeks of "Learn to Skate" sessions that will run 30 minutes with 15 minutes of free skating time. Open registration will begin Jan. 27. Classes will be grouped by age and ability.

Tot Time classes, designed for kids between the ages of 3-1/2 and 6, at the Arctic Edge will begin Tuesday, Jan. 30, or Thursday, Feb. 1. All sessions, which will run for eight weeks, will be 30 minutes in length with 15 minutes of free skating time.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit at the Park and at the Arctic Edge, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center.

For more information - including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities - call (734) 487-7777.

Salem Rocks baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31. There will be two sessions each day - the first from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players. The \$25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack.

For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or send an e-mail to: pcmyers@hotmail.com

Baseball sign-ups

Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Feb. 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran School, 1309 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth (a quarter-mile east of Sheldon).

The leagues offered will be: Minors (7-10 year-olds); Majors (11-12); and Juniors (13-14).

The league is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents.

Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration.

For more information, visit www.cantonlittleleague.org; or send an e-mail to info@cantonlittleleague.net.

Undying bond

Jim Bigham still inspires his family nearly 1 year after his untimely death

If you didn't know Jim Bigham, you may be fortunate enough to know someone like him. A popular physical education teacher at Wegienka Elementary School in Woodhaven for 27 years, Jim had a passion for sports that was matched only by his love for God and his family - wife Nancy, daughter Amy and son Nick.

If you would have put a drop of Jim's blood under a high-powered microscope, you probably would have discovered that his DNA strands were connected by mini basketballs and molecule-sized baseballs.

The basement of the Bighams' Plymouth Township home has been affectionately tagged "The Shrine" by Jim's wife and kids. There must be thousands of pieces of sports memorabilia displayed - from hundreds of inch-high, hand-painted (by Jim himself) hockey-player figurines; to a basketball signed by legendary Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski; to miniaturized, crafted-to-the-smallest-detail models of famous sports stadiums.

Whenever a package was delivered to the Bighams' home, Jim would take it from the UPS man, turn to his family, smile and say, "E-Bay," and they knew immediately that his impressive memorabilia collection had just grown by one.

Given Jim's zest for athletics, you can only imagine his reaction when he found out in the spring of 1990 that he and Nancy were going to have a son.

"We would have been tickled with a boy or a girl," Nancy said. "But when he found out it was a boy, he must have jumped three feet in the air."

The Bighams named their son Nick.



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Nancy and Nick Bigham stand in front of a section of their late husband and father Jim's impressive sports memorabilia collection in the basement of their Plymouth Township home.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

If you don't know Nick Bigham, you may be lucky enough to know someone like him.

Whether it was the basketball Jim placed in Nick's crib the first few weeks of his life, or the "Little Tikes" hoop Jim bought for his toddler son before he could walk, or the simple fact that Nick had his dad's DNA - whatever the reason, Nick's passion for sports matched his father's.

Nick was draining jumpers on the four-foot-high hoop before he could talk. And when Jim took his kindergartner to Amy's junior-varsity basketball games at Canton, Nick did something very few 5-year-olds do: He actually watched the games.

"While the other kids Nick's age were chasing each other under the bleachers, Nick was sitting on the front row of the bleachers watching every play," Nancy remembered. "Then at half-

PLEASE SEE BOND, B6



BIGHAM FAMILY PHOTO

Nick Bigham is pictured with his late father, Jim, on their backyard basketball court in Plymouth Township following a tournament triumph in the summer of 2005. Jim Bigham passed away last March 29 at the age of 59 from a strep infection.



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Canton's Alex Lajoie slices through Sterling Heights Stevenson defensemen Brian Dunn and Desmond Macker during Friday night's 7-3 loss.

Titans take down Chief icers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Just when Canton's hockey team was starting to find a groove, the Chiefs fell into a rut Friday night in their non-conference faceoff against highly regarded Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The Titans scored early and often on the way to a 7-3 victory in a game played at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton Township. The setback dropped coach Dan Abraham's squad to 5-10-2 while Stevenson improved to 11-3-1.

After a sluggish start to the 2006-07 campaign, the Chiefs seemed to be hitting their stride recently with impressive wins over Plymouth and Detroit

Country Day, and a tie against Romeo.

However, Friday night's result sent Abraham back to the drawing board - at least temporarily.

"Tonight, we didn't play as a team - we played as individuals," said Abraham. "We have to learn that if we play like individuals, we will not be successful. That's not our style."

"We need to play better team defense or we will not do well. We have a solid hockey team that is very capable of playing well. But when we play poorly, like we did tonight, we are bad."

Trent Taylor scored one of the Chiefs' goals. Other statistics were not available as of Friday night's deadline.

Kevan Swanberg and Nate

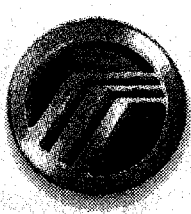
Birchler split time between the pipes for the Chiefs.

Canton has a huge game Friday against Northville. Both teams are 2-2 in the Western Division, one game behind division-leading Plymouth.

SALEM 4, W.L. WESTERN 2: The Rocks scored three goals in the second period and came away with a WLAA Lakes Division victory.


Steve Heisler, Kurt Driscoll, Evan Meibers and Kris Brandt scored goals for the Rocks, who got assists from Joel Cheesman (two), Aaron Markwell, Mike Haburne, Driscoll and Nathan Werda.

Marc Barkoff stopped 27 shots in goal for the Rocks. Warriors' goalie Ben Shahan stopped 25 shots.




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Chief spikers fall to Warriors in 4

Canton's volleyball team dropped a four-game match to Walled Lake Western Wednesday night, 26-24, 19-25, 25-20 and 25-16. The setback dropped the Chiefs to 5-8-6 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"This was not the Canton team I've seen the last couple of weeks," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We had a rough practice on Tuesday and it showed. There was no leadership and we played

safe, which made us make more mistakes.

"After the loss we had a team talk and the players agreed that we need to step it up in practices and in games. You have to want to win every day, not just on the day of the game."

One of the Chiefs' lone bright spots was right outside hitter Ellie Kenny, who had a team high six kills with no errors. "Ellie had a great game," Barnes emphasized. "She really stepped it up."

PLYMOUTH 128 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 55
Thursday at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Frank Su, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson), 1:53.78; 2. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Peter Nolan), 1:58.23; 3. Franklin (Scott Ansteth, Shane Shelton, Nick Anthony, Mike Wood), 2:00.47.

200 freestyle: 1. Shane Shelton (LF), 2:04.43; 2. Jack Gruszczynski (P), 2:10.52; 3. Dan Stoscup (P), 2:12.51.

200 IM: 1. Mike Conger (P), 2:12.85; 2. Nick Anthony (LF), 2:13.19; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 2:31.09.

50 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 25.13; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 25.82; 3. Mike Wood (LF), 26.68.

1-meter diving: 1. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 125.85 points; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 113.05; 3. Ryan Williams (P), 104.00.

100 butterfly: 1. Jack Distel (P), 1:04.52; 2. Paul Snyder (P), 1:07.99; 3. Scott Ansteth (LF), 1:08.85.

100 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 57.28; 2. Tony McLaughlin (P), 58.30; 3. Andy Rossiter (LF), 59.97.

500 freestyle: 1. Nick Anthony (LF), 5:28.09; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 5:49.79; 3. Joe Michniewicz (LF), 6:14.25.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Peter Nolan, Jack Distel, Mike Conger), 1:40.67; 2. Franklin (Nick Anthony, Shane Shelton, Mike Wood, Andy Rossiter), 1:43.95; 3. Plymouth (Kyle Dull, Ben Ambrose, Joe Eudy, Tony McLaughlin), 1:44.19.

100 backstroke: 1. Scott Ansteth (LF), 1:12.45; 2. Alex Ruedger (P), 1:11.63; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 1:12.61.

100 breaststroke: 1. Tony McLaughlin (P), 1:14.47; 2. Shane Shelton (LF), 1:15.51; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:16.62.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Paul Snyder, Joe Eudy, Mike Conger), 3:50.47; 2. Plymouth (Jason Oldani, Jack Gruszczynski, Frank Su, Ethan Weiner), 3:59.56; 3. Franklin (Andy Rossiter, Joe Michniewicz, Scott Ansteth, Eric Madaj), 4:20.38.

WLA WESTERN DIVISION DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 2-1; Franklin, 1-2.

CANTON 105 W.L. WESTERN 77
Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Richard Zhang, Russell McBain, Matt Carlson, Jon Templeton), 1:54.92; 2. W.L. Western (Steven Nielsen, Jason Sherbel, Shane Rauss, Dimitry Bugrimov), 1:57.59; 3. Canton (Eddie Koeltzer, Patrick Jenner, Joe Spillane, Rick Peters), 2:12.18.

200 freestyle: 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:58.07; 2. Kevin Karilinski (C), 2:02.72; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 2:07.34.

200 IM: 1. Ross Schwarz (C), 2:15.83; 2. Dimitry Bugrimov (WLW), 2:24.31; 3. Mike Booker (C), 2:28.73.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 23.49; 2. Chris Marinica (C), 24.81; 3. Jason Sherbel (WLW), 26.36.

1-meter diving: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 184.70 points; 2. Jason Mahakian (WLW), 168.65; 3. Matt Klein (WLW), 152.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Chris Marinica (C), 1:02.59; 2. Shane Rauss (WLW), 1:05.37; 3. Mike Booker (C), 1:09.09.

1:14.94; 2. Ben Ferrari (WLW), 1:16.90; 3. Jack Schnaible (WLW), 1:16.93.

400 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Western (Rizart Stafa, Shane Rauss, Steven Nielsen, Dimitry Bugrimov), 4:06.62; 2. W.L. Western (Myles Davis, Beau Lambert, Mike Kidd, Josh Grolund), 4:50.70; 3. W.L. Western (Michael Andrade, Josh Jacobs, Blake Grolund, Aditya Badarinarath), 4:55.58.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 5-1.

W.L. NORTHERN 108 SALEM 72
Thursday at Northern

200-yard medley relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Taylor Tannous, Brian Carter, Eric Erdos, Matt Zavislak), 1:46.55; 2. Salem (Jimmy Crabbill, Stan Chen, David Olson, Jason Williams), 1:52.48; 3. Salem (Casey Olson, Nathan Spala, Cameron Dunn, Jon Babb), 1:58.77.

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 1:53.72; 2. Paul Coldren (WLN), 2:01.19; 3. Kyle Ratliff (WLN), 2:07.40.

200 IM: 1. Nick Leone (S), 2:10.32; 2. Riley Cole (WLN), 2:13.14; 3. Brian Carter (WLN), 2:15.07.

50 freestyle: 1. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 23.15; 2. Jon Babb (S), 24.70; 3. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 24.95.

1-meter diving: 1. Mike Kase (WLN), 152.00; 2. Chris Kaczmarek (WLN), 130.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Eric Erdos (WLN), 57.24; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:00.34; 3. Brendan Clarke (WLN), 1:07.93.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 50.41; 2. Nick Leone (S), 51.13; 3. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 51.51.

200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Riley Cole, Eric Erdos, Ryan Gerber, Matt Zavislak), 1:34.82; 2. Salem (Nick Leone, Jason Williams, Jon Babb, Matt Underhill), 1:36.63; 3. W.L. Northern (John Shaw, Kyle Ratliff, Alex Musto, Brendan Clarke), 1:43.44.

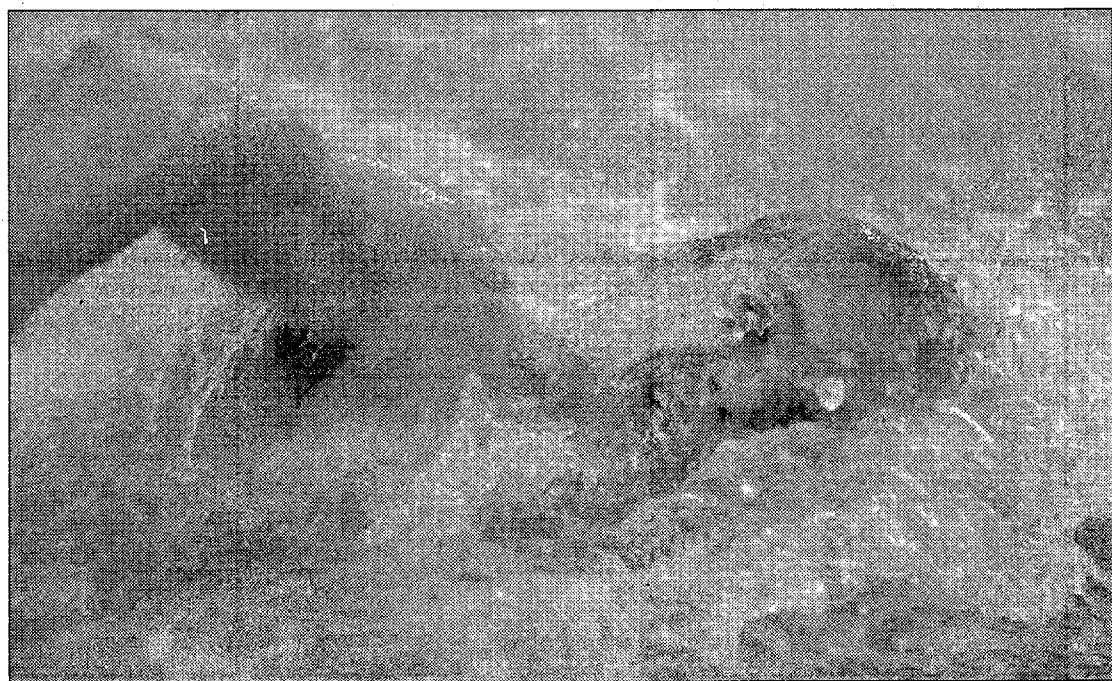
100 backstroke: 1. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 1:02.16; 2. Riley Cole (WLN), 1:04.41; 3. Jimmy Crabbill (S), 1:06.46.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:05.20; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:05.23; 3. Morgen Hummel (WLN), 1:11.03.

500 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 5:13.18; 2. Paul Coldren (WLN), 5:26.31; 3. David Olson (S), 5:36.22.

400 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Northern (Ryan Gerber, Riley Cole, Eric Erdos, Matt Zavislak), 3:32.37; 2. Salem (Nick Leone, Matt Underhill, David Olson, Stan Chen), 3:40.88; 3. W.L. Northern (Paul Coldren, John Shaw, Kyle Ratliff, Evan Cole), 3:53.62.

SWIMMING RESULTS




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Salem's Matt Underhill won Thursday night's 500-yard freestyle against Walled Lake Northern with a time of 5:13.18.



Canton's Matt Carlson swam the breaststroke leg for the Chiefs' first-place 200-medley relay foursome in Thursday night's victory over Walled Lake Western.

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Team chemistry is key element for hot Agape

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape's basketball team is playing at a full-throttle pace as it hits the mid-way point of the 2006-07 season.

On Thursday, the Wolverines improved to 7-3 with a 64-27 victory over visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in a game played at Garden City United Christian.

"Everybody on this year's team is tight and we have great team chemistry," said Agape senior captain Jack Anleitner, when asked to put a finger on the team's first-half success. "We have even scoring because everybody moves the ball. There are no egomaniacs on this team."

The Wolverines have thrived despite playing their home games 20 miles from home.

"It's tougher on the fans than it is on us," said Anleitner. "It's a 30-minute drive for them. We practice half the time (at Garden City United Christian) and half

the time at Agape, so we get by. It's just something we have to overcome."

The Wolverines overcame Calvary Christian on Thursday by outscoring their visitors, 20-9, in the first quarter. They then held YCC to seven second-half points.

Anleitner paced the winners with 18 points, 15 of which came in the first half.

Other key contributors were Terrell Pierce (16 points and nine rebounds), Showla Olojo (eight points and six rebounds), Ty Majeski (seven points) and Joel Ruffin (six points and seven boards).

Agape led 31-20 at the half and 47-23 with eight minutes to play. Sam Apple led Calvary with 12 points.

CANTON 53, FRANKLIN 39: A 16-3 first-quarter run Friday carried the host Chiefs (7-4, 4-0) to their seventh straight triumph in a WLAA-Western Division game against Livonia Franklin (2-9, 0-4).

Ryan Waidmann led a balanced Canton scoring attack with nine points. Steve Paye and Neil Sharma added eight and seven, respectively.

Andy Ring led the Patriots and all scorers with 15 points. Tyler Canyock added 11.

"We played well, I'm happy with the performance," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said. "We held their best scorer (Sharma) to seven points, but we didn't have enough firepower offensively. We also had 17 turnovers."

Franklin was 13-of-19 from the foul line, while Canton was 2-of-3.

WAYNE 46, PLYMOUTH 44: Jeremy Lovelady, a 6-foot-9 junior center, posted a double-double with 15 points and 16 rebounds Friday as Wayne Memorial (6-5, 2-2) held off a furious fourth-quarter rally to beat the host Wildcats (3-7, 0-4) in a WLAA-Western Division clash.

"They (Plymouth) played a 1-3-1 (defense) and Jeremy was able to get around the basket without

being boxed out," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

Wayne carried a 37-24 lead heading into the final period before the Wildcats stormed back with a 20-8 run. Myron Puryear's shot at the buzzer went in-and-out as Wayne was able to survive.

Robert Woodson added eight points, including 4-of-5 free throws in the final quarter, for the victorious Zebras.

Wayne made 9-of-10 free throws on the night, while Plymouth was only 3-of-6.

Navraj Sandhu scored 12 of his 17 points in the final period for the Wildcats. Brandon Roberts added nine points, including a pair of triples in the fourth.

"We went to a man-to-man defense and pushed the tempo up with a press," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said, when asked what sparked his team's late-game run. "I don't know how Myron's shot stayed out of the net. It looked like it was more than half-way down."

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

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defense, we can get there," said Young. "If you do those things, I think you can be pretty good. That's what we're focusing on. We still have a long way to go. There are a lot of games left to play and a lot of tough road games ahead of us."

"Probably the hardest thing so far is that the players are still trying to figure out what I want from them," said Young, referring to his young team, which includes just three seniors. "It's a good group of kids and they're not selfish at all by nature. It's going to take a tremendous amount of teamwork and mental toughness to win the division and the league."

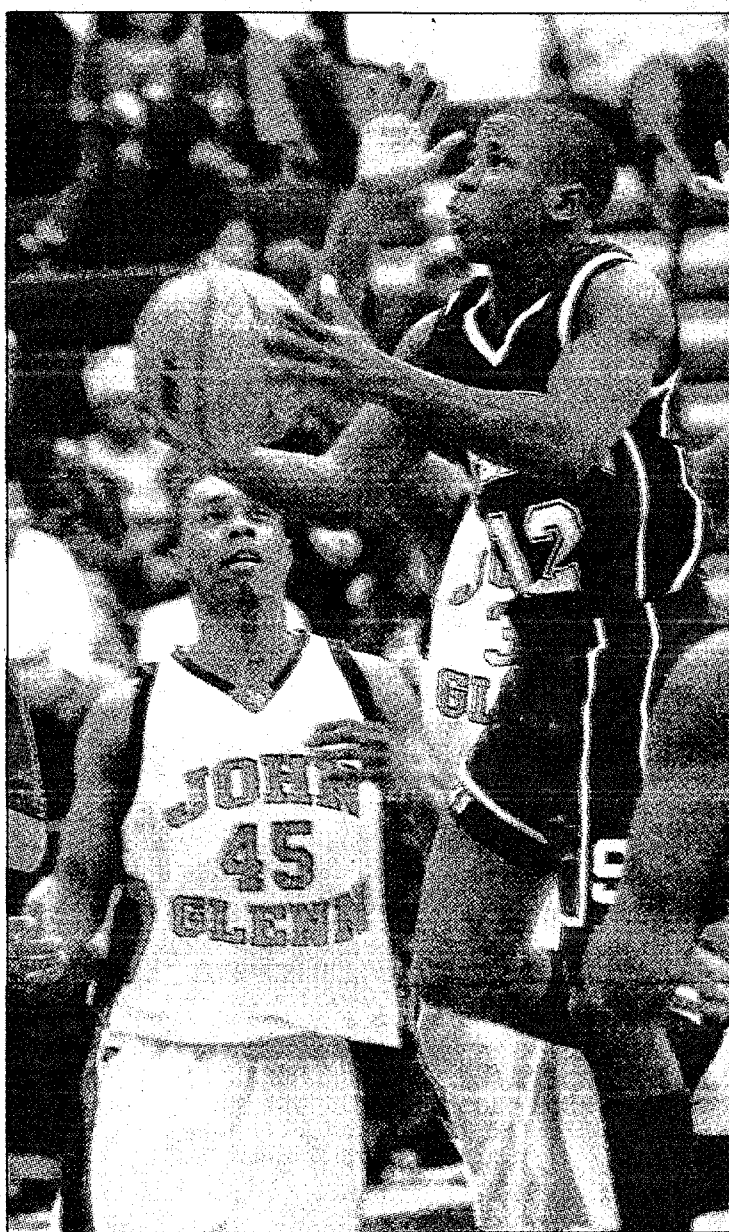
Martin was the catalyst of the Rockets' victory as he racked up a game-high 23 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals. Earl Hardison, whose legs appear to be spring-loaded, added 13 points and nine high-flying rebounds.

Senior forward Dan Cassidy came off the bench to pour in a team-high 17 points for the Rocks, who also received a 14-point/10-rebound effort from junior forward Grant Stone. Ross Davis and J.P. Truesdell both contributed eight points to the Rocks' cause.

Salem coach Bob Brodie responded with a one-word answer when asked what his team's biggest downfall was Friday night.

"Everything," the veteran mentor said. "I told the kids after the game that there wasn't one phase of the game we did well in tonight - either as a team or individually. Dan Cassidy had a nice run for us when he came in and hit some shots (in the second quarter), but other than that we didn't block out well and we got out-hustled."

"John Glenn played a great game. They came out to play and they played with a lot of emotion and intensity while we just seemed to go through the motions at times. They're a very athletic team. They're quick, and they can shoot and rebound extremely well."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Anthony Mullins drives to the basket past John Glenn's Earl Hardison during Friday night's game in the Rockets' gym. John Glenn won, 68-53, to seize first place in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

The contest was both entertaining and close throughout the first half. Salem grabbed its biggest lead of the night - 28-23 - on guard Anthony Mullins' drive with 2:20 left in the half. Mullins' shot followed a dazzling shooting exhibition by Cassidy, who swished three straight long-range threes to turn a 21-15 deficit into a 26-23 advantage for the Rocks.

John Glenn took a 31-30 lead into the half thanks to an old-fashioned three-point play from Martin with 7.2 seconds left before the break.

The Rockets owned a 46-40 lead heading into the fourth period thanks in part to

Marken's seven-point quarter.

The Rocks never got to within six over the final eight minutes.

Even though the Rockets played with an up-tempo style throughout the game, they finished with just five turnovers. That's the main reason they were able to get off 64 shots, 25 of which found the net (39 percent). Salem connected on 24-of-56 attempts from the field (42.8 percent).

John Glenn hit 11-of-19 free throws (57.8) while the Rocks sank just 2-of-10 from the charity stripe.

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Canton's smallest wrestler turns in huge performance

Canton's smallest wrestler made the biggest impact in Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division triumph over Wayne Memorial.

Freshman Donnie Watkins' 11-5 decision over the Wolfpack's Chad Dunn turned out to be the spark that ignited the Chiefs' 58-13 trouncing in the Wayne gym.

"Chad Dunn usually wrestles at 112, but they moved him down to 103 to wrestle Donnie so that he could be No. 1 heading into the Observerland meet," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "Donnie looked real tough. He was up 11-2 late, but the kid got a late reversal on him, otherwise it would have been a major decision. It was a big win for Donnie

and the team. It's a nice win because they have a much-improved team.

"Adam Powers also had a nice win for us at 189. We thought it was going to be a knock-down, drag-out battle, but Adam pinned him in the first period."

On Jan. 20, Canton placed third in the highly competitive 16-team Hartland Bracket Duals. The host Eagles placed first followed by runner-up Lake Orion. Romeo, Holly and Montrose closed out the top six places in the standings.

The Chiefs opened with a 78-3 whipping of Waterford Mott. They earned a berth in the semi-finals with a hard-fought 40-31 victory over Montrose.

Canton fell to the Dragons, 36-28, in the semis before doubling-up Romeo, 49-22, in the third-place match.

Brent Winekoff, Corey Phillips, Kiel Price and Donnie Laramie all went 4-0 for the Chiefs, who now stand at 19-3 overall and 2-1 in the WLLA's Western Division.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS CANTON 53 WAYNE MEMORIAL 18 Jan. 25 at Wayne

103 pounds: Donnie Watkins (C) decisively won Chad Dunn, 11-5; 112: Carl Lucke (C) pinned Mark Thompson, 3-41; 125: Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Kevin Whittenberg, 6-4; 125: Jamie Preiss (WM) p. Adam Fleischman, 1-50; 130: Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall over Brandon Whittenberg, 19-0; 135: Brent Winekoff (C) p. Jack Muncie, 1-26; 140: Corey Phillips (C) p. Josh Mills, 0-36; 145: Joe Sanders (C) dec. Charlie Malnar, 10-4; 152: Rodger Kropp (C) dec. Robert Walsh, 7-4; 160: Kiel Price (C) p. Ryan Nesbitt, 3-41; 171: Jeff Elswick (WM) p. Brian Brubaker, 0-36; 189: Adam

Powers (C) p. Anthony Baskins, 0-39; 215: Robert Coffey (WM) p. Jon Webster, 4-45; 285: Donnie Laramie (C) won by void. Dual meet records: Canton, 19-3 overall, 2-1 WLLA-Western Division; Wayne, 8-13 overall, 1-2 WLLA-Western Division.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 63 SALEM 12 Jan. 25 at Salem

285 pounds: Darrius Griffin (WJG) pinned Chase Moore, 1-06; 103: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Devin Stratton, 2-27; 112: Kevin Bennett (S) p. Justin Robinson, 4-42; 125: Drew Daubenmeyer (S) p. Jeremiah Austin, 0-59; 130: Nick Shak (WJG) p. Mike Charara, 0-19; 135: Zaid Ammari (WJG) p. Chris Sweet, 1-18; 140: Jim Wood (WJG) p. Justin Kane, 3-22 (Wood's school record 90th career pin); 145: Dan McCahill (WJG) p. Robert Schultz, 3-10; 152: James Zerobiny (WJG) decisively won Jeremy Epley, 2-1; 160: Scott Brown (WJG) p. Austin Root, 0-30; 171: Andrew Hein (WJG) won by technical fall over Sam Lepper, 20-5; 189: Joey Kowtko (WJG) p. Blake Abbey, 1-30; 215: Shamir Garcia (WJG) dec. Hassen Ajami, 11-5. Glenn's dual meet record: 10-6 overall, 4-0 WLLA-Lakes Division.

'D' leads Whalers to another 'W'

It's often said that defense wins in any sport. The Plymouth Whalers' 4-1 victory over the Ottawa 67's Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena is a testament to that fact.

Whalers' goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 34-of-35 shots and was named the game's first star. Plymouth's league-leading penalty kill shut down 8-of-9 Ottawa power plays (including two 5-on-3 power plays in the game) and the Whalers never trailed in the game.

Plymouth remains in first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with a record of 31-12-1-2, good for 65 points (17-4-0-2 at the Compuware Sports Arena). The Whalers lead the OHL in team defense, allowing a league-low 118 goals over 46 games.

Neuvirth — a second round pick of the Washington Capitals — continues to lead the OHL with a .930 save percentage (796-for-856). Neuvirth lowered his goals against average to 2.37, third overall in the OHL.

Andrew Fournier led the Plymouth attack with a pair of goals and now has 12 on the season. Chris Terry (11) and James Neal (21) scored singles.

Defensemen Wes Cunningham and Brett Bellemore were the game's second and third stars, respectively, with Cunningham contributing assists on three of the four Plymouth goals.

Derek Joslin (7) scored the lone Ottawa goal in the third period with 10:06 remaining in regulation.

After a scoreless first period, Plymouth broke the game open with two goals in a span of 29 seconds to take a 2-0 lead. Fournier scored at 4:26, finishing a nice three-man passing play started by Cunningham at left point in the Ottawa zone, to Vern Cooper in the high slot and



Plymouth's James Neal, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored his 21st goal in the Whalers' 4-1 victory over Ottawa Friday night.

to Fournier just outside the blue crease in the Ottawa zone. Fournier snuck a low backhand shot past Ottawa starting goaltender Brady Morrison. Neal came right back at 4:55 ripping a shot from the hash marks past Morrison. The second period ended with Plymouth holding a 2-0 lead.

Terry scored at 7:48 of the third period when he one-time a shot from the right face-off dot by Ottawa backup goaltender Lukas Flueler. Joslin scored the lone

Ottawa goal when, while killing a penalty, Neuvirth tried to clear the puck out of his own zone. But Joslin intercepted the puck in the high slot in the Plymouth zone and beat Neuvirth with a back hand shot through traffic.

Ottawa called a time-out with 52 seconds left while trailing 3-1, but Fournier closed the scoring when he found the empty net with 21 seconds remaining in regulation.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at PCA, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
PCA at Birmingham Roeper, 8 p.m.
Baptist Park at Agape at Garden City United Christian, 7:30 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 29
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30
PCA at Parkway Christian, 7 p.m.
Agape at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Road, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Salem at Schoolcraft Varsity Invitational at Novi H.S., 8 a.m.
Canton at A.A. Pioneer Varsity Invitational, 8 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Waterford Mott at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2
Salem at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Center, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Feb. 1
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3
Canton at Goodrich Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 1
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 29
Livonia Blue/Red at Salem at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Northville/Novi at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Canton Varsity Invitational at Plymouth H.S., 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 28
Whalers at Toronto Marlies, 2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1
Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:35 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2
Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 28
Det. Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Ignition at California Cougars, 7:35 p.m.

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time, he'd take one of those little mini balls out on the court and shoot until the teams came back out on the court."

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Once Nick started playing organized sports in second grade, Jim and Nancy were always there. Jim either helped coach, kept stats or simply sat in the stands with Nancy and watched his talented son compete like every other proud parent.

If given the choice — A) have a root canal without anesthesia; or B) miss one of Nick's sporting events — Jim would choose "A" every time, with no hesitation.

Through sports and through life, the father and son developed a bond that was truly one to be admired.

"Nick and Jim were like best friends," said Mike Krogel, a longtime friend and coaching pal of Jim's. "Jim was a father figure when he had to be, but they seemed to have as good of a relationship as a father and son could have. They were like buds."

From the first T-Ball game in the spring of 1995 to the final basketball game at Dearborn Divine Child last March, Jim Bigham never missed one of his son's sporting events.

LIFE'S NOT FAIR

Then came March 27, 2006, the day of the season-opening scrimmage for Divine Child's junior-varsity baseball team, of which Nick was a member.

"It was a Monday and Jim came home from work early with a backache," Nancy remembered. "I knew he had to be in a lot of pain because he never missed work. When I called home to ask how he was doing, he didn't sound very good. I told my boss, 'I need to leave. Something isn't right.'"

The Bighams didn't know it at the time, but a deadly strep infection had infiltrated Jim's blood.

"When I got home, Jim wasn't very coherent. I told him to take some aspirin and drink some fluids because I thought he may have been dehydrated. I told him if he wasn't better in a few minutes, we were going to the hospital."

A short time later, Nancy drove Jim to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. "At first, the doctors thought he might be having a heart attack because he began sweating profusely," Nancy said. "They ran a bunch of tests, which all came back negative. When they gave him medication for his back pain, it knocked him right out. He was totally out of it for the next 24 hours."

The doctors eventually diagnosed the infection and began injecting Jim with high-potency antibiotics.

"Tuesday night, when I talked to the nurse, she told me Jim was doing a lot better," Nancy said. "On Wednesday morning, he was actually sitting up in his bed and talking to us. Everybody who was at the hospital — his brothers and people he worked with — came in and talked to him."

"When I left the hospital for school on Wednesday, he was in such a good state, I figured I'd see him when I got back," said Nick. "He even told me to play in my baseball game that afternoon."

TURN FOR THE WORSE

Later that day, Jim's health regressed as quickly as it had improved. "He ate lunch, sat up and then he got really groggy again," Nancy remembered. "The doctors had told us that it could get worse before it got better because they were giving



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Nick and Nancy Bigham wear bracelets that are engraved with the words "Jim Bigham" on one side and Jim's favorite saying, "Play Like A Champion" on the other. The bracelets were sold for a fund-raiser in Jim's name last spring.

him a different kind of antibiotics. But they said, 'Don't worry, because it will turn around.'

"But it got worse. And it got worse real quick. It was sometime after dinnertime when the doctors came in and I heard them say the words, 'multi-organ shutdown. It didn't register at first, but then when it sunk in, I knew what it meant.'"

Jim Bigham died a short time later. He was just 59 years old.

HEROIC PERFORMANCE

Nick Bigham has done some remarkable things in his brief

life — both on and off the playing fields — and he's bound to do so many more. But nothing he'll do will match the courageous effort he gave the following Saturday when he stepped to the podium before a packed audience at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church and eulogized his dad.

"I stayed up the night before the funeral and wrote the eulogy at about 1 in the morning," he said. "It was tough, but it was something I needed and wanted to do."

"When Nick stepped up there, it was like somebody was standing beside him," recalled

Nancy. "He was just awesome. "Before he went up there, my brother-in-law, Tim, told Nick, 'I know you want to do this, but once you get up there, it's probably going to be really hard. If you're having trouble, give me a nod and I'll take it from there. Even though you wrote it, I can read it for you.' It was an out if he needed it."

Not surprisingly, Nick read the eulogy without a hitch. And somewhere, up in heaven, Jim Bigham was giving his son a standing ovation.

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

The day after the funeral, Nick Bigham did something else his dad would have applauded: He woke up, pulled on his Divine Child baseball uniform and played in the Falcons' junior-varsity double-header against Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Those were probably the two best games I had all year," he said, smiling. "It was weird, though, because when I was out in the field, I'd look over at the stands and I'd see my mom, Amy and her husband, Casey, sitting there and dad wasn't there."

"Even though I didn't see him, I knew he was there. He's always there."

PLAYING THROUGH PAIN

Nick Bigham is currently a junior at Divine Child High School and the sixth-man on its varsity basketball team, which started the season 7-3. If you watch Nick during

'Jog for Jim' an overwhelming success

During the weeks following Jim Bigham's passing, administrators and teachers at Woodhaven's Wegienka Elementary School — where he taught physical education for 27 years — wanted to do something to honor the beloved educator.

"Someone mentioned something to the principal about planting a tree in Jim's honor," Nancy Bigham, Jim's wife, remembered, "but that just wasn't Jim. Then the principal suggested having a memorial jog in Jim's honor. It sounded like a good idea, so that's what they did."

Students from throughout the Woodhaven School District participated in the event on June 2. The day-long "Memorial Jog for Jim Bigham" raised closed to \$18,000 for the restoration of the elementary school's outdoor basketball court.

The money was raised through donations and the sales of rubber wrist-bands that read "JIM BIGHAM" on one side and "PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION" on the other.

Nancy Bigham said the "Jog for Jim" may become an annual event.

There is also a movement underway to honor the popular PE teacher in another way: by officially naming the Wegienka Elementary School gymnasium "The Jim."

—Ed Wright

warm-ups, you'll notice a white, rubber band on his right wrist. On one side of the band is the name "JIM BIGHAM." On the other side is Jim's favorite saying: "PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION."

"I wear it during warm-ups and in the game until the refs make me take it off," Nick said, referring to an MHSAA rule that bans jewelry during the course of games. "When I take it off, I place it on the scorer's table."

INVALUABLE ADVICE

Nick Bigham appreciated his father's attention, love and contributions, and he did not take

Jim for granted. That said, after having gone through what he's gone through the past 10 months, what message would he give other teenagers who may assume that mom and dad are always going to be there, day in and day out, no matter what.

"I would tell them to cherish every moment they have with their parents because you never know when they're going to be gone," he said, sounding like someone well beyond his 16 years. "Once they are gone, you're going to wish you had that time with them back."

"I'm just glad that I had 15 years with my dad."

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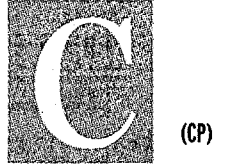


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Accurately diagnosing ADHD

This month, I wanted to answer several questions that have been coming in about a similar subject. To do this, I found it necessary to trim the letters down to a sentence or two. My responses will be similarly brief but, hopefully, thorough. Here we go ...

Why are there so many kids with ADHD today?

I, like many other professionals, feel that the diagnosis of ADHD is far too easily rendered. I feel that many children labeled as ADHD are misdiagnosed. There are several diagnoses that can explain the behaviors commonly associated with this label. For instance, a child with a specific learning problem, significant anxieties, an undiagnosed receptive language problem, a history of abuse, prenatal exposure to alcohol or drugs, depression, etc. may demonstrate the same behaviors as a child who is truly ADHD. The major concern about this is that even though the behaviors may be nearly exact, the cause and therefore the course of treatment may be radically different. A misdiagnosis may mean mistreatment and ultimately, a negative outcome.

I believe that an appropriate diagnosis involves time and effort. I am not comfortable with a five-minute diagnostic interview nor am I a supporter of checklists used to make such important decisions (more on this later). I feel that there can be no substitute for a comprehensive examination and psychological testing conducted by a qualified professional.

What is the difference between ADD and ADHD?

ADHD is a shortened way to refer to attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder. As some of you may know, the diagnosis of ADHD is further divided into three sub-types to clarify the symptoms that are present: ADHD can be primarily inattentive, primarily impulsive-hyperactive, or combined inattentive and impulsive-hyperactive. The term ADD is often used when one is talking about the primarily inattentive type.

Can girls have ADD?

While this behavior is more commonly associated with young males, it is possible for females to demonstrate them as well. In my experience, girls are less commonly identified and diagnosed even when they have similar concerns to their male classmates. One major reason for this may be the tendency for males to act out more aggressively which gets more immediate attention than a girl who is struggling quietly with the same types of problems. This attention leads to intervention and usually, a diagnosis of some kind.

What do you think about the checklists that are being used to diagnose kids with ADD?

I think that these checklists are a good way to gather information in an organized fashion and to quantify the degree of concern between various people involved with the child. However, I do not believe that these forms can or should be used as a diagnostic tool. They cannot ask follow-up questions or find out more about a parent's responses to any given item. They do not have clinical judgment, which is the key ingredient for making an appropriate medical or psychological decision. In short, these questionnaires should only be used as a brief and subjective means of gathering some initial information about parent or teacher concerns. They do not provide any information that cannot be obtained with far greater accuracy and understanding in a clinical interview. As such, do not take the results from such measures as fact, but rather as motivation for further inquiry.

Is it possible for a child to have ADD at school but not at home (or anywhere else)?

It is possible for a child to act completely different at school than at home, and vice versa. Most kids do this to some degree. In general, these behaviors need to be present in at least two distinct situations or settings in order for a diagnosis to be made. If they are only present at school, my inclination is to look at the school environment for the cause of his behavior rather than for a diagnosis of ADHD. He could be having academic difficulties, issues with his peers, or some problem with his teacher. I would explore these variables before considering ADHD.

Is it true that a lot of creative or gifted people have ADHD?

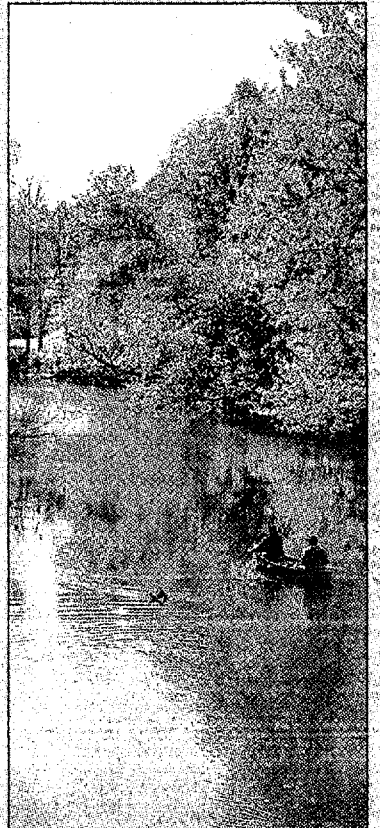
Well, as a creatively gifted individual let me just say that ... OK, I didn't think that I could pull that off, but it was worth a shot. But in all seriousness, it has been suggested that people who are very creative or particularly gifted in one area or another are often labeled with ADHD or some other disorder. The reason for this may be that such individuals tend to do things differently than their classmates which draws attention to them, and as we discussed above, this attention usually leads to a diagnosis. Thus, the creativity or intellectual spark may be misidentified as problematic because it is outside the norm. It is not until later, under different circumstances, that the child's individuality and talents are recognized and fostered. Of course, I believe that all kids, regardless of the labels that are given to them, have unique talents and abilities that need to be recognized and nurtured. The sooner that we, as a society, understand this, the more optimistic our future will become.

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Metroparks for the People



Hockey players enjoy a quick game at the ice rink on Kent Lake, Kensington.



Canoeists paddle at Huron River at Lower Huron Metropark.

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Book celebrates area's greenbelt, the 13 Huron-Clinton parks

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In the midst of the Great Depression, Detroit was a hard-hit industrial city. But long before urban sprawl and miles upon miles of subdivisions, the Motor City was surrounded by forests, meadows, rivers and lakes.

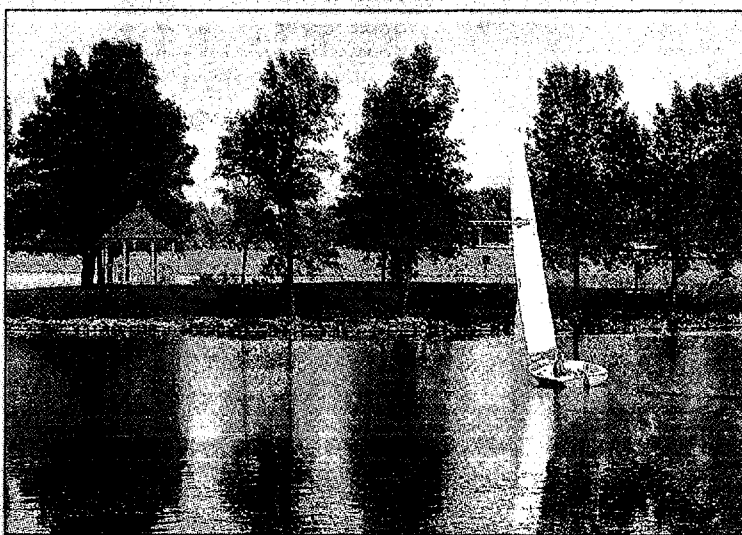
Two men had a vision to preserve some of that land and waterways for the recreation and spiritual restoration of the people of southeast Michigan. In 1934, Henry S. Curtis and Harlow O. Whittemore, working independently and then together, laid the groundwork for what would become one of the most innovative, well-managed and diverse park systems in the country — the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

The story of Curtis, Whittemore and the dedicated people who have made this system possible are the subjects of a new book by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds, *Metroparks for the People: A History of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority*. The specially commissioned, compact coffee table volume follows the story of the parks from the early planning to the present day and includes a wealth of historic black and white photographs and a 48-page section of outstanding color photographs.

PLEASE SEE PARKS, C3



A swan glides across Kent Lake at Kensington. This is a photo contest winner.



The day is picture perfect for sailing on Stony Creek Lake at Stony Creek Metropark.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

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3. Stony Creek, 4300 Main Park Road, Shelby Township
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5. Kensington, 2240 W. Bund Road, Millford
6. Huron Meadows, 8765 Hammel Road, Brighton
7. Hudson Mills, 8801 N. Territorial Road, Dexter
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12. Oakwoods, Huron River Drive, Flat Rock
13. Lake Erie, 32481 W. Jefferson, Brownstown

Adult day care program in need of new home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for HelpSource to find a new location, but instead of grumbling about losing their current space seniors were joking with one another on a recent Tuesday afternoon.

Like many of the elderly enrolled in the adult day care program, Florence Tod is losing her short term memory, but that doesn't stop the Canton resident from living life to the fullest. Tod enjoys all of the social and recreational activities offered by HelpSource in the rooms rented from Riverside Park Church in Livonia.

The program is tailored primarily for senior citizens who are not

totally independent due to dementia, stroke or other diseases but could benefit from supervised, structured activities up to five days a week. The cost is based on a sliding scale as funding from the Plymouth Community United Way, Senior Alliance (Area Agency on Aging), and block grants from Livonia does not cover expenses.

"The exercise keeps your joints loose," said Tod. "I enjoy the people. The program keeps you alive and living. They serve good food and everything is planned well. I'm thankful it's available."

KEEPING BUSY

While Marie Knight isn't fond of

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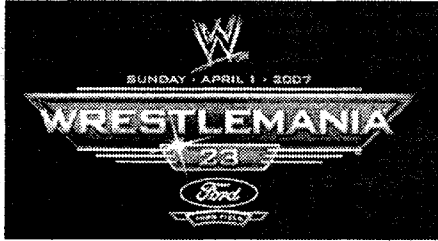


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Margaret Lucky of Redford is congratulated by activity assistants Colleen Wagner, left, and Barbara Rush, right, during ski-ball activities at the adult day care center.

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HELPSOURCE

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exercising, she does love celebrating the birthdays of members.

"We play bingo," said Knight. "If you feel bad you can talk with the one next to you and tell them your problems and they offer you Kleenex."

"It's very friendly and people get along," added Anne Hall of Livonia. "If we were home it would be boring."

In June, the fun could end if an affordable facility is not found to house the program. For nearly 100 years, HelpSource (formerly known as Child & Family Services-Huron Services for Youth) has been providing residential treatment, foster care and adoption services for at-risk youth, substance abuse education and treatment, mental health counseling, and teen parenting programs in Washtenaw and western Wayne counties. The nonprofit agency's older adult services has more than 25 years experience of caring for the elderly at home as well as in day care programs.

"We've been given till the end of June because the church has plans for the space. Being a nonprofit, we cannot afford to pay the cost of a commercial space," said HelpSource site manager Laurie Krause. "We're looking at churches, senior centers, YWCA programs. We'd like it to be handicap accessible for wheelchairs and walkers, or we can adapt to meet their needs. While we're looking for a space that's nearby in the Plymouth-Canton-Livonia area, we will not rule it out if it's too far away, but we would lose members."

"Members really depend on the program. They depend on us for a social out, for an improved quality of life. The families depend on us. Families who are caring for a parent and have to work and are also taking care of their own children need to know their loved one is in a safe environment. We're also here for spouses that need the break."

FUN-FILLED DAYS

Krause equates the adult day care program to a senior center. She's hoping to find a

space large enough for the members to not only play games like Skee Ball but eat lunch especially if it could be served from an adjacent kitchen.

"Members from Plymouth, Redford, Livonia start coming in at 7:30 a.m. and we have coffee and do something fun like Trivia," said Krause. "Families can come in at any time. We have fun. They want to do things that are interesting."

Colleen Wagner is one of six staff members organizing the activities. She's especially proud of the gallery of art painted by members on the rear wall.

"For socialization it's great," said Wagner of Westland who has been a HelpSource activity assistant for more than four years. "A lot of them would sit home and watch TV and sleep. When they're here after lunch they like doing an activity. They love singing and music, doing things from creative writing to crafts and bingo."

Staff as well as family caregivers refer to participants as members because it's almost like an exclusive club, said

Greg Lucky, who was picking up his mother, Margaret. Lucky lived in California until four years ago when he moved back to Redford to care for his elderly parents. He can't say enough about the activities that help motivate Margaret, who has Alzheimer's as well as limited speech because of a stroke she suffered.

"Mom's been coming twice a week but I'm going to bump it up to three times a week," said Lucky. "Mom was bored and vegetating at home when I started researching and interviewing for adult day care. HelpSource is the only one with fun, structured activities all day long. People here are loving and devoted to quality care for the elderly. They want for people to succeed and have a sense of satisfaction. She's more alive when she comes here. They have current events all day long. The place is great. I call it the club."

For more information about HelpSource or to share a lead on a facility, call (734) 591-2216.

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New Concept



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New Concept Kitchen & Bath owner Dave Stapleton says he maintains the same work ethic he had the first day he started the business 20 years ago: "We take care of the customer and I make sure that every job is done as if it were my own."

His experience has provided him with plenty of advice to help customers steer clear of remodeling disasters.

For instance, Stapleton recommends always getting at least three estimates before starting a project. While it sounds like a good idea, a lot of people fail to get copies of the company's builder's license and proof of insurance. Asking for references is always a good idea, too.

It's key to take your time when you're deciding on which products to use and your decision can be made easier by always taking samples home, because lighting is different in every location.

"We try to steer the customer as best we can," the Garden City resident says. "We go into the house to do the measure and we see the décor. We listen to them and we get a feel for what they are looking for. If there's something we think is going to clash we speak up and say we think this is going to clash. We work with the customer to find out what exactly fits their needs. That's probably the most important part of the design process."

Apparently, his methods are successful, because over the years only one customer didn't like what was installed.

Stapleton came to the business after serving in the military and working for Spartan stores in Plymouth.

"I enjoyed doing carpentry and I decided to do it on the side," he explains adding that in 1987 he decided it was time to start his own business with a remodeling shop in Garden City.

"Back then I did everything from basements, garages, additions and dormers and over the years I've narrowed it down to kitchens and bathrooms," says Stapleton.

He moved the business to 13245 Newburgh in Livonia seven years ago and New Concept Kitchen and Bath has become a family legacy that includes his three sons, David, Jr., 25; Philip, 21 and Stephen, 19.

"Today, we design, supply the materials and install with our own installers," says Stapleton explaining that he has 19 employees.

"Our philosophy is to never burn a bridge," he says. "The customer, a lot of times, is buying things they can't see on a shelf, and it's up to us to make sure we meet the customer's high expectations."

All of his designs are done in color to help the buyer visualize the end result.

"Whatever we can do to help them visualize the final product better will make that outcome that much acceptable," he says.

Technology has sped up the design process tremendously from his early business days when everything was drawn by hand.

"Today we use sophisticated design programs," Stapleton says. "We can make changes with a couple of clicks of the mouse."

The number of choices the customer has now is three-fold today, too. For instance, each cabinet company has between 80 and 90 choices compared to years ago when it was 20 or 30 designs. Currently, the maple and lighter cherry products are the most popular.

Stapleton says the plethora of products requires more employee training.

"In today's times you have to be much more lean and you have to do that," he adds. "The old adage, 'Measure twice, cut once' holds true more than ever today."

A wide range of pricing satisfies a lot of different needs.

"We have cabinets that a lot of folks use in rental properties or if they are going to sell their house right away," he says. "And we have higher-end cabinets that someone is looking for if they are going to spend a number of years in the house."

In countertops, Corians, Giblartars and stone products, like granite, are installed most often. Warming drawers are becoming more and more common, too, he adds.

The cost of an average remodeled kitchen in Livonia, Stapleton says, is between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The dragging Michigan economy, he adds, has put a damper on new construction, but more and more people are putting money into their existing homes.

"We've probably cut out 90 percent of new construction, but fortunately we do remodeling," Stapleton says. "People aren't moving, but the remodeling end has picked up and it has pretty much balanced out."

Customers today are much more knowledgeable before they walk into his showroom, he says explaining that most clients do research on the Internet and they get to know what materials and designs are available.

"They have a much more clear view of what they are looking for," Stapleton says predicting a bright future in his business.

"I think it will only get better as the economy gets better," he says. "The products are getting better and I look forward to the changes. Right now, a lot of people are sitting on their hands to do projects, but they are waiting for the economy to turn. They want to do it, but they don't know if there will be a lay-off in the family or a downsizing. I think we're at the end of that. I think things are starting to turn and that people are starting to get more comfortable."

The excitement provided by his business, he says, hasn't waned over the years.

"Part of the thrill of doing my job is going in and seeing the end product and saying, 'Wow.' Each job is different and it never gets boring."

Congratulations New Concept Kitchen & Bath on your 20 year anniversary!

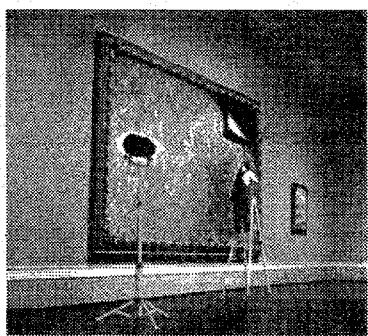
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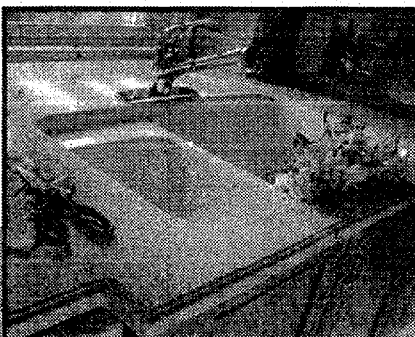
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PARKS

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The 13 Metroparks form a green necklace around metro Detroit, beginning in the northeast with Metro Beach Metropark on the shores of Lake St. Clair and working around through parks in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne counties to the southeast with Lake Erie Metropark, where Lake Erie narrows into the Detroit River. In these parks, acres of woodlands are preserved for quiet walks and family picnics. But there are also ballfields, golf courses, beaches and swimming pools, waterslides, nature centers, wildlife, paths for hiking, biking and inline skating, rivers for canoeing, lakes for sailing, marinas, learning farms and much more.

"They were true visionaries," Reynolds said of Curtis and Whittemore.

Curtis was a historian and naturalist who was already retired when he was asked to make a survey of recreational opportunities. Whittemore was the chairman of the University of Michigan's Department of Landscape Architecture and, as the father of six children, an avid proponent of swimming and outdoor play. Their independent research began the long process of identifying what land to preserve and how it would be used and the legal formation of a parks authority.

A MARVELOUS HISTORY

"It's a marvelous history, what kind of park system they developed and that they could accomplish it with this annual tax that's always come faithfully," Reynolds said. "They've never had a cent of debt, never taken out a loan."

Voters in the five-county area first approved a metroparks tax in November 1940. The first park opened to the public was Kensington in 1948, followed by Metro Beach in 1950. Kensington, built around an expanded Kent Lake, is still the largest and most developed of the parks, followed by Stony Creek, built in 1964.

Originally the plans included a parkway that would have created a greenbelt around the urban area.

"It would have been great, and they recognized that. What finally happened is they realized that money could go so far. They could either do the parks or do the parkway," Reynolds said. "Some of it still exists near Kensington and Metro Beach."

The decision was to concentrate on the maintenance and expansion of services at the existing parks.

"I've been impressed by the people who work for the agency," Reynolds said. "They are truly dedicated folks who believe what they are doing is for the public good and very wise. They are trying to be as even-handed as they can and

trying to balance it all."

Reynolds had worked as a newspaper reporter and in university public relations before concentrating on writing books, particularly corporate and institutional histories. Her history of *Chelsea, Our Hometown: America's History Seen Through the Eyes of a Midwestern Village*, was named a 2001 Michigan Notable Book. The Dexter resident also writes children's books.

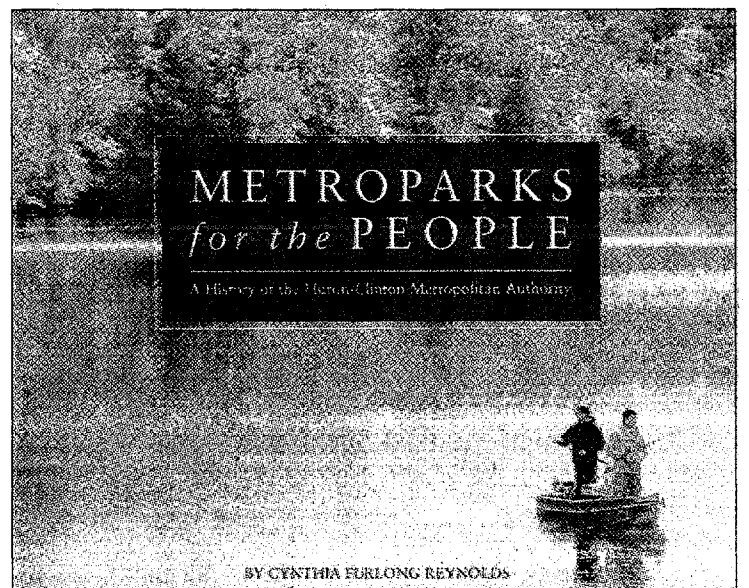
Reynolds, who lives near three Metroparks along the Huron River, said the book came about just as Gary Bartsch was preparing to retire as director of the Metroparks.

"Gary wanted to leave a legacy. Also, at the same time, very prominent people who had been involved with the Metroparks for 30 or 40 years had passed away. They were realizing that voices would be silenced soon if they didn't get it down on paper," she said.

What began as a conventional corporate history ended as an oral history of the people who built the system, backed by the extensive resources of the authority.

"I was very lucky, they have marvelous archives," Reynolds said. "I went in and they have box after box after box. And John Sterling, who had been PR director for many years, had taken every single newsclip that had ever been published and put them into notebooks."

Reynolds, who has lived in several states over the years, found that the Metroparks have a special meaning to the residents of southeast



HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

Supervising interpreter Bob Hotaling leads a field trip along a trail at the Kensington Nature Center.

Michigan.

"I have a neighbor, when I told her what I was writing about, she got tears in her eyes when she told me how Metro Beach affected her life. That's where her family went for every family reunion, family picnic and birthday," she said.

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Turner-Pfeifer

Yvonne Turner of Allen Park announces the engagement of her daughter, Joanna Christina Turner, to Michael Allen Pfeifer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be has bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education with an early childhood endorsement from the University of Michigan. She is working as an elementary school teacher.

The prospective groom is the son of Judith and Jerome Pfeifer of Livonia. He has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is working as mechanical engineer in the automotive industry.

A July 27, 2007, wedding is



planned for St. Francis Cabrini Church in Allen Park. A reception is planned for the Grecian Center in Southgate. The couple will honeymoon in the Bahamas.

They will make their home in Livonia.

Smith-Haug

John and Judy Smith of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Smith, to Peter Haug of Redondo Beach, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University and received a master of business administration from the University of Southern California. She is employed by Honeywell.

The prospective groom is the son of Karl and Billi Haug of Walnut Creek, Calif. He is a 1994 graduate of San Luis Obispo. He is employed by Honeywell.

A May 5, 2007, wedding is planned in Wayne, Mich. The



reception will be held at Fox Hills. The couple will honeymoon in Italy.

The couple will reside in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Wick-Lambrix

Kathleen and Larry Wick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann Wick, to Curt William Lambrix of Hart, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School. Her undergraduate studies were at Central Michigan University. He graduate studies were at Bowling Green State University. She is employed as a speech and language pathologist in the Charlotte, N.C. area.

The prospective groom is the son of Ellen and Arnold Lambrix of Charlotte, N.C. He is a 1996 graduate of Hart High School and attended Central Michigan University. He is employed as an 8th grade



teacher of math in the Charlotte area schools. An Aug. 3, 2007, wedding is planned for Holy Cross Church in Livonia.



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ROBERT ANDERSON

Age 85, Toolmaker, Business Owner, died January 7th 2007 at PontiacOsteopathic Hospital. Mr. Anderson is survived by two loving sisters Mary Lane Zell and Patricia Rzemien, four children: Jeanine Anderson, Dennis (Debbie) Anderson, Mark (Sharon) Anderson, & Kenneth Anderson. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service, mass and lunch will be held at St. Regis Catholic Church w/ Father Peter Fennessy and Father Norman Norocki presiding on Wednesday Jan. 31st. Memorial Service will be at 10:00 a.m., mass at 11:00 and lunch immediately after. St. Regis is located on Lasher Rd. at Lincoln in Bloomfield MI. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Angela Hospice, Sobriety House, Manresa Capital Campaign or St. Regis Catholic Capital campaign.



JEAN MARIE KELLY

of Bloomfield Township died on January 25, 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Mrs. Kelly was born on January 30, 1921 in Highland Park, Michigan. She attended Detroit Public Schools including Roosevelt and Central and earned a bachelors degree in education from Wayne State University. Mrs. Kelly began her teaching career with Detroit Public Schools where she taught for four years. She met her future husband in 1942 when he was serving in the Navy with her brother. After his discharge in 1946, Jean Larsen married Robert Kelly and had two sons, Patrick and James. Mrs. Kelly taught fifth grade at Bloomfield Elementary School and received her master's degree in remedial reading. She continued her distinguished teaching career in Birmingham Public Schools first teaching elementary school and later becoming Chair of the Birmingham Schools Reading Department. Mrs. Kelly was the past president of the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Kelly championed state and local initiatives to focus attention and resources on the needs of children with reading difficulties. She also helped found Oakland County Reading Association and Young Authors Program. Mrs. Kelly loved children, playing bridge and golf, traveling and was a member of numerous organizations. She was a former member of the Garland Golf Club, Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, Huron River Club, Village Women's Club. Mrs. Kelly is survived by her husband of sixty years, Robert; children, Patrick and James; grandchildren, Patrick, James, Ryan, and Colton; and great-grandchildren, Shane and Brendan. Funeral at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Monday at 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14 - 15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 3-8pm. Memorials appreciated to Baldwin Public Library Trust for the Jean Kelly Endowment, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.



AUDREY VAN DEN ENDE

Marquette, Michigan. Date of Death: January 23, 2007. Audrey van den Ende, age 80, of 3036 Lakeshore Blvd., Marquette, formerly of Montague and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died Tuesday afternoon, January 23, 2007 at her home in the loving care of her family. Audrey was born on November 17, 1926 in Birmingham, England, daughter of Charles and Doris (Baker) Badger. Audrey graduated from Aston Commercial Secretarial School in England. She was employed as a legal secretary and office manager in addition to being a homemaker. Audrey also volunteered at Henry Ford Hospital and for the White Lake Historical Society. She was the loving mother of Wanda Irene van den Ende of Waterford, MI, Hendrik C. (Nina) van den Ende of Marquette, MI, Charlene Ann (Don) Whitt of Clarkston, MI and Kim Kay (Henry C. III) de Groh of Hinckley, OH; dear grandmother of Charlotte and Tommy Lee, Sofia and Hendrik Jan van den Ende, Amie (Gary) Kelp and Donald Whitt III, Henry C. IV and Daniel A. de Groh; great grandmother of Aubrie and Kenadie Kelp. Also a former son-in-law, Tom Lee of Sylvan Lake, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Hendrik van den Ende. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 7 p.m. at The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are kindly asked to consider the Marquette General Foundation to benefit the Dialysis Unit, 580 W. College Ave., Marquette, MI 49855 or the Lake Superior Hospice Association, 914 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855 in Audrey's memory. Her obituary can also be viewed at www.canalefuneral.com where relatives and friends may leave a note of remembrance. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home of Marquette is assisting the family with arrangements.

ROBERT R. MINOCK

(Commonly known as "Mudrock") Age 77, of Mesa, AZ, formerly of Milford and Plymouth, MI, passed away January 13, 2007 at his residence in Mesa. He was born to Robert and Clara on April 28, 1929 in Redford, MI. Before his retirement he had worked in the automotive industry beginning as a mechanic, service manager, and eventually settling into new car sales. He enjoyed the challenge of remodeling his farm house as well as golf, bowling, entertaining friends, woodworking, and in later years meeting his friends at Applebee's for appetizers and story telling. He was renowned for his chicken BBQ parties. Robert is preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline Wiedman Minock, and siblings Clark, and Ellsworth. He is survived by one sister, Adreith Snow of Ann Arbor, MI; his children: Janeen Ackman Minock of Dearborn Heights, MI; Robert (Madelyn) Minock of Florence, CO; Kimberly Gulvas of Standish, MI; Paul (Marsha) Minock of Parker, CO; his second wife, Patricia Pierson Minock of Mesa, AZ; step children: Ross (Shirley) Roginski of Glenwood Springs; Edmund Roginski of Glenwood Springs; Norman Roginski of Fenton, MI; Stella (Chuck) Holowski of Plymouth, MI; along with several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. "Mudrock" donated his body to science. His final resting place will be within the hearts of those who new him. A memorial dinner will be held on February 17, 2007 at the Brentwood Southern Clubhouse, 8103 E. Southern, Mesa, AZ 85208.



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Koleczko-Hall

Stanley and Laurie Koleczko of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Koleczko, to Tom Hall.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is a special education teacher in Comstock, Mich.

The prospective groom is the son of Harvey and Linda Hall of Livonia. He is 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 2003 graduate of

Strobel-Ploski

Keven and Tina Strobel of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista, to Kevin Ploski.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of H.H. Dow High School in Midland and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She is employed at Family and Children Services in Kalamazoo.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Susan Ploski of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in environmental biolo-



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BIRTHS



Vincent Richard Salmon

Jon and Jordyn Salmon of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Vincent Richard Salmon, on Dec. 20, 2006, at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Vincent weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 22 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mark and Terry Marecki of Livonia and Richard and Jane Salmon of Loudon, Tenn. Great grandparents are Pete and Rose Godfroid of Farmington Hills and Jack and Frieda Salmon of Loudon, Tenn.



Nathan James Sharpe

Jack and Lupe Sharpe of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Nathan James, on Dec. 23, 2006.

He was born at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.

Nathan has a big brother, Andrew Butler, 12.

His grandparents are Sandra Blake of Brighton and Karl and Terri Sharpe of Livonia.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sandbergs celebrate 60th anniversary

John and Marion (Mineweaver) Sandberg of Livonia celebrated their 60th anniversary Aug. 3, 2006.

The Sandbergs were married Aug. 3, 1946 at St. Michael Church in Pontiac. They have lived in Livonia since 1965.

They have a daughter, Kristen Foleta of Harper Woods.

They have two grandsons.

John Sandberg is a retired personnel manager at American Motors. Marion Sandberg worked part time at Livonia City Hall. They retired in 1984.

They enjoy traveling in their RV and square dancing. They

Gagnons celebrate 50th anniversary

Raymond and Jacklyn (Jannett) Gagnon of Wayne are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Gagnons were wed Dec. 31, 1956, at the Old Newburg Church in Livonia. They have lived in the area for more than 50 years.

The Gagnons have three children: Rayma (Dennis) Hogan of Inkster, Pamela (Grant) Sherman of Sylvan Lake and Scott Gagnon of Wayne.

They have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Raymond is retired from Ford Motor Co. Jacklyn is retired from Able Party Rental.

Brocklehursts celebrate 70th anniversary

Gordon and Olga (Campbell) Brocklehurst of Redford celebrated their 70th anniversary on Nov. 14.

The Brocklehursts were married Nov. 14, 1936, in Kingsville, Ohio. They have lived in Redford for 67 years.

The couple have four children: Gordon Bill Brocklehurst of Moline, Ill., James R. Brocklehurst of South Lyon, Karl Brocklehurst of Farmington Hills and Linda Huber of Harrison, Mich.

They have nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Gordon Brocklehurst is a retired metal fabricator. He also served 24 years as a Redford Union school board member. Olga Brocklehurst is a retired teacher.

The couple are involved with the Masonic Lodge, Redford Presbyterian Church and Redford Senior Citizens.

They marked their anniversary by visiting their son's family in Illinois.



are active members at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. They celebrated their anniversary with a family dinner.



Their interests include church, mini vacations, senior bus trips, movies, friends and family.

Children and grandchildren gave a 50th anniversary dinner at Good Shepherd Church Social Hall.

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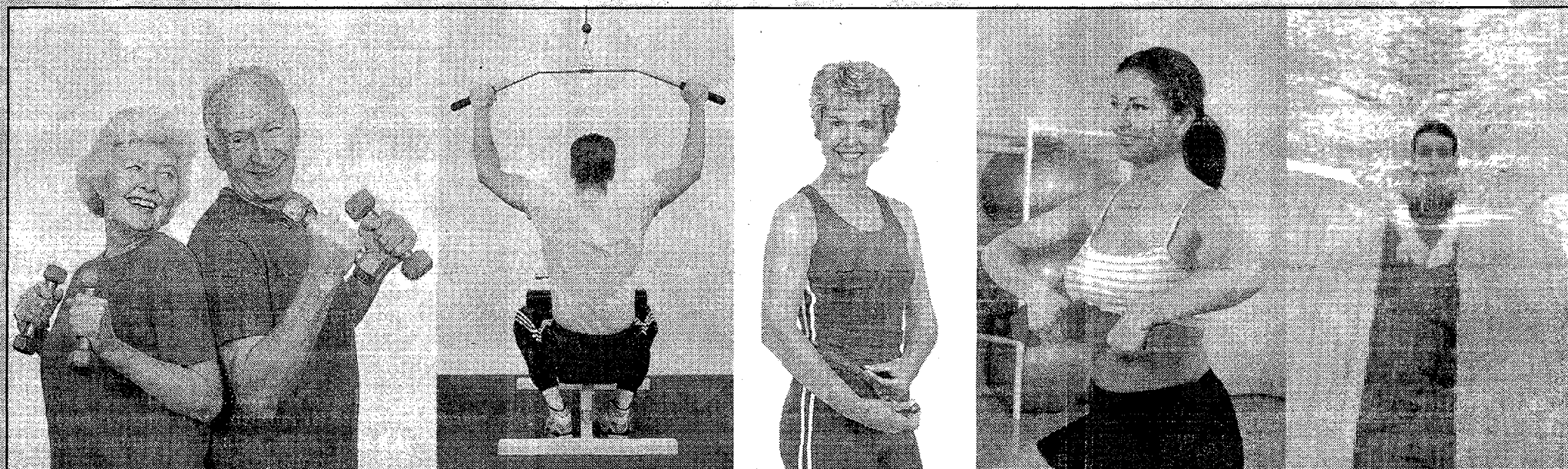
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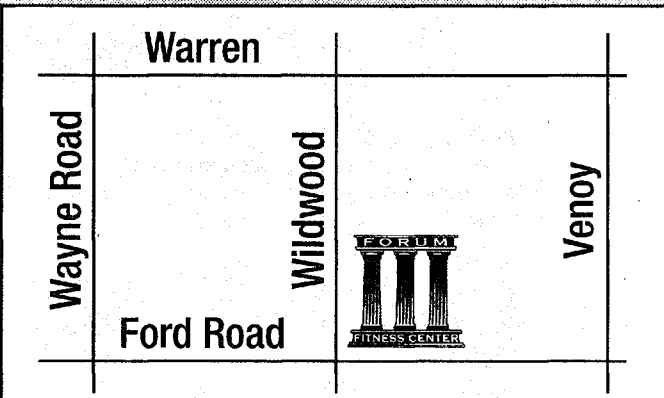
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Love your heart

Go Red campaign raises awareness about No. 1 killer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Know your numbers. That's one of the messages two female cardiologists plan to deliver in morning seminars leading up to the Go Red for Women Luncheon Program and Red Dress Fashion Show, Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

Red definitely is the color to be seen wearing, not only at the mid-February event, but on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 2. Dr. Joan Crawford says if she sees a sea of red on either day, she'll know the American Heart Association campaign is accomplishing its goal of raising awareness about heart disease in women.

St. John Health has partnered with the metro Detroit AHA to promote education about the No. 1 killer and encourage women to take care of their heart. Crawford is one of the physicians in the 2007 Metro Detroit Go Red for Women calendar featuring local nurses, heart disease survivors, celebrities, and media. In September, the women joined together on Belle Isle to have their photographs taken for the calendar that includes practical tips on reducing a woman's risk for heart disease. Nearly 500,000 women die from cardiovascular disease in the U.S. every year.

"Ladies know your numbers, know your blood pressure, BMI (body mass index), cholesterol, know your sugar," said Crawford, medical director of cardiology at St. John Oakland Hospital and director of Women's Services at St. John Macomb Hospital. "Have a physician you feel you have good communication with. If you're not seen and not tested, you don't know. If you have symptoms — shortness of breath, fatigue — and don't know what they mean, check it out."

Crawford dedicated herself to spreading the word about heart disease in women more than three years ago by lecturing on the topic and living a healthy lifestyle. Crawford not only walks



Debbie Dingell (left) and Dr. Pamela Marcovitz not only serve as chairpersons for the American Heart Association's metro Detroit Go Red for Women campaign, but appear in the 2007 calendar.

the family's Irish wolfhound in their Bloomfield Hills neighborhood every day, but goes to the gym and does pilates a couple of times a week in addition to running with her husband Michael, and their children Alex, 15 and Jacqueline, 12.

"Exercise, exercise, exercise, and take your weight seriously," Crawford said. "Keep your fat intake under 50 fat grams, cholesterol under 200 milligrams daily (for the average person, lower if you have coronary artery disease). Go to the heart healthy cooking section at the book store and look for recipes. Eat a balanced diet, less meat. Women like their trans fats and high-fat foods. And stay out of fast food restaurants or at least take the time to check them out. Find out what's under 20 fat grams, because you don't want to eat all of your fat grams at one meal."

As medical chairwoman of the Metro Detroit Go Red for Women campaign, Dr. Pamela Marcovitz is doing everything possible to make sure the AHA meets its goal of cutting coronary heart disease, death and disability in women by 20 percent by 2010. That's why the Feb. 15 lunch-



PHOTOS BY NANCY SWEARINGEN

The women of St. John Health Cardiovascular Network posed in front of the Belle Isle fountain for the 2007 Go Red for Women Calendar. Pictured are survivors Michele Levell (left), Guyla Rasnick and Rose Martin (seated); Dr. Joan Crawford, cardiologist; Kristin Rice, nurse practitioner, and Nancy Strelecky, survivor.

eon is important. The AHA hopes to raise \$450,000 for research and education.

"The best thing about the luncheon is the morning session that includes free opportunities to assess your risk for heart disease," said Marcovitz, director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and president of the board of the metro Detroit AHA. "Topics include healthy eating, how to reduce stress in your life to reduce your risk of heart disease. There will be booths with free information and little gifts, pedometers. It's estimated 80 percent of all heart disease could be eliminated with preventative measures and most of that is healthy lifestyle. If you have a waistline of 35 inches or more, it puts you at risk for developing diabetes and is a strong risk factor for heart disease, as is family history and smoking."

"Only about 3 percent of the population is doing what they need to lower their risk of heart disease."

Debbie Dingell admits she's "not the healthiest eater," but has revamped her diet, walks daily and visits her physician annually. A senior executive at General Motors, Dingell is overseeing the Go Red campaign locally.

"The luncheon is a real opportunity to remind women about the importance of heart disease," Dingell said. "You can do little things for your heart — park the car further away, take the stairs. Those are the kinds of things all of us can do."

For details about the luncheon or calendar, call (248) 827-4214. For information on heart disease, visit www.americanheart.org.

The calendar is available for a donation of \$15 to the AHA.

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JANUARY

Pandemic flu session

Madonna University is hosting two information sessions about pandemic flu. At each session, Sharon McMahon from St. Mary Mercy Hospital's infection control department will explain what a pandemic is, how to prepare for a pandemic, provide an overview of Madonna's pandemic flu plan, and share tips on what individuals can do in the event of a pandemic noon to 1 p.m. in the West Colonnade Lounge and 6-7 p.m. in Kresge Hall Tuesday, Jan. 30, on the campus at 3550 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Administrators from area colleges and universities, area business lead-

ers and the general public are encouraged to attend this free, informational session. Call (734) 432-5741 to confirm attendance at either the afternoon or evening session.

UPCOMING

Fund-raiser

Dr. Herman Gray and Shirley Mann Gray, both of Children's Hospital of Michigan, will be the featured speakers at the 11th annual Circle of Friends fund-raising luncheon of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. A Circle of Friends Patron Preview Party will be held the evening

before at Mon Jin Lau Restaurant in Troy. Special highlights of the 2007 Circle of Friends will be Boutique Shopping from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. For more information, call (248) 332-7173.

Tai chi for arthritis

10-11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2 to March 23, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Registration required as well as a fee payable prior to first class. Enrollment limited. Call (734) 655-8940. A relaxing pace will be set in each class with meditation and repetitive form sequences. It's a great way for people of all ages to enjoy life and meet new friends while taking control of physical, emotional and

mental health. Tai Chi has also been shown to reduce pain and stiffness.

Free flu shots

It's not too late to receive a flu shot this season. Botsford Hospital and Livonia Family Physicians are partnering to offer a free flu shot clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 4, at 17800 Newburgh, Livonia. The shots are offered to adults of all ages and to children accompanied by their parents.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder support groups offer presentations for parents and another for adults 7:30-9 p.m. (registration begins at 7 p.m.) Monday, Feb. 5, at Way

Elementary School, 765 W Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Free for members, \$5 donation per non member family with option to join on site. For information, call (248) 988-6716. Parent session will be on Thinking Straight about AD/HD and Mood Disorders with psychologist Steve Ceresnie, PhD. Adult presentation features a testimonial by Gregg Slubowski on Substance Abuse, Confusion and Self-Sabotaging Behaviors.

Blood drive

American Red Cross holds a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222.

Fund-raiser

Dr. Jason Lawlor, Livonia Back To Health Chiropractic Clinic Director, will perform all first day services for new patients, which includes a consultation, thorough exam, any necessary x-rays and a report of findings for a minimum donation of \$10 from Feb. 12-16. All money raised will go directly to Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a nonprofit organization providing high quality, low cost children's literature in Braille. Seedlings makes their books available for about half of what it costs to produce them and subsidizes the difference with donations, grants and fundraising events. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 432-7071.

Events focus on heart disease in women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Local hospitals as well as the American Heart Association are doing their part to lower the incidence of cardiovascular disease through research and education. Now it's up to women to learn about the risks by attending heart-related events or scheduling a speaker at their organization's next meeting.

Lindsey West is especially excited about a \$1 million Ford Motor Co. Fund grant to institute the Healthy Hearts for Women initiative of the Oakwood Healthcare System. A Feb. 7 lecture in Canton is just one of the ways Oakwood is fighting to reduce the risk of heart disease in women. Organizations interested in presenting a lecture or screening to help women understand their risk for heart disease, can call (313) 586-4938 to schedule a day and time.

The AHA Go Red for Women campaign is encouraging everyone to become involved.

Oakwood is recruiting volunteers for a research study on preventing heart disease in women thanks to the grant from Ford. For more information, call (313) 562-4132.

"We're looking for women at moderate to high risk for heart disease, not for women with heart disease," said West, manager of community health for Oakwood Healthcare System. "We're looking at different interventions to prevent heart disease in women and lower their risk."

CRITTENTON HOSPITAL

Fun, fashion, food, and learning is the focus of the Go Red For Women event 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Great Oaks Country Club. Presented by Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, the event begins with a noon luncheon followed by an informational presentation about women and heart disease by cardiologist Dr. B. Shahbender, chief of cardiology at Crittenton, and a fashion show sponsored by Parisian of the Village of Rochester. The program concludes at

approximately 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For reservations, call (248) 652-5269.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

A Ladies Night Out takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. From 6-7 p.m. relieve your stress with a massage or receive a bone density screening then listen to a presentation by Sanjeev Vaishampayan, a St. Mary Mercy Hospital cardiologist. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1182.

GO RED HEART CHECKUP

To assess your risk for having a heart attack or cardiovascular disease within the next 10 years, visit www.GoRedForWomen.org and click on Know Your Numbers then Heart CheckUp. The Web site provides information on keeping your heart healthy in addition to the assessment.

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Exercise may ease fatigue

Rick from Troy has been undergoing chemotherapy and e-mails for tips on getting through it.

Rick, new research shows that exercise can help reduce some of the fatigue associated with chemo!

Scientists followed a group of women aged 27 to 69 who were in the first few stages of chemotherapy. Participants were put on an accelerometer to measure the calories burned during a controlled workout. The women also kept a diary to record levels of fatigue. Researchers found that as the amount of exercise increased, the level of fatigue decreased. The reduced fatigue levels did not carry over into non-exercise



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

days. The Finding: The impact of exercise on fatigue during chemo is significant. The Message: Working out when you least feel like it can sometimes be the most important time!

Ken from Pontiac e-mails wanting to know which is more effective for toning the abs, single or multi-set training programs.

Ken, for most of us, when it comes to ab workouts logic flies out the window! Some believe that as long as you push the muscles intensely, there is no benefit in doing more sets. Fans of multi-set workouts say muscles need repeated stress to grow. Many folks trying to build

definition for their abs do five sets of 10 reps of bench press and squats, then turn around and do five sets of 100 crunches. They think the abs respond differently to working out than other muscle groups. In this case, variety, not reps, is the key to success. Try doing several different exercises using a variety of equipment, like an exercise ball.

Whether you do one set or a dozen, remember that the abs don't respond differently to exercise than any other muscle group and that proper diet is the second part of the puzzle!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter Nielsen through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield, or Nielsen's Town Center-Health Club in Southfield.

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The Red Dress tour, presented by Deloitte, will also be on display featuring items from national and local celebrities including Dr. Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey, Vanna White and actresses Jackie Zemen and Kristen Bell.

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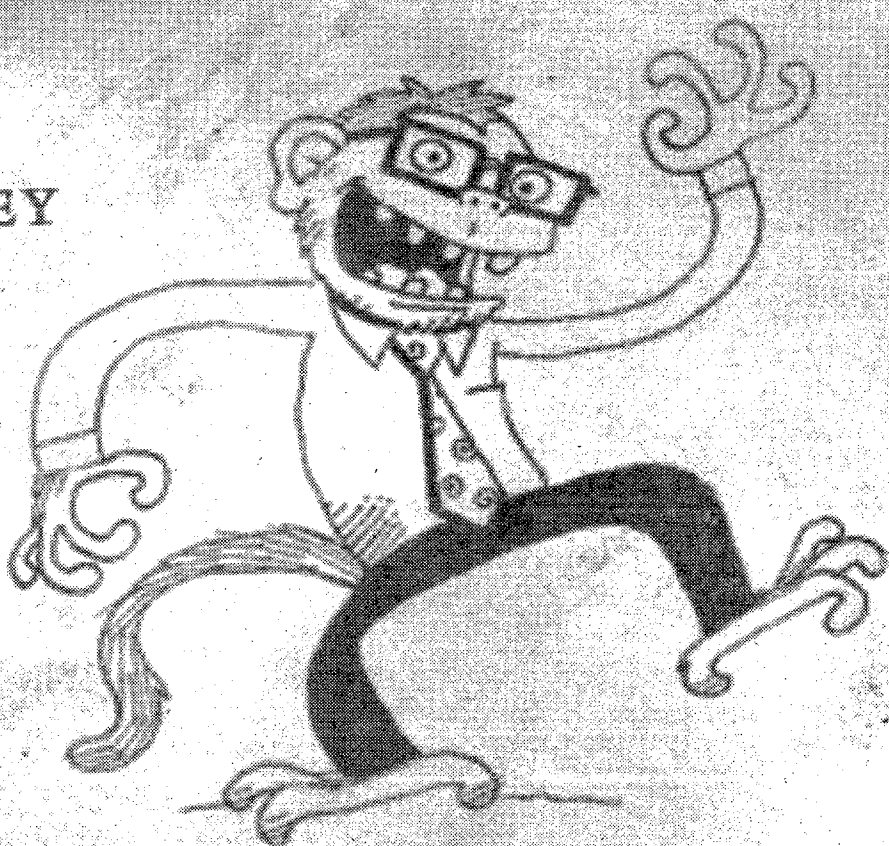
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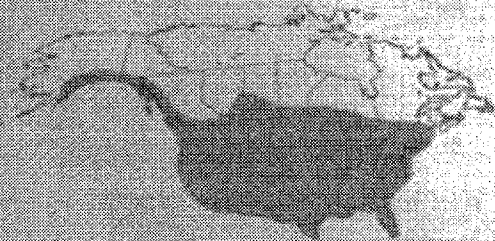
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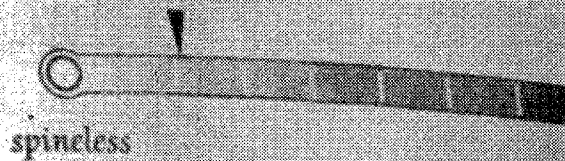
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AROUND TOWN

Princess ball
The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, for girls ages 3 and older and their dads. The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. Register by going to the parks and recreation office, 700 W. Baseline. Cost is \$10, and each little princess gets a gift bag, cookies and crafts. For more information, call Cheryl Mudd, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Open house/science fair
St. Sebastian Catholic School in Dearborn Heights hosts an open house and science fair 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. The school is also accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year for students in preschool through eighth grade. The school is located at 20700 Colgate. For more information, call (313) 563-6640.

Dodworth Saxhorn concert
The Dodworth Saxhorn Band presents a concert at Krefl Center Black Box Theater, on the campus of Concordia University 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. The Dodworth Saxhorn Band is a faithful 19th-century re-enactment ensemble based on the first acclaimed professional American Brass Band. Tickets are available in advance for \$5 student (\$7 at the door), \$10 adult (\$12 at the door). For more information call (734) 995-4612.

Ewald scholarship
The H.T. Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship program. Completed application must be postmarked by March 1, 2007. To be eligible one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full-time in the fall. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. To apply one must send in an official H.T. Ewald Foundation Scholarship application, three or more letters of recommendation, a photograph, a minimum of 500-word autobiography and a complete high school transcript. Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,500 and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient. The number of scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. For an application or more information, call the H.T. Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821-1278.

Climb Detroit
Registration has begun for the first Climb Detroit fund-raiser to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan. The event, a stair climb up 70 flights at the Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center, Michigan's tallest building, takes place Sunday, Feb. 25. Registration is at 7:30 a.m.; the climb starts at 8:30 a.m. Climbers will be awarded by age group and fastest time. Pre-registration required by Feb. 20. Cost of the climb is \$35, with an additional fund-raising minimum of \$65 for the full climb and \$45 for the half-climb. To register, visit www.climbdetroit.org or call the ALAM office, (248) 784-2026.

Vegas Night
Notre Dame Prep/Marist Academy Pontiac campus is holding a Vegas Night featuring Texas Hold 'em, poker, craps, blackjack and more to raise money for the school. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Admission \$25 at the door, 1300 Giddings Road, Pontiac.

Winter garage sale
Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary hosts its seventh-annual Winter Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a bag sale 3-4 p.m.) Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill) in Dearborn Heights. For more information visit www.spproc.org



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Audition arrangements

Celebration Youth Orchestra violinist Taylor Pool concentrates on her music during a performance. The CYO conducts auditions for the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year this month. Auditions must be scheduled in advance and can be arranged by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office at (734) 451-2112. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

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.

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets with a help session at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. A panel discussion will be conducted on "Self Publishing Your Family History." The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

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
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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.

For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckwiwa-nis.org).

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. 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@uno.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. Call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

Kiwanis Club
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District-Wide HVAC Air Filters**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2962. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2007 at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT BRANDON THOMAS PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO BRANDON EVAN LUNSFORD

Case # 07-A-1

ORDER FILING PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND SETTING HEARING

On the 10th day of January, 2007 came the Petitioner, Richard Gary Lunsford, by counsel, Aaron C. Amore, with a Petition for adoption of Brandon Thomas Price and change of name to Brandon Evan Lunsford.

The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have been met as the petition is proper in form. It is therefore accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED that the petition be filed.

It is ordered that this matter shall come on for a hearing on the 1st day of March, 2007 @ the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m.

It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the adoptive parent is the stepfather of Brandon Thomas Price and Brandon's mother, Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt.

The Clerk shall enter the foregoing order as of this date and shall send attested copies to all counsel of record and *pro se* parties.

Thomas Steptoe
JUDGE

Affirmed by:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF RICHARD GARY LUNSFORD TO ADOPT AMANDA LEIGH PRICE AND CHANGE OF NAME TO AMANDA LEIGH LUNSFORD

Case # 07-A-2

ORDER FILING PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND SETTING HEARING

On the 10th day of January, 2007 came the Petitioner, Richard Gary Lunsford, by counsel, Aaron C. Amore, with a Petition for adoption of Amanda Leigh Price and change of name to Amanda Leigh Lunsford.

The Court finds the requirements of West Virginia Law have been met as the petition is proper in form. It is therefore accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED that the petition be filed.

It is ordered that this matter shall come on for a hearing on the 1st day of March, 2007 @ the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m.

It is further ordered that a home study is not necessary since the adoptive parent is the stepfather of Amanda Leigh Price and Amanda's mother, Veronica Lunsford has signed an Irrevocable Consent to Adopt.

The Clerk shall enter the foregoing order as of this date and shall send attested copies to all counsel of record and *pro se* parties.

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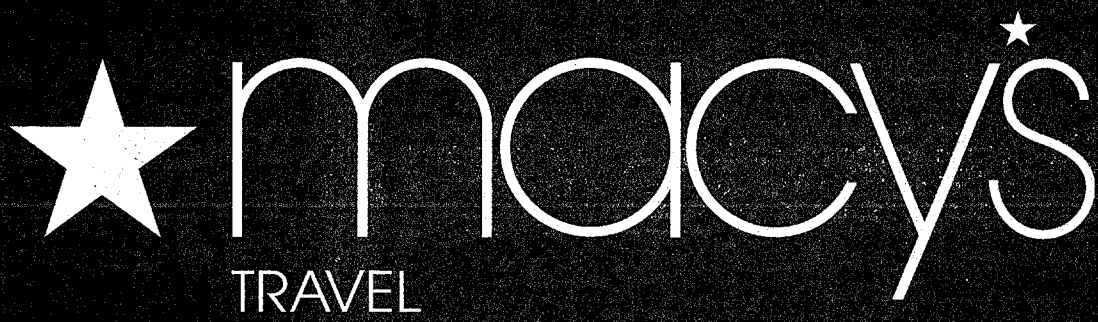
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Parents can help teens with career exploration process

BY JULIE BROWN
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Let's say you're a parent who wants to give career direction to your child. Maybe you're a teen looking to plan for a bright future.

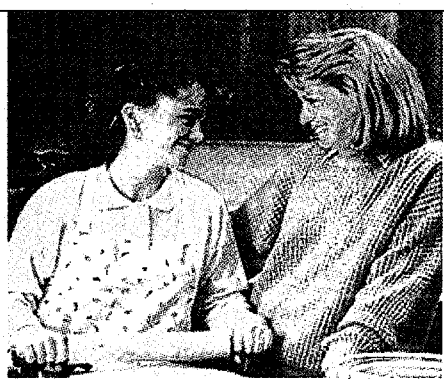
Lisa Heinze, career development facilitator for Troy High School, has some thoughts on teens preparing for careers. The Troy district staff also serves the alternative high school with Heinze's counterpart from Troy Athens High, Nancy Zambardi.

Educators approach career development with new graduation requirements from the state in mind, and from seventh grade on students are introduced to career planning.

"In seventh grade, we have to start teaching students what this document is all about," Heinze said of the Educational Development Plan mandated by the state to explore the career process.

"In eighth grade, they have to begin creating the document." Students and staff use Career Cruising software in Oakland County, supported by grant money, to aid the career exploration process.

Students can explore careers, for example getting information such as on registered nurses, how much is earned, the hiring outlook for all 50



states, what education is needed, links to colleges, both community and four-year across the country. "It's a one-step tool for both students and parents," Heinze said.

A lot of students have dream jobs in mind, such as professional ath-

lete, she has found. Educators try to counsel them on Plan B if that doesn't work out.

Troy students in seventh and eighth grades are encouraged to explore career options. "We teach career education by exposing stu-

dents to pathways," Heinze said. Human services is one such pathway, such as lawyers or school counselors.

Students do an interest inventory, and look at education needed to enter a field. Student must evaluate their skills/abilities, "and then look at can they get to that ultimate goal."

By age 38, the graduates will have 10-12 job changes, Heinze noted. "It's very difficult to prepare a student for a job of tomorrow. We're looking to give them the foundational skills, we're teaching them to be lifelong learners."

There are many new emerging technology fields, she said. Hobbies and clubs are good for career exploration, and educators take students on field trips in high school to explore different fields.

There's also job shadowing/co-op, along with career speakers.

Proposal 2 (the anti-affirmative action measure recently passed by voters) could be a factor in offering programs just for girls/young women to encourage them in non-traditional fields like engineering, Heinze said.

"I think parents are more involved today in a child's career direction," she added. "The business community has definitely sent the message that educators need to send students' ready to succeed in the workplace."

There's an increased interest in career education, Heinze has found, with many training opportunities in school for young people.

Cindy Candela, job placement coordinator at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, agrees early exposure to careers matters. "Just by talking, by including their children in career awareness activities." Field trips to workplaces are helpful, said Candela, as are campus visits for the college-bound, "any career awareness, trips to the fire department, just talking to kids."

Adults can share their love for their own job "is what helps kids with making decisions or looking into doing things," Candela said.

She agrees parents should take advantage of school career awareness programs and speakers.

"I think part of it is the No Child Left Behind and state requirements," Candela said of increasing focus on career education.

"We bring kids on tours to the career tech center," she said, referring to the Wayne-Westland schools facility. Educators and students alike now realize they can't go work at Ford just because a father did.

"We need to do more," said Candela, who also recommends interest inventories for students. "It really helps them focus."



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ACROSS

- 1 Farm enclosure
- 4 Bubbles up
- 9 Double helix
- 12 Onassis nickname
- 13 Immature raptor
- 14 Dixie fighter
- 15 Canada or Mexico
- 17 Wild West shows
- 19 Crumple up
- 20 Written reminders
- 21 Major nuisance
- 23 Nile god
- 24 Sauce with basil
- 27 Well-chosen
- 28 Draws a bead on
- 30 Deli breads
- 31 Hi-fi record
- 32 Nectar seekers, briefly
- 34 Refrain syllable
- 35 Wiesel or Ducommun
- 37 Rise abruptly
- 38 Yellowstone sight

DOWN

- 1 Prospect for gold
- 2 Baseball stat
- 3 Scatterbrain
- 4 Bread and cheese
- 5 Buy
- 6 Auto racer — Unser
- 7 Nothing but
- 8 Crush grapes
- 9 Elegant
- 10 "New" prefix
- 11 Bodybuilder's pride
- 16 Fleming of spydom

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	W	A	I	T	C	D	S	G	R	R	
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- 18 Movers and shakers
- 20 It's prehistoric
- 21 Less rosy
- 22 Mac maker
- 23 Wheel parts
- 25 Savalas of "Kojak"
- 26 Port near Kyoto
- 28 Roast beef — jus
- 29 Connery of "Dr. No"
- 32 Rattletraps
- 33 Freight carrier
- 36 Spain and Portugal
- 38 Plenty
- 40 Helipad sites
- 42 Diminish
- 44 Shuttle complement
- 45 Door latch
- 46 Okla. time
- 47 Luau strings
- 48 Eur. airline
- 49 Mauna —
- 50 Feverish
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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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- GURNEY
- HOSPITAL
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- WHEEL CHAIR
- X-RAYS

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

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SEEK AND FIND

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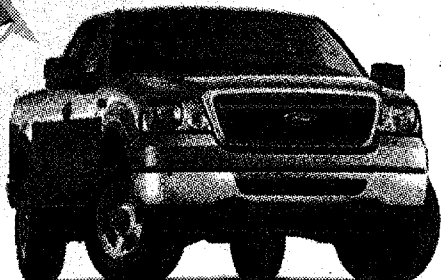
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Sips Gas
27 City
34 Hwy



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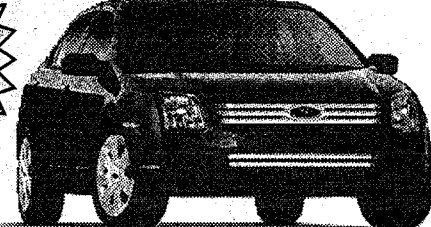
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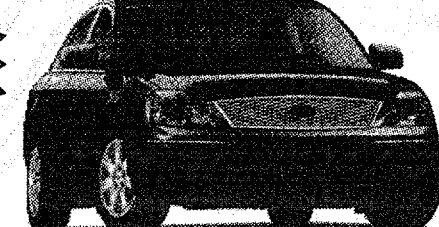
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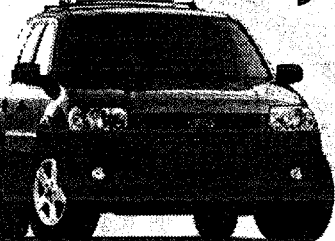
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36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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NOW \$18,273^{90*}



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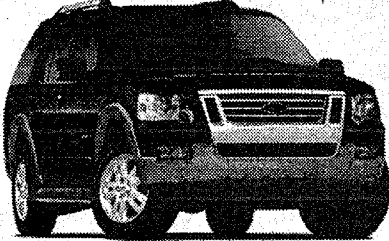
4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed auto O/D trans, cargo area cover, XLT appear, P245/65R17 A/S OWL tires, running boards, 17" cast alum wheels roof rail cross bars, conven group, electrochromatic mirror, MSG cnr w/2 lines and compass, auto lamp headlights, keypad, XLT comfort. Stock #71500

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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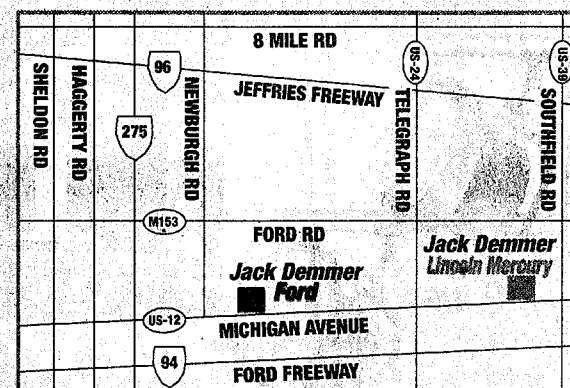
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New Affordable Homes With Luxury Features In Westland Neighborhood

Danny Veri couldn't believe it when he crunched the numbers and saw a family with a household income of about \$40,000 could move into a home in Covington Estates.

"This is just an incredible value," said Veri, a partner in Livonia Builders who teamed up with Tim Breault of Breault Homes to build the "neighborhood within a neighborhood" bounded by John Hix and Palmer in Westland.

Covington Estates consists of 57 homes with only 26 left to be built in three available floor plans priced in the \$170,000's.

"Eleven units sold the first week," Veri said. "We set out to build affordable housing with exceptional standard features and people are

The Brookstone, a colonial, measures just over 1,612 square feet and boasts four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a great room, a loft and first floor laundry.

Its sister, The Brookstone 2, also a colonial, is 1,624 square feet with four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a great room, a den, an upstairs laundry and a small second floor loft great for a reading area or computer room.

Veri said buyers can choose from six different elevations for the colonials.

The third plan, a 1,600 square foot ranch called The Covington, has three bedrooms, two baths, a first floor laundry, living room, dining room and eat-in kitchen.

The average lot size for all three homes is 70 x 120 and each has an

attached 2 car garage and full basement.

Veri said buyers will be even more amazed at the home's affordability when they see the upgrades and extra amenities he and Breault have built into the homes.

Guests are welcomed into the foyer by oak floors which are also used in the kitchen and nook. Granite countertops, Merrilat cabinets, Delta faucets, a undermount double bowl stainless steel sink comprise just some of the kitchen's amenities.

The cabinetry and Delta faucets are carried into the ceramic tiled bathrooms with the powder rooms featuring a pedestal sink and oak floors.

Ceramic tile is also used in the laundry rooms and carpeting covers the great room, dining room and bedrooms where ceiling lights illuminate the nighttime chambers.

Each room is surrounded by 4 1/4 inch baseboard moldings and 3-inch door casing moldings finish out the two panel interior smooth finish doors.

The homes are protected by a 90 percent efficient Comfort Maker furnace, a high efficiency 40 gallon hot water tank and R-30 insulation in the attic.

Options include a fire

place, air conditioning, sky lights and whirlpool tubs.

Veri said the exterior is "100 percent maintenance free."

The ranch is completely brick as is the first floor of the two colonials. The second floor of the colonials is finished in vinyl siding. Overhangs on all three models are either aluminum or vinyl trim.

Pella vinyl windows as well as glass block on the basement windows finish each home.

Other accoutrements include a limestone address block, sod, sidewalks and streetlights and city water and sewer.

Coach lights outside the garage lend to the aesthetics as well as a clear view of the home and garage in the nighttime hours.

The homes also come with a one-year warranty.

Covington Estates backs up to Stevenson Middle School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District and is nestled between two existing subdivisions where home values range in the upper \$200,000, Veri said.

"We're walking distance to the school and Fellow's Creek Golf Course is just around the corner," he said, adding Michigan Avenue is a

mere 1.5 miles away and is in close proximity to I-275 and local home improvement stores.

"It's a very prestigious neighborhood," he said. "The homes are very elegant and beautiful."

Veri said he can't get over the affordability of the homes.

"We worked on slim margins to keep working," he said. "The main theme to this whole project was creating affordable housing with luxury features. With an hourly wage of \$19 per hour for household income, you can buy a house with all these features."

Veri worked with his in-house mortgage lender, Mortgage Concepts, and came up with a no money down,

30-year fixed rate mortgage plan which includes taxes and insurance for about \$1,400 a month.

"You can even roll the closing costs into the mortgage," he said. "It's just a phenomenal deal for a first time home buyer or someone looking for more square footage."

"There's just nothing under \$250,000 with all of these outstanding features subdivision-wise in the Westland area."

An independent appraiser was hired and shows the appraised value of the homes are \$240,000. That's a 30% instant equity before even moving in.

For more information, contact Veri at (313) 586-2559 or (734) 397-9140.



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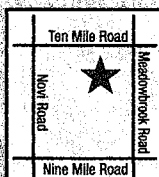


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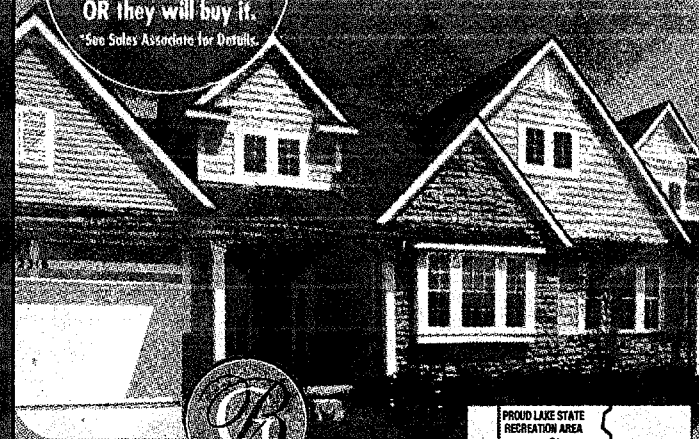
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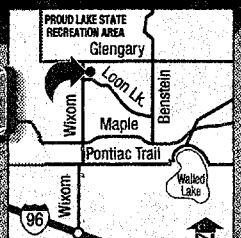


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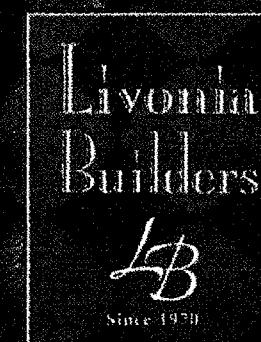
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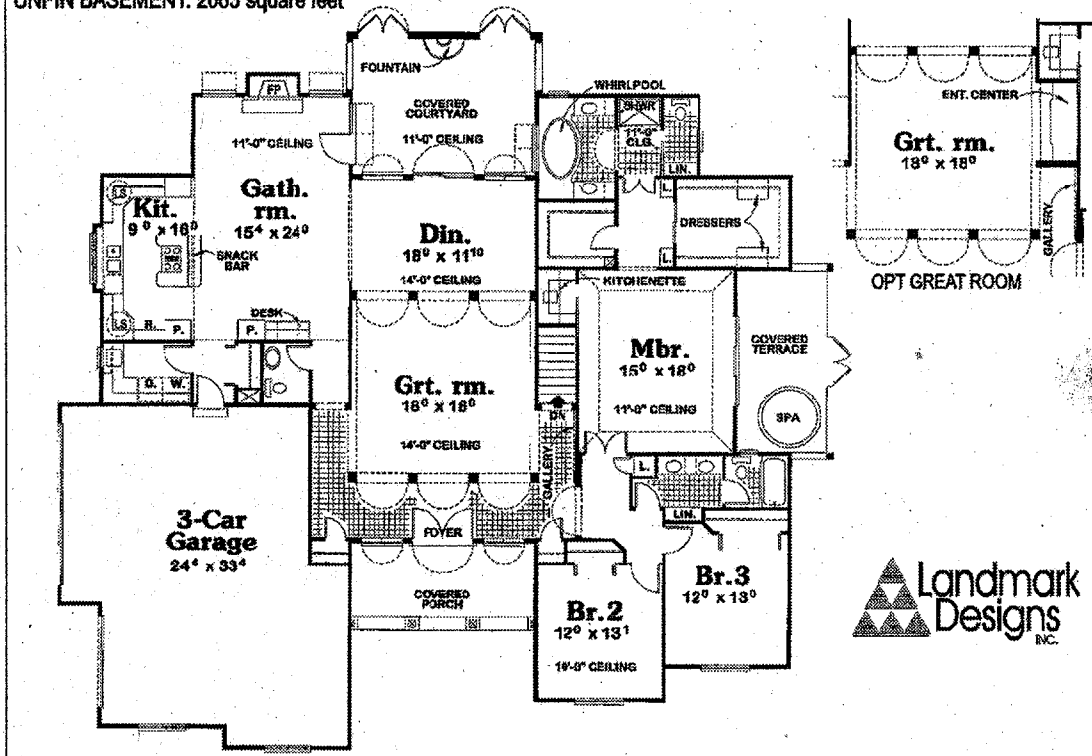
Vista features ornate interior details

Colonial archways, different rooflines, tiled roof, and decorative cornices all catch one's eye when visiting the Vista (D6802). The attractiveness of the exterior pales in comparison to the ornate interior with its many transoms, high ceilings, and tile floors throughout. The covered porch protects the large dual doors that open to the tiled foyer. Beyond is the great room with high vaulted 14-foot ceilings and transoms accenting overhead. To the side of the great room is the stairs to the basement. If a basement is not desired, an alternate great room layout might contain an entertainment center along with a gallery for pictures.

At the rear of the great room is a dining area that also has the 14-foot vault. Off the dining area is a covered courtyard through sliding doors with transoms overhead. Two ornate gates with a fountain between provide openings into the back yard.

A long gathering room with a built-in desk on one end and a fireplace on the other end would make an ideal room for family gatherings. A half bath is located at the end of the gathering room. The kitchen, on left, is open and faces the center of the gathering room. There is an island with the cook top and a snack bar. Lazy susan tables are on each side of the sink, as well as a garden window over the sink. Two pantries are opposite each other with the archway to the utility between. The utility can be shut off from view if

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LIVING: 2716 square feet
GARAGE: 815 square feet
UNFIN BASEMENT: 2683 square feet



desired. The bedrooms are all located on the right side of the Vista. Bedrooms 2 and 3 are in the front of the home with their own private bath. It has dual sinks and a tub, along with two linen closets. Through an archway from the foyer, French doors open into the master suite, which is totally awesome. There ceiling is an 11-coffered vault and a covered terrace with a spa sits just outside the

main part of the suite. For those evening snacks, a small kitchenette has been provided. The rear of the master suite has two walk-in closets, one much larger than the other and contains twin built-in dressers. Two linen closets are on each side of the larger closet. The master bath also has its own linen closet, as well as an oversized whirlpool tub, "his and her" sinks, an oversized shower, and the 11 foot vaulted ceilings.

For a study plan of the VISTA (D6802), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. CDs with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com.

NEW HOMES BRIEFS

Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting career seminars at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31, Feb. 8 and Feb. 20, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100, in Plymouth.

These seminars will explore a career in real estate. Find out about costs, compensation, training and prelicense requirements.

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Mortgage credit coaching seminar

Approved Mortgages is hosting a seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

BIA announces executive committee

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan recently selected Richard Ives, Trinity Land Development, of Clinton Township as its new president.

Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, is now treasurer; and Darshan Grewal, Singh Development, L.L.C., West Bloomfield, is now secretary. James P. Babcock, Babcock Building Co. Inc., St. Clair Shores, moves on to immediate past president. Continuing their positions

are James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, as president emeritus; Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president; and vice presidents Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Michael Mocerri, Leader Homes, Inc., Novi, and Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co. Irvin H. Yackness continues to serve as executive vice president and general counsel.

Newly elected to the executive committee is Richard Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, Plymouth, as vice president.

"Our 2007 executive committee is comprised of the top professionals in the home building industry," said Yackness. "Their combined leadership, experience and expertise make them excellent representatives of our association as well as positive role models for our members."

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,100 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 220,000 individuals and companies.

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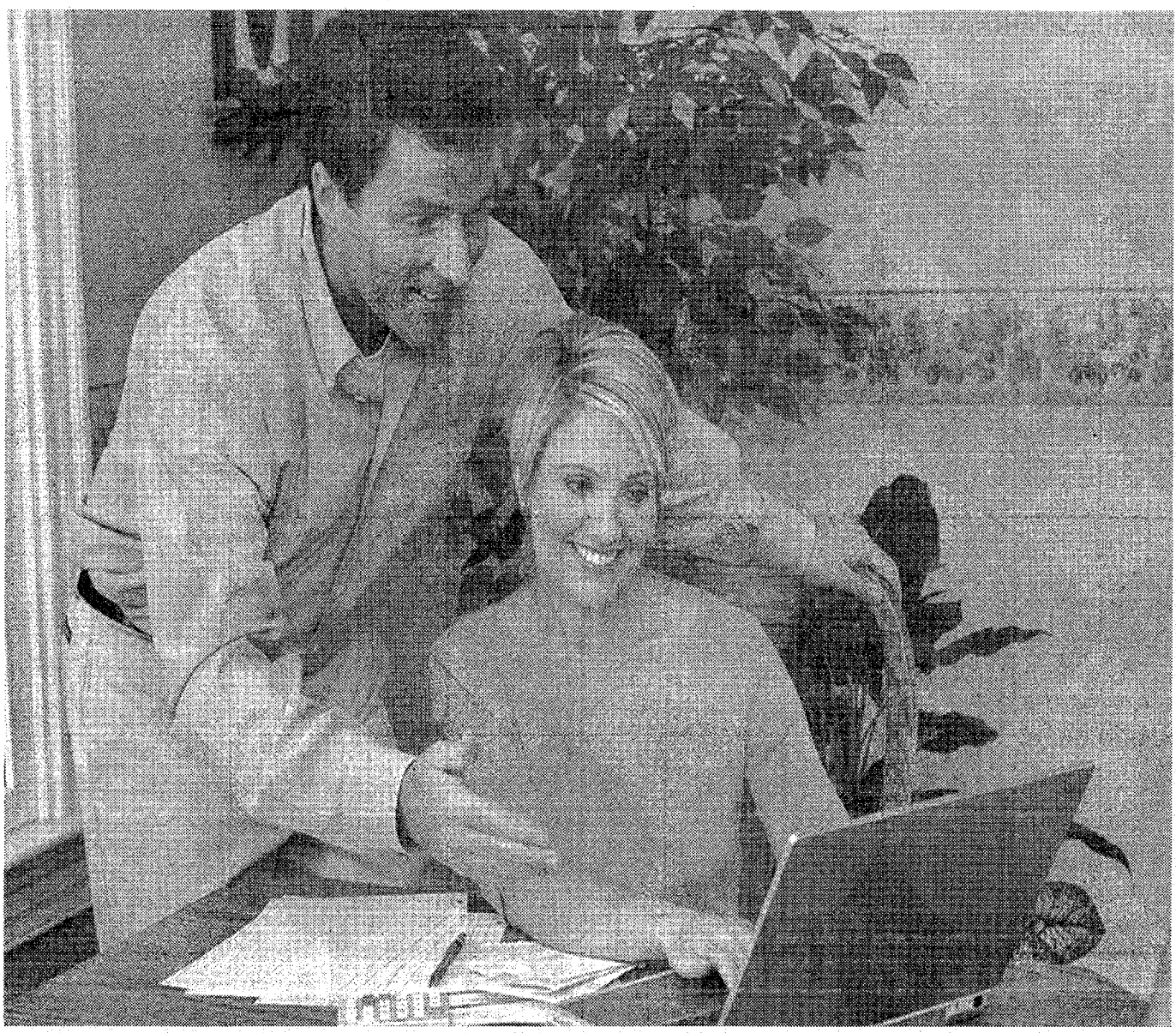
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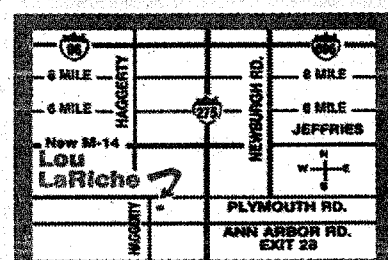
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Livonia, MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre-owned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A Beautiful Buick

The 2001-2006 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

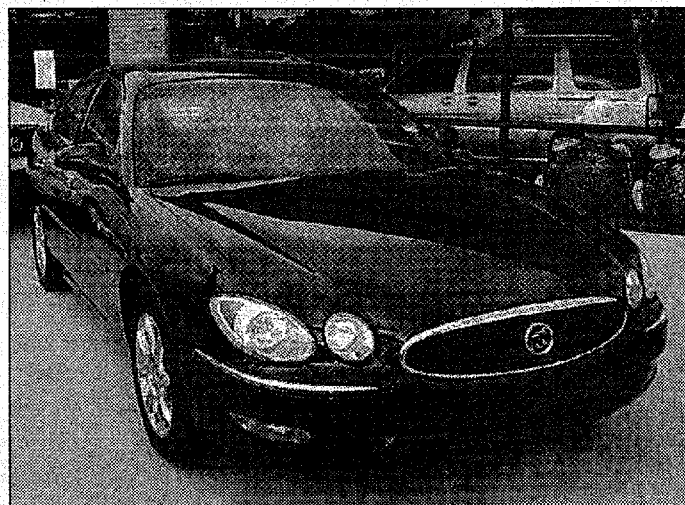
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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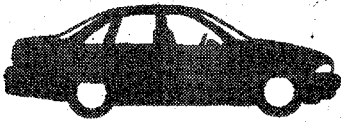
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MAZDA'S CX-9 SUV AIMS FOR TRENDY COUPLES

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By Kevin Koloian
Avanti News Features

The people at Mazda thought outside of the box when designing the Mazda CX-9 by straying away from the traditional square SUVs that comprise most of the segment.

It's this trendy approach that is sure to attract active young couples who are starting families and older couples with families who aren't ready to be minivan moms and dads just yet.

"The CX-9 represents everything a Mazda SUV should be, offering ample power, striking appearance, fun-to-drive vitality, precision build quality and unexpected versatility," said Jim O'Sullivan, president and CEO of Mazda. "While other vehicles in this category focus only on what's behind the driver's seat for the family, we have engineered a unique solution that is equally as exciting for the driver."

Like every other Mazda, the CX-9, which comes in front-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive, is not short on Zoom Zoom. It's powered by a new 3.5-liter V-6 with 250 horsepower.

Although six-speed automatic transmissions have until now been exclusive to more expensive SUVs, the CX-9 rewards its customers with this great feature as standard equipment.

While CX-9 drivers will have plenty of Zoom Zoom in their acceleration, coming in at 18 miles per gallon city and 24 mpg highway, they won't have to dish out a lot of dough to keep this baby gassed.

The CX-9's design stays trendy in the ever-competitive car market.

Many mid-sized crossover SUV makers get caught up with a multi-purposed functionality look. The Mazda CX-9, however, is designed to be sleek, but practical.

So, without sacrificing versatility most SUV buyers want, the CX-9 pulls off the appearance of a vehicle costing two to three times less as its base



The CX-9 keeps Mazda's motto "Soul of a Sportscar" alive in this large SUV.

price of \$29,035 suggests.

The CX-9's front end has Mazda's trademark sporty five-point grille. But a horizontal streak of chrome floats on the front grille bar, making the CX-9's grille unique among other cars in the Mazda family.

Making sure its drivers are accommodated with enough room for a growing family, Mazda designed the CX-9 from the outside looking in.

There's enough room for adults in every seating position and plenty of cargo space for families. The CX-9's 17.1 cubic feet of cargo space rivals most large sedan trunks and both second- and third-row seats fold flat to open up even more space all the way up to the front seats.

The key to the CX-9's roomy interior is that it rides on a 113-inch wheelbase, one of the longest in its class, providing easy access to its three-row seating.

To avoid the usual fight with latches and levers to drop down seats, Mazda thought of an easy solution to this problem. For instance, releasing the second row seat in order to enter the third row requires only one quick hand motion to unlatch the seat and move it forward.

Mazda also eased the process for folding the third row seat's backrest and pulling it back upright again by installing a simple strap attached behind the seat that serves both purposes.

Mazda's made sure this crossover SUV has car-like safety features by equipping canopy air bags that protects all three rows of passengers from head injury, anti-lock brakes and stability control standard. The CX-9 also features Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo-engineered, anti-rollover stability system.

The ease of controls in the CX-9 will be invaluable to a parent dealing with their children wrestling in the back while trying to keep their eyes on the road.

The dash panel has large, clearly marked entertainment and climate controls, making it easy to command the settings while driving. The controls are made up of a combination of cylindrical shapes and blacked-out instruments on a T-shaped instrument panel.

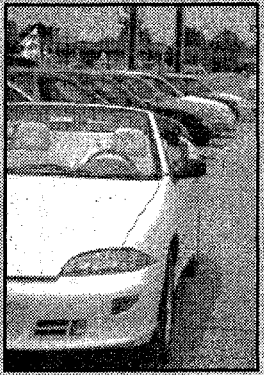
The designer's attention to detail is noticeable everywhere inside the CX-9, from the lighting to the trim.

By using brightly edged gauges with a metal-looking trim and indirect blue light, Mazda achieved a relaxed look. Indirect lighting was also used in the front and rear door trim and ceiling for a warm glow, producing a cool and calm atmosphere.

Some luxuries CX-9 buyers can spoil themselves with include leather interior trim, power adjustment for front seats, rain-sensing wipers, and mirror-mounted turn indicators.

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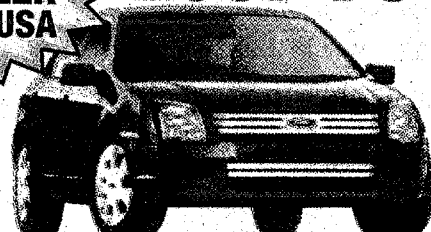
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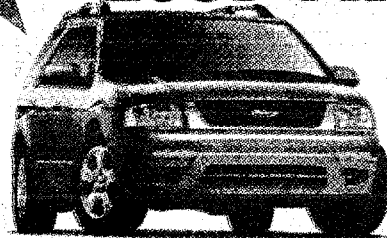
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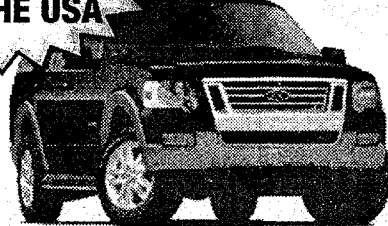
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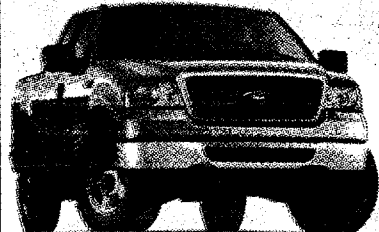
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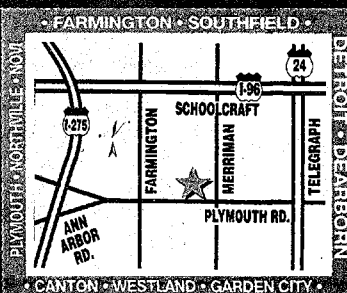
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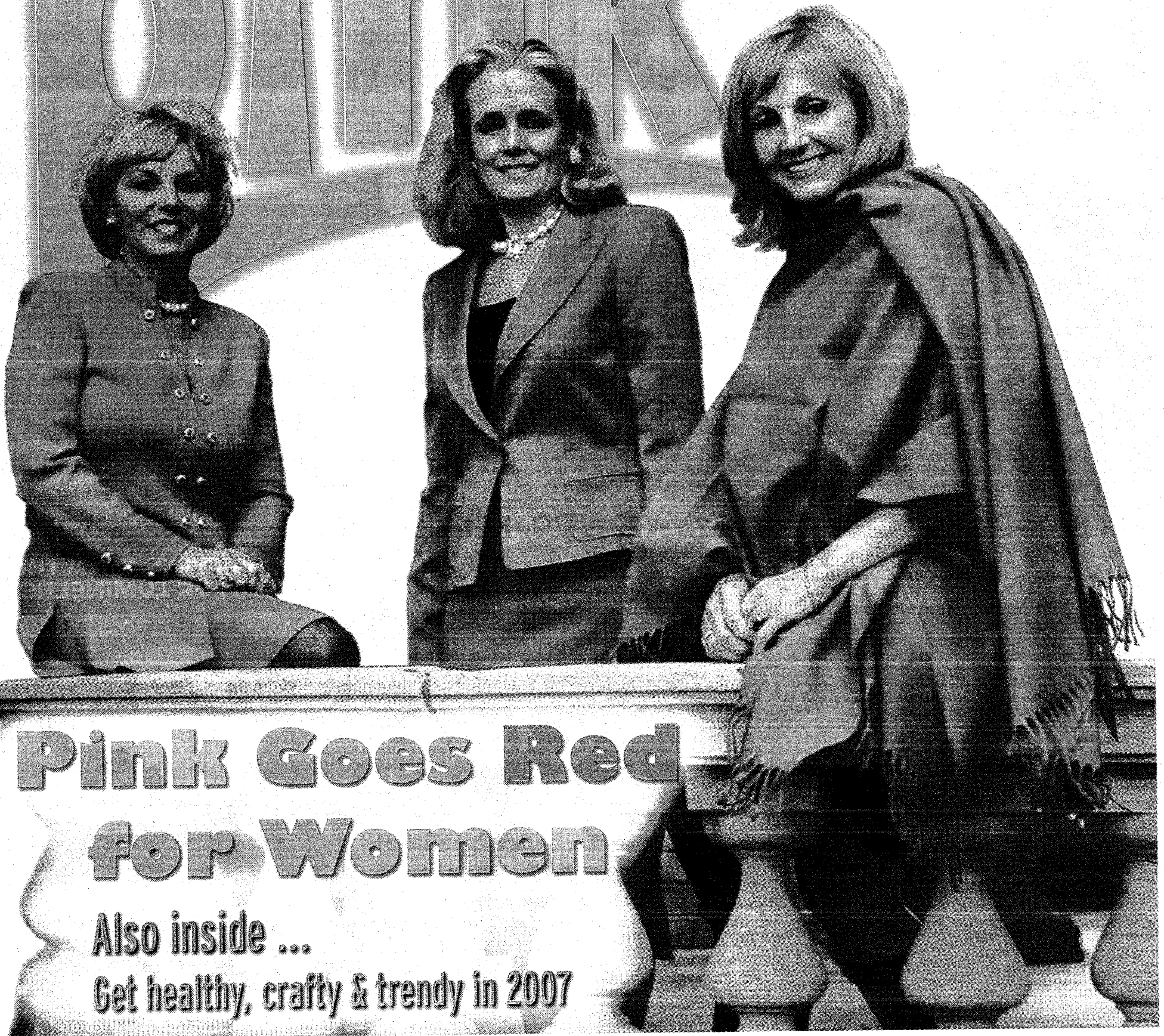
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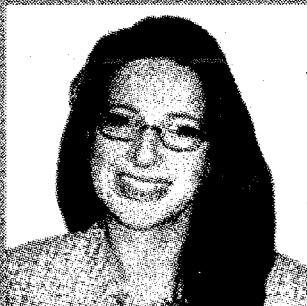
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Motor City Mamas!

Two dozen PINK readers will get free tubes of Motor City Makeup "Auto Show Model" lip gloss as winners of a recent giveaway.

In honor of the auto show, we asked gals to tell us about something they always carry in their car, and why they simply can't live without it. Here's a sampling of what the winners said:

"I carry fingernail glue. Often on my way to an event, guess what? A broken nail! The glue saves me every time."

Barbara Jean Harris, Plymouth

"I always carry two extra tubes of lipstick in my car. I am not seen in public without my lipstick."

Clarice Killian, Canton

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Joan Marinelli, Bloomfield Hills

"I can't live without my new Bob Seger CD, 'Face the Promise.'"

Sheryl St. Jean, Livonia

"I always carry tweezers in my car. There is nothing like direct sunlight to pluck those unwanted facial hairs (when no one is looking, of course!)"

Karen F., Farmington Hills

"I can't live without my dental floss. I never have time to floss, so when I am riding shotgun in the car, it is the perfect time to floss away!"

Lori Groat, Livonia



"I wouldn't be caught without an active OnStar subscription in my Buick. It gives me peace of mind for commuting and family trips."

Alice Jo Rainville, Livonia

"I carry a trash bag in my car. Sick children, wet clothes, flats of flowers, groceries from a torn bag — my car stays clean."

Deborah Chamulak, Canton

"I always carry my yoga mat, strap and blanket. This way, I can always drop into yoga class spur of the moment."

Evelyn Ruiz, Plymouth

"I always carry a case of XS Energy drinks in my car. You never know when you might need a burst of energy!"

Amy Wiley, Canton

"I always keep a blanket, jacket, gloves and hat in my car. My son plays football and runs track. The weather changes so often, I always have to be prepared."

Marcia Johnson, Southfield

"On advice of my sister, I always carry wet wipes in the car. I use them after fueling, for fast food spills, muddy kids ... kids in general!"

Mary Jane Graham, Livonia

"I always carry a hairbrush. If my hair is a mess, so am I."

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Local ladies show their resolve for a generous 2007

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The American Heart Association is gearing up for a month's worth of fabulous activities during its Go Red For Women campaign in February. On the cover, Sandy Pierce of Charter One Bank, Debbie Dingell of GM and Dr. Pamela Marcovitz of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital, wear red on a page from the 2007 Metro Detroit Go Red for Women calendar. For more, turn to page 4.

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Mary Burck,
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I ♥ Red

Campaign raises awareness of heart health

Go Red For Women launched in February 2004 with a goal to raise awareness of the risks associated with heart disease. Here are ways you can get involved in national and local Go Red efforts:

♥ Wear Red

Millions of Americans will wear red on Friday, Feb. 2 to show support for women and the fight against heart disease. More than 10,000 companies will participate in Wear Red Day events by donating \$5 to wear red and jeans to work.

♥ See Stars

The Red Dress Tour, featuring celebrity clothing and accessories, opens at the Detroit Historical Museum on Jan. 31. Stop by for free health screenings and to see items donated by Oprah, Maya Angelou and more. On National Wear Red Day, admission to the exhibit is free to those who wear red or a red dress pin.

♥ Book Lunch

Join the girls for a heart healthy morning at Detroit's annual Go Red for Women Luncheon. This year's event, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, will include health screenings, free massages and a Red Dress Fashion Show featuring clothing from Macy's.

♥ Keep Time

Stay organized with the Metro Detroit Go Red for Women Calendar. Sponsored by St. John Health, the 2007 calendar features local survivors, volunteers and physicians — wearing red, of course. Order your copy for a \$15 donation.

♥ Check Yourself

By loving your own heart, you can save it. Visit GoRedForWomen.org for an online CheckUp and tips to keep your heart healthy.

♥ Shop Online

Browse from a selection of educational items, T-shirts, tote bags, hats, jewelry and other accessories at ShopGoRed.org. Net proceeds from the sale of all items support Go Red For Women.

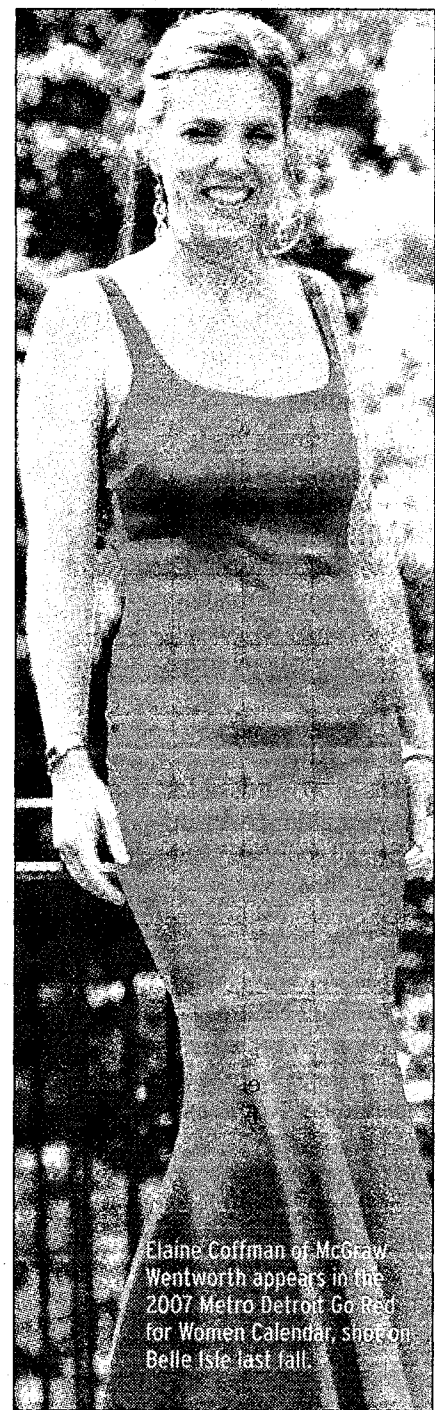


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Elaine Coffman of McGraw-Hill appears in the 2007 Metro Detroit Go Red for Women Calendar, shot on Belle Isle last fall.

♥ Cook Light

Available in supermarkets, the 100-page, Love Your Heart cookbook helps women take better care of their hearts with 45 new heart-healthy recipes, and tips to reduce the risk of heart disease.

For more information about Go Red For Women, call 1-888-MY-HEART or visit GoRedForWomen.org. For local information, call (248) 827-4214.



PINK MOMMY

*Pull yourself together
with these easy organizers*

By Wendie DeLano

I don't know about you, but my New Year's resolution is to GET ORGANIZED! It's highlighted at the number one spot on my list and underlined three times. My mission the last few weeks has been to find the tools that will help me keep this promise to myself. Here are a few of my favorite finds:

Memory File

When I brought my daughter home from the hospital, I

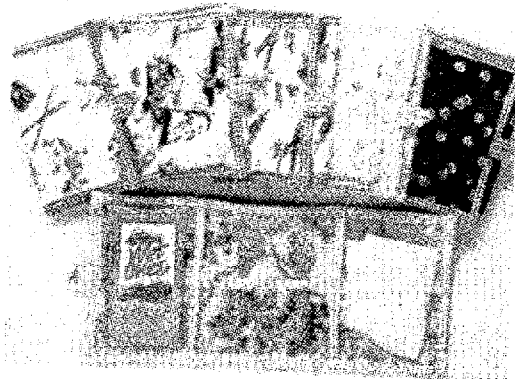
was sent with a stack of paperwork that weighed more than she did! Until recently, all of her important documents were thrown

into a cardboard box. I found the Baby Briefcase (\$30) at The Fuchsia Frog (320 E. Maple, Birmingham). This charming little organizer contains folders for everything from medical and social security forms to baby equipment warranties. My hospital paperwork has a folder too. There is even a slot on the front for a little picture of my sugar plum. The briefcase fits nicely into many standard size file cabinets.

For more information, call The Fuchsia Frog at (248) 203-6550.

Cute Carryalls

My diaper bag is a disaster and I'm always digging through everything to find the little baggie I carry eating essentials in.



The Dining Set from Shoots & Ladders (\$28) has helped to get my bag organized. The handy case holds a fork and spoon, wipes and a bib, and folds up easily to fit in your bag. There are seven adorable fabrics to choose from, which makes eating out oh-so-fashionable. Visit www.shootsandladdersco.com to order.

Fab Frames

My daughter loves to point at the pictures on our fridge and giggle, but after putting so many up, it started to look cluttered. Sticky Prints has designed magnetic photo frames with stylish patterned borders (\$6-\$24). There are dozens of cute prints to choose from and you can even have them personalized with your baby's name, birth date, etc.

They also make stylish frames for your child's artwork. The 12 x 12 frames are ideal for an 8 1/2" x 11" drawing and can be personalized with your child's name (i.e. 'Lilly's Artwork'). Finally my fridge looks neat and tidy and nothing falls off when I close the door! Find these and other great items at www.stickyprints.com.



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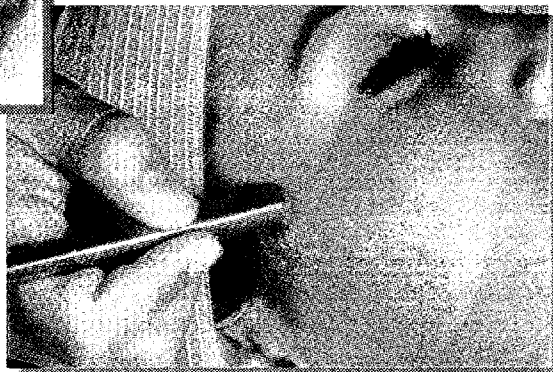
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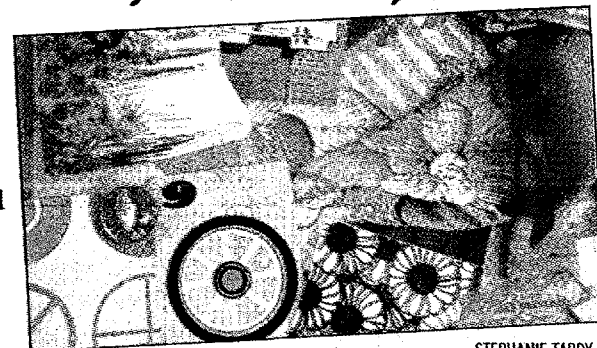
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By Stephanie Tardy

The new year brings new crafty goals. But if you're feeling a little burned out after the holidays, you may need a little creative mojo. Here are some ideas to keep you inspired throughout 2007.

Handmade gal
Create some inspiration
for the new year



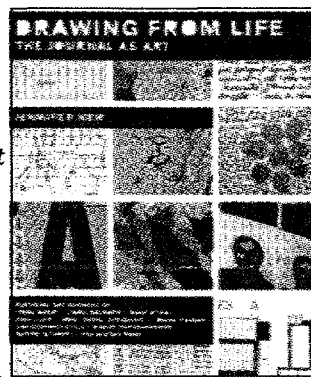
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Keep a creative journal

A craft journal is a great place to get all your ideas and half-ideas on paper. My art journal collects my daily musings and random artifacts, but yours might be more like a sketchbook, a photo log or a travel diary.

Not sure what to include? *Drawing from Life: The Journal as Art* by Jennifer New (Princeton University Press) is an engaging peek at the personal journals of both artists and crafters including David Byrne, cartoonist Lynda Barry and quilter Denyse Schmidt.

The collection provides interesting insight into the creative process and plenty of spark for keeping your own journal.



Drawing from Life: The Journal as Art by Jennifer New

Details of some things that inspire me: Maps, trees, vintage game pieces and bright colors.

matter what it is, just as long as you like it. Use pins to tack the stuff to the board (so you can change it up whenever you fancy) and place it somewhere you will see it daily.

One of the coolest things about inspiration boards is that they often reflect your artistic style without even trying. For example, my board displays a love of nature, bright colors and typography — elements you will find in my crafty designs.

To see more inspiring, ahem, inspiration boards check out this group on Flickr: www.flickr.com/groups/inspirationboards/

Connect with other crafters

Speaking of Flickr, the photo sharing site is a great way to connect with other crafters. Using the "favorites" section, you can mark photos that tickle you and make a collection of stimulating snapshots. You can even turn the collection into a mosaic, a sort of online inspiration board.

Flickr also offers a ton of creative and crafty groups — everything from needlework to black and white photography. Joining provides daily inspiration on whatever you're into but also, like in the case of the vintage fabric group I joined, might just cut down on your hoarding.

Stephanie Tardy is the founder of Handmade Detroit, an indie craft collective. Find out more at www.handmadedetroit.com.

Submissions, events and ideas for this column can be sent to stardy@hometownlife.com.



STEPHANIE TARDY

Postcards, magazine pages, fabric and bits of paper ephemera cover my inspiration board, which sits by my art table.

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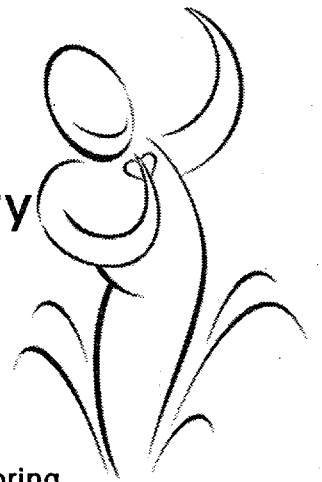
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Local Looks



Donna Sacs celebrates 30 years

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Donna Sacs launched in 1976 at Fairlane Mall with accessories only, and has since ventured into leather and fur outerwear and expanded to five locations (Eastland, Northland, Oakland Mall and Great Lakes Crossing). Local designers like Pelle Pelle, Alwissam and Reed hang alongside national brands like Baby Phat, Rocawear and Damselle. The company also carries its own line, as well as infant and children's sizes.

— Christy Breithaupt

blushbeauty

By Christina Kallery

Cook up some natural glamour

Determined to ditch artificial ingredients for a more au naturel approach in the New Year? Try these DIY beauty recipes and ring in a refreshed, luscious-looking you.

From Bettijo Hirschi of Bath By Bettijo:

Just Peachy Facial Mask (for normal-oily skin)

1. Peel, pit and mash $\frac{1}{2}$ a ripe peach.
2. Combine with 2 Tbs. natural yogurt and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda; mix well.
3. Apply to face and let dry.

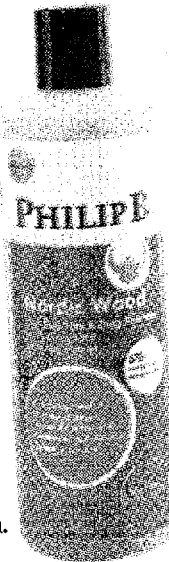
Raspberry Facial Blitz (exfoliating mask)

1. Blend 6 fresh raspberries until fairly smooth.
2. Mix with 1 tsp. honey and $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tsp. milk — enough to make a paste.
3. Scrub over face, avoiding eye area.

From Kimberly Sayer of Kimberly Sayer Beauty:

Puffy Eye Treatment

1. Grate a potato and collect the juice in a bowl.
2. Apply juice to damp cotton pads and leave on the eye area for 15-30 minutes.



From Philip B's book *Blended Beauty*:

Chocolate-Pumpkin Conditioning Hair Milk

1. In a small saucepan, heat 1 Tbs. vegetable oil and 1 Tbs. coconut oil.
2. Remove from heat and add 2 Tbs. chopped pumpkin, 2 Tbs. coconut milk, 1 tsp. almond extract, 1 tsp. chocolate extract and 1 tsp. vanilla extract. Mix in blender.
3. Massage through hair and leave on for 5-20 minutes. Refrigerate remaining mixture and discard after 5 days.

PINK recommends:

If you're too cooking-impaired to whip up your own concoctions, try these naturally-based products:

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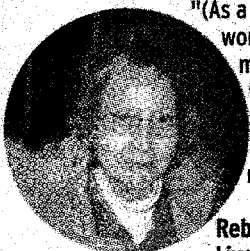
"I'm a school social worker so I hope to continue to help a lot of children with a lot of needs."

Kathy Clemence, Northville



"(As a retired social worker) the world has made a difference to me. When you see a need you certainly respond."

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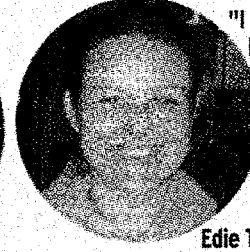
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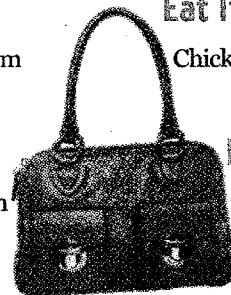
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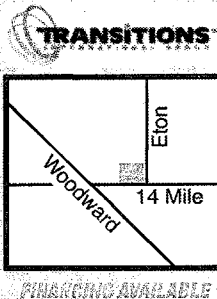
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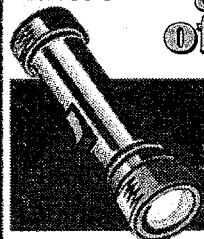
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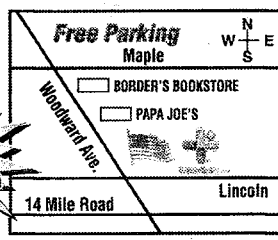
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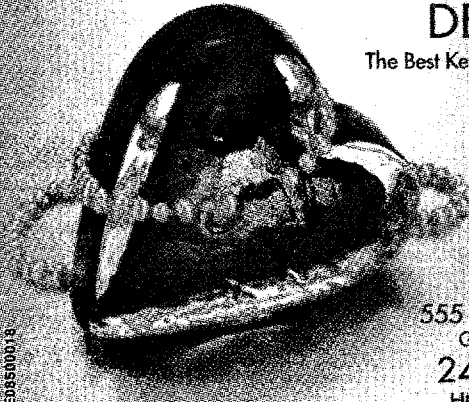
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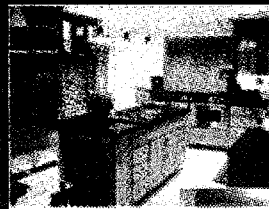
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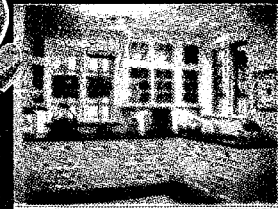
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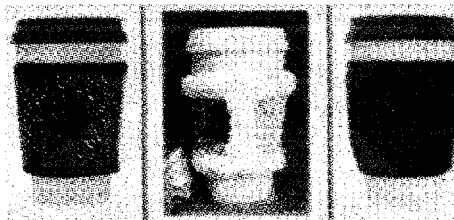
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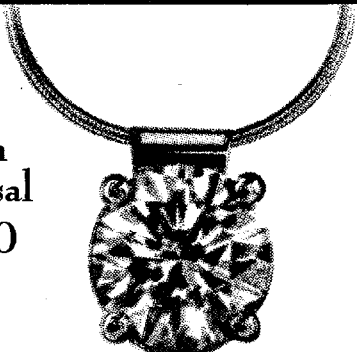
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