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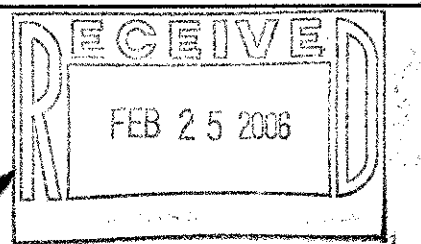
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Condo owners feel betrayed by Fellows Creek plan

Proposal to sell Fellows Creek riles up closest neighbors

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Tim Kennedy has always dreamed of owning a home on a golf course. And last Friday, his dream came true when he closed on a condominium on Canton's Fellows Creek Golf Course. He was thrilled, having been a lifetime player of the course, and

having spent months convincing his wife to agree to buying a second home for them to live in when he retires in three years.

But his dreams were quickly dashed when he picked up a newspaper just five days later and discovered that the condo could wind up sitting not alongside a golf course, but a shopping center.

"Can you imagine what I was thinking when I saw that?" he asked the Canton Township Board of Trustees who met Wednesday to discuss the possible sale of Fellows Creek, a 27-hole municipal golf course, to developer Lormax Stern/Grand Sakwa Properties.

Kennedy was among more than 100 Canton residents who

showed up at the Township Administration Building to voice concerns over the developer's proposal to purchase for \$17 million 96 of the 193 acres at the municipal Fellows Creek Golf Course.

And \$17 million is no small chunk of change, according to

PLEASE SEE PROPOSAL, A4



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Some residents of the Links at Fellows Creek turned out at a meeting Wednesday to protest the possible sale of the golf course, which they live on.

McNamara's families, public and private, say goodbye

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Duggan delivered the eulogy, chronicling McNamara's early childhood; growing up in Detroit's Brightmoor area; accelerating his high school education at Redford High School in Detroit to enlist in the Navy, where he earned three



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

medals; and numerous — often funny — stories about McNamara during his time as county executive.

But despite his political connections and public accolades, Duggan said his wife, Lucille, and their five children and five grandchildren were always the most important in his life.

"He talked about his kids incessantly," Duggan said. "You never

met anybody more proud of his kids.

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

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

"I love grandpa because he took

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

"My grandfather was a really great man who dedicated himself to his family, friends and community," reflected Cullan McNamara, 11. "I am proud to be his grandson,

PLEASE SEE McNAMARA, A5

Silent Alert has police, residents connected

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Imagine a crime has just occurred in your neighborhood, and a suspect is on the loose. The Canton Police Department has a new tool at its disposal to issue alerts to everyone in the general area, so you can take the necessary precautionary measures to keep you and your family safe.

The tool, called the Silent Partner Alert system, uses e-mail and Internet technologies to keep in contact with the residents who sign up for the service. Any type of notice can be sent ranging from crime alerts in your neighborhood, to traffic delays, severe weather warnings, and wanted or missing persons notices.

When an incident occurs, police can log onto the system's secure Web site to enter a message and even photographs, and send alerts out to the entire community, or a specific area of the community depending on the incident. According to Sgt. Scott Hilden, people can get the alerts on their home computer, text pager, Web enabled cell phone, or "any device they can get e-mails."

Hilden said the department's goal is to have 5 percent or more of the homes in Canton become part of the program which would give police the ability to reach 30,000 to 50,000 residents. Schools could also join the program. And having people alert will also help police, because residents will be more aware of criminal activity, and be able to tip off police.

"We're thinking this is going to be a nice tool for us," Hilden said. "What we're trying to do with this is get a whole bunch of people in the community to be the eyes and ears of the police department. The higher percentage of people who sign up, the more effective it will be."

To subscribe to Silent Partner Alert, log on to www.canton-mi.org/public-safety click on the Silent Partner Alert logo and follow the online instructions. "You can log on in less than a minute. It's real easy to do," Hilden said.

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Community planning a hero's welcome for Olympic skaters

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Olympic skaters Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto will return to a hero's welcome when they get home to Canton this week.

The township will host a community reception for the silver medal winners in ice dance, some time after they return from Torino, Italy. They're scheduled to fly home Monday, and will for a short time be at the facility where they train, Arctic Edge in Canton, according to Craig O'Neill, Arctic Edge general manager.

But the township wants to do something to recognize not only Belbin and Agosto, but all the champion skaters who have been training in Canton.

"What a terrific job all of the skaters have done," said Leisure

'We only opened four years ago. Who knew then that we'd have this kind of success coming from little old Canton, Michigan? It's been a great year for us, and for skating in general.'

Craig O'Neill
Arctic Edge general manager

Services Director Ann Conklin. "They're golden in our hearts. They've made us proud to be from Canton."

Conklin wasn't just referring to Belbin and Agosto. Olympic ice dancers Jamie Silverstein and Ryan O'Meara also train at Arctic Edge in Canton. As do Meryl Davis of W. Bloomfield and Charlie White of

Bloomfield Hills, the U.S. junior ice dancing champions. And not to be forgotten, so too do junior national pairs champions Kendra Moyle of Chelsea and Andy Seitz of Ypsilanti. They will all be recognized at the township's reception this week.

"We only opened four years ago. Who knew then that we'd have this kind of success coming from little old Canton, Michigan?" O'Neill said of Arctic Edge. "It's been a great year for us, and for skating in general."

As of Friday afternoon, the date and time for the community reception had not yet been determined, but watch for updates on www.canton-mi.org, or call The Summit on the Park at (734) 394-5460 for more information.

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Canton officials are planning a welcome home ceremony for Olympic silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, as well as other skaters from the Arctic Edge.

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Support the 'Seedlings'

Everyone is welcome to bowl March 3 at the Superbowl (45100 Ford Road in Canton) to benefit the "Oakwood Canton Seedlings," the team that participates in the annual Canton Relay for Life. The cost is \$16 per person and the event begins at 9 p.m.

The "Seedlings" will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held May 13-14 in Canton. This year will be the group's sixth year participating in the event. The name "Seedlings" was chosen to represent the group's motto, "plant a seed and let hope blossom." There will be a 50/50 raffle and opportunities to win other prizes at the bowling event. Contact Denise Mintz, Oakwood Healthcare System, at (734) 454-8008 to pre-pay and register, or make a donation. More than \$1,300 was raised in 2005, due to the generous contributions and support of the community.

Fish fry

VFW Post 6695, located at 1426 S. Lilley in Plymouth, will have its annual fish fries every Friday evening through Lent, with the exception of St. Patrick's Day, when corned beef and cabbage will be served. Dinners are served from 5-7 p.m. The all-you-can eat fish dinners cost \$8.

'Rally 4 Canton'

A team from this year's Leadership Canton class is hosting a road rally as their class project. Come join the

fun. Tickets are available to participate in the rally (4-6 people per car, limit of 30 cars), to join the after-rally Finish Line Party, or to sponsor the event. Rally 4 Canton is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, beginning at the Rotary Clocktower in Heritage Park. Prior registration is necessary.

For more information or to register, visit www.rally4canton.com, or call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188. Rally 4 Canton proceeds will benefit Growth Works, Inc. and The B.L.O.C.K., youth programs in Canton.

Curves food drive

Curves of Canton and Plymouth will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected 10.6 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world.

Curves is waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins between Feb. 27 and March 11. Last year more than 251,000 new members joined Curves during the Food Drive. Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Saturday during business hours through the month of March. Drop off food at either the Plymouth Curves location (44717 Five Mile Road) or the one in Canton (44248 Cherry Hill Road).

State of the Township address

Canton Township Supervisor

Tom Yack will deliver his annual State of the Township address at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on March 15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The theme of Yack's speech will be "Canton: Behind the Scenes" for 2006. Yack's program will include an informative video presentation of the behind the scenes efforts in the township. Yack has been Canton's Supervisor since 1988.

The luncheon is open to chamber members and the public. Cost is \$20 per person, and reservations are necessary. Admission includes networking opportunity, full buffet luncheon, and program. Reservations can be made by contacting the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or visiting the chamber's online registration form at www.cantonchamber.com/eventsform.asp.

Basketball raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is raffling off two tickets for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Basketball tournament to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the programs of the

Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. Projects planned include donating dictionaries to all third-graders in Plymouth-Canton schools, scholarship for a graduating senior and support for First Step, Angel Tree Prison Ministries and Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family programs.

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

Women's event

Canton Lighthouse Aglow International invites all women to attend an event at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, at St. Joseph's Medical Center, located at Palmer and Canton Center roads, for food, fellowship and a good word on "Dreams and Visions." For more information, call Rochelle at (734) 981-6908.

Senior breakfast

Senior citizens are invited to a complimentary breakfast, and spend a little time with State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and have the opportunity to ask him questions. This free breakfast will be offered on Monday, Feb. 27, from 9-10:30 a.m., at the Van Buren Township 'September Days Senior Center' in the Otisville-Sheldon Room. The Senior Center is located at 46425 Tyler Road, in Belleville (between Belleville and Beck Roads). Please call Sarah to reserve a spot at (734) 699-8918. One guest speaker will be Joan Rich, from the Traffic Improvement Association (a non-profit group). She will talk on useful tips for senior driv-

ers, and will address a few issues related to mobility and compensation skills. This will include facts and myths about senior drivers, and engineering changes to aid mature drivers.

Two officers from the Van Buren Township Police Department will also speak about safety and driving issues in Van Buren Township.

Patterson will also speak about issues of interest to seniors. Call Sue Trussell, Sen. Patterson's district representative, at (734) 783-1642 with any questions.

Citizens for Peace

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

Scholarship help

Parents and students in the Plymouth-Canton school district no longer have to physically visit their high school's counseling office for one of the most time-intensive processes for high school seniors: Identifying and applying for scholarships to help fund their college education. District officials have now put that information on the district's Web site. Families can now visit the site, which currently lists 65 scholarships, any time of the day or night at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/scholarshipsSmartURL.htm>

Newcomer meeting

The Canton Newcomers invites those interested in learning more about this

social, civic and charitable organization to its March 1 general meeting. In addition to monthly meetings, the group also hosts interest groups throughout the month that include: Book Club, play groups, Creative Kids, Chick Flick, Couples Social, scrap-booking and many more.

The Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September through May) at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, which is west of Canton Center between Woodmere and Weathersfield. For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter, visit them on the Web at newcomers.angelcities.com. You can also call (734) 737-0755 with any questions. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

Breakfast help

Organizers of the annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools are looking for help for the breakfasts, scheduled at the respective schools 6 a.m. Thursday, March 30.

Officials are seeking assistance with donations of breakfast foods (egg casseroles, potato dishes, baked items, fruit bowls, etc.) and drinks (water, juice) or monetary donations to help purchase whatever the committee doesn't receive.

They're also looking for people to help set up the day before, after school and then the morning of the breakfast to help serve the food.

Anyone willing to help in any of these areas can contact Suzanne Zabowski (Salem High School) at sunique7@aol.com; Maryanne Turner (Canton High School), mdt89@comcast.net; or Mary Schultz (Plymouth High School), trixi1971@hotmail.com.

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Voters to decide fate of VBPS high school Tuesday

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Some 3,000 Canton voters who live in the Van Buren Public Schools district will have their say next week, when the district asks them to approve an \$111 million bond to build a new high school in Van Buren Township.

District officials have been trying to get a new high school built for several years to replace the aging Belleville High School, which was built in 1926. Though the building has had a total of nine additions, school officials have said it's become inadequate to meet the needs of the district's high schoolers, particularly in the areas of electronic technologies and science laboratories.

The new school, if approved, would be able to accommodate 2,168 students. Enrollment district-wide is 6,200, but is expected to steadily grow. Last month plans for the construction of some 1,400 new homes in VBPS's corner of southwest Canton were recommended for approval by the Canton Township Planning Commission.

Already, response from Canton voters has been higher than in the past, according to Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett.

The 2004 board of education election drew only 40 voters to Canton's 33rd Precinct polls at Dodson Elementary School, and just 16 at the 20th Precinct location at Canton Fire Station No. 1. There were 181 absentee voter ballots returned.

However, for the Feb. 28 election next week, the clerk's office has sent out 378 absentee ballots and already 240 have been returned.

"There's always a bigger turnout when there are money issues," Bennett said.

According to VBPS estimates, a homeowner whose house has a market value of \$100,000 would pay about \$145 more in taxes per year to pay down the 30-year bond. That amounts to \$12.08 per

month. A homeowner with a \$275,000 house would pay \$398.75 per year, or \$33.23 per month more than he or she does now.

District voters shot down a similar bond proposal in 2004 by a vote of 4,593 to 2,226.

Although VBPS Superintendent Peter Lazaroff was unavailable for comment, spokesman Paul Henning said the district has made efforts to gather more information from the community and to communicate better with voters. The district has held a dozen town hall meetings, set up an e-mail account to gather comments and input, and invited people to call on a special phone hotline.

"We got a lot of input," Henning said. "We had about 30 pages of comments which were given to us back in the fall. There was a good cross section of all opinions."

He said the district has during this bond proposal process received no criticism from the public regarding the level of public input.

However, some Canton homeowners who live in the part of the township that is in the VBPS district have expressed frustration that the idea of building an elementary school in Canton, even though VBPS owns 20 acres off Beck Road north of Michigan Avenue.

"Essentially that hinges on the enrollment. If we have the enrollment that will support a seventh elementary school, we can build there," Henning said. "We would have to have a student increase of about 400 kids."

The election is Feb. 28, but voters who wish to apply for absentee ballots may do so until 4 p.m. on Feb. 27, according to Bennett. The clerk's office is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and people can apply, get a ballot, fill it out and turn it back in immediately, she said.

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New network makes getting married easier

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's reported that some 10 percent of the 2.3 million couples will get engaged this year did so earlier this month on Valentine's Day, or so says the Diamond Information Center. Here in Canton, Tracey Pawlowski is waiting for those happy couples to come see her about a cake.

As the owner of Back Home Bakery, Pawlowski is building up the store's wedding business. Just as she was starting to get more orders for wedding cakes, she was invited to join the Wedding Referral Network - the first network of its kind in Michigan.

Here's the idea: A group of local businesses that provide wedding-related services form a group. Each member is screened and must prove their service or product measures up to the group's standards. Members must apply, and must provide references, which the network members call on. They must meet for a face-to-face interview and the members vote on whether or not to let the applicant join.

The group produced a network to benefit each other by way of word of mouth advertising, and put together a coupon book where brides can find specials on products such as wine from Vintner's Cellars in Canton, jewelry from Showroom of Elegance in Canton, and even honeymoon packages from CruiseOne in Westland.

Because the members get to know each other and each store's products - from table decorating and entertainment to jewelry and just about everything else wedding related - they can confidently rec-



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Tracey Pawlowski, owner of Back Home Bakery in Canton, is one of several business owners who are members of the Wedding Referral Network.

ommend services by other members, said WRN creator photographer Basel-Abunab.

"I noticed that I booked weddings from two sources - an ad or a referral. And about 70 percent of my business was coming from referrals, so I wanted to do something more structured around that idea,"

said Abunab, a Plymouth resident who owns Precious Memories Photography in Canton.

But he wants to provide special services for brides without making them feel pressured.

"Once you get inducted into the WRN, you have to give something back to the brides,"

he said. Most give a discount but all treat the brides the way Abunab wants them to be treated.

"The attitude is like a culture. You treat the bride like a queen. It's her day, and she should be treated special," he said.

It's a philosophy which has worked for Pawlowski and the rest of the network, which formed in July.

Pawlowski has been to just two bridal trade shows, and at the first one, she went by the book. She had a rehearsed sales pitch, but it just didn't feel right to her, she said. So it was no surprise that no one she met at the show called her to inquire about wedding cakes.

But the second show was different. She and others from the network took a more laid-back approach, and just started talking to brides. They wanted to know things like, "How did you meet your future husband? How long have you been dating? Are you planning a honeymoon?"

Pawlowski stopped trying to sell cake and just started giving away samples of baked goods.

"The brides had all sort of gravitated to us because we were much more about them, and much less about selling services," she said. And the brides picked up on the network members' genuine interest, and Pawlowski's phone started ringing.

"My philosophy is that if I can get something into your mouth, you're probably going to love it," Pawlowski said.

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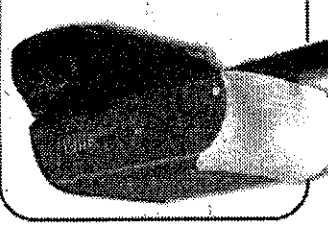
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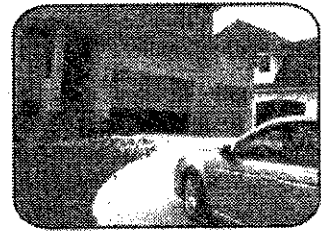
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PROPOSAL

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Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who said Canton's general fund is approximately \$25 million per year.

The property would be the site of a lifestyle center, a small, high-end outdoor mall, said Canton attorney Bryan Amann, representing Lormax Stern/Grand Sakwa Properties.

"It's not a strip center and it's not an outlet center," Amann said, adding that lifestyle centers are something like a "downtown" in flavor. The nearest example of a lifestyle center is The Village of Rochester Hills.

NO CONSOLATION

But the time lapse was little consolation to the residents who live in nearby neighborhoods - The Links at Fellows Creek, Pebble Creek and The Preserve on Fellows Creek condominium communities.

If the property remains in the township's hands as a golf course, Canton will need to spend a little more than \$3 million on upgrades for the aging course, according to Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin. The township would also not be able to collect approximately \$600,000 per year in property taxes that it would be able to collect on the developed property, according to Yack.

The irrigation system is a priority, she said, and two holes need to be realigned for safety. The clubhouse is 20 years old and needs renovation. The parking lot is also in need of repair.

The need for improvements was identified at a meeting earlier this month, as part of the township's recreation master plan, and Township Trustee Todd Caccamo voted against the plan's approval, stating that recreational opportunities, including golf, are best provided by private interests.

However, Wednesday Caccamo opposed the proposal to sell the property, despite his calculations that there would over the next five years be a negative return on investment if the township maintains the golf course, as opposed to a substantial windfall if the township sells it.

"The numbers are telling me to do one thing but my heart tells me to do something else," Caccamo said.

A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE
But even if the proposal moves forward, there is a possibility that there could still be a nine-hole golf course there, according to Paul Robertson, chairman of the board of Robertson Brothers, which has entered the third phase of development at The Links.

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Critics gang up against the possible sale of Fellows Creek

The possible sale of the Fellows Creek Golf Course to a developer was the main topic of discussion at the Wednesday evening Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

About 100 people showed up to voice opposition to the plan, including many owners of the condominiums (The Links at Fellows Creek, Pebble Creek and The Preserve on Fellows Creek) that were built along the township-owned course.

Here is a list of some of the most colorful quotes of the evening.

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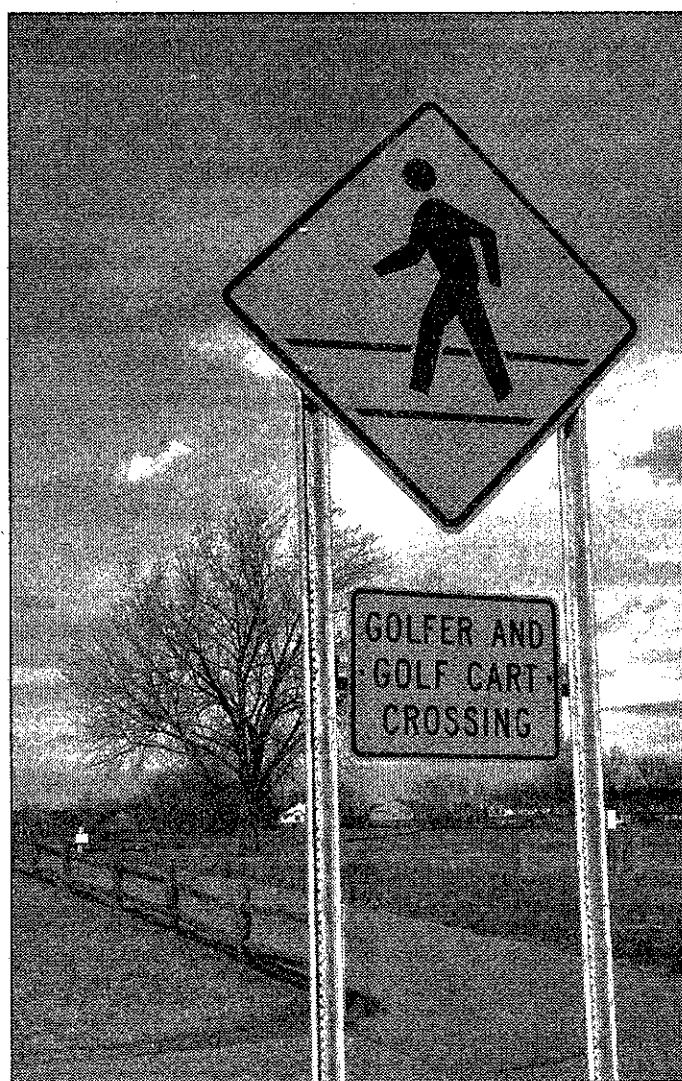
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There are plans afoot to sell Fellows Creek Golf Course (background).

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which would continue to offer options alongside the township's other municipal golf course, Pheasant Run.

Having earned a reputation as the less expensive "working man's golf course," Fellows Creek does offer the option of being walkable, while Pheasant Run is not. It's also less costly to golf at Fellows Creek, with rates at \$36.50 for 18 holes, with a cart, during the week, compared to \$40-\$50 at Pheasant Run. Weekend rates are \$40 at Fellows Creek and \$60 at Pheasant Run.

As Pheasant Run has continued to grow, particularly after it added nine new holes in 2002, Fellows Creek has been on a decline, according to Conklin. In 2003, golfers played nearly 50,000 rounds of golf at Fellows Creek and 35,799 at Pheasant Run. However, in 2004, Fellows Creek rounds of golf had dropped to 47,000 while Pheasant Run grew to 37,000, and last year, the two courses were nearly even, with 44,000 rounds played at Fellows Creek and 43,000 at Pheasant Run, Conklin said.

Before Amann returns to the board, he must meet with representatives from the various homeowners associations, as well as with Robertson Brothers. The earliest the board could make a decision is at its March 14 meeting, but Yack said the likelihood of the decision being made that soon is low.

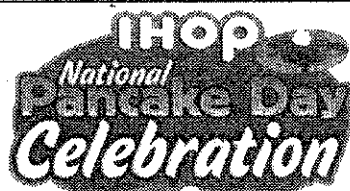
Homeowners near the golf course will be notified by mail prior to the meeting.

What do you think?

Should the township proceed with the proposal to sell off half of Fellows Creek, its oldest municipal golf course?

Send your replies to kkuban@hometownlife.com. Please include your name and daytime phone number.

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On March 2, join us for "Read Across America" from 7-8 p.m. Registration began Feb. 23, this program is for children ages 4 years old and up.

Our Teen Department has programs planned, too.

Come in Feb. 27 and make a Rose Memory Frame, Feb. 28 is Hand Print Stepping Stones, March 1 Learn Calligraphy and March 2 you'll make your own bookmark. All programs at 3 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

■ Teen Book Discussion: Feb. 25, noon. Grab some pizza and discuss *The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman with other teens.

■ Open Mic: Feb. 25, 2-6 p.m. in the Community Room, come hang out and share your talents with other poets, musicians and performers. Sari Brown is the featured performer.

■ Chess Club: Thursdays at 4 p.m. No advanced registration required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register for adult programs starting one week in advance by calling (734) 397-0999. Computer classes are free to library cardholders however, a \$5 fee will be assessed if you are a no-show and do not cancel 24 hours prior to class time.

■ Battle of the Atlantic:

March 2, at 7 p.m. Part of our Everyone's Reading series, learn about the role of U-boats during WWII.

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■ *Aunt Dimity and the Deep Blue Sea* by Nancy Atherton
■ *The Good Life* by Jay McInerney

Adult Non-Fiction
■ *Countdown to Your Perfect Wedding* by Joyce Becker
■ *The Groom's Guide: A Gentleman's Indispensable Wedding Planner* by Marguerite Smolen
■ *Great Indian Feasts: 130 Wonderful, Simple Recipes for Every Festive Occasion* by Mridula Baljekar

Adult Books on CD
■ *The 5th Horseman* by James Patterson
■ *Cell* by Stephen King
■ *A Man Without A Country* by Kurt Vonnegut

Adult Sound Recordings
■ *29* by Ryan Adams
■ *Clarity* by Jimmy Eat World
■ *Haleakala How Maui Snared the Sun* by Dan Welch

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DEATHS

- A**
Alfred Kingsley Abbott
Abbott, 83, of Royal Oak, died Feb. 16.
- B**
Chester V. Barlon
Barlon, 85, died Feb. 20.
Paul E. Boelter
Boelter, 89, of Utica, formerly of Rochester and Port Sanilac, died Feb. 11.
Irene Byrnes
Byrnes, 84, died Feb. 24.
- C**
Richard E. Carter Jr.
Carter, of Taylor, died Feb. 22.
Rosemary S. Chapman
Chapman, 79, of West Bloomfield, died Feb. 20.
Ardith Coonley
Coonley, 88, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 20.
- E**
Erik C. Engelhard
Engelhard, 26, of Clarkston, died Feb. 18.
- F**
Todd W. Ferguson
Ferguson, 43, of Waterford, died Feb. 15.
Dorothy M. (Blount) Froberg
Froberg, 87, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Royal Oak, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 13.
- H**
Diane Hardie
Hardie, 59, of Clinton Township, died Feb. 21.
Robert Arthur Husted
Husted, 53, died Feb. 20.
- K**
Waymon Kisselburg
Kisselburg, 72, of Redford, died Feb. 23.
- L**
Harry F. Locke
Locke, 83, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 23.
George M. Losie
Losie, 92, of Howell, died Feb. 19.
Kathleen (Kit) E. Lutkus
Lutkus, of Farmington, died Feb. 20.
- M**
Erwin W. Miller
Miller, 80, of Brighton, died Feb. 11.
Valery Anne Mosborg
Mosborg, 46, died Feb. 18.
- P**
JoAnn P. Pagett
Pagett, 66, of Keswick, Ontario, formerly of Rochester, died Feb. 11.
Roy Melvin Potvin
Potvin, 84, of Benton, Tenn., died Feb. 22.
- R**
Robert L. Rudnick
Rudnick, 86, died Feb. 23.
- S**
Milton G. Sackett Sr.
Sackett, of Southfield, died Feb. 20.
Martha M. Scott
Scott, of Wayne, died Feb. 16.
- T**
Catherine M. Trepod (Bakonyi)
Trepod, formerly of Troy, died Feb. 21.
- W**
Carol Marie Wantin
Wantin, 90, of Farmington, died Feb. 19.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

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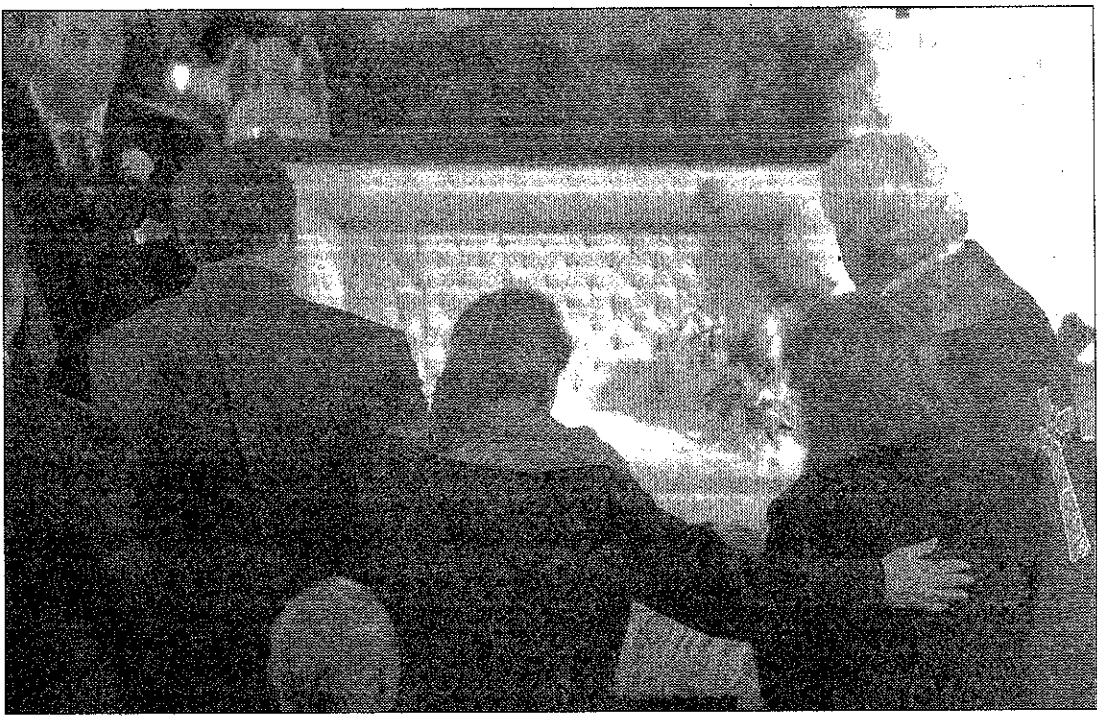
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The Rev. Russell Kohler, surrounded by McNamara's daughter Colleen McNamara, widow Lucille and other family, sprinkles holy water at the beginning of the service.

MCNAMARA

FROM PAGE A1

and I hope to emulate him in my life. I will always love you, grandpa, and will look for your guidance."

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

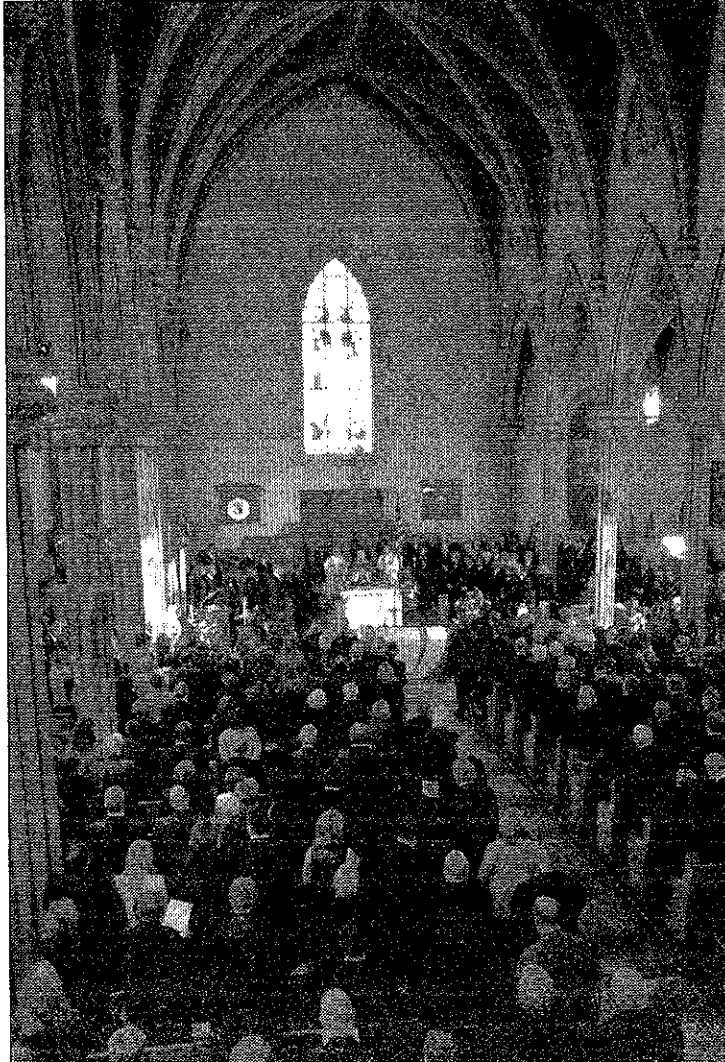
"He was a poor kid from Brightmoor, who raised a middle-class family in Livonia, made it in America and never forgot where he came from," Granholm said. "He made you all important, because we're important to him, no matter where you came from. Your race, your gender, your title, meant nothing. "He filled our extended family with people who were political in the very best sense of the world ... who knew that all politics was local, and they represented their communities like they did their own families," she said. "I surely would not be governor of the state of Michigan if it weren't for Ed McNamara."

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

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

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

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin said McNamara was an old politician,



Corktown's Most Holy Trinity Church was filled with those saying farewell to Ed McNamara.

in the true sense of the word. "Ed loved people, loved service, loved his constituents and making a difference for average people," Levin said. "My memories are very fond and deep."

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

McNamara was mayor. "He was like a mentor, and I got to know him pretty well," Nagy said. "He was always laughing and smiling, but always forward-thinking with great visions for the city. "He was always somebody's friend," she added. "He will be missed."

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United Way tops target in '05 drive

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With the lagging Michigan economy and the huge number of dollars sent to hurricane victims in the south, many non-profit organizations failed to meet their campaign goals to pay for much-needed social service programs.

However, the Plymouth Community United Way dodged that economic bullet, announcing Friday it beat the 2005 campaign goal of \$1.3 million by \$29,000.

"The economic environment in the area is pretty demanding, considering how tied we are to the auto industry ... and what's going on in the world around us," said Harry Krespy, the 2005 chairman of the board at the PCUW's annual meeting. "To be able to turn out the campaign we did this year shows how deep people dug into their pockets to support human services in our community."

One of those automotive companies, Johnson Controls,

led the way by contributing \$816,000 of the total campaign. Vicky Armstrong, human resources director at JCI who has directed the company's PCUW campaign the past two years, said despite the problems of the auto industry, there has been an upward trend at JCI in charitable giving.

"Our employees are so willing to give, we get great support from our leadership, and our company does a dollar-for-dollar match from our JCI foundation," said Armstrong. "We expect to raise the bar next year."

Along with JCI, other top companies in last year's campaign included Visteon and Automotive Components Holding, \$200,000; General Motors, \$71,000; and DTE Energy, \$42,000.

Campaign Chairman Rick DeBruyne said the PCUW must work hard to keep the trust of those who contribute.

"We are not only asking people for their hard earned money, but we are asking them

for their trust that the money is going to a good cause," said DeBruyne. "We must continue to assure that it does go to worthy causes."

Marie Morrow, PCUW president, said meeting and exceeding the annual drive is necessary to support the trend of increasing human service needs in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

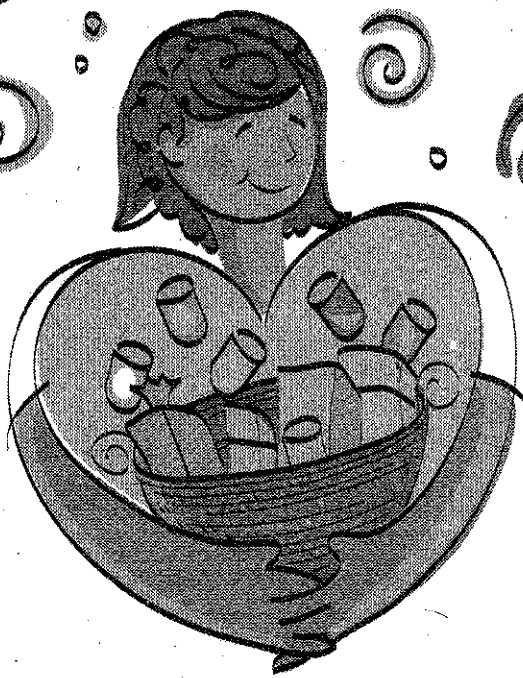
"There is definitely a growing need developing in western Wayne County," Morrow said. "And, it's more evident with the economic downturn at the industrial companies."

During the meeting, Field Elementary fifth-grade teacher Rich Plecha was given a PCUW Community Service Award for his volunteer efforts in creating and constructing schoolyard habitats at Allen, Bentley, Hoben and Farrand elementary schools. The habitats were built with a \$4,000 grant from Visteon, which was matched by the PCUW.

Krespy handed the reins to Greg Foster, who becomes the 2006 Chairman of the Board.

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Man pleads guilty to gun charge

A Canton man pleaded guilty last week to one count of felony firearms. The charge stemmed from an incident with police last September, in which Brian Matthew Anthony had barricaded himself in his home on Bryn Mawr.



Anthony

Police said during the hours that led up to his arrest, Anthony had pointed a loaded rifle at an officer when police pulled him over for a simple traffic stop. Police said Anthony then led them on a brief car chase, before his car smashed into a tree near his home on Bryn Mawr. He ran into the house and wouldn't come out, according to police.

The Western Wayne Special Operations Team got into Anthony's house, where he lived with his mother, and found him there with self-inflicted injuries. He was arrested without further incident, police said.

Other charges against Anthony were dismissed as part of his plea agreement. He had also been charged with felonious assault and with fleeing and eluding police.

His sentencing is scheduled for May 17 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

POLICE BEAT

STRANGER DANGER

Canton police are making extra rounds to patrol the area of Pittsford and Wonsocket after a 9-year-old boy reported last week a suspicious man in the area.

According to police reports, the boy was outside and a man in a red minivan pulled over to ask him if he wanted to drive to the 7-Eleven to get a Slurpee.

The boy said no, and walked quickly home to tell his parents what happened.

The man is described as about 18 years old, having red hair and freckles.

DTE BILL SHOCKING

A Canton woman called police when she discovered that someone she doesn't know ran up a shocking electrical bill in her name.

The woman told police on Feb. 17 that she didn't even know the fraud had occurred until a collections bureau contacted her in an attempt to collect the \$4,386 they said she owes to DTE Energy.

According to police reports, the fraud was ongoing between 2002 and 2004.

CARS VANDALIZED

A Farmington Hills woman and her Canton boyfriend called police after their cars were vandalized.

The cars were parked near the boyfriend's home on Meadowview. On the morning of Feb. 18, the pair discovered that the tires on both cars had been slashed, and the woman's car had scratches on the hood and passenger side. Damage to her car was estimated at \$2,000, and damage to his car was estimated at \$900.

The woman told police that this is the fourth incident of vandalism to her car since last November. Prior to this incident, she has had a hole cut in her gas tank, water dumped into her gas tank and her tires were slashed once before.

WINDOW SMASHED

A Canton man called police Feb. 17 after someone smashed a window out of his new van.

He said he left the van parked in front of his home on Woodmere, and the morning of Feb. 17, he discovered the damage, which is estimated at \$500, according to police.

The culprit did not gain entry to the van, and nothing was taken.

By Carol Marshall

Elementaries 'lasso' students at roundup

Do you know a member of the class of 2019?

If you have or know a student who will be in kindergarten next year, then you do. All 17 elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will host a Kindergarten Roundup for parents and children at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 28.

Parents will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials.

They'll also get an opportunity to hear about the district pilot all-day kindergarten program that will be offered in the fall at four schools — Walker-

Winter in Canton, Wildwood in Westland, Hicks in Inkster, and Roosevelt-McGrath in Wayne.

Incoming kindergarten students will get the chance to visit the kindergarten rooms, make a craft and meet the teachers. They also will receive a backpack full of school supplies.

Children who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2006, are eligible for kindergarten. Parents must provide three proofs of residency, the child's birth certificate and immunization record to register their child.

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Schoolcraft studies culinary exchange with China

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Schoolcraft.

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

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

The Schoolcraft group will

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Habitat schedules March 13 orientation

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

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

Expect to spend approximately 1 1/2 hours learning about the organization, where it plans to build and the process required to apply for a home. You'll watch an informational video, participate in a question and answer segment and hear testimonials from Habitat homeowners. At the end of the orientation, you will receive an application to apply for a home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bob Morris



Terry Ahwal

Mass transit advocates find encouragement in Super Bowl

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

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

Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation Riders United, admits that a Super Bowl is not an everyday event, but if the region wants more big events such as the scheduled 2009 Final Four or a whispered GOP convention, transportation needs to be part of the equation.

"If we want to be a venue for these events, the biggest flaw is transportation," Owens said. "It shows that people are willing to use transit if it's convenient and serves their needs. People were using the (SMART) shuttles despite the problems."

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It's exciting to see planners take transit into

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

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

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

They also follow a long history of legislators who think funding mass transit is disloyal to the area's primary auto industry. But to Owens a mass transit system will create a center, create development and save the city. Legislators just don't understand.

"It's a challenge. I don't think they're looking at transit as an option," she said. "If they analyzed it they'd see we're not trying to kill the car. Dozens of studies show that every dollar spent on mass transit returns \$4 to \$9 in economic development for the area."

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

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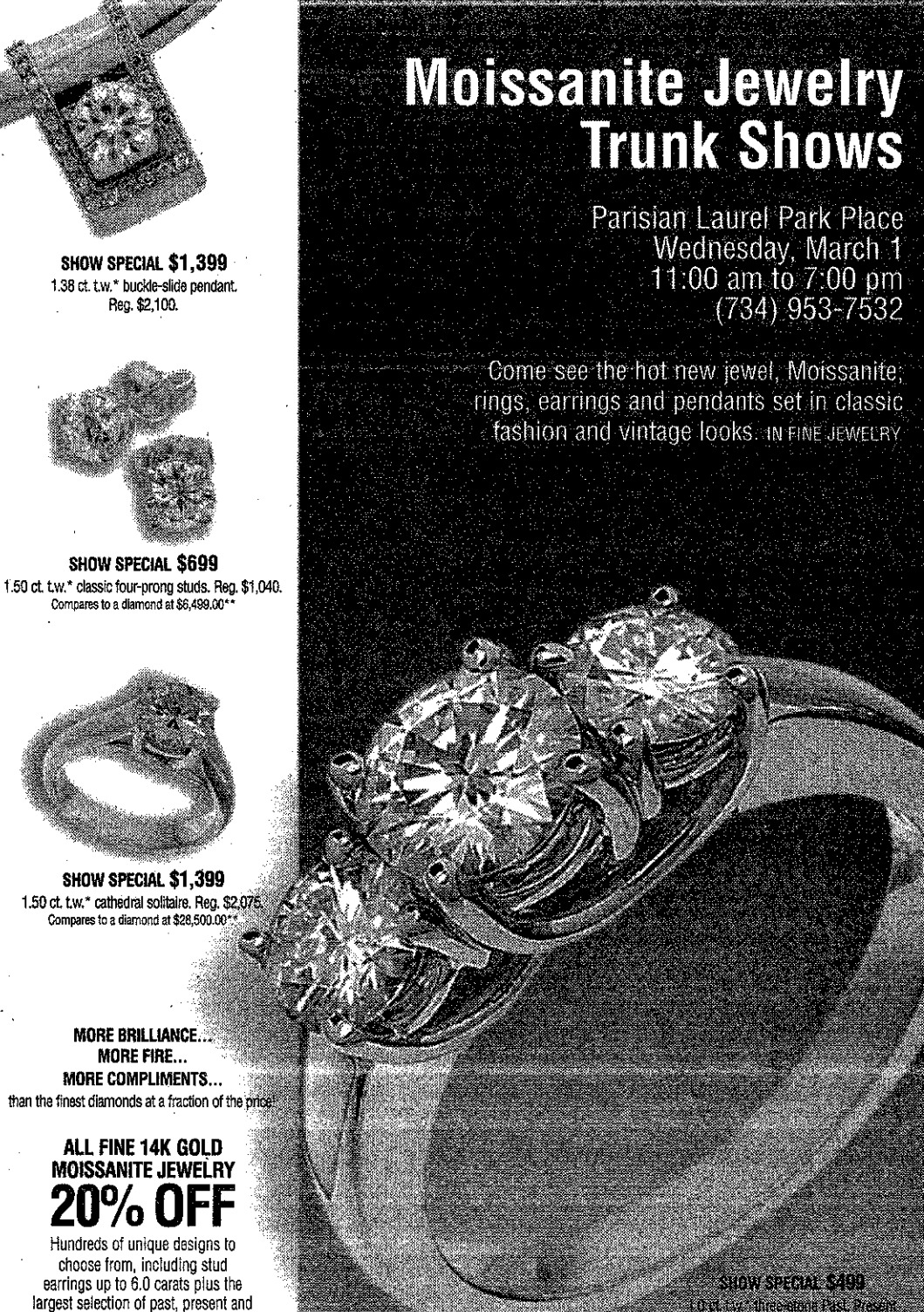
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Bouchard emphasizes homeland security expertise

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Shortly after the 2001 terrorists attack on the United States, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard said he sent a detailed white paper on how to improve homeland security to members of Congress and never received a response.

Now he wants to go to Congress and make his case as Michigan's senator.



Bouchard

Christian Center, and the Rev. Jerry Zandstra from western Michigan. The winner of the

Bouchard is competing for the Republican nomination against the Rev. Keith Butler, founding pastor of the Word of Faith

International

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

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

In an interview following his

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said he favors having American citizens operating the ports.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

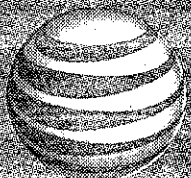
"The reverends are good guys and either of them would be better than our current senator, but I have more experience on the major issues," he said.

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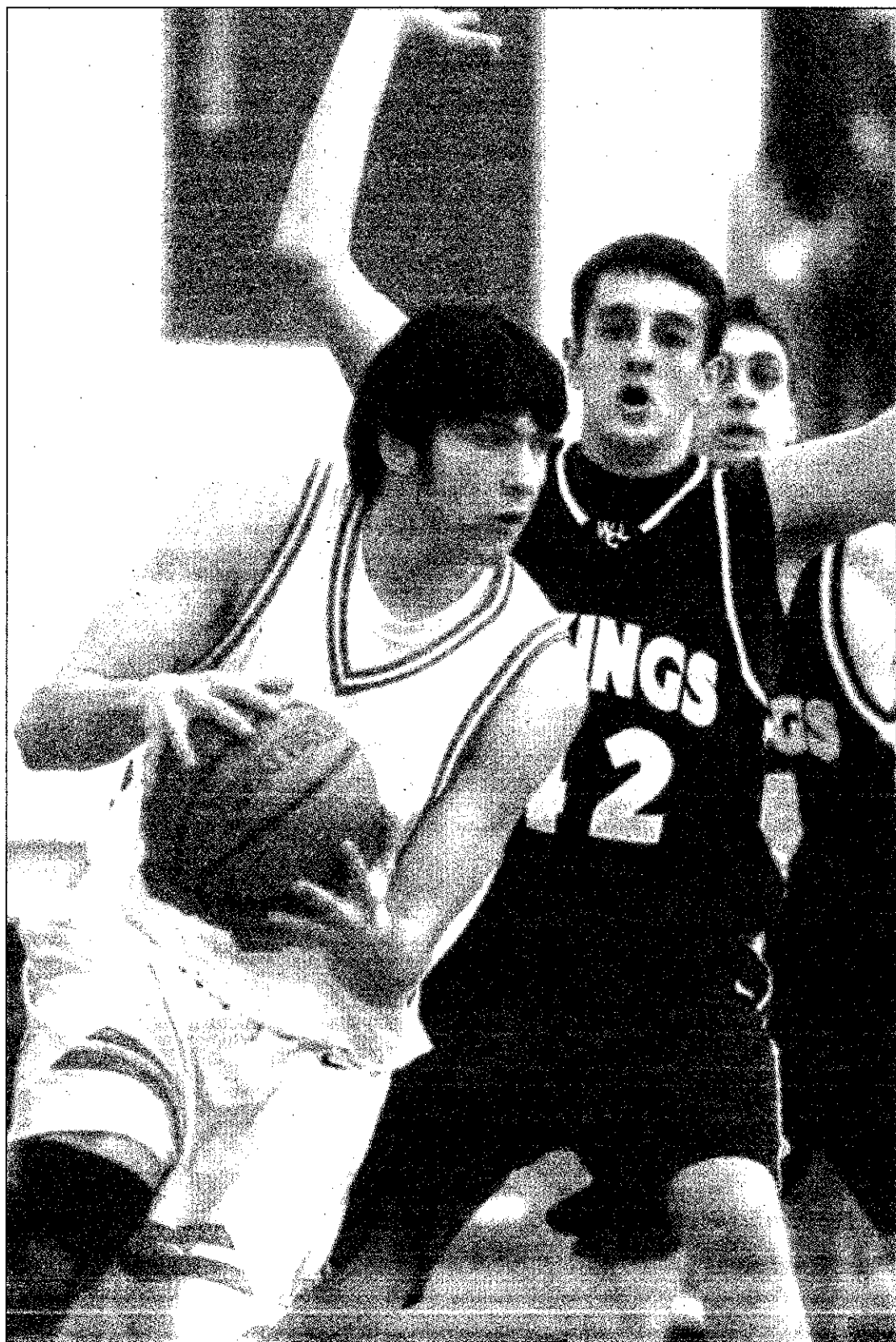
U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Thursday, turning over significant control of six of our largest ports to Dubai Ports World without proper investigation could be disastrous.

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

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

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

WLAA basketball semifinals



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

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Chiefs' hopes for conference tourney title dashed by Farr

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOURNEY TIME

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

■ District No. 25 (at Novi) —

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

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

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

Plymouth Christian will open at 8 p.m. on March 6 against Detroit Urban Lutheran. On March 9, at 6:30 p.m., Agape, which drew a first-round bye, will take on the winner of the March 6 Lutheran Westland-Detroit Westside Christian Academy game. The district final is slated for Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Sidelines

Wrestling trip

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

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

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

The Chiefs (2B-4) registered the school's first-ever regional title on Wednesday with a 34-30 victory over Novi Catholic Central. They will take on 32-1 Rockford in a quarterfinal match slated to begin at 3:15 p.m. A victory would propel them into Saturday's semifinal match against the winner of Friday's Romeo (29-9) vs. Davison (25-6) showdown.

Youth hockey

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

The Compuware Sports Arena is gearing up for its 2006 Youth Spring League, a house league that runs from April 1 to May 31. Sign-up costs run from \$210 (mini-mites and mites) to \$220 (squirr) and \$235 (pee wee). The registration deadline is March 13. Parents must provide a copy of their children's birth certificate and proof of USA Hockey membership — usually a USA Hockey membership card, an IMR form or a copy of your 2005-06 roster. Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team registration fees. Registration forms can be picked up at the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at www.compuwarehockey.com. Call (734) 453-6400.

Field of Dreams

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

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

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

Call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360.

Whalers outlast Erie, 4-2

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

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

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

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

The first two periods featured no more than a one-goal differential. Gaynor scored at 2:03 of the first to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead when linemate John Armstrong dug the puck out from behind the net and found Gaylor on the right-wing doorstep. Hodgman tied the game at 1-1 at 13:58 of the first when he stripped a Whaler defender and beat Plymouth goalie Justin Peters.

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

Livonia nips Canton for WLAA crown

Please see complete results on Page B3.

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

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

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

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

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racking up 129.05 points.

DIVISION 1

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

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

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

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

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

DIVISION 2

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

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

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

Nomura finished second (9.350) on the beam.

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

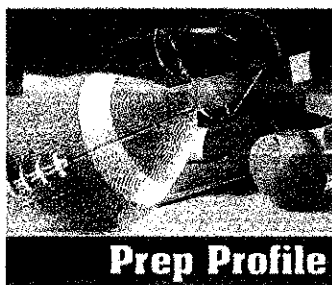
Saagman is PCA's athlete for all seasons

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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



Prep Profile

Eagles' dramatic 47-46 victory over Roepert.

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

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

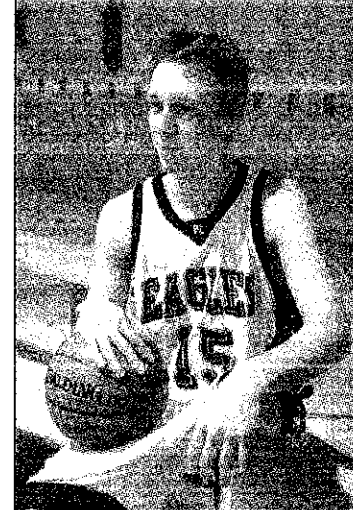
3.8 grade-point average and 11.0 scoring average. "Along with being a good athlete, he's a heady player who calls out our defenses and helps call out the offensive plays we run, too."

JUNIOR ACHIEVER

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

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

PLEASE SEE SAAGMAN, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

HOOPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chiefs played the entire first half without committing a turnover.

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

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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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

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

defensive pressure and we stood around too much and played too much one-on-one basketball. We got back in the game in the fourth, but we couldn't make the big shots."

Canton hit 20-of-49 field goals (40.8 percent) and 8-of-13 free throws (61.5 percent).

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Plymouth gains momentum with 58-51 victory over Wayne

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

"The kids got after it tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They played with more intensity and defensively we took things away from Wayne. In the fourth quarter, they only made one shot from the field.

"There's no question that these games will give us some momentum heading into the district tournament next week. Every win is important with the way we've struggled this year."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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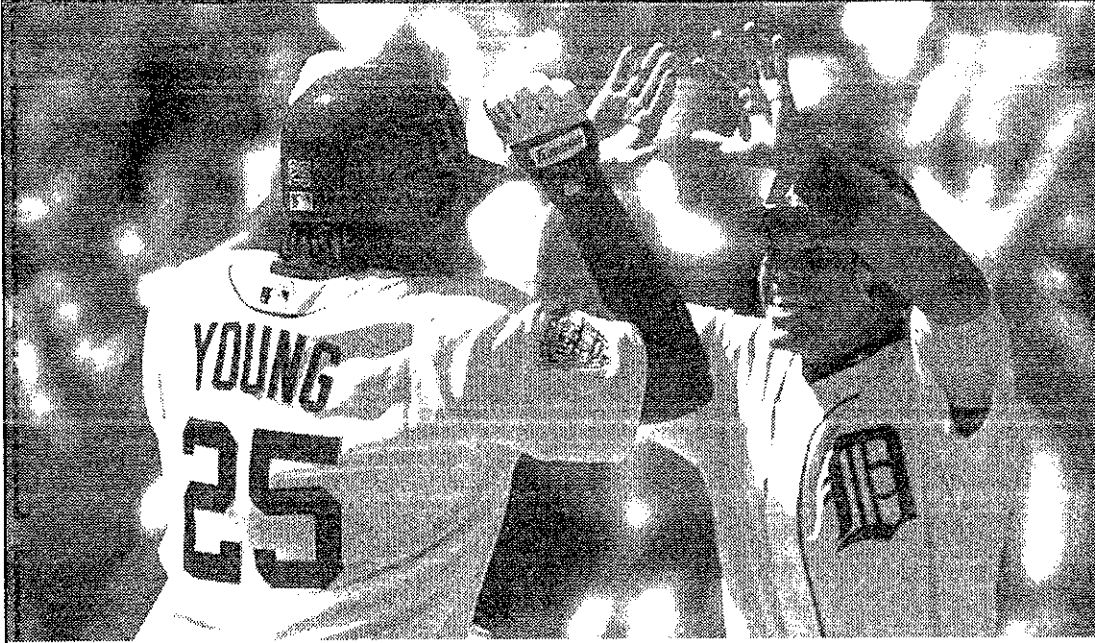
THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

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

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Mudri's triple wins it for MU

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

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

Not this time. Derrick Mudri hit a 3-pointer with 7.6 seconds left in overtime, and the Crusaders pressured Indiana Tech's Alan Frison into a missed 15-foot jumper as time expired as Madonna won its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff game by stopping Indiana Tech 85-84.

The win set the Crusaders (11-19) up with a date with Cornerstone, the tournament's second seed, in Saturday's WHAC semi-finals. Results of that game weren't available at press time.

"It was a big win because at that point in the year, if you lose your season is over," Madonna coach Chuck Henry said. "To me, the most exciting time of the year is the playoffs. If you're a competitor, you want to keep the season going."

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

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

shot.

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

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

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

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

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

Athletic director Bryan Rizzo went even farther than that.

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

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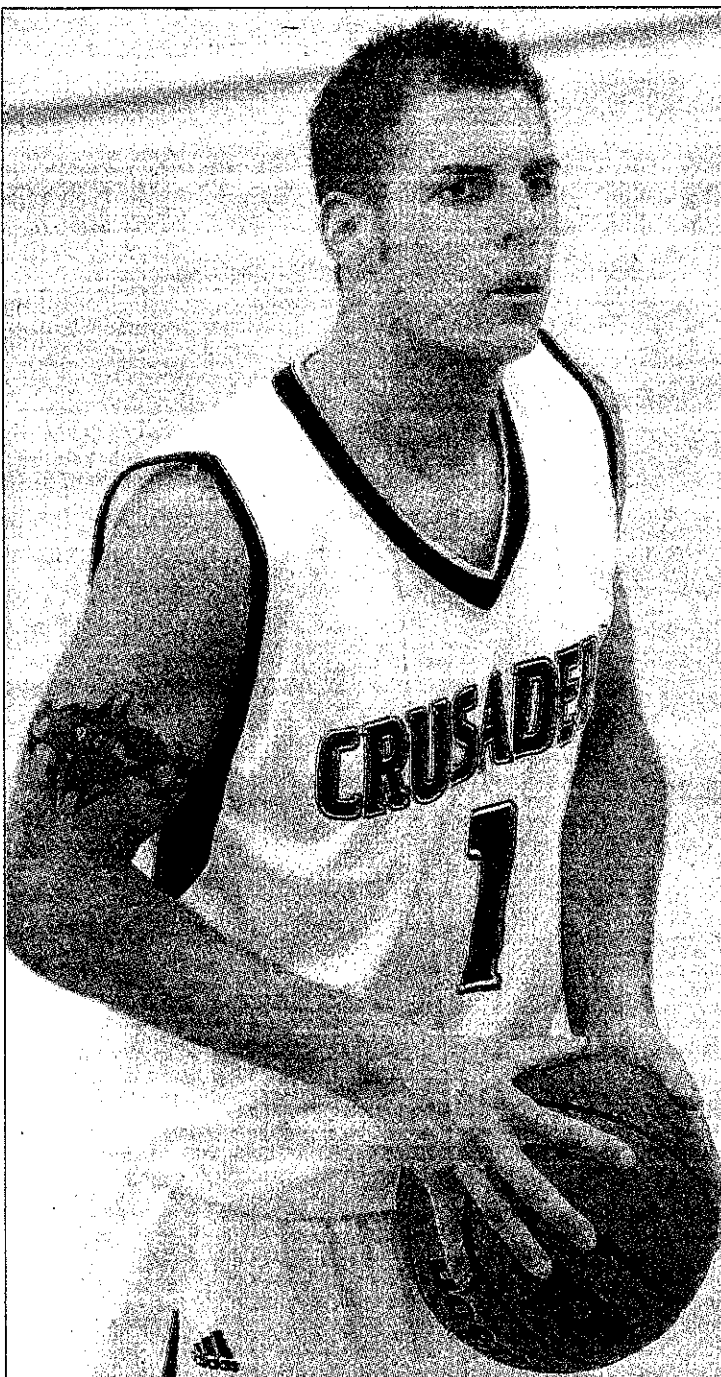


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Madonna's Derrick Mudri scored 33 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer, in the Crusaders' 85-84 overtime win over Indiana Tech.

SAAGMAN

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NO TIME TO REST

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

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

BRUSH WITH GREATNESS

Saagman knows what it takes to achieve greatness after

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

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

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

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: February 26, 2006

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

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

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

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

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

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

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
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PREP GYMNASTICS RESULTS

WLA Conference Meet Thursday at W.L. Central H.S.

TEAM RESULTS
1. Livonia, 149.125; 2. Canton, 147.100; 3. Brighton, 145.625; 4. Northville- Novi, 142.800; 5. Salem, 142.500; 6. Hartland, 139.200; 7. Walled Lake, 132.200; 8. Plymouth, 129.050; 9. Wayne-Westland, 107.950.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
All-Around
Division 1: Alyssa Kelley (C), 37.675; 2. Andrea Pisani (L), 3. Nicole Drouillard (B), 37.35; 4. Lauren Dilullo (B), 36.90; 5. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Paula Guzik (L), 36.65; 7. Katie Koetting (S), 36.450; 8. Jessie Murray (C), 36.425; 9. Kara Ahern (C), 36.150; 10. Sarah Bugosh (S), 35.80.
Division 2: 1. Alyssa Supplee (L), 37.40; 2. (tie) Paige Albers (L) and Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 36.60; 4. Paige Lochler (H), 35.45; 5. Laura Nomura (L), 35.20; 6. Brittany Young (S), 34.95; 7. Sarah Ilkhani-Powr (NN), 34.80; 8. Monica Cauley (B), 34.425; 9. Katerina Kariotis (S), 34.35; 10. Emily Sicheneder (H), 34.30.

Floor Exercise
Division 1: 1. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.65; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.60; 3. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.55; 4. Andrea Pisani (L), 9.50; 5. Paula Guzik (L), 9.225; 6. Kate Staley (C), 9.20; 7. Jessie Murray (C), 9.10; 8. Kara Ahern (C), 9.05; 9. Katie Koetting (S), 9.00; 10. Rachael Page (B), 8.95.
Division 2: 1. Paige Albers (L), 9.75; 2. Alyssa Supplee (L), 9.30; 3. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.15; 4. Monica Cauley (B), 9.025; 5. (tie) Rachel Deneau (NN) and Sarah Ilkhani-Powr (NN), 9.00; 7. Emily Sicheneder (H), 8.85; 8. Laura Nomura (L), 8.80; 9. Lauren Duda (NN), 8.75; 10. Paige Lochler (H), 8.70.
Balance Beam
Division 1: Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.80; 2. Kara

Ahern (C), 9.50; 3. Andrea Pisani (L), 9.45; 4. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Jordan Brodehl (P), 9.35; 6. Sarah Bugosh (S), 9.25; 7. Juli Zelony (H), 9.20; 8. Kate Staley (C), 9.15; 9. Katie Koetting (S), 9.10; 10. (tie) Lauren Dilullo (B) and Autumn Collins (S), 9.00.
Division 2: 1. Alyssa Supplee (L), 9.45; 2. Laura Nomura (L), 9.35; 3. (tie) Paige Albers (L) and Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.30; 5. Brittany Young (S), 9.15; 6. Monica Cauley (B), 9.10; 7. Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.05; 8. Julie Aurelia (L), 8.90; 9. (tie) Paige Lochler (H) and Sarah Ilkhani-Powr (NN), 8.75.

Uneven Bars
Division 1: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.475; 2. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.40; 3. Andrea Pisani (L), 9.375; 4. Katie Koetting (S), 9.30; 5. Kate Staley (C), 9.25; 6. Amy Reynolds (NN), 7. Paula Guzik (L), 9.175; 8. Rachael Page (B), 9.15; 9. Laura Phillips (H), 9.10; 10. Meghan Powers (L), 9.05.
Division 2: 1. Alyssa Supplee (L), 9.35; 2. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.05; 3. Kelly Tapella (L), 9.00; 4. Brittany Young (S), 8.95; 5. Paige Lochler (H), 8.90; 6. Sarah Ilkhani-Powr (NN), 8.80; 7. Jessie Stone (H), 8.55; 8. Paige Albers (L), 8.50; 9. (tie) Laura Nomura (L) and Katerina Kariotis (S), 8.45.
Vault
Division 1: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.65; 2. Paula Guzik (L), 9.45; 3. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.40; 4. (tie) Kate Staley (C), Katie Koetting (S) and Andrea Pisani (L), 9.05; 7. Meghan Powers (L), 9.00; 8. (tie) Lauren Dilullo (B), Jessie Murray (C) and Sarah Bugosh (S), 8.95.
Division 2: 1. Alyssa Supplee (L), 9.30; 2. (tie) Paige Lochler (H) and Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.10; 4. (tie) Paige Albers (L) and Emily Platt (NN), 9.05; 6. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.95; 7. Megan Wallen (NN), 8.90; 8. (tie) Monica Cauley (B) and Katerina Kariotis (S), 8.85; 10. Emily Sicheneder (H), 8.65.



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

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL CLINIC

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

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

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

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

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

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FOOTBALL MEETING

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01

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

Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:

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

Section 2. Legal Description.

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

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

Section 4. Rights and Duties.
Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 5. Validity.

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

Section 6. Ordinances Repealed.

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

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

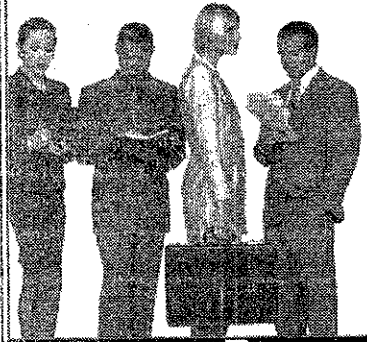
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 City of Southfield

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PART-TIME PHARMACIST
 Busch's, Inc. is seeking a part-time Pharmacist for our Pinckney location in Livingston County, MI. Candidates will work 2 days/week and alternating weekends. Our Pharmacists are professional, service-focused and team-oriented individuals committed to providing excellent care to our guests. We offer a strong and growing company, competitive wages, excellent health benefits, reduced weekend hours, and a great work environment. Interested candidates please email resume to: jobs@buschs.com fax to: 734-214-8757, send to: Busch's/HR 565 E. Michigan Ave. Saline, MI 48178. For more info, call 734-214-8322. Visit us on the web and apply online at www.buschs.com.

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 Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Work exp. with past 3 yrs. All shifts at our Canton location. Send resume to: Hegira Programs Inc. 8623 N. Wayne Rd., Ste 200, Westland, MI 48185

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At time of application, applicants must have valid driver's license and acceptable driving record; completed at least one (1) year of Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering at an accredited college or university; OR completed at least two (2) semesters (30 credit hours) at an accredited college or university, plus at least one (1) year of full-time paid experience related to drafting, surveying, inspecting and/or testing of municipal public improvement projects. Applications accepted until further notice.

MUST PRESENT ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE DEGREE
DIPLOMA/TRANSCRIPTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION.

APPLY TO:
 Livonia City Hall Civil Service Dept. 3rd Floor 33000 Civic Center Drive (5 Mile & Farmington Roads) Livonia MI 48154 734-466-2500
 Office Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
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Fax resume to our corporate office at **703-390-5819**
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Mustangs thrive

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



Penguins soar

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

Brown fills Briggs' shoes as new Schoolcraft coach

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for *Bird Elementary Site Work*. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. at 220 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 31, 2006 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Bird Elementary Site Work Bid, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

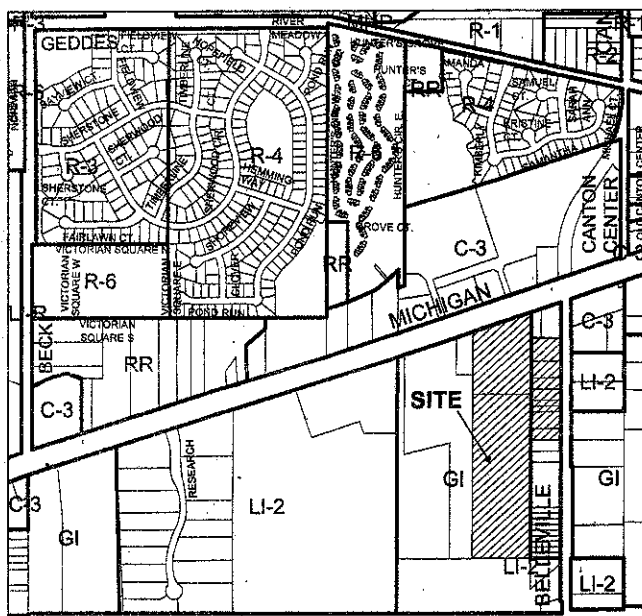
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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



SECTION 33

COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 132 99 0003 701, (132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000, (4930 BELLEVILLE RD) 132 01 0014 000 (5010 BELLEVILLE RD), 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0019 000, 132 01.0021 000 (5050 BELLEVILLE RD). Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road. (Second Public Hearing.)

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

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

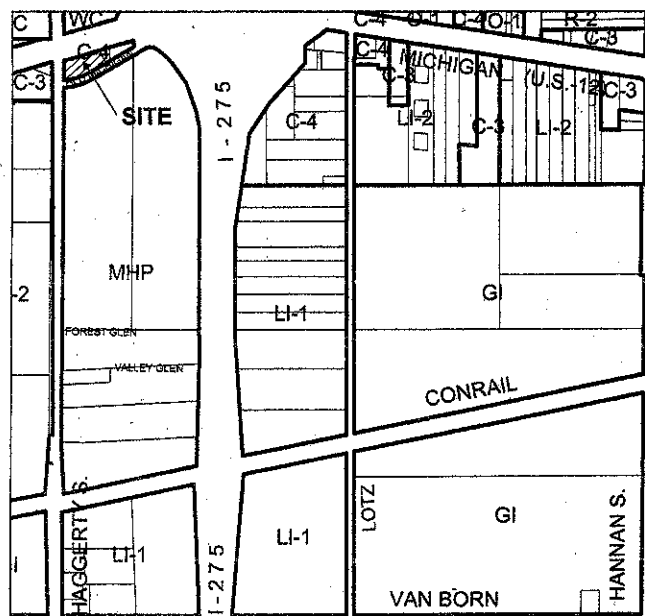
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SECTION 36

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

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

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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

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

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

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

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

SECTION 2. SUPERVISION; ACCOUNT

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

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY

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

SECTION 4. REPEAL

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

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE

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

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION

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

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

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

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

OLGC FOOTBALL

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

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

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

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

Also, information about the program can be found at

www.olgcfootball.net.

3-ON-3 HOOP

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

Registration forms can be

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

ANN ARBOR RUN

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

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

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

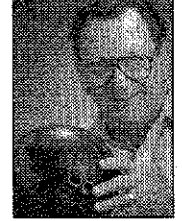
Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborryun.com.

Canton's Biggs rolls out a stellar season

Roy Biggs of Canton is having an incredible bowling season.

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

in Wyandotte. Biggs qualified 22nd in a field of 137 and went undefeated through five rounds of match play over such luminaries as Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield, Ken Voodre of Troy, Len Ciancialo, Robert Rheaume of



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Ferndale and Enrico Odorico of Macomb before falling to Bennett in the matches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The US Bowling Congress Championships are now well underway at Corpus Christi, Texas and will run through July 1. It was formerly known as the ABC Tournament and will continue on in the same traditions from years past only the name has been changed. The big difference is the venue for the USBC annual meeting is different from the tournament, it will be held April 19-23 at Orlando, Fla. The USBC Women's Championships — which were known as the WIBC — will take place this year March 16-July 2 in Reno, Nev. On March 14-15 the USBC Senior Championships will take place in Reno as well.

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

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



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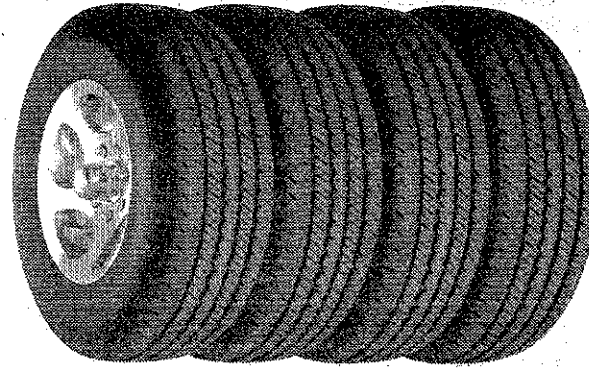
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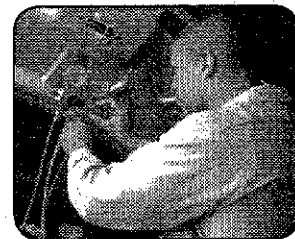
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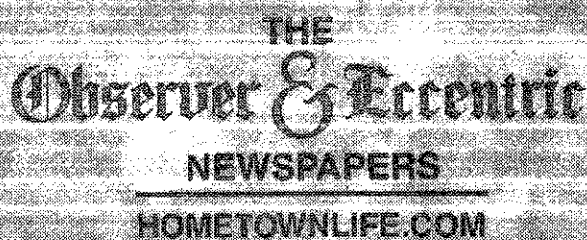
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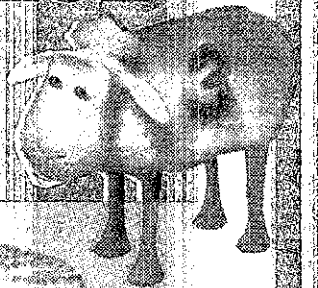


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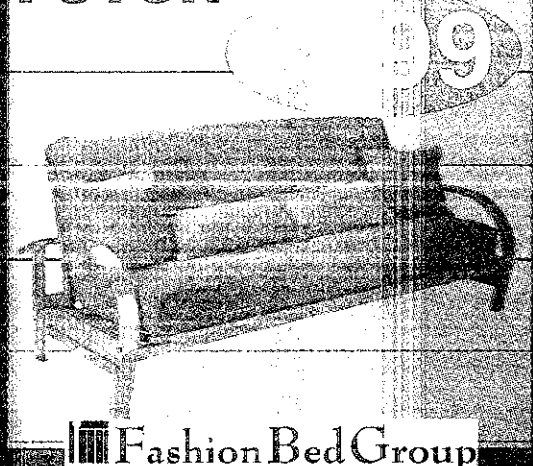
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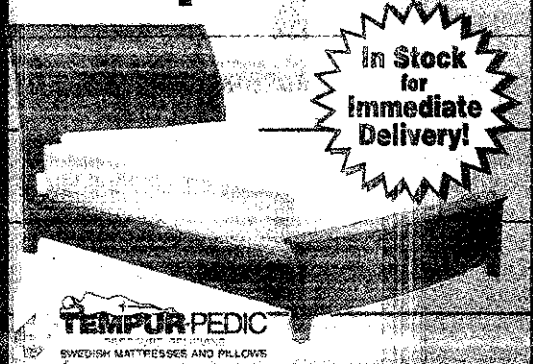


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On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

Plan ahead to manage change

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

Unsured in Livonia

Change can be very stressful. It is not unusual to experience significant levels of anxiety and insecurity. If the change is beyond our direct control, feelings of helplessness, frustration and victimization may result.

The key to successful transitions is preparation and planning. This means addressing it before it happens and making a plan of action. Even though this change is months away, it is not too soon to discuss. I believe that the most beneficial time to address concerns is as soon as they are identified. This allows sufficient time to study the alternatives and develop an effective plan of action. Having an idea of what is to come and a sense of preparation can dramatically reduce the amount of worry and apprehension that is experienced.

Encourage your son to talk with peers and find out how they are feeling. This will help to normalize his own emotions and thoughts. Sometimes, just knowing that others have similar feelings is enough to reduce our own negative emotions. I would also encourage you to speak with other parents, teachers, and school personnel to learn as much about this proposed transition as possible. Then, you may find yourself in a better position to help your son, as well as yourself, deal with this change.

In the end, the amount of preparation and planning that is done may determine how stressful a transition will be. This is true for your son as well as for yourself.

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

I can understand your confusion. The ideas are very similar in that they are things that you present as incentive to get a desired response. The difference, although slight, is an important one and I will do my best to clear up any confusion.

As I see it, a bribe and a reward are things that are offered to increase a desired behavior. In this way, they are exactly the same. The difference is in how they are presented and awarded. A bribe is presented at the time and there is little or no planning in place. For example, a child is told, "If you stop throwing a fit, I will buy you a toy." The objective is to get a toy and this is clearly the lone motivation. The negative behavior becomes linked with the payoff, and in this way is reinforced. The child learns to employ misbehavior for his or her advantage and material gain. Familial blackmail ensues.

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

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

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

Annually for the last 25 years, Carter Caves State Resort Park has opened the more than 20 caverns to adventure seekers, depending on whether or not they meet the requirements for four levels of trips or tours. One of the cavers in this January's Crawlathon wisely decided not to enter the slimmest of passageways in Skyscraper Cave after becoming stuck once. Others were unable to gain access because they failed a 12-inch squeeze box test. Francisco had no doubt his 9- by 11-inch helmet would fit through the passageway, but never counted on his size 14 feet. Unfortunately, his protective helmet

didn't do much to shine any light on the predicament, but he was still happy it was on his head. In 2002, Francisco became lost in a cave. He was glad the lights didn't burn out then and leave him in the pitch-black underground.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Underground

Optometrist works and plays in the dark

Adventure

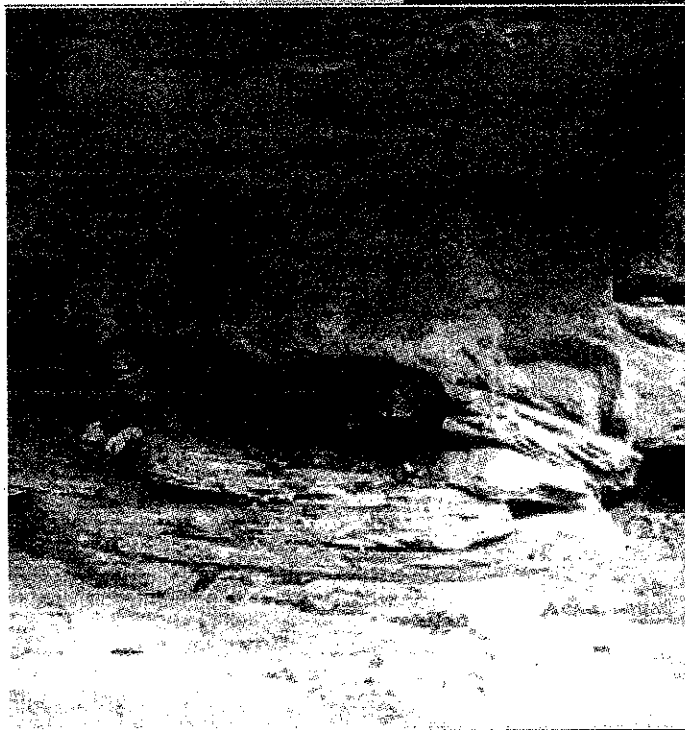


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DR. DENNIS FRANCISCO

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



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

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

Expert has advice on clearing clutter, stress

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

One area represented by purple means

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY RICHELLE HERRIMAN
CORRESPONDENT

No job too big, no girl too small. This is so true for one local Canton Girl Scout Brownie troop whose goal is "The Sky Is The Limit" when it comes to a service from their heart.

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

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

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

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

others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brand New Day will also be accepting donations at its location in the CherryOaks Plaza.



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

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

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

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

cookies to our servicemen and women.

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

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0759 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

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2. "Memory in Death," J.D. Robb
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1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan

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5. "Click Clack Splish Splash," Doreen Cronin

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

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

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

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



Teens in 2006
Alice McCarthy

You may have recently read or heard about MySpace and other Internet sites where teenagers post personal information about themselves. *Dateline*, *The Today Show*, local television news programs and newspaper articles have talked about the popularity and danger of such sites. While many students post innocent information and pictures, far too many are posting provocative pictures, using foul language, writing about drinking, drug use, and sexual activity, and seem to brag about other immoral activity such as cheating, stealing, and making fun of others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. L. Gordon

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

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns.

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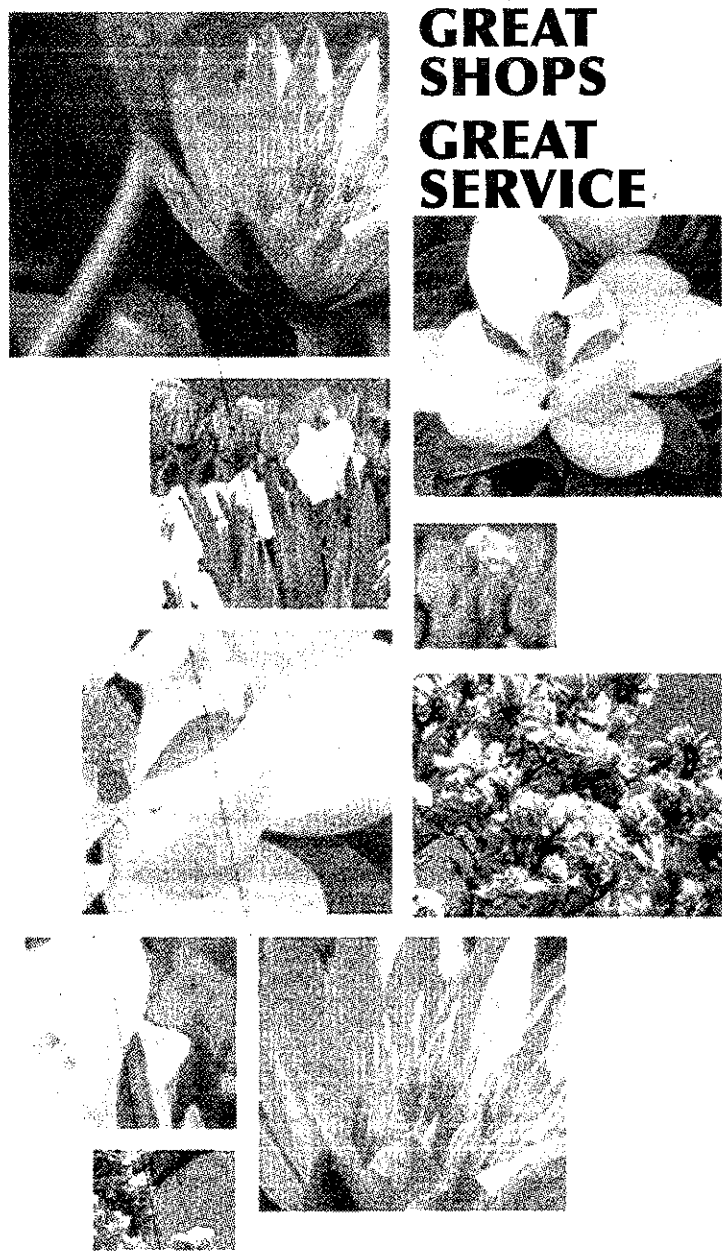
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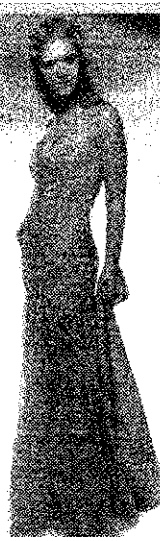
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BIRTH



Mallory Alexis Holmberg

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

ANNIVERSARY

Fitrakis

Nick and Jane Carol (nee Epps) Fitrakis of Redford celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 18. They were married Feb. 18, 1951, at the City County Building in Downtown Detroit. They have lived in this area 38 years. Nick has been retired for 26 years from Redford Sanitation. They are members of Calvary Missionary Church of Livonia, and also have a membership at Waldenwoods. Currently they are taking computer classes at Pearson Center.

Nick and Jane have eight children, Nick Fitrakis Jr. of Midland, Vicky Fitrakis McElroy of Romulus, Bob Fitrakis of Columbus, Ohio, Robin Fitrakis Urban of Redford, David Fitrakis of Redford, Debbie Fitrakis of Garden City, John Fitrakis of



Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dana Fitrakis of Redford; 36 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and one on the way in June.

Nick and Jane celebrated their anniversary by going out to dinner with their family.

WEDDINGS



Everett-Oatley

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

Elizabeth is the daughter of Jon and Diana Oatley of Plymouth. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, and is completing her MBA at Oakland University. She is employed as a designing engineer at General Motors.

Jeffrey is the son of David and Patricia Everett of Ann Arbor. He is a 1999 graduate of Saline High School, a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering, and received his master's degree in mechanical engineering in 2004. He is employed as an aero-thermal development engineer with Chrysler.

Attending the bride as her maid of honor was friend, Laura Evans of Columbus, Ohio. Bridesmaids were, friend, Laura Jensen of Atlanta, Ga., friend, Catherine Brinkman of Dayton, Ohio, cousin of the bride, Rebecca Konyha of Gibraltar, sister of the groom, Amanda Everett of Ann Arbor, and sister of the groom, Sarah Everett of Ann Arbor. Her junior bridesmaid was sister of the groom, Emily Everett of Ann Arbor. Her flower girls were cousin of the bride, Anna Law of Brownstown, and cousin of the groom, Samantha Burkart of Whitmore Lake.

Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Robert Everett of Ann Arbor. Groomsmen were brother of the groom, Joseph Everett of Ann Arbor, brother of the bride, Alexander Oatley of Plymouth, and friends of the groom, Nathan Sheets, Heath Feldman and Sturat Robinson, all of Ann Arbor.

After a honeymoon to Hawaii, the new Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Everett are making their new home in Ferndale.



Laichalk-Haycox

Laura Mary Haycox and Jeremy Lawrence Laichalk were married Aug. 27, 2005, at Links At Pinewood in Walled Lake before the Rev. Gary Dawes. A reception followed at the Links At Pinewood.

Attending the bride were matron of honor, Julie Dlugosz; bridesmaids, Sylvia Ricci, Sara Moran, Kelly Przywara and Ann Jones; junior bridesmaid, Lauren Staszal; and flower girls, Maria Revait and Shelby Moran.

Attending the groom were best man, Jason Laichalk; groomsmen, Andy Ricci, Eric Redfield, David Haycox and Bill Jones; junior groomsmen, Eric Staszal; and ring bearer, Scott McGlade.

Laura is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Haycox of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School and a graduate of Walsh College. She is an administrative assistant at Expo, Inc.

Jeremy is the son of Lawrence and Pamela Laichalk of Novi. He is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School. He is employed with Elopak.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Laichalk are making their new home in Novi.

ENGAGEMENTS

McLeod-Hastillo

Dean and Carol McLeod of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan McLeod, to Dave Hastillo of Connecticut.

Megan is a 2005 graduate of University of Connecticut. She is the assistant director of athletic equipment services at UCONN.

Her fiancé, Dave, is the son of Alex and Sandy Hastillo of Ashford, Conn. He is a 2004 graduate of University of Connecticut. He is employed as a robotics integrator at MFG Automation in Connecticut.

Dave and Megan are planning a June wedding at Western Golf and Country Club. After a honeymoon on an



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

Noel-Drouillard

Matt and Nancy Noel of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle LeAnne, to Webster Lloyd Drouillard Jr.

Michelle is a 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is a 2004 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn and is currently a student at Cooley Law School. She is employed as a photo tech supervisor at CVS.

Her fiancé, Webster, is the son of Marie Drouillard of Westland and the late Webster Drouillard Sr. He is a 1996 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 2002 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as a



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

Kopka-Eddy

Janet Kopka of Livonia, and Kenneth and Penelope Kopka of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Christine Kopka, to Derek Jon Eddy of Livonia.

Marie is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as an accountant.

Her fiancé, Derek, is the son of Lynne Eddy of Boyne City, and Raymond and Lori Eddy of Michigan Center. He is a 2000 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed at Central Transport in Warren as a collector.

Derek and Marie are planning an October wedding at St.



Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia.

Ideh-Youngblood

George and Sylvia Ideh of Livonia, and Russell and Carol Youngblood of New Hudson, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Michelle and Stevan.

Michelle Ideh is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a degree in public relations/communications. She is currently employed at an advertising agency in Southfield.

Stevan Youngblood is a 1998 graduate of South Lyon High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. He is a licensed real estate agent currently employed at Century 21.



Town and Country in Plymouth. He is also owner of Vivid Image Painting and Remodeling of New Hudson.

Michelle and Stevan are happily planning an August wedding in Livonia.

Culp-Wolf

Jo Culp of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Janille Ann, to Michael Andrew Wolf of Plymouth.

Janille is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. She is a residential assistant at Autumn Associates in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Bob and Jo Wolf of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is a CNC machinist at Dadco in Plymouth.

Michael and Janille are planning a May wedding in Northville.



BIRTH

Katelyn Taylor Humphreys

Marshall Humphreys and Melissa Craddock of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, **Katelyn Taylor**, on Jan. 4, 2006, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Katelyn's proud grandparents are Rich and Donna Haught of Livonia, and Norm Craddock of Inkster.



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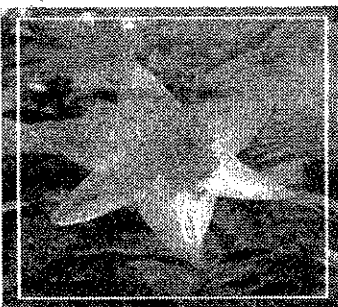
Died February 24, 2006 age 84. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Kathleen (Giovanni) DeSantis. Grandmother of Tina, Mark (Dawn) and Sean. Family will receive friends at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) on Monday from 2 - 9 pm with services at 7 pm. Memorials are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

RICHARD E. CARTER, Jr.

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

ARDITH COONLEY

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



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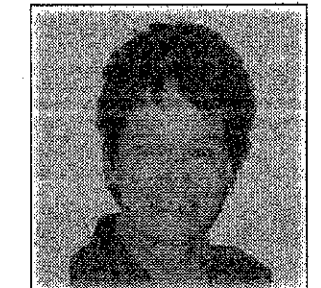
Age 83, February 23, 2006, of Bloomfield Hills. Proud US Navy Veteran of WWII and retired marketing manager for Detroit Edison, Oakland Division. Beloved husband of Virginia G. (nee Lovat) for 63 years. Dear father of Harry J. "Jack" (Julia), Jill L., and Susan L. Grandfather of Andrew (Dusty), Casey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

ROBERT L., RUDNICK

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

MILTON G. SACKETT, Sr. 1928 - 2006

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



CATHERINE M. TREPPOD (BAKONYI)

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

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ANNA KATHERINE DREYER

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

AROUND TOWN

Frog listeners

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the ninth-annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey. Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two hour training workshop and learn 8 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, etc., are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picordinator@therouge.org. Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend: Thursday, March 2, 7-9 p.m., Ypsilanti Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti; Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-noon, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia; Tuesday, March 7, 7-9 p.m., University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; Thursday, March 9, 7-9 p.m., Southfield Parks & Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; or Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.-noon, Plymouth Board of Trustees meeting room, 42350 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Citizens for Peace meet

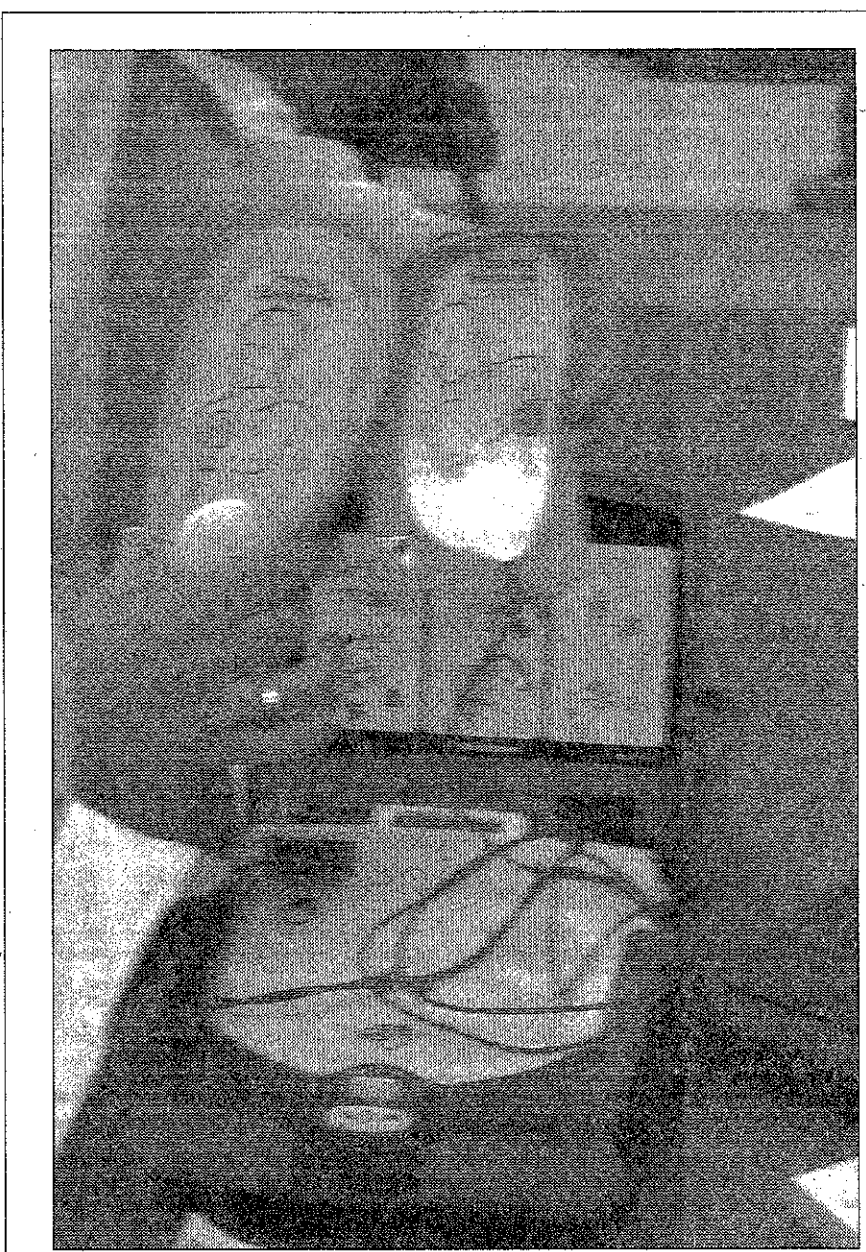
Shea Howell, professor of communications and rhetoric at Oakland University, will speak at the 11th Congressional District "Citizens for Peace" meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. She will talk on "Truth, Activism and Creating a Community Peace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

Mercy auction

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

Genealogical society

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



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

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Grace & Glorie

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

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

Girlstown Foundation

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Literacy Council tutors

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

Grief support

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Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at tim@phillipsqh.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet

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

Mosaic

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Moms Club

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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.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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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.

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

of sailing his boat on Lake St. Clair. Francisco learned to sail as a student at Henry Ford Community College and later became an instructor for American Youth Hostels while finishing his degree at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Still, there's something about caving which attracts him to the twisting passageways below ground.

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

guided you won't be stranded somewhere."

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

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

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

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

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Sarah Vaughan tribute to raise funds for Michigan Jazz Festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

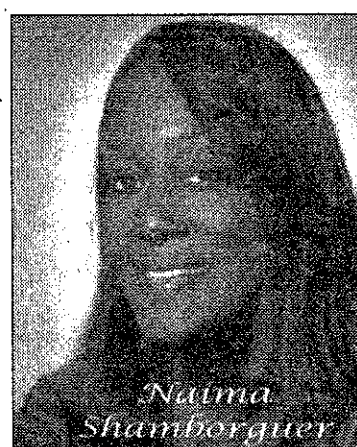
In 2001, Shamborguer received a Creative Artists Grant from the state of Michigan to develop a jazz education program on the late singer for Detroit Public School students. On March 12, Shamborguer brings Vaughan's life to the stage with professional actor Council Cargel reading the narration she wrote.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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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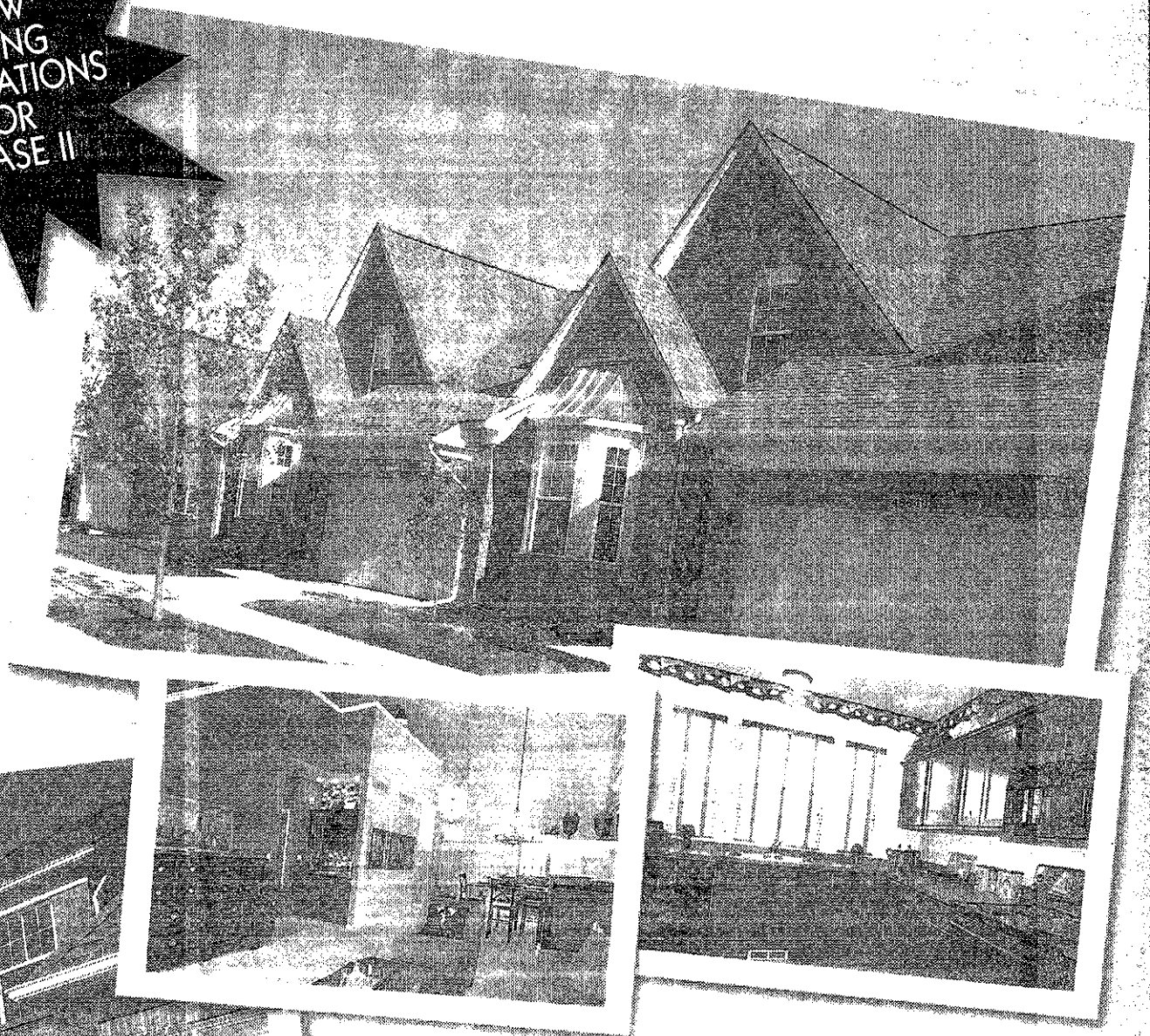
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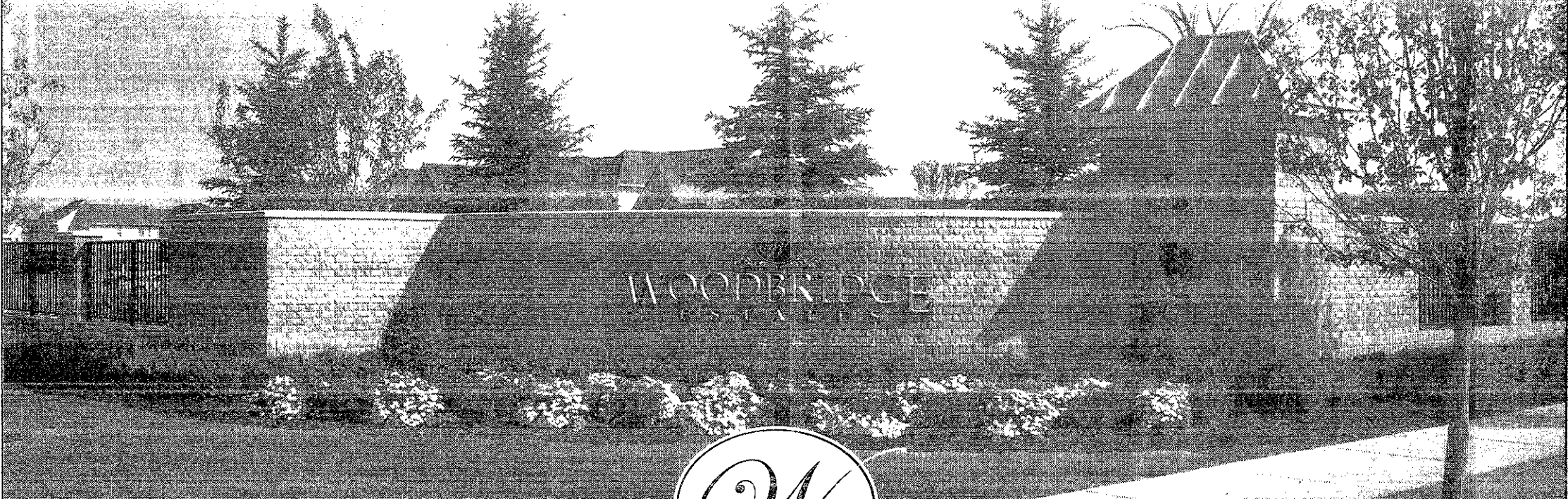


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John from Eastpointe e-mails asking if it's true that nonpoisonous mushrooms still contain harmful components.

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

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

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

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



Feed Your Brain for Learning



SANDY BAUMANN, M.S.

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

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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HEALTH

Eating to learn

Author concludes students need to feed their brains

BRAIN POWER

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

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

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

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SCHOOL AND LEARNING

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

"I had been frustrated because many

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

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

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

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

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

BREAKFAST MATTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eating disorders sessions

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Golf fitness seminar

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

Divorce support

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, gaining financial control of your divorce, Jacqueline Gold-Roessler, CDF, and partner David Roessler, CDF, discuss the financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following divorce; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on the first Monday of each month, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Mentally ill support

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

Hearing aid program

Individuals with hearing problems who meet eli-

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

Art exhibit

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

Volunteers wanted

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

Caregiver support group

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

Grief support group

For any adult who has experienced a loss, sessions began 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 17, and continue to March 7, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. No charge, but donations appreciated to defray program expenses. Advance registration required. Call (248) 348-4980.

Baby Signs workshop

Sign up now to learn how you and your baby can communicate with each other before words develop by using simple and functional signs. The Parent Workshop is designed for parents-to-be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months, and caretakers. Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into everyday life. The workshop is offered 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday each month. The Sign, Say & Play class is a six-week program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment. Classes meet Friday mornings. Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents.

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

Volunteers needed

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

Pet-a-pet

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

UPCOMING

Sharing & Caring

Regain ease of movement: Scar therapy and tissue mobilization with Charlotte Versagi of William Beaumont Hospital's Integrative Medicine 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the first floor conference room at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends on Thursday evenings. To learn more about programs or to have a schedule of speakers mailed to you, call (248) 551-8585.

Heart health

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

44500 Cherry Hill (\$8). Participants are not required to fast for any of the services listed. For more information, call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. March 3 and every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families. Support group meeting from 7:15-8:15 p.m. For information, call Karolyn Davis, (734) 459-9715, or Mike Hickey, (734) 522-0036.

Recovery Inc.

The self-help mental health organization meets March 3, and every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027. Recovery also meets 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard and West Chicago, Livonia; 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, west of Middlebelt. For location or times of other meetings, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living.

Teens using drugs workshops

Presented in two parts 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 and March 14, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. No charge and open to public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. Part one is repeated every first Tuesday of the month, October to June, part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month, October to June. For information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

Walkers get off on right foot at mall

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

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

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

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

EATING

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

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Murray State

Jane DeWitt of Plymouth was among some 1,927 undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students at Murray State University to make the Dean's List for the Fall 2005 semester.

Students must achieve a grade point average ranging from 3.5 to a perfect 4.0 to be eligible for Dean's List status.

Albion College

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

graduate of Canton High School.

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

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

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

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

Frat leader

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

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

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

Detroit Jesuit High School.

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

University of Northwestern Ohio

Two students from Canton were among those to make the Dean's List for the November session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima.

Sean Kenney and **Matthew Steinle**, both of Canton, earned grade-point averages of 3.5 or better to make the list.

Hope College

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

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

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

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Broad protections of 'employment at will' under fire

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

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

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

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

They include:

- Documenting all actions, and using progressive disciplinary techniques, prior to discharge.
- Establishing dispute resolution procedures at work. Many employees are driven to litigation because they were never given their "day in court." Set up a policy to give employees an audience with uninvolved managers to review all the facts before taking action.
- Using arbitration agreements as an exclusive means of employment dispute resolution. Arbitration lowers the stakes in most discharge disputes.

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

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

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



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Seasonal Full / Part Time

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If you like working with the public and are results oriented, please fax your resume and cover letter to:
Leasing Consultant
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Responsibilities for leasing, marketing, tenant retention & other administrative functions. Requires a minimum of a high school diploma, 2-4 yrs. exp., good sales techniques, and knowledge in Fair Housing. Candidates should like people and know how to close the deal.

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City of Southfield
Provide maintenance and repair of City-owned mechanical equipment with emphasis on HVAC systems. Must be HS grad or equivalent. Mechanical contractor's license preferred. Must possess a Certified Reclaimer License and a valid Michigan Driver's license and good driving record. 2 yrs. recent Full Time work exp. in the maintenance and repair of commercial mechanical equipment. Salary: \$13,76-\$20,89/yr., plus benefits. Apply by 5:00 p.m., 3/17/06 to: City of Southfield, HR Dept., 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. For further information visit the City's website at: www.cityofsouthfield.com EOE / DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

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Lucky Hair Co. Canton has 4 chairs left. Stylist owned, clientele a must 734-844-8166

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Personnel Department
Charter Township of Redford
15145 Beech Daily Redford MI 48239

Or email resume and cover letter to: personnel@redfordtwp.com



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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020 FRONT DESK COORDINATOR Part-time mornings, 25-30 hrs. weekdays & some weekends. Salary \$8.50/hr.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020 RECEPTIONIST, PART-TIME Sun 10-2 Mon, & Wed 9-5:30 Tues, & Thur 9:30-8:10/1hr. Apply at: ReMax Prestige, 25050 Ford Rd.

Help Wanted-Dental 5040 HYGIENIST & RECEPTIONIST Full time, Livonia, exp required. call 734-674-7728

Help Wanted-Medical 5060 MEDICAL ASSISTANT OR NURSE OBGYN. Full time with current OBGYN exp. Birmingham. Fax resume to: 248-433-1742

Help Wanted-Medical 5060 RN NURSE MANAGER Full Time position in privately owned 230 bed rehab/long term care facility. Duties incl. coordination of nursing care and clinical services for a 63 bed unit.

Help Wanted-Sales 5120 A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE Call to arrange an interview or for more info. Retirement Plan GM vehicle discounts GM vendor discounts Major relocation accounts Company referral Commission splits from 50-100% GM health insurance discount

Help Wanted-Sales 5120 SALES TRAINEE START \$42,700 MANAGER TRAINEE START \$59,500++ National food service company, has 4 immediate openings. We will train the right person. Ambition is more important than a resume.

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LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT For Northville law firm. Full-time. Candidate must be highly pro-active with excellent organizational, typing & computer skills.

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Woodwind offers a 'unique' option in western Oakland County

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

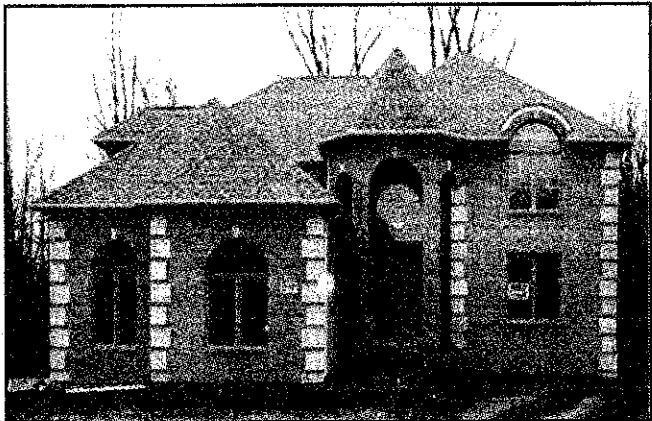
"There's a lot more stuff, a lot more details," Menuck said. "The Woodwind units are better quality."

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

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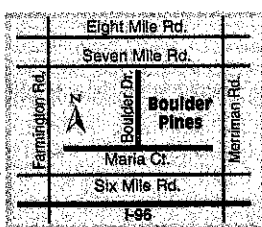
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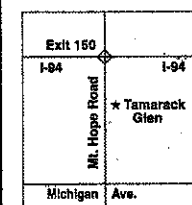
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New and Old Tenants

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

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

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

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

Million Dollar Guild

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

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

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

Condominium Living

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

Luncheon/Speaker Series

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

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

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

Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

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

22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, March 22, Henry Ford Community College. (313) 317-1500.

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

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

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

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

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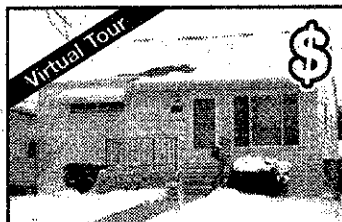


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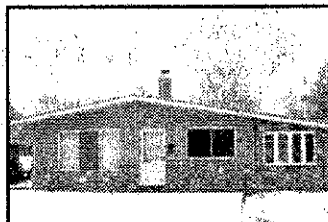
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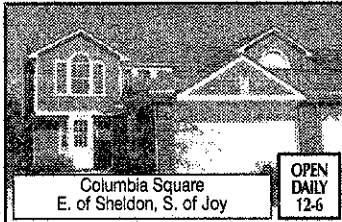
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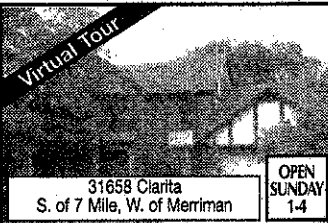
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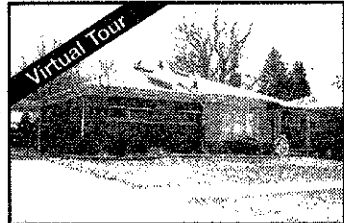
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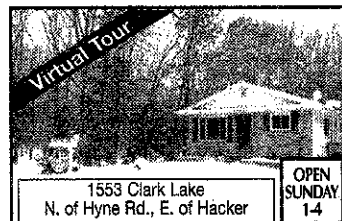
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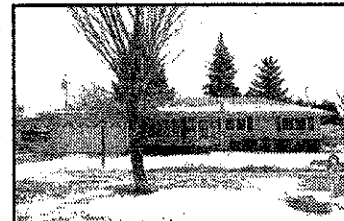
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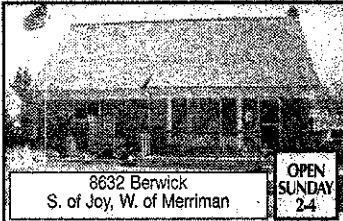
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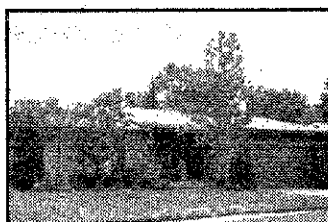
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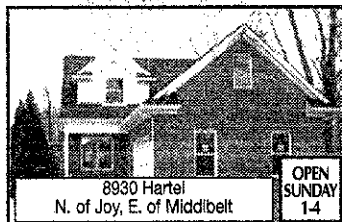
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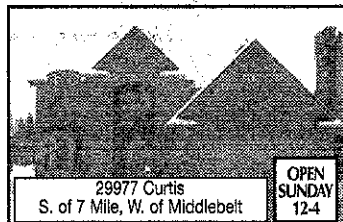
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whether from their company or from another real estate company. All you have to do is give your Realtor the criteria that you wish him/her to search by and everything that meets your criteria will appear.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lowe's has tips on organizing

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

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

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

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

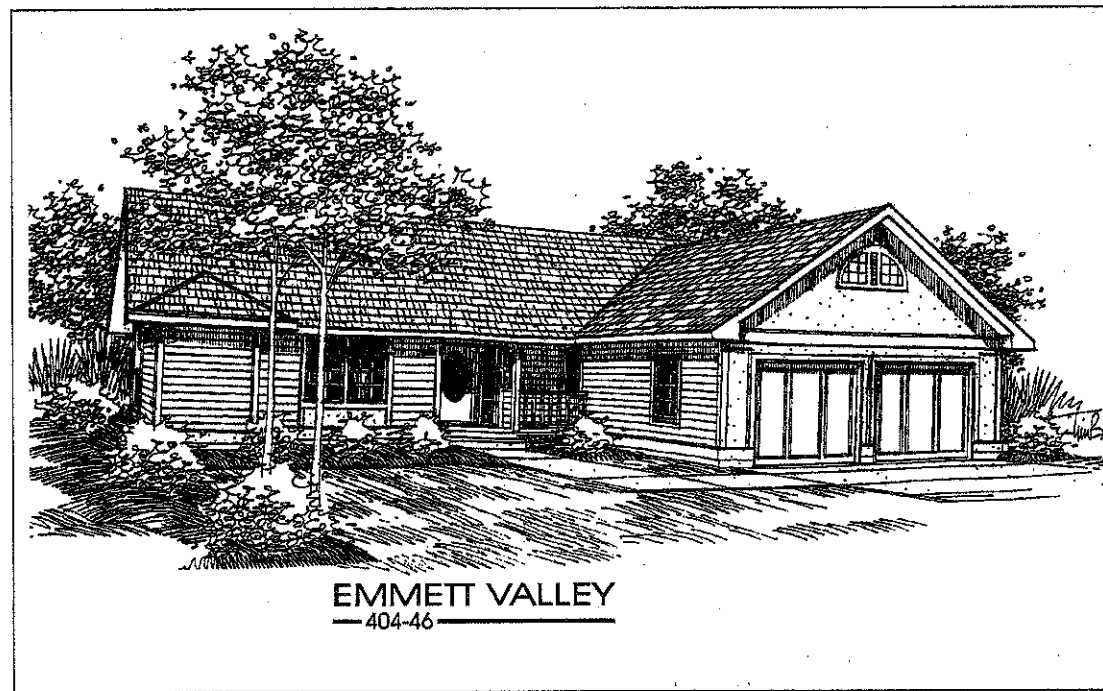
- Create an inventory of the items in your home. Go room by room and write down each item in that room. For example: living room end table, price paid \$400, replacement price \$600. Keep the list in a fire-proof safe or at your office.

CHILDREN'S STUFF

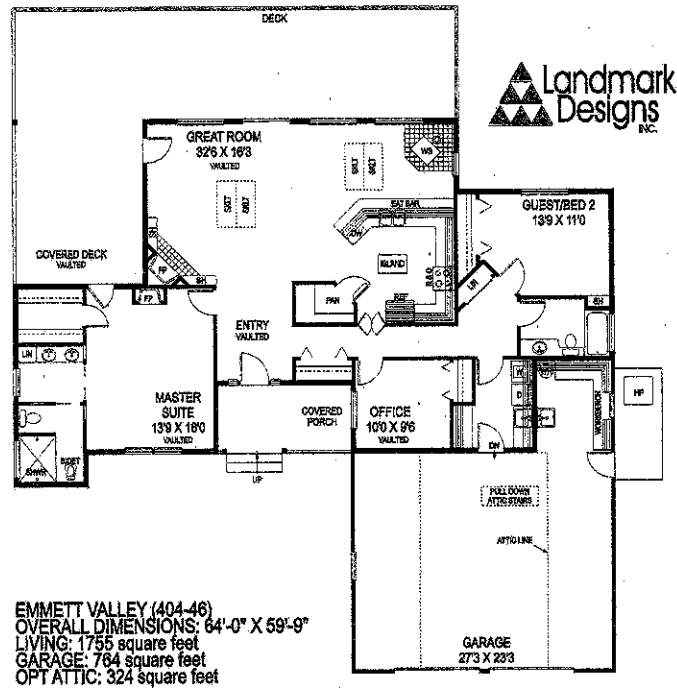
- Use a double-rod system (top and bottom) in the closet. With the space you save, you'll have room to move a chest of drawers in there, too. You've just freed up floor space in the bedroom!

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

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



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

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

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

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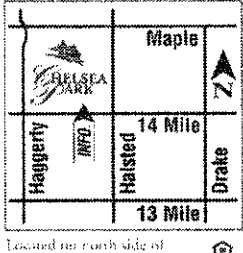
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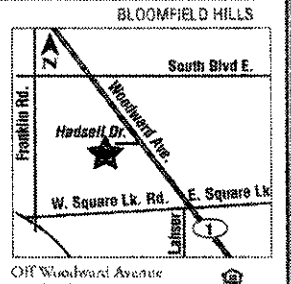
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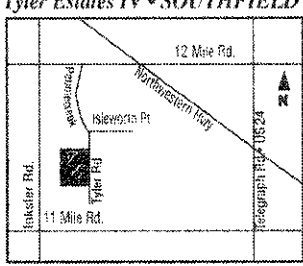


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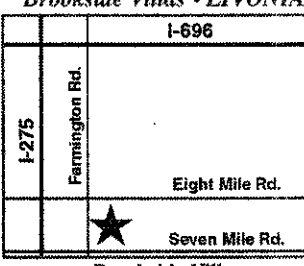


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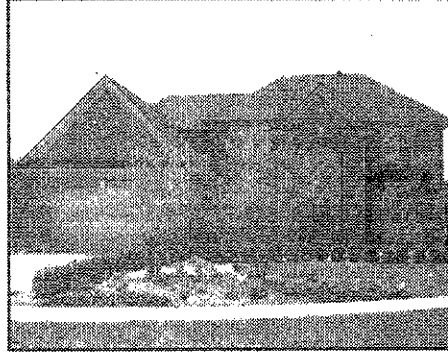
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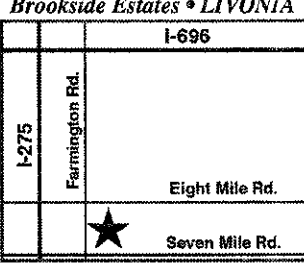
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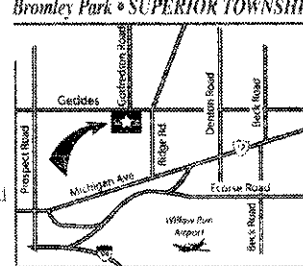


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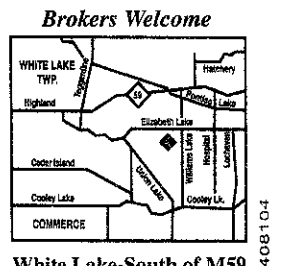
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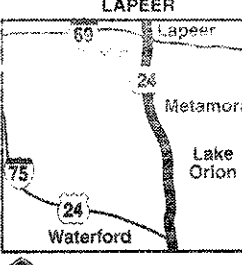
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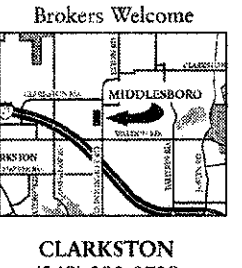
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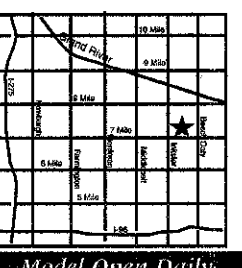
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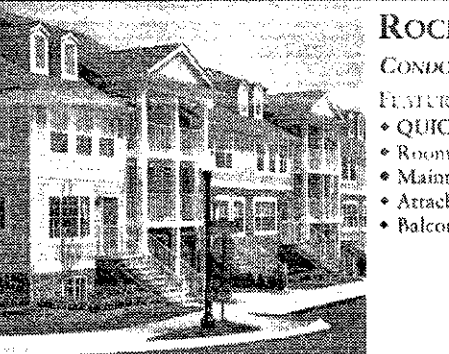
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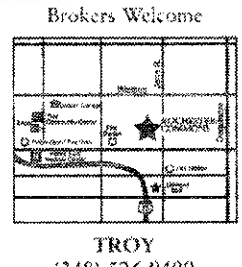


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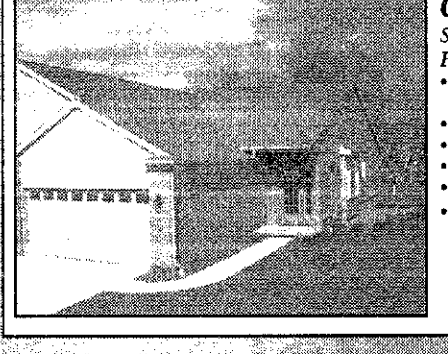


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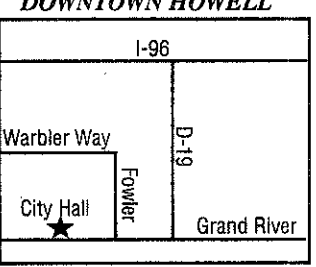
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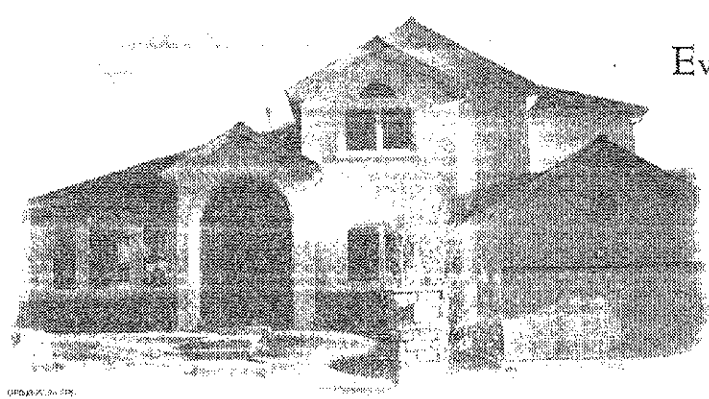
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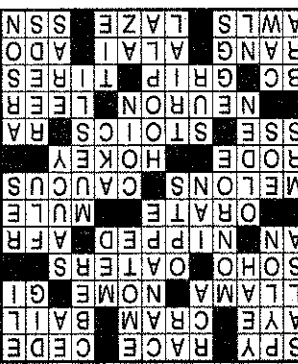
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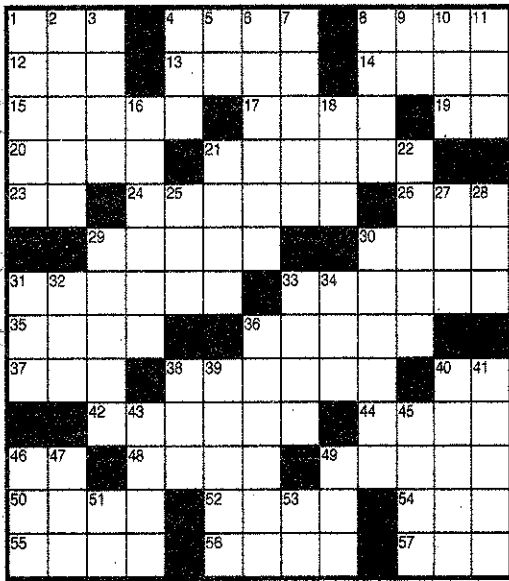
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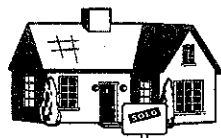
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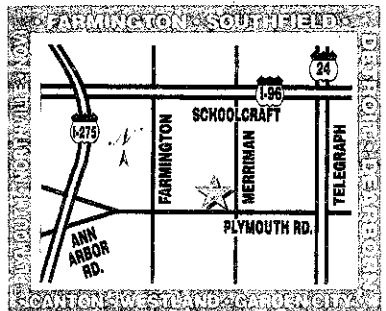
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SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. ☎759907

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

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SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎885454

COME JOIN ME

SBF, 58, tall, full-figured, enjoys church, bowling, movies, casinos and more. Looking for a tall SBM, 63-67, who attends church and is honest and kind-hearted, N/S. ☎911482

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Optimistic, healthy W/WF, 68, sense of humor, healthy, honest, N/S, great listener, loves to travel. Seeking special man, healthy, N/S, N/D, with a sense of humor. ☎765933

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Attractive, fun-loving widowed W/PF, healthy, loves classical music, quality conversation, dining, dancing, theater, travel, gardening, cooking. Retired teacher, now tutoring. Seeking understanding, kind gentleman, 70-80, very young-at-heart. ☎475316

TRY THIS ONE

SBF, 48, 5'3", full-figured, beautiful, romantic, hard-working, mother w/grown children, enjoys walks, beaches, concerts, theater, plays, sports. ISO loving, secure, honest man to share friendship, good times, good talks, more. ☎913051

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE

SF, 47, years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend getaways. ☎208051

NATURAL BBW

SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. ☎627007

OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE

SF, 20, sociable, affectionate, loves travel, shopping, romance. Looking for sexy, sweet, fun gentleman to share the good times in life. ☎923556

LET'S TALK

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

SEEKING COMPANION

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

TRY ME!

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

PETITE & SEXY...

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

A GOOD FRIEND

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

ARE YOU THE ONE?

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

FORMER MODEL

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

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on. SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S. ☎857253

LONG HAIR A PLUS

SWF, young 43, N/Kids, nature/animal lover, enjoys gardening, old cars and quiet nights at home. Positive attitude and drama-free is a must. Attractive and fit, you be too. ☎288396

A BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND

Attractive SBF, 5'4", 132lbs, seeks smart, emotionally/financially secure male, for a possible LTR. You will not be disappointed. ☎912268

FRIENDSHIP FIRST...

Possible relationship. Single white young-looking female, 59, brown/brown. Looking to meet someone with similar interest, 55-70. Must like music, art, dining, dancing, family activities, sports, pets, N/S. ☎905774

SWEET & SINCERE

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

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

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

LOVES BOATING

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

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND

Share with this DBCF, 65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outings, breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity. ☎905535

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, Cancer, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

GOOD LOOKER

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

KIND HEART

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

LOVING LEO

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

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

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

SHALL WE DANCE?

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

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

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

VERY ATTRACTIVE

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

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

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

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, Caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

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

HAPPY DAD

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

HI LADIES

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

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

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

A BIT ABOUT ME...

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

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!

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

EASY ON THE EYES

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

LIFE'S A CABARET

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

NICE GUY

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

SEEKING A REAL WOMAN

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

TRY THIS ONE

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

LET'S TALK

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

HELLO THERE

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

LOOKING FOR LOVE

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

HEY LADIES

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

TRUE GENTLEMAN

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

SEEKING CULTURED WOMAN

SWM, 80, 5'8", 155lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75, N/S, who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel. ☎882041

A GOOD MAN

SWM, 44, 5'8", 193lbs, red/brown, Leo, N/S, loves fishing, beaches, taking walks, movies, watching basketball and football. Seeking WF, 40-51. ☎909984

GET IN TOUCH

40 year-old DWM, 5'7", 155lbs, brown/green, employed, down-to-earth. Seeking a SW/HF, 35-45, who enjoys movies, dining out, camping, fishing and just enjoying life. ☎920353

TRY ME

Hard-working, independent SWM, 39, 5'8", 155lbs, well-built, kind-hearted, romantic, enjoys park walks, bowling and chilling with a special lady. Will you be that lady? ☎922253

ISO A GOOD WOMAN

SBM, 37, 180lbs, 5'9", enjoys travel, music, movies and more. Seeking a single female, age and race unimportant. If interested, contact me. ☎922725

GIVE IT A SHOT

SWM, 37, self-employed, active, fit, fun, loves the outdoors, fishing, movies, fine dining, snuggling. Looking for active, outgoing, affectionate SF who appreciates the same. ☎923431

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY

SBM, 35, 6'2", enjoys sports, swimming, camping, walks, reading, etc. ISO a SBF, 25-35, with similar interest. ☎912409

HOPE YOU ARE MY GIRL

SWM, 45, hard-working, enjoys fishing, golfing, flea market, work on cars. Looking to meet an attractive, slim/medium build, for dating, possible LTR. ☎913286

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN...

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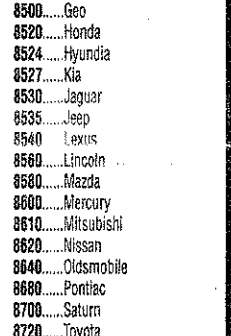
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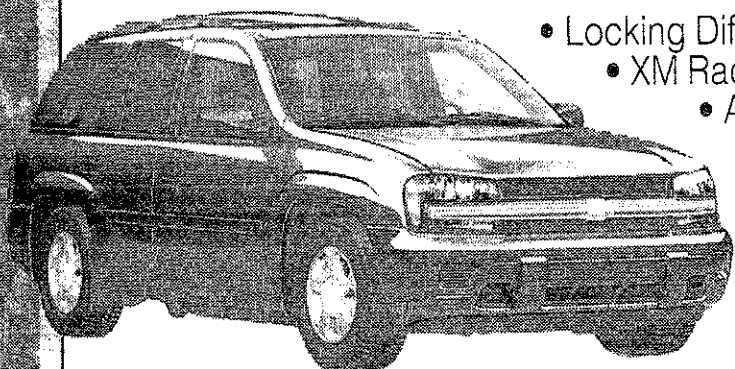
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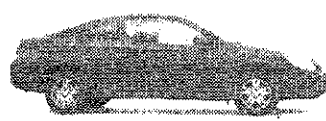
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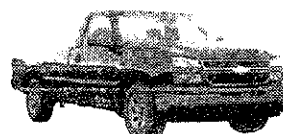
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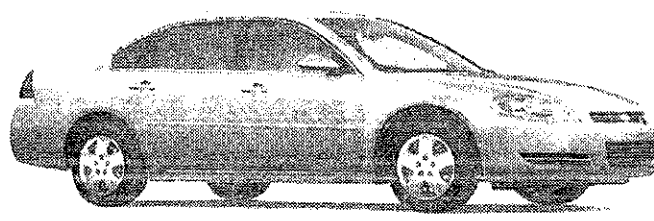
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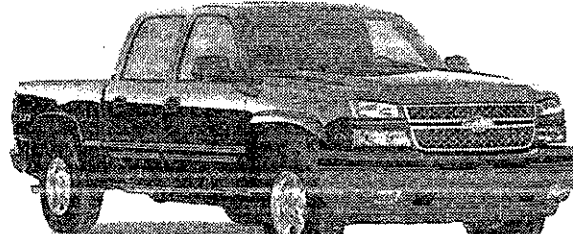


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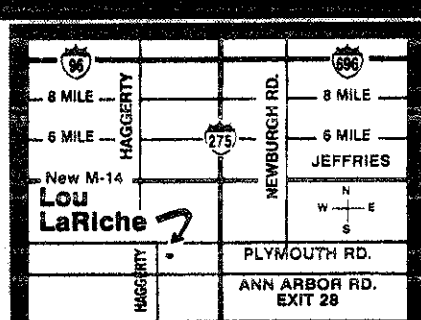
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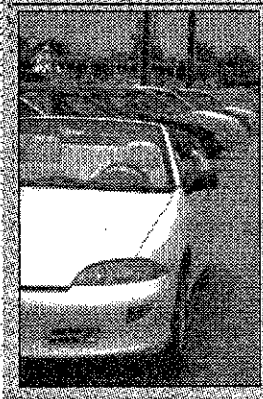
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2006 Lincoln Zephyr has a lot going for it

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When was the last time you remember being excited about any car carrying the Lincoln name? It's been so long that I'll say "probably never." Years removed from the excitement the nameplate used to generate - we all remember the song "Hot Rod Lincoln," right? -- Lincolns were always cars that your older, more well-off relatives drove. Perhaps realizing that demographics might eventually make the name irrelevant, the Lincoln division of Ford has resurrected the Zephyr name first used in 1936 and slapped it on an all-new car for 2006.

Competing with the likes of entry-level Lexus and Infiniti models, the Zephyr is a five-passenger mid-size sedan with a lot going for it. The exterior package combines the classic Lincoln waterfall grille with quad projector-beam headlights (high-intensity lights are optional), fog lamps, 17-inch split spoke aluminum wheels and chrome-tipped dual exhaust. Heated, power outside mirrors are standard. The lines are nice, with a good combination of luxury looks and enough sportiness to hint at powerful performance.

While I'm not sure I'd use the word "powerful" to describe the Zephyr's performance, it's no slacker, either. While not in a sports car class, the standard Duratec 30 V-6 generates 221 hp and 205 lb.-ft. of torque - more than enough for everyday driving. It's mated with a six-speed transaxle automatic transmission. The combination will give you smooth acceleration through the gears and still provide you with a respectable 20/28 mpg on regular fuel.

The Zephyr, as you would expect in a car carrying the Lincoln name, gives you a nice ride, without feeling like a couch on wheels, like some older luxury cars. The front suspension uses a short-and long-arm design, with a double ball-joint control



2006 Lincoln Zephyr. Type: Mid-size. Where built: Hermosillo, Mexico. EPA: 20/28. Base price: \$28,995. Price as tested: \$33,375

arm and coil-over damper suspension. The Zephyr's rear suspension uses a multi-link independent arrangement with lower control arms and a 17mm stabilizer bar. The bumps are smoothed out, and the ride is fairly quiet.

The power-assist rack-and-pinion power steering handles the car nicely and the braking is excellent.

You'd expect a Lincoln, even an entry-level mid-size like the Zephyr, to shine in the cabin, and it does. The cabin is full of leather and wood and looks like a luxury car should look - chrome bezels, well-lit, easy-to-read analog gauges. The heated, 10-way power leather seats are comfortable and adjust easily to a good driving position. There's plenty of room up front; there's enough room - barely - for a rear passenger with the front seats put all the way back. There's lots of trunk space, too, and the 60/40 rear seats fold down.

The Zephyr comes with the usual standard features. Dual-zone automatic climate control, cruise control, universal garage door opener, tilt steering wheel and rear window defroster.

The standard audio system on the Zephyr is

an AM/FM/six-disc CD changer with six speakers. You can upgrade to a THX-II audio system, which features 14 speakers (including two subwoofers) and it's a beauty. The sound is rich and deep and the highs are crisp and clean. It'll cost you \$995 extra, but you won't pay that extra charge if you buy the navigation system that Lincoln offers (\$2495). This is an easy-to-use system that allows you to do things like "breadcrumbing," which leaves marks on the streets you've traveled to help you find your way back, or confirm that, yes, you've already been this way.

The 2006 Lincoln Zephyr starts at about \$29,000, not bad for an entry-level luxury sedan. Add the navigation system, HID headlamps, and chrome wheels and you're at about \$33,000.

Lincoln is betting that it can get a younger generation in the door to see the Zephyr. If you're looking for an entry-level mid-size luxury vehicle, and you've been sticking with the imports, you really should put the Zephyr on your list. It's been awhile since Lincoln's had anything exciting going on. This qualifies.

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