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Cora Barsegian can't yet tell if a recent slump in the dry cleaning business is a result of the Sheldon Road project.

Business not booming

Sheldon closure having negative effect on retailers

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Wayne County officials closed Sheldon Road at the CSX railroad tracks last month for the start of the two-year underpass project, they figured people would find their way around the construction and continue to patronize businesses in the area.

And while there is some evidence to suggest that's happening, there's no question the road closure is having a negative impact on retailers, particularly those just north of the project.

Connie Burnett, the head cashier at Leo's Coney Island at Five Mile and Sheldon, has worked at the restaurant for eight years. She said the road closure is costing the restaurant valuable business. And while it has kept some people from the north at Leo's end of town, business is still off.

"Everyone who used to go to Ann Arbor Road for lunch can't, so that makes up for it," Burnett said. "But the people on the other side (of the project)



Tom Hoffer and Igor Mishulin work for Perceptron, north of the railroad tracks and they both live in northern suburbs so the road closing has little effect on them.

can't get to us, so it's hurting a little." Sheldon will be closed nearly two years while Wayne County contractors construct the underpass designed to ease traffic congestion caused by trains in the area. Most locals are detouring around the area using Beck Road, but the impact is still being felt on both sides of the construction.

Also contributing is the weather, which had been balmy for this time of

Sheldon water main scheduled for testing, A4.

year, but has recently assumed its normal Michigan characteristics.

Cora Barsegian, the manager at Lorey Cleaners, said she's already lost at least one customer who decided not to fight his way around the construction. She also said the time of year might be playing a role in a definite decrease in business. While she's done some large orders for places like Ilmor Engineering, and the cleaners still get a lot of customers from Northville, she said business has definitely fallen off.

"I can't tell for sure if it's the (Sheldon) closing or the time of year," Barsegian said. "This last week, we've been very slow. I don't know what it is, but we are down."

Not everyone is feeling the pinch. At the Inn at St. John's, for instance, business continues to be brisk. While patronage of its new Five restaurant is down, the rest of the inn's business —

PLEASE SEE **SHELDON, A4**

Pantry needs dry goods, boxed foods

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Man cannot live on bread alone, nor, apparently, will a lot of canned goods do the trick.

That's why the folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army are hoping for a spike in donations of dry goods — boxed foods of all sorts — to fill out the food pantry they use to help needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Canned goods are in high supply, but Salvation Army staffers know that's not enough.

PLEASE SEE **PANTRY, A6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Salvation Army's Tammy Moyer checks the dwindling supply of dry/boxed foods in the emergency pantry. The pantry needs pastas, instant potatoes, dry boxed soups, oatmeal, etc.

China road

County brokers partnership between schools, Chinese city

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Trade missions to China by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano have resulted in the creation of a partnership between Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and one of China's top high schools, which could eventually lead to academic and cultural exchange programs.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has approved a partnership with the number one school attached to Central China Normal University in Wuhan, China, that could possibly lead to exchange programs for students and teachers on both sides of the globe.

"We look at this as a tremendous opportunity for our district," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for PCCS. "One of the partnership ideas is to communicate with students in China by e-mailing and using our distance learning lab. We also envision, over time, educational exchanges to learn about each other's culture, educational approaches and programming."

"The advantages for us is learning another culture," he said. "As we move into a global society, there is tremendous benefit in learning other cultures, languages and customs. As our society changes, we want to make sure our students are prepared for the future."

Mulu Birru, the executive director of Wayne County's Department of Economic Development, said the mayor of Wuhan — a city of 8.5 million people — is considered the "education mayor because he loves education."

"I personally visited the school in Wuhan twice," Birru said. "They have a very modern building with new classrooms and dormitories, and the best kids attend the school. The high school is connected to a university in Wuhan, and literally 100 percent of the students go on to universities."

Birru said Plymouth-Canton was chosen to participate in the partnership because of the growing Chinese population in the area. Ficano was also instrumental in attracting the Tempo Group — which has 27 factories in China — to purchase a 480,000-square-foot building on Michigan Avenue near Beck in Canton Township that houses a handful of research and development jobs.

"We just thought it was a good connection," Birru said.

Birru said the school partnership is in the early stages, but he envisions a wide-ranging scope of international activities.

"Students from here could go to China to learn Chinese in the schools, exchanges of teachers, pen pal arrangements and competition in sports like basketball and soccer," Birru said. "We could

PLEASE SEE **CHINA, A6**

Chamber board supports bond

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the Plymouth-Canton Schools \$62.1 million bond issue being put before voters Feb. 27.

The Board of Directors voted to support the bond proposal at its Thursday meeting after a push from Bill Pratt, who sits on the chamber's education committee.

"The school board and the district has this one right," Pratt said. "They're asking for things they absolutely need to maintain the high quality of the school system."

"The problem they ran into with the last (September 2006) bond was asking for things that were amenities, that weren't totally necessary," he said.

Pratt said he understands the state is financially challenged from layoffs and cutbacks by business and industry, and asking residents to vote for a tax

increase isn't necessarily popular.

"But, sometimes you have to bite the bullet," Pratt said. "What they are asking the voters to pay is relatively small based on what they are going to get for it."

According to the district, if the bond passes it will require a tax increase of .6 mills, costing an average homeowner — with a market value of \$275,000 — \$83 a year.

Major features of the bond include:

- Building a new middle school in Canton Township to replace Central Middle School in Plymouth, and reimbursing the general fund for the cost to purchase the land.

- Remodeling Central for the district's alternative education program, which is currently housed at Starkweather Education Center.

- Adding additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School,

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Billy Bob Thornton, who stars in *The Astronaut Farmer* which opens Friday, talks about his latest role.



Growth Works a lifeline for young people

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Growth Works has a proud tradition of serving young people in the Plymouth-Canton community and beyond, helping in such areas as substance abuse and behavior problems. Students, volunteers and others who make it all possible gathered Thursday at Fox Hills Country Club west of Plymouth for the organization's 18th-annual recognition dinner.

When youth David Grassley first came to Growth Works, he didn't think he belonged there. "Growth Works was very beneficial to me," he said at the awards dinner.

Grassley, now enrolled at Northville High School, was earlier expelled from Canton High School. He and his mom appreciate Growth Works and shared that at the dinner.

"I think it'll help me out forever with my decision-making skills," said Grassley, who also thanked his parents. "You guys did a lot for me and I'd really like to thank you."

This year's honorees include:

- Lisa Fikany of Grosse Pointe, Care Management Organization, community, Ennis Center for Children Detroit
- Sarah Kingsley of Grosse Pointe, CMO, community,

Ennis Center for Children Detroit

■ Marsha Bianconi of Westland, CMO, community, executive director of Western Wayne-Livonia.

"I am truly honored," Bianconi said. "It has been a privilege to work with these people. I can't tell you how dedicated the staff of Growth Works is."

■ Garrett Hren, CMO, youth, Dearborn

■ Antwon Jackson, CMO, youth, Romulus

■ Johnathan Woodrum, CMO, youth, Romulus

■ Rob Olson, chemical dependency, youth, Canton

■ David Smith, CD, youth, Livonia

■ David Grassley, Youth Assistance Program, youth, formerly of Canton

■ Orby Huffman, Pioneer Work & Learn GED, formerly of Belleville

■ Braeden Wilson, Schoolcraft GED, formerly of Van Buren

■ James Cobb, Schoolcraft GED, Northville

■ Hannah Rissman, Schoolcraft GED, Dearborn

■ Justin Cain, attended Schoolcraft, Dearborn

■ Frank Hubert, attended Schoolcraft, Romulus

■ Brad Hickman, attended Schoolcraft, Canton

■ Chris Lewis, attended Schoolcraft, formerly of Westland

■ Wolverine Human

Services, community, Novi - R.E. Wollack, president and CEO of Wolverine Human Services of Vassar, Mich., accepting.

Dale Yagiela, Growth works executive director, gave a brief overview of services, noting the CMO handled some 600 young people court-referred from 17 western Wayne communities. The Conference of Western Wayne is a close partner in that, he said.

There's also a new residential program in chemical dependency for adolescent males. "This is a real step forward," Yagiela said, also noting the ongoing success of adult outpatient treatment.

There's school support for the South Redford and Inkster districts, as well as space shared with other agencies in the Canton Human Services Center and the Schoolcraft College "Links to Success" which helps young people continue schooling.

Yagiela lauded Growth Works board members, including Stephen Harper, current president, who's served 25 years on the board.

Young people from Growth Works not receiving awards were also invited to the Fox Hills dinner, and Yagiela said he'd like to see them honored next year and beyond.

"That's the challenge that you guys face," he said.

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Symphony ready for 61st season finale

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the fifth and final concert of their 61st "Music for All Time" season, under award-winning music director and conductor Nan Harrison Washburn, with "Spring Fling!" featuring guest composer Elinor Armer and guest narrator Gloria Logan.

The concert takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

Celebrating spring, romance and just plain fun are the themes of the action-packed season finale, "Spring Fling!" Center-stage will be a performance of the beloved 20th century masterpiece, *Appalachian Spring*, by Aaron Copland.

On the lighter side, the work by Elinor Armer is *The Great Instrument of the Gegerrets*. Written in 1989, "Gegerrets" is a collaborative composition with science fiction writer Ursula K. Le Guin. In addition to the more conventional



Armer



Logan

musical instruments are two harmonicas and a bicycle wheel along with an array of "theatrics" from the orchestra players. Rounding out the program are two favorites on the topic of love: the seductive *Bacchanale* from "Samson & Delila" by Saint Saëns, and Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Overture*.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Washburn and composer Elinor Armer. The chat serves as a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program. A post-show reception will be held at Gem

Asset Management for major donors to the PSO.

The concert is sponsored by LaSalle 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. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. Tickets for PSO performances can now be purchased using the symphony's secure On-line Box Office on its Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

Tickets may also be obtained by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by fax at (734) 451-3458, by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth.

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Tuesday, March 6	9 am - Noon	Organizational Meeting
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Monday, March 12	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 14	9 am - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 17	9 am - 11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 23, 2007.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 455-1453.

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Plymouth Township officials have announced there will not be a delay in the collection of trash caused by the President's Day holiday Monday, Feb. 19.

Residents are still being asked to place items at the curb by 7 a.m. on regularly scheduled collection days.

Swimming scholarship

The James W. Franklin Scholarship Fund provides \$1,000 for graduates of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who participated in an organized swimming program during high school.

The scholarship application is available in the high school counseling offices or on-line at www.JamesWFranklin.com. Applications for this year's award are due March 1, with the award being announced at the annual Honors Convocation in May.

Texas Hold'em benefit

The Plymouth/Canton Airport Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA#113) is hosting a charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24 to support its aviation education and scholarship programs.

There is a \$60 fee to participate. Top prize will be \$500-\$1000, and there will be a scaled payout to top 20 percent of players. Registration begins at 2 p.m., with a 3 p.m. state time.

For more information visit www.eaa113.org

Academy open house

Plans for the fourth year of Cross Bridge Academy, a non-profit school for children with autism and other severe language impairments, are well underway. The school is the product of the combined effort of a group of dedicated parents and caring professionals to develop an academic curriculum for children with moderate to severe autism.

The school hosts an open house 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, on Sheldon Road in Canton.

The Cross Bridge Academy curriculum has been carefully researched and incorporates the highly successful Association Method, intense Sensory Integration therapy and Speech and Language

therapy. Social skill development is woven into each day, as children move from individual to group learning sessions.

As a result of the children's academic success, the Cross Bridge Academy curriculum has been expanded to include Social Studies and Science.

Classroom size is limited to five children per class, with teachers specially trained in the Association Method. There are two teaching assistants per class. A full-time Occupational Therapist specially trained in Sensory Integration provides two hours per week of individual therapy, plus one day a week of in-class consultation to help transfer newly learned skills to an academic environment. A language program specifically designed for Cross Bridge Academy is implemented weekly by a certified speech pathologist.

To register, call Lorraine Zaksek at (734) 455-6232.

Symons scholarships

The P-CEP Choir Boosters announce the Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships, a pair of \$500 scholarships open to PCEP graduates from 2006 or earlier with a minimum of 2 years in PCEP choir program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college-vocal music education or performance program. A letter of recommendation from college instructor is required.

The Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships are administered through the Canton Community Foundation Scholarship Program. The scholarship program, which began in 1990 and awarded \$4,000 to nine students, has grown steadily over the years. Since the program began, local students have received more than \$360,000 toward their education.

Local businesses and organizations, as well as philanthropic individuals, continue to sponsor and support these various scholarships because the need for them is so great. Last year alone CCF received 130 scholarship applications for 34 awards.

This year CCF offers Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents access to 35 scholarships totaling \$35,300. The scholarships are available to graduating high-school seniors, current



Snow play

These enterprising children didn't waste the snow day given them by Mother Nature earlier this week. According to interested observers, the children, all from Plymouth, spent nearly the entire day, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., building this snow fort. Building the fort were (on top) Jordan Belanger, (from left) Anna Spangler, Tyler Lazorka, Ryan Tiderington, Brooke Belanger and Kristi Belanger, and (in front) Collin Belanger.

college students, and to non-traditional students (adults who are pursuing their degrees for the first time or after an extended absence). The 2007-2008 Scholarship Application is available on our homepage at www.cantonfoundation.org. Applications are due March 2, 2007 by 5 p.m. to the Foundation office.

Women's health program

Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth offers a free program on women's health, featuring Shari Maxwell, M.D., for an informative and intimate look at issues surrounding women's health.

Maxwell, an obstetric-gynecologist at Henry Ford, will discuss topics such as birth control, fibroids, incontinence and menopause. She will also address issues surrounding abnormal pap smears and the importance of yearly screenings.

The event takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth, 14300 Beck Road. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information and to register call 1-800-HENRY-FORD (1-800-436-7936).

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's newest theatre for the community, announces auditions for "An Evening of Mystery," two one-act murder

mysteries (*The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard and *An Inspector Answers* by Phillip Norman Hart).

Auditions take place 7-9 p.m. Feb. 26-27 at the Book Cellar & Café, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Roles are available for six men and three women (mid-20s-mid-60s). Actors must provide resumé and head shot, do a prepared monologue and cold reading. Performance dates for the plays are April 26-29.

For more information, visit the Barefoot Productions Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.

Art exhibit

Award-winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton has joined into the Anton Art Center's Michigan Annual XXXIII show which opens Friday and runs through March 2 in Mt. Clemens. Her piece of art titled "Westland's Camel" is a part of the exhibit.

Anyone who would like to contact her regarding this exhibit, or upcoming classes she's offering at the Cherry Hill Village Theatre, can call (734) 397-1626, or register for them at (734) 394-5460. Her Introduction to Writing Children's Stories, and Writing Your Life Story/Family History classes are open for enrollment.

She's also willing to talk to anyone interested in a copy of her commemorative poem, "From Farmland To Ikea," which she penned for the Canton Newcomer's 35th Birthday Celebration, held Wednesday.

Arts-crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

All non-jewelers, including artists, photographers, and crafters who hand-craft their own items, are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the third annual event to be held at Canton High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos as soon as possible. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Jewelry makers need not apply, as the show quota for jewelers has been met. Over 1,500 attendees are expected at the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Snow shoveling

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteers to help seniors with snow shoveling. Volunteers can contact Bobbie Pummil, program coordinator for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, ext. 236.

Wedding workshop

A unique Wedding Workshop has been designed so couples-to-be can enjoy a stress-free wedding by spending only 90 minutes now at a roundtable with the experts they need to hear from.

The workshop is arranged like speed dating, or musical chairs, but it's all about meeting experts who can help plan. The opportunity begins 6:30

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, just south of Ann Arbor Trail at 499 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The workshop is free to those who make reservations in advance by calling (734) 416-5100. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. For more information visit www.MHGB.com

The panel of experts include photography, florist, DJ, videography, wedding cakes, reception facilities, honeymoon travel, bridal accessories, chair covers and engraving.

Seating is limited. For information, or to reserve your spot, call 734-416-5100 or visit www.mhgb.com

Caregiver support group

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. These meetings provide support, information and encouragements to caregivers who are caring for a spouse, parent or others.

The group will help family and friends deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

First-time participants should call Chris Goldberg, (313) 359-0736 or e-mail at cgoldberg@awbs.org

Living safely

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a living safely/fall prevention seminar 10:45-11:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Participants will learn some tips from certified therapists on how to avoid some of the most common injuries and illnesses that affect the senior population. The class is sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

DAR meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth meet 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Plymouth District Library on Main in downtown Plymouth.

The program includes the Good Citizen Reception. For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

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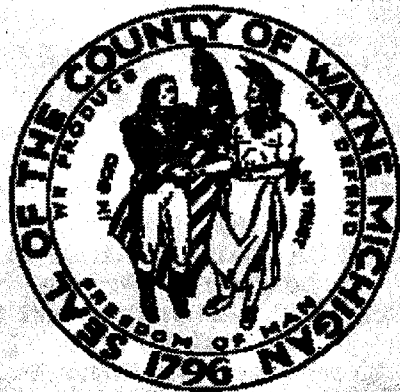
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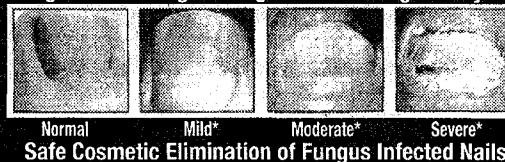
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SHELDON

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largely conferences and meetings — is doing well. "It was a bigger problem when M-14 was closed, because

people coming from Detroit and Ann Arbor had a harder time getting to us," said Tawnya Johnson, St. John's director of sales. "It certainly has an impact on local people, particularly coming to our restaurant. We have alternate directions up on our Web site, but most of them already know a way to get around it.

"If the exits to M-14 had been closed (for the railroad project), it would have been a huge problem," Johnson added. "With the exits remaining open during the process, that's a huge benefit to us."

But not all businesses are feeling that good about it. At Leo's, business is still pretty good, but it isn't what it used to be. Burnett, the head cashier, said the difference is obvious during peak times.

"Rush hour is probably about 75 percent of what it used to be," she said. "We used to have a line out the door. Now, that's pretty rare."

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The end of a recent workday on the Sheldon underpass project, which is causing problems for businesses in the area.

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Sheldon water main scheduled for testing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A temporary water main, part of the Sheldon Road underpass project, will be tested for several days beginning Saturday, March 3.

If all goes well, city residents won't notice a thing.

"We fully anticipate it will be a success," City Manager Paul Sincoc said. "Engineers from the city and Plymouth Township have been meeting on a fairly regular basis on procedures and protocol, so we don't anticipate any problems."

During the testing, city residents will be getting water supplied by Plymouth Township, instead of the city of Detroit.

"Currently, the city of Plymouth gets its water supply from two connections from the city of Detroit water system," Sincoc said. "With the temporary setup, we will be serviced by three connections through Plymouth Township, which also gets its water from Detroit."

The city's two connections are located at Sheldon Road and Goldsmith and Sheldon near Ann Arbor Road. The temporary water connections will be located at North Territorial, west of Sheldon; Plymouth and Haggerty; and Sheldon, north of Ann Arbor Road.

The test is designed to make certain the computer model works, that the temporary connections can be operable for three weeks in April when a new 36-inch water main is installed as part of the project.

During a town hall meeting concerning the Sheldon Road underpass project in November at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp said they don't foresee any problems with the test, but they won't be certain until it's completed.

Sincoc said residents will be able to tell if the test goes as planned.

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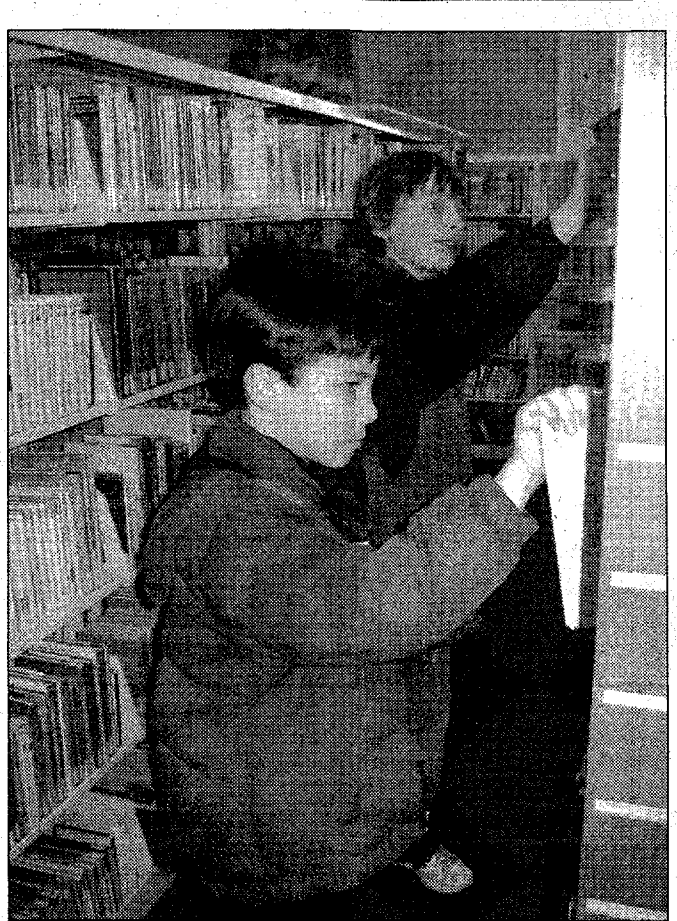
■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. — The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ **STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS**, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **ALL ABOUT OSCAR**, Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. — Lawrence Zejaki, film instructor at Oakland Community College and former film critic, will deliver a light but thought-



Winter break

The Bernardi brothers of Northville — John Paul, 8, and Anthony, 11 — spent part of their snow day at the Plymouth District Library last Wednesday. Kids out of school for winter break this week will have the opportunity to do the same thing, with programs including movies, video games, a Mardi Gras and a knitting club. To register for all events, call the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

ful examination of this year's Academy Award nominations. Novices as well as film buffs will learn about the essence of cinema and the history of the fickle finger of Oscar. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier. Copies of this book

are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

■ **MARDI GRAS**, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. — All children — winter breakers and home-schoolers — will enjoy this program celebrating Fat Tuesday. This program is for children ages 5-12 — no younger siblings please. Registration begins February 6 at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **WINTER MOVIE**, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. — Come in from the cold and have a laugh while you enjoy

How to Eat Fried Worms. This movie is rated PG and intended for children ages 5-12. No registration is required.

■ **TEEN PROGRAM** — **KNITTING KNIT WITS**, Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. — Join other teens and volunteer Judy Gwozdek in making squares for blankets for a charity to be selected or just bring your own knitting and have fun. If you don't know how to knit — come along anyway — Judy will teach you how.

■ **WINTER BREAK MOVIE BREAK**, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. — Grab your friends and catch a flick at the Library. Afterwards, check out some DVDs to get you through the rest of Winter Break. No registration is required.

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■ **ADVANCED EMAIL**, Monday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. — For Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts, you will learn how to create an address book and signature file. Tell electronic junk mail good bye — you will learn how to use an e-mail filter to get rid of it once and for all.

DEATHS

B

John Baffy
Baffy, 66, died Feb. 13.

John F. Brogan Jr.
Brogan, 60, formerly of Livonia, died Feb. 11.

C

Charles Reed Collins
Collins, 26, of Livonia, died Feb. 9.

Georgina P. Connell
Connell, 88, of Plymouth, died Feb. 14.

H

Edward J. Hahn Jr.
Hahn, 95, of Birmingham, died Feb. 13.

Donald K. Hoffman
Hoffman, 90, of Plymouth, died Feb. 14.

Margie Anne Hoegy
Hoegy, 57, formerly of Livonia, died Feb. 15.

P

Dorothy Jean Phillips
Phillips, 77, formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 15.

Larry Jared Pilkinton
Pilkinton, 68, of Redford Township, died.

Robert Pollock
Pollock, 92, of Birmingham, died Feb. 13.

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■ **Tuesday, Feb. 13** — Residential rescue runs on Cherry, on Village, on Irvin and on Northville Road; vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon; vehicle accidents on northbound I-275 over I-96, at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, on southbound I-275 at I-96 and on Jib.

■ **Monday, Feb. 12** — Industrial rescue runs on Halyard and on General Drive; investigations on Plymouth Road and Van Buren; commercial rescue run on Port; vehicle accident at Joy and Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Eastside, on Judson, on Dewey

and on Burroughs.

■ **Sunday, Feb. 11** — Vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty; downed wires on Brookline; rescue run to a public building/school on Main; residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Academy.

■ **Saturday, Feb. 10** — Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue run on Powell; rescue run on Main; rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty; special run on 5 Mile.

■ **Friday, Feb. 9** — Investigation on Jackson; commercial rescue run on Main; residential rescue run on A Drive.

■ **Thursday, Feb. 8** — Residential rescue runs on Northview, on Northern and

on N. Territorial; commercial rescue run on 5 Mile.

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 7** — Vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road west of I-275; residential rescue runs on Buckingham,

on Northville and on Wilson; commercial rescue run on Concept; mutual-aid given fire and rescue run on Innsbrook in Northville; mutual aid given at 6 Mile and Sheldon.

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CHINA
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have cultural exchanges, with students here and there staying with families. And, hopefully, Plymouth-Canton will adopt the introduction of the Chinese language in their curriculum." Yichong Li, a senior at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park from Nanjing, China, has been living with her host family in Canton since August. She said in China classes are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., but believes it's harder for teens in America because they have to go to school and also hold part-time jobs. Li said a formal exchange between PCCS and one in Wuhan would be beneficial to students on both sides of the Pacific.

"I think it's a great idea," Li said. "I've enjoyed my exchange year so far, learning about the differences between American and Chinese education and culture. An exchange program with China might help us to get more connected with the world, and more opportunities," she said. "It can help build a bridge of understanding between the two countries."

Ficano said Wuhan is a good sister region for Wayne County because it also has a manufacturing base.

"During our trade missions they encouraged economics, but they also talked about exposure for youngsters so they start to become familiar with China and its economics and culture," Ficano said. "The Chinese government has indicated they have scholarship money for students."

Ficano said as a result of the trade missions, Wayne County is ahead of the curve in attracting business to and from China.

"We don't want to make the same mistake we did with Japan," Ficano said. "Toyota came to the U.S. and located everywhere but in Michigan. It's a chain migration, and if we can get companies to locate here, others will follow."

Bender said the district is excited about the possibilities.

"We would like Plymouth-Canton Schools to be a destination for residents of Wuhan, China, and Wayne County feels the same way," Bender said. "That's why we're building on the strength of a business partnership, cultural exchanges, economic benefits, the whole package."

PANTRY
FROM PAGE A1

"I've got tons of canned goods," said Tammy Moyer, the Salvation Army's pantry director. "I can't give people three bags of canned goods. They can't make meals out of that."

The Salvation Army depends on the generosity of others to fill out the pantry shelves, from which they help needy families from throughout their service area. Families of four or fewer get three bags of groceries at a time - designed to be enough food for two weeks at a time - while larger families get six bags.

Moyer said she's doling out between 15-20 bags every week. It gets a little worse, she said, every time one of the automakers announces still more layoffs.

"Every time we hear of a lay-off, it seems to affect the little companies just as much," Moyer said. "Then we get the people from the big companies who need help, too."

While there's meat in the freezer and plenty of canned goods, the dry goods seem to be the anomaly. For instance, there's plenty of syrup, but not



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

While the Plymouth Salvation Army has plenty of canned goods, the dry-good section of their pantry is nearly empty.

enough pancake mix. There's lots of canned vegetables, but few instant mashed potatoes.

The pantry is in need of, among other things, macaroni and cheese, Rice-A-Roni, instant rice, soup, instant potatoes, stuffing, cake mixes, popcorn, pancake mixes, scalloped potatoes, oatmeal, crackers, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter and jelly, instant gelatin and pudding mixes, powdered soft drinks, sugar and cereal.

"You can't make a day's worth of meals using only canned peas and corn," said

Kelly Boelter, the Salvation Army's public relations coordinator. "If we have Hamburger Helper, instant rice, instant mashed potatoes ... they can make a meal out of that."

In addition to the food, toiletries such as feminine hygiene products, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, laundry detergent, dish soap Pine-Sol and diapers are also needed.

The number of families using the pantry increases as

the state's economy continues to struggle. Bill Moritz, the Salvation Army's director of social services, points to an easy target - the economy - as the cause for the increase in need. The Plymouth-Canton area is replete with auto-related companies, many of whom have had to cut the number of workers.

It's a recipe for need, according to Moritz.

"Layoffs have been terrible," he said. "Half of these are auto-related. The auto industry struggles, and it trickles down."

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Salem High School and Field Elementary.

- Constructing a gymnasium at Field Elementary.
- Purchasing 13 new school buses.
- Creating safety improvements, including security cameras at Plymouth-Canton Education Park.
- Academic related updates to comply with state imposed graduation requirements.

Chamber President Jim Vermeulen said the business group decided about a year ago to be more vocal in expressing opinions on some political issues.

"We're not a political organization, by any means, but we hope the chamber opinion is important to the community,"

Vermeulen said. "We always risk offending someone, and it might be best to remain quiet, but that would be shirking a responsibility that as a chamber we have to the community. What's good for the community helps attracts residents, and as the community prospers, so does business."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei said she was a bit surprised that the Plymouth chamber was taking a position on the issue, but she said it wasn't unusual. She is aware of other chambers, including in Farmington and Dearborn, where chambers are active in the local political process.

"If you really want to be an informational source and represent the business community, you can't win by endorsing a political issue, because you're always going to tick somebody off," she said. "We feel we're an

informational source. We don't take positions on political issues. We might provide information about a political issue, but we don't endorse. I don't think we've ever had a political action committee."

Superintendent Jim Ryan is a member of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce board, but did not have input in the education committee's recommendation, nor was he a part of the board discussion on the bond.

"They've always been receptive about information on school bond issues, but have always stopped short of making any endorsement," Ryan said. "Even if they would have said 'no' (to the bond), they need to take a leadership role because they are business leaders and opinion leaders in the community"

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth and in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time a School Improvement Bond Proposition will be voted on. The proposition reads as follows:

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Two Million One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$62,100,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the site for a new middle school building;
- Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings;
- Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities, and purchasing school buses; and
- Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.60 mills (which is equal to \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.53 mills annually (0.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES NO

Polling locations are as follows for the Plymouth Township and for the City of Plymouth:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH			
Precinct 1	Farrand School	41400 Greenbriar	
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft	
Precinct 3	Allen School	11100 Haggerty Road	
Precinct 4	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Road	
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Road	
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail	
Precinct 7	LivingWord Church	46500 N. Territorial Road	
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Road	
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road	
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Road	
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial	
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road	
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Road	
Precinct 14	Isbister School	9300 Canton Center Road	
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Road	
Precinct 17	NorthRidge Church	49555 N. Territorial Road	

CITY OF PLYMOUTH			
Precincts 1, 2 & 4	Cultural Center	525 Farmer St	
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Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (354-3224 or 354-3228) and for the City of Plymouth registered voters absentee ballots may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main St. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (458-1234 x 234). Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters, in person at both Clerks' Offices from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 24. On Monday, February 26, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the respective Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Marilyn Messingill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Linda Langmesser, Clerk
City of Plymouth

Publish: February 18, 2007

Buying stocks on margin can be a dangerous gamble

It was recently recommended to me that I buy some stocks on margin. I'm not exactly sure what that means. Can you help me?

When you buy an investment on margin, you basically are borrowing money in order to purchase an investment. The collateral for the loan is your investment account. The theory behind margining is that you can increase your purchasing power by buying more shares of an investment.

If that investment goes up, you certainly will do well. On the other hand, if that investment takes a downturn, then you can have problems.

The biggest problem that can develop with margin accounts is that if the market goes through a difficult time, it potentially can mean that the collateral supporting the margin is no longer sufficient and thus you can receive what is known as a margin call.

A margin call is where your collateral is no longer sufficient to cover your loan and you have to provide additional collateral. If you do not provide additional collateral, the brokerage house can sell the underlying security without your permission.

In fact, in most of the margin disclosure forms that you are required to sign, the brokerage house does not even have to notify you that your collateral has gone down and it can sell your collateral without your permission. Furthermore, it can choose to sell any security in your account without your permission. This can cause severe adverse tax consequences, because it can choose to sell an investment that causes you to recognize short-term gains.

For the great majority of people, I am not a fan of margining and I do not recommend it. I believe margining is a form of gambling and that is something that people should not do with their portfolios.

It is also important to recognize that when you margin your account, it is not free. You are paying interest on the margin loan from the brokerage firm. When you factor in the cost of margining and recognize the fact that markets are volatile and anything can happen, I do not recommend margin investing for the great majority of people. As

far as I am concerned, when you margin an account, you lose control of your portfolio and that is something that investors should never do. My advice is not to margin your account.

I recently found an old stock certificate from a company that I purchased over 30 years ago. How would I determine if this has any value?

There are two ways that this stock certificate can have some value to you. The first is, the company can still be in business and even though it is an old certificate, it is still valid. My first recommendation is to determine whether the company is still listed on the stock exchange. I recommend that you use the Internet to search for the company. If you cannot find any information about the company, you may wish to hire a company to do the search for you. One company that does searches is Stock Search International, (800) 537-4523, www.stocksearchintl.com. This company, for a small fee, will research a company for you and let you know if it is still in business. Furthermore, the company can assist you if it turns out that the stock has value.

Even if the company does not exist, you may find out that the old stock certificate has value. Over the last few years, old stocks certificates have become a collectible. Many people now buy and sell old stock certificates and, in some cases, the stock certificate itself is worth more than the underlying value of the shares represented on the certificate.

There are many companies that buy and sell old certificates on the Internet. Stock Search International is one of them. In addition, I recommend you consider eBay, which has numerous old stock certificates listed for sale.

Never should an investor throw out an old stock certificate without checking its value. It may be a surprise to you how much some of these old stock certificates are worth. Therefore, if you find an old stock certificate, not only should you look to see if the underlying company is still in existence and if there is any value, but also never forget to look at the value of the certificate itself.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

5 candidates run for 3 Schoolcraft board seats

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Five candidates will compete for three seats on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees in the May 8 school election.

Mary Breen and Brian Broderick will seek re-election to new six-year terms. Joan Gebhardt, who was appointed in December to replace Kevin McNamara, will run for a new term. McNamara left the board after being elected to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Seeking election to the board for the first time are Canton attorney James Fausone and Ron Randall of Livonia, retired Schoolcraft College registrar.

Fausone is a partner in the law firm Fausone Bohn with offices in Northville. He has interviewed for open slots on the board twice, including last fall to replace McNamara.

"I decided to get into the race

because increasing college attendance is more important than ever," Fausone said. "We need to make college accessible, affordable, relevant and rigorous for those wishing to go to college at a community college."

Fausone has an engineering degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Gonzaga University. He has served on numerous professional and community boards and organizations. He said he brings something different from other members on the board.

"The real world pace is different than academic pace," he said.

He said he would nudge the administration toward that faster pace.

Randall retired from Schoolcraft in 2001 after working at the college for 33 years.

"I bring a lot of knowledge about the history and culture of the college," he said.

He said the area's economic problems have created a record number of new students at Schoolcraft.

"I think they are planning for the growth with the new health building," Randall said. "It's important not to overbuild. When the economic conditions get settled, we don't want to have too much space."

He said the college's new Biomedical Technology Center was needed to meet a demand in that area.

Randall was interviewed in December to replace McNamara.

Broderick has served on the board since 1995.

"I've enjoyed the service I've been able to give to the college and community," Broderick said. "A lot of exciting things have been happening at community colleges."

Breen has served on the Schoolcraft board since 1983.

Volunteers sought for annual frog and toad survey

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the 10th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey.

Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two-hour training workshop and learn eight breeding calls from a cd that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings, several

times a month beginning in March and ending in July.

This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling. Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed in wetlands.

The survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors,

and others are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313)792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org. Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend.

Workshops are:
10 a.m. to noon Saturday March 3, at Farmington Hills City Council Chambers,

31555, 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills.

7-9 p.m. Thursday March 15, at Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

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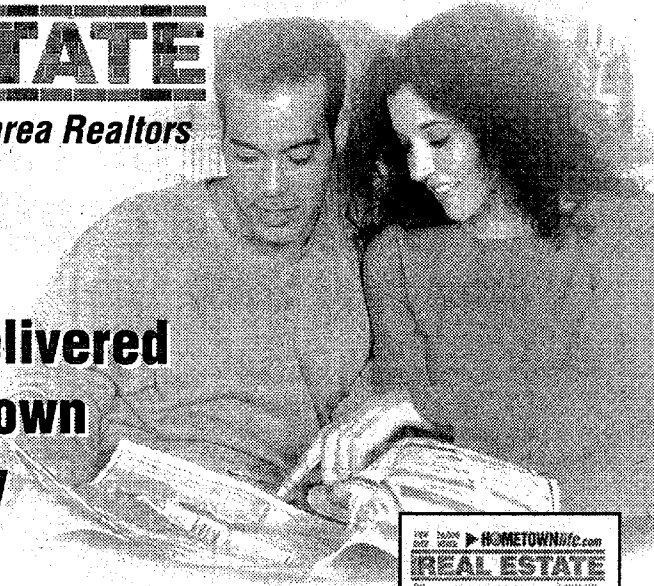
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Marriage proposal helps keep romance alive at Nieman Marcus

BY MEGAN PENNEFATHER
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day five tuxedoed men serenade a woman on the third floor of Nieman Marcus at Somerset Collection in Troy.

It's not every day a 68-year-old man in full Scottish clan garb rides the escalator up to the third floor of Nieman Marcus and proposes to said woman on Valentine's Day.

But Canton resident James MacDonald would tell you that it's not every day you meet a woman like his fiancée, Trish Blackman.

That's why, amid bemused co-workers and Nieman Marcus customers Wednesday afternoon, MacDonald proposed marriage to 64-year-old Blackman, his girlfriend of several months.

Yes, she accepted on the



The Bath City Boyz members Chuck Murray (from left) of Ortonville, Jeff Spires of Clarkston, Tom Blackstone of Rochester Hills, Bob McCaffrey of Oxford and Mike Green of Auburn Hills helped Canton resident James MacDonald (second from right) propose to girlfriend Trish Blackman (far right) of Waterford at Nieman Marcus on Valentine's Day.

women, called about 60 or so, met about 32 of them, and settled on one.

The 68-year-old is glad he was so thorough.

"She was the top of the pack," said MacDonald. "We had a lot of things in common. We talked for hours each night."

He knew a good thing when he saw it, so he hired the barbershop quartet called The Bath City Boyz, part of the Guardians of Harmony barbershop association, and planned his proposal.

MacDonald not only planned the proposal, he already planned the wedding: The couple will be married July 27 at St. Conan's Kirk in Loch Awe, Scotland.

Blackman's co-workers were as surprised as the bride-to-be, and nearly as thrilled.

spot.

"He's like that," she beamed after having a diamond ring slipped on her finger. "He's so romantic."

Blackman, who's worked

at Nieman Marcus for six years, met MacDonald over the Internet.

MacDonald joined four singles' Web sites, perused profiles of hundreds of

4-H offers teens entrepreneurs club

Youth ages 14-19, who are interested in being their own boss, want to learn how to start their own business, want to gain leadership skills and enhance their resume, and enjoy making new friends are invited to a March 12 informational meeting of the 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club.

Michigan State University Extension of Wayne County recently was awarded a participation in a pilot program of "Kids to Entrepreneurs." The program is designed provide fun, educational activities to increase the awareness of financial literacy and entrepreneurial education, to empower youth to utilize the skills they learn to develop their own business, and to develop youth entrepreneurial leaders to strengthen Michigan's economic future.

The meeting will be at the Western Wayne County Extension office in the RESA Annex at 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne.

The 4-H Future

Entrepreneurs will create their own business plan to present at a business expo at Exploration Days at Michigan State University in 2008.

Youth interested in the 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club can contact Wayne County 4-H Educator Laurie Rivetto at (734) 727-7236 to find out more information or to sign up for this first meeting.

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College admission counseling essential in helping students

The counselor's office was an oasis at high school. Soft classical music, subdued lighting and a hushed atmosphere were a stage setting for the counselor to do his job - to remind us that it was a tough world out there and we were just not working up to our potential.

It would have been impossible for any of us to emulate the counselor. The word was, no doubt spread by the counselor that he had graduated high school at 12 or 14, had a college degree by 16 and a doctorate by 21. It was just too exhausting for any of us to equal. And in any case, in our neighborhood, only about 25-30 percent of the students would pursue a college degree (at least right out of high school).

This was a time when there were lots of good, high paying jobs in the auto industry, in construction and in many other fields that didn't require a college degree. Of course, there was also a war going on and a college deferment could keep the draft at bay.

But preparing the students at my school for the college admissions juggernaut was a small part of the counselor's job.

Today it would seem that college admissions would be a primary concern for high school counselors as fewer and fewer jobs are available without some post-high school education. But Patrick O'Connor, director of college counseling at Roeper School and past president of the Michigan Association of College Admission Counseling, believes more needs to be done to train high school counselors.

"Many veteran high school counselors came out of their M.A. programs with no formal training in college counseling at all, and some newer counselors were exposed to only three-five hours of training in a variety of courses centered on other topics - only to discover the need for more training in college counseling once they became employed counselors, working with Michigan students," O'Connor wrote in an e-mail.

The association is supporting legislation that would require that all new seventh-12th-grade counselors complete a separate course in the college selection process before they can be hired by a public school district. Freshman state Rep. Chuck Moss, R-Birmingham, is sponsoring the legislation.

O'Connor argues that recent changes in state expectations make it critical that counselors fully understand the college application process. The state has mandated graduation requirements and the MEAP has been replaced for high school students with the ACT.

O'Connor said that with the strong emphasis on students pursuing postsecondary education, it

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is important that high school counselors be able "to hit the ground running" with the careful counseling that makes for a successful college application.

O'Connor said counselors are often overburdened, with a 67-1 ratio of students to counselors, the sixth highest in the country.

"Many high schools are telling representatives from colleges they can come to the schools or visit with students at lunch in the cafeteria," O'Connor said.

But that doesn't help students deal with the complex issues of student financing, preparing a written autobiography, understanding what colleges expect in terms of extracurricular and volunteer activities and receiving a realistic assessment of a college's selectivity and where the student's test scores and grades fall for particular colleges. It also doesn't help a student find just the right kind of college for his/her skills and personality - big state university, small private college, community college.

"Michigan teachers, parents and students deserve better," O'Connor said.

O'Connor isn't critical of high school counselors, he says Michigan has good counselors who can only become better with this crucial part of their training. And, he believes, this is another important piece of the jigsaw puzzle that will make Michigan's schools more competitive and competent in preparing students for higher education.

"Michigan is blessed to have good college counseling occurring at the high school level now, but the time has come to raise the quality to an even higher level," he wrote in his e-mail. "By passing the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the Michigan Merit Exam (including the ACT), the state legislature is helping our students prepare for college. By passing the Michigan Promise, the state legislature is helping our students pay for college. By passing this legislation, the state legislature will be helping our students make the best decisions about college, by providing Michigan students and families with the best prepared college counselors in the nation."

It's a tough world out there and students need all the help they can get to work up to their full potential.

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If Metroparks were lost, would anyone replace them?

Hugh Gallagher's workmanlike article of Jan. 28 on "Metroparks for the People" reminded me of a favorite parlor game I like to play.

Gallagher reported on the history of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds. It's the story of how a few visionaries, headed by Henry S. Curtis and Harlow O. Whittemore, had the foresight to preserve some of the rivers, forests, meadows and lakes in the Huron and Clinton river valleys.

Even during the Great Depression of the '30s, they saw that the ecosystem could be befouled and might disappear through the intrusion of development. They put together a five-county authority and a small property tax proposal that today has resulted in 13 metroparks from Mount Clemens to Pontiac to Ann Arbor to Brownstown.

Motorized traffic is kept to a minimum. Fees are low. Nature is as unspoiled as it could be in the 21st century. Fishing is better, I swear, in Kent Lake than in many lakes "up north." On hikes, my late friend Doug Funke kept lists of different kinds of animals and birds he spotted. In middle age, he had a childlike joy about the metroparks.

The game I mentioned is: If it were destroyed, could it be re-created? In it, you discuss various major institutions and whether they could be re-constructed in today's environmental and governmental climate.

Take the Detroit Institute of Arts. If a meteor or a terrorist's bomb hit, the art of a world-class institution would be cinders. It couldn't be restored. In the regime of Mayor Young, the city backed away from funding it, leaving it to the tender mercies of Gov. John Engler and the state.

I doubt that the state would provide the millions to build a new one. More likely, private funds would put up a museum of modern art elsewhere. The DIA and its baroque masterworks would be gone.

On the other hand, if the auditorium housing the Detroit Symphony Orchestra were hit, another symphony could be formed, in time. Another auditorium could be built, and sheet music rented. Again, the locale might be changed, but the region would again have what we uppity types call "good music."

Got the idea? The state Capitol building would be difficult. All sorts of records and research would be gone. When it was restored in the 1980s,

Our state parks are under fearsome attack by a self-styled "think tank" called the Mackinac Center. It would like to sell off a goodly number of parks to private owners and use the proceeds to develop the remaining parks with lodges and many resort amenities.

our leaders re-created a lot of the original glasswork and paneling.

Most importantly, they kept an open atmosphere, where people could visit public servants' offices and committee hearing rooms. You can chat with the governor in the corridor. It's accessible.

I have a hunch that a new capitol building would be full of electronic devices and walls where you have to pass through a metal detector, just like the Oakland courthouse or a Detroit public school. In other words, a functional building would replace it, but the security industry would run amok and spoil it for visitors.

Our state parks are under fearsome attack by a self-styled "think tank" called the Mackinac Center. It would like to sell off a goodly number of parks to private owners and use the proceeds to develop the remaining parks with lodges and many resort amenities. As for the remaining campsites, the more desirable ones and the more popular dates would be auctioned off to the highest bidders. A working-class family looking for a cheap vacation close to nature would have to take the hind spigot, so to speak.

If a tornado two miles wide, like the one that hit on April 1947 from Canadian, Texas, to Woodward, Okla., were to rip at 200 mph up the Clinton and Huron river valleys, it would devastate the 13 metroparks.

Could they be reclaimed? Leaders like Henry Curtis and Harlow Whittemore, if they emerged, would be met with jeers of "job killer" when they promoted a remedial property tax. Private property owners would move in their stakes, the way they often reclaimed abandoned railroad beds to keep hikers and cyclists from using them. Townships would scream for a chance to embellish their tax base.

The visionaries of the 1930s succeeded, but my sad bet is that southeastern Michigan couldn't do it again. Bless the visionaries and the metroparks.

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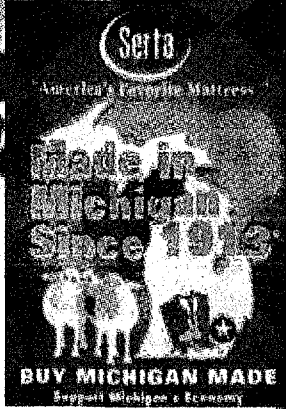


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Canton wrestlers win 3rd straight District title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's performance at the Division 1 District wrestling tournament Thursday night at Salem mirrored most of Chief standout Corey Phillips' matches: machine-like and never really in doubt.

The Chiefs captured their third consecutive District title by ousting the host Rocks, 44-15, in the semifinal before dismantling an undermanned Plymouth squad, 62-12, in the championship tilt.

Canton will take its 26-4 record into Wednesday's talent-stocked D1 Regional



Phillips

at Saline. If the Chiefs can knock off Saline in its first-round Regional match, they will tangle with either Livonia Franklin or Novi Catholic Central for the program's second straight trip to the state finals in Battle Creek.

"Without downgrading the other programs, we're at the point now where we expect to win district titles," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We look at tonight as the first step toward our goal of getting to the state finals. That's where

we set our sights and I think it's within our reach.

"It feels good because we've won three in a row now and before we got here Canton had never won a district title. Having a program at a level where we expect to win is a nice feeling. It's fun to watch the confidence level of the kids rise to the occasion."

Randolph said he's eagerly anticipating Wednesday's intensity-filled showdown.

"If everything falls into place, it should be a great Regional," he emphasized.

"Livonia Franklin should go into it as heavily favored because they beat us earli-

er in the year. I think both teams — Canton and Livonia Franklin — would love to see a rematch. Our programs have a love-hate relationship as far as the rivalry goes.

"I think we both respect each other as coaches and we respect each other's program, but once we get on the mat, we're as competitive as you can be."

Sparked by junior Jeremy Epley's 9-2 win over Kiel Price at 152 pounds, the Rocks actually led the Chiefs, 12-9, after five matches. However, back-to-back con-

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Signlines

Ignition camps

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a series of summer soccer camps for youth players. The camps, which will be located throughout metropolitan Detroit, will give young players an opportunity to train with Ignition players as well as members of the Major Indoor Soccer League team's staff.

Designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 18, the camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training — from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players who are looking for both a technical and tactical edge.

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and team members. Instructors will be subject to camp dates and availability, but they may include Jamar Beasley, Jonathan Greenfield, Doug Rice and Danny Waitman.

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit www.detroitignition.com; or call (888) 436-4625. The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group.

Soccer champs

The Michigan Santos '90 U17 girls soccer team has recently registered for division championships spots in the final games in the T-Bays Classic and River City Classic tournaments. The squad is currently ranked 11th in the state and in the top 175 in the Midwest.

The team consists of: Carlee Barackman (Plymouth), Emily Baracy (Canton), Bernie Fisher (Redford), Lindsey Jewett (Plymouth), Rachel Kain (Canton), Kris Klema (Dearborn), Amanda Krause (Plymouth), Chelsea Leblanc (Plymouth), Jill Lidster (Canton), Jen Michalek (Plymouth), Alex Noland (Dearborn), Hannah Mills (Plymouth), Aranda Phare (Westland), Jessica Raffarty (Dearborn), Jill Slabey (Canton), Sara Stanislawski (Plymouth) and Danielle Thoe (Plymouth).

The team is coached by Jim Zurawski, Jim Mills and Randy Phare.

Beach party fund-raiser

The Plymouth Wildcat Beach Party Fund-raiser to raise funds for the Plymouth High School athletic programs will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 24, at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland.

The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw-down that will award \$1,000 to the first-prize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third. Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away.

Tickets, which cost \$40 a piece, can be purchased at the Plymouth High School Athletic Office.

WLAA basketball hits homestretch

Zoned out Northville's stingy 'D' quiets Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Northville basketball team's motto the past two years has been "In Alvin We Trust," in reference to all-everything guard Alvin Storrs.

During Friday night's critical victory over Canton, the Mustangs' catchphrase was more like "With Defense We Win."

In a game that determined the regular-season champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, the Mustangs' zone defense played a starring role in their 39-31 triumph over the Chiefs.

Penetrating Northville's zone — which features five players 6-foot-2 or taller with long, active arms — was about as easy as maneuvering an SUV through a forest of long-branched oak trees.

"We played hard and we held them to 39 points, which is probably about 15 or 16 points below their season average, but, obviously, we just couldn't score," lamented Canton coach Charlie Paye. "It's the best zone defense we've faced this year, by far. They're just so long and they're very aggressive in their zone. And when we did get the ball into Waid (6-7 senior center Ryan Waidmann), there were two Northville players on him like that."

"We were getting pretty good looks, we just didn't finish."

Canton connected on just 9-of-39 shots from the field (23 percent). The Chiefs managed to make more than two shots in just one quarter — the third, when it went 4-for-12.

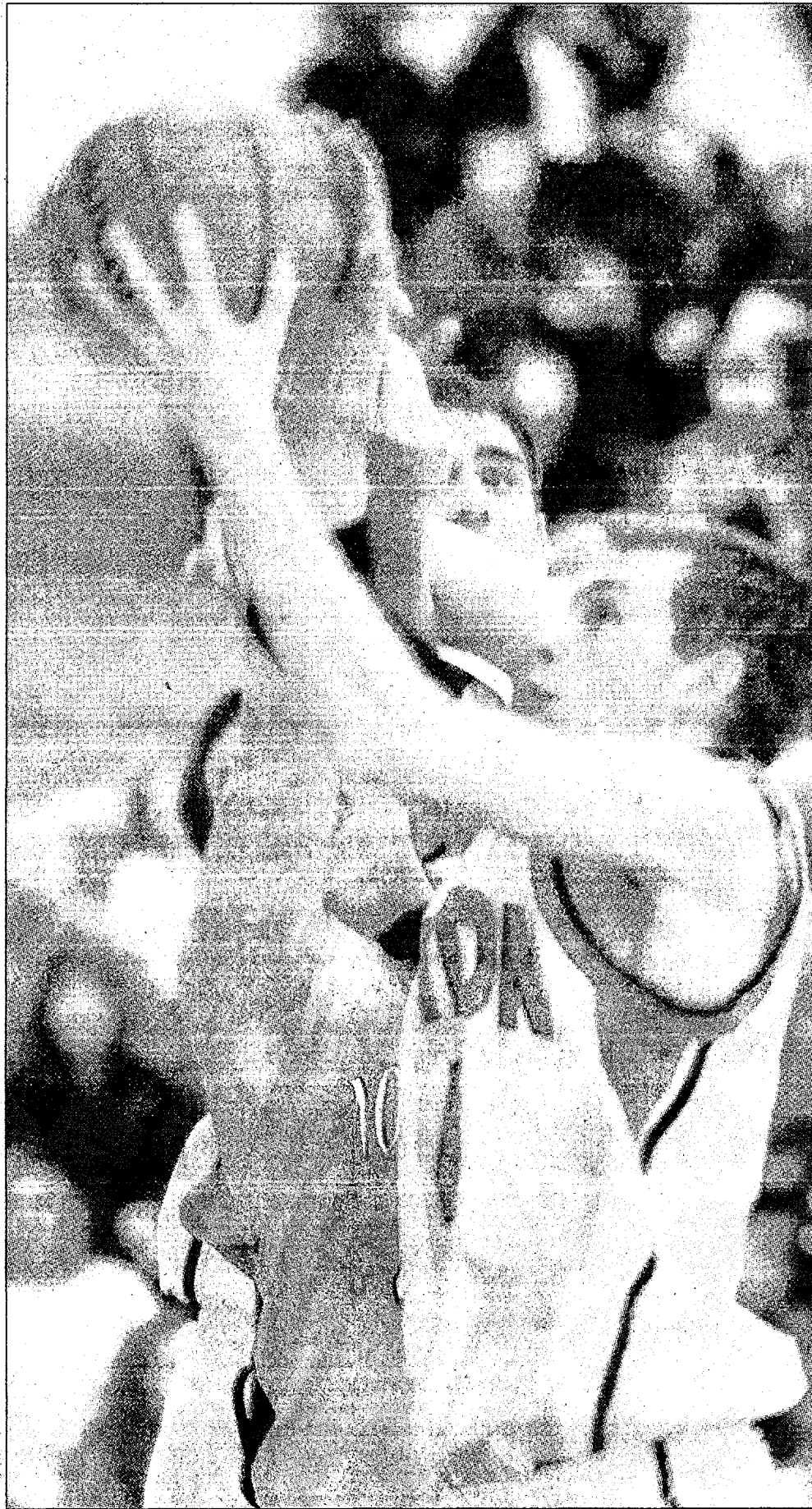
Canton also struggled from the free-throw line where it went 9-for-17 (52.9 percent).

The victory padded the Mustangs' record to 16-1 and 10-0 in division. Northville is now 36-2 over the past two seasons, losing only to Salem earlier this year and to Novi Catholic Central in last year's Class A District opener.

Canton slipped to 11-6 overall and 8-2 in the division.

Storrs was his usual productive self,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ryan Langdon battles for a rebound during Friday night's game against Northville. The Mustangs won, 39-31, to clinch first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Brackets set for WLAA's net tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If it's anything like the just-completed regular season, the 2007 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament promises to be a dandy.

The brackets were filled Friday night following the completion of league games. Western Division champion Northville and Lakes Division winner Westland John Glenn — both of whom went 10-0 in the league — secured the two No. 1 seeds.

Tuesday night's opening-round contests will pit the Mustangs against No. 4 seed Livonia Stevenson (3-7) and No. 2 seed Walled Lake Central (7-3) against No. 3 Wayne Memorial (6-4) on one side of the brackets.

The other side will feature No. 3 seed Salem (5-5) against No. 2 Canton (8-2) and No. 4 Walled Lake Western (3-7) against the top-seeded Rockets.

All first-round games are slated for 7 p.m. at the site of the higher-seeded team.

The semifinal round will be played Friday at 7 p.m. at the schools with the better seeds.

The championship game is slated for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Plymouth High School. The title match-up will be preceded by the third-place game at 5:30 p.m. and the WLAA awards presentation, which will take place just prior to the final game.

Northville is the defending champion. The Mustangs captured the 2006 title thanks to Alvin Storrs' Plymouth gymnasium record 36 points.

Plymouth, Walled Lake Northern, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin will all participate in a round-robin loser's bracket format. Each team will play the other three teams once. Tuesday night's opener will pit Plymouth at Walled Lake Northern and Franklin at Churchill.

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Through thick and thin Rocks learned plenty from 20-loss 04-05 season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Feel-good Kodak moments were few and far between for the 2004-05 Salem boys basketball team, which led the league in hustle points, but set a school record for losses.

Two years later, however, it's evident that the dark cloud that followed that 1-20 squad around like an ominous shadow had a five-tiered silver lining.

The silver linings' names are Mike Marek, Kevin Burleigh, Brian Baumgart, J.P. Truesdell and Jierah Dixon, all of whom not only endured the 20-loss campaign, but learned some

valuable lessons from it.

TOUGH TO SWALLOW

The fivesome all got their first taste of high school varsity basketball that season as sophomores, and it was at times a bitter-tasting pill. But like a slow-acting medicine, the dues the players paid two years ago are paying dividends this year.

"That was a tough year all around, from battling in practices with the seniors to losing all those games," remembered Truesdell, the Rocks' current starting power forward. "But the varsity experience we all got playing that year has helped us a lot. It also helped build team unity because the

five of us have all played three years together on varsity."

SUPER ROLE PLAYERS

While not one of the above-listed seniors would be considered a star of this year's turnaround season — the Rocks' eight wins are more than they notched the two previous years combined — they've each made major contributions to the program's renaissance.

Dixon calmly stroked a game-winning jumper at the buzzer to lead the Rocks to an opening-night victory over Redford Union.

Baumgart has evolved into a

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Salem basketball team's turnaround this season has been due in large part to the play of its five three-year varsity players: (pictured clockwise from far left) Kevin Burleigh, J.P. Truesdell, Brian Baumgart, Jierah Dixon and Mike Marek.



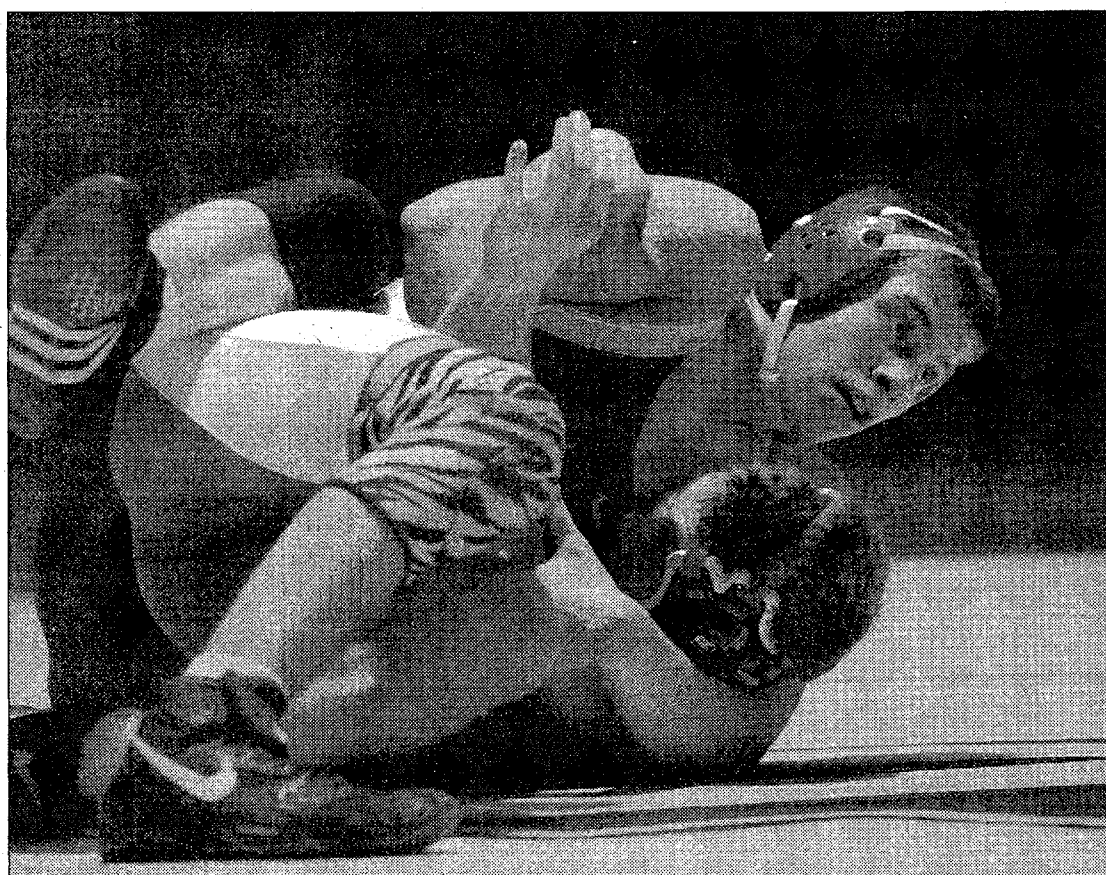
Salem's David Olson, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, turned in a stellar performance on "Senior Night" Tuesday in the Rocks' victory over Plymouth.



Plymouth's Dan Stoscup, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, helped lead the Wildcats to a third-place finish in the 200-medley relay during Tuesday's meet against Salem.

SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 104 PLYMOUTH 82
Tuesday at Salem
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Underhill, Stan Chen, Nick Leone, Jason Williams), 1:46.16; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Kyle Dull, Paul Snyder, Chris Wilson), 1:49.19; 3. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Dan Stoscup, Jack Distel, Peter Nolan), 1:58.22.
200 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 1:55.04; 2. Jason Oldani (P), 2:03.83; 3. Joe Eudy (P), 2:05.45.
200 IM: 1. Mike Conger (P), 2:09.58; 2. David Olson (S), 2:15.03; 3. Stan Chen (S), 2:20.74.
50 freestyle: 1. Jason Williams (S), 23.88; 2. Jon Babb (S), 24.11; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 24.60.
1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Smith (S), 148.25 points; 2. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 138.95; 3. Gus Mady (S), 104.90.
100 butterfly: 1. Nick Leone (S), 57.99; 2. David Olson (S), 1:01.98; 3. Jack Distel (P), 1:06.65.
100 freestyle: 1. Jon Babb (S), 53.65; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 54.38; 3. Jason Williams (S), 54.64.
500 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 5:08.76; 2. Mike Conger (P), 5:14.23; 3. Doug Fransiofi (S), 5:40.38.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jon Babb, Stan Chen, David Olson, Jason Williams), 1:36.33; 2. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Kyle Dull, Joe Eudy, Peter Nolan), 1:40.12; 3. Plymouth (Tony McLaughlin, Jack Gruszczynski, Paul Snyder, Jason Oldani), 1:47.04.
100 backstroke: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 1:02.13; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:06.43; 3. Jimmy Crabbil (S), 1:06.94.
100 breaststroke: 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:10.34; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 1:12.03; 3. Tony McLaughlin (P), 1:12.45.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Nick Leone, Jon Babb, David Olson, Matt Underhill), 3:34.57; 2. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Peter Nolan, Ethan Weiner, Mike Conger), 3:45.26; 3. Plymouth (Joe Eudy, Jason Oldani, Jack Distel, Paul Snyder), 3:52.39.



Canton's 135-pound Brent Winekoff (top), pictured above in a match earlier this season, notched a pair of wins in the Chiefs' Division 1 District title-clinching performance Wednesday night at Salem.

WRESTLING

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vincing victories from heavy-weight Luke Konsitzke (pin) and 103-pound Donnie Watkins (technical fall) ignited a 23-0 Chief outburst that sealed the semi-final win.

Joining Konsitzke and Watkins in the winner's circle for Canton were Brian Brubaker (160), Dan Wanshon (189), Carl Lucke (112), Phil Rollinger (119), Steve Cox (125), Brent Winekoff (135), Phillips (140) and Joe Sanders (152).

Epley, Sam Lepper (171), Hussein Ajami (215) and Alex Kemp (130) earned wins for the Rocks.

"I thought we had a few guys wrestle well, especially Sam Lepper," said Salem coach Greg Wochuk. "Sam's been beaten up a lot this season, but he's been competitive and stayed positive through everything. It was nice to see him hang in there and get a win tonight."

The loss ended the Rocks' season at 7-10.

Six of the Chiefs' 11 individual victories against the Wildcats came via pins and three others were the result of voids.

Notching pins for the winners were Brubaker, heavyweight Donnie Laramie, Watkins, Cox, Winekoff and Phillips. Wanshon won on a technical fall (16-1) while Jon Webster earned a 6-4 decision at 215.

Plymouth's points came from Vince Darolfi's pin at 171, Ben Kosmalski's 7-6 overtime victory over Jeremy Fillipelli at 119 and Anthony Favot's 9-5 triumph at 130.

"Brent Winekoff has been tough as nails for us all season," said Randolph. "To win 35 matches as a freshman at 130 and 135 is quite an accomplishment because he's had to face a lot of quality opponents."

"I thought Joe Sanders and Brian Brubaker wrestled well, too. Brian had to win a wrestle-off earlier today in wrestling class, then he goes out and wins twice tonight. That shows a lot of character."

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Red wings alumni game to benefit mentor program

On Sunday, March 18, The Detroit Red Wings Alumni will take the ice at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township against the Oakland County Public Safety All-Stars, a team of police, fire officers from across the county and Meltdown "The BIG Unit" from WRIF.

The 4:30 p.m. game is to benefit Mentor Connection, a mentoring program of Jewish Family Service (JFS).

Tickets for the game are \$10 per person in advance, or \$12 at the door. The evening also includes a clinic for children beforehand and a dinner recep-

tion with the Red Wings Alumni afterwards.

Tickets for the clinic and dinner are \$10 and \$12, respectively. Space at both events is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Lindsay Leder, 248-592-2309, or email lleder@jfsdetroit.org.

The hockey game is a Friend Raiser for Mentor Connection, with a goal of increased awareness of the program while recruiting new mentors.

Mentor Connection brings together young people from across Oakland County who can benefit from encouragement and

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Mentor Connection is a program of JFS that has offices in West Bloomfield and Oak Park. JFS provides social and mental health services to adults, children and families.

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3:34; 125: Steve Cox (C) dec. Nick Steiger, 6-2; 130: Alex Kemp (S) dec. Josh Hurst, 4-2; 135: Brent Winekoff (C) won by major decision over Kevin Hayter, 19-9; 140: Corey Phillips (C) won by technical fall, 15-0, over Johannes Ollind; 145: Joe Sanders (C) dec. Mike Rasak, 9-3.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 26-3; Salem 7-10.

CANTON 62 PLYMOUTH 12
Division 1 District Final Thursday at Salem
160 pounds: Brian Brubaker (C) pinned

Canton spikers hitting stride

Canton's volleyball team may be peaking at the right time.

With the Western Lakes Activities Association league tournament and Division 1 District play looming, the Chiefs played perhaps their most complete match Thursday night when they swept Livonia Franklin — 25-14, 25-19 and 25-23 — in a make-up of Wednesday night's snowed-out contest.

The victory improved Canton's record to 8-13-6 overall and 5-4 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"We played with confidence and looked relaxed the entire night, no matter what the score was," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Our serving was back again tonight as we had a total of 14 aces. We've worked a lot on serving to locations and aggressive serves, and it's starting to pay off. We're getting aces and making it difficult for the other teams to run

their offense off of serve receive."

Pacing the Chiefs' victory were Kacy Moran (six kills, four aces and 14 assists), Jordan Kietly (seven kills), Marie Martin (seven blocks, three kills) and Hannah Mills (16 digs).

The Chiefs will host Northville Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

'CATS ROLL

Plymouth's volleyball team improved to 17-17-4 overall and 3-6 in the WLAA's Western Division with a three-game sweep of Wayne Memorial Thursday night: 25-20, 25-19 and 25-13.

The Wildcats received strong performances from Chelsey Quinlan (eight kills and 11 digs), Rachel Heaton (16 digs and six kills) and Brittany Hengesh (eight kills and four blocks).

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
WLAA Tournament
 Tuesday, Feb. 20
First-round games

A) Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
 B) Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 C) Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
 D) W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23
Semi-final games
 A winner vs. B winner, 7 p.m.
 C winner vs. D winner, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.
 at Plymouth High School
Loser's Bracket games
 Tuesday, Feb. 20

Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23
 Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

MIAC games
 Friday, Feb. 23
 PCA at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
 Monday, Feb. 19
 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24
 WLAA Conference Tourney at W.L. Central, TBA

PREP HOCKEY
 Friday, Feb. 23
 W.L. Northern at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

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A) Canton vs. Saline, 5 p.m.
 B) Franklin vs. Novi CC, 5 p.m.
 A vs B winners at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24
 Individual Regional Tournament, TBA

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 WLAA Conference Swimming Prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23
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Charger rally thwarts Rock cagers

Livonia Churchill dug itself out of an early hole and rallied to post a thrilling 58-56 overtime victory over visiting Salem Friday night.

The Chargers trailed by as many as eight in the opening half before cutting their deficit to 50-47 with seconds to play. That's when guard Andrew Vagnetti buried an NBA-length three-point shot to send the game into the extra session.

Led by the inside play of Ryan Rosenick, Nick Seger and Brad Evans, the Chargers never trailed in the overtime to improve their record to 7-10 overall and 3-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Salem slipped to 8-9 and 5-5, respectively.

"Salem physically beat us up in the first half," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "But those three guys — Ryan, Nick and Brad — attacked the glass and rebounded much better in the second half and in the overtime. That was the key for us."

"We played them tough the last time at their place. We hadn't been playing well, so I was extremely happy with the win tonight. Salem is a big, strong team and we were able to muscle up and hang on for the win."

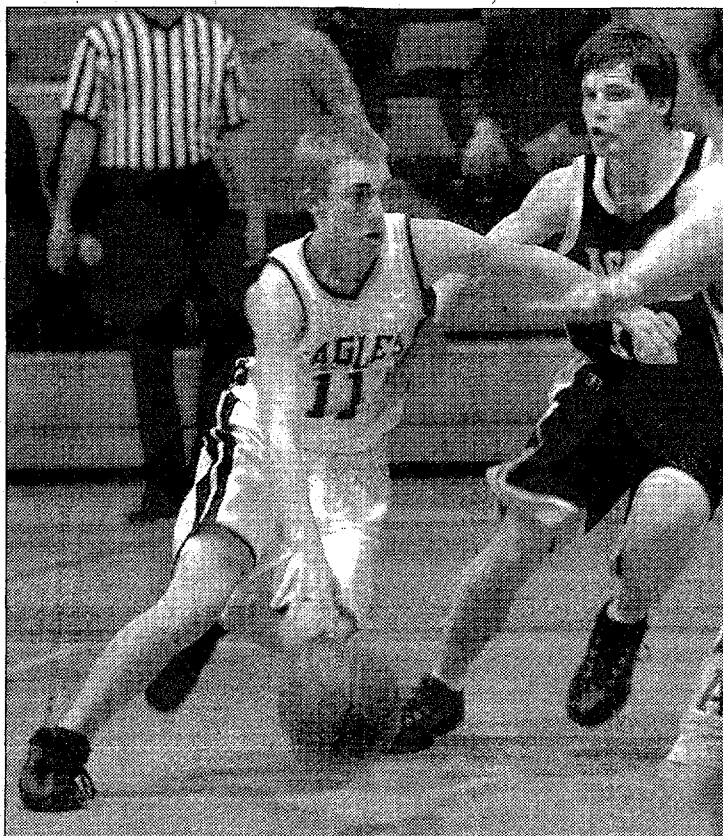
The Rocks rode a red-hot perimeter game to a 28-22 halftime advantage.

"We made several threes in the first half, but that's a tough way to live," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They just out-hustled us in the second half."

Rosenick led the winners with 22 points and 10 boards. Evans added 12 while Vagnetti contributed 10. Juniors Grant Stone and Ross Davis both netted 14 points for the Rocks.

Churchill drained 12-of-18 free throws while Salem went 8-of-12 from the charity stripe. The Rocks will open the WLAA conference tournament on Tuesday at Canton.

Churchill will take on Livonia Franklin in a loser's bracket contest. Both games are set to



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy junior guard Trevor Zinn, pictured above during a game earlier this season, scored a team-high 21 points in the Eagles' 55-54 loss to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

tip off at 7 p.m.

INTER-CITY BAPTIST 55, PCA 54: On Friday in Allen Park, the Eagles battled the Chargers to wire before falling at the end.

Junior guard Trevor Zinn shined for PCA, netting 21 points, Matt Saagman also played well, contributing 13.

Jeff Yunk paced the winners with 16 points. Nick Packwood scored all 12 of his points in the first half.

"This was probably our best game of the year," said PCA coach Dave Yost. "We were trailing most of the fourth quarter, but we made a nice comeback. We had some opportunities down the stretch, but we missed some key free throws."

With his team trailing 55-51, PCA's Justin Govan drained a triple with a second left.

However, the Eagles could not regain possession of the ball.

PCA netted just 7-of-17 free throws. The Chargers drained 12-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Inter-City led 14-13 after one quarter before the visiting Eagles fought back to knot the game at 26-all at the half. The Chargers carried a 40-35 advantage into the final stanza.

PCA played the final three minutes without Zinn, who fouled out.

"They beat us by 30-something the first time we played them, so this shows how much better we've been playing lately," said Yost.

The Eagles return to action Friday when they take on Canton Agape Christian. The game will be played at Garden City United Christian Church.

SALEM

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top-notch rebounder and interior defensive player.

The blue-collar Truesdell epitomizes the word "hustle" and often accumulates more floor burns than points.

Burleigh is one of the team's most reliable guards off the bench and possibly its best ball-handler.

And the lightning-quick Marek frustrates opposing guards with his in-your-face defense and an occasional net-finding bomb from beyond the three-point arc.

"When they were all sophomores, I saw that they had the talent to play on the varsity and I thought they'd all fit into our team chemistry as well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We had some seniors coming back and some juniors coming up who had some talent, but I knew they needed some help, so I figured I'd bring the sophomores along and improve them for the future."

"I had tried this before with individual players, but I had

never done it with this many players for such a long time. In the past, I may have jockeyed five or six players up and down between the junior varsity and the varsity, but this group stayed up on varsity continuously."

Looking back, Brodie considers his experiment a bonafide success.

"This group has improved every year since their sophomore season — both individually and as a team," he said. "And our record shows that. We went from one win their sophomore season to six last season to eight this year so far."

"A lot of it has to do with the experience they got their sophomore year. If they didn't have three years of varsity experience right now, they might not be quite as effective as they've been for us."

EXTRA EFFORT

What does Marek remember most about that brutal 04-05 campaign?

"The double practices," he said, without hesitation. "We'd practice with the varsity and the junior varsity, which was tough. I remember how tired

I'd be when I got home from practice.

"I also remember how competitive the varsity practices were. We had to bust our butts in practice every day because we were battling the seniors for playing time and they didn't want to give it up."

Marek said the loss-after-heartbreaking-loss routine gave him a new perspective on things.

"More than anything, it made me appreciate our wins this season," he said. "I know we've only won eight games, which may not seem like a lot, but to us it's a very good year, a lot of improvement."

"The practices were battles," Burleigh agreed. "The seniors didn't want to give up their spots to the sophomores, so they battled us all the way. It was very, very competitive, but it definitely made us all better players."

And, as a result, there have been a lot more feel-good Kodak moments for the Rocks this season.

And, more importantly, a lot more wins.

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Jeong's late FT's propel 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's cheering section tested Plymouth junior guard Dan Jeong's concentration during the final seconds of Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association contest in the Patriots' gym.

He passed the test with flying colors.

With the game tied at 53-all and 10 ticks left on the clock, Jeong blocked out the fans' noise and drained the decisive free throws in the Wildcats' 55-53 victory.

"Dan's one of those players you like to see at the line in situations like that," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He's proven to be a pretty clutch shooter when he was on the JV team last year and this season on varsity."

Plymouth improved to 6-11 overall and 3-7 in the WLAA's

Western Division, but barely missed qualifying for the conference's post-season tournament. The Wildcats tied Walled Lake Western for fourth place in the division, but lost out in the tie-breaking system, which came down to point differential in the teams' two meetings this season.

Brandon Roberts paced the winners with 17 points. Jeong finished with 12 and junior guard Andy Price contributed six (two triples) off the bench.

Tyler Canyock led Franklin with 15 points while Ryan Matthey added 12. Sophomore Gary Cobb netted eight points, including a pair of monster slams that electrified the crowd.

Shortly after Jeong's free throws, Matthey was fouled on a drive to the basket. He missed the front end of a one-and-one and a Patriot last-second tip-in also missed the mark.

Plymouth overcame a 13-11 first-quarter deficit by draining five triples in the second stanza to carry a 28-24 lead heading into the third quarter. Franklin inched to within 42-40 with eight minutes to play.

Van Wagoner praised the play of reserves Kulraj Sandhu and Wes Shelton, both of whom gave the Wildcats several productive minutes.

The Wildcats were nearly perfect from the free-throw line, hitting 10-of-11. The Patriots, on the other hand, struggled at the charity stripe, twining just 11-of-22.

Both teams will compete in the WLAA's losers' bracket play beginning Tuesday night when Plymouth travels to Walled Lake Northern and Franklin visits crosstown rival Livonia Churchill. Both games are slated to tip-off at 7 p.m.

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CANTON

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scoring 22 points. The 6-1 guard seemed to amp up his game whenever the Chiefs would threaten to seize the momentum.

Paye praised the play of his senior guard, Josh Butler, who he said made Storrs work for most of his points.

"I think Josh does as good of a job defensively on Storrs as anybody," said Paye. "Even when Storrs posts up, Josh uses his strength to make it tough for him to score."

Other than Storrs, senior forward Bret Spencer (seven points) was the only Mustang to score more than four. Spencer's biggest make was a triple with 2:18 to play that put his team up 34-27.

Junior forward Neil Sharma accounted for more than half of the Chiefs' offense as he netted 16, including a pair of threes. Waidmann, who had to battle double teams all night, finished with six points and eight boards.

Canton played without starting senior forward Steve Paye, who sat out with a sprained ankle.

"We definitely missed Steve's strength inside and his rebounding," said Paye. "He's been averaging about 10 points and six rebounds the past few games, so it would have helped to have him in there. Hopefully, he's ready for the (WLAA) tournament next week."

Northville led 10-4 after a defense-dominated first quarter in which both teams' offenses tried to solve their opponents' defense.

The Mustangs led 15-11 at the break and 25-21 with eight minutes to play.

Canton's only lead of the night came with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter when Sharma buried a long three-pointer to make it 20-18. Storrs answered, however, by scoring the next 11 points. When the dust had settled from his shooting spree, the Mustangs led 29-23 with 4:40 left.

Two Sharma free throws brought Canton to within 34-29 with 1:24 remaining, but Storrs re-upped the lead to seven with a pair of free throws with 35 seconds to go.

Both teams took care of the ball. Canton registered 13



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Canton's Josh Butler attempts to dribble around Northville's Alvin Storrs during Friday night's 39-31 Mustang win.

turnovers while Northville had 11 miscues.

Northville junior forward David Burke has a stellar defensive game, blocking four

shots. Storrs also shined at the defensive end, recording six steals.

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Canton's J.P. LaFontaine (left), pictured above in a game earlier this season, was one of the catalysts of the Chiefs' recent three-game winning streak.

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Red-hot Chief icers fall to Western

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Friday night's 6-1 loss to Walled Lake Western aside, the Canton hockey team has offset a rough start to the season with a recent victory surge.

The Chiefs had reeled off a season-best three-game winning streak heading into the setback to the Warriors. Leading the charge has been the No. 1 line of Alex Lajoie, Brad Barath and J.P. LaFontaine, who have been the primary catalysts in the team's 8-12-2 season.

"I told the guys after the game tonight to not let one loss ruin some very good things that have been going on the past couple of weeks," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "Because of the hard work its been putting in, this team has been playing much better than it did earlier in the season. This is a very hard-working team."

Energized by goals from

'I told the guys after the game tonight to not let one loss ruin some very good things that have been going on the past couple of weeks.'

Canton coach Dan Abraham

Barath (two), Clark Albers and Justin Ward, the Chiefs upended WLAA Western Division leader Plymouth, 4-3, on Tuesday night. The Wildcats knotted the contest at 3-3 with a goal 5:16 into the final period, but Barath tallied the unassisted game-winner with just 4:55 remaining.

"Our power play has been very good during our three-game winning streak," said Abraham. "We've scored quite a few power-play goals and we've been getting good goal-tending out of Zane Birchler."

It appeared as if the Chiefs were well on their way to

their fourth straight win on Friday when Barath lit the lamp just 20 seconds after the opening face-off. However, the host Warriors tied the game at 1-all later in the period before scoring two more goals in the second to ice the win.

"I think we were a little too high going into the game," said Abraham. "Their goalie was pretty good, but we didn't test him like we should have."

Prior to the victory over Plymouth, the Chiefs ousted Livonia Franklin, 4-2, and Redford Unified, 4-1.

Birchler got the win in both games. Anthony Bonnett, Lajoie (two) and Barath tallied goals in the win over the Patriots.

Canton, which is 4-4 in the WLAA, will host Walled Lake Northern in a league cross-over game Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton Township.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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■ The MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition will be held Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. The event, which will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, is free and open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15.

The "hot shot" format give players 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Certificates and ribbons will be given to all participants.

Winners will advance to the area competition for a chance to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest will start promptly at 9 a.m. Call (734) 483-5600.

■ A 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services on Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

Boys and girls divisions will be set up for grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. Awards will be presented for division winners and runners-up.

All games will be officiated and teams are guaranteed two games. Only one representative from each team is needed to register.

Registration ends at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

TENNIS CAMP

Pre-season tennis camp for prospective members of the 2007 Salem, Canton and Plymouth boys tennis teams will be held during winter break at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor.

The dates and times of the camp are: Monday, Feb. 19, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 1-3 p.m.

The cost is \$82 for all three sessions or \$29 per day.

To register, call (734) 662-5514. The classes are limited to 10 players from each school.

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization.

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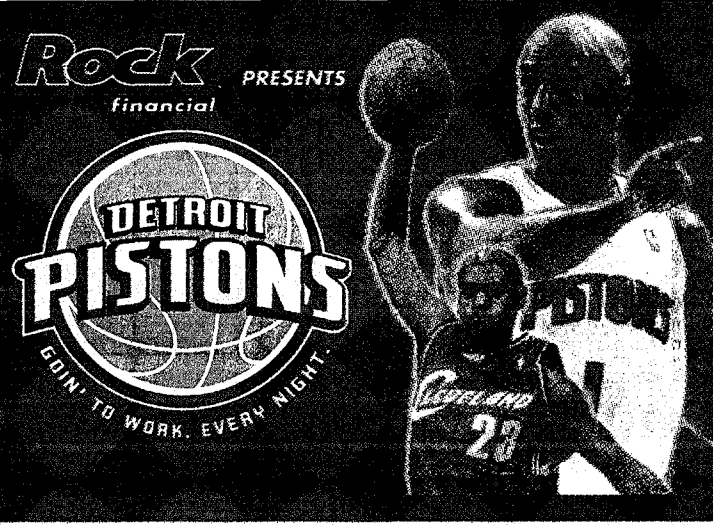
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Shark attack

The Plymouth-Canton Sharks hockey recently completed an incredible streak of success by capturing a state-wide championship in Holland. Pictured (front row from left) are Nick Danis, Steven Sisolak, Hunter Oatman, Eric VandenBosch, Dillon Knight, (middle row from left) Jack Gifford, Michael Hampo, Andrew Angell, Jack Marentic, Nicholas Glud, Chris Knight, Jack Spencer, Lucas Winkler, Josh Kramer, Cameron O'Donnell, (back row from left) assistant coach Jeff Marentic, head coach Gary Winkler, assistant coach Gary Danis and assistant coach Dave Kramer.



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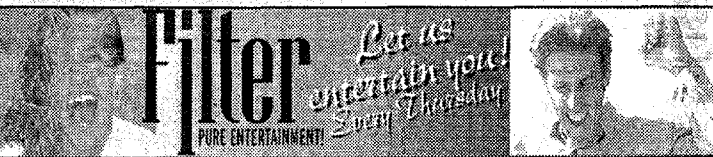
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Comic books can be beneficial

The only thing that my 8-year-old son will read is comic books. Each week, his father takes him to a store that only sells comic books and he gets new ones. He reads and re-reads them, puts them into plastic baggies and keeps them in a special box. My worry is that when I was a child, my mother told me that it had been proven that comic books lead to psychological problems. My husband thinks that I am completely wrong. What do you know about the link between comic books and psychological problems?



On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

Sue, via e-mail
The "research" that your mother was referring to was probably from a book in the 1950s called *Seduction of the Innocent* by a psychologist named Fredric Wertham. In this work, the whole comic industry was blamed for the increase in juvenile delinquency and crime. Despite the author's assertions, there had been no actual research or findings that served as the basis for his conclusions. In the time since this book, which caused

quite a stir in its day, no connection between comic books and psychological or social difficulties have been discovered.

In fact, it is my opinion that reading comic books can actually be beneficial. Comic books promote the joys of reading, a feat that is not always easy to achieve. Secondly, they often tell fantastical stories with moralities of right and wrong and stimulate the imagination in ways that other mediums may not. Also, they provide an opportunity for children to develop organizational skills and a sense of responsibility (your son's collection seems to be well cared for). Finally, it sounds like the weekly trips to the comic store are a good bonding opportunity for your son and his father.

Of course, like any activity that your children want to undertake, parental guidance is necessary. Comic books, like movies and video games, are rated based on content. While many think of this medium as child focused, certain titles are for mature readers only. If you have any doubts, talk to the store employees, they can help you monitor the books that your son reads.

When all is said and done, your son is excited about reading and this will stay with him if and when he loses interest in the "funny books."

My two-and-a-half-year-old daughter is a pack rat. She saves every scrap of paper, every broken toy, every stick and leaf that she finds in the back yard. Whenever I try to get her to throw this trash away, she cries and begs me to let her keep it. I guess that I'm just a big softy because I always seem to give in. Is my daughter Obsessive Compulsive? Why does she want to keep this junk? How can I get her room clean when there is so much clutter? Help!

Diane, via e-mail

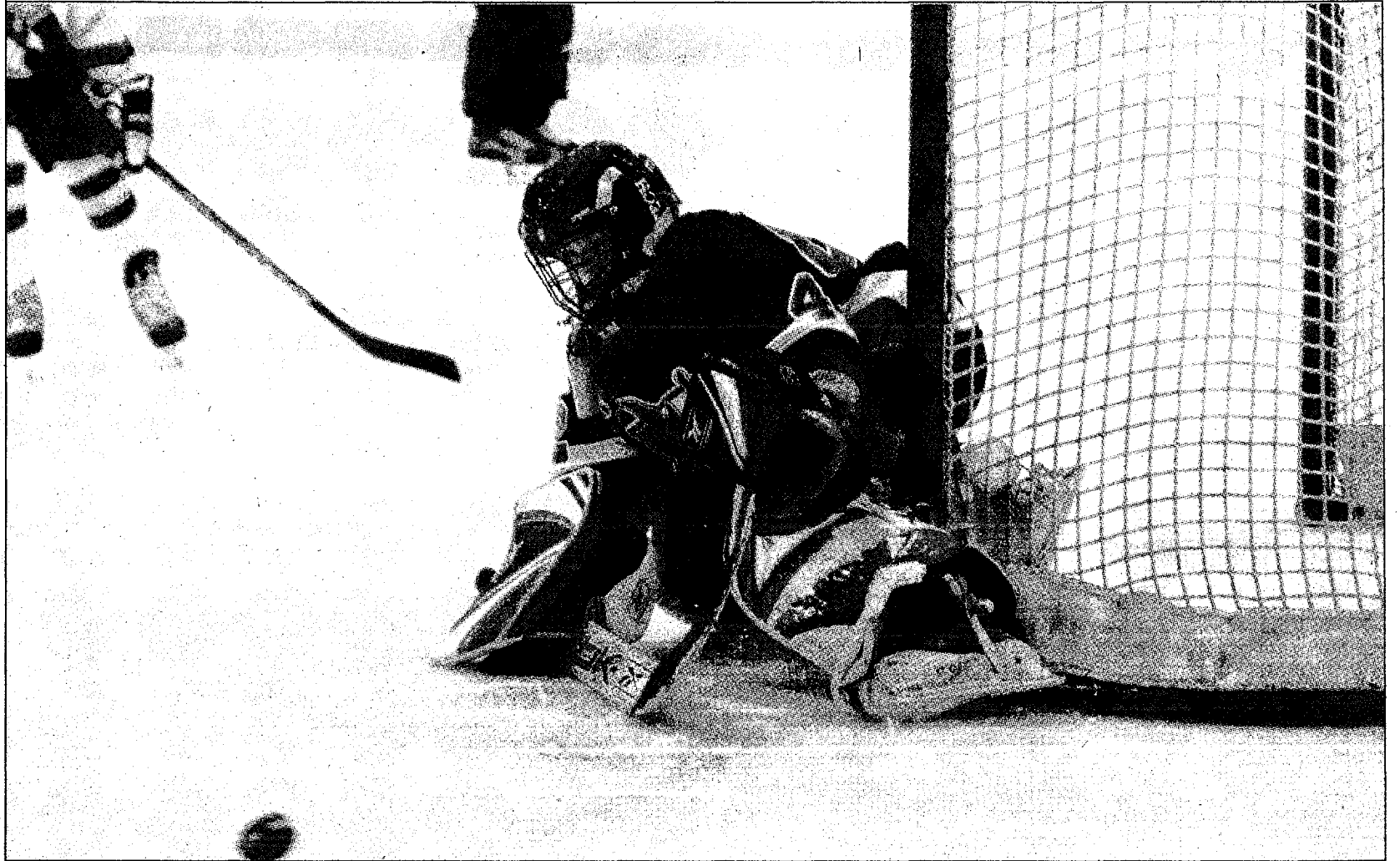
Well, Diane, the first thing that we need to establish is that the things that you or I might call "trash" and "junk" are "treasures" to your daughter. She has assigned value to these things and as such, they have become part of her. When you suggest (or command or plead or...) that she get rid of them, it causes her emotional distress. Think about how you would respond if someone had asked you to throw away your wedding photos or your prized Beanie Babies. Her distress is real.

Believe it or not, her pack-ratting behavior is not all that uncommon. It is just one of the many ways that children cope with the many stressors of their daily environment. Every child lives in a world that is almost completely beyond their understanding and control. This is a fundamental fact of childhood. As she grows, she will learn new coping devices and leave older ones behind. Most children do this in one form or another. Pacifiers, special blankets, favorite stuffed animals, superhero capes, etc. are all different types of these coping mechanisms. And all of these, like your daughter's pack-ratting, are completely within the normal range and, at this time, do not suggest the presence of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder.

Now, let's see what we can do to reduce the clutter. If you have been a regular reader of this column, you are probably familiar with my fondness for choices. This is another instance that I think will be best served by careful use of options. For example, the next time your daughter wants to bring in several items from the yard (yes, I know that this will probably be months from now, but bear with me), allow her to keep as many items as will fit into a shoebox. If she cannot fit all of the items in, let her decide which items to remove from her collection and which to include. In this way, her collection can change and grow, but the limit will be set by the container. To make this even more special, the shoebox can, and should, be decorated in the style of your daughter's choosing.

The key is to not make it a power struggle. Allow her to choose whichever items she wants, as long as they fit into the box. This should help to reduce the overall presence of clutter as well as to convince your daughter that you respect her (and her collection). As time passes, she will move on to other things, but you may find it difficult to get rid of this treasure box.

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Jackson Lytle, Plymouth Killer Sharks goalie, keeps an eye on the puck as it passes the net.

PHOTOS BY LORETTA O'FLYNN

IN THE GAME

Hockey players overcome heart defects

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Birmingham Titans lost the district peeewee hockey game to the Plymouth Killer Sharks in late January, but both of the teams' goalies were winners. Their mothers never thought Patrick Adams and

'Thirty years ago survival was far less. Not enough children have survived to know what to expect. There may be complications they might not be aware of. We need to stay involved.'

Michele Lytle
Mother of Jackson Lytle

Jackson Lytle would survive open heart surgery let alone play a variety of sports one day. The boys seem less interested in talking about early health problems than their time on the ice.

"It was a fun game," said Patrick Adams, a sixth-grade student at Detroit Country Day School. When the 11-year-old Birmingham boy isn't deflecting goals, he's on a tennis court or

baseball diamond.

Lytle is too busy playing hockey, baseball and drums to even think about the congenital heart defect he was born with until a fellow player asks, what's that on your chest? His mother, Michele, thinks the answer that follows is more common than believed. According to the Congenital Heart Information Network (tchin.org), it's estimated that one in 100 children born



Even though Jackson Lytle (left) and Patrick Adams play for opposing peeewee hockey teams, the boys have a lot in common. They recently met again after a game at Birmingham Ice Arena.

in the U.S. every year has a malformed heart. Jackson's scar is from open heart surgery the 12-year-old Plymouth boy underwent at 28 hours old for a rare defect known as Total Anomolous Pulmonary Venous Return. Jackson's older sister Megan was born with the same condition.

"Jackson was 2 or 3 when I wanted to find two children in a family with heart defects. There aren't a lot of children older than Megan because the technology didn't exist to repair it," said Michele Lytle, who went on the Internet looking for a support

PLEASE SEE PLAYERS, C3

Catholic nun honored for years of service

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa is all smiles even though she's still fighting jet lag after an 18-hour flight from the Far East. The president of Madonna University returned last Sunday afternoon from a 15-day trip to present master of business administration degrees to 60 students in China as part of the Livonia-based university's international program.

As academic dean, Kujawa was instrumental in paving the way for international studies and the export of Madonna's graduate program to



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa

Taiwan in 1989. The accomplishment is one of the reasons Kujawa, a Felician nun, is being honored at the Michigan Business and Professional Association's 11th annual Women and Leadership

in the Workplace Conference and Awards Luncheon, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Kujawa won the award for the education category.

"I was very honored when informed about the award a month ago," said Kujawa, 64. "We've obviously accomplished a great deal at Madonna University, but don't expect to be recognized."

A 1966 graduate and mathematics major of Madonna University, Kujawa became its sixth president in 2001. Some 25 years earlier, she developed and taught the first computer courses there,

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Madonna University president

but considers the international program one of her greatest achievements. Over the years, she has visited more than 25 countries to build ongoing educational relationships with England, France, Poland, Lithuania, Spain, Mexico, Egypt, Lebanon, Taiwan, China, and Japan.

"In China, we had a reunion of 120 graduates.

One had just been elected governor in one of the provinces in southern China," Kujawa said. "We have over 400 graduates in mainland China, over 600 students graduated in Taiwan.

"It's very interesting. Once you get to be known in the area, they spread the word (about the pro-

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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.

Eat for Education

"Eat for Education" Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$10, as a fund-raiser for the school. Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes, while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages, etc. (734) 261-9540 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets March 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell, with a help session starting at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Richard Hutchins, a Fowlerville author, will talk about "Howell Goes to War." The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7455.

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a five-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 1 through March 29, from 5:30-7 p.m. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. This free series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office, 3840 Packard, Ste. 260, in Ann Arbor, and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, (734) 973-1145.

Academic Pathways preschool

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will host an open house form 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Potty training not required; certified teacher. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Lenten fish fry

St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Feb. 23-April 6. The event features baked and fried fish, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4.75 for children under 12. For more information, call (313) 562-5356.

Bocce for bucks

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play, ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior

experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Funds raised will help provide an innovative, life-saving system - VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket - Receives bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer/wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 Patron ticket - Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one-hour prior to event start; and \$200 Benefactor ticket - Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

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.

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

Egg-citing science

Crack Open "EGG-citing" Science at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum's March Sciencepalooza Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. For March's Sciencepalooza, visitors can "egg-splore" the many uses of the egg. Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Sciencepalooza



Choral magic

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Plymouth-Canton High Schools Madrigal Choir and Chamber Choir achieved a "1" rating at the MSVMA High School Solo and Ensemble Festival. With this rating these ladies and young men will progress to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival which takes place March 30-31. These two groups will also combine and perform as the Festival Singers during the District Choral Festival on March 1 at Northville High School. Soloists Maggie Burr, Sandy Nahra and Lucy Han also received first division ratings during this weekend's festival.

activity hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 995-5439 for more information.

Waste to Watts

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

VNA seeks volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In as little as two-to-four hours per week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 24. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. For more information or to register, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8361 or visit www.vna.org

Card party/luncheon

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

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no

cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

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. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwaniis.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 robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman

Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

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

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

DAR

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

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

American Legion

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

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

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street.

The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

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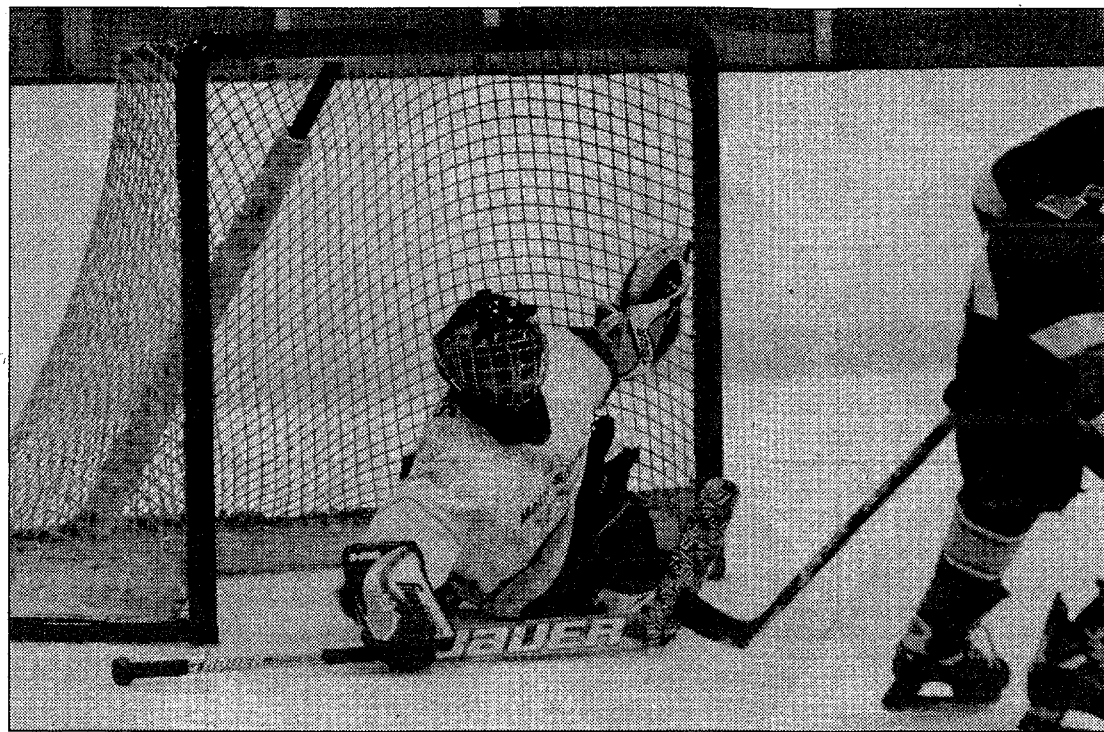


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Patrick Adams in action as goalie for the Birmingham Titans.

PLAYERS

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group and found Patrick's mother, Maureen Adams. Patrick's Atrial Septal Defect wasn't rare, but the two women connected.

"Patrick's pediatric cardiologist referred us to U of M for a certain procedure that was in Phase 2 of clinical trials," said Maureen Adams. "I couldn't find any information on it that's when I hooked up with the Internet group and learned what questions to ask. We chose not to have the experimental procedure and instead went with regular open heart surgery."

As part of an informal local support group, the two mothers shared their knowledge about congenital heart defects, but hadn't physically seen each other since 2000 when Gov. John Engler signed a procla-

mation to declare Feb. 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day. Then the women learned their sons would be facing each other on the ice.

"We're so fortunate to have two healthy young men," said Michele Lytle.

Both women continue to participate in e-mail discussions on tchin.org. The Children's Congenital Heart Information Network is a national organization that provides educational information, support, financial assistance, and resources for families of children with congenital heart defects and acquired heart disease, adults with CHD, and the professionals who work with them.

"Thirty years ago survival was far less," said Lytle. "Not enough children have survived to know what to expect. There may be complications they might not be aware of. We need to stay involved."

"We sent letters, e-mails and faxes to include congenital heart defects in a proclamation to declare February American Heart Month by George W. Bush in 2004," added Maureen Adams. "It's about awareness. After the hockey game one of Patrick's teammates said he had the same surgery. We didn't know that until the hockey game."

"The subject usually doesn't come up unless they're in swimsuits," said Lytle, "yet it is the number one defect."

This spring, Jackson, 12, is joining the track team at West Middle School in Plymouth. He'd like to stay in touch with Patrick who was 3 years old when he underwent open heart surgery.

"It felt kind of weird meeting him," said Jackson. "I didn't know him, but I think I knew him."

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Woodworkers show off projects

The Michigan Woodworkers Guild holds its 25th annual Woodworking Show noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Livonia Senior Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile, Livonia. Parking and admission are free.

Woodworkers from Michigan, the midwest and

Canada will exhibit their woodworking projects. This is not a craft show. Wood projects built from various types of wood and depicting furniture from different time periods will be on display.

The wide range of tools that Guild members use such as scroll saws, lathes, routers, table saws, band saws, and high speed hand carving tools help artisans achieve their

ultimate goal.

Established as a nonprofit organization in 1981, the Michigan Woodworkers Guild is comprised of more than 300 men and women woodworkers. Anyone wishing to join the Guild and learn more about woodworking is encouraged to attend the show. For more information, call (313) 278-2150 or send e-mail to sanchezart@aol.com.

College presents female version of 'The Odd Couple'

Michael Fisher of Garden City and Matthew Vortruba of Redford are playing their parts to make the Henry Ford Community College Theater program production of *The Odd Couple* a hit.

The curtain rises on the female version of Neil Simon's comedy Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25, and March 1-4, at Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center

on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

For information or ticket reservations, call (313) 845-9817.

Fisher plays Manolo. Vortruba of Redford is production assistant who also is

in charge of lighting.

According to Brian Tarasiewicz, the show's director, the female version of *The Odd Couple* follows the same premise as the original with the divorcing, depressed neat-freak Florence moving in with the confident yet messy, beer-drinking, sports-loving Olive and conflict, hilarity and nuttiness ensue.

ON CAMPUS

AFD Foundation scholarships

Two students from Canton and one from Plymouth were among recipients of \$1,500 scholarships announced by the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers.

Kurtis Edelbrock of Plymouth is a sophomore attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn majoring in political science and philosophy. A Salem High School graduate, he was two-time winner of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters annual competition. His scholarship was submitted by Professional Insurance Planners of Farmington Hills; his sponsor is D&B Grocers Wholesale of Livonia. He is the son of David and Robin Edelbrock of Plymouth.

Timothy Finch of Canton is a sophomore attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor majoring in biology. A Canton High School graduate, where he received the 4.0 Award of Merit, he served as treasurer and secretary of the Canton Student Congress. His

scholarship was submitted and sponsored by Frito-Lay of Plymouth. He is the son of Frank and Kathy Finch of Canton.

Amruta Mundade of Canton is a senior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor majoring in anthropology with a sub-concentration in medical anthropology. A Salem High School graduate, where she was ranked first of 615 students, she was student council president and played on the tennis and volleyball teams. At U-M, she is among the top 15 percent in her class. Her scholarship was submitted by Farmer Jack of Taylor and her sponsor is Kar's Nuts of Madison Heights. She is the daughter of Avinash and Sarla Mundade of Canton.

Hillsdale College

James Burns, a junior accounting major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2006 fall semester.

Burns is the son of Stephen and Amy Burns of Plymouth. He is a 2004 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Lake Superior State University

Two students from Canton and one from Plymouth were among students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. To make the list, students must achieve a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

The two Canton students were junior biology major Peter Bonneau and freshman criminal justice major Kara Klupacs.

Brian Tetreau, a sophomore from Plymouth majoring in criminal justice, also made the list.

Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon, an 11th-grader at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, made the Headmaster's List by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Sillmon has attended Howe Military School since January 2006.

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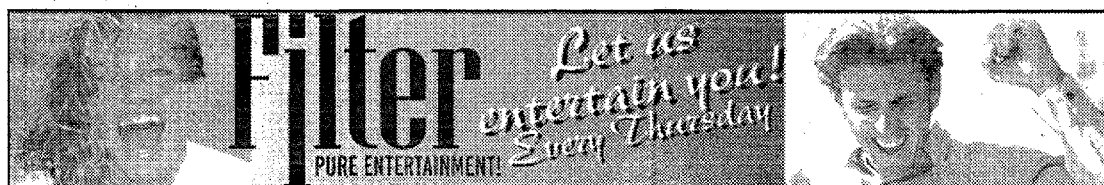
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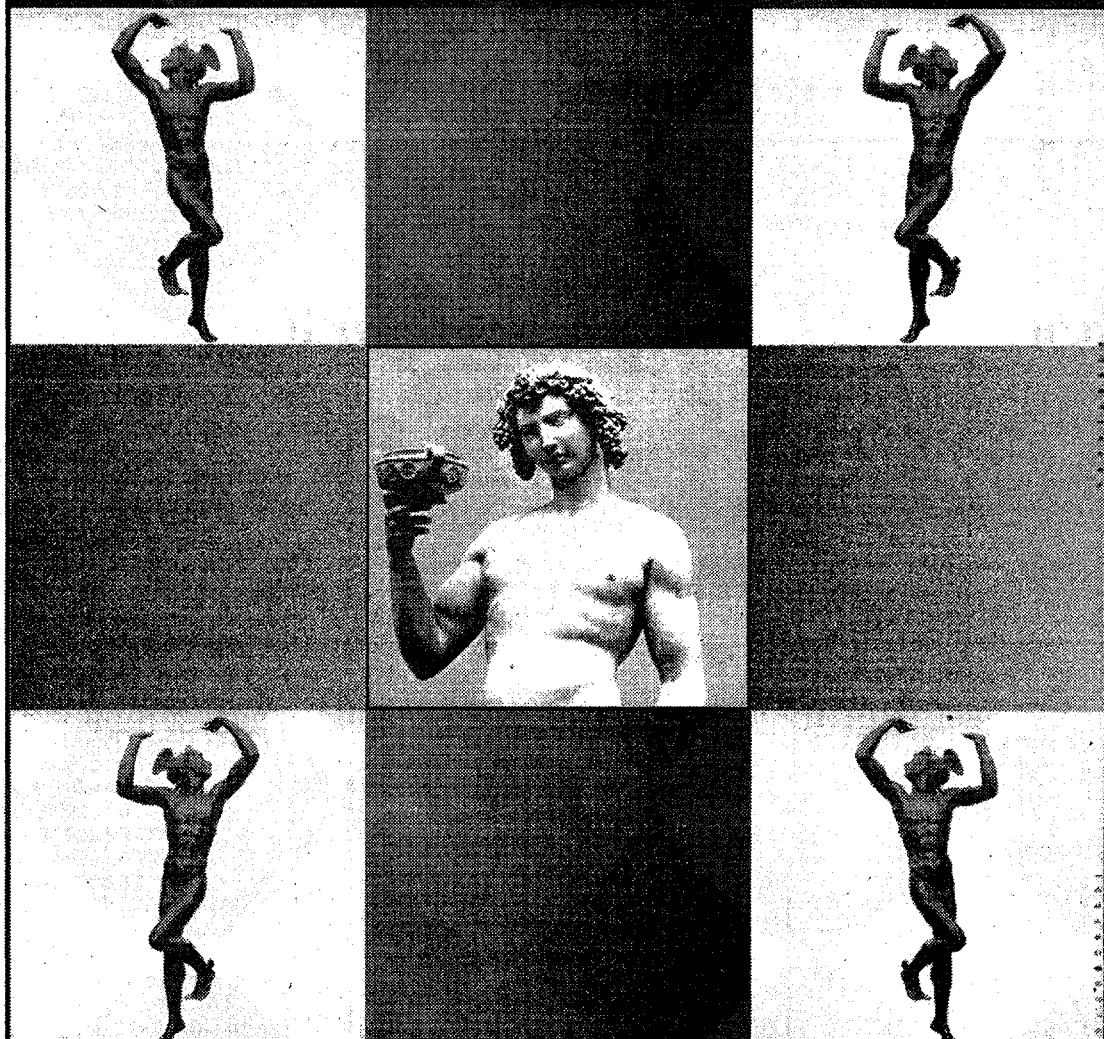
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gram) themselves. In Taiwan, one of the first graduates was a community organizer who was able to get a \$1 million grant. There are many fine things like that that have happened."

A service learning exchange program allowed students to learn practical skills in schools and hospitals in Mexico, as well as observe, understand and appreciate the culture. One of the values of the Felician nuns, who follow the teachings of St. Francis, is to have a respect for all people.

Through the Service Learning program, students participate in a variety of ways in the community. The program teaches them that they can make a difference by providing services such as after-school tutoring at All Saints Parish in southwest Detroit.

"I truly believe students should not be educated for the sake of personal development only," Kujawa said.

"I hope through the Service

Learning program they see the opportunity to be of service in a new way prior to attending Madonna University."

Madonna University is not only growing programs around the world, but on campus in Livonia. In 2009, the new Science and Media Center opens north of the administration building to accommodate not only recently instituted programs of forensic and environmental science, but *Madonna Magazine*, a cable show that gives media students real life experience, whether behind the camera or on set. It will be one of the first green buildings to be built in Livonia.

"We have our own international world here in Livonia with over 200 students from 43 countries. It makes a difference for students to ask questions of those from Nigeria or Japan," Kujawa said.

"One of the accomplishments is the growth over the 30 years I've been here. It went from a college of barely 1,000 students in the '70s to 4,600 today with 70 undergraduate programs, 25 master level choices and we're giving

serious consideration to doctoral programs," said Kujawa, who in 1991 chaired the committee for Madonna to become a university.

"My vision is clearly aligned with Madonna University to continue to be a strong, quality university, not only serving southeast Michigan, but continue to affect people from all countries, wherever we're called to serve."

Along with Kujawa, the event recognizes other women leaders, including Sandra Pierce, president and CEO, Charter One Bank; Terri Lynn Land, Michigan Secretary of State; Cynthia Taueg, vice president of Community Health and Senior Services, St. John Health System; Desiree Cooper, columnist, *Detroit Free Press*; and Shirley Stancato, president, New Detroit, Inc. Mary Jo Pulte of Uno Chicago Grill in southwest Michigan receives the Small Business Achievement Award.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for MBPA members, \$95 for non-members, and include workshops and luncheon.

For information or to register, or for sponsorship and

advertising opportunities, call (888) 277-6464, ext. 149, or visit www.michbusiness.org. Group discounts available for the event.

Edward Deeb is especially excited about the theme of this year's event — Taking Care of You, Takes Care of Business. Workshops include yoga, a panel discussion on women taking control of their careers, and maintaining wellness and balance. Last year, about 650 women attended the event.

"People take better care of their cars than themselves," said Deeb, CEO and president of Michigan Business and Professional Association and Michigan Food and Beverage Association, and a Bloomfield Hills resident.

"The whole thing is to be sure the women are healthy and run the gamut. New this year is an interactive session between the workshops on restoring balance — The Yoga Connection. I think the women are going to love to see how they can relax and be better prepared to do their jobs."

lchomin@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2145

SINGLES

MISC. SINGLES

Moon-dusters

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

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Annual Mass for Divorced and Separated

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Light dinner to follow. For details, call Michele at (313)996-8644.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join our E-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Euchre

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills

Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Monthly dance

The Wayne-Westland chapter of Parents Without Partners sponsors a singles dance on the second Saturday of every month at the Dearborn Elks Club at 25000 Michigan Ave. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Disc jockey, cash bar. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. Public invited. Information, Pat, (248) 478-8977, or Diana, (734) 751-7386.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101. ■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider size and placement variances for a sign requested by Bosch, 15000 Haggerty, Plymouth Township; and a request for a two foot variance for a six foot high fence at 40562 Pinetree Drive. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734-354-3208.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 5, 2007, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

EMOBILE ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6.02S AND 11.02B RELATIVE TO ALLOWING CELL TOWERS IN THE R-1 THROUGH R-5 ZONING DISTRICTS AS A SPECIAL LAND USE.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, March 1, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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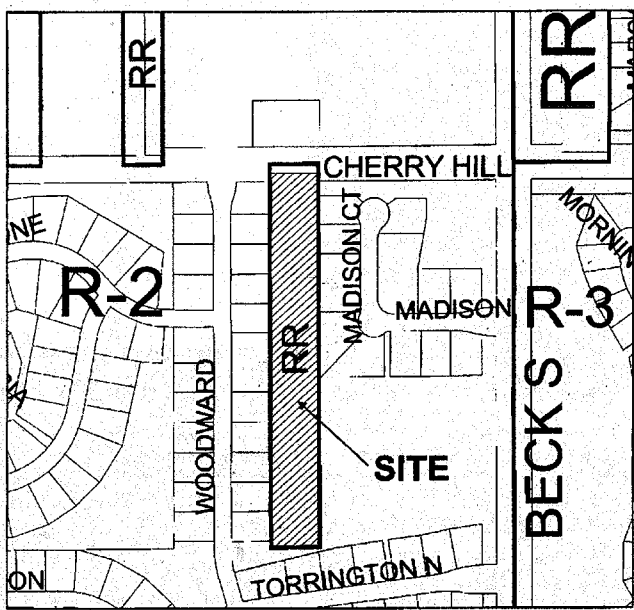
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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MCLENNAN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 077 99 0002 000 (47675 CHERRY HILL) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road.



McLennan Rezoning 077-RZ-018



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 1, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA MARCH 8, 2007

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- 1. William and Jennifer Moore, 47500 Hanford, Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located at same address, north side of Hanford between Beck and Ridge Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance, Article 26.00, Section 26.02, side yard setbacks. Zone R-1 Parcel 029 02 0006 301 (Building)
- 2. Bryan L. Amann of Bryan L. Amann PLLC, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Whitehall Realty Co., of Del Taco, 27750 Middlebelt Road, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 for commercial property located at southeast corner of Ford Road and Oakview Drive, south side of Ford Road between Oakview and Morton Taylor Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6.00, Section 6.10 variance from required 100ft setback from residential, and Article 4.00, Section 4.01, number of stacking spaces for drive-through restaurant. Zone C-2/CBD overlay Parcel 057 99 0001 008 (Planning)
- 3. Bryan L. Amann of Bryan L. Amann PLLC, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Fairways West Neighbors, LLC 201 Woodward, Canton, MI 48188 for residential property located at south side of Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Denton Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02 b, lot dimensions. (lot width to depth ratio) Zone Parent Parcel currently RR, Lots are R-2 Parcels 077 99 0002 000 (Parent Parcel) 077 02 0291 000 (Lot #291) 077 02 0292 000 (Lot #292) 077 02 0293 000 (Lot #293) 077 02 0294 000 (Lot #294) 077 02 0296 000 (Lot # 296) (Planning)
- 4. Curtis G. Griffis II of Lighthouse Construction, 6623 Lafontaine Drive, Plainwell, MI 49080 representing Paul Switzer of Texas Corral Grill and Saloon, 1001 White Hawk Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307 for commercial Property located at 43750 Ford Road north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6.00, Section 6.10 E.e.e, relative to use of L.E.D. lighting on the building. Zone C-2 Parcel 040 99 0004 702 (Planning)

Approval of the JANUARY 11, 2007 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2007 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS



The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 9:00 a. to 9:30 a.m. and appointments scheduled as follows:

The regular Board of Review schedule:

- Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 8, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 12, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2007 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 14, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday, March 14, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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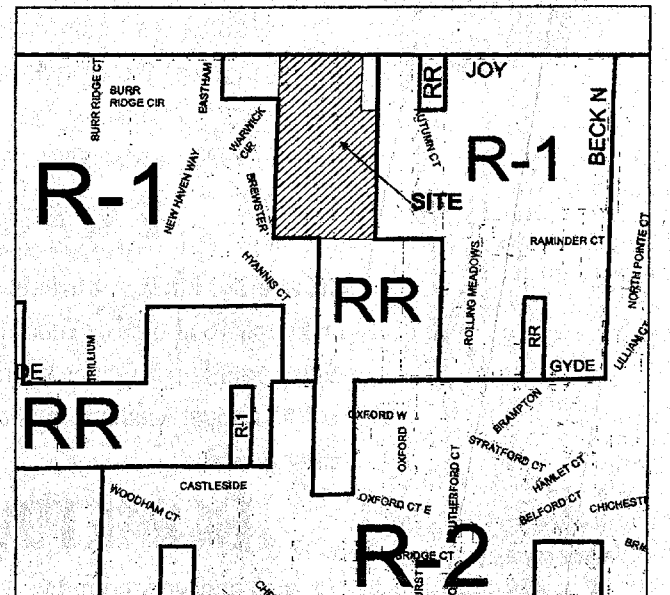
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 017 99 0009 001. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 1, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Plymouth/Canton School MLUP 006-MLP-004



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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REUNIONS

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

REUNIONS

Berkley High School Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kim-silasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Bishop Borgess Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

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

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967
A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efs67@yahoo.com

Detroit Chadsey Class of 1957
A 50th Reunion is being planned for

Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody Class of 1957
A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Call 800-859-9502 or email lore@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90.00 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

Detroit Cooley Classes of 1967, 1968
Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667-9131. Website www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967

Detroit Denby Class of 1957
A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please email maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1967
A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia.

Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast.net.

Detroit Holy Redeemer Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261-3346.

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

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

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

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

Ferndale Lincoln High Class of 1947 January and June
60th class reunion, Aug. 3, 4 and 5 at

The Hilton Hotel on Crooks Road in Troy. For information or details contact: Treva (Powell)Hamill, 248-667-1601, bobtreva@aol.com or, Dick Reising, 248-623-9060, dreising@sbc-global.net

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

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

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

Ladywood High School Class of 1967
A 40-year reunion is planned for June 9-10, 2007. Headquarters at Courtyard by Marriott, Laurel Park, Livonia. Call Liz at (248)681-7768 or email LHS67@comcast.net for further information.

Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1957
A 50th reunion Saturday, June 9, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100

Merriman Road, Livonia. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. Cost \$45 per person due May 1. For information, call Janice Sue Fernandez, (734)427-1288.

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

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

Our Lady of Sorrows Class of 1966
Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634.

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1957, 1958
A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@comcast.net

Roseville High School Class of 1956
A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at all-june1939@scbglobal.net or the-hermans2002@comcast.net.

Royal Oak Dondoro High School Class of June-Jan. of 1959
Seeking classmates for Aug. 4 reunion. Include name, address and e-mail address to: Jean (Elliott) Palmer 248-435-7875, TJPalmer73@aol.com, or Mike Soule 248-853-7483.

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

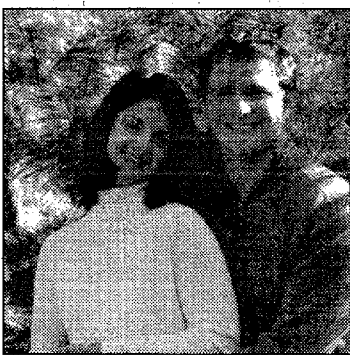
Southfield High School Class of 1977
A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@aol.com or lleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.net

St. Anthony Elementary All classes
Reunion on Oct. 6, 2007 for the Detroit school at 25th and Vernor. Email mrkf4yahoo.com or call (734)995-9243 for further details and to give your contact information.

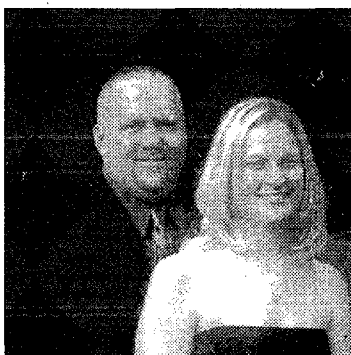
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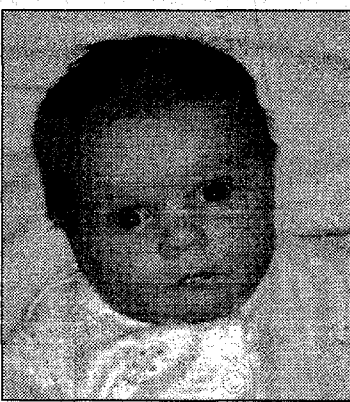
Brama-Ward
Melissa Brama and Chad Ward were married Nov. 4, 2006, on the beach at sunset at the Sunset Beach Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dianne Coverley.
The bride is the daughter of Cindy Briody of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attended Grand Valley State University. She is an assistant manager at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Kokomo, Ind.
The groom is the son of Sam and Sherry Ward of Rossville, Ind. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is an assistant manager at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in West Lafayette, Ind.
Maid of honor was Chad's sister and Melissa's best friend Renae Ward. Best Man was Matt Toth, Chad's best friend from college. At dinner at Luciano's of Chicago in Nassau immediately followed the wedding attended by family members. The couple will honeymoon at a later date.
They will make their home in Rossville Indiana.



Rutecki-Dainty
William Rutecki of LaVerne, Calif., and Barbara Rutecki of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Geneva Rutecki of East Lansing, to Ryan James Dainty of Mishawaka, Ind.
The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently teaching in East Lansing.
The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Helen Dainty of Cookerville, Ind. He is a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee. He is a master of divinity student at the University of Notre Dame.
An Aug. 4 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor.
The couple will make their home in South Bend, Ind.



Smith-Rider
Gerrard and Stephanie Smith of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Smith, to Chad Rider of Canton.
The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth-Canton Schools. She received a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. She is employed as a pharmacist at Busch's Pharmacy in Saline.
The prospective groom is the son of Nina Rider of South Lyon. He is a graduate of South Lyon schools. He received master of science degree in information systems management from Lawrence Technological University in 2001. He is employed as an MIS manager for Kalitta Air in Ypsilanti.
A wedding is planned for March 2 at St. Thomas 'a Becket in Canton.
The couple will make their home in Canton.



Natalie Irene McCall
Duane and Lynette McCall of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Irene McCall, on Jan. 23, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Natalie weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces at birth and 21 inches long.
She has a sister, Abby Elizabeth.
Grandparents are Duane and Jill McCall of Dearborn Heights, Emily Clarke of Waterford and Ron and Joanne Clarke of Lake Orion.
Great-grandparents are Emery and Elizabeth Weiss of Mt. Clemens, Myril Lehtinen of Waterford and Bud and Mary Lou Elenbaum of Pigeon.



Ellen Grace Tomlinson
Jeff and Kelly Tomlinson of Florence, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter, Ellen Grace, on Dec. 4, 2007. The Tomlinsons are former residents of Livonia.
Grandparents are John and Luanne Woodley of Livonia, Len and Cindy Gallagher of Clarkston and Mark and Monica Tomlinson of Plymouth.
Great-grandparents are Pat Hope of Livonia, Ilsa deArmas of Redford and Pat Cardinal of Livonia.



John Baffy
Age 66, February 13, 2007. Beloved husband of Judith for 40 years, loving father of William (Kelly) and Robert (Jennifer), proud grandfather of Christopher. Survived by two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Former youth hockey coach and avid golfer. Private services were held February 16. Memorial donations to Angela Hospice.



Georgina P. Connell
Age 88, of Plymouth, passed away February 14, 2007. Born June 28, 1918 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Georgina moved to the Plymouth community in 1979. Retired from the Ford Motor Company as a registered nurse. Served as a flight nurse during WWII in the Army Air Corp. Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Georgina loved to travel and her travels took her around the world. She also enjoyed the theatre and opera. She was extremely close to and proud of her large, extended family of brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. She is survived by her sister Phyllis Robinson Feddis; her loving nieces and nephews and their extended families, as well as her sisters-in-law Jessie Brinson and Jean Brinson, brother-in-law Edward David and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband James; her sisters Alma Maher, Lucille David, Theresa Luberto; and her brothers Adolph ("Bus"), Lenwood, Martin, and James Brinson. Funeral service was held Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI 48180-9990 or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010. Arrangements were entrusted to Schradler-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth.

Passages
Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances
1-800-579-7355 ♦ fax: 734-953-2232
e-mail: oebits@hometownlife.com

CHARLES REED COLLINS
of Livonia died at his home, Friday, February 9, 2007. Charles, beloved son of Dr. Elwood R. and Linda R. Collins, was born November 13, 1970 in Detroit. Charles is survived by his parents, sisters Dr. Janice Collins, Miss Leslie Collins and Dr. Karen Collins-Grady (Dr. Jeff Grady) and nieces and nephews Alexandra, Spencer, Eleanor, Olivia, Bennett and Avery. Services were held at the Schradler-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth with interment to take place at the family plot in Bad Axe. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion of Livonia, Post 32, 3918 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

EDWARD J. HAHN, JR.
February 13, 2007 Age 95 of Birmingham. Beloved husband of Nora and the late Marion. Brother of the late Eleanor Rich. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Hospice charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARGIE ANNE HOEGY
Feb. 15, 2007 (as a result of an auto accident). Age 67, of Grass Lake, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Louis; Loving mother of Melissa (Dan) Bass; Proud Nana of Abigail; Dear Sister of Beverly (Ted) Regal, Ron (Margo) Traub, Bonnie (Mike) Tyler, and Donna (John) Asher; Loving aunt of seven nieces and five nephews. Visitation Tuesday, 3-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In State Wednesday, 10am until 11am. Funeral service at Fa-Ho-Lo Camp and Conference Center Chapel, Grass Lake. To leave a message of condolence, please see:
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DONALD K. HOFFMAN
Age 90, February 14, 2007. Army veteran of World War II. A resident of Plymouth for over 60 years and member of Newburg United Methodist Church for over 50 years. Survived by his wife of 66 years Mary. Dear father of Sharon (Richard) Waack and Terry Holt and the late Donna Holt. Also leaves five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one sister. Visitation at the Schradler-Howell Funeral home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 2PM from Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

In Memory Of
GRACE A. LAWRENCE
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The years go by...yet in my heart you shall remain forever young. Somehow...with you the dew and the stars are wondrous things. The dragonflies have fairy wings. Flowers look upon you when you are near and the voice of the turtle rings in my ear.
Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother
Love, Steve and your entire family

DOROTHY JEAN PHILLIPS
Of Brighton, formerly of Birmingham. Passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born on March 19, 1929 in Bay City, Michigan, a daughter of John Littlejohn and Bernadine (Sterling) Philip. She moved to Brighton in 2003. Prior to 2003 she had been a resident of Birmingham for 30 years. Miss Phillips was raised in Bay City. Miss Phillips was the owner of the Village Snack Shop in Birmingham for many years. Miss Phillips is survived by her sister; Helen R. Jones of Brighton. Dear aunt of two nieces, two great-nieces and two great-nephews and three great-great-nieces. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Miss Phillips name are suggested to the American Red Cross, Livingston County Chapter, 1372 W. Grand River, Howell, Michigan 48843.

ROBERT POLLOCK
Age 92 and lifelong resident of Birmingham, died on February 13, 2007 at Mercy Bellbrook Assisted Living in Rochester. Mr. Pollock was born on April 23, 1914 to the late Victor M. and Ethel M. (Meraw) Pollock. Mr. Pollock worked for the Detroit Edison Company, retiring in 1979 after 45 years of service. He is a veteran of World War II where he served in the Army. Mr. Pollock was a member of Holy Name Church and was one of the founding parishioners. Mr. Pollock is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Mary (Larry A.) McCurdy and Susan JoAnn (Carl H) Schmidt; grandchildren, Kimberlee Sue (Timothy J.) Easterday, John Michael McCurdy, Melissa JoAnn (George J.) Zeeff, Carl Robert, Elisabeth Anne, and Emily Elisabeth Schmidt; Great-grandchildren, Evelyn R. McCurdy and Gaia Arielle McCurdy. He is preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Virginia (nee Howell) and brother, Phillip M. Pollock. Funeral was held at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Friday 10:30am. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors.

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March is Brain Injury Author tells kids to set goals for success Awareness Month

March 1 marks the beginning of Brain Injury Awareness Month in the United States.

In Michigan, a kick-off rally will be held at our State Capitol Building in Lansing.

Michigan is the only known state to hold a kick-off rally and it is more than a little known secret that we have been doing so for eight consecutive years!

This year's rally will be the Eighth Annual conducted by our own Farmington Hills "Therapy Choir." This unique group of men and women are recovering from traumatic brain injuries, which are often accompanied with mental illness and substance abuse problems.

The Therapy Choir has been removing the stigma of these words for all audiences, far and wide, for the past nine years. The choir is headquartered at Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Farmington Hills which has serviced thousands of brain injured individuals over the past 20 years.

The choir has given over 145 free performances for our community and neighboring communities to increase awareness and break the silence about traumatic brain injuries and the related problems which occur every 21 seconds in America.

This year's rally will be co-sponsored by Farmington Hills State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi and State Sen. Gilda Jacobs. The rally takes place on Wednesday Feb. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. in the beautiful Atrium of our State Capitol. It is free and open to the public. A "Fill the Atrium" campaign may occur with our Farmington First Methodist Church whereby interested folks might share transportation or perhaps a bus. (Call Volunteer Voice Coordinator Terrye Mock at (248) 505-3951 for information).



Chatroom

Len McCulloch

tion). The church, you know, donated their choir robes to the choir when it began in 1997.

Word has come to us that 60-80 percent of our wounded military returning from Iraq have traumatic brain injuries. The Therapy Choir's new goal is to open its membership to veterans and their families and allow the military to use our choir to raise awareness about this epidemic and need for treatment providers beyond our VA system.

Do think seriously about attending this rally and learning more about traumatic brain injury which is so prevalent in our youth (through sports and abuse), in teens (through violence and drugs and drinking), in adults (through motor vehicle accidents and violence) and in our elderly (through falls and accidents). These are the chief causes. Prevention is the chief cure.

Also know that The Therapy Choir has opened its membership to all in our community through its Volunteer Voices Program. Anyone with or without a disability is welcome to join-up with us. We are a therapy choir and no singing ability is required! We are advocating education, awareness, and inspiration on our continuing "Tour of Hope."

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is the creator and Director of The Therapy Choir. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, substance abuse and social work. For information call him at (248) 474-2763 ext. 22.

BY SHARON DARGAY
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

Larry Cole, of Farmington, became an author last year to keep kids from falling "through the cracks" and turning into adults on "a fast track to nowhere."

"I thought if I could get to those kids earlier, I could get them on the right track and make their lives better. I'd write a series of short stories, make the print larger and add extra space between the lines. It'd be an easy read." The story portion of his paperback, *Don't Blame Me!*, runs only 100 pages, but packs in concepts about goal-setting, organization, and overcoming obstacles. He also includes pages of motivational quotes ("Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings"), rules for success and a photo gallery of "champions." His "Goal Tender," a score sheet for keeping track of chores and goals, is inserted into every book.

Cole, who coached Little League baseball for many years and works as an airline captain, says he strongly believes in the need for children and teens to set and achieve small, realistic goals that might be stepping stones to larger goals. He taught his son to set goals at an early age. The 26-year-old is finishing his law school degree.

"Put a big goal in front of you and you'll look at it very day. It will be overwhelming and you'll say, 'No way can I do that.' But put the big goal aside and put baby steps in front and you achieve the first one. You're a little closer now and the big goal is possible."

His short stories each illustrate how.

There's Rudy, the aspiring actor, who is too shy to audition. The school drama teacher helps him overcome his fears by guiding him through baby steps. After reading a script out loud to her, he musters the courage to meet new people each day, eventually speaking to small groups and then large groups.

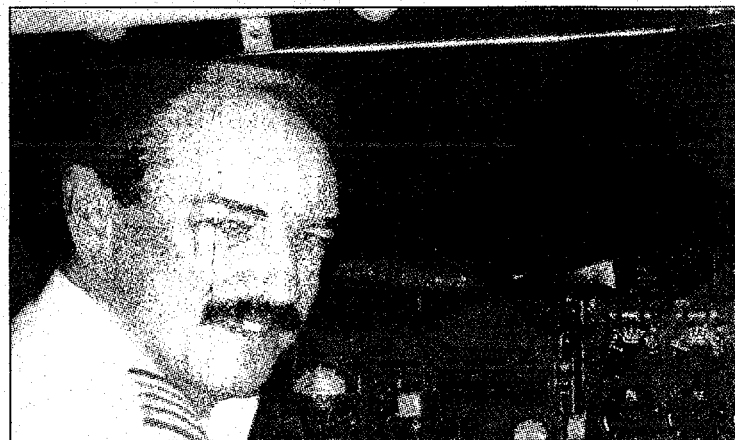
Joey, the aspiring baseball player, needed to improve hitting, catching and throwing before he'd earn a spot on a team at the playground.

"Instead of trying to improve on everything at once, he'd focus on one phase of the game at a time," Cole wrote. The boy watched baseball, read about technique and then practiced until he strengthened all of his skills and eventually made the team.

"The goal has to be written down and there has to be a deadline. Without a deadline a goal is just a wish," Cole said. "A goal is a goal, even if it's a selfish goal, like 'I want a new sweater.' You still have to work to achieve it. Once they become a part of your daily life, goals become routine."

ADULTS NEED GOALS

Cole stresses that goal-setting early in life can lead to a happier, more fulfilling adulthood. Without goals, even adults flounder. He tells the story of a co-pilot, Buzz, who had "settled into a comfortable rut" at his job, not bothering to achieve beyond his



Author and airline pilot Larry Cole of Farmington.

co-pilot rating. Buzz wasn't prepared when his employer offered to test him for the pilot rank. He failed, but the airline gave him a month to study and re-take the test. Cole helped him set goals and eventually Buzz passed the test. They also worked on Buzz's pompous attitude toward other workers, using the same mini-goal method.

"He wouldn't talk to people," Cole said, adding that Buzz didn't know the name of the hangar janitor he saw every day.

"And then I pointed out to him that throughout his career as a captain he would meet many people," Cole wrote. "All are significant. They deserve your attention and kindness, even if all you do is smile and say hello."

Cole has sold his books primarily through craft fairs and through his Web site, www.dontblamelarry.com.

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Pedophiles offer warnings

Psychotherapist talks with sexual offenders

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

No one disputes psychotherapist Dan O'Neil's comment that sex offenders are never cured. Five out of the eight men attending O'Neil's Monday night group therapy session are pedophiles.

These men will be the first to tell you there isn't a day goes by that they don't struggle to overcome their urges. They're here because they were court ordered, but say they want help after realizing the damage they've done to children. Most of them have been in therapy with O'Neil for about one year. Initially, all minimized the harm they caused their victims.

Ted went into his 15-year-old daughter's bedroom one night to fondle her breasts. He received two years probation and a mandate to complete O'Neil's Sex Offenders Treatment Program at the Birmingham Maple Clinic, an outpatient therapeutic resource for individuals and families in Troy. Here, the men pull no punches during the session as they try to expose the reasons for their behaviors.

O'Neil has to eventually put a stop to their interrogation of Bill, a newcomer. The 38-year-old man says he was jailed for a year because of a letter he wrote to his 14-year-old niece, but won't reveal the contents. Ten years earlier, he served time for another sexual assault. The men want to know the details so they can help

him understand that the victims will have to deal with issues of trust, fear, anger and confusion for the rest of their lives. Only then can he begin to change. But do pedophiles really change?

Eric says, it's a lifelong process. He asks is a druggie cured, an alcoholic?

O'Neil says the re-offending rate is low with therapy, but there is no solid method, not even chemical or surgical castration, for changing or stopping pedophiles from fantasizing about children. There are more than 500,000 sexual offenders in the U.S. according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com). O'Neil says about 60 percent of them live in communities under supervision such as probation or parole.

Jack has to remember daily to assess his thoughts and actions. That's why the men feel it's important for parents to listen to their tips so that children don't become victims of a pedophile. When Jack asks Ted what he would tell mothers to keep their children safe, he says to trust their intuition.

When O'Neil began working with disturbed children in 1975, he discovered a high percentage had been sexually assaulted within their family. He says, "incest is underreported. Yet with treatment, the rate of re-offense is only about five percent. If a father assaults his daughter one time, touches her breast and it's not reported, he's going to do it



Psychotherapist Dan O'Neil talks with pedophiles as part of the Sex Offenders Treatment Program at Birmingham Maple Clinic.

again and go farther."

O'Neil sees a number of men who have assaulted a son or daughter. He believes "anyone who has ever touched a child in a sexual manner is a pedophile." About 90 percent are situational offenders — a child care worker, father, stepfather, a father's bowling partner. He says they don't have a healthy adult relationship and are looking for a friend or buddy then sexualize the relationship. Sometimes their judgment is clouded by anger and not having control. Sexually assaulting the child gives them power. O'Neil says these men are the bulk of sexual offenders, not strangers or preferential pedophiles fixated on children.

"My daughter blamed herself, me and her mom," Ted said. "If they suspect something, I would tell them to protect their kids. My wife knew and did very little."

Ted admits he would have denied his actions even if his wife had confronted him, but it might have stopped

him from sexually assaulting his daughter again. Communication is key to preventing and detecting sexual assault in children. Over and over, the men repeated that parents should listen to their kids. Rarely will a child make up a story about a sexual assault, O'Neil said. Moms should at least consider the assault occurred.

When the 11- and 13-year-old daughters of Keith's girlfriend told their mother he'd sexually assaulted them, she didn't believe it even though she'd been molested by her father. O'Neil said denial is not unusual. When a child is sexually assaulted "they can develop a blind spot as an adult and have to be especially vigilant. They may seek out these kind of guys that are predators if not resolved through therapy or by breaking the secret."

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Tips for keeping children safe

Psychotherapist Dan O'Neil says parents have to remain vigilant even though reports of sexual assaults have dropped significantly in the last 10 years. Whether it's due to longer periods of incarceration, treatment, the institution of the sex offender registry, or better education of children, pedophiles are still out there. He estimates about 20 percent of sexual offenders are women.

"You can't spot a pedophile," said O'Neil who runs the Sex Offenders Treatment Program at the Birmingham Maple Clinic in Troy. "They come in all colors. I'd worry when they're taking a kid out to dinner usually alone. They pick timid kids, kids who are needy, some with problems at home."

"I'm always suspicious of males who are always around kids. I used to be an elementary school teacher. I've had predators who were teachers. Pedophiles don't look weird. They can be effeminate or masculine, can act like a pervert or be very religious. Everybody's a suspect."

The Jacob Wetterling Foundation offers tips on keeping your child safe on its Web site www.jwf.org. Here are a few of them:

Talk about family rules. Tell your children not to go with any adult who asks for their help. Adults should ask other adults for help, not children. Most of the people in the world are good, but some are not. Stay away from dangerous situations and behaviors, not certain kinds of people just because they're strangers. A child is most likely to be sexually exploited by someone they know or have seen.

Reassure and regularly communicate with your children at all stages of their lives. Communicating only in times of crisis doesn't encourage children to come forward with needs and concerns in everyday situations.

Tell a child if they're separated from a parent or caregiver in the mall or anywhere else to find a mom who has children and tell her they're lost. Never leave the building with anyone except a parent or caregiver.

Report any unusual activity that you witness related to children or adults. If your intuition tells you something is odd or wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts and tell your kids to do the same. To prevent risky situations look for these red flags.

■ Adults who want to spend time with your child in isolated situations

■ Children who suddenly withdraw from other children and want to spend more of their time with a particular adult

■ Children who are receiving unexplained gifts, cell phones, event tickets, clothes, etc.

■ Adults who take children to special places where they do not take other children or adults

■ Adults who spend long periods of time alone with a particular child in private place (ex. long trips, overnights, secluded parks/buildings)

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The young girls told a counselor at school. Keith, his girlfriend and her two daughters were all cuddling in bed when he rubbed the inner thigh and kissed the belly of one child then stroked the bottom of the other. O'Neil says it's important to set boundaries. Even the very youngest of children should sleep in their own bed. And all children should be given instructions about good and bad touch.

Mark inappropriately touched the private areas of his 15-year-old stepdaughter. He is one of the men who says he's changed.

"I came here with a 'me' mentality," Mark said. "(The sessions) opened up my eyes."

"It's putting myself into somebody's shoes, knowing it can cause pain, so I can feel what they feel so my anger isn't channeled the wrong way," said Eric, who blames his mother and childhood bullies for his exhibitionism. He was overweight as a child, so he targeted kids the same age as those who bullied him earlier in life. His mother created a lot of anger in him by constantly beating him up mentally. Through treatment, he "found out a low percentage of sexual crimes are about sex."

Eric says he's not a pedophile and has a relationship with a woman. He was convicted of indecent exposure. Before that, he "had investigated kiddie porn." He tells parents not to let children go into a public bathroom alone.

"I followed him into the bathroom and exposed myself. I didn't believe I was hurting anybody, never touched anybody," Eric said.

Darrin, who raped a woman in Las Vegas, asks if Eric were a father at what age would he let him go to the bathroom by himself. Fifteen was the wrong answer. O'Neil mentioned the case of 15-year-old boy who was raped in a bathroom the week before.

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Too much cardio can be harmful

Jim from Canton e-mails asking for the pluses and minuses of a cardio workout.

Jim, there is no doubt that a good cardio workout is a cornerstone of an effective weight loss program. But, if you are trying to build muscles, don't overdo it!

One of the main culprits in muscle loss can be over-dieting. It suppresses hormones like thyroid and testosterone. But overdoing cardio workouts can be even more damaging than over-dieting when it comes to hormone suppression!

If you do too much cardio, you

are essentially lowering hormone levels that allow you to build muscle and burn fat. That is why too much cardio can be a dead end, causing dramatic loss of muscle mass!

A good rule of thumb is to try to get in four 45-minute cardio sessions a week. If you go over that your muscle building goals might be compromised.

Jill from Warren e-mails and is looking for a new aerobic exercise to improve her workout routine.

Jill, you might want to kickbox your way to better health! A non-contact kickboxing routine is sufficient to improve physical and cardiovascular fitness.

A recent study looked at a group of women weighing an average of

135 pounds. It utilized four kickboxing routines: Upper body jabs, lower body kicks, a combination of jabs and kicks, plus a conditioning routine. That routine consisted of jumping jacks and simulated rope jumping.

Participants burned the most calories performing a combination of kicks and jabs. Calories were burned at a rate of 6.5 to 8 calories per minute, totaling 450 calories an hour! That is the equivalent to an hour of jogging.

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

Dealing with Unexpected Loss presented by Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701. Cost \$10 if your church does not hold a subscription. Focus is how caregivers can provide a sense of hope in the healing relations with care-receivers.

Feldenkrais class

Michele Schoel, physical therapist, begins a six-weeks of Feldenkrais classes 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Astarte Yoga Studio, 21894 Farmington, one block south of Nine Mile. Cost is \$55 for series, \$10 prepaid per class, or \$11 per class on walk-in basis. Visit www.feldenkrais.com/method for details on Feldenkrais or call Schoel at (248) 752-0661.

HMR program

Free orientation for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Health Management Resources (HMR) weight management program noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark. The program includes in-depth lifestyle education, personal coaching and medically supervised treatment. To register, call (734) 655-1783. HMR orientations are also held weekly at the hospital.

Suicide prevention forum

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency will sponsor a suicide prevention forum 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Youthville Detroit, 7375 Woodward, Detroit. Forum focuses on suicide awareness, intervention, and education for youth ages 13-19 and features a clinical specialist, a young per-

son who attempted suicide and has been in recovery, and activities to help equip youth against suicidal feelings and behaviors. The event is free. Youth under 11 years old must be accompanied by adult to participate. Suicide is responsible for some 200 deaths each year in Wayne County and is the third leading cause of death for 10- to 19-year-olds in Michigan. For suicide intervention, crisis counseling or information about mental health services, call (800) 241-4949.

Half hour to health

Dr. Daniel Laframboise, chiropractor, presents the Half Hour to Health Workshops at 6:15 p.m., in his office at 18444 Farmington Road, Livonia. Feb. 20 topic is How to Make Your Spine Seven Times Stronger, Feb. 27th How to Increase Your Immune System 300-percent, and March 6 The Best Kept Health Secret. Receive new information on health breakthroughs that can change your life, like how to harness three times more of your natural energy and much more. No charge. Seating limited. To register, call (248) 474-5252.

Cultural competency program

Deadline for registration is Feb. 20 for the Oakwood Healthcare System Transcultural Strategic Taskforce seminar on cultural competency 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. The event is open to physicians and health care professionals and features best practices for culturally and linguistically appropriate care. Featured speaker Robert Like, MD, is a leader in delivery of patient centered, culturally competent care from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Registration fee \$125, \$75 Oakwood

staff and physicians. To register, call (800) 543WELL.

Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments

6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., presents Fixing Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments Naturally, at the Alfred Noble Library, Livonia. Do you have cold hands/feet, tired all the time, weight issues or depressed? Discover simple, natural solutions. No charge. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

Quilt exhibit

Jacquelyn Johnson-Dawson displays lively, colorful quilts based on stories of life: love, joy, music, art, illness and death, the public is cordially invited to attend an artist's reception 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Nancy Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Show continues to April 30. Gallery is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Providence Center for the Healing Arts, located in the Assarian Cancer Center, provides a variety of programs to promote emotional, mental and spiritual well-being for cancer patients, their families and the community. For more information, contact Lori Taylor at (248) 465-5455 or send e-mail to Lorraine.Taylor@providence-stjohnhealth.org.

Body connection classes

Prenatal Yoga, sprinkled with Nutrition, series begins Friday mornings, Feb. 23; Diabetes Connection - Education and Support, Thursday late afternoons beginning March 1, at Body Connection, Royal Oak. For more information, cost or to register, call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.bodyconnection-nia.com.

Tips to prevent frostbite when temperatures drop

Due to recent sub-zero temperatures, the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center has seen an increase in serious cases of frostbite and frostbite-related injuries. Frostbite is damage to the skin and underlying tissues caused by prolonged exposure to extreme cold.

"The most commonly affected areas are ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet," says Pamela Pucci, a registered nurse educator, U-M Trauma Burn Center. "Children, the elderly and those not dressed for extremely cold temperatures as well as those with poor circulation are at a greater risk."

Pucci urges anyone who must be outside for longer than 20 minutes at a time to exercise extreme caution and offers these simple steps to prevent frostbite.

■ Dress in warm layers with a waterproof outer layer and boots as well as scarves, hats and gloves.

■ Avoid getting wet and remove any wet clothing immediately.

■ Drink plenty of water and

eat regularly.

■ Avoid alcohol, smoking and caffeine as these can lower resistance to frostbite.

■ When traveling, monitor fuel levels closely and always keep blankets, shovels, matches, and other emergency supplies in vehicle.

"Wind chill has been a factor in a number of the frostbite cases we've seen in the past week," said Pucci. "Wind can cause frostbite to set in much more quickly so extra caution should be exercised on windy days."

Frostbite, which can affect the skin in as little as 20 minutes, causes loss of feeling and color to the affected area. If you detect symptoms of frostbite, do not rub or massage the affected area as this may produce further tissue injury. Instead, run warm - not hot - water over affected areas if you suspect you have frostbite. If skin has a white tint and no sensation, seek immediate medical attention.

For more information, call (734) 396-9666 or visit www.traumaburn.org.

Breast cancer patients wanted for acupuncture study

Henry Ford Hospital is conducting a study to test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes experienced by breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy. Researchers hope that the traditional Chinese practice leads to a new treatment option for patients.

"This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients," said radiation oncologist Eleanor Walker M.D., the study's lead investigator.

"An alternative form of treatment with minimal or no side effects is needed to improve the quality of life for these patients."

As part of the study, Walker works with acupuncturist Beth Kohn. Patients can choose to participate in the study at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit or the Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi.

'This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients.'

Dr. Eleanor Walker
Henry Ford Hospital

Breast cancer patients who are treated with chemotherapy and/or hormonal therapy commonly experience hot flashes and other symptoms of premature menopause. An estimated 65-percent of breast cancer patients experience hot flashes, and in many cases the symptoms are severe.

Hormone replacement therapy - estrogen and progesterin - is used to treat hot flashes in many women. However, HRT is not used in breast cancer patients who have hot flashes because of evidence that it

poses a high risk of cancer recurrence.

Walker said, the antidepressant drug Effexor is one of the most common therapies for treating hot flashes in breast cancer patients. Prozac and Paxil also have shown to be effective. These drugs work to control various neurotransmitters in the brain, some of which are believed to be associated with hot flashes, including opioids. Acupuncture releases endorphins in the body that may affect opioid levels. But many breast cancer patients don't take Effexor either because of its side effects - sexual dysfunction and nausea among them - or because they don't want more medication on top of what they're already receiving, Walker said.

Seventy of the 140 patients enrolled in the two-year study will be randomly assigned to receive acupuncture for 12 weeks. The other

half will receive Effexor over the same time period. Data will be collected at quarterly intervals in the first year. Researchers will test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes and if it has fewer side effects than Effexor.

Eligible participants are pre- or postmenopausal breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy with either the anti-estrogen drug tamoxifen or arimidex, patients who experience 14 hot flashes a week, patients who completed chemotherapy, and patients on hormonal therapy for at least four weeks.

Henry Ford researchers Walker, Robert Levine, Ph.D., and Alba Rodriguez, Ph.D. were awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to conduct the study.

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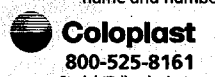
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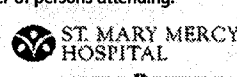
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In fibromyalgia, daily exercise is as important as any medication; some physicians rank exercise as the treatment of choice. In winter, you face snow, cold and ice that can make a walk around the block impossible. In Michigan, road conditions can change suddenly for the worse, making the gym or pool dangerous to access. Putting a treadmill in your basement often represents an alternative too bleak to consider.

An escape to Florida, Arizona, California or the Caribbean is ideal but unrealistic. Instead, you are left to make do until mid-March. Then Michigan generates sufficient warmth and heat to allow you to return to a regimen of daily exercise and an inviting environment.

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Elegant competitor

Bloomfield woman preparing to defend her world champion ballroom dance title

BY SHARON DARGAY
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In rehab nursing, Kay Ford is known as "the velvet hammer" because of her thorough, get-it-done demeanor.

But on the ballroom dance floor, Ford is smooth as silk, whether quick-stepping in 2 1/2-inch heels, gliding to the Viennese waltz or making precise, dramatic tango moves.

"I'm a competitive person with myself and a perfectionist," said Ford, who will be 69 in March, the same month in which she will defend her world championship title in International Standard ballroom dancing. "I'm very dedicated to learning and that's different than just going out and dancing. It's a way of life. I'm serious about it."

"I wanted to be a dancer all my life."

Although she danced ballet on pointe and took a little tap when she was growing up in the Saginaw area, she put her dreams on hold to major in broadcasting at Michigan State, marry her husband, Robert, raise three children, take on a second career in nursing at age 32, attain a master's degree and start her own rehab nursing business, working with patients injured in vehicular accidents, their insurance carriers and doctors.

While still maintaining her nursing caseload, Ford, now a grandmother, started ballroom dancing 15 years ago and has steadily moved through its ranks from bronze to gold level, winning titles along the way. She dances in pro-am competitions with her teachers, Igor Litvinov, Professional International Standard champion, and John Abrams, four-time U.S. American Rhythm dance runner-up.

FOUR STYLES

Ford competes in two of the four ballroom dance styles: International Standard and American Ballroom. American

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Rhythm and International Latin are the other two categories. The international styles came from Europe and are the forerunners of American ballroom.

Litvinov, who lives in New Jersey and competes professionally with Yulia Ivleva, coaches Ford in International Standard, which consists of tango, waltz, foxtrot, Viennese waltz and quickstep. Abrams dances with Lena Sidyelnikova out of the studio he co-owns in Milwaukee, Wis., and teaches Ford American Smooth ballroom, which includes tango, waltz, foxtrot and Viennese waltz. She's also working with him on lifts.

"Oh my God, it's like flying. The first time I did one was last June. I had so much fun. I did little bitty lifts and now I have to do big ones. I have to trust him. I don't have any fear. He's very strong," Ford said.

"John flies here from Milwaukee and that's how I've been able to do American ballroom. He comes in once a month and I take 15 lessons from him. He has a theater production in Wisconsin in June and I'm going to be a stripper. We're trying to get me away from being this sophisti-

cated standard dancer. We're even talking about perhaps doing a rap because we're trying to get me to be very different."

"Igor thinks that John's teachings are getting me to be more theatrical."

LONG-DISTANCE DANCER

Every month, Ford flies to New York and then drives to New Jersey to meet with Litvinov and Ivleva. During her 2 1/2-day stay, she takes 15 lessons. At home, she practices without a partner and studies her homework.

"There are 42 steps to learn in just the waltz alone," Ford says, showing a dance pattern Yulia had drawn for her. "They gave me three like this with the name of the step, the sequence, the alignment. You can see it's a very scientific thing."

They also quiz her about dance, asking questions about weight distribution for particular moves and proper foot placement.

"I was honored when they accepted me," she said. "It's a lot of work to have an out-of-town student. You've got to have resources, motivation and be able to sustain it. Now they are trying to save me money by

meeting me at the airport. It's very expensive to dance with two different men, but I'm able to do 15 lessons, five without stopping, because I'm physically pretty conditioned. The one gift I have is energy."

IN SHAPE

Abrams has encouraged Ford to begin stretching exercises to help with flexibility during lifts. Litvinov wants her to incorporate some ballet into her dance practice.

"If I could, I'd be a walker. I like to walk, especially if I have to think about problems with my patients," she said, adding that discipline, consistency, proper eating and "visualization of being a winner" are essential to success in competitive dance.

"Avoid high-sugar foods, get rest, avoid caffeine and stay steady. You have to have endurance. And if you can't see yourself winning, you're not going to."



Kay Ford, 68, of Bloomfield Hills began ballroom dancing 15 years ago. She won a world title in a pro-am competition, dancing with her teacher, Igor Litvinov.

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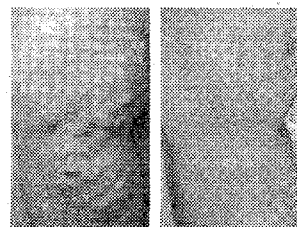
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Community colleges help job seekers make right moves

BY JULIE BROWN
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Four-year colleges and universities aren't the only ones to offer career services to students and alumni. Community colleges are eager to help as well.

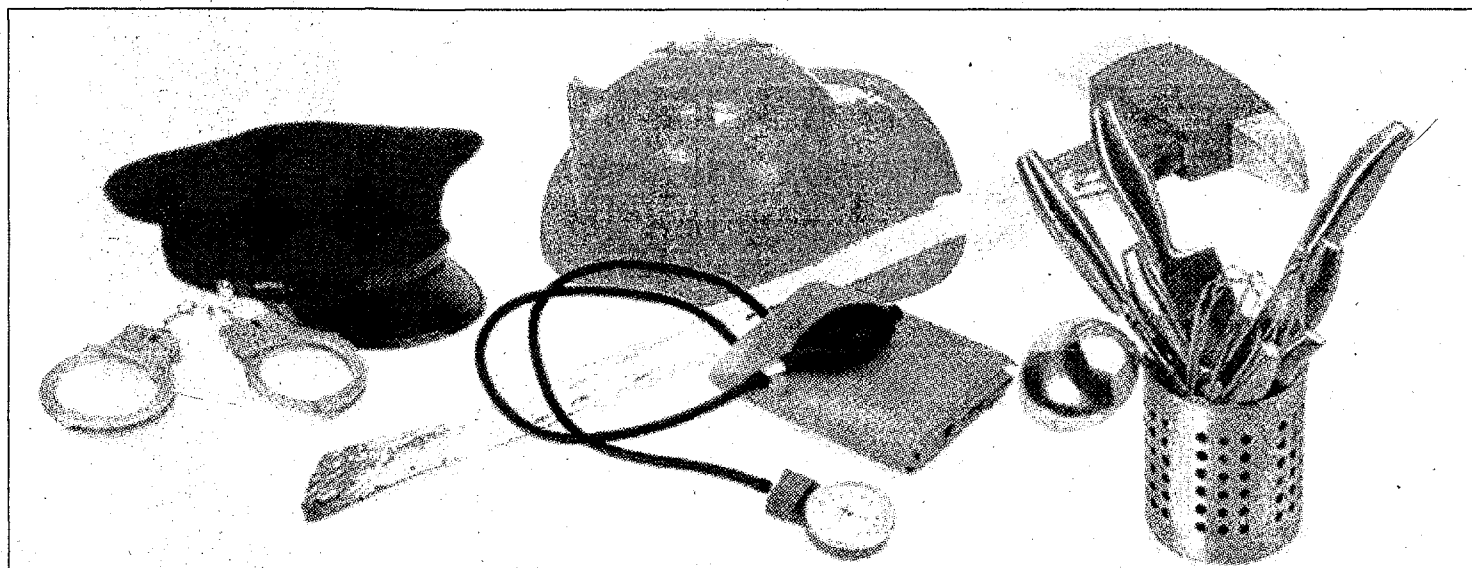
At Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Elaine Gerarge helps students and grads with resumes and finding jobs. She's the coordinator of student employment services in the Career and Transfer Center, based at the McDowell Center on campus.

Schoolcraft also has three part-time career counselors who see students weekdays on an appointment basis. For more, start online at www.schoolcraft.edu or call the Career and Transfer Center at (734) 462-4421.

Job fairs are among ways Schoolcraft students and grads learn about employment opportunities. Students in culinary arts, nursing and related fields, and public safety do particularly well.

"Our culinary people are highly sought after," said Gerarge, noting the center has printed and online information on such things as salaries and job outlook.

"We try to match up the



resumes and the people with those jobs," she said. The career counselors are booked up, busy with appointments in which they talk to applicants about what they're looking for, and use testing.

"I see students on a walk-in basis," Gerarge said. She talks with them on how to e-mail or fax a resume. "We also talk about job interviews, how to interview."

There's The Perfect Interview at Schoolcraft, in which students and alumni work on an interactive computer program to "interview" for a job at vari-

ous levels. "It gives you feedback as to why the employer is asking these questions," she said. The Perfect Interview is popular with job seekers, who can play it back for feedback which they can keep.

"It's very difficult," Gerarge said of the current job placement outlook in many fields. There may be 20-30 students for one position. "The competition is so tough," said Gerarge, who places students both on campus and off in jobs to build resumes.

The career counselors do

some work in the private sector, but Schoolcraft's main focus is on students and alumni. Entry-level jobs are sought, "an internship, anything we can get them started in their field."

Employers with job openings are encouraged to contact both Schoolcraft and Oakland Community College, which also offers career services to current students and alumni.

All five OCC campuses have career services, said George Cartsonis, college spokesman. "All of the campuses offer courses in career planning," he said.

Some students don't yet have clear career aims. "They come here to explore so those courses are very useful to them," Cartsonis added.

OCC's centralized career office is at the Auburn Hills campus under Willie Lloyd, director of placement services/cooperative education.

Students and alumni get help with the job search, Lloyd said, including resumes and interviewing strategies. Like Schoolcraft, OCC has job listings, theirs at www.oaklandcc.edu/place-ment, from which a job seeker

or employer can navigate. The general phone number is (248) 232-4147.

"There are some of our occupations that do extremely well regardless of what's happening in the economy," Lloyd said. The auto industry remains poor in terms of jobs, but culinary arts does well as do other fields.

"Our allied health programs do extremely well," Lloyd said, citing nursing, dental hygiene, X-ray technicians, ultrasound and related fields. Some who are displaced from the auto industry are looking to move into health care. Public safety is also strong at OCC.

OCC serves primarily students and alumni, but the Web site's accessible to outsiders and recently had some 470 job postings, mostly in the triconty area. Lloyd finds some are surprised at the scope of career services offered by two-year schools.

"I think in some regard they are." Not all students are just out of high school and some hold bachelor's or even graduate degrees. The average age of an OCC student is around 30, he said, and many have a strong sense of career direction and wish to enhance their skills.



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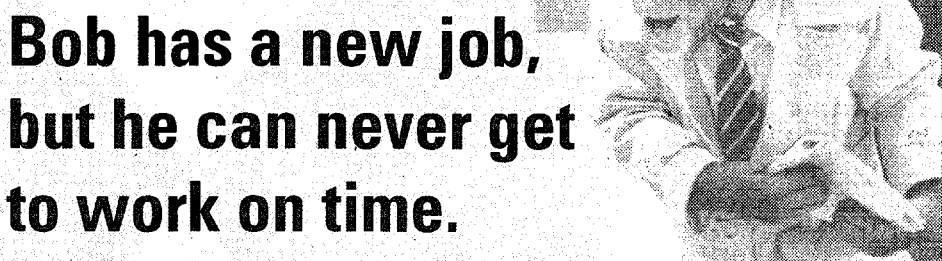
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To support people with disabilities with living their lives. Requires good Driving Record. Jobs in Plymouth, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Taylor, Wayne, Livonia & Redford. Pay starts at \$7.30/hr. Untrained. Justin: 248-477-5209 x107 Mary Ann 248-477-5209 x109

Driver CDL B
Valid DOT, furniture delivery experience preferred. Call: 734-260-2686

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Plymouth area. Must have CDL license. Please respond to hr@jbecker.com or fax resume to (734) 656-2009

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We Offer Company Sponsored CDL Training
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Parts Mfg in Redford looking for energetic individual to drive 12 ft delivery truck and assist shipping Dept with various duties to include washing and packaging of parts. Must have chauffeurs license and good driving record. Competitive wages and benefits. Apply in person 24500 Capitol Ave. Between 2-4 PM

DRIVERS
CDL Class A drivers. Local & Regional Call Roger at: (734) 284-7886

Drivers
Penske Logistics is seeking...

Drivers-Local Routes
Routes are between Warren and Detroit, MI and Toledo, OH. Candidates must possess a valid Class A CDL, good driving record and be at least 23 years old. The ability to meet all DOT requirements and 2 years' verifiable experience is required.

We offer a competitive salary and benefits, bonus compensation and no touch local freight. We have new equipment and perform our own fleet maintenance.

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EOE

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS NEEDED
For various trips in state of MI with various times. Must provide and own late model van & have good driving record. Call Mike for details 734-354-9400

Help Wanted-General 5000

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No experience necessary. Apply: TrueGreenChemLawn 48932 Wixom Tech Dr. Wixom. 248-960-1216 or Fax: 248-960-1468 EOE/DF/AA

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES SUPERVISOR
Supervises staff located in our Brighton and Ypsilanti offices. Develops and maintains working relationships with community employers. Ability to manage multiple priorities. Strong supervisory and interpersonal skills required. Minimum qualifications: B.A. in Human Services or related field and supervisory experience. Fax or email resume with salary requirements to 810-227-1344 or karac@wskills.com EOE

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- Software Engineer
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- Manufacturing Engineer
- Test Engineer
- Network Engineer
- Sr. System Engineer
- Sales Engineer
- Or any Engineering Position!

You can place your ad in this specialized section for only \$50/inch (three inch min.). The Observer & Eccentric's Engineering Recruitment Section will publish on Sunday, February 25th, 2007. Deadline to place an ad in this section is Monday, February 19th at 5pm.

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FIRE SYSTEMS SERVICE TECH
Good driving record. Fax resume: (313) 255-9898

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Machine tool company. Day shift. Good pay & benefits. Apply in person: 11865 Globe St., Livonia, MI 48150

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5 yrs. minimum exp. at a managerial level, 10 yrs. minimum exp. in the housekeeping and hospitality industry. Extensive knowledge of housekeeping quality assurance programs. College degree preferred. Please send resume to: 14061 E Thirteen Mile Rd., Suite 2, Warren, MI 48088 Attn.: JFP

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Open Positions include:

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- Aftercare Specialists
- Treatment Specialists
- Intake Workers
- Transition Workers
- FC Specialists
- FC Supervisor

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Full/Part time position avail in Wayne City. Prefer CLS or MOCR training. Day hours. Reliable transportation Call btwn 9-3p 734-513-8970

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Livonia, MI

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Licensed Veterinary TECH or VET TECH
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Maintain and troubleshoot HVAC systems and all related equipment. Knowledge on building automation systems, pneumatics, and electrical controls. Able to perform all aspects of building maintenance, plumbing, electrical, etc. First Class City of Detroit Operators License plus 6 years industrial refrigeration experience required. Please send resume to: 14061 E Thirteen Mile Rd., Suite 2, Warren, MI 48088 Attn.: JFP

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MANAGER
Fairlane Town Center Customer Service Center Mgmt Exp-Outgoing Person Competitive Wages + Benefits. EOE Fax Resume 760-945-8886

MANAGER for Amusement Center. Mature, dedicated, hard working individual required to manage family fun center. 2-4 yrs. supervisory experience. (248) 242-2499

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
for pediatric office in Bloomfield. Looking for 2 full time MAs. Pediatric exp. helpful. Full benefits. Fax resume 248-203-0093.

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10 Minute Oil Change experience or will train. Full &/or part-time. Apply in person: 34680 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. 1/2 mile W. of Farmington Rd. 248-476-1313

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for carpet cleaning/ water restoration distributor. Must be self-motivated, self-starter, and a leader. Dependable transportation and cell phone needed. Must be able to learn the product and sell it. Fax resume 734-722-0199.

Help Wanted-General 5000

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Exp'd. Top companies & top commissions with or without book of business. Fax resume to 248-476-2885

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Full time \$10/hr + overtime. Taylor area. 6 to 7 days per week. Call 973-417-7463

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Due to growth our manufacturing facility in Plymouth is recruiting for Production Technicians. Qualified candidates will have a related associate degree and/or at least two years experience operating, maintaining and adjusting manufacturing equipment to maximize production output while maintaining quality & safety. Electrical and Mechanical experience required. This is a 24/7 operation with various shifts/schedules. We offer a competitive benefits package including medical, dental, 401K with company match and more!
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REDFORD 3 Bedroom, \$1195/mo. SECTION 8 APPROVED.
16601 Ryland, Call Ron: 248-471-1692

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Local Canton based company seeking a motivated, energetic sales rep. Exp. preferred, but not necessary. For immediate consideration please apply at www.ademployment.com

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is hiring reliable, outgoing individuals to tactfully approach customers and generate appointments for our products in the Westland Sears store. Top candidates possess an entrepreneurial spirit, are self-motivated, and must be able to walk throughout the store greeting all customers, and work weekends. We offer an hourly wage plus a substantial monthly bonus. Average wage is \$13 per hr., part time. Call Dave at 1-800-222-5030 ext. 6569. EOE - DFWP

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Help Wanted-General 5000

SEASONAL LABORERS
The City of Novi, Department of Public Works and Sewer are looking for seasonal workers. DPW work includes lawn mowing, weed trimming, painting, assisting in repairs and general maintenance. WS work includes meter reading, installation of meters and other related tasks. Hours are M-F 7:30 to 4:30. Pay is \$9.00 per hour. Please submit an application to the HR Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. To download an application, visit our website at www.cityofnovi.org. Phone: 248-347-0452. Fax: 248-735-5684. EOE

SHIPPING/RECEIVING POSITION
Livonia General Contractor seeking Shipping/Receiving Person, Construction and HiLo Experience a Plus. Forward resume by fax to 734.367.1528 or e-mail careers@aristee.com. We are an EEO employer

Special Events Coordinator
City of Troy
PT. Parks & Rec. Requires HS grad (GED). Prefer related experience. \$10/hr. Applications and details at Human Resources, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy or www.troy.mi.gov. Deadline 4:00 PM on 3/9/07. EOE.

TECHNICAL WRITER
Wanted for fulltime position with a busy law practice in Northville dealing with medical disability claims. Candidates must have excellent analytical & writing skills & knowledge of medical terminology. Must work with MS office programs & internet. Please fax resume to 248-380-3434

TELEPHONE SALES REPRESENTATIVE/ MARKETING ASSISTANT
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Check us out at:
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TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED
For a fast-growing manufacturing company in the Troy-Rochester Hills area. All trips are local, Monday thru Friday, 8am thru 4pm. Chauffeur's license, driver screen required. Ideal applicant should be reliable, honest, have a strong work ethic, able to complete physical tasks, and be able to work well with all types of people. Interested applicants should fax their resumes, including contact information, to: 248-597-9998. Attention Dan

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SPECIALIST
Lover's Lane hiring part time Video Surveillance Specialist. Evenings 6-9:30 & weekends 10am-9:30pm. Apply @ 46750 Port St., Plymouth, MI

Warehouse Associates
CORT Furniture Rental needs inside & outside Warehouse Associates for Ferndale Distribution Center. Ideal candidates: •Able to work flexible schedule •Pass pre-employment background check, drug screen & agility test. CORI offers steady hrs, competitive wages & exc. benefits. Interested individuals should apply in person with **Lorenzo at 1310 Academy, Ferndale, EEO/AAEP/M/F/D/V.**

WELDER NEEDED
Building supply company looking for reliable person to help in welding, shipping, & receiving. Century Hardware, (248) 348-6500
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Help Wanted-Computer/Info Systems 5010
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IS SYSTEMS SUPPORT
Steel Industries Inc. located in Redford is looking for a motivated and dependable team player for a full time information systems technical position. Applicants should have a strong PC background. Telecom or networking knowledge is a plus. Some heavy lifting will be required on occasion. Applicant will be required to service four location. Must have reliable transportation. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package. Please send resume and salary req's to: Steel Industries Inc., 12600 Beech Daly Rd., Redford, MI 48239.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Administrative Asst to support Chamber of Commerce. Part time position. Email resume/salary req. to: atopuzian@fitchchamber.com. No phone calls

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

Administrative Assistant
Local company seeks highly organized and dependable person for established company. Duties include: assistant to mgt., order entry, AR/AP, maintain price lists & sortfile paperwork, answer phones, exc. computer skills. Salary: \$28-\$35K Benefits: Health, 401K, paid vacation. Email resume: igoudeune@detroitbandsaw.com or fax: (734) 421-0259

ADMINISTRATIVE PLUS
We need a perfectionist that pays attention to every detail in the fast pace of project crunches. PC knowledge mandatory. Proofreading &/or graphics/printing &/or bookkeeping experience a plus. \$15-18/hr. depending on qualifications. Small Plymouth office. 30-40 hrs/wk (varies). Fax a paragraph about yourself, including your address & phone number to: (734) 459-4032

ADMINISTRATIVE
Top salary with office & clerical exp. Part & fulltime. \$13-\$14 p/hr. Computer skills req. Call 734-984-4316

BOOKKEEPER
Property Management Co. seeks experienced Full Charge Bookkeeper to have full responsibility for multiple properties. Exp with Word & Excel req'd. Skyline software experience a plus. Email/Fax resume and salary history to: dsmls@aol.com or Fax: (248) 645-9935

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Southfield firm seeks a talented, energetic Executive Assistant. Successful candidate must have a college degree and/or a minimum of FIVE years EXECUTIVE support experience. This position requires strong organizational & communication skills, attention to detail, prioritization of conflicting needs, strong Power Point & exceptional follow-up skills.

Responsibilities are diverse and include:
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• Extensive Power Point presentation preparation
• Scheduling/coordinating appointments
• Managing and coordinating calendars for executives
• Arranging all aspects of on-site and off-site group meetings (space, catering, technology, transportation, materials, etc.)
• Making all travel arrangements
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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
To President of major firm. Excellent skills & 5 yrs of recent executive level exp. 45K+ Benefits. Fax resume to: 248-737-5878. Email resumes to: ppcinonline.com

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
2 yrs. exp. minimum. Computer skills. Background check req. Pay negotiable. Some benefits. Phone or fax resume to: 1-877-210-1804

FREELANCE COMPUTER AGENCY
needed for 2 simple research projects. Please send resume/hry rate to: cdextradina@hotmail.com

FRONT DESK
Full time front desk position for busy Farmington chiropractic office. Duties include data entry, answering multi line phone system, and customer service. Please fax resume to: 248-471-6682

LEGAL SECRETARY
Farmington Hills based real estate development company seeks Legal Secretary with 5 plus years legal experience with real estate firm or practice. Must be highly organized and proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Transcription from dictation required. Offers competitive salary and benefits package. Please forward your resume and salary requirements to: P.O. Box 252018, West Bloomfield, MI 48325.

MARKETING ASSISTANT
Thriving Troy law firm seeks full-time assistant to Partner in charge of marketing. Duties include scheduling appointments, compiling reports, coordinating meetings, preparing marketing materials and additional support as needed. Excellent communication, organizational and computer skills required. Competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 248-641-7073 or email to: mwellington@brmlaw.com

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

RECEPTIONIST
Full/Part-Time to work in busy Farmington Hills law office. Experience with multi-line phones. Ability to handle light clerical work helpful. Non-Smoker. (248) 855-0860

RUNNER/CLERK FULLTIME
Needed immediately for busy Farmington Hills law firm. Must have reliable transportation; automobile insurance and valid unrestricted Michigan driver's license, will be reimbursed for work related mileage. Duties include filing documents with courts and errand running throughout the Metro area. Also includes general clerical duties. Please email your resume to: cangell@schwartzlawfirm.com or submit via facsimile to: (248) 553-7944, Attn: C. Angell

Help Wanted-Engineering 5030
CAD ENGINEER/DESIGNER
SolidWorks Engineering background preferred. 3d/2d functional, technical design exp. & education required. Send resume & cover letter. Box 1488, O&E Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 oesumme@hometownlife.com (Code 1488)

OFFICE MANAGER
Looking for high energy office manager for Oak Park location. Exp. required. Degree preferred. Fax resume to: 248-547-0808

RECEPTIONIST, Part-Time
People oriented, customer service background, articulate, able to handle patient greeting, check-out, insurance inquiries, multiple phone activities & scheduling tasks. Work with front office team, doctor's & clinical staff at growing dental practice. To apply contact Cindy at: (734) 434-5117

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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

ASSISTANT CHAIRSIDE
Quality Birmingham office seeks experienced chairside for full or part time. Must be mature, cheerful, motivated, dependable, & energetic. Fax resumes: 248-647-1804

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Busy Canton dental office is searching for a bright, well-organized, extremely capable self-starter who enjoys challenge and responsibility. If you are cheerful and productive under pressure, soft-spoken yet effective, have dental experience, but still willing to learn and consider yourself a team player, please call Sue at 734-981-3528. We offer full time, salary, bonus, health and dental benefits, paid vacation and flexible working schedule.

Dental Assistant & Dental Receptionist
Dental office exp. preferred. Fax resume: (734) 266-7170

DENTAL ASSISTANT
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Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Dental Exp. Dental Assistant (FT)
Our busy Westland office has an excellent career opportunity available. The ideal candidate will have a cheerful personality, possess self-motivation, and will place a strong emphasis on customer service and teamwork. Four handed dentistry experience and X-ray certification required. We offer competitive compensation and more! Fax resume to 734-466-9670, or email to: DCPRecruiter@DCPartners.com Reference dpcp48 in subject line EOE

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Must have exp. Great office & staff. Farmington Hills. Fax resume: 248-324-1025 or Call: 248-324-0075

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Part-Time. Email resume to: teamlivonia@aol.com or Fax resume: 734-427-1233

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Bloomfield Hills dental office. Experience & computer skills required. Call: 248-441-9801 Fax resume: 248-642-0881

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Fast-paced, fee for service, growing dental practice in Dearborn Heights is looking for a career oriented, full-time, upbeat self-starter with dental experience to compliment our business team. Dentech experience a plus. Full-time benefits and generous salary for the right person. Call (313) 274-4040 for an interview cambridgedentalgroup.com

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
For Birmingham office. Excellent people skills. Min 5yrs exp in dental front office. Please call 248-647-2109 or fax 248-647-1804

RECEPTIONIST, Part-Time
People oriented, customer service background, articulate, able to handle patient greeting, check-out, insurance inquiries, multiple phone activities & scheduling tasks. Work with front office team, doctor's & clinical staff at growing dental practice. To apply contact Cindy at: (734) 434-5117

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
Mon-Fri, 2:45-7:30pm, permanent part-time for back office receptionist. Must be physically able to be on your feet, adjust tables, & learn to take X-rays. Computer knowledge & clerical skills required. Willing to train qualified person. 27527 Joy Rd., 1/2 blk W. of Inlander, Westland. 734-522-5501

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Home care agency looking to expand into private duty is seeking responsible, compassionate, caring individuals to fill the following positions of companions, sitters and aides. Thorough background screenings will be required. Please fax resume to: (734) 981-8828 or email: dgostomske@uhrs.org

HOME HEALTH CARE
Medicare certified, CHAP accredited agency celebrating 23 yrs. of caring in western Wayne county is seeking the following positions: Full & Part Time RNs, Cardiac Nurses, & Certified WOCN a plus. Speech Language Pathologist and Physical Therapist needed on contingent basis. Please fax resume to: (734) 981-8828 or email dgostomske@uhrs.org

INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGIST
Wanted for Dearborn Heights, MI medical office. Send resume to: **Shelly Cooley**, CCA Practice Administrator, Cardiovascular Clinical Associates, P.C., 28080 Grand River Ave., Ste. 300 W Farmington Hills, MI 48336

LAB TECHNICIAN-Fulltime
Infertility practice with busy in vitro fertilization program has an opening for a fulltime Hormonal Lab Technician. Candidates must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Must have experience with Lab Machine: immunitest 2000. Fax resume to 248-844-9127

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Growing specialty practice seeks experienced Medical Assistant for position in our Troy, Royal Oak & Rochester Hills offices. Full-time with benefits. Daytime hours, Mon-Fri. Send resume or letter stating qualifications & exp to: Harold Muir, Michigan Kidney Consultants, 1701 South Blvd. E., Suite 320, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

MEDICAL ASSISTANT & MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Must have medical exp. Busy Dermatology practice. Must be motivated team player. Please fax resume Attn: Alyssa/Karen 248-353-3646

Medical Assistant
Family practice. Full or part time. Recent exp. required. Exp. in front a plus, also X-ray exp. (734) 323-0335.

Help Wanted-Sales 5120
Retail Sales Representative
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Interested applicants may submit their resume (referencing Job Code RSR0701) by: E-mail: preferred_employment@hometownlife.com
Mail: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Human Resources Department 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, Michigan 48150
Fax: 734.953.2057

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Part time, 15-20 hrs. per week. Will train. Please apply in person, 35337 Warren Rd., Westland, MI 48185. Joseph E. Silver, DPM.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST
FT for Canton dermatology office. Exp preferred. Fax resume 734-455-7371.

Medical Billing & Coding
Candidates needed for training program for Medical Billing/Coding or Pharmacy Tech, includes job placement assistance. MI Works Assoc. Classes begin in Feb. Call now: 1-866-865-6379

MEDICAL OFFICE CAREERS
\$28-\$50K; 2+ yrs. exp. req'd. *Office/HR Mgr-Troy *CMAs-Farmington & Rochester *Billers-Psych, Oncology, Home-care & Family. Resume to: kelli@harperjobs.com Fax: 248-932-1214 Kelli's phone: 248-932-1204 Harper Associates www.harperjobs.com

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Busy multi site cardiology practice seeks the following positions:

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Fulltime, 2 yrs exp. Office setting exp a plus
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Fulltime. Must be registered or registry eligible within 12 months. Hospital and/or stress echo exp preferred.
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Fulltime. Must be NCMT or equivalent. 2 yrs cardiology exp preferred. Excellent benefit package; includes: medical, dental, 401K & more. Mail or email resume to: RetBox1448@uhrs.org

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Full-Time. Send resume to: 43422 West Oaks Drive, P.M.B #167, Novi, MI 48377-3300
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Join our team of dedicated professionals and become a member of one of the largest and most respected providers of health care services in the country. We are looking for:

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Among the top priorities on homeowners' to-do lists is upgrading exterior cladding. In fact, siding replacement is an affordable project that comes with a high return. More popular than wood or aluminum, vinyl is the material of choice for re-siding projects, and many say for good reason. Vinyl is tough to beat for sheer endurance. It requires far less maintenance than more traditional materials and is now available in an unmatched variety of styles and colors. It can complement any style of house including Ranch, Victorian, Arts and Crafts or any other while maintaining the home's architectural integrity.

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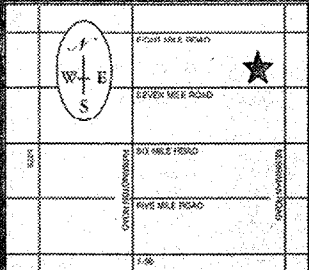
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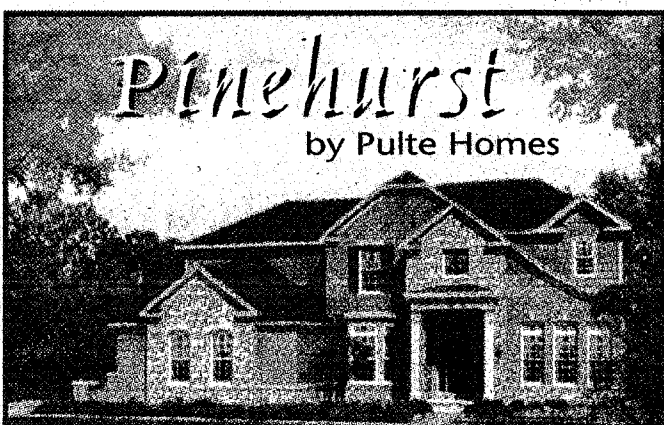
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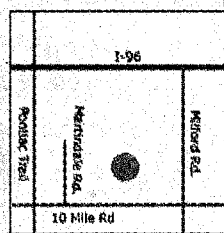
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New Affordable Homes with Luxury Features in Westland

Danny Veri couldn't believe it when he saw that a household income of about \$40,000 could move into Covington Estates. "This is just an incredible value", said Veri, a partner in Livonia Builders who teamed up w/Tim Breault of Breault Construction to build a "neighborhood within a neighborhood" at John Hix & Palmer.

Covington Estates consists of 57 homes in 3 available floor plans priced in the \$170,000's. "11 units sold the first week & we are expecting to sell out in the next couple of weeks" Veri said. "Since then we have just 7 lots left."

The Brookstone Colonial boasts over 1,600 sq ft & has 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. The Brookstone 2 Colonial is 1,624 sq ft w/4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. The 3rd plan, The Covington, 1,600 sq ft ranch has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.

Veri said buyers will be amazed at the home's affordability when they see the standard features built into the homes. Oak floors are used in the foyer, kitchen, nook and powder room. Granite countertops, Merrill cabinets, Delta faucets, double bowl stainless steel sink & tile comprise some of the kitchen and bath amenities. Ceramic tile is in both laundry rooms and baths. Ceiling lights illuminate the nighttime chambers. Oversized premium trim and interior doors are used as well as a 90% efficient Comfort Maker furnace, high efficiency 40 gal. hot water tank & R-30 attic insulation. Exterior is "100 percent maintenance free." The ranch & 1st floor of the 2 colonials are all brick. The 2nd floor of colonials is finished in vinyl siding. Overhangs on all 3 models are either aluminum or vinyl trim. Pella vinyl windows & glass block on basement windows finish each home. Standard features include sod, limestone address block, sidewalks, streetlights, city water & sewer. Coach lights outside garage lends to a clear view of the home & garage in the nighttime.

Covington Estates is in Wayne-Westland Community Schools & is nestled between 2 existing subs where home values are in upper \$200,000's, Veri said. "We're walking distance to the school & Fellow's Creek Golf Course is just around the corner," he said, adding Mich. Ave is 1.5 miles away & close proximity to I-275 & local home improvement stores.

Veri said he can't get over the affordability of the homes. "We are working on slim margins. The main theme to this project was creating affordable housing. With full time employment, making about \$19 an hour, you can buy a house w/these features." Veri worked w/in-house mortgage lender, Mortgage Concepts & came up w/no money down, 30-year fixed rate mortgage, which includes no closing costs, taxes & insurance for about \$1,450/month.

It's a phenomenal deal for a 1st time buyer or someone looking for more sq footage. There's nothing under \$200,000 w/outstanding features subdivision-wise in the Westland area. An independent appraiser was hired & shows value of the homes at \$240,000. That's a 30% instant equity before moving in. We are working on the same type of product and value in other communities.

Call Danny Veri at **313-586-2559**

Enjoy the country charm of the Stewartstonian

An old-fashioned covered front porch; brick trim and shake roof reveal the country charm of the good-looking Stewartstonian (336-080). This well proportioned 2,418 square foot beauty has an open floor design that places the common areas in the center and the sleeping quarters at opposite ends. There is a clear advantage to this arrangement for families with older children living at home, or empty nesters that expect to have frequent overnight guests. Overall privacy is maintained by everyone, while gathering spots afford places for family interaction.

To the left of the vaulted entry, the vaulted living room and a large dining room are partitioned by a half-wall that adds to the spacious feeling throughout this plan. The walk-through

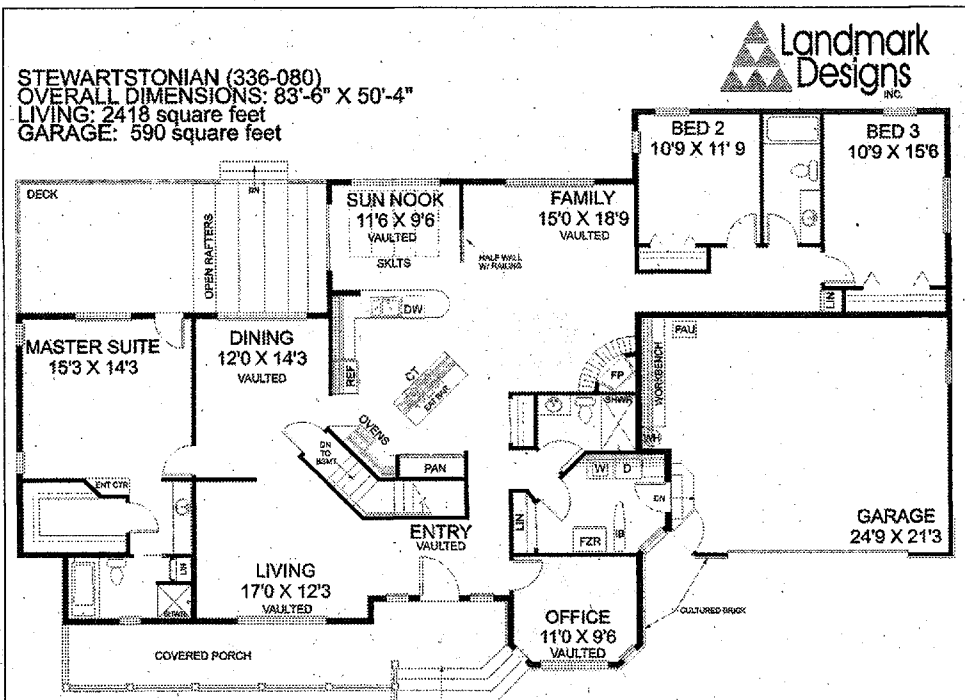
kitchen is centrally located, a fact that the cook in the family will surely appreciate. The dining room is on one side of the kitchen, while a vaulted sun nook on the other side will enhance any casual meal. In addition to the usual built-in appliances, the kitchen features an island cook top with eating bar and grill, double ovens and pantry. A half-wall with railing separates the nook from a nice-sized family room with vaulted ceiling and corner fireplace.

The isolated master suite is quite roomy, with personal access to the back deck, TV shelf, large walk-in closet and private bathroom with separate tub and shower along with linen storage. A full bathroom divides the other two bedrooms and each has ample closet space. Empty nesters might want to use one for

guest accommodations and the other as a den or TV room.

Extending from the front of the Stewartstonian, a small home office is available for keeping track of household accounts on your PC. A huge utility room with linen storage, built-in ironing board and room for a freezer lead into the garage. Here a workbench has been installed for tackling all those do-it-yourself projects.

For a study plan of the STEWARTSTONIAN (336-080), send \$15.00, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call 1-800-562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5.00 shipping and handling will apply).



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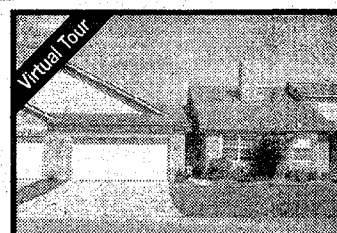
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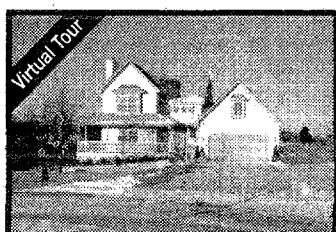
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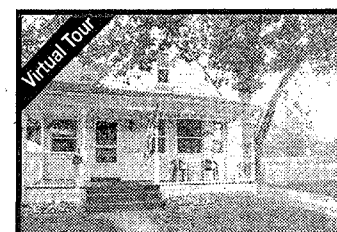
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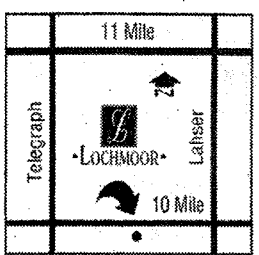
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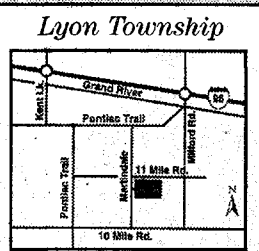
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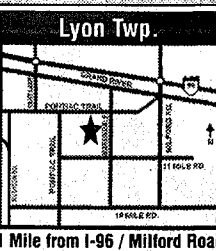
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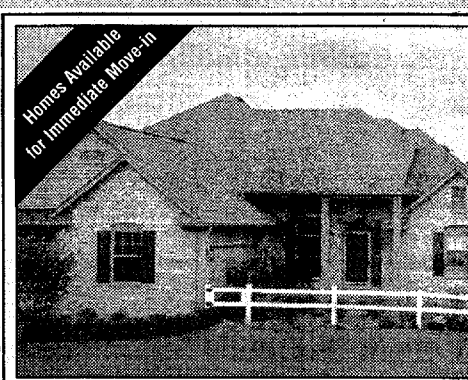
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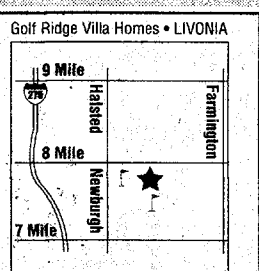


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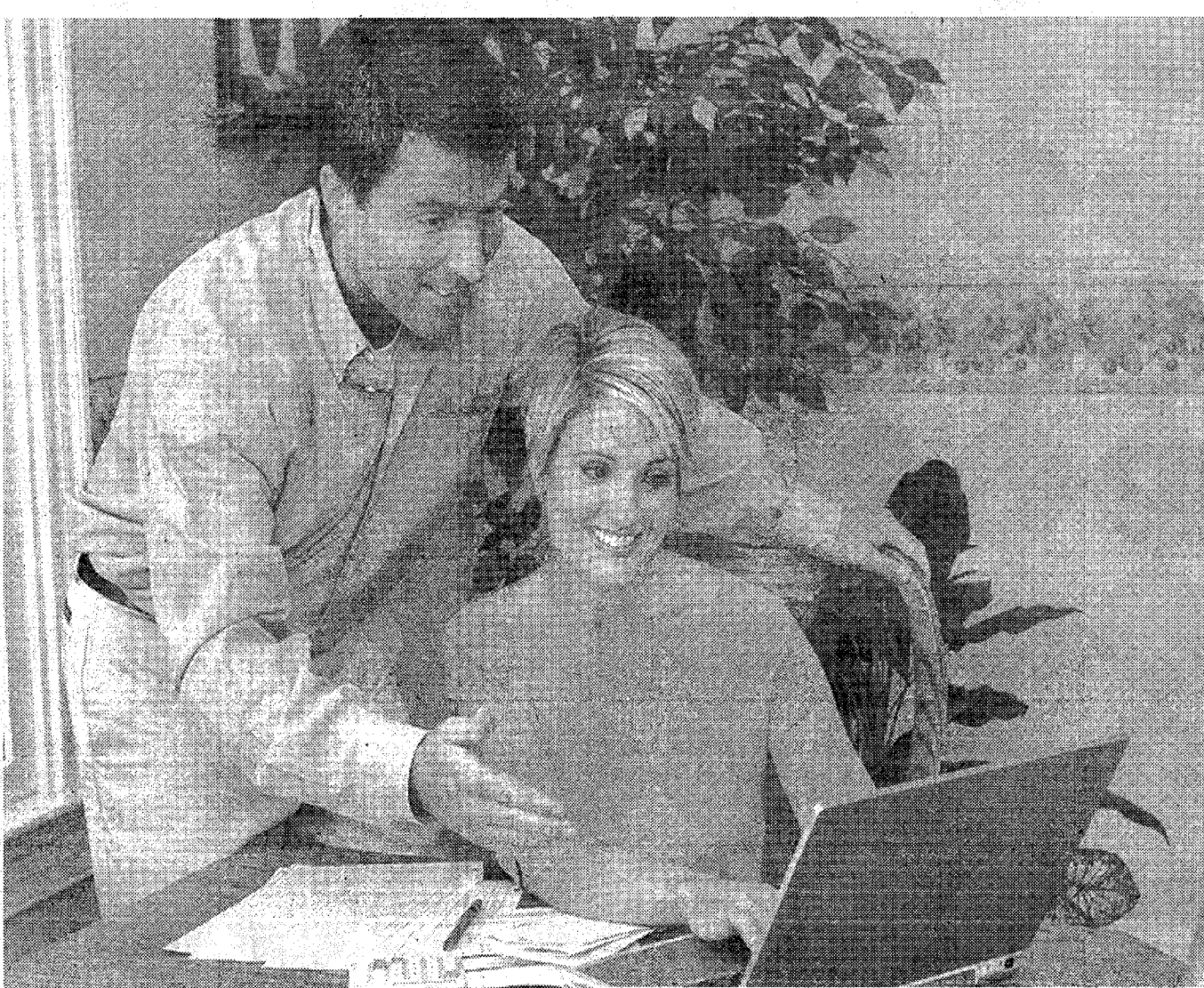
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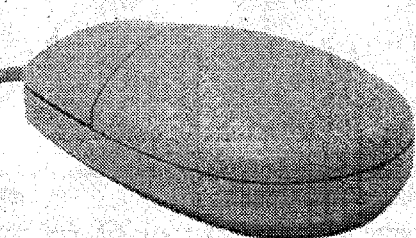


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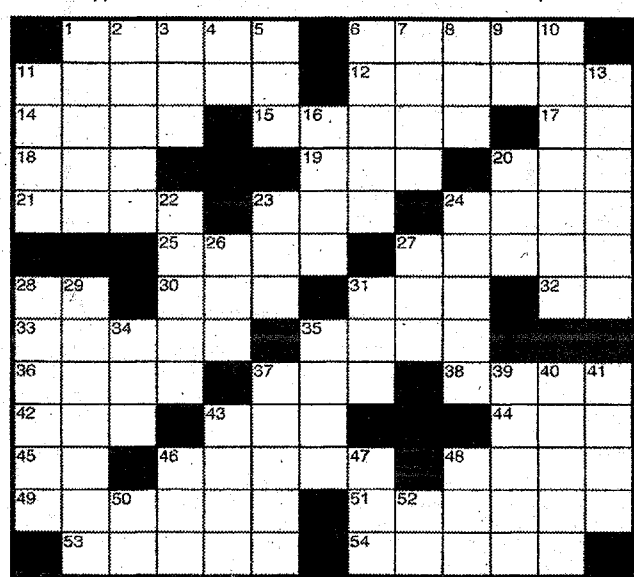
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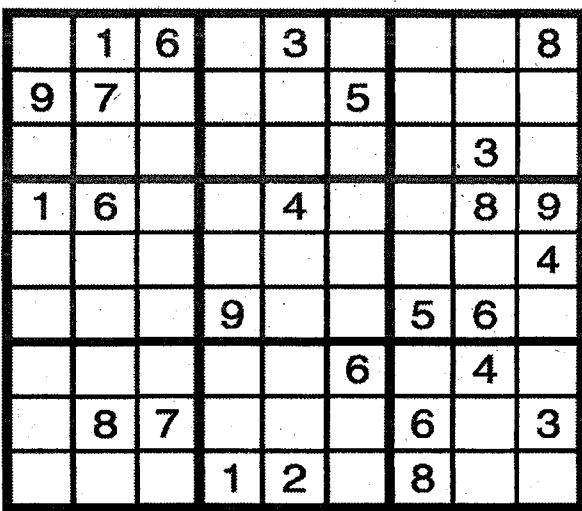
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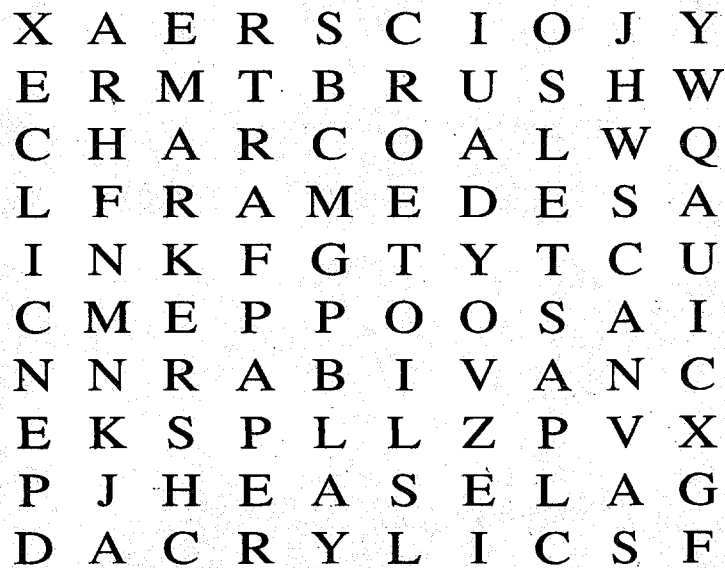
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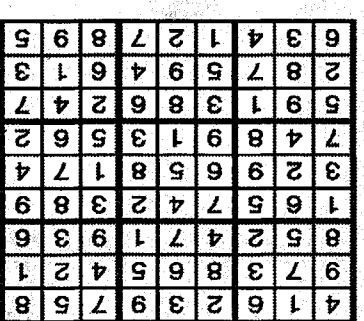
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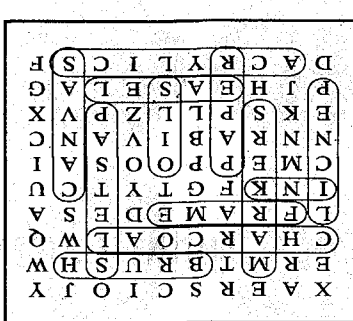
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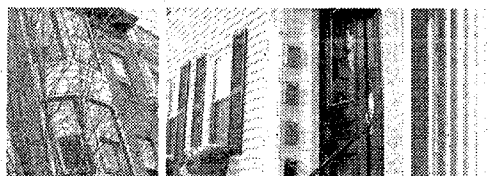
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NOW \$22,939



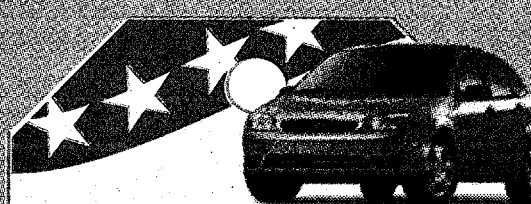
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\$241^{50*}
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\$283^{16*}
\$407.26 DUE

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\$229^{90*}
\$0 DUE



2007 FOCUS SE

2.0 L engine, automatic, air, power windows & locks, cruise, tilt, center console. Stock #7C1098
WAS \$17,470

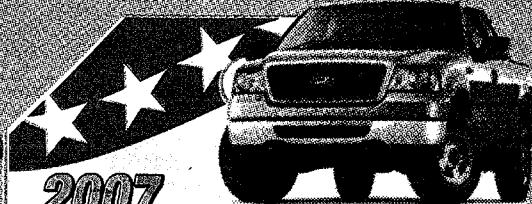
NOW \$11,885**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$140^{76*}
\$1346.21 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$169^{*}
\$316.10 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$177^{60*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 F-150 SUPERCAB XLT

5.4 V-8, 4 speed auto O/D, air, trailer tow pkg., power signal heated mirrors, 7150 GVWR wheel locks. Stock #7T6138
WAS \$32,995

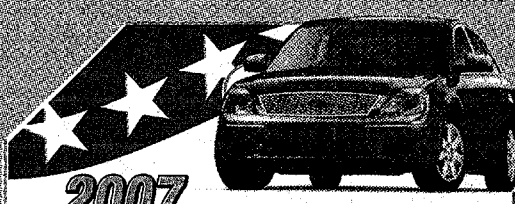
NOW \$22,830**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$202^{31*}
\$1576.45 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$230^{70*}
\$546.54 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$245^{70*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL

3.0 24V V-6 engine, 6 speed automatic, air, AM/FM CD, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise. Stock #7C7060
WAS \$23,730

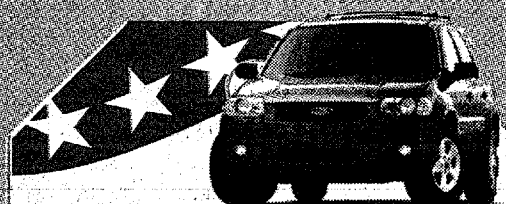
NOW \$15,945**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$232^{79*}
\$1443.76 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$261^{40*}
\$414.10 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$272^{90*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 ESCAPE XLT

3.0 V6, 4 speed automatic O/D, power moonroof, 6 way pwr. driver's seat, Audiophile 6 CD in dash, satellite capable sound, privacy glass. Stock #7T9012 WAS \$25,470

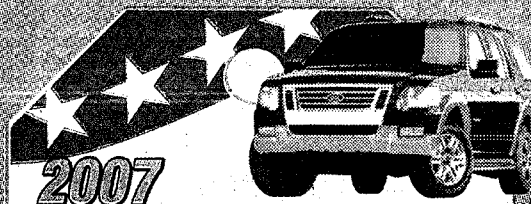
NOW \$18,465**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$234^{35*}
\$1505.41 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$262^{60*}
\$475.40 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$275^{70*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 EXPLORER XLT 4 DOOR

4.6 V-6, 5 speed automatic w/OD trailer tow pkg., air, AM/FM CD, power windows/locks, XLT comfort group. Stock #7T5182
WAS \$26,540

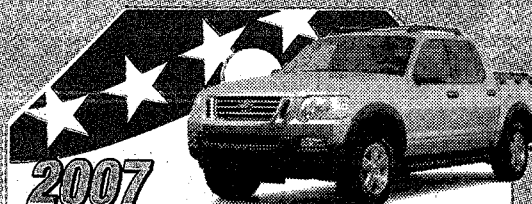
NOW \$22,119**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$254^{61*}
\$1586.69 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$283^{40*}
\$557 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$299^{*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC XLT

4.0 V6 5 speed automatic, AM/FM CD, fog lamps, power windows/locks, step bar, 17" cast alum. wheels. Stock #7T5017
WAS \$25,795

NOW \$21,432**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$265^{56*}
\$1418.49 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$294^{10*}
\$388.70 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$304^{80*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 MUSTANG COUPE

4.0 V-6 5 speed manual trans., V-6 power pkg., air, ABS, AM/FM CD w/Shaker 500 Sirius satellite radio (6 mo. service), power driver's seat, traction control. Stock #7C6024 WAS \$24,255

NOW \$20,688**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$276^{57*}
\$1430.16 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$306^{00*}
\$402.30 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$318^{70*}
\$0 DOWN



2007 FREESTYLE SEL

3.0 V-6, automatic, traction control, AM/FM CD stereo, power windows/locks, 3rd row seat. Stock #7T1201
WAS \$27,315

NOW \$19,121**

LEASE 36 MONTHS

\$1000 CUSTOMER CASH
\$282^{20*}
\$1526.13 DUE

\$0 DOWN
\$311^{*}
\$496.70 DUE

SIGN & DRIVE
\$324^{00*}
\$0 DOWN

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"
New 2005 F-550 Switch & Go Body
12' 6.0 diesel, 12' landscaper body, drop box body.
Was \$63,936 **NOW \$49,801****

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"
2006 Mustang GT Convertible Premium **SAVE \$7500**
4.6 V8, 5 speed auto trans, air, shaker 1000 audio system, interior upgrade pkg. ABS, traction control. Stock #6C445
Was \$34,200 **NOW \$26,664^{24*}**

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"
New 2006 E-250 Quality Coach Hi Top Conversion
5.4 V-8, High Cap Air, power rec. sofa, 13" TV, h. seats, qual. leather. Stock #6T2025
Was \$44,865 **NOW \$34,748****

"MANAGERS SPECIAL"
2007 F-350 4x4 DUMP **SAVE \$9400**
5.4L V8, 5 speed, auto, 40 gallon fuel tank, air, 13,000 GVWR, snow plow pkg. Stock #7T6203
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Was \$34,215

NOW \$26,242^{25*}

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\$297^{15}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$232^{33}**
per mo
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\$2000 DOWN
\$190^{07}**
per mo
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Was \$25,995

NOW \$23,999^{36}**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

ZERO DOWN
\$304^{13}**
per mo
\$375.38 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$262^{30}**
per mo
\$1391.10 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$220^{00}**
per mo
\$2406.84 DUE AT SIGNING

2007 FOCUS 5 DOOR SES

Power side windows, convenience group, integrated fog lamps, air, 16" alloy wheels, power locks, 2.0L DOHC engine, auto trans, P205/50R16 BSW tires, safety pkg., anti-lock brakes, side impact air bags, weather pkg., heated seats, power heated mirrors. Stock #71858

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE
\$191^{76}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$138^{07}**
per mo
\$1289.35 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$95^{00}**
per mo
\$2304.55 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$18,875

NOW \$13,761^{15}**

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27 City
34 Hwy



2007 FUSION SE

2.3L I4 engine, 5-speed auto transmission, P205/60R16 all season tires, air cond., speed/tilt wheel, power windows/locks, perimeter anti-theft system, air bags driver & passenger, 1st & 2nd row air curtains, fog lamps, 6-way power seat. Stock #71951

36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE
\$228^{20}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$208^{00}**
per mo
\$1113.00 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$165^{72}**
per mo
\$2173.00 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$19,705

NOW \$16,803^{90}**

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2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL FWD

3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine, auto 6-speed transmission, 4 wheel ABS, speed control, tilt wheel, front & side impact air bags, P225/55R18 BSW tires, chrome package, chrome mesh grille, 18 x 8 chrome clad wheels Stock #71548

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE
\$318^{00}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

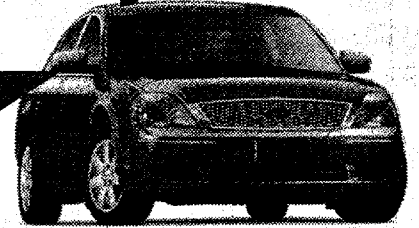
\$1000 DOWN
\$259^{00}**
per mo
\$1418.58 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$217^{01}**
per mo
\$2433.88 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$24,725

NOW \$18,530^{15}**

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2007 ESCAPE XLT FWD

Power 6-way driver seat, 16" aluminum wheels, floor mats, privacy glass, duratec 2.3L I4 engine, 4-speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S BSW tires, power moonroof with shade mini-OH console w/sunglass bin sun and sound, rear cargo convenience group, audph/6-CD in dash/sat cap. Stock #71376

36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE
\$270^{16}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$230^{42}**
per mo
\$1447.25 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$202^{13}**
per mo
\$2477.28 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$24,275

NOW \$18,273^{90}**



23 City
26 Hwy.

2007 EXPLORER XLT

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 ctnr w/2 lines and compass, auto lamp headlights, keypad, XLT comfort. Stock #71484

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

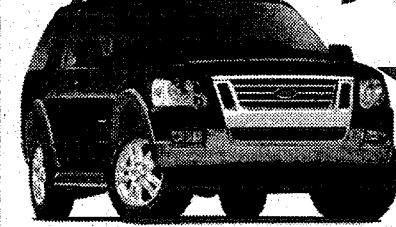
SIGN & DRIVE
\$304^{54}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$239^{22}**
per mo
\$1576.57 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$197^{15}**
per mo
\$2591.98 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$28,085

NOW \$23,283^{50}**



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2007 FREESTYLE SEL FWD

3.0L 4V V6 duratec engine, continuously variable trans, P215/65R17 BSW tires, 5.19 ratio regular axle, 50/50 3rd row split seat, 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row, 4 wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS), power windows/locks, remote keyless entry, speed control/tilt column, safety & security package. Stock #72000

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

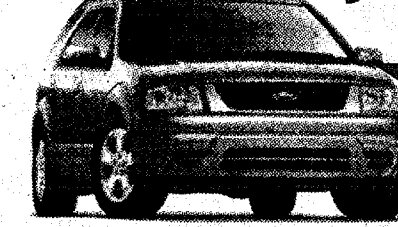
SIGN & DRIVE
\$331^{57}**
per mo
\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$1000 DOWN
\$269^{00}**
per mo
\$1459.96 DUE AT SIGNING

\$2000 DOWN
\$227^{01}**
per mo
\$2475.36 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$27,020

NOW \$20,873^{90}**



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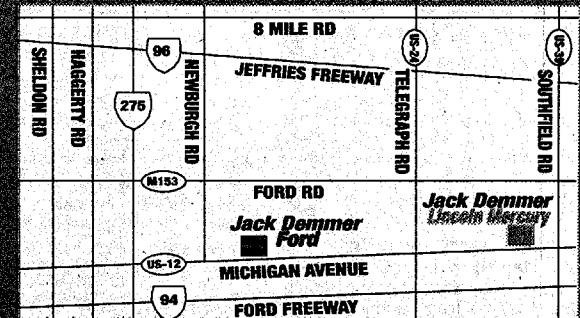
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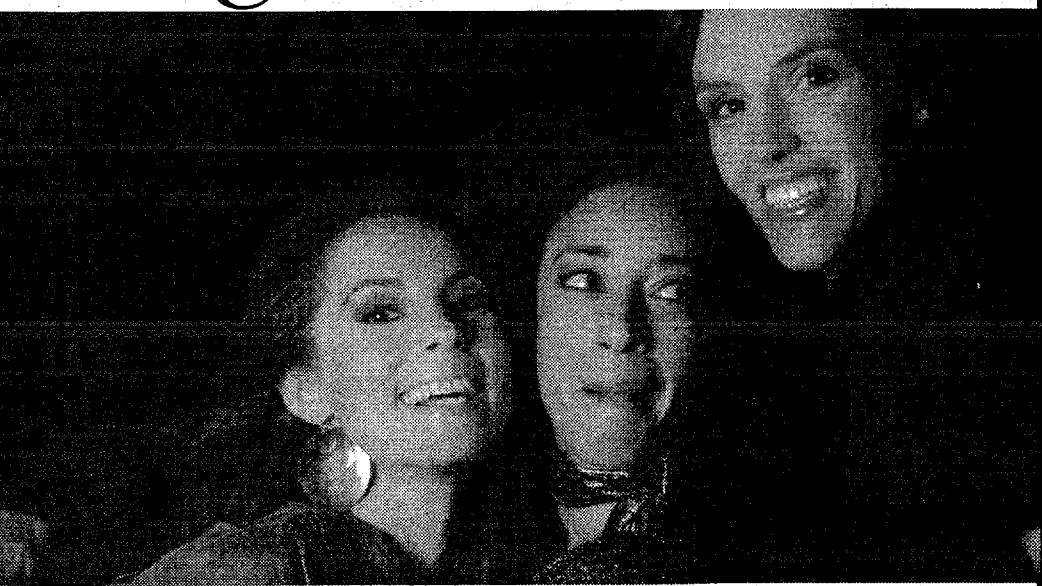
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SEEKING SPECIAL GENT

DWF, 63, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet a non-smoking WM, 58-70, for possible romance. ☎630808

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Beautiful, model-type, head turner, SWF, 47, 5'5", degreed, successful entrepreneur, world-traveled, privileged lifestyle. Relocating to Illinois from Michigan. Seeking highly discriminating, degreed professional SWM, 45-62, N/S, with cultural interests, fit, affectionate. ☎165475

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎333970

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

IS IT YOU?

SWF, 56, tall, trim, seeks hard-working or retired, conservative SWM, 5'11"-5'8", with good values, educated, no tattoos, drugs, or games please. ☎138981

MAYBE US?

SF, 42, blonde/blue, leggy, loves all types of music, dancing, movies, nature road trips, dining and simple fun. ISO easygoing, loving guy to share talks, good times, friendship and more. ☎132593

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

ONLY TIME WILL TELL

SWF, 40, 5', N/S, with big blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing walking, and going to church. Seeks a W/HM, 28-48, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎161341

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

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SOUND LIKE YOU

SWF, 44, easygoing, loves the outdoors, seeks romantic and passionate man for LTR. ☎170340

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BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

WAF, 62, 5', 100lbs, enjoys gardening, dogs, cats, cooking, dining out, travel. Seeking kind, caring, honest, SW/AM, 55-70, slim, with understanding of asian culture, for friendship first, maybe more later. ☎139934

RIGHT HERE WAITING

SBF, 36, 5'7", full-figured, would like to meet a hard-working SBM, 36-50, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎155646

IRISH GIRL

SF, 59, 5'6", seeking SWM, 59+, N/S, irish a+, respectful, honest and sociable, for companionship on my 60th birthday and more. Let's celebrate. ☎165289

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

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SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

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

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

FIND ME

Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

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FORMER MODEL

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

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5' 6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

FRIENDS FIRST

W/WF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 56, BBW, loves jazz, concerts, movies, travel, walks, great conversation. Seeking commitment-minded, mature, loving man with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎140023

ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SBF, 34, 5'5", average, likes relaxing at home watching movies, seeking a SBM, 34-50, professional, outgoing and likes to have a lot of fun. ☎162214

HI EVERYONE

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

SEEKING A LADY?

SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?

SBF, 54, 5'9", N/S, with great personality, likes walking holding hands, playing intellectual board games and jazz music. Seeks SM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship, romance, possible ltr. ☎155558

HERE I AM

Warm, insightful, creative SBF, 53, enjoys music, cooking, art shows, gardening, going out, woodland walks, and the finer things in life. ISO like-minded SM. Sound like you? ☎161883

THE ONE

5'10", 51-year-old DWF, seeking long-term meaningful relationship with honest, caring WM, with good morals. I am a BBW, 300lbs+, N/S, light-drinker, drug-free, clean, and straight. ☎956929

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WORTH THE CALL

SM, 46, active and fun, enjoys snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, hinting, quiet ties in , movies, drinks more. Looking for an easygoing, fun-loving, open-minded woman to share these. ☎188638

NICE GUY

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

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH

SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SM, 40s, 5'7", employed, no kids, well-built, sociable, enjoys nights on the town good food, good company, movies, cuddling and romance. Seeking nice, fun-loving, sincere lady to share something special. ☎168094

LET ME LOVE YOU

W/WM, 54, 5'11", 240lbs, retired, homeowner, smoker, very easygoing, likes sculpturing, bike riding, outdoors, traveling, holding hands. Seeking SWF, 40-60, average build, employed, honest, affectionate, for dating, friendship maybe more. ☎161249

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR

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

SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN

SBM, 47, N/S, hard-worker, marriage-minded, seeking a woman, 35-55, who's compassionate, down-to-earth, christian a+, and enjoys the simple things in life. No head games. ☎165969

CALL ME

SBM, 41, 6'1", 170lbs, truck driver, looking for a nice, sexy, youthful lady to get to know, chill with, share some fun times in life. ☎170237

JOIN ME?

SBM, 46, enjoys all types of food, relaxing at home, cuddling watching a movie, nice talks. Seeking a special lady to share special times. ☎171013

HARD-WORKING DAD

SM, 35, looking for fun-loving SF, 18-40, N/S, who knows how to enjoy life, to get to know , share good times and then who knows. ☎162689

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship/LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING SOMEONE REAL

SM, 21, 5'9", brown complexion, intelligent, independent, seeking BAF, 24-33, intelligent, who knows what she wants out of life. ☎164113

ALL POSSIBILITIES

SWM, 42, N/S, plays the guitar, looking to meet a W/AF, 30-45, to spend quality time with, watch a movie, go on walks, share fun and more. ☎164517

A VERY SHY...

40yo WM, 6', tattoo artist, dark/blue, very strong, funny, would like to meet a woman, 21+, honest, confident and attractive, for friendship, romance, possible LTR. ☎165807

DO YOU LIKE OLDER GUYS?

Handsome BM, 38, N/S, seeking a laid-back SF, 18-25, N/S, petite, 5'5"+, who likes music, jokes and being romanced. ☎163616

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES

Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

SINGER SEEKS SINGER

SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. ☎168597

WORTH IT

SM, 76, 5'10", 180lbs, dark hair, enjoys boating, travel, a good night out on the town. Seeking like-minded lady to share these. ☎169523

HI LADIES

Sweet genuine SM, 38, 6', 320lbs good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

CROTCH ROCKET

Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, crotch rocket motorcycles, bike nights. Seeking SF, 25-40, HWP, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎622912

GIVE ME A TRY

SM, 44, educated, open-minded, employed, hard-working, looking for SF, to get to know, share fun times. I enjoy hanging w/friends, bungee jumping, flying planes, RC plane models, much more. Interested? ☎166071

NEW TO AREA

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

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

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

HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

SHARP

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

GOT TIME?

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

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

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

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

TAKE A LOOK

DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163984

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 24, 6'3", N/S, D/D-free, seeks a SWF, 24-33, slender, attractive, honest, easygoing, fun, active, for friendship, romance and exploring life together. ☎165682

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

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

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

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

ANGEL WANTED

SBPM, 32 5'7", great SOH, enjoys movies and cooking. Seeking female, 4-5'6", for fun times, romance, possible long-term relationship, age/race open. All call returned. ☎171644

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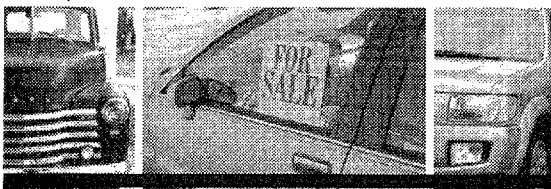
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READY WITH A SMILE

Cute Italian male, 55, 6'2", 240lbs, N/S, shaved head/glasses, loves photography, comedy shows and making people laugh. Seeking a SWF, 40-55, N/S, to make her smile. ☎165658

TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF

Employed, sincere, respectful SM, 27, well-built, attractive, looking for down-to-earth, shapely, attractive, sweet woman with good attitude and nice smile to share the good times in life. ☎169916



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ACADIA HELPS GMC CROSS OVER TO WOO DISCERNING SUV DRIVERS

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By Kevin Koloian
Avanti News Features

The all-new 2007 Acadia is GMC's addition to the fastest-growing vehicle segment in the United States - the crossover SUV.

The crossover SUV is automakers gift to younger parents who want the space and capability of a minivan, but don't want the soccer-mom stigma that is associated with it. It also attracts car buyers who seek power similar to a full-size SUV without the jerky handling of one.

That said, GMC is late to the crossover party. The Acadia is in direct competition with the well-established Chrysler Pacifica, Honda Pilot and Mazda CX-9 as well as its own cousin, the new Saturn Outlook.

However, it's an area GMC executives feel they have to enter to follow the trend of the ever-changing auto market.

"Acadia is a natural extension of the GMC brand," said John Larson, Pontiac-GMC general manager. "Its combination of smooth, responsive ride and handling and SUV versatility embodies GMC's Professional Grade philosophy. Acadia is a great-looking vehicle that will attract customers who've never visited a GMC showroom."

The Acadia features athletic styling with the signature raked GMC grille and dual halogen projector headlamps. The design is made sportier by a rear spoiler, polished aluminum roof rails, large 18-inch wheels and dual exhaust with chrome tips.

The Acadia shares its unibody platform with the Saturn Outlook and Buick Enclave, and is placed right in the middle of those two as far as size. The eight-passenger Acadia has a 267-horsepower V6 engine mated to a six-speed automatic.

This combo gives the Acadia an impressive 18 miles per gallon in the city and 24 mpg on the highway.

Its base model, priced at \$29,495, is a front-wheel drive. Pay around \$2,000 more and there's an all-wheel-drive system that varies power between the front and rear wheels, depending on vehicle speed and road conditions.

"The responsive, precisely tuned chassis provides the driving experience of a smaller vehicle," Larson said.



The all-new 2007 Acadia is GMC's addition to the fastest-growing vehicle segment in the United States - the crossover SUV.

"And Acadia's aerodynamic design, efficient V6 and the new six-speed automatic work together to provide efficiency."

If you need to tow a jet ski or snowmobile, there's the optional \$425 trailer package that can tow up to 4,500 pounds.

The Acadia comes with the standard set of airbags that are now the norm on crossover SUVs. There are dual front airbags for the driver and passenger, seat side-mounted front-row airbags and full-length curtain airbags for all three rows of passengers. Additionally, first-row seat belts are designed to take up any slack and hold passengers in place as soon as a crash occurs.

Before you get yourself into a situation where the airbags need to be deployed, the Acadia's dynamic safety features are designed to protect passengers before a crash as well as during and after one.

The Acadia's strong structure and four-wheel independent suspension system enhance safety by providing a car-like, stable ride and superb handling. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes a StabiliTrak electronic stability control system, which helps prevent rollovers; and GM's tire pressure monitoring system are standard.

Also standard is OnStar Generation 7, which incorporates the Advanced Automatic Crash Notification system. If a crash activates an air bag, the OnStar system automatically notifies an OnStar advisor, who immediately calls the vehicle or emergency help. The Acadia also is equipped with OnStar Turn-by-Turn Navigation, a GPS navigation system that tells the driver directions via voice instructions.

There are three rows of seats in two configurations: standard second-row captain's chairs for two passengers, or an available split/folding second-row bench that seats

three. GM says the rear, third-row bench seats three passengers. But it's a little cramped back there for adults. It should be enough room for three children, though.

And to make it easier to stow-and-go the kids there's the Acadia Smart Slide feature standard. With a pull of a latch the second-row seats slide flat and forward to provide a wide enough space for passengers entering and exiting the third row.

The Acadia surprisingly boasts more usable space than GMC's traditional full-size truck, the Yukon. Whether you order the bench or the captain's chairs, the center row seats can easily be stowed for maximum cargo space.

You can utilize 20 cubic feet of space with the third row in place and 117 cubic feet with the second and third rows both down. Many other SUVs and crossovers cannot come close to matching this load capacity.

But by having customers pay \$45,000 for a fully loaded Acadia, GMC is competing on shaky ground with some smaller luxury trucks, such as the Mercedes ML 350 and Volvo XC 90.

Kevin Koloian covers the auto beat for Avanti NewsFeatures. Write him at mailto:kevinkoloian@excite.com

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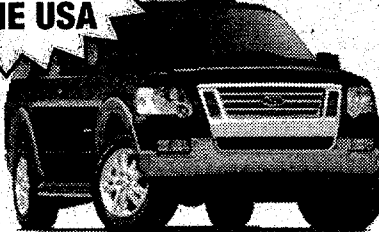
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Eddie Bauer, Leather, CD, power windows, power locks, speed control, tilt steering wheel & power seat.

\$1000 Down Sign & Drive
\$258* Per Mo. **\$342*** Per Mo.
 \$1573 due at signing All Fees Included!

BUY FOR \$23,544+
 4 AT THIS PRICE
 132 AVAILABLE

24 Month Lease

#1 EDGE DEALER IN THE USA

2007 EDGE SE



Air, power windows & Locks, Power seat, Speed control, auto lamps, entry keypad.

\$1000 Down Sign & Drive
\$262* Per Mo. **\$338*** Per Mo.
 \$1368 due at signing All Fees Included!

BUY FOR \$22,869+
 6 AT THIS PRICE
 152 AVAILABLE

24 Month Lease

2007 F150 4x4 SUPERCAB



XLT, tow & go, 5.4V8, automatic trans, speed control, power windows & locks, AM/FM-CD, sliding rear window, air.

\$1000 Down Sign & Drive
\$220* Per Mo. **\$301*** Per Mo.
 \$1518 due at signing All Fees Included!

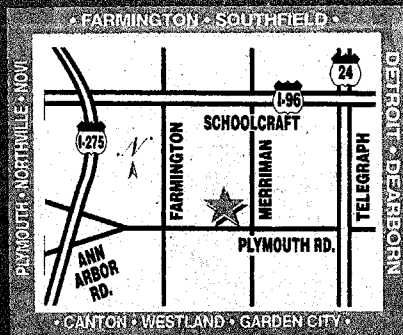
BUY FOR \$23,798+
 18 AT THIS PRICE
 293 AVAILABLE

24 Month Lease

Early Out!

Would you like to get out of your lease early?

We can help! Regardless of where you leased your vehicle, bring it to Bill Brown Ford. Trade your vehicle now! Avoid or reduce out of pocket mileage and wear and tear charges.



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YOU PAID TOO MUCH!

MORE MONEY
 For Your Trade in.....
GUARANTEED

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All payments are 24 month 10,500 miles per year, for qualifying A/Z planners. Add \$1200 for qualifying non A/Z planners. Sign and drive with \$1000 down, includes acquisition fee, excludes tax and license fees. *Purchase price for qualifying A/Z planners plus tax, title and destination. Add \$1200 if not A-plan. Subject to availability. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest payments or APR. Payments and Prices per program in effect at publication and are subject to change. All rebates assigned to dealer including assumed Explorer to Explorer renewal and Sport Trac to Sport Trac renewal. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle. Sale ends 2-28-07.

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