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SCREEN GEMS

Romance theme starts DDA-Penn movie madness

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

February is the month for romance, and that will be the theme of the first monthly film festival at the Penn Theatre being supported by a $21,700 grant from the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

The DDA, sponsor of the Music in the Air concerts on Friday nights in Kellogg Park during the summer, is using the grant to bolster programming at the Penn – which is being renovated by the Friends of the Penn – in an effort to bring additional foot traffic downtown.

"The movies at the Penn are a natural extension of the Friday night concert series, carrying on right through the winter for another reason to come downtown," said Sherrie Pryor, DDA operations director. "A lot of the merchants already stay open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. And, because the movie starts at 8, you have time to get off work, come downtown to browse and shop, and get something to eat or drink before the movie.

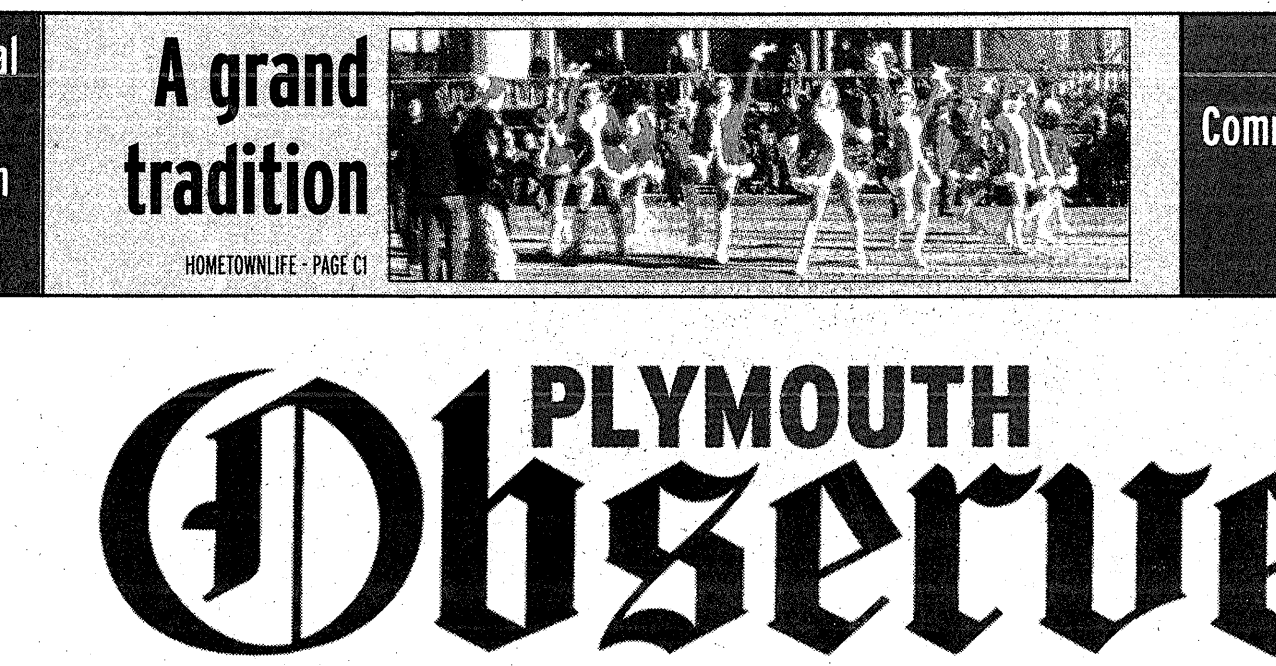
"The movies are designed not to be too long so they won't end too late," she said. "It's perfect for a week night."

The grant will provide for 18 weeks of movies from February through May, with each month having a specific theme. February will be romance, and kicking off the program will be the 1957 classic *An Affair to Remember* with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr.

March will be comedy month, April movies will have a history theme and May is filled with movie mysteries.

The DDA, in September, restructured its contribution to the Friends of the Penn by earmarking it for programming. The grant was revised after objections by some city commissioners that the initial financial contribution to the preservation-

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Rocked again

Canton High School quarterback Steve Paye launches a pass late in the second quarter under pressure from Rockford defenders. Canton's best efforts weren't enough. The Rockford Rams beat the Chiefs 30-0 in the Division I football semifinal game, played at Lansing Everett High School. For more on the battle, see today's Sports section and online at hometownlife.com.

In the interest of public safety ...

Rotary Club of Plymouth hands out annual honors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll hires a police officer, he chooses candidates who are dedicated to community policing — not only arresting the bad guys, but going the extra mile to assist residents and business owners.

Officer Jeff Jones, hired by the chief four years ago, practices what Carroll preaches.

Jones recently helped a woman whose adult son — just released from jail — broke into her apartment and stole a number of possessions, including her car. Jones did his job, taking the report and gathering evidence to begin the prosecution.

But, as Carroll puts it, "Jones then did something out of the ordinary."

"He took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and spent the next hour installing a deadbolt lock in the woman's door so she could rest peacefully, knowing her son wouldn't be able to get back in," Carroll said.

Efforts like that are what earned Jones the Plymouth Police Officer of the Year award Friday afternoon from the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

"When choosing the Officer of the Year, we look for someone who exhibits the type of dedication, tenacity and professionalism that sets them apart from others," Carroll said. "Jeff has made a name for himself as someone that is always out there watching over his city, keeping citizens safe, apprehending those who wish to do us harm and protecting those who are fragile."

Jones, 37, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a military police officer and a year on the Detroit police force, said Plymouth "is a beautiful place to work."

"The people appreciate us, and I think that's why we try to give a little more back," Jones said. "It's probably a cliche, but I enjoy working with the people and helping them out."

It's the sixth year the Plymouth Rotary Club has given awards to police officers in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, the Plymouth Community Fire Department and a paramedic from Huron Valley Ambulance.

"These are the men and women who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe," said Rotarian John Warner. "These people potentially have to go into a burning building,

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Underpass approved

Meeting set to explain detours, other details to businesses, residents

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Sheldon Road underpass moved a step closer to a construction start date as the Wayne County Board of Commissioners approved $14.4 million in contracts for the project Thursday.

"All of our Sheldon Road underpass contracts sailed through the board unanimously," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive. "We are in the process of getting the signed and approved contracts to the parties."

Helmkamp said he expects Sheldon Road at the CSX Railroad crossing south of M-14 to be closed sometime next month to begin a project that will shut down the road for 22 months.

Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Wayne County will hold a town meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Plymouth Cultural Center to bring residents up to speed about the closing of Sheldon Road.

"We'll be discussing the detour routes, what the signage is going to be to keep vehicles out of residential areas, county contact information and water issues," said Mayor Dan Dwyer. "If Farmer Street becomes a thoroughfare, that will impact residents who live on or near Farmer. Bird Elementary and West Middle School will also have increased traffic near them.

"We want to give residents an opportunity to share their concerns and for government to hear them and plan accordingly," Dwyer said. "It's all about how we all work to make it happen well."

The water issues revolve around the first phase of the project, as a temporary water main will be installed while construction workers relocate the main water line, which is expected to take until April. A test of the temporary main will be done first, as city officials want to make certain residents won't experience low pressure or water shut offs as a result of the relocation.

Some downtown business owners see the closing of Sheldon Road as an opportunity, as increased traffic is expected to flow through the city as motorists attempt to find their way around the project.

"Plymouth is definitely going to get a lot of media attention, and we see that as a positive opportunity to remind people we are here," said Colleen Cannon, owner of TranquiliTea in downtown Plymouth. "Ann Arbor Road is going to get more traffic, and they will notice the shops along that route. And, there will be more traffic downtown, also.

"It's only one road that's blocked, and it will be an inconvenience," she said. "But, they can still get here from other routes."

Museum display covers Santa's history

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While Santa Claus has been known by kids of all ages for decades as the jolly fat man with a white beard, it's a look that dates back only to the 1930s.

In fact, Santa has had countless depictions since he came on the scene in 270 A.D.

"He started as the Bishop of Myra, or St. Nicholas, to what we know now as the Coca-Cola Santa," said Weldon Petz of West Bloomfield. "Throughout the times, Santa has had many, many, many names and looks."

For display through the holidays, Petz has loaned the Plymouth Historical Museum approximately 300 of the 3,302 Santas he's collected the past 25 years. His collection is considered one of the largest – if not the largest – in the state of Michigan.

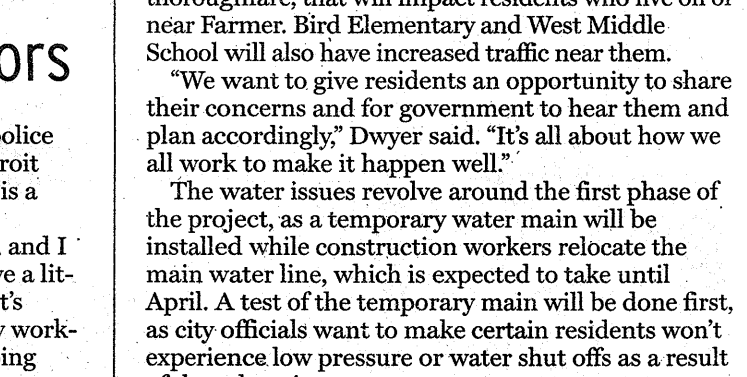
Here Comes Santa Claus will be on display through the holidays.

"My great-grandparents, grandparents and dad were all lovers of Christmas things, many of which I've kept," Petz said. "I even have a Santa glass ornament that was on my great-grandparents' tree from 1842."

The Santas on display at the Historical Museum represent the transformation of Santa from the beginning to the present.

"Russia has had St. Nicholas," Petz said, "and England has had three different Santas. Theirs is always Father Christmas.

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Dr. Weldon Petz isn't just known as a Lincoln memorabilia collector. His Santa Claus figures are on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

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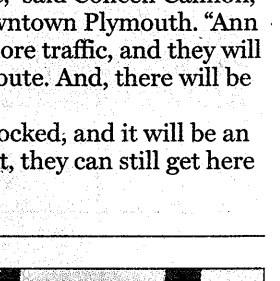
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Coming Thursday in Filter



Plymouth landing

Take a ride to Plymouth and check out these places to go.

Santa arrives

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce welcomes Santa to town with its annual ceremony Friday, Nov. 24, at the Band Shell in Kellogg Park.

The official "welcoming" ceremony will feature a 5:45 p.m. sing-along, with community leaders leading the crowd in the singing of Christmas carols. Santa and Mrs. Claus are set to arrive at 6 p.m., when they will be presented the keys to the children's hearts.

Santa will preside over the Christmas tree lighting, and then visit with children at Santa's House along Main Street at the edge of Kellogg Park. Visiting will continue every weekend through Dec. 23. The last evening for visiting will be 5-6 p.m. Dec. 23; Santa will take pictures with pets from 6-8 p.m. that evening, with proceeds going to the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Toy drive

Mel Bobcean, owner of Mel's Golden Razor in downtown Plymouth, starts his 28th year collecting toys for children and families he helps during the Christmas holidays.

Bobcean's effort also includes collecting money for food boxes for needy families. The collection runs Nov. 24 to Dec. 19.

Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest. For more information, call (734) 455-9057.

Advent festival

The Parish Choir, Handbell Choir, Children and Youth Choirs, SonShine and members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth celebrate an "Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols" in the manner of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

The service features carols from the 4th through the 20th centuries. Composers include Peter Warlock, John Rutter, Mark Peterson, Theodore Baker and Healey Willan.

The "Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols" is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the service. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

Bowling with Santa

O.U.R. Camp of Plymouth hosts a "Bowling with Santa" event 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at MerriBowl in Livonia. The event is designed to raise funds for O.U.R. Camp, a summer day camp for children with special needs.

Cost is $10 per bowler ($35 for a group of four), and includes two games of bowling (bumpers available), shoes, a hot dog and pop. Space is limited, so pre-registration is recommended.

MerriBowl is located at 30950 Five Mile (at Merriman) in Livonia. To register, or for more information, call Jan Slattery at (734) 414-0231.

New Year's Eve party

Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m.

The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt).

Tickets are $50 per person until Dec. 8; $60 after Dec. 8, and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22.

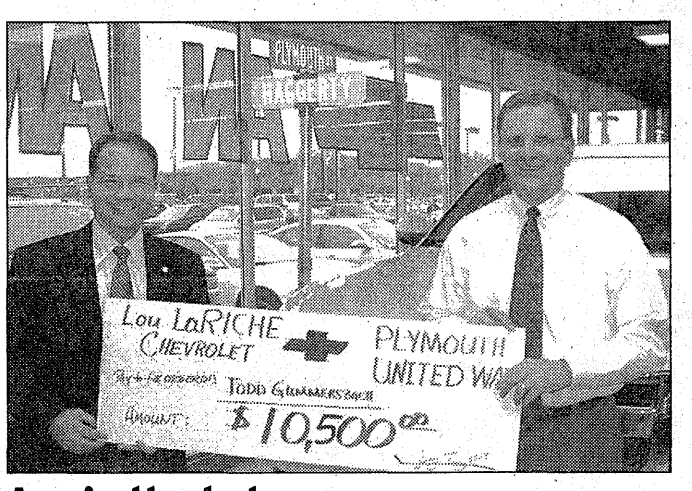
For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

Museum open house

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a Christmas Open House noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, featuring a visit from Santa, refreshments and free admission.

The museum also hosts a bake sale and craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3. Admission for the show is $3.

For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.



Ace in the hole

Todd Gummersbach (right) of Holland said he'll never forget his participation in the 2006 Plymouth Community United Way's Tee Off for a Friend Golf Classic. Gummersbach, president of Uniform Color Company in Holland, became the only person in the eight-year history of the event to post a hole-in-one, stroking his ace on the par-3, 14th hole on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. 'It was 165 yards, but the pin was back, so it played more like 175 yards,' remembered Gummersbach. 'It was dark and about to rain, so I was thinking I would just try to get on the green so we wouldn't make a bogey.' Gummersbach won a two-year lease on a Chevy Impala from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township (that's Scott LaRiche with Gummersbach), and the choice of two airline tickets or a cruise package for two.

Candy Cane drive

The Plymouth Lions Club conducts its annual Candy Cane Drive Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25.

Lions Club members will be manning major intersections around the community 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each of those days and collecting donations from passing motorists. They will be easily identifiable by their bright yellow jackets and aprons with the purple Lions Club Logo.

According to 2006 Candy Cane Chairman Jim Meadows, this year's drive will be more important than usual, because of the current economic conditions in Michigan and the inability of residents to donate as they ordinarily would. "If a lot of people just give a small amount, we can still meet our objective of assisting needs within the Plymouth Community", said Meadows.

Local projects supported by the Plymouth Lions club are: free white canes for the visually impaired, access ramps for the handicapped, collection and recycling of used eyeglasses and hearing aids, Quest substance abuse program in the community middle schools, purchase and distribution of CCTV readers for the visually impaired, Plymouth Community Band, college scholarships for high school seniors in the Plymouth Community Schools and playground equipment/gathering benches and restroom facilities in Plymouth Lions Park and Kellogg Park.

Anyone with questions or who would like to assist, contact Lion Jim Meadows, c/o Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170-0960.

Holiday open house

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its "Holiday Open House" in downtown Plymouth noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

The event provides an opportunity for pre-holiday shopping, celebrating the season of good will and cheer, with stores decked out in their "holiday best" and no mall crowds.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Gingerbread contest

The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township sponsors a Gingerbread contest that is open to the public.

Information about the contest and an entry form can be found on the hotel's Web site, www.theinnatstjohns.com.

For more information, call (734) 414-0600.

Book signing

Local author Cliff Mulvihill signs copies of his second book, *Now It Begins Spiritual Guide Handbook*, during an appearance at the Book Cellar & Café noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Mulvihill, who will introduce the book at the event, also wrote a novella, *Now It Begins*.

The Book Cellar & Café is located at 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Jewelry festival

Native West hosts its 17th-annual "Holiday Jewelry Festival" with a selection of Native American jewelry from the Southwest Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 3.

All jewelry is made in the United States and, according to festival officials, are "spectacular pieces to indulge yourself in or for that special someone."

In addition to the festival, Native West hosts its "biggest sale ever" Nov. 30-Dec. 6, where buyers can save 25-percent on all jewelry and at least 30 percent on everything else (with some exceptions).

Festival and sale hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 30-Dec. 1; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 4-6.

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

Nutcracker performances

In the long-standing Holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company to present the classic fairy tale, Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Ballet*.

Performances will be presented Saturday, Dec. 9 (at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.), and Sunday, Dec. 10 (at 2 p.m.) at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Admission is $20 for adults and $10 for children.

Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court will introduce each performance with a heartwarming reading of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Following the 11 a.m. (Saturday) and 2 p.m. (Sunday) performances the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets are available for $5.

For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112, by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or go to the symphony's Web site, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Entertainment books

■ The Plymouth Optimist Club is also selling the books, at their new fund-raising price of $20. They can be picked up at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

The book offers up to 50-percent savings on casual dining, fast food, fine dining, travel and hotels, entertainment and sports, and retail and services on everything from apparel to flowers.

Proceeds benefit children's causes. For information, call (734) 453-8253.

■ The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is $25; however, the chorale is offering them for $20.

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6829.

■ The Plymouth Symphony League is selling the 2007 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. Pick up your 2007 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The Entertainment Book offer is $20 with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

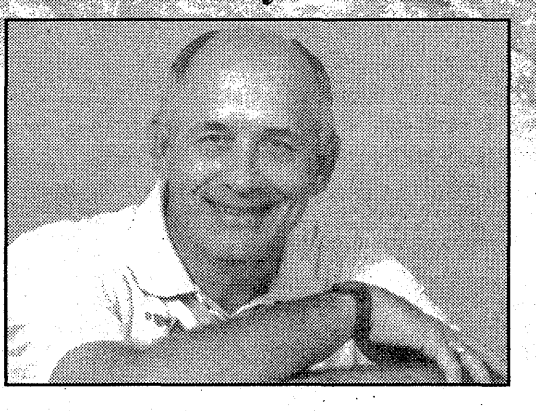
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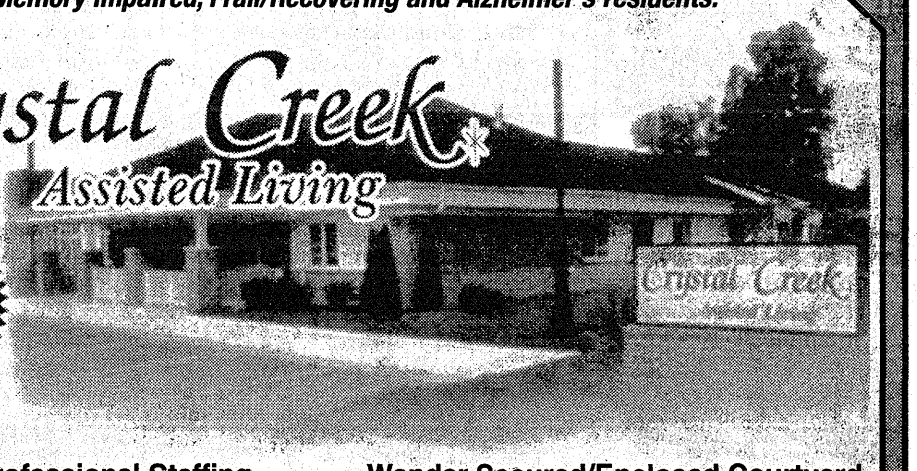
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Late autopsy report forces delay of foster mom's exam

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Poole


Hadwin

The biological family of Allison Newman, the 2-year-old Canton girl who died in September while in the care of her foster mother, hoped the case would move forward Monday in 35th District Court.

The defendant, Carol Ann Poole, and her family hoped the same thing.

Neither got their wish, though, as Poole's preliminary hearing before Judge John MacDonald had to be adjourned because the doctor who performed the autopsy, Washtenaw County medical examiner Dr. Bader Cassin, has not yet filed a full report.

MacDonald granted the adjournment until Dec. 11, and gave Cassin two weeks to get the autopsy report into the hands of defense lawyers and the prosecution.

"I'm not really happy about this," MacDonald said. "It seems like he's had ample time to get the report to you and to the court."

Poole was remanded to custody without bond. Her lawyer, Mark Satawa, said the delay "is disappointing to my client, disappointing to her family and, I'm sure, disappointing to Allison's family.

"(Poole) expects in the end the system will work and she's going to be vindicated, and it will show this to be what it was: a tragic accident."

Poole faces life in prison on accusations of felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter. Canton police have maintained Poole has given several different versions of her story, a charge Satawa blamed on police tactics. Canton Township Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said detectives did nothing wrong.

"The case was turned over to the prosecutor's office and they made the decision (to charge Poole) based on evidence submitted," Pomorski said. "There is absolutely no indication anything improper took place."

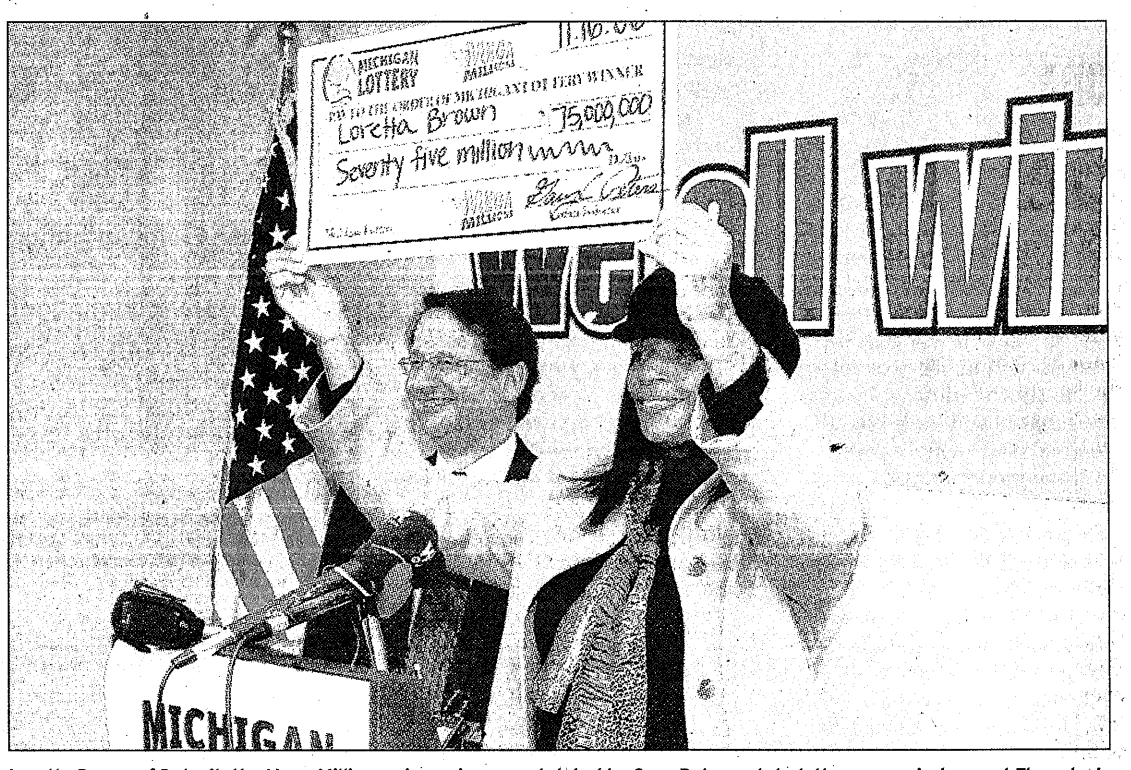
Members of Allison's family had no idea the adjournment was coming and just wish the case would move on, said a lawyer representing the family.

"They're very disappointed," attorney Patricia Stamler said. "They'd like to see the process move forward. They've lost a grandchild ... they're devastated."

Meanwhile, Jacqueline Hadwin of Westland is scheduled to be at 35th District Court for a preliminary exam Monday. Hadwin, who ran Childtime Learning Center, the Plymouth Township day care center Allison Newman attended, is charged with misdemeanor failure to report suspected child abuse.

She faces 93 days in jail, a fine of up to $500 or both if convicted.

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Loretta Brown of Detroit, the Mega Millions winner, is congratulated by Gary Peters, state lottery commissioner, at Thursday's news conference in Lansing. Brown bought her winning ticket at the Shell station at Ford and Haggerty in Canton.

Woman turns shopping trek into lottery winner

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Loretta Brown, 48, of Detroit is glad she shops at IKEA in Canton.

"I go to IKEA to shop because it's a good store, lower prices," she said of the retailer on Ford Road, a new arrival on the local shopping scene. She recently was shopping and stopped at the Shell station at Ford and Haggerty in Canton, where she bought a $75 million winning ticket in the Mega Millions 12-state game.

"I just felt like I was going to win that day, I really did," Brown said Thursday afternoon during a news conference at Michigan Lottery headquarters in Lansing. She's a loan officer who works in West Bloomfield and plans to keep her job.

"Now I don't have to work under stress," she said. "I can say yes, I can say no."

The jackpot announcement was made by lottery officials Thursday afternoon. "This is always the best part of being a lottery commissioner," Gary Peters said in introducing Brown and giving her the oversized check. "We've got a great winner here in Michigan."

Brown is married with two young adult children. She bought two tickets at the Shell station that lucky day, and had difficulty tracking down family members when she found out she'd won on the news. Her husband won't keep his job, she said.

Brown chose the lump sum payment of some $44 million, which will work out to about $30 million after taxes. She received $1 million Thursday at the lottery office in Lansing, and didn't have to go home empty-handed.

She was headed to "DTE Energy. I'm going to pay my gas bill." Brown noted the tough times in the metro area, something she sees in her work.

"Truly it has been a tough time. Of course, I'm a loan officer. I do mortgages."

The Shell station owner who sold the winning ticket – which was shown to media Thursday – will receive $50,000 from the lottery. Raj Anghan also got a publicity boost when the news was announced.

"I'll be down there in the next couple days," Peters said. "He's very excited as well."


TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Raj Anghan, owner of the Shell station where the $75 million winning lottery ticket was sold, spent much of Tuesday giving media interviews.

Plymouth man killed in Westland accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth man was killed when he was hit by a car while lying face up on Inkster Road on a rainy Wednesday night, police said.

Martin Howlin, 49, died after he sustained injuries to his head and torso during the accident, which happened about 11:15 p.m. on Inkster near Standish, north of Warren, said police Officer Mark Cholak.

"We believe he was laying down on his back in the road, facing up," Cholak said. "We don't know why he was there."

Authorities couldn't speculate on whether alcohol was a factor, saying it could be some time before a toxicology report is released by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office.

Howlin was hit by a 2003 Ford Focus driven by a 32-year-old Dearborn Heights woman, who was traveling south on Inkster Road.

"Alcohol was not a factor with regards to the driver," according to a statement issued by the Westland Police Department.

The investigation was continuing.

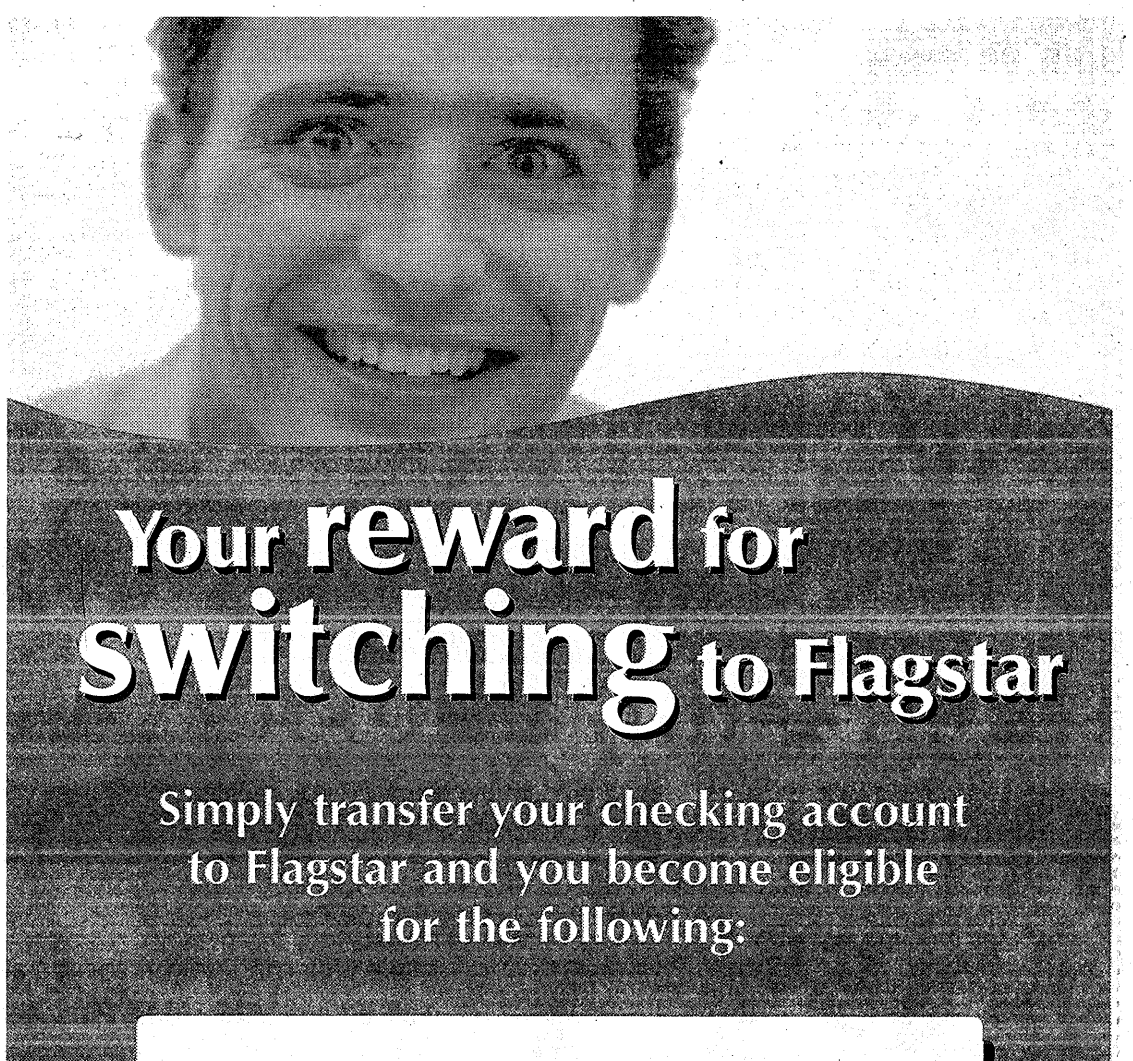
Aside from being in the road on a rainy night, Howlin also was wearing dark clothing when he was hit, Cholak said.

Howlin had lived in Plymouth with his father, who last saw his son earlier in the evening when he was picked up at home by friends, Cholak said.

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DDA

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ist group for physical improvements to the building – which is owned by a private consortium – constituted an inappropriate use of taxpayer money.

Pryor said it will cost the standard Penn Theatre price of $3 to see the movies; however, merchants will have vouchers to give away to customers.

"Downtown merchants will have 800 ticket vouchers each month to disburse in any capacity they like to their customers," Pryor said.

Friends executive director Ellen Elliott said the movie series will help keep the Penn Theatre in the spotlight while fund-raising for renovations and upgrades continues.

"It's a win-win for everybody," Elliott said. "We're one of the businesses they're trying to give more exposure to, and the grant really shows they want to help our project and further the progress of the development of downtown.

"Our initial plan was to have some type of classic movie night; so this helps get that part of it going and see how well it goes," she said.

The Penn has been showing second-run movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for two months. Elliott said, thus far, they've been able to make a small profit

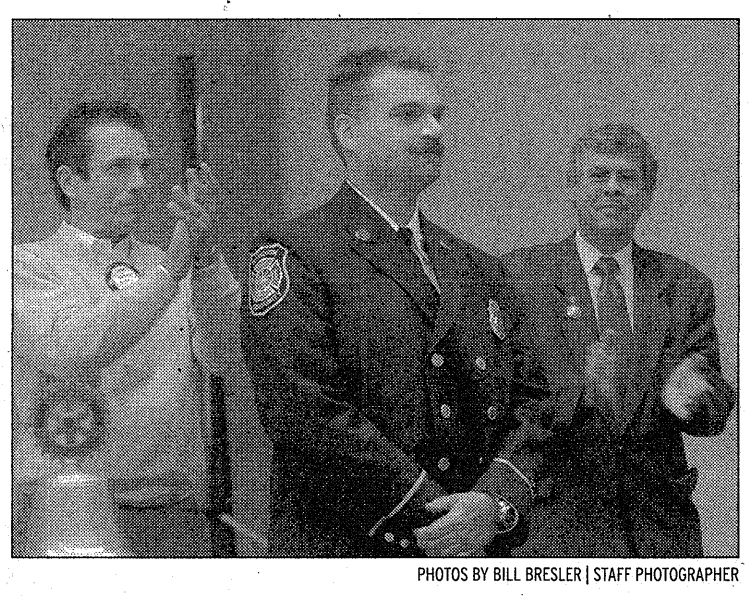
"Every weekend we get people who come in and have no idea we're open," Elliott said. "It will take a while since the theater was closed for nearly three years, but the word is starting to spread."

As for the $1.5 million fund-raising effort, Elliott said it's a slow process, but the Friends remain committed for the long haul.

"We've had people walk in for a movie and give us checks, one being for $500," said Elliott. "They see value in the Penn and want to see it stay open, which adds validity to what we're trying to accomplish."

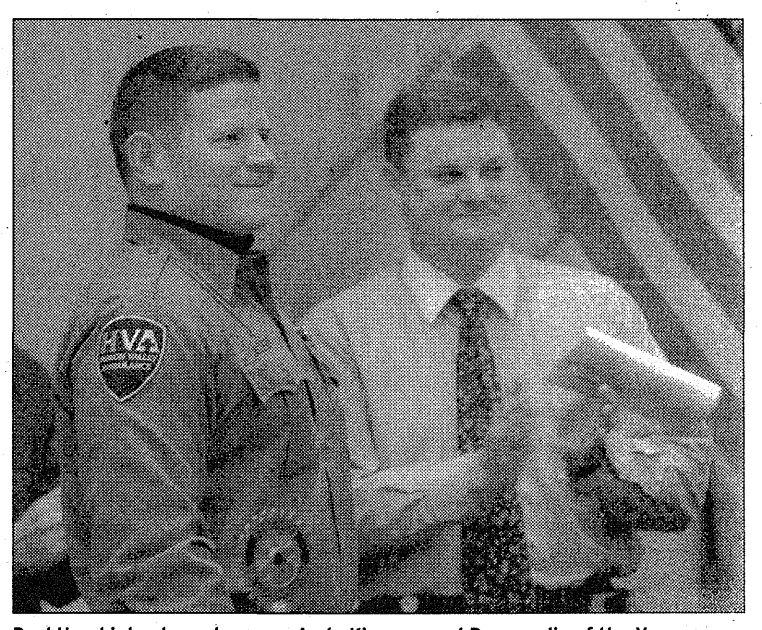
Pryor also announced the DDA unveiled its new Web site – downtownplymouth.org – this week. The site provides information about shopping, dining, events and entertainment.

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Rotarians John Warner and Jan Eisen lead applause for Lt. Charles Mann, named Firefighter of the Year at Friday's Plymouth Rotary Club meeting.



Paul Hood introduces honoree Andy King, named Paramedic of the Year.

ROTARY

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drive a vehicle through traffic at an incredibly high speed, discharge a weapon or dodge a bullet.

"We honor the best of the best, those individuals who distinguish themselves in their performance, even in relation to their peers by the way they do their jobs every day," Warner said.

Plymouth Township police officer Jim Jarvis, a 21-year veteran who will soon be retiring, was named by Police Chief Tom Tiderington as the department's Officer of the Year.

"Jim's contributions to the community have been selfless," Tiderington said. "He is involved with the honor guard and so many different aspects of the department that it was a no-brainer in choosing him this year. He's well-deserving of this award."

In announcing Andy King as the Paramedic of the Year, HVA vice president for eastern operations Paul Hood said King exemplified the Rotary motto of "service above self."

"His work ethic and dedication to being a paramedic are second to none," Hood said of King. "He takes challenges head on and is not afraid to go above and beyond the call of duty.

"He has excellent skills, excellent bedside manner and always puts the needs of the patients before his own," Hood said. "He not only takes care of the patients, but spends the extra time and makes the extra effort to keep their families informed of what he is doing and why."



Jan Eisen congratulates honoree Jeff Jones, the City of Plymouth Police Officer of the Year who was introduced by Chief Wayne Carroll.

King, 31, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School, said he didn't expect to get the award.

"It's an honor for me, considering this is my hometown," King said. "It's a different adventure every day, and I like standing up for people who can't stand up for themselves."

Lt. Charles Mann was chosen by his peers to receive the Plymouth Community Firefighter of the Year award. Mann, 39, of Plymouth is a 14-year veteran of the department.

"Every day I get to go in and help people, and that's very rewarding," said Mann. "This community is a wonderful place to live and work, and I'm proud to serve the citizens of the Plymouth community."

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MUSEUM

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"Black Peter is still active in Germany today," added Petz. "He would come along to the kids in medieval days and scare the kids. And, medieval Santa would come along and reward the children."

Santa has received quite a transformation since coming to America.

"Christopher Columbus carried St. Nicholas as his patron saint," Petz said. "When Santa came to America he was known as Kris Kringle."

According to Petz, if you saw Santa on the streets during the early times in Europe, you probably wouldn't recognize him.

"He had a brown coat and a hood, and he was a black-bearded dwarf," Petz said. "In fact, Santa was a thin figure."

Santa became more of what we know today when illustrationist Thomas Nast changed the jolly man's look.

"When Thomas Nast needed to illustrate a book in color in the 1840s, he thought Santa looked drab," Petz said. "So, he invented the red coat with white trim."

Like many of us, Santa lost his thin figure and eventually turned into the jolly fat man. However, it wasn't because of eating too many cookies and milk left for him by good girls and boys on Christmas Eve.

"In the 1930s, Coca-Cola commissioned a Santa for its ads, and that's what we have today," said Petz, who calls the present version the Coca-Cola Santa.

In all, Petz's Santa collection has figurines from around the world, and is represented by 85 Michigan artists.

"Nobody sees Santa the same way," said Petz. "Every artist has a different rendition of his face."

Petz – who sold much of his Abraham Lincoln collection to the Plymouth Historical Museum, but still has just as much at home – said there's a good reason for why he started collecting Santa Claus figures.

"He's the last of the good guys," said Petz with a chuckle.

The Petz collection made three appearances at the Plymouth Historical Museum in the 1990s, and interim director Sanford Burr is excited to have it back this year.

"I'm not a kid anymore, but I love them," said Burr as he viewed the Santas. "It just makes a spectacular display, and will be fabulous for families."

The Plymouth Historical Museum, located at 155 S. Main, is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for children 6 years and older and $10 for a family.



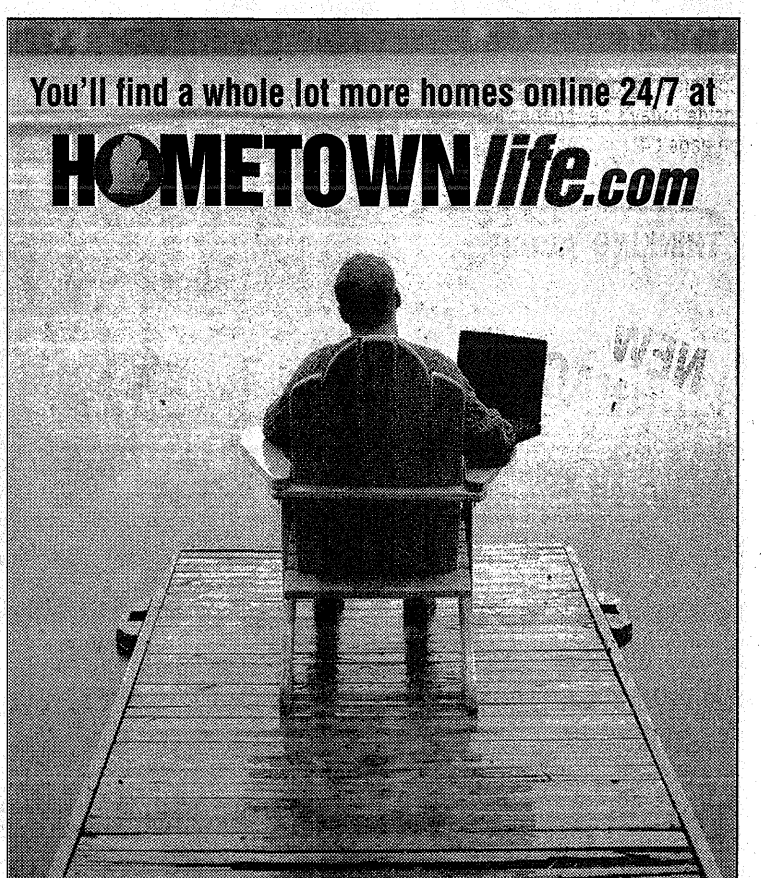
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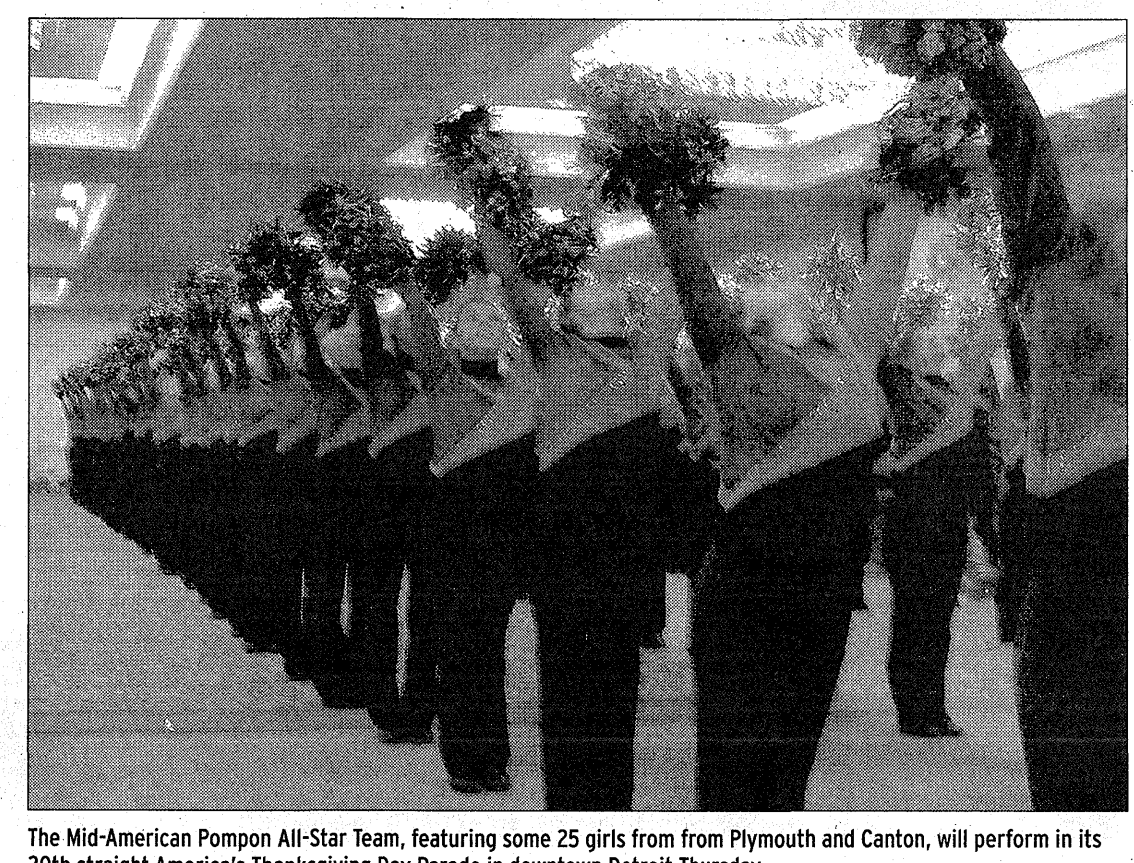
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Local girls in Thanksgiving parade



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The team, which originated in 1986 with only 40 members, has grown to more than 160 performers from all over Michigan who perform annually at events throughout the United States. The team is made up of pompon girls from more than 40 Michigan cities, including the 25 from Plymouth and Canton, who attend Plymouth, Canton and Divine Child high schools.

The girls, who will gather at the Novi Sheraton at 9 a.m. Wednesday, practice just one day for the performance. The girls are responsible for learning the routines prior to the event from a DVD created for them by the Mid American Pompon staff. Their performance style is traditional pompon, which involves sharp, precise moves and spectacular kicklines.

During the parade, they will perform their routine up to 40 times. Several members of the team also will perform the parade's opening number, a routine choreographed for television, done in a "stage-style" format. The All Star Team sports patriotic uniform colors of red, silver, blue, and black with metallic pompoms.

"The All Star Team was created to allow pompon girls throughout the state the opportunity to showcase their skills in a non-competitive environment," said Karen Blazaitis, president of Mid American Pompon. "We are honored to be part of the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade for our 20th year and look forward to entertaining all of the spectators."

To be eligible to try out for the Mid American Pompon team, girls must be a member of a high school varsity pom/dance team. Each year team members are selected based upon their showmanship, academic stature and pompon/dance performing qualities.

Auditions take place at Mid American's summer camps. The girls perform together three to four times a year. In addition to America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the team has performed at Presidential Inaugural Parades for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush; the Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl Parades; the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; Sea World of Ohio; Epcot Center; Pistons games and on Carnival Cruise Lines.

Mid American Pompon, established by Blazaitis in 1979, has had over 2,000 performers participate in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. For more information on the squad, visit its Web site at www.midamericanstudio.com.

Fawkes exam postponed for a month

A preliminary examination for teacher and hockey coach Ryan Fawkes was postponed until Dec. 15.

The exam, which determines if there is probable cause for Fawkes to stand trial, was scheduled to take place Thursday in Livonia's 16th District Court. The proceeding, however, was adjourned to provide more time for a new attorney for Fawkes, court administrator Joe Myslewiec said.

The 31-year-old Livonian is accused of using the Internet to send lewd messages and pictures to an underage boy. He was arrested and arraigned earlier this month as part of an investigation by the state attorney general's office. He faces three felony counts: Using a computer to accost and solicit a minor, and two counts of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor.

He remains free on bond, provided he does not use the Internet or have unsupervised contact with minors.

Fawkes was an elementary school teacher at five Livonia Public School buildings from 1996 until he resigned in April 2005. At the time of his arrest, Fawkes was working at a Detroit middle school and serving as head coach for a midget-level team for Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association. He has been suspended from both positions.

By Dan West

Coupon book targets Plymouth, among other areas

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Richard Bushart started to scratch his head awhile ago whenever he saw an Entertainment coupon book and noticed the advertising for the many restaurants and stores located many miles away.

"When you looked, you realized only 25-30 percent of the coupons were from businesses in this area," Bushart said. "That meant you couldn't use most of the coupons."

This motivated him to start a new business to develop the "Your Neighborhood Savings Book," a fund-raising book with coupons from 60 businesses stationed in western Wayne County. Bushart, 33, and his wife, Mary Jo, run the new business out of their Livonia home.

He said 90 percent of the advertisements and coupons are for business within 10 miles of those living in Livonia, Plymouth and Westland.

"I just knew I could make a book better if I made it more local," he said.

Bushart developed the idea over the past several months, starting with a survey of 500 people. Many of those surveyed said the Entertainment book was too cumbersome. Bushart said the survey responses made it clear that people would be willing to spend about $25 for a book of coupons that promoted restaurants that are 5-10 miles from their homes.

He recently printed a number of his new coupon books which sell for $25 each. He's pitching them to schools, charities and other non-profit groups in search of fund-raising ideas. Bushart said recently completed a deal where Westland's St. Damian Catholic School students will sell the book to raise money. Those students include his two children.

He said the book gives interested groups a bigger chunk of the profits compared to other coupon books. Whether a group sells five or 500 books, the organization will earn 40-50 percent of the sales. Also, 5 percent of all book sales go to the American Cancer Society.

Bushart used to work as a financial analyst before he underwent successful brain surgery last year to stop seizures caused by epilepsy. He said he was "bored and frustrated" with working in Corporate America, and this new venture gives him a chance to earn a living by helping organizations raise money.

Anyone interested in buying a book directly or selling these coupon books to support a charity can call (734) 293-5174, or visit the Web site: www.YNSBook.com/order.

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DEATHS

A

Eleanore M. Arnison
Arnison, 93, of Plymouth, died Nov. 14.

B

Ruth Lucas Schumacher Billing
Billing, 98, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 25.

M

Dolores McCarthy
McCarthy, of Lake Leelanau, died Nov. 13.

P

Elven A. Porter
Porter, 69, of The Villages, Fla., died Nov. 15.

R

Donald W. Reamy
Reamy, 77, of White Lake Township, died Nov. 14.

James Clayton Roshirt
Roshirt, 55, of Northville, died Nov. 2.

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Douglas Stevens
Stevens, 73, of Traverse City, died Nov. 14.

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Everyone reacts to the lighting of the display.

Annual Lightfest has 1 million lights, Santa

Wayne County Parks opened the annual Lightfest Thursday.

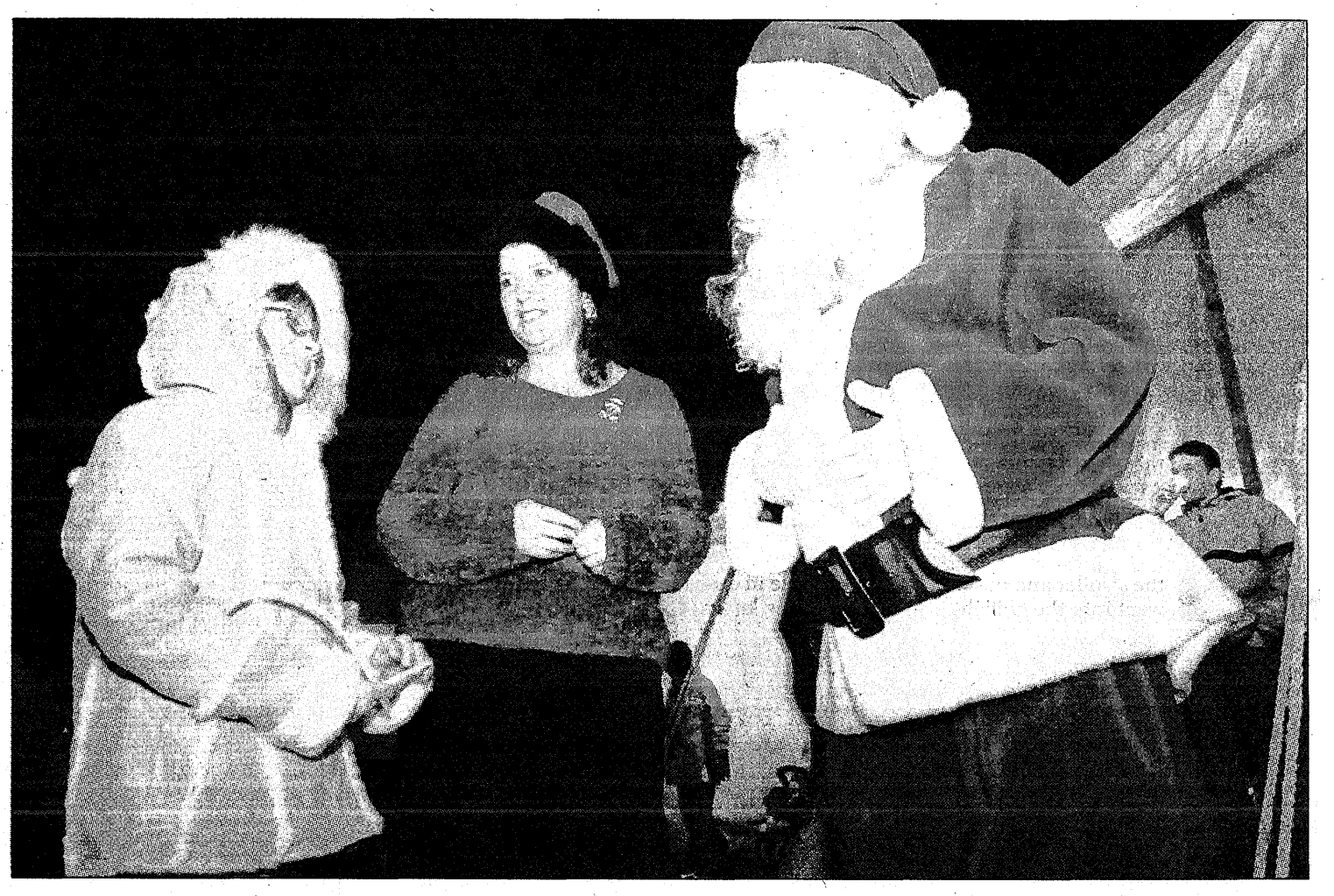
The Lightfest on Hines Drive features more than 35 animated displays and one 1 million lights. It is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The complete lightfest route is over four miles of Hines Drive. It is open through Jan. 1, 2007, but closed on Christmas Day.

Dec. 7, 14, and 21 will be Toy Nights, Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys for disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On these three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested $5 donation fee. Visitors are also welcome to contribute the recommended donation.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve. Don't forget to bring your letters to Santa. Outside of Santa's Workshop there will be a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter the Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman, 2-1/2 miles south of I-96 in Westland.

Lightfest is provided by a partnership with Friends of Wayne County Parks, Fox2 News, AAA Michigan, ITC Transmission and DBT Marketing.





Above, Alelia Evasic, 8 years old, of Livonia, chats with Santa Claus and Santa's helper Jennifer Zaenglein. At left, Fireworks announce the opening of the Wayne County Lightfest.

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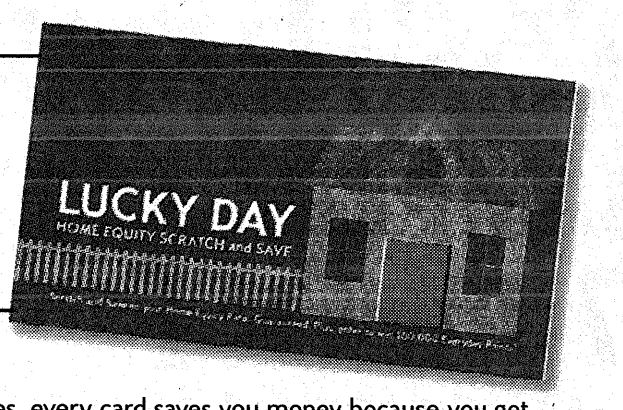
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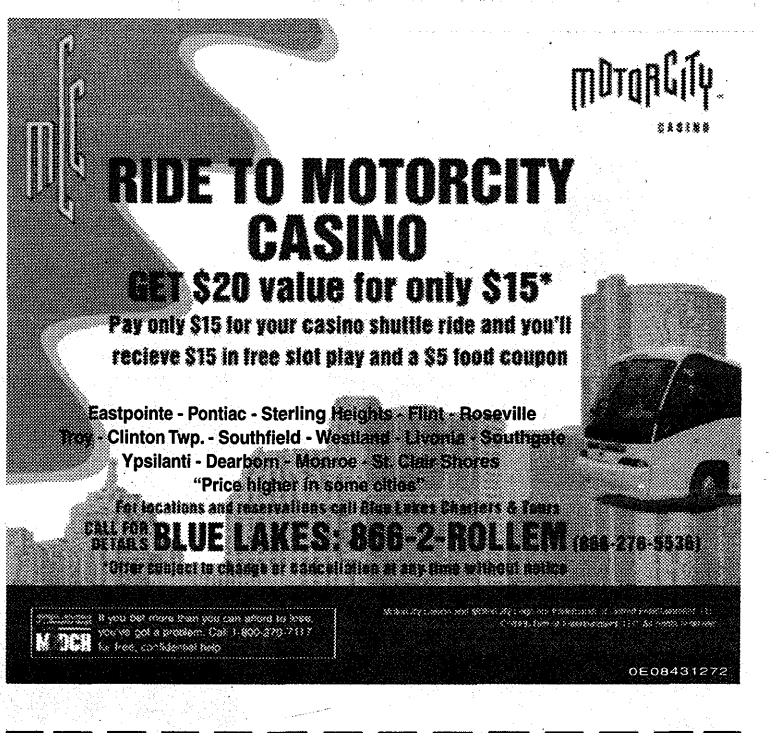
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Where are talented people going? To vibrant communities



Dan Gilmartin

Last night, I went on a long walk in the neighborhood with my 11-month-old son. I hadn't planned on going out, but when I arrived home from the office I got the "I've been here all day with a teething baby and I need a break!" look from my wife Lori. Having seen that glare before, I knew just how serious it could be. So although I was tired myself, I grabbed Graham and the stroller and out we went into the twilight for a little father and son time.

We only made it three houses when I spotted our neighbor Julie stacking boxes in her garage. When I asked what she was up to, I was surprised to hear that she was getting ready to move to Portland, Oregon. Although she admitted to being nervous about leaving home, she was clearly excited about joining the thriving knowledge-based economy in the Pacific Northwest and experiencing the high quality of life that Portland and its surrounding communities have to offer.

Julie is a young, highly educated individual who until recently had a big job with one of the auto companies. She is the kind of person that all the policy makers claim that they want to attract to Michigan, yet she, like many others, is moving on elsewhere.

We talked for a few minutes longer until Graham began to fuss, cutting the conversation short. As we resumed our walk, I couldn't help but feel a little anger building inside me about our conversation. I certainly wasn't angry with Julie for moving, since she was only doing what most of us would do if confronted by a similar situation. What irritated me was that I had heard this type of story so many times before and yet most state policymakers appear almost disinterested in implementing a meaningful strategy to slow the "brain drain" of talented, young people from our state.

It seems that all anyone in the Legislature is interested in talking about when it comes to anything economic is our tax structure, with the latest debate centered on the elimination of the Single Business Tax (SBT). Yet Julie's move has nothing to do with the SBT. She doesn't pay it, and I doubt she even knows what it is. I bet she doesn't know anything about the Oregon tax structure either. She is headed to that city because there is abundant economic opportunity there due in large part to the state's willingness to invest in its own future.

Whether it is Portland or any other region whose prospects are soaring, public investment in communities plays a leading role in driving the economy and attracting knowledge-based workers and businesses. Do you think the city of Portland's extraordinary open spaces get maintained for nothing? What about the economically imperative public transit systems in greater Chicago? Or Charlotte's brand new downtown?

I have read at least a dozen studies about cities, regions and states that are succeeding in the new economy. The reports make it crystal clear that a positive state and local partnership that includes significant public investment in communities is a major part of the recipe for success, especially in attracting knowledge-based workers and businesses. Unlike previous generations, today's young, educated people choose where they want to live first and then they look for a job.

But in Michigan, our short-sighted recipe to date has been quite different — a $2 billion cut to state shared revenue, repeated legislative attacks on local revenue streams and a lack of consensus on transportation strategies that has resulted in millions of federal dollars being left on the table in D.C. All of these decisions have had a damaging effect on cities and villages in Michigan. Our soup, it seems, doesn't taste so good, especially to those who matter so much to our future economic prospects.

Vibrant communities attract talented people. Talented people attract knowledge-based businesses.

Together, they make for a strong economy and a higher quality of life for everyone. If you don't believe me, just ask Julie.

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Defeat of Proposal 2 opens door for dialogue on race



Hugh Gallagher

When Jennifer Gratz met with *Observer & Eccentric* editors as the spokeswoman for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (ballot Proposal 2), it was an off-hand remark that rang true.

It wasn't the scripted platitudes like, "You can't fight discrimination by discriminating."

It was when she said, "There are more people who think they've been harmed by affirmative action than have actually been harmed by it."

And supporters of the amendment argued that this feeling by the majority population that someone was getting special treatment was more divisive than the MCRI proposal that would constitutionally eliminate affirmative action (or in their words racial and gender preferences) in public university admissions, government hiring and government contracting.

Despite massive efforts by the political establishment, including leaders from both major political parties, mainline church leaders and business executives, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported the initiative. Fifty-eight percent of Michigan voters said no to affirmative action.

And let's be clear, the majority of voters never, ever entertained the idea that affirmative action was about advancement for women. Opponents of the MCRI tried to steer away from the race issue, but it was always about race. Even the supporters for the amendment who believe fervently that affirmative action is detrimental to race relations understood that the vote was about race.

Now some of those who worked for the passage of the amendment want to use it as a launching point for discussing racial issues and dealing with the problems caused by literally decades of racial discrimination.

One of those calling for this discussion on race is William Allen, an African American and political science professor at Michigan State University. He is also chairman of the Toward a Fair Michigan organization. During the campaign, he participated in several debates in favor of Proposal 2. His organization is sponsoring a Leadership Assembly on Dec. 8 which a release describes as "a daylong, invited workshop devoted to appraising the current state of reconciliation and inclusion within Michigan and to planning for progressive change within the state."

That's a good thing. Political campaigns like the fight over MCRI always seem to degenerate into demonizing anyone and everyone on the other side of the argument. The radical group By Any Means Necessary or BAMN was specifically chosen as the prime opposition by MCRI to make their case that affirmative action was too radical for Michigan. And One United Michigan — the true prime opposition to the proposal, did nothing to distance itself from the ugly rhetoric and past confrontational baggage that BAMN brought with them.

But that's not why the proposal passed.

A law student I know, at the top of his class with a finely developed ability to argue a case, voted for the proposal and also for the Democrats who opposed it. He argued that the whole idea of diversity as promoted by the University of Michigan was a sham, that a distinction made on the basis of race rather than economic need was unfair and divisive, that contractual arrangements made for reasons other than competency and costs were unfair to taxpayers and that hiring based on anything but competence was detrimental to good government service.

All fine arguments. His description of the usual state university campus where blacks gather in one group and whites in another is not any different than it was many years ago when I went to Wayne State University. Then it always seemed the student center was divided into two somewhat hostile groups who never came together except in the classroom and even there only in mass lecture halls with no interaction.

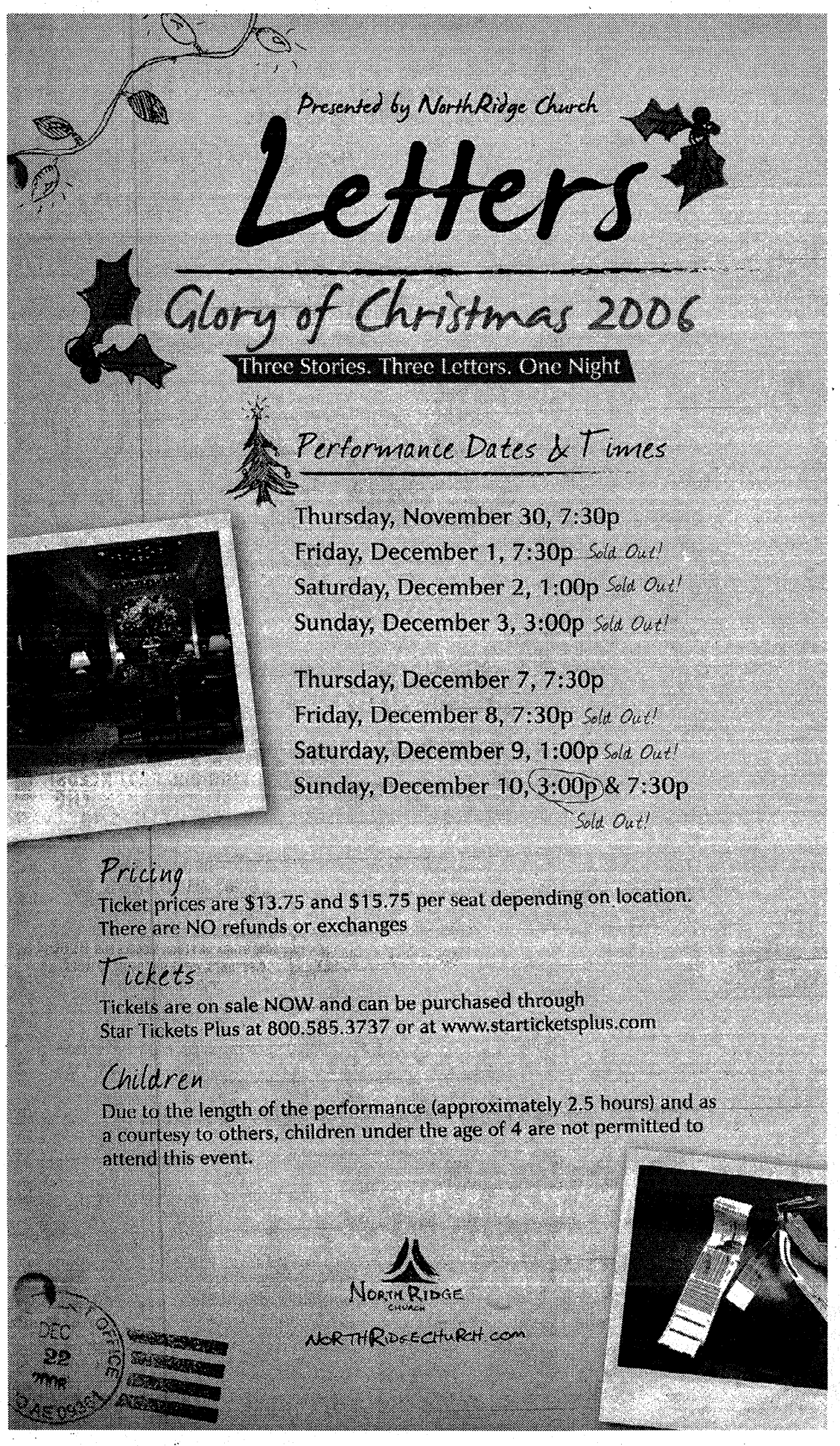
So I accept the honesty of his arguments. But they don't take into account the long, tortured history of race relations in this country and in this state. It is a history of slavery, forced ghettoization, discrimination in housing, jobs and educational opportunities. Too many people are well aware of the consequences but not the causes.

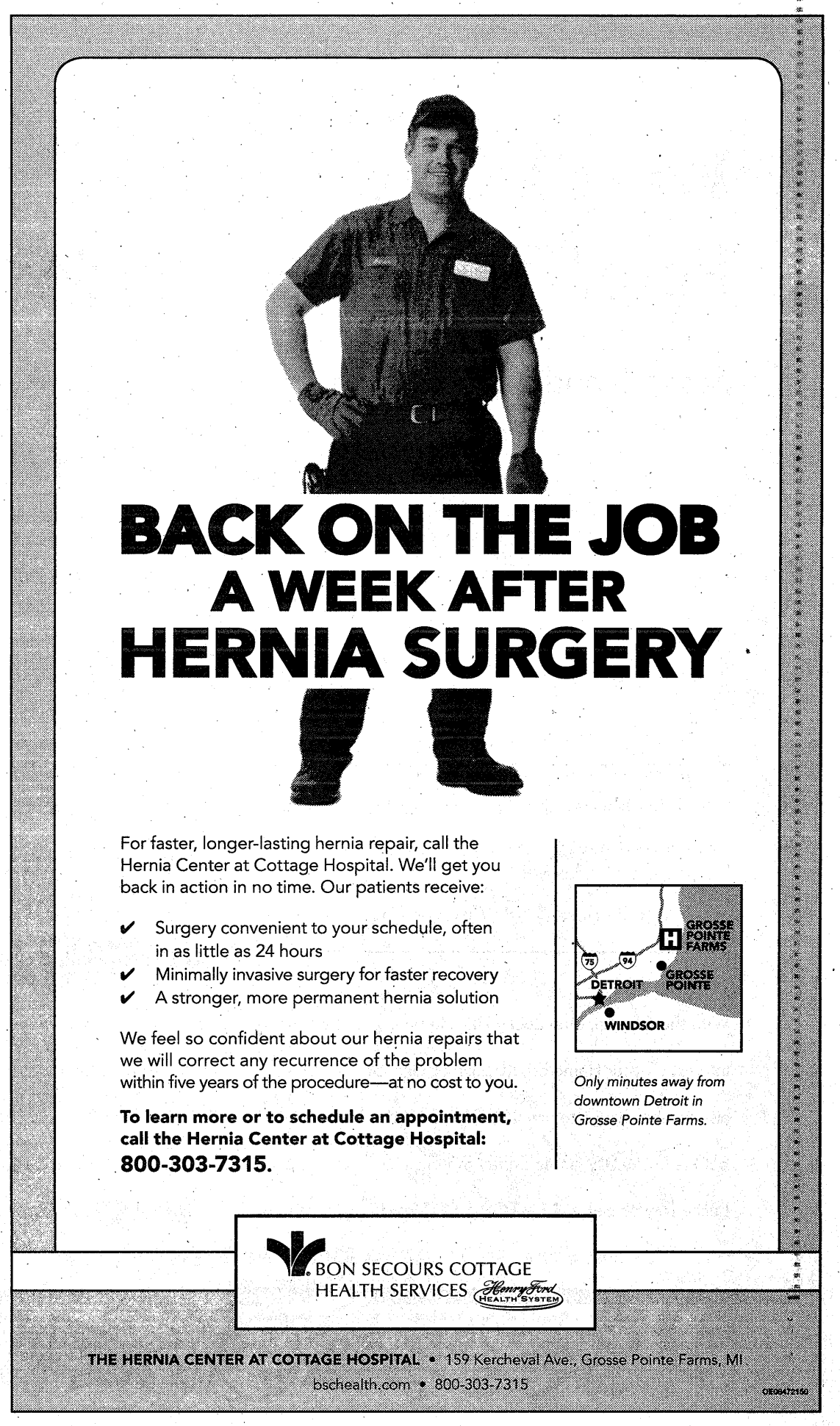
U-M President Mary Sue Coleman made an emotional appeal after the election, vowing to continue to fight for affirmative action. In light of the strong vote against the proposal, it is time that she and others move on to strengthening outreach programs that recruit black students, programs that benefit the economically disadvantaged and programs that work with low-income school districts to provide tutoring or special college readiness programs. None of these are prohibited by the amendment.

Time and the courts will decide where we go from here.

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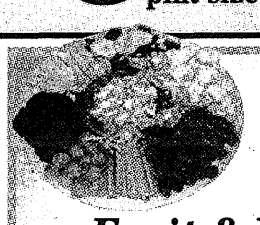
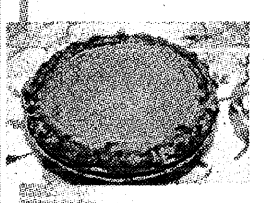
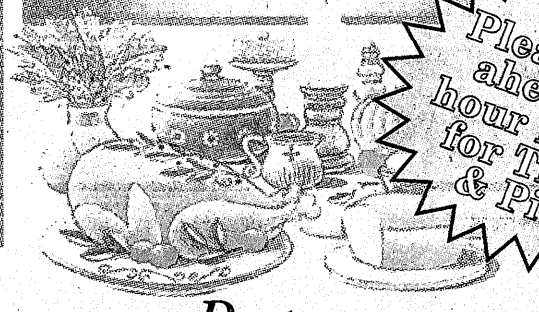
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DIVISION 1 SEMIFINAL SHOWDOWN

Mistakes, Rams frustrate Chiefs, 30-0

BY ED WRIGHT
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Four first-half turnovers, three critical penalties and two dropped passes helped spell doom for Canton's football team Saturday afternoon in the Division 1 semifinal game at Lansing Everett High School.

But it was one awfully tough opponent that ultimately pulled the curtain down on the Chiefs' ultra-successful 2006 season.

Two-time defending champion Rockford showed why it's well on the way to a third consecutive title by knocking off the uncharacteristically mistake-prone Chiefs, 30-0. The Rams will take their 12-1 record into next Saturday's D1 title game against Macomb Dakota.

Canton, which finished 12-1, actually got off to an encouraging start when it drove to the Rockford 18 on its first drive. However, a botched handoff resulted in a lost fumble and the field seemed to slant in the direction the Rams were heading the rest of the afternoon.

Canton coach Tim Baechler used a golf analogy to sum up his team's nothing-goes-right afternoon.

"Have you ever walked onto a course, laced your first drive, then went on to shoot a 90?" said Baechler. "That was us today. We hit that long pass and had a nice drive going, then it was like double-bogey, double-bogey. It's like you just want to start over.

"The bottom line is, we didn't stop them enough in the first half and we made too many mistakes offensively. Our offense is predicated on staying on a schedule – three yards here, four yards there. We got away from that and we couldn't get back on schedule."

The Rams came out in a no-huddle, spread the field, West Coast-style offense that gave the Chiefs fits from the opening snap. Rockford quarterback Tom Fusee spread the ball around to seven different receivers in the first half alone as the Rams raced to a 23-0 lead at the break.

The Rams' bag-of-tricks offense tried everything from a fumblerooski run by a guard to a pair of halfback passes. Whatever they tried seemed to work.

"It was far from perfect, but it was beautiful," said Rockford coach Ralph Munger, whose team ended Canton's season last year as well, 31-21, in the D1 title game at Ford Field. "The kids played with such emotion and such intensity today. I couldn't be prouder of every one of them.

"Our game plan is always to do whatever we think we can be successful at and today we guessed right."

The Chiefs moved from their 40 to the Rockford 18 on their opening drive thanks to a 38-yard Steve Paye-to-Billy Turner hook-up. However, the drive stalled two plays later when a botched hand-off resulted in a fumble.

Rockford seized the opportunity and moved briskly down the field behind the arm of Fusee, who went 5-for-6 on the drive, which ended with Mark Schlaudt's 37-yard field goal with 6:35 left in the first quarter.

Aided by a pair of defensive penalties, the Rams drove 55 yards in seven plays on their second possession and went up 10-0 on a 3-yard TD run by Zach Breen.

Rockford took advantage of Canton's second fumble of the afternoon by driving 41 yards in just five plays before scoring on Frank Heeringa's 1-yard plunge to extend its lead to 17-0.

The Rams closed out their first-half point barrage on Michael Mudgett's 5-yard sweep to paydirt. Schlaudt's extra point hit the right goal post, leaving the Rams' advantage at 23-0.

The game's final score came when Rockford backup quarterback Robert Banaszak connected with Curtis Mobley on a 27-yard TD pass with 7:35 to play.

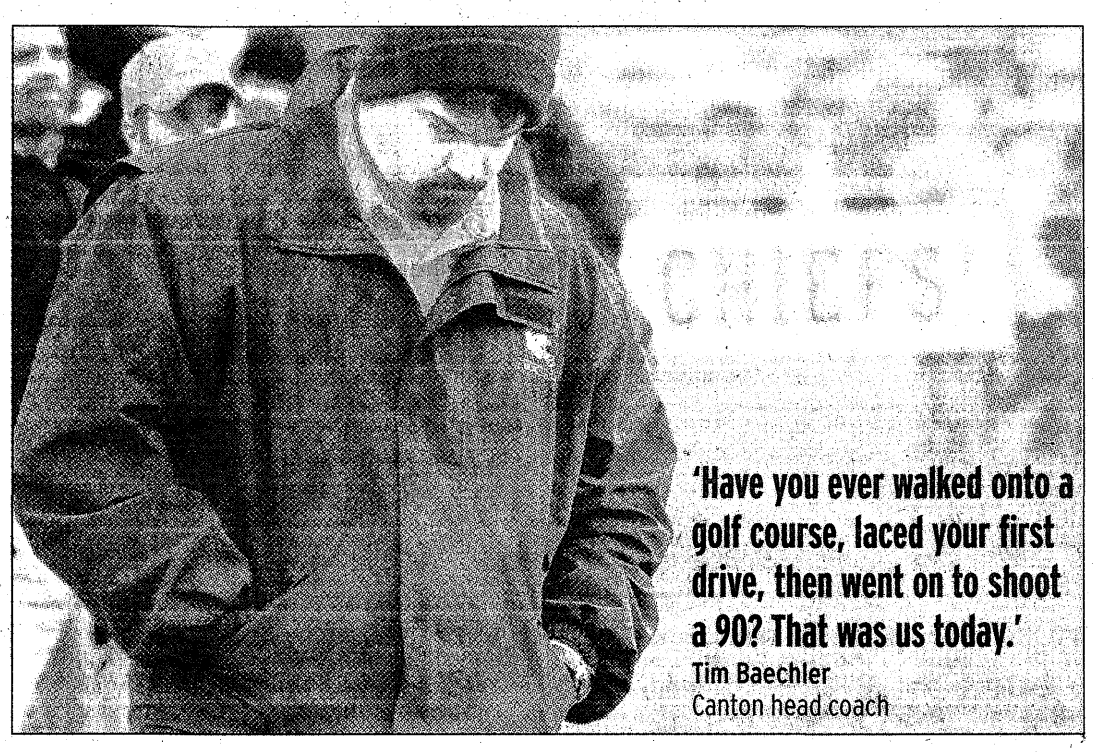
Fusee went 13-for-16 for 92 yards before being replaced midway through the third quarter by Banaszak. Mudgett led the winners' ground game with 83 yards on 14 carries.

Antwaun Hawkins paced the Chiefs' offense with 33 yards on seven carries. Paye completed 5-of-14 passes for 97 yards.

"Whenever you win 12 games like we did, it's a great season," said Baechler. "I just hate to see it end like this. These kids have meant so much to me and the program."

Canton's senior class compiled a stunning 41-4 record from their freshman season through Saturday's setback.

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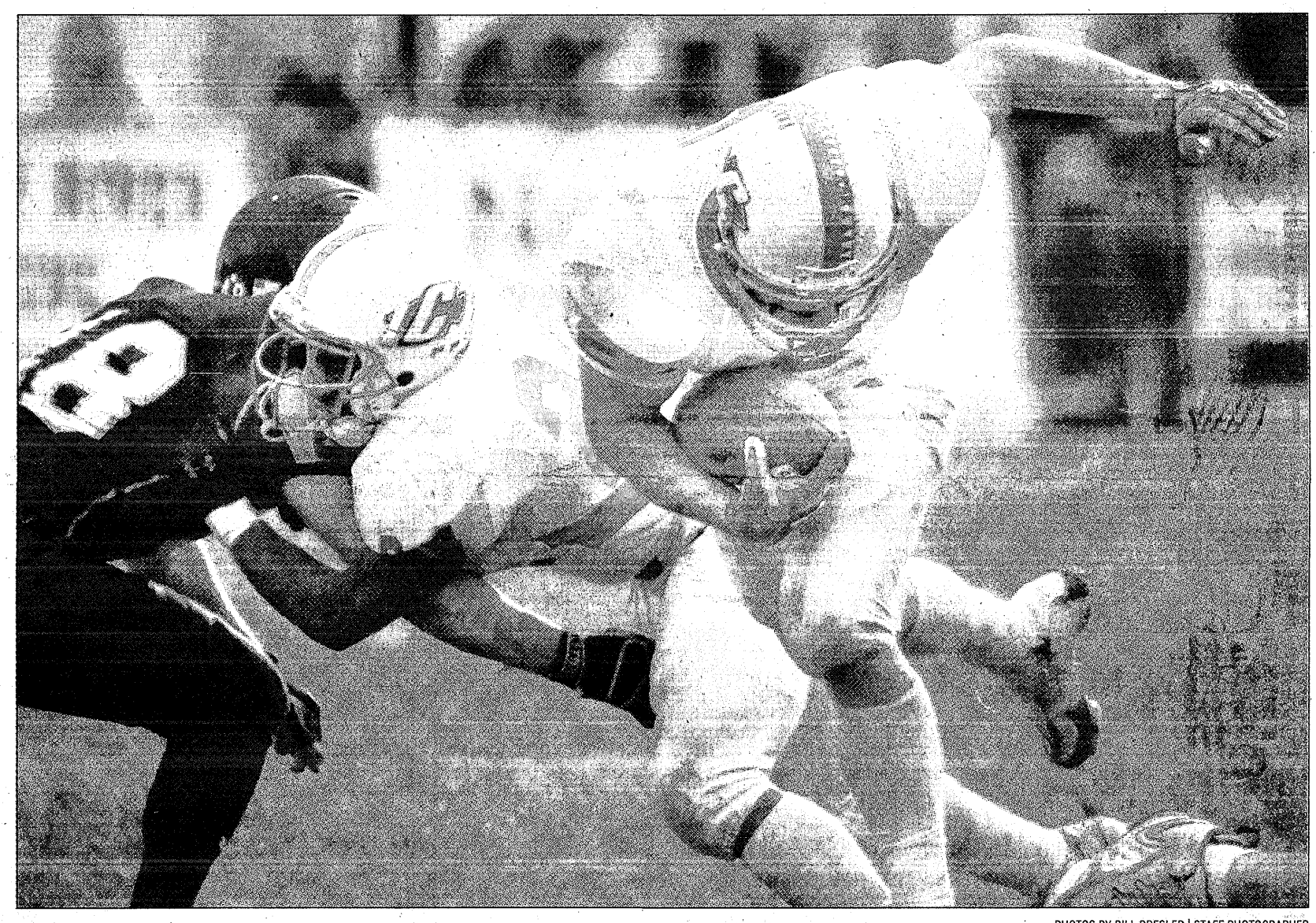


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2006 SEASON RECAP (12-1)

For the second straight year, Canton ended a valiant season in defeat to Rockford in the Division 1 playoffs.

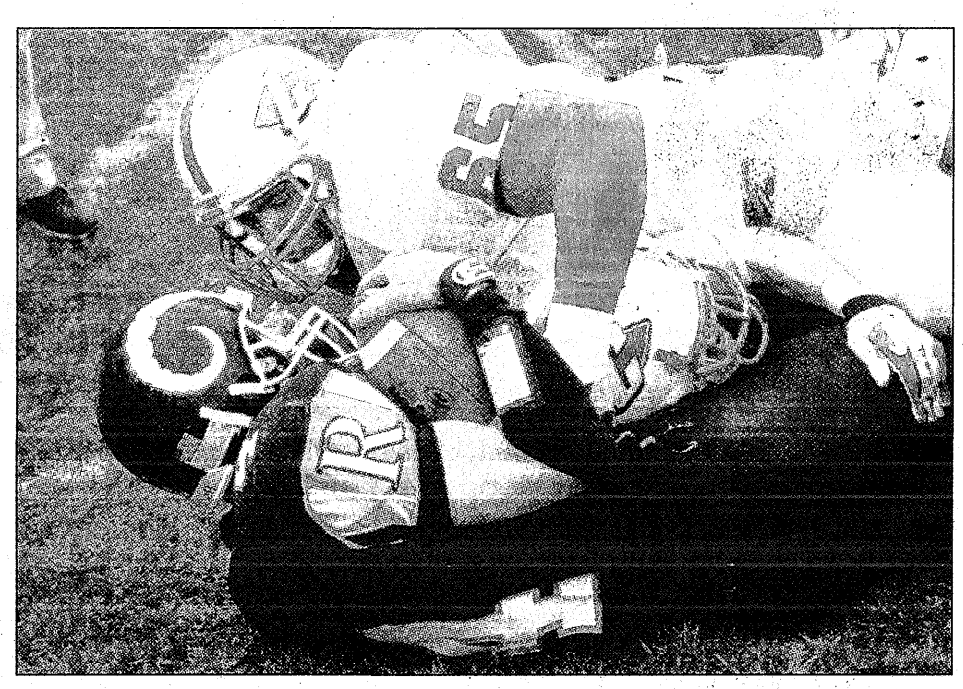
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8-25	Ann Arbor Pioneer	W	35-0
8-31	Westland John Glenn	W	42-3
9-8	Plymouth	W	35-24
9-15	Walled Lake Western	W	28-0
9-22	Livonia Franklin	W	23-19
9-29	Wayne Memorial	W	47-12
10-6	Northville	W	70-14
10-12	Walled Lake Central	W	20-14
10-20	Salem	W	42-13
10-27	Livonia Stevenson	W	48-0
11-4	South Lyon	W	14-10
11-11	Saline	W	56-36
11-18	Rockford	L	0-30



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Ball carrier Nick Moores gains a few yards with help from Antwaun Hawkins, blocking Rockford's Curtis Mobley.





Far left, Canton's Jay Bailey and Dan Wanshon stop Rockford's Nick McIntyre.

Left, Canton's Jay Bailey and Dan Wanshon stop Rockford's Nick McIntyre.



Blast gain revenge on Ignition, 11-5

The Detroit Ignition (2-1) registered its first-ever loss, 11-5, at the hands of the defending MISL Champion Baltimore Blast (2-1), at 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore on Friday.

Midfielder Denison Cabral registered the game-winning goal for the Blast, a two-pointer, at 11:02 into the opening frame of play. MISL Goalkeeper of the Week Sanaldo (2-1) took the loss for Detroit, while Sagu earned the win for Baltimore stopping 14 of the 16 shots he faced on the night.

Baltimore struck first with a two-point goal from defender P.J. Wakefield off a pass from Machel Millwood to take a 2-0 lead at 4:28 of the opening frame. Veteran forward David Bascome extended the Blast lead to 4-0 at 9:57 by burying a two-point goal off a pass off the wall from Millwood, who tallied his second assist on the night.

Ignition forward Hewerton responded quickly, beating Blast goalkeeper Sagu for his first two-point goal of the season at 10:18 to cut the Baltimore lead to 4-2. Less than a minute later a tripping call near the goal gave Blast midfielder Denison Cabral the chance to capitalize on a shootout goal and extend the Baltimore lead to 6-2 at the end of the first quarter.

Jamar Beasley brought the Ignition to within one with the only goal of the second frame, putting a long three-point goal into the upper corner to cut the Blast lead to 6-5 at halftime.

Following a scoreless third quarter, the Blast extended their lead to 8-5 with a two-point goal off the left foot of Millwood, his fourth point of the night, 4:12 into the final frame of play. An empty net three-point goal by Robbie Aristodemo at 13:35 gave the Blast the 11-5 victory and tallied the first loss of the season for the Ignition.



Ready for the next level

Canton senior basketball player Becci Houdek (seated) signed a letter-of-intent to attend to play basketball at Ferris State University last week in a ceremony held at Canton's Phase III. Looking on (from left) are Canton coach Brian Samulski; Houdek's mom, Donna; Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman; and Houdek's dad, Randy.

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Participants can choose either the Monday-Wednesday-Friday session or Tuesday-Thursday session. Camps run the week of Nov. 27, through the week of Feb. 26, 2007.

For more information and pricing, contact Dennie Taft, TAFT Strength and Conditioning, at (734) 751-0923. You can also reach him at tafttraining@msn.com.

HIGH VELOCITY ADDS HOOP

Canton-based High Velocity Sports has partnered with Joe Dumars Fieldhouse to replace its roller hockey rink with four hardwood basketball/volleyball courts.

Leagues for both youth and adults are now forming and will begin play the week of Dec. 1. The basketball/volleyball season will last 12 weeks and include 10 games plus playoffs. The cost for adult players is $110.

"We are very excited to be able to announce the development and imminent opening of Joe Dumars Fieldhouse inside High Velocity Sports in Canton," said Joe Dumars. "We are confident that the operation will serve the league basketball needs of the community in a first-class fashion. We are also enthusiastic about the impact that a west-side location will have on our existing facilities in Shelby Township and Detroit."

HVS is offering 5-on-5 and 4-on-4 adult leagues. The fee for youth players is $135. Players in both leagues will receive a free jersey.

Daily drop-in basketball is available from 10 a.m. to midnight. The cost is $8.

"We think adding Joe Dumars Fieldhouse basketball to HVS is one of the biggest sports revelations to hit Canton," said Bryan Finnerty, leading owner of HVS. "We are honored to forge an alliance with one of professional basketball's greatest ambassadors."

HVS will also be offering basketball clinics; floor hockey and tee ball for youngsters; and volleyball classes. Adult co-ed volleyball leagues are also available for a fee of $85 per player.

For more information, visit www.hvsports.com; or call (734) HV-SPORT.

Whalers sink Spirit

In a battle of two winning streaks, the Plymouth Whalers won their fourth straight game in defeating the Saginaw Spirit, 7-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth is 12-9-0-0, in third place in the OHL West Division. Saginaw had a five-game winning streak snapped and remains in first place in the OHL West with a record of 16-6-0-1.

The Whalers never trailed in the game in getting a hat trick and an assist from Columbus-draft Tom Sestito, a goal and four assists from Chicago-draft Evan Brophey, a goal and three assists from Dallas-draft James Neal and single goals from Andrew Fournier and Steve Ward. Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth (a Washington Capitals draft choice) stopped 38 of 41 shots for his sixth victory of the year.

Saginaw received goals from Nigel Williams, Tomas Zaborsky and Chris Chappell.

Plymouth won the battle of special teams decisively. The Whalers — the top penalty killing team in the OHL at 85.1 percent — killed off all seven Saginaw power plays while going 5-for-7 on their own power play.

The Whalers led, 3-1, after 20 minutes and 4-2 after two periods.

Sestito's first goal of the game came on a power play and gave Plymouth a 3-1 lead at 16:06 of the first period when he pounced on a loose puck at the left wing lip of the crease and beat Saginaw goaltender Ryan Daniels with the shot. Ward extended Plymouth's lead to 4-1 on another power play at 6:32 of the second period when he ripped a shot from the slot to finish good Whaler pressure in the Saginaw zone.

Sestito could have scored another goal when he was awarded a penalty shot at 8:22 of the third period, but was stopped by Daniels. Sestito finished his hat trick — his second of the season — with third period goals at 11:08 and 14:55 respectively, sandwiched around Neal's team-leading 13th of the year at 12:38.

Plymouth has now taken two of the three games played so far this year with Saginaw, winning 5-1, on Sept. 27 in Saginaw. The Spirit defeated Plymouth, 5-2, on Oct. 29 at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw. Plymouth and Saginaw will meet five more times this season.

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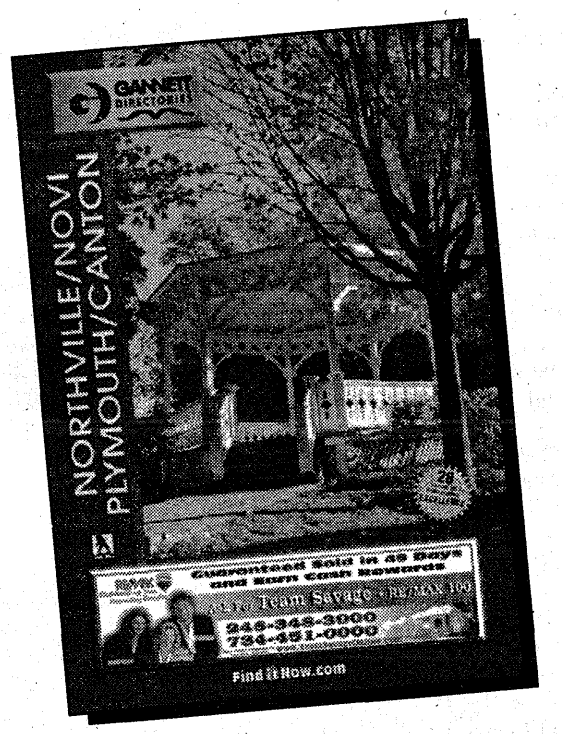
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Novi denies Canton hoop team its 2nd straight District title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The glorious high school basketball careers of Canton seniors Becci Houdek, Ja'nee Morton and Lauren Delapaz came to an end Friday night.

But not without a fight.

In a Class A District final game at South Lyon High School, the senior-led Chiefs battled back from a 12-point deficit late in the third quarter to get to within 37-33 on a long, arcing Houdek triple with 5:20 left. But the rally proved to be insufficient against a hot-shooting Novi team that played perhaps its best game of the season.

The 19-4 Wildcats survived the comeback and the Chiefs to win 47-36 and advance to Monday's Regional semifinal game at Rochester High School. It was Novi's first District title since it became a Class A-sized school over 20 years ago, according to coach Bill Kelp.

The loss ended the Chiefs' highly successful season at 19-3.

"I told the girls in the locker room after the game that I wouldn't trade this team for any other one," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "I always had faith in them, even when we were down 12. We made a nice push there in the fourth quarter, but we couldn't quite get over the hump.

"Novi did a great job of forcing us to play fast. We ended up playing faster than we wanted to and we took quick shots, which allowed them to get out into their transition game."

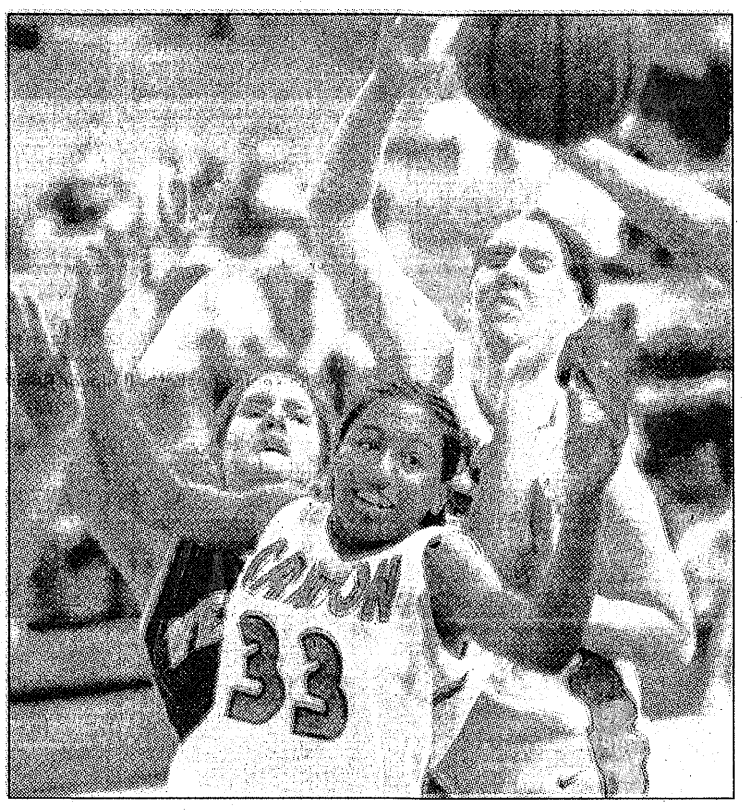
Kelp admitted he didn't rest easy until the final horn sounded.

"I knew they were going to make a run, even when we were up 12," said Kelp. "They have a great coach, a great program and, like us, they work so well together. I never felt safe at all. I was just hoping the clock would keep ticking."

The Chiefs' trio of seniors may go down as one of the school's best ever — maybe not for their individual stats, but for the number of wins and championships they'll leave behind. Led by Houdek's ball distribution, defense and scoring; Morton's ability to get to the rim and rebound; and Delapaz's unwavering defense, the Chiefs not only went 10-0 in the Western Division this year, they also captured the past two Western Lakes Activities Association tournament titles and won a District crown last year.

"I can't say enough about the contributions the seniors have made to this program," said Samulski. "Becci was a four-year starter who played hard every minute she was out on the court. Lauren's main sport is softball, but she worked hard to become a great defensive player. And Ja'nee joined us last year and was a great addition from the first day."

The two primary reasons Canton's players will be turning their uniforms in Monday afternoon are Novi senior guard Stephanie Crawford and junior guard Katie Chaklos, both of whom netted a game-high 13 points. Graybiel's damage came mostly from drives and free throws (7-for-8) while Chaklos, a reserve, was a sharpshooter from the perimeter, hitting three critical three-pointers.



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Canton's Ja'nee Morton (33) and Baylee Hollowell battle for a rebound during a game earlier this season against Walled Lake Western. The Chiefs saw their season come to an end Friday night, 46-37, in a Class A District final against Novi.

Senior center Taylor Graybiel also had a strong game, registering eight points and seven boards.

Kelp said that Chaklos' impressive showing won't earn her a promotion for Monday's game.

"After tonight, I'm not messing with the starting line-up," he said, smiling. "Plus, I like the spark Katie has coming off the bench."

Morton and Houdek both twined 12 for the Chiefs. Morton's production was impressive considering she sat out more than half of the game in foul trouble before eventually committing her fifth with 1:59 to play and Canton trailing, 43-34.

Baylee Hollowell (six points and 13 rebounds), Delapaz (five points, two steals) and Marie Martin (four points, five rebounds and three steals) also made significant contributions for the Chiefs.

Canton led 11-10 after one quarter before the Chaklos-led Wildcats rushed out of the second-quarter gate to nab a 22-17 halftime advantage.

A Chaklos triple with 1:10 to go in the third quarter gave the Wildcats' their biggest edge, 35-23, however, Delapaz sparked the Chiefs' comeback when she buried a long three just as the third-quarter buzzer sounded.

Canton narrowed its deficit to 35-30 early in the fourth on a Morton bucket at 7:29 and Houdek's pretty left-handed layup 30 seconds later.

After Kristine Chaklos converted a driving bank-shot to put Novi ahead 37-30, Houdek delivered a 22-footer from the right wing to bring the Chiefs to within 37-33.

"I called a timeout (after Houdek's shot) and told the girls that that was their run and now it's time for *us* to make a run," said Kelp. "I told them, 'Let's do what we do. Don't get flustered, just do what we do.'"

Following the TO, the Wildcats responded with an 8-1 streak down the stretch to put the game on ice.

Once the game was out of reach, Samulski gave Houdek and Delapaz an opportunity to soak in the cheers one last time when he removed them from the game on separate occasions with less than a minute to play.

"The bottom line is we gave up 47 points and you're not going to win many games when you give up 47," Samulski said. "To Novi's credit, they made a lot of shots, but we didn't get out on them and we weren't talking through the screens."

Canton hit 13-of-51 field goals (25.4 percent) and 10-of-16 free throws (62.5). Novi made 15-of-42 shot from the field (35.7) and 10-of-13 free throws (76.9).

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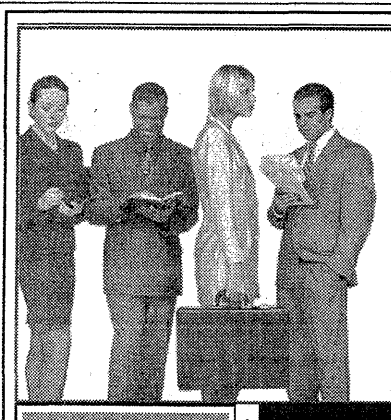
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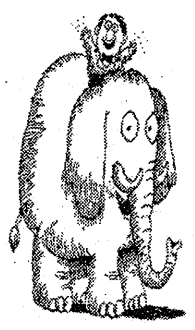
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Drop the puck: Local icers ready to light the lamp

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With 15 players returning from last year's 14-8-2 contingent, the forecast for the 2006-07 Plymouth hockey team is as shiny as a newly resurfaced sheet of ice.

Second-year coach Chuck Dubois is optimistic heading into next weekend's season-opening Allen Park Thanksgiving Tournament — and for good reason. The Wildcats displayed their potential at times Thursday night when they dropped a hard-fought 2-1 exhibition-game decision to perennially state-ranked St. Clair Shores.

"We're playing in three tournaments this season and our goal is to win them all," said Dubois. "We have a lot of seniors and 15 returners, so if everybody works hard we should be OK."

Anchoring the Wildcats' defense will be senior net-minder Justin Desilets, an All-Observer first-team performer last season. Also serving time in the net for Plymouth will be senior Nathanial Gibson.

"Justin is a top goalie, but he has to continue to work hard and he has to continue to play the way he's been playing," said Dubois. "He's not only a good player, but he's a good kid and a good student."

The Wildcats' top returning blue-liner is senior Jason O'Guinn, who has displayed a flair for scoring as well as defending.

"Jason is one of those kids who can take the puck end-to-end and put it in the net," said Dubois.

Offensively, the Wildcats will be paced by senior forwards Nick Cote, Mark Olivier and Nick Rosochacki, all of whom made major contributions as juniors.

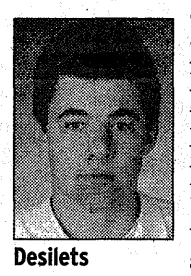
One of the team's top newcomers is freshman Connor Dresser, who scored the Wildcats' lone goal in Thursday's setback.

"Another goal we have is to win the division," said Dubois. "It won't be easy, though, with teams like Northville, and then you never know about Walled Lake Western and Canton."

Plymouth's opener is Friday night at 8 p.m. in Allen Park.

SALEM

With captain Dave Carey having graduated, the Rocks will be looking for someone to fill the leadership void this season. They'll also be looking for a few more victories following a four-win campaign last season.


Desilets

"Overall, I think our team speed is better than it was last year," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "We're quite a bit stronger up front. The guys have been working hard in practice so far and they had a good off-season.

"Our teamwork is better than it was last year, too. The guys believe in each other and they're willing to give the puck up because they know there's a good chance they're going to get it back."

The top candidate to fill Carey's leadership void will be senior captain Steve Heisler, a potentially high-scoring forward.

"We're looking for Steve to lead the way offensively," Feiler said.

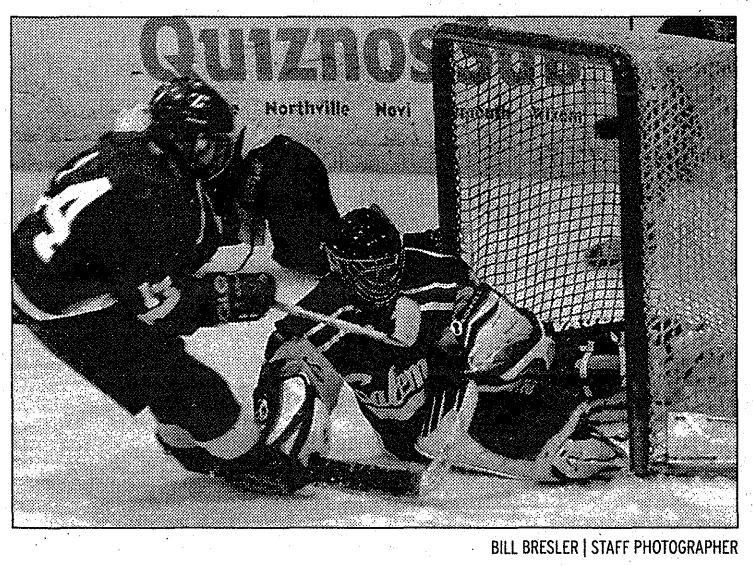
He'll be joined up front by seniors Kris Brant and Brad Nycek, a first-year high school player who has excelled in travel leagues prior to this season.

The Rocks' defense will be led by seniors Jason Sharrow and Tony Garbarino; and junior Mike Haburne.

Minding the net for Feiler will be senior Ralph Aspenwall and junior Mark Barkoff, with Aspenwall holding the early edge in the race for opening-night starter.

"We're a young team, so I think it's important that we get off to a strong start," said Feiler.

The Rocks will open the season by hosting the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Salem will host Canton at 6 p.m.; Chippewa Valley and Grand Valley Forest Hills will square off in the 4 p.m. contest. The winners of each game will advance to Saturday's 6 p.m. final, which will follow the 4 p.m. consolation game.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Chris Wies (14) and Salem's Ralph Aspenwall (goalie) are both returning this season after solid junior years in 2005-06.

CANTON

The Chiefs return only a handful of players who saw significant time during last year's 8-15-3 season, which explains coach Mike Behen's three-word forecast for the upcoming season.

"We're extremely young," said Behen. "We only have four seniors and two juniors, so we'll be relying on our underclassmen a lot this season. "If I had to pick our strength, I'd say our defense should be pretty good."

Among the returners for the Chiefs are senior forward Brad Barath, a three-year varsity player who Behen predicts big things from in his final high school season.

"He was one of our better players at the end of last year and I see that carrying over to this year," said Behen.

Behen also praised the potential of first-year senior Alex Lajoie, who is currently playing for the Chiefs' football team.

"He's quick and a hard worker, so he should help us a lot," he said.

Another top returner is Derek Trosper, a senior forward who should be one of Behen's top scorers.

Behen also has high expectations for senior defenseman J.P. LaFontaine; junior forward T.J. Wies; and sophomore Blake Van Tiem.

Protecting the net will be sophomore Shane Birchler and junior Kevan Swanberg.

"Our goal is to win the division championship," Behen said. "The schedule sets up well for us because we don't have a division game for about a month and a half."

PCS PENGUINS

First-year coach Eric Mink will inherit a team that went 22-3 last season and advanced all the way to the state championship game before falling to Grosse Pointe South, 5-1.

The Penguins picked up right where they left off on Tuesday when they opened with a 5-1 victory over Port Huron.

Leading the way were Kelsey Nikkila (two goals); and Katie Zimmerman and Keely Kowalski, who netted three points a piece.

Even though this is Mink's first year at the helm, he knows the Penguins well having served as an assistant under previous coach Lori Callahan for the past two seasons.

"We're looking pretty good so far," said Mink, a 2001 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University. "We lost five girls to graduation and two to travel hockey, but we have six newcomers who should help us out a lot."

Among the key returners from last season's juggernaut are Adrienne Cercone, the Kowalski twins — Keely and Kristie — Zimmerman, Nikkila and Amy Coleman. Kristie Kowalski has shined in net for the Penguins since her freshman season and led the league in shutouts as a sophomore.

Leading the contingent of new players are Sarah Manner, Chelsea Osburn, Kara Bongiovanni, Shauna Siebert, Nikki Fonger and Jennifer Grodus.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES OF 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Year 2007 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:
1. To provide benefits to senior citizens.
2. To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
3. To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund

PROPOSED YEAR 2007-08 PROJECTS:
The City anticipates receiving approximately $65,000 in CDBG funds for the contract year 2007-08, and has identified the following potential projects for use of these funds:

1. Bricks & Mortar Projects		$46,150
2. Public Services		$12,350
3. Administration/Planning		$ 6,500
	TOTAL	$65,000

PUBLIC HEARING:
Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.
A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2007 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

Linda J. Langmesser
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a ***Bid for the Remodeling of Eriksson, Field, Hoben, and Hulsing Elementary Schools***. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition / 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades / 109:Roofing / 113:Hollow Metal / Wood Doors; Finish Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows / Storefront; Entrances, Glass & Glazing / 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 116:Hard Tile / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 120:Painting / 121:Visual Display Boards / 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 160:Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at the main office of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the address noted above. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. 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
JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Data, Voice and Video Wiring for Miller Elementary School.** Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after November 15, 2006 from the District's technology consultant: Innovate located at 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or vial email at info@innovatetcg.com (request document #PC0604). A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 2:00 PM. Sealed bids will also be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "MILLER ELEMENTARY CABLING BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, December 11, 2006 at which time they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

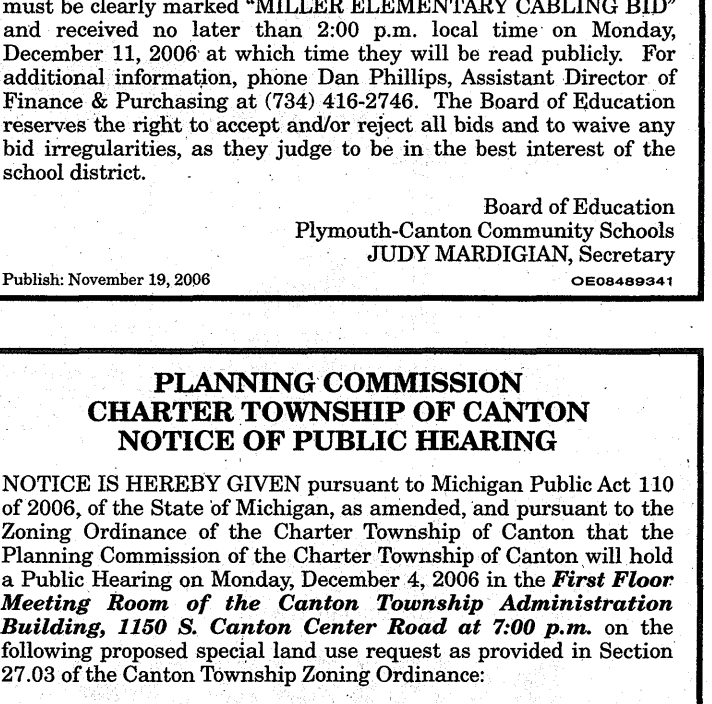
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JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

SPORTS MEDICINE & PHYSICAL TRAINING FACILITY SPECIAL LAND USE – CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MEDICAL FACILITY/INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21.02B.3 AND 21.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NOS. 131 02 0001 000, 131 02 0002 000, 131 02 0003 000, 131 02 0004 000, 131 02 0015 000, 131 02 0023 000 AND PART OF THE COMMON ELEMENT AREA. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue between Beck and Canton Center Roads.



Sports Medicine & Physical Training Facility 131-SLU-090

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 30, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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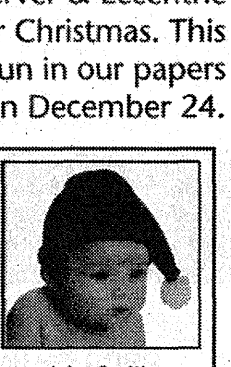
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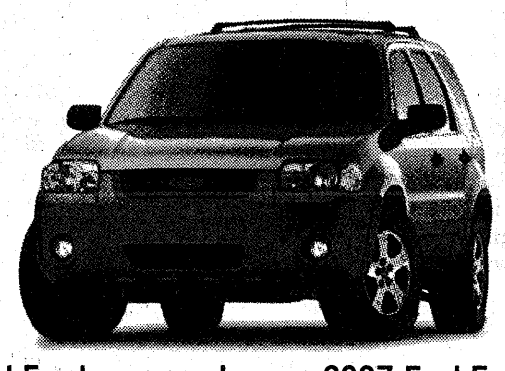


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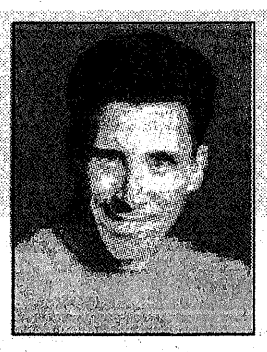
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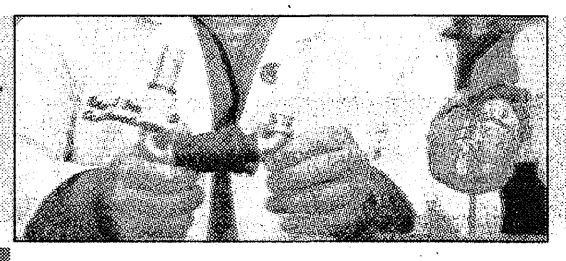
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Keep those children reading

The teen room at the Canton Public Library is impressive.

When I was there Tuesday afternoon, I saw the large mural done by Betty Huang and Millie Li, now sophomores at Salem High School. One wall of bookshelves was lined with graphic novels, and teen librarian Kevin Scanlon noted that many more of those are checked out.



Julie Brown

Students were busy that day doing homework, using the computers and just hanging out. The library boasts Teen Tuesdays 3-5 p.m. each week, a drop-in program, as well as monthly Book and Pizza Club discussions for both teens and younger 'tweens in fifth and sixth grades.

"This is important because you're giving teens their own space, their own identity within the library," Scanlon said of the teen room, in existence for about five years.

Scanlon added that some question the educational value of the graphic novels which teens gobble up. In my day, it was Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys books that were considered less than desirable. I loved Nancy's adventures with friends Bess and George, but the grade school librarian didn't care for them and didn't carry the titles.

These days, the local public libraries still carry Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys books, with Scanlon noting their perennial popularity. Many argue the books keep kids reading at a critical time they're all to likely to get out of the habit. The same argument can be applied to graphic novels.

Wednesday night, I had my Contemporary Books discussion at the Plymouth District Library (we read *The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende), and I took a few minutes to check out the teen offerings there.

Students in the Plymouth-Canton community are fortunate to have such excellent libraries with a strong focus on serving their needs. Sure, schoolwork is important, but so is leisure reading and the two complement each other.

As we discussed Allende's book Wednesday, I thought how fortunate students in our community are to have their own discussion groups. Both libraries have undergone expansion in recent years, and community residents deserve credit, too, for their support of these libraries.

The popular summer reading programs bring younger kids in droves to the libraries each year, and the school year also brings eager young readers into the libraries to check out what's new.

Kids need a place to go, and certainly the local library is as good as any. Libraries aren't quite as quiet as they used to be, either, and there are plenty of opportunities for students to speak up, such as in a spirited book discussion.

When I left school in my early 20s after graduation, I didn't read a lot away from work for a while. That didn't last too long, however, and before you knew it, I had another library card and was reading away.

These days, I try not to miss the Contemporary Books discussions (7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month) at the Plymouth District Library.

Often, we find we have a better discussion when the book wasn't universally loved, and it's fun to learn what each person thought of the author's work.

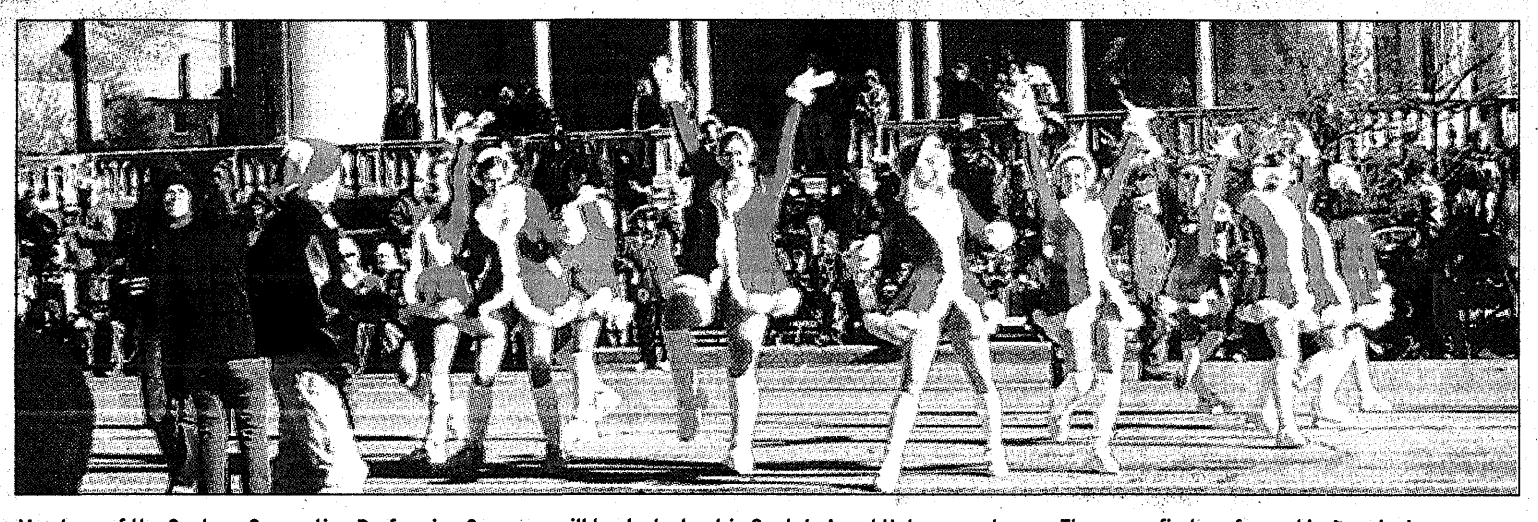
It's interesting as well to learn more about authors like Allende, and I often go online before the discussion to do just that. Whatever your age, why not check out the offerings at the Plymouth library, (734) 453-0750, or Canton, (734) 397-0999?

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A grand tradition



Old Mother Goose rolls down Woodward Avenue in the first Thanksgiving Parade in 1924. The parade's oldest float returns this year.



Members of the Onstage Connection Performing Company will be decked out in Santa's Angel Helpers costumes. The group first performed in America's Thanksgiving Parade in 2004 when they were known as Dance Electric.

Parade celebrates 80 years of thrilling crowds

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The young members of the OnStage Connection Performing Co. wouldn't have been as excited about dancing in the first Thanksgiving Parade 80 years ago.

In the 1920s, it took hours for horses to draw Mother Goose down Woodward Avenue and televising the floats was impossible since the medium didn't exist. During a Monday night rehearsal, a chorus of voices revealed the dancers' main reason for wanting to march in the magical event — the opportunity to be seen by millions of viewers.

Brittney Arcenal and Madison Bow do admit to being uneasy about appearing before one million spectators along the route, but not enough to forego their few seconds of fame as 102 million households nationwide tune in to view America's Thanksgiving Parade. Thirteen performers in all from OnStage Connection studios in Farmington Hills and Hartland will be dancing to the music of *Sleigh Ride* beginning at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, in Detroit. The route is modeled after the original parade and takes marchers down Woodward Avenue from Mack to Congress.

The festivities kick off with the fund-raising Hob Nobble Gobble 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, followed by the Turkey Trot run Thanksgiving morning. After the parade, the fun continues at the fairgrounds where visitors can view and photograph themselves with the floats at Holidays on Parade.

Members of the OnStage Connection Performing Co. will be decked out in Santa's Angel Helpers costumes for the parade. The group first danced its way down Woodward Avenue in 2004, when it was known as Dance Electric.



Heather Sandberg of Livonia (center back row) poses at the 2004 America's Thanksgiving Parade with OnStage Connection performers then known as Dance Electric. As artistic director Sandberg travels down Woodward with the young dancers to ensure none are left behind.

"I'm really excited and a little nervous just in case I mess up," said Brittney Arcenal, a 14-year-old student at Salem High School in Canton.

"We're practicing, doing it over and over again," said Madison Bow, 12, who attends Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills. "I practice at home, too."

Company artistic director Heather Sandberg rehearses the dancers 16 hours a week to prepare them for the route, which can be cold and rainy. This year, she's recommending performers wear leggings.

"It takes a lot of energy out of the kids," said Sandberg, of Livonia. "They're moving really fast."

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LOVE A PARADE

- The Parade begins in Midtown at Woodward and Mack Avenues at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, and ends in downtown Detroit at Woodward Avenue and Congress Street.
- The festivities kick off with the fund-raising Hob Nobble Gobble 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, followed by the Turkey Trot run Thanksgiving morning.
- For details about any of the events, call (313) 923-7400. The parade is free except for the grandstand tickets ($22 to $45), available online at www.theparade.org or by calling (313) 923-7400, ext. 227.
- Holidays on Parade runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-25, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Admission is $5, free for age 2 and under.

Artist finds time for every purpose 'Under Heaven'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Von Buskirk likes to tell a story with his fine art. The ability to make his paintings speak to the masses most likely comes from 14 years of experience as a commercial mural painter. Public art has to relay a message if it's to be successful.

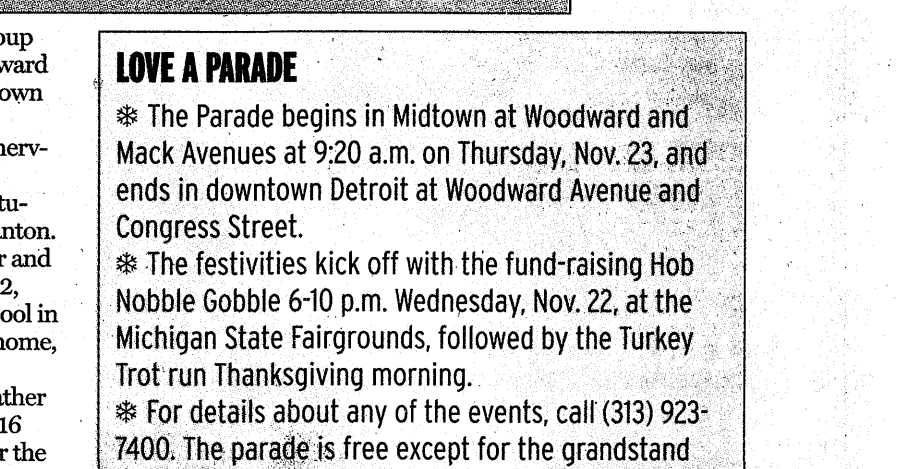
Von Buskirk realized a long time ago that viewers need to connect with a work of fine art as well. His latest show, *Under Heaven*, documents the circle of life by focusing on the Old Testament's A Time to Every Purpose from Ecclesiastes 3. Historically, the Bible was an inspiration for artists. Von Buskirk's series of paintings takes viewers through the day in the life of one woman, capturing the times of joy and mourning in a wash of acrylics. He uses the wood grain of the exposed board surface to create transparent backgrounds that are lyrical in nature. The show continues to Nov. 30, at Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville.

"I kept the portraits somewhat static and changed the lighting to see how light in the portrait would affect the time of day," said Jeff Von Buskirk, a 34-year-old Northville painter who grew up in Livonia.

"I was working on a mural in Detroit and kept noticing the plywood on buildings that was covered with old paint. I wanted to create a texture on the background and paint on top of it, to experiment with the plywood. I wanted to put it together relatively quickly and keep it affordable."

Von Buskirk has always been concerned with making his art marketable. As a student at Stevenson High School, he painted jackets and sold them in stores. He later took science classes at

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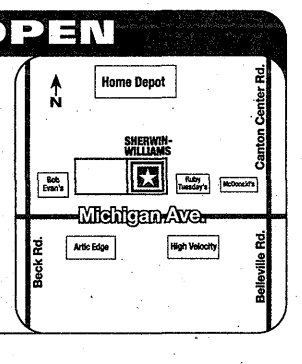
Jeff Von Buskirk poses with paintings from his Under Heaven series. The work is on exhibit at Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville through Nov. 30.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner
A Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner takes place noon-3 p.m. Nov. 19 at Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Redford Presbyterian Church, 22122 W. McNichols in Redford. Cost is $8 for adults, $4 children under 12. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

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

Holiday nights
This December, step into a Christmas card of the past during Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village, December 1-2, 8-9, 15-17 and 19-23. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 313-982-6001 or visiting The Henry Ford's website at www.thehenryford.org.

'Capturing ancestors'
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Speaker Susan Vitali will discuss "Capturing Your Ancestors Through Photos and Journaling." At 6:30 p.m., a session will cover online book catalogs available through the library. Guests are welcome. The group's Web site is www.rootsweb. com/~miwwcgs. Contact Margie (734) 522-4050.

Vespers and nativity concert
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor a Vespers service and Nativity concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn. The evening begins at 6:30 with a Vespers service concelebrated by priests from COCC member churches and sung by the COCC's Inter-Orthodox Choir. Following the service, the choir will sing a concert of Orthodox liturgical and para-liturgical music for the Nativity season and selected Eastern and Western European Advent and Christmas carols. The story of St. Nicholas and gifts for children will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served. The evening is free of charge and open to the public.
A freewill offering will be collected. For further information, contact Victoria Kopistiansky, director of the Inter-Orthodox Choir and chair of the COCC Music Committee, at (313) 366-0677 or KopistianskyVickie@sbcglobal.net.

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■ The November meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to work at the LDS Church. The next meeting takes place Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Crafters needed
The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128.

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

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

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

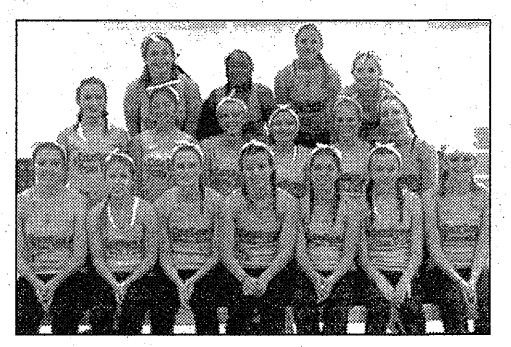
Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children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



Chiefettes kick

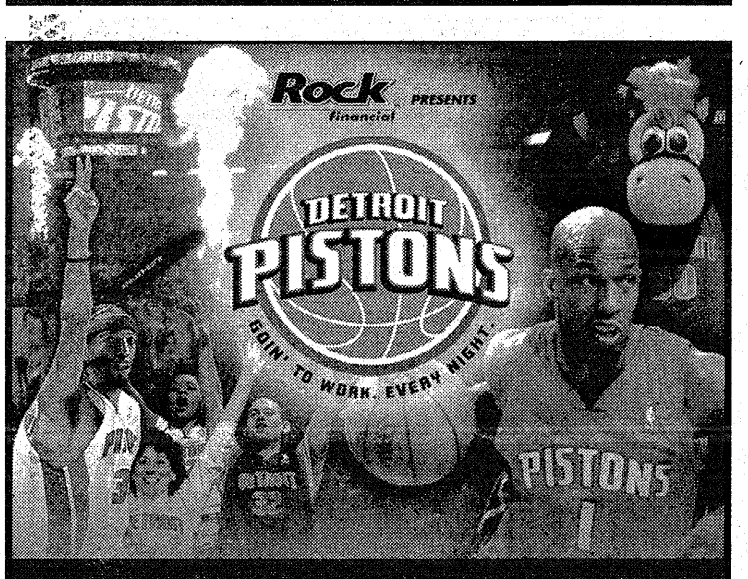
The Canton Chiefettes Varsity squad recently competed in the Mid-American Pom Pon Varsity High Kick competition. The squad performed an amazing original routine and won second place in the state. In addition to competing, the team performs at various Canton High School sporting events. Formed in 1973, the varsity Chiefettes are coached by Jenny Kesler.

JV honors

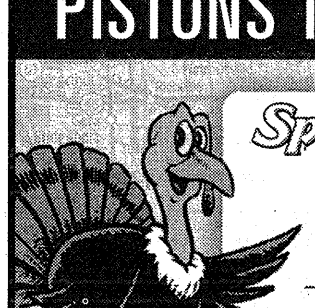


The Canton Chiefettes JV squad recently competed in the Mid-American Pom Pon JV High Kick competition. The hard-working, up-and-coming squad earned "Honorable Mention" for a strong performance of their original routine. The JV Chiefettes are coached by Katie Nuss.

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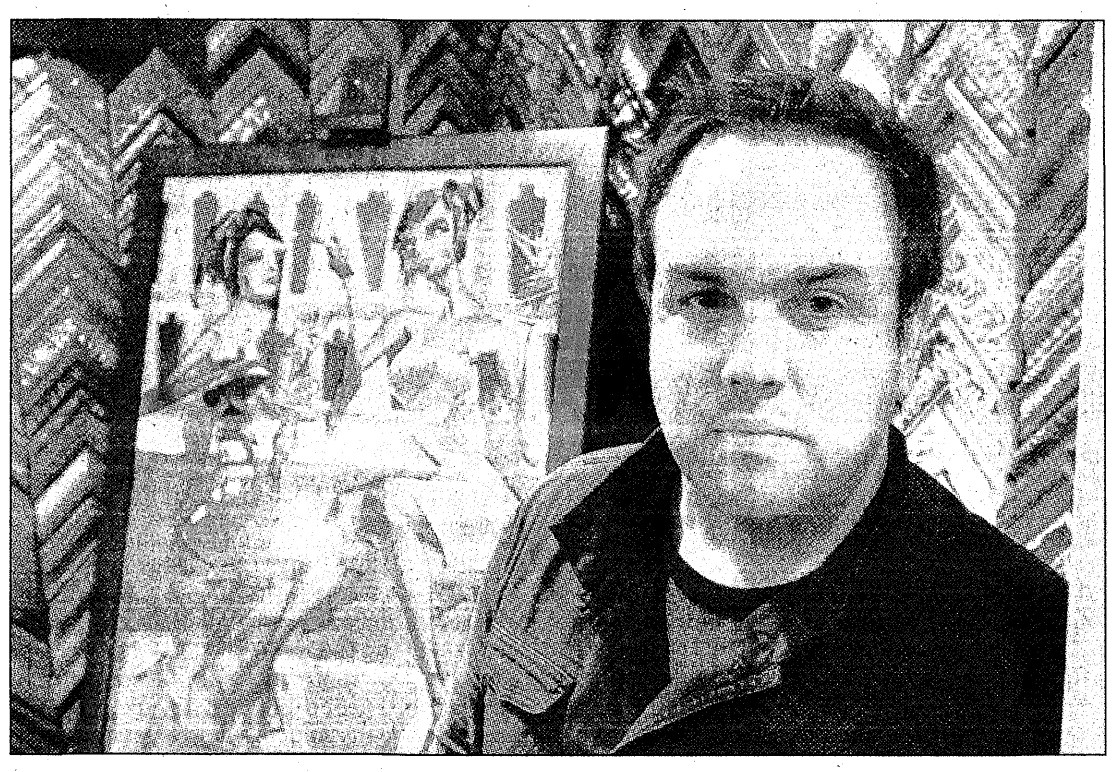
Schoolcraft College to become a physician, but soon realized the career was not for him after his parents' friends took him on as an apprentice to paint commercial murals.

Over the next seven years, their clients included Busch's Markets and other businesses in metro Detroit.

Eventually, Von Buskirk produced a variety of subject matter such as the moose on the exterior of the Lower Town Grille in Plymouth on his own. General Motors' world headquarters and restaurants including Sweet Lorraine, Cheli's Chili, Pike Street, and Grapevine Cafe in the Greektown Casino are among a partial list of his commissions. Von Buskirk's work is also in the private collections of attorney Geoffrey Fieger and celebrity Niki Hilton.

Most recently, Von Buskirk restored a historic sign on the exterior of a four-story building that once housed the Willys-Overland Motor Co., inventor of the jeep. Future projects include a mural for a Franklin home.

Like his painting, Von Buskirk isn't remaining static. He continuously moves from one commission to the next as a way of providing for his wife Wensdy and 15-month-old son Verick while studying digital animation at College for Creative Studies. Von Buskirk is moving in a new direction with his art and says the transition came about after becoming a husband and father. A year ago, Von Buskirk opened the gallery with an exhibit of paintings he refers to as distorted pop art. Since then, the work has evolved into portraiture that captures the triumphs and tragedy in life.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Von Buskirk and a painting from last year's show.

"People see it on the street and make a bee line in to see it," said Cherrie Fergusson, gallery marketing person. "I think it's the background."

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art is located at 109 N. Center, north of Main, Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-0470.

To view Von Buskirk's art online, visit www.jlvb.com. For information about the gallery, go to www.sherrusgallery.com.

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TRADITION

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When Ralph Skinner joined The Parade Co. as an artist in 1977, building and hauling a float down Woodward was not easy. Ninety-five percent of the superstructure was handcrafted from wood without the help of power saws.

Today, artists bend and shape smaller amounts of steel with welding tools, then cover the forms with muslin.

This year, Skinner is especially excited about one of the new floats — Has Anyone Seen Christmas? The theme was taken from a book by Michigan author Anne Margaret Lewis and illustrator Wendy Popko. Only the 24 freelance artists and hundreds of volunteers who worked on the float know exactly what it looks like. Parade-goers will have to wait to see the float on Thanksgiving Day.

"With all the advances over the years in glues and adhesives, it's changed the way we build floats. We use spray foam used for insulation in homes. It's a great time saver. We can make snow and clouds, icing on large cakes. For the 80th birthday float, we're working on a cake 14-foot high. Everything is really big here," said Ralph Skinner, senior art director. Skinner earned his master of fine art degree in sculpting from Michigan State University. "We used to use a lot of papier mache. We now use a lot of muslin. It's faster, more artist friendly. We make a lot of props out of Styrofoam and use muslin to give it a skin."

This year, like last, Sharon Scott plans to stand along the route pointing to the two-foot tall candy corn she painted for Has Anyone Seen Christmas. For the last four years, she and husband Keith, daughters Danielle, 21, and Courtney, 19, and son Robby, 16, have volunteered to build, paint and restore floats such as the 1924 Mother Goose that returns for the 80th birthday parade. This year Danielle, a Saginaw Valley State University student, returns to walk in the parade, while Keith drives the Party Bus. Sharon; Courtney, a Grand Valley State University student; and Robby, a Churchill High School student, will be cheering Danielle and Keith on.

"Everyday is different," said Sharon Scott, of Livonia. "We've attached grass to a float, painted objects. Since spring I've been sewing clown costumes. There are always things to do and they so appreciate the volunteers. As a volunteer, you see how they start with chicken wire and put muslin over it and then paint. When you see the floats go down the street, you know how it was made.

"On the day of the parade, I'm always nudging my family saying I painted on that egg. My favorite part of the parade is seeing the floats the family worked on. The parade is such a great civic event, it makes you feel good knowing I put two cents into that."

Keith Scott became hooked on volunteering after a field trip to the float drivers school with Indian Guides. Since then, he's not only worked on floats, but volunteered to help at the July Fourth Fireworks put on by The Parade Co. On Wednesday, Keith will navigate and drive floats down the back streets so they're ready to roll Thursday morning.

"The real challenge is taking those floats on the side streets. Two years ago it was cold and rainy, but even in the rain kids lined the streets anyway. It's like a parade before the parade. Volunteers bring their leftover Halloween candy and throw the candy to the kids," said Keith Scott, a buyer for American Axle. "There's a certain pride in volunteering, to know I helped put the hat back on Mother Goose."

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Kari and Stephen Foust-Christensen were married on Aug. 26. Kari wore the same gown her grandmother Joyce Livermore did when she took her vows in 1946.



Joyce Livermore married naval officer Frederick Foust in 1946 in this wedding dress.

Bride marches down aisle in grandmother's dress

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kari Foust made her grandmother's dream come true on Aug. 26, when Foust walked down the aisle to marry Stephen Christensen in Joyce Livermore's wedding dress. Livermore first wore the gown to marry naval officer Frederick Foust on Aug. 3, 1946 in Ann Arbor.

Livermore came across the dress when moving two years ago. Before long plans were in place for friends and family to make the day truly one to remember. Jules Joyner of St. Clair Shores altered the gown which was trimmed with the rosepoint lace from Foust's paternal great-great-grandmother's gown. Livermore's gown was made from candlelight satin trimmed with rosepoint lace from her paternal-grandmother's wedding dress. Her floor length veil flowed from a cap made from her grandmother's rosepoint lace wedding handkerchief. Foust added a blusher to her floor length veil.

Foust's great-aunt Gail Shlanta Peasley flew in from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to officiate at the ceremony in Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Her aunt Carol and uncle Kelvin Chen of Westland, and Donna Kallie, Foust's former flute teacher provided the instrumental music at the ceremony. The four-layer wedding cake was made by Foust's aunt Carol Seeburger of Blissfield, Mich, and enjoyed by guests at the reception in Hawthorne Valley Country Club. Videographer John Smith, Foust's God-father from Georgia, recorded the event.

The entire family is still talking about the wedding. Kari, a former Plymouth resident, and Stephen, formerly of Lexington, Kentucky, now live in Holland where she is a staff writer for Group Tour Magazine and he is completing a degree in computer science at Hope College.

Kari is the daughter of Brian and Cathy Foust. Stephen is the son of Drs. Ralph and Evelyn Christensen.

"It was a very family wedding," said Cathy Foust of Plymouth. "Everybody said let me be involved. This is so family."

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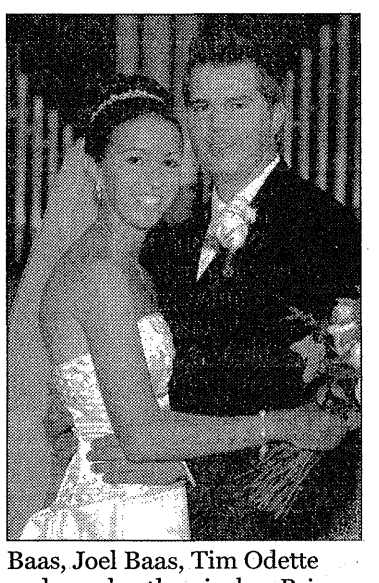
Andrea Galindo and Dale VanWashenova were married on July 15, 2006, at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth.

Andrea is the daughter of Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia. She graduated from Churchill High School in 1998 and Central Michigan University in 2002. She is currently employed at Trans-Man Logistics in Taylor.

Dale is the son of Lorna VanWashenova and the late Dale VanWashenova of South Rockwood. He graduated from Airport High School in 1995, Central Michigan University in 2001 and Eastern Michigan University in 2004. He is currently pursuing an elementary education teaching position.

Andrea's matron of honor was friend Lisa DiPonio. Her bridesmaids were sister-in-law Nicole Galindo, new sister-in-law Angela VanWashenova, friends Caroline Oosterhouse and Angela Marinoff. Flower girls were cousins Haley Galindo and Faith Pustover.

Dale's bestmen were his brother Jeff VanWashenova and friend David Illes. His groomsmen were friends Jason



Baas, Joel Baas, Tim Odette and new brother-in-law Brian Galindo. Ushers were friends Cyrus Baker and Nick DiPonio and new cousin Stephen Galindo.

The wedding reception was held at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Many friends and relatives attended from out of town including the Bride's aunt and uncle from Bolivia.

Andrea and Dale honeymooned in the Bahamas and are living in Canton where they've bought a house.

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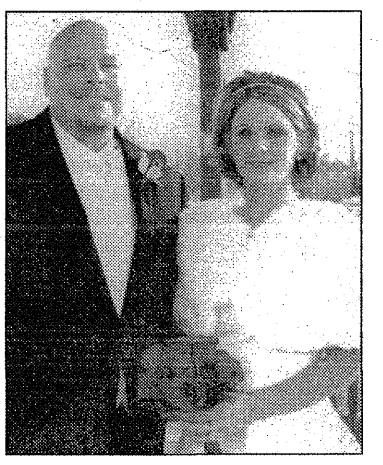
Jennifer Pemas and Randy Lorenzetti were married Nov. 4, 2006, at The Little Wedding Chapel Heritage Park in Taylor.

The bride is the daughter of Alexander and Nina Pemas of Garden City.

The groom is the son of James and Diane Lorenzetti of Dearborn Heights.

A reception was held at Roma Hall of Garden City.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun Mexico.





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RUTH LUCAS SCHUMACHER BILLING

Age 98, formerly of Oscoda. MI, died Oct. 25, 2006. Born March 5, 1908, in Laurium, MI, she moved to Highland Park in 1915. She married Harry Schumacher in 1928 and moved to early Livonia in 1940. Members of Salem Church in Farmington, they enjoyed round dancing in the Farmington Masonic Temple and were active in Masons and Eastern Star. Ruth was active in the Red Cross during WWII and sang in the Livonia Civic Chorus. Harry preceded his wife in death in 1955. They had three children, Betty (Jack) Gazvoda of Farmington Hills, Lois DePencier of Myrtle Beach, SC, and John (Pat) Schumacher of Farmington Hills. Ruth has six grandchildren, Dawn (Sam) DePencier, Julie (Gene) Filipowicz, Ross (Debbie) DePencier, John (Tracie) Schumacher, Liz (Stan) Lniski, and Chris Schumacher. She is also survived by three great granddaughters, Ashley, Natalie and Maebel. Ruth married Clarence Billing (deceased 1973) in 1968 and moved to Oscoda, MI. She acquired a second family, including dearest friend Clara Simpson, Joyce (Walt) Gagnon, the late Marge (Camp) Prisk, the late Betty (Earl) Milburn, Cora (the late Harold) Dettinger, and Earl (Dorothy) Billing, and eleven grandchildren, numerous great and great-great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on December 9th, 11:00, at Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington. (248-474-6880). Memorials may be made to the church.

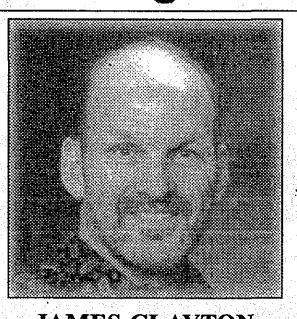


PHYLLIS M. KELLY

Nov. 17, 2006, Age 79 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Patrick (Janice), Daniel (Trina), Bridget, James, John (Lynne), the late Timothy (Kathy), and the late Colleen. Also survived by 13 grandchildren. long time active member and volunteer at St. Thomas A. Beckett Catholic Church. She was always on the go, never letting her health issues, including Multiple Sclerosis slow her down. Visitation Monday, 5:00-9:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Wake service Monday 7:00 PM. In State Tuesday 10:00 AM until 10:30. Funeral Mass at St. Thomas A. Beckett Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton (at Cherry Hill). memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ELVEN A PORTER

Elven A. (Al) Porter, 69, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. Mr. Porter was born in Mount Pleasant, TN, and moved to The Villages, FL from South Lyon, MI in 2005. He was retired as Vice President of K.F. Associates in Auburn Hills, MI. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter. Survivors include his wife Tari L.; daughters, Marni Joseph of Hampden, MA; Leslie McDonough of Belleville, MI; Heidi Wyman of Sterling, MA and six grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby Cummins of Lake Worth, FL and brother, Lloyd Porter of Meridianville, AL, plus several nephews and great-nephews. A memorial service for Mr. Porter will be held in August of 2007 in Canton, MI with details at a later date. To receive updates regarding memorial service details as they are available, please send an e-mail to Al_Porter_Memorial@comcast.net. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Villages Hospice House, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.



JAMES CLAYTON ROSHIRT

Age 55, of Northville, Michigan died suddenly at home on November 2, 2006. James was born July 16, 1951 in Detroit to Clayton and Marian Roshirt. He graduated from Bentley High School-Livonia in 1969 and Miami University of Ohio with a degree in Communications. Mr. Roshirt served in the U.S. Navy and was a Vietnam War Veteran. He continued to serve after the Navy in the Army Reserves. He was an avid boater, loved music, remodeling, gardening and landscaping, traveling. He had visited 48 of our 50 states during his lifetime. At the time of his death, Mr. Roshirt was doing volunteer work at Botsford General Hospital. He is survived by his mother, Marian, a brother Paul (Therese), a sister Kathy Herring, three nieces: Melissa St. John (Chris), Dana Roshirt, Katie Roshirt, and one great nephew Lucas St. John. Funeral services were held at Schrader Howell in Plymouth on November 6 and interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

DOUGLAS STEVENS

Age 73, died November 14, 2006 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on August 26, 1933 the son of Richard and Ann Stevens in Highland Park, Michigan. Doug married Norma J. Eustice on February 10,1988. He served the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict as a Staff Sgt., shooting instructor and armorer. He was a member of the American Legion Frankfort Post No. 221 and the Cedar Rod & Gun Club. He was also a lifetime member of the NRA. Doug attended Blaine Christian Church and was employed with AAA for 29 years. Surviving is wife, Norma; children Linda Stevens of Grand Blanc and Scott (Jennifer) Stevens of Shelby Twp.; 2 grandsons, Jacob and Danial; stepson, Jeffrey Butler of Frankfort; brother, Godfrey (Delores) Stevens of Westland, Michigan; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister. A celebration of Doug's life will be Saturday, November 25th at the Benzonia Chapel of McElduff-Jowett Funeral Home, 7223 South St., Benzonia, 49616, with Rev. Bob Larimer officiating. Burial will be in Blaine Twp. Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Benzie County Animal Welfare or the NRA. The Benzonia Chapel of McElduff-Jowett Funeral Homes & Cremation Service is handling the arrangements.

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Holiday dance, 7-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, Roma Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m. Formal attire recommended but Sunday best will do. Tickets $26 members and associates, $29 guests. For information or reservations, call Joe Castrodale, (248)968-5197.

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Volleyball
Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m.
Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is $6.
In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost $2.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Monthly Dance
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford. Cost is $10. Refreshments included.

Sock Party/Potluck
7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Admission is a pair of new socks, scarf or mittens and a dish to pass. For details, contact Michele (313)996-8644.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

McGarrie 50th Anniversary

Thomas and Patricia (Bartkus) McGarrie celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends at St. Damian's Church in Westland with renewal of their wedding vows.

The couple were married at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington on Nov. 3, 1956, by the Rev. John Dunn.

Pat and Tom have lived in Livonia their entire married life, raising three children – Jean Harris of Houston, Texas, Laurie (Shahram) Ariane of Laguna Niguel, Calif., and James (Colleen) McGarrie of Livonia. They have five grandchildren, Lauren, Arielle, Sasha, Jessica and Jacob.

Tom retired from Cargill Detroit in 2000. Pat retired as a legal secretary from patent attorney Charles Chandler's office in Livonia.

Together they enjoy visiting their out-of-state children, planning picnics and parties with friends, playing cardsm





ushering at plays and just sharing retirement together. A trip to Scotland is planned.

Greytoks' 50th anniversary

Gilson and Patricia (Naylor) Greytok of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married Nov. 17, 1956, in Detroit. The couple has lived in Livonia for 40 years.

They have three children, Gary Greytok of Westland, Michael Greytok of Hamburg and Michelle (Tom) Sexton or Northville. They have three grandchildren.

The Greytoks are retired.

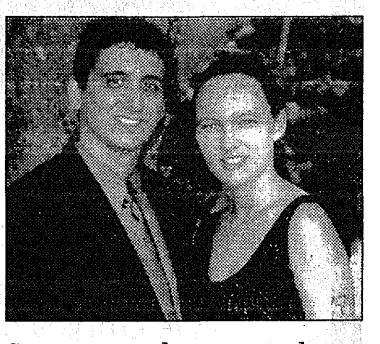
ENGAGEMENT

Whittemore-Bearer

Dennis Whittemore of Pelham, Mass., and Kim Whittemore of Amherst, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Jessica M. Whittemore of Waterford, to Dr. Ryan W. Bearer of Livonia.

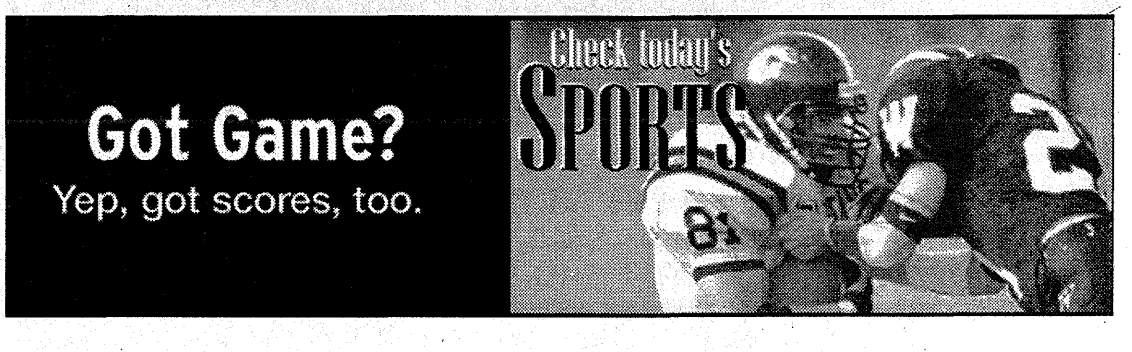
The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Amherst High School. She received a bachelor of science in biology from Syracuse University in 1999 and a doctor of optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. She is in private practice at Grand Blanc Vision Clinic in Grand Blanc.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Livonia-



Stevenson and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University. He is received a doctorate from the Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is an anesthesiology resident at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

A Sept. 1, 2007, wedding is planned.

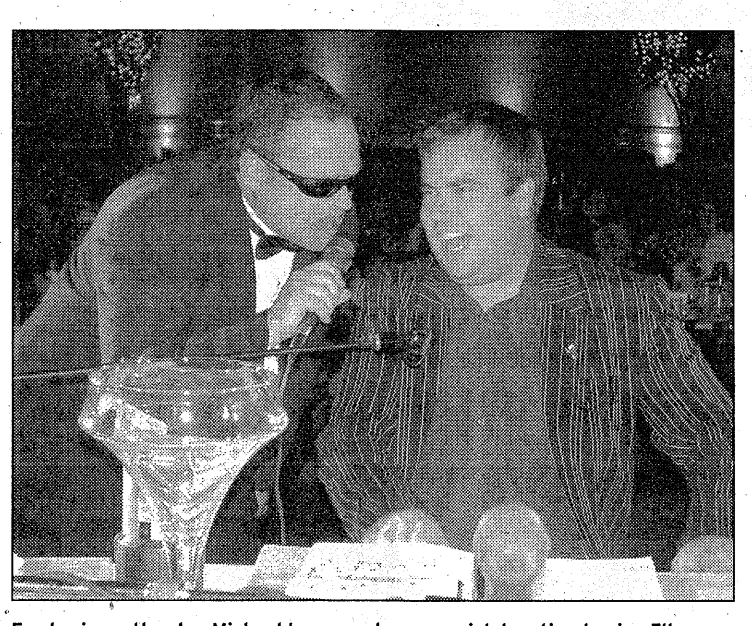


Hospital's annual fund-raiser accents colorful shoes

It was a fun, kick up your heels kind of night on Friday, Oct. 27, at Garden City Hospital's annual Fall Fund-raiser "Isn't it Grand," at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Cutting through the sea of black and white casual attire, were the colorful shoes. At this year's event, attendees were invited to wear their wackiest, craziest, and most colorful shoes. It was all about the fun atmosphere and the conversations that follow. Guests were spotted wearing fuzzy slippers, clown shoes, old gym shoes, while other chose to design their own colorful shoes.

"Isn't it Grand" was sponsored by National City and featured an entertaining dueling piano performance by Cool2Duel. Elaborately themed baskets created by hospital employees were raffled off. There was a silent auction. This year's auction had a wider variety of items including donated art.



Fund-raiser attendee Michael Lance makes a special donation to sing Elton John's 1973 hit Crocodile Rock with pianist and entertainer Mike McKesson from Cool2Duel.

Proceeds from "Isn't it Grand" will benefit the building of Garden City Hospital's new Surgical Center.

LIBRARY PICKS

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FICTION

1. "Dear John," Nicholas Sparks
2. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
3. "Lisey's Story," Stephen King
4. "H.R.H.," Danielle Steel
5. "The Collectors," David Baldacci

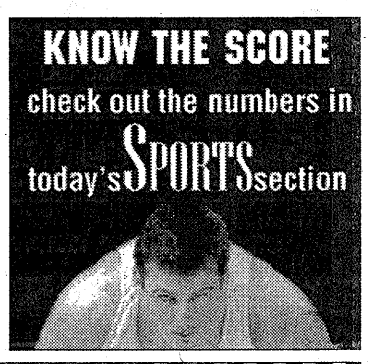
NON-FICTION

1. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
2. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham
3. "Culture Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
4. "State of Denial," Bob Woodward
5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

PARENT'S CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Mr. Cookie Baker," Monica Wellington
2. "Boo and Bea Have Company," Lena Landstrom
3. "All for Pie, Pie for All," David Martin
4. "Ten in the Bed," Jane Cabrera
5. "An Apple for Harriet Tubman," Glennette Turner





Verdi Theatre spotlights competition winners

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is pleased to announce its upcoming concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, will feature a group of artists performing together with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and the Rackham Symphony Choir, conducted by Michigan Opera Theatre's Assistant Music Director Suzanne Mallare Acton at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

Tickets are $25 and available by calling (586) 286-2222. For more information send e-mail to verdiopera@comcast.net.

The first part of the program, Spotlight on Opera, includes famous opera arias, duets and ensembles with chorus. The second part will be a concert performance of Giacomo Puccini's comic one-act opera, Gianni Schicchi, with the added attractive of English surtitles projected over the stage. The evening's artists include acclaimed baritones Scott MacLeod, Allen Schrott, Chris Vaught, and Dino Valle plus popular sopranos Eva Evola, Lisa Agazzi, Kimberly Swan, and Elena Repnikova as well as noted tenors Lonel Woods and Michael Parr.

Of particular interest will be the debut with the Verdi Opera of Scott MacLeod in the title role of Gianni Schicchi. MacLeod, a native of Okemos, was the winner of the Verdi Opera's 1996 annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition For Michigan High School Students, now in its thirteenth year. The vocal competition inspired MacLeod to pursue a career in opera.

He has performed over 50 roles with opera companies throughout the United States including Opera Omaha, St.Louis Opera and Central City Opera.

Another noteworthy and growing artist who made her debut two years ago with the Verdi Opera is soprano Eva Evola who will sing the role of Lauretta in Gianni Schicchi. Evola debuted last year with Michigan Opera Theatre in the role of Clotilde in Bellini's Norma.

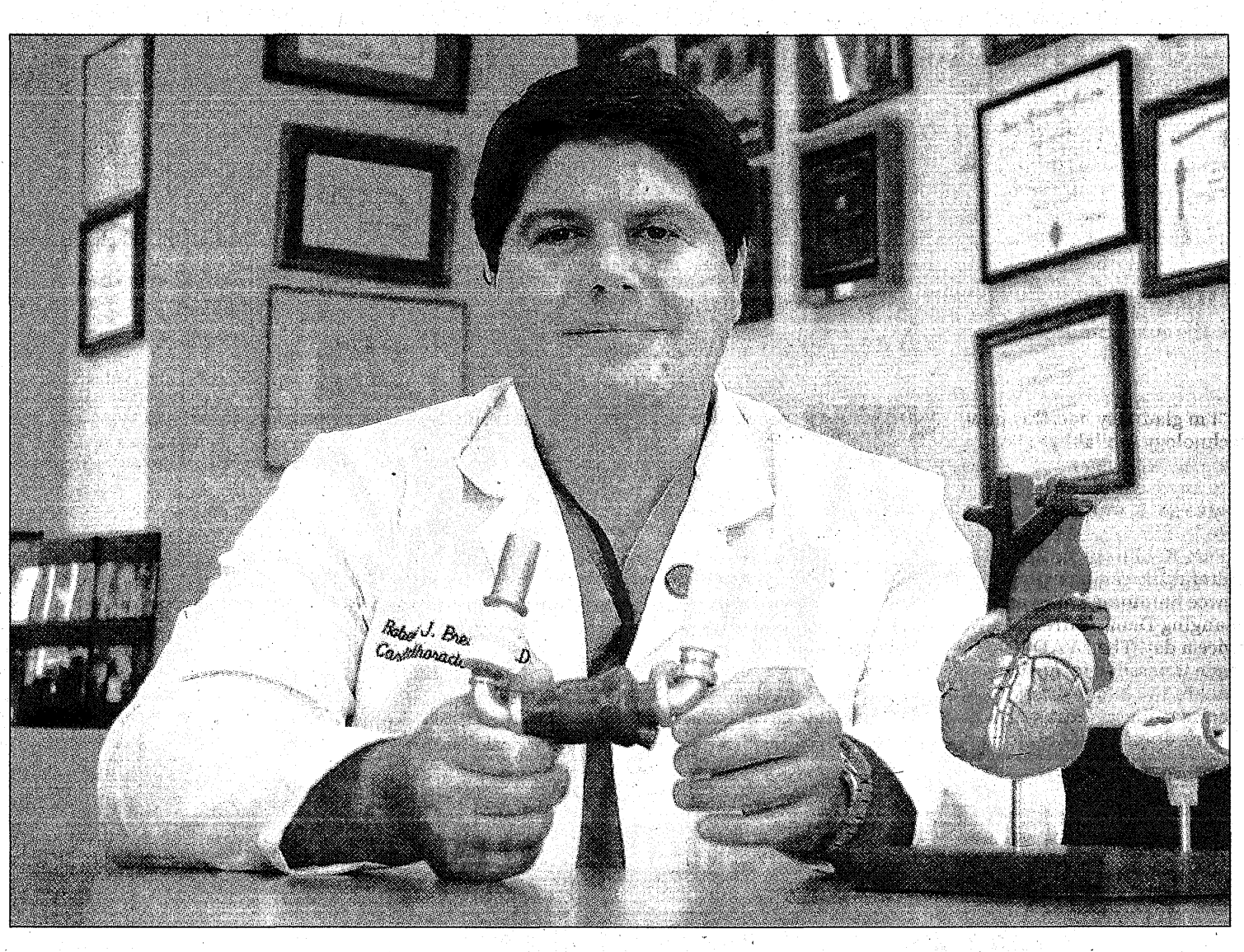




Bridge to life

Device helps patients awaiting heart transplant

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Cardio-thoracic surgeon Robert Brewer is implanting the Heart Mate II Left Ventricular Assist Device in patients at Henry Ford Hospital. The LVAD not only provides a bridge for those awaiting a donor heart, but for patients who have become too sick to undergo transplant surgery even if a heart was available.

Danny Smith couldn't be happier about being able to play with his three young children again even though he is still waiting for a heart transplant.

On June 28, cardio-thoracic surgeon Robert Brewer implanted the second generation of a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) to keep Smith's heart working until an organ donation becomes available. The first generation was too large to fit into the 53-year-old Southfield man's stomach. Although the LVAD device has been around for more than a decade, technology for the mechanical pump continues to be developed and studied. The Heart Mate II is considered experimental and is currently in clinical trials at Henry Ford Hospital. The second generation device was recently featured on the Minds of Medicine Overcoming Heart Failure program on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

"Many patients die while waiting for an organ," said Brewer, director of the circulatory assist device program at Henry Ford Hospital. "We do about 2,200 heart transplants a year in the U.S. and the number hasn't changed in a decade. We are limited by donor availability. People are living longer. We are just starting to look at destination therapy for heart failure patients who are probably not going to get a transplant because of medical issues and problems. For large males the odds of finding an organ donor of his size becomes slim."

The LVAD device is now being studied in hospitals across the country to not only provide a bridge to transplantation but sustain life for patients not eligible for transplant because they are in end-stage heart disease.

"The National Institutes of Health had an artificial heart program 20 years ago. What's become more clear is that while there are some niches for artificial hearts most patients just need an assist device," said Brewer. "The mechanical pump is electrically powered or runs on batteries to be portable."

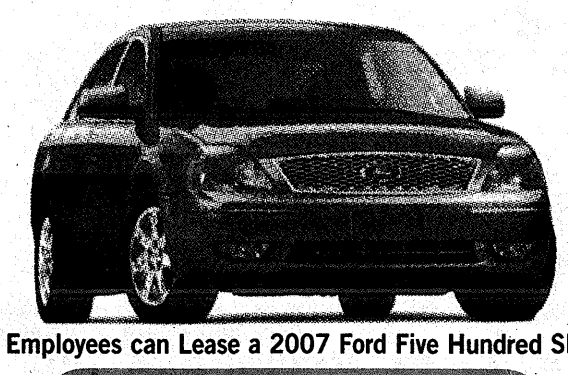
Smith doesn't mind the inconvenience of having to be plugged in by his wife at night or changing two battery packs every three hours as long as the pump continues to help his weakened heart circulate blood through his body. Smith is delighted to be alive for his wife, Pam Robinson-Smith, their 7-year old twins, Daniel and Danita, and Jasmine, age 6. It's been a long road for Smith since suffering his first heart attack in March 2003.

Physicians decided to perform a triple bypass after tests revealed a 96-percent blockage. In June of that year, Smith had another heart attack and then another the following day. In August, he suffered one more heart attack while physicians were inserting a stent. By this point Smith'sheart was so badly damaged a defibrillator had to be implanted in November 2003. Smith said he was feeling pretty good afterwards but his heart continued to weaken. On a visit to Brewer in March of this year, it was suggested he be listed for a transplant. Although Smith is still waiting for an organ donation, his quality of life has improved with the implantation of the LVAD after going into congestive heart failure.

"I feel good," said Danny Smith. "At first I had shortness of breath for a little while. Now I can go up the stairs without

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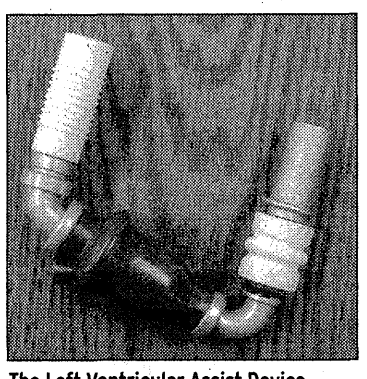
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shortness of breath.

"I'm glad they had this new technology available to keep you alive and can recommend it to anyone that this is a good way to go. It works. It's reliable."

Pam Robinson-Smith is grateful she can hear the device humming when she's changing Danny's dressing twice a day. The LVAD has made it possible for her husband to live long enough to receive a donor heart.

"He's doing much better," said Robinson-Smith. "There's a little less of an unknown. Having it has been a big relief."

In 2005, 83 heart transplant patients received the gift of life thanks to organ donors in Michigan, of those 53 were residents. Danny Smith is still waiting. As Chet Szuber, a heart recipient, put it "there's no shortage of organs. Only a shortage of donors."

Signing the back of your license isn't enough to become an organ donor. Discuss the decision with family then register at any Secretary of State branch, Gift of Life at (800) 482-4881, or online at www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

"So far this year we have 491 mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters who have received a second chance at life," said Tammie Havermahl, public education director for Gift of Life Michigan. "That is only possible because of the gift of someone who passed on life at the time of their death."

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Gift of Life recognizes organ donation supporters

Tears filled the eyes of at least one woman as organ donor families and transplant recipients told their stories at the Gift of Life Foundation's annual awards meeting to recognize those committed to saving lives.

Death is never easy to accept. On Nov. 9, I was especially touched by the peace that seemed to come from family and friends knowing a loved one lives on. The decision to register as an organ and tissue donor can eventually save or improve the quality of life for up to 50 people. That's why it's important for me as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers health reporter to remind readers from time to time that if they haven't signed up for the Gift of Life Organ, Tissue & Eye Donor Registry to do it now by calling (800) 482-4881 or visiting giftoflifemichigan.org.



Linda Chomin

Kimberly Marie Smith helped three patients receive a second chance when family members donated the young woman's liver and kidneys after she was killed in a car accident in August. While Kimberly's aunt, Sue Smith was coordinating the donation she met with obstacles from authorities who said they wouldn't be able to prosecute the drunk driver if organs were removed. Sue Smith received Gift of Life's Advocate for Change Award for urging the prosecutor and sheriff to find another way to preserve evidence.

Sue Smith was among a number of recipients on hand to receive Gift of Life awards. The Michigan nonprofit organ and tissue recovery organization has served as a liaison between donor hospitals and recipient transplant centers since 1971.

"It's important that we have leaders in our state who have the passion and commitment to improve the donation and transplantation system ultimately saving more lives," said Tammie Havermahl, public education director for Gift of Life Michigan.



Dr. Randy Janczyk (right) receives a Professional Service Award from Richard Pietroski, Gift of Life Michigan Associate Executive Director. Janczyk is a trauma surgeon who has worked to make William Beaumont the state's second leading hospital for procurement of organ donations.



Dr. Wisdom

Dr. Randy Janczyk, a trauma surgeon at William Beaumont, accepted two awards on behalf of the hospital and himself. Janczyk, a Beverly Hills resident, has worked to make organ donation a routine process there. The Beaumont transplant center in Royal Oak has procured more lungs per donor transplanted than any other donor hospital in Michigan even though the facility does not perform lung transplants.

Beaumont was one of five Michigan hospitals that comprised 54 percent of organ donations in a 12-month consecutive period. It is one of eight hospitals in Michigan to achieve an 80-percent conversion rate or better and receive a Gift of Life award. Foote Memorial in Jackson and St. John Macomb Hospital converts 100 percent of potential donors to actual donors. Spectrum Health Butterworth in Grand Rapids can take pride in a 93 percent conversion rate, Mt. Clemens General Hospital an 89 percent rate, Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo 88 percent, and Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit 82 percent. Beaumont ranked fifth with an 80 percent conversion rate as did Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Professional Service Awards went to Mary Juriga, a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac for championing new organ donor policies, and Scott Thomas and Anne Quinn, respiratory therapists at Spectrum Health for establishing a successful policy for organ donation after cardiac death.

In addition to Janczyk other Community Service Award recipients included U.S. Rep. Dave Camp for introducing H.R. 2051 to remove a restriction which provides only 36-months of immunosuppresive drug coverage for transplant patients, and Paul Charette, Michigan Department of State Office of Government Affairs Research Manager for implementing laws to link Secretary of State offices and drivers licenses to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Michigan's Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom received a Community Service Award for encouraging all state employees to sign the organ and tissue donor registry.

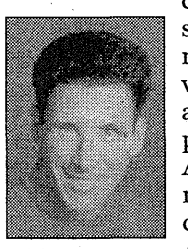
I received a Community Service Award as well for writing articles about organ transplants and donors. It was a very humbling experience as I can't count myself among the heroes who are saving lives every day. I only tell their stories.

To contact Linda Chomin, call (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to

Moderation is key with soda pop

Stephanie from Harper Woods has been a heavy pop drinker her whole life and e-mails asking how much is too much.

Michelle, pop is delicious but the fact is, it's just another junk food. Pop is usually high in calories and it supplies no nutritional value. Pop now accounts for 27 percent of America's refined sugar consumption. And, the 6-ounce bottles of the 1950s have even been permanently replaced with the jumbo 64-ounce bottles.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

As obesity rates have skyrocketed, so has the consumption of soda. A 12-ounce cola contains approximately 150 calories. If you take in around 2,000 calories per day, and add one soda per day, you'll probably gain up to 15 pounds in just one year! Remember, moderation is always the key!

Samantha from Lansing e-mails asking for information on whether high heels can cause any long term damage.

Samantha, you'll see that the proof is in the pump! Three years ago, we first learned that wearing high heel stiletto-style pumps could lead to the development of osteoarthritis. Now, a follow-up report says that wide heeled pumps can cause as much, or even more, damage than their high heeled counterparts. Researchers asked 20 women to walk with various types of heels ranging from stilettos to 3 inch wide and 3 inch tall, and then barefoot. Wearing narrow high heels put 22 percent more pressure on the knees than walking barefoot. But, walking in wide heels added 26 percent more pressure!

Many women choose wide heels over narrow. But actually, they're twice as likely to get arthritis in their knees. The reason: researchers find they wear them longer because they're more comfortable!

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

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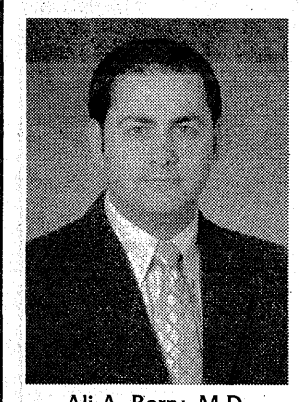
Medical car includes more then diagnosis and treatment. Monitoring plays an important part of ongoing care. In caring for your arthritis, the most important aspect of monitoring is a continual check on the side effects of your medication.

If a medicine is any good, it also can be somewhat bad. In the medications used to treat arthritis, their side effects are most likely to occur in the bone marrow, liver and kidneys. To exercise proper oversight, your physician schedules you on a periodic basis, usually once a month, for laboratory tests. The purpose of this testing is to reveal changes in your blood count, kidney, or liver function that could be related to your arthritis medication.

Other medications require different oversight. For example, a class of medications called the TNf inhibitors are excellent in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and ankylosing spondylitis. However, a side effect of these inhibitors is that they can activate latent tuberculosis. Therefore, before you start a TNF inhibitor, you need a tuberculin test. if that test is positive, you require treatment for tuberculosis before you can start on the arthritis medication. Furthermore, you should repeat the tuberculin test annually for as long as you continue the TNF inhibitor.

If you are taking arthritis medication, monitoring those drugs is important. though it may seem tedious, keep the schedule your doctor orders.

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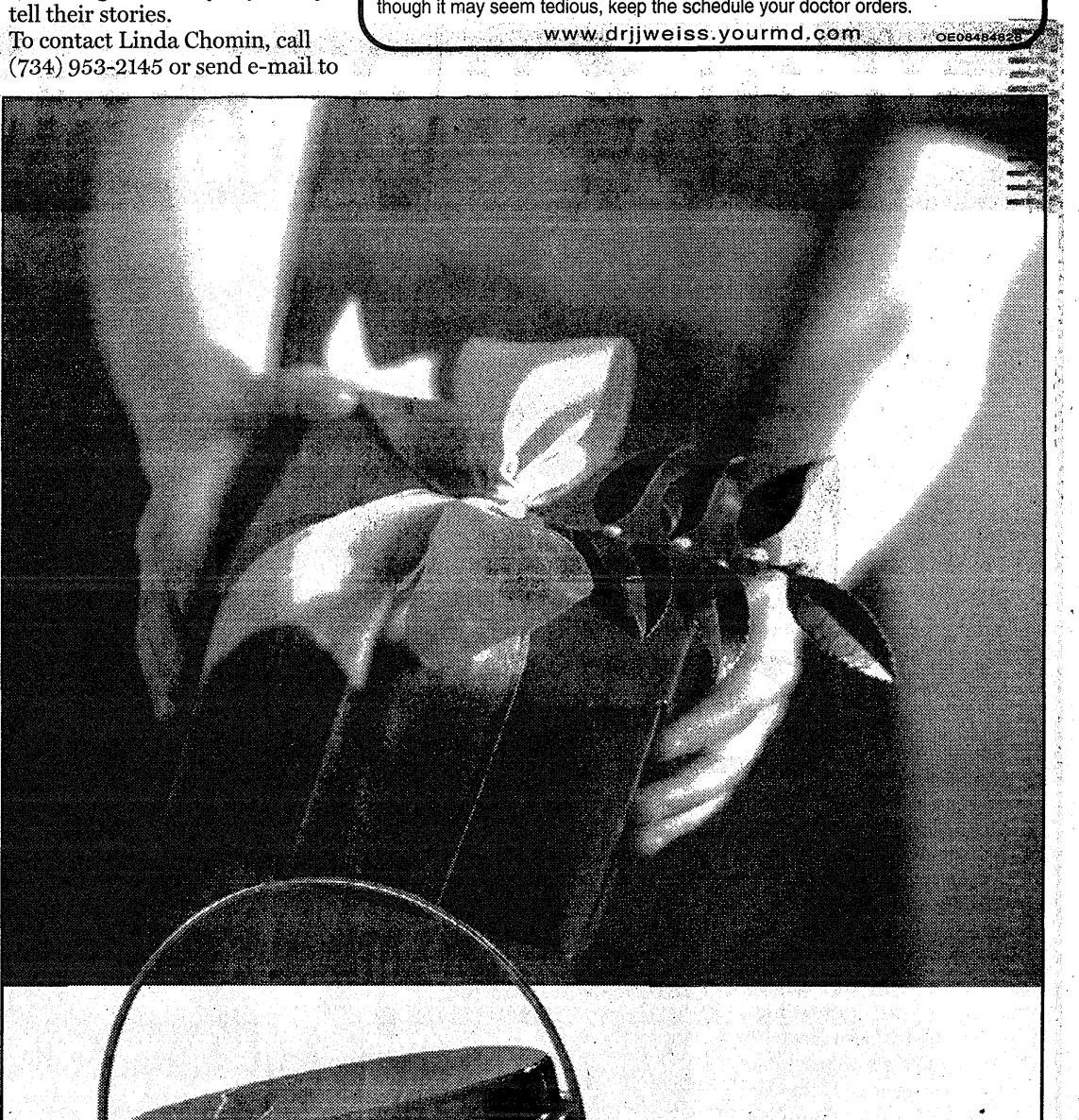
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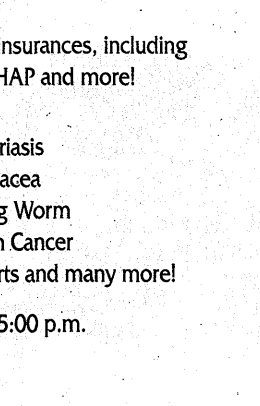
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Big production

Bloomfield Hills woman keeps floats, balloons, marchers in line for 80th parade

BY SHARON DARGAY
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

Eat healthful foods.
Take your vitamins.
Wash your hands.

If that sounds more like motherly advice than a CEO's directive, consider what Joan LeMahieu's facing this week.

As president of The Parade Company, she heads a staff of 13 paid employees and several hundred volunteers who are expected to please hundreds of thousands of their "customers" this week by producing a first-rate, perfectly staged Thanksgiving Day parade with floats, balloons, celebrity guests, clowns and marchers.

With artists still slathering paint on new floats and costumers busy stitching flashy fabrics, it's no time to get sick.

"I'm serious about it," says LeMahieu, quickly making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch in The Parade Company kitchen. She's so serious that she made a sign and posted it encouraging staff to stay healthy.

"I wipe down the counter every day and all the (cabinet) handles," she noted, producing a container of disinfectant wipes. Another staffer is charged with disinfecting keyboards and individuals are encouraged to clean their cell phones and wash their hands.

Everyone's invited to share in the kitchen's stock of fresh apples, vitamins and healthful snacks.

Sniffles or not, the show must go on. And at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, the 80th America's Thanksgiving Parade, will travel along Woodward in downtown Detroit to the delight of thousands watching in person and on television.

LeMahieu, 51, will be right there with it, directing the action, making on-the-spot decisions and encouraging volunteers.

"It's kind of like being the conductor of the orchestra, making sure all the people are coming in at the right time, playing at the right pitch, you know, all of that," she says, settling into her desk near the size 58 EEE shoe, a parade prop, that rests on a shelf overhead.

Instead of a conductor's baton, LeMahieu relies on a fistful of colored marking pens – for the creative side of her work – and a calculator for business matters. Her job, managing the company that produces both the parade and the Freedom Festival Fireworks in June, is a bit of both.

BEING CREATIVE

In addition to planning and managing the "creative side" of the parade, she also has dabbled in float creation and float driving, balloon handling, painting, foam sculpting, and even some of the more mundane tasks such as stuffing envelopes, since taking charge of the annual Detroit-area tradition as interim president in 2004, after being laid off as manager of Ford Field. She dropped the interim from her title in 2005 and began looking for ways to maintain the cherished Thanksgiving Day tradition in an economically-challenged environment. The Parade Company is a nonprofit entity that depends on corporate and individual donations.

"For the first time ever this year we're becoming a little more entrepreneurial in what we do," she said. "One of the things we're doing for the first time ever is we're building floats for other parades."

The Parade Company's design studio artists created a float for the Indianapolis 500 parade last May. Another one led Chicago's Light Procession this week.

The organization sold commemorative pins for the first time last year, will sell cozy winter hats made in its costume shop this year, and rents some of its 3,000 costumes, as well as its papier mache "big heads." It also rents portions of its warehousing facility – a couple celebrated their wedding reception just yards from parked floats recently – and has made and repaired props for Clifford the Big Red Dog's traveling show.

"We can do so much more of that. It's just that we're a hidden gem. We really haven't put together a business plan to get out and be as entrepreneurial as we could be. We're taking our time. Our main focus its to provide world class family events for Detroit and the surrounding area. We can't lose our focus, but we can do it in our spare time."

LeMahieu, who is married to Tom, a consultant in geographic information systems, and has an 18-year-old son, acquired her business know-how on the job but formed a work ethic early in life, while working on the family farm.

"I'm first generation. My parents were both born and raised in Holland and we were a true immigrant family. We didn't have a lot," she said. "When there was a day off, like Thanksgiving, we worked in the yard or worked on the farm. We might have a special meal – but not necessarily turkey – or an aunt and uncle come over, but we didn't really celebrate Thanksgiving as such."



Joan LeMahieu of Bloomfield Hills has done a little of everything – from donning a "big head" to sculpting foam to piloting a float – during her two years directing America's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit. Some of the older heads, like the one she's standing near, are damaged and kept in storage.

BUSINESS CAREER

She was the first member of her family in North America to graduate from college. She taught fourth grade for a year, realized it wasn't for her ("I'm too impatient") and took on a job at a temp agency in California where she was living as a newlywed.

"I was working in the marketing and sales area, so I really got a good overview. But I got bored with it, so I looked around the company and the human resources department needed someone to manage their benefits program and affirmative action training. They knew I was a self-starter and had a lot of get up and go, so they promised to train me."

And because she grew up in an immigrant family, LeMahieu was sensitive to issues of fairness and equality. She worked in human resources in the private sector and then in a municipality, where she eventually applied for a position managing its community center and two performing arts theaters.

She took vacation time to research public facility management, job shadowed in a hotel and convention center and asked a lot of questions.

"It was totally amazing that the people I called out of the blue took the time to spend 20-30 minutes on the phone to talk to me," she said, adding that she also rarely turns down inquiries.

"I do spend time with young people and people in job transition."

After managing public facilities in California, she opened the Frank Lloyd Wright design center in Madison, Wis., and consulted with the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions before landing the position full time at Ford Field.

She sees similarities between parade and big venue management, big crowds and celebrities being two facets they share.

But at Ford Field, she never had to don layers of clothing, leave for work at 4:15 a.m., and spend hours outdoors.

Does she mind working on a major holiday?

"I'm a bit of a workaholic," she admits. "We don't have a big family tradition where I feel like I'm missing out on something."



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Seasonal job can mean change for pocket, career

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Looking to boost your resume and make some money for holiday gifts? A holiday job may be just what you're after.

Retailers often hire extra staffers around the holiday season to cope with increased business. Those workers can enjoy income earned and in many cases discounts on purchases.

"About 35 percent of the whole year is in November and December," said Larry Bird, owner of Gabriala's in Plymouth, which sells home accessories and related items. "It's very difficult to operate without additional help."

He hires additional staffers each holiday season for his store on Main in downtown Plymouth. Some will then leave after the holidays, while others stay.

"So it gives you the opportunity to bring on new people," Bird said. He also asks those already on staff at Gabriala's to pick up more hours during the holidays, and staffers like the extra income.

"We have a nice environment to work in," he said of the store, adding that employees like to decorate and make it look nice.

Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy is also taking on extra staffers to cope with the holiday rush. Hiring's been under way in recent weeks, said Jessica Quinlan, senior human resources assistant.

"We're hiring some seasonal employees," Quinlan said. Those staffers will work through the end of December. "We always are looking for cosmetics help."

Saks hires people to work in general sales. An outgoing personality is needed, Quinlan said, as are attention to detail, initiative and passion. "Pretty much we do look for people who have retail experience."

At Grand Rapids-based Meijer stores, there's less hiring done for the holidays, according to spokeswoman Stacie Behler. "Our stores are staffed so we can meet our customers' needs," she said. "We've got great folks on our teams already. We're always looking for great team members."

Some Meijer stores do add holiday staff, she said, but there's not a big push. Current employees pick up extra hours. "We have a pretty good handle on the needs we have."

For those who'd like to work at Meijer, the primary requirement "is really focused on what our No. 1 thing is in our stores and that's to provide customer service." Staffers need to be service-oriented, Behler said, whether they're working the deli counter, stocking shelves in the grocery or holding another job.

"Ultimately, we're all focused on providing great service to the customer," she said. Meijer hires a number of local high school students, she added.

Business does pick up at Meijer this time of year, notably on the day after Thanksgiving, the traditional kick-off to the holiday shopping season. Behler noted shoppers can find gifts and grocery items alike at the stores.

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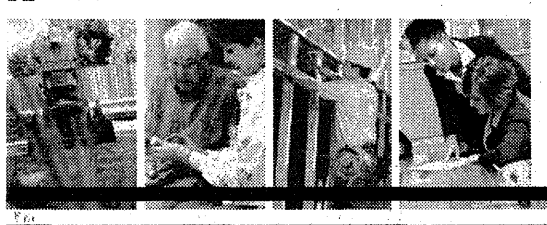


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needs friendly, upbeat, service-oriented individuals to work PART-TIME.

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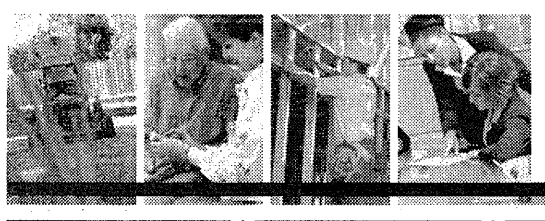
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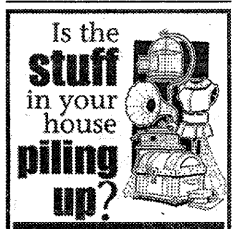
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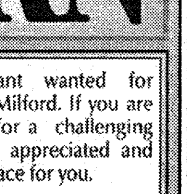
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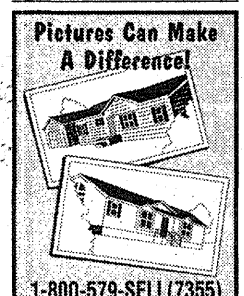
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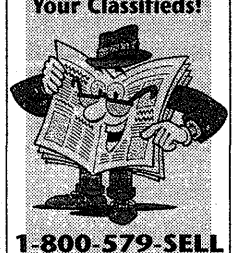
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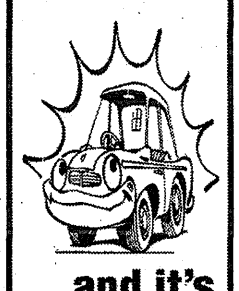
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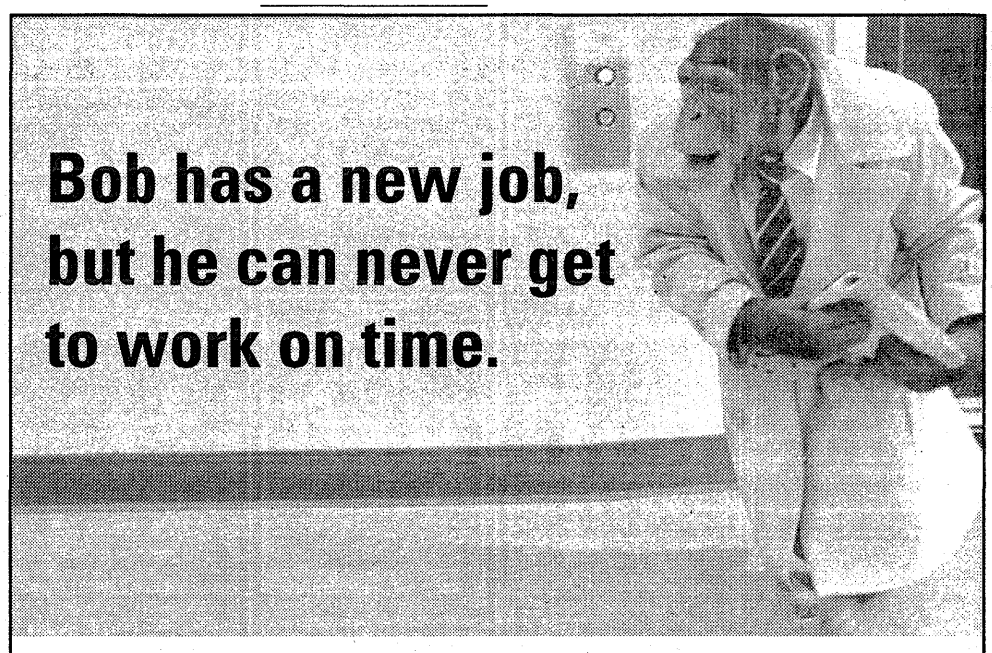
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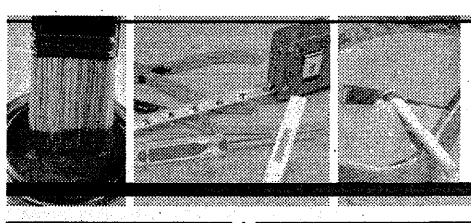
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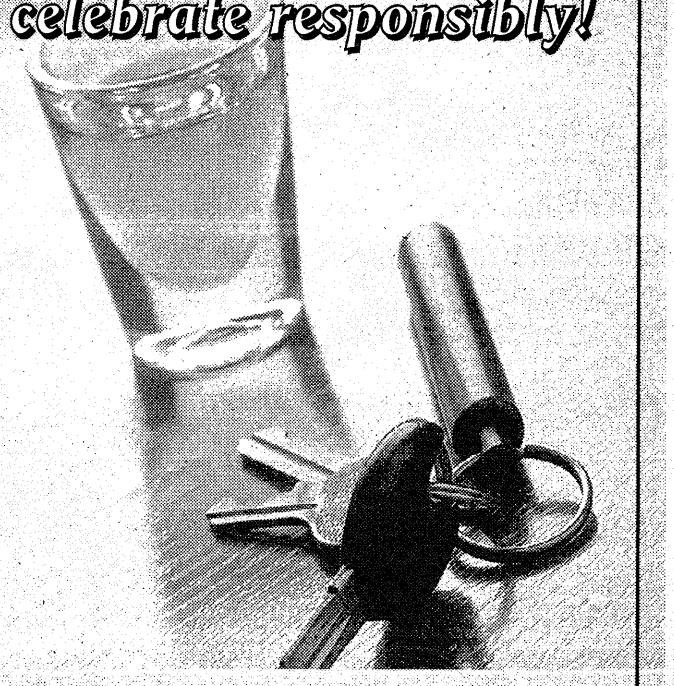
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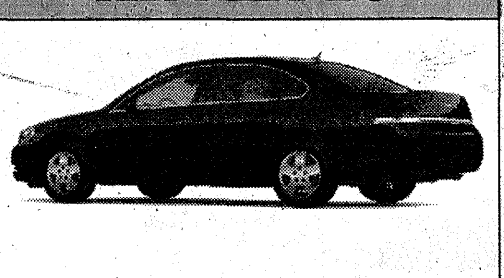


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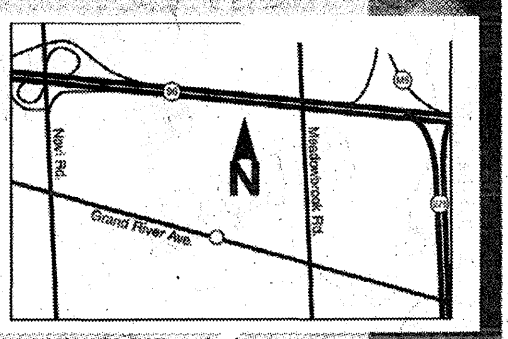
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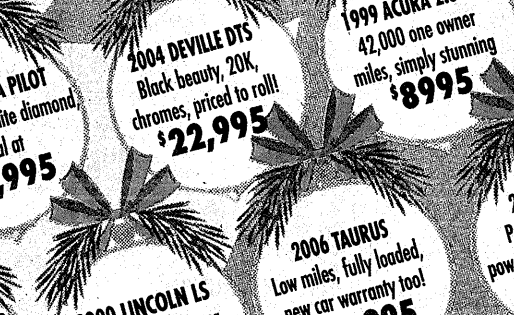
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Western Oakland continues to attract new housing

BY JOE BAUMAN
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Hardly a day goes by that another story comes out about Michigan's sagging economy, and the strain it is putting on the local real estate market.

Foreclosures are at an all time high; market values are decreasing across the region, and some builders are resorting to public auctions to shed surplus inventories.

Despite the general doom and gloom, there are pockets of success, certain areas continue to be "hot" and new developments continue to hit the market.

Western Oakland County continues to attract new housing developments. And two local companies have joined forces to develop a 140-unit condominium complex and 180 single-family homes in Lyon Township.

Woodwind Glen Condominiums is being built in two phases by Curtis Building Company and A&M Custom Built Homes.

Located on the north side of 10 Mile Road between Chubb and Milford roads near the Novi border, the development will encompass 41 buildings featuring two, three and four-bedroom units. Prices range from just under $250,000 to just under $360,000 for a four-bedroom unit.

All of the condominiums include full basements, two-car attached garages, up to two and a half baths and G.E. appliances. Total living space ranges from 1,700 to 2,700 square feet.

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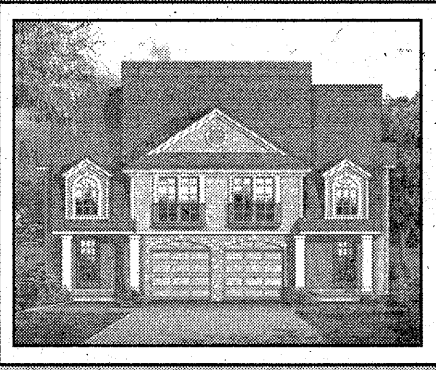
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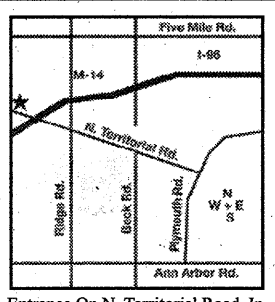
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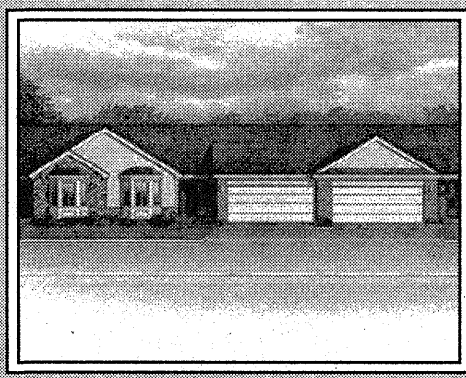
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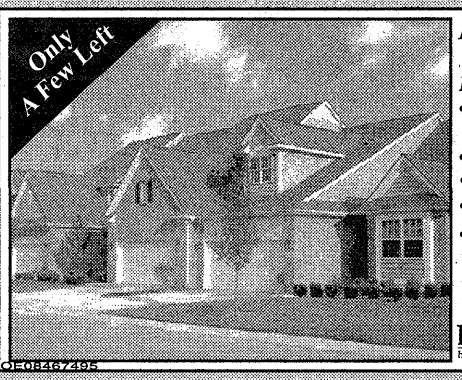
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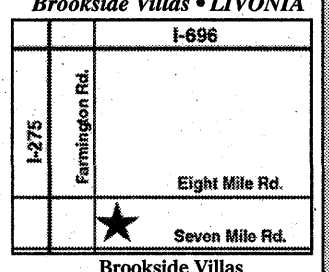


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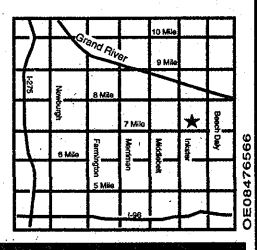
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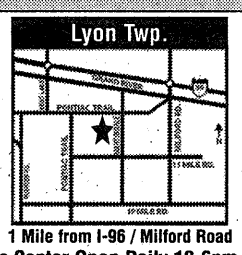


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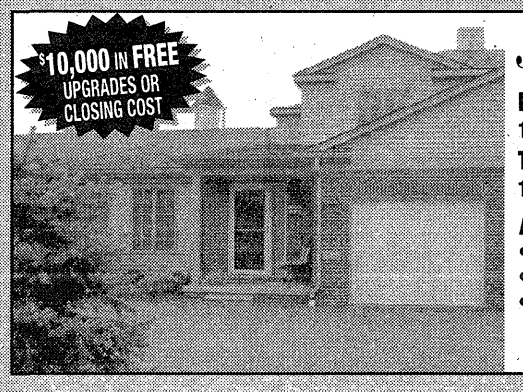
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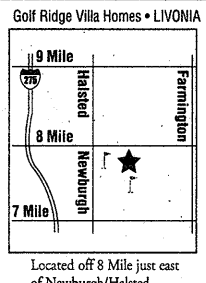


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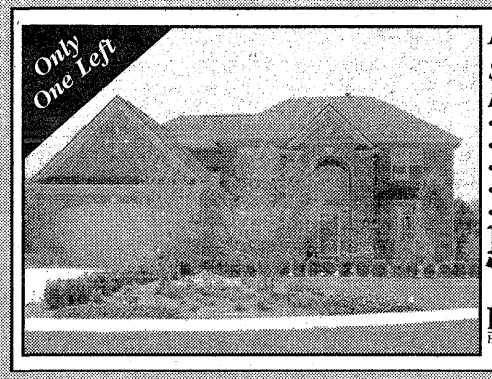
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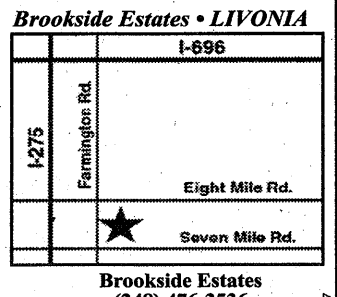
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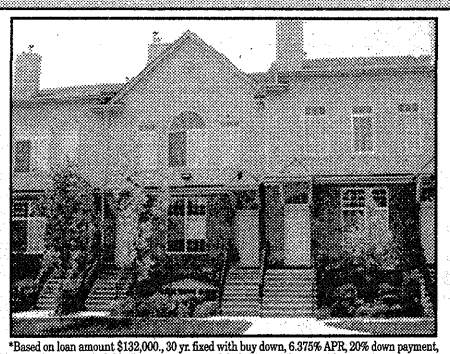
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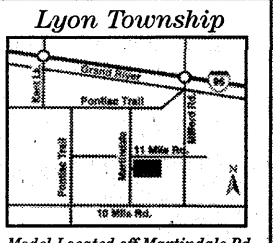
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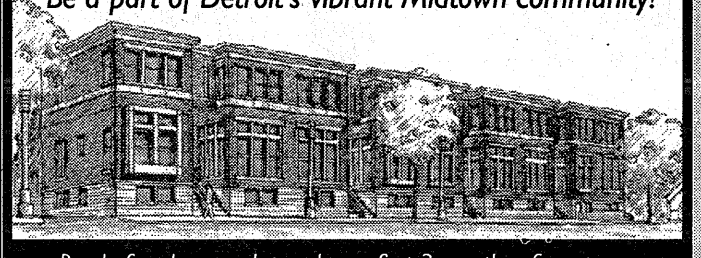
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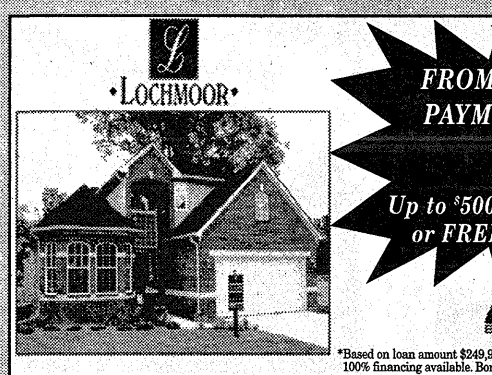
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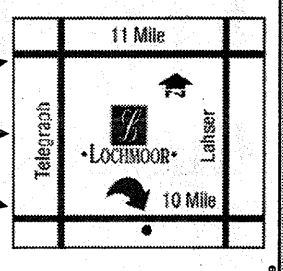


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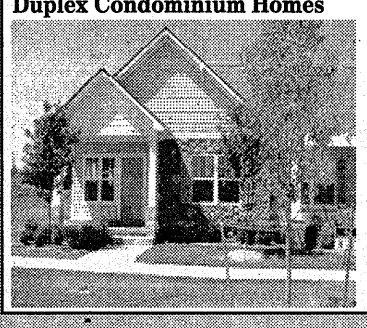
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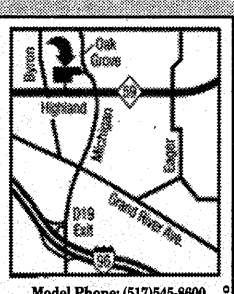
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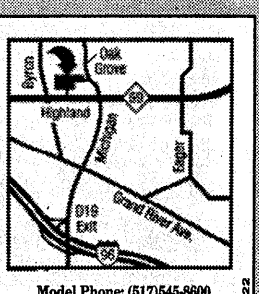
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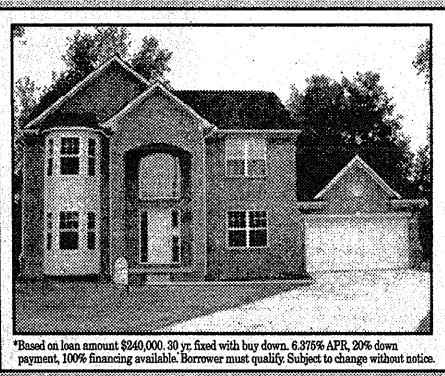
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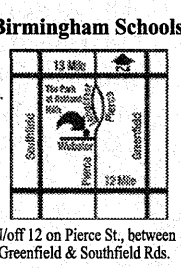


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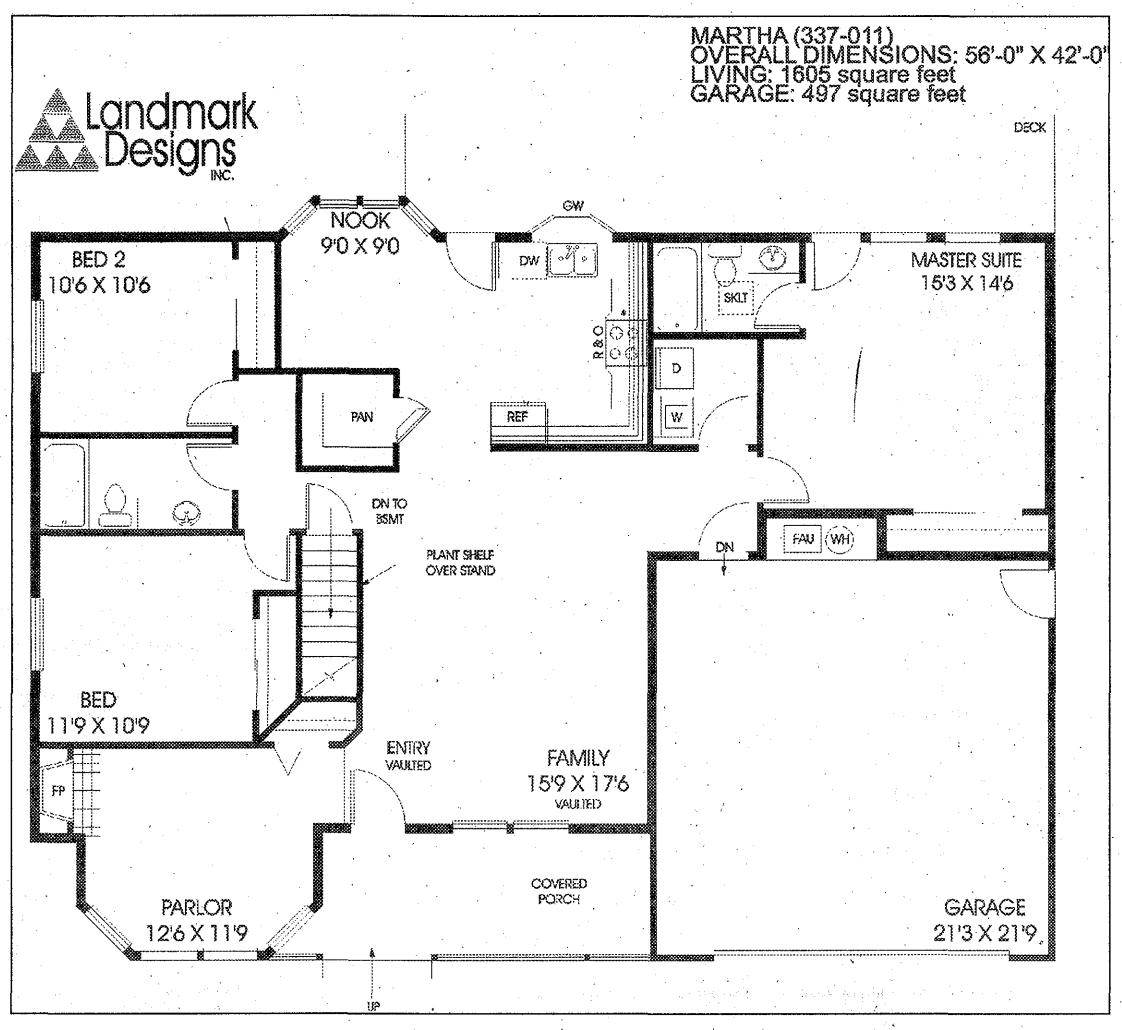
The two secondary bedrooms are both well proportioned and are divided by a full bathroom. One of these, if not in use, could be converted to a home office, music or sewing room. Each has ample closet space and a window.

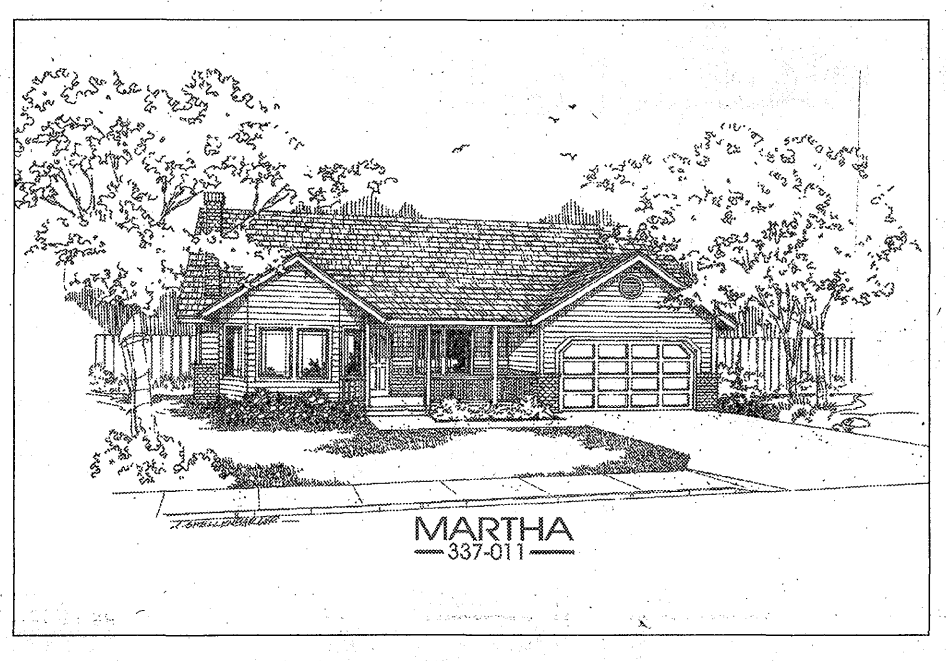
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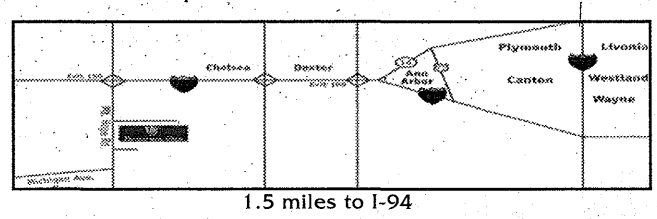
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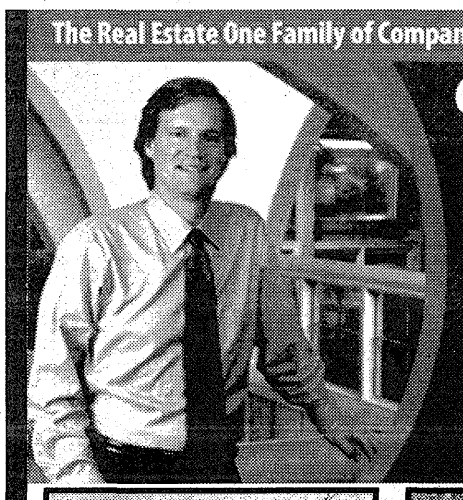
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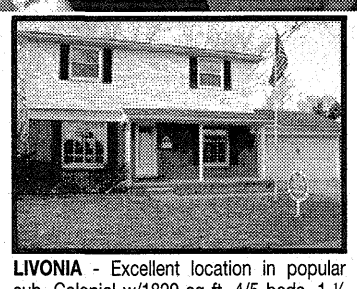
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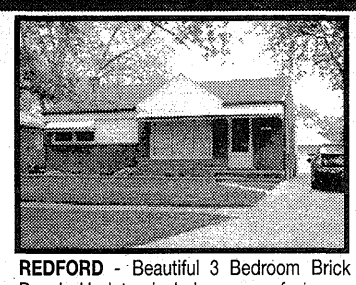
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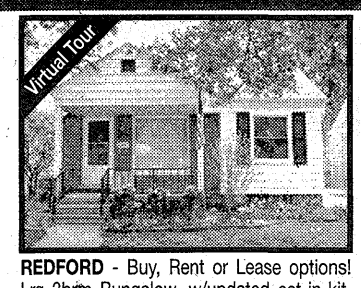
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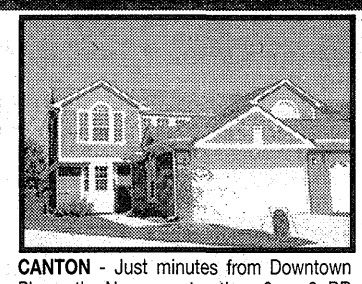
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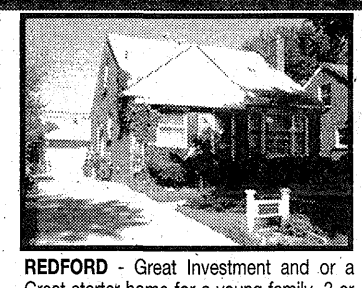
REDFORD - Beautiful 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch. Updates include, new roof, copper plumbing updated elec. furnace & air. Remodeled kit, newer oak cabinets & floor, hardwood floors, new bath in basement. This is a must see. Call Kevin Tindell
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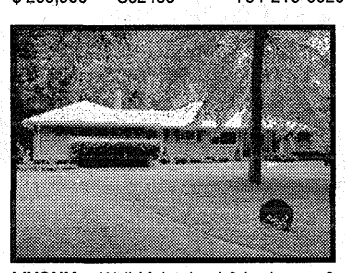
CANTON - Just minutes from Downtown Plymouth. New construction, 2 or 3 BR condo w/2 car att gar, 2.5 Bas, lrg deck for leisure living, for as little as $219,900. Call for weekly specials.
$219,000 ColmbSq 734-591-9200



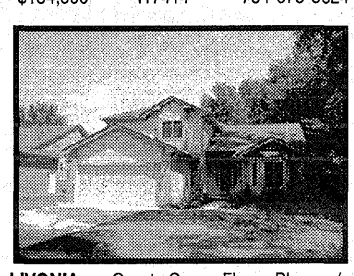
REDFORD - Great Investment and or a Great starter home for a young family. 3 or 4 bedroom, part finished basement, C/A, new fur w/air cleaner, freshly painted with pleasing color. Call Larry Hatfield
130,900 S10019 313-820-9711



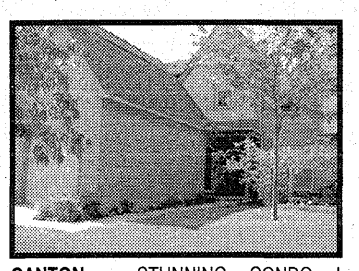
WESTLAND - This home is in Excellent condition! Home offers e/i kit, w/exit to back & 10'x 20' covered patio. Newer furnace, carpet, roof, & doorway. Ext offers fenced yard, 2.5 car gar w/ opener, sprinkler sys. Appl. incl. Call Larry Hatfield.
$159,500 C8141 313-820-9711



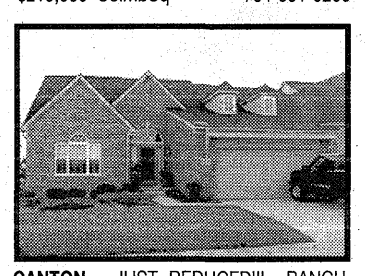
LIVONIA - Well Maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub. .5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida Room and a 2.5 car garage. Call Larry Hatfield.
$229,500 M16810 313-820-9711



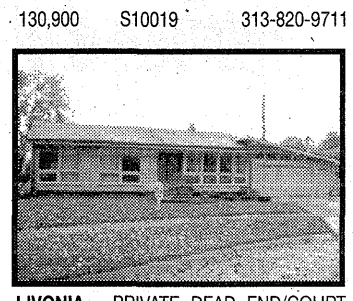
LIVONIA - Great Open Floor Plan w/ cathedral ceilings in the GR and MSTR STE. Lots of windows, private back yard. Basement plumbed for bath. Library/office with bay windows & French doors. Call Jim Donohoe.
$279,900 L10218 313-570-5511



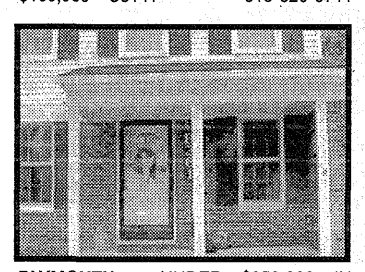
CANTON - STUNNING CONDO ! Contemporary Ranch w/cathedral ceilings and skylights. 1722 sq. ft. formal dining rm, great rm and den. All appliances included. Association Dues paid through '06. Call Carol Hussey
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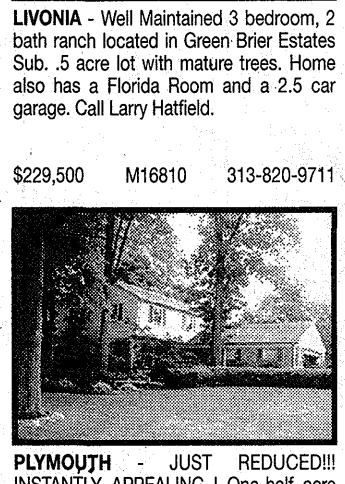
CANTON - JUST REDUCED!!! RANCH CONDO ON THE 26TH FAIRWAY ! Picture Perfect. Upgrades thruout: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, large great room. 2-way fireplace. Deck. Beautifully decorated. Call Carol Hussey
$285,000 26162178 734/751-9563



LIVONIA - PRIVATE DEAD END/COURT LOCATION IN LIVONIA! Sprawling 3 bedroom/1.5 bath Ranch with tons of updates. Light, bright and airy w/lots of windows. 2.5 car finished garage, full finished basement.
$242,000 26180756 313/475-1350



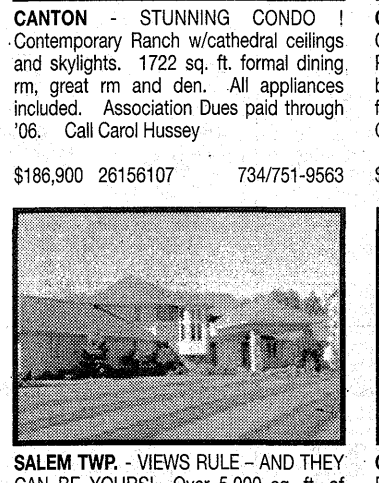
PLYMOUTH - UNDER $250,000 IN LOVELY MAYFLOWER VILLAGE! Winsome 4 bedroom Colonial on a phenomenal lot has a family room w/fireplace and a huge lower level. Updates throughout. In Plymouth Township! Remarkable or what?
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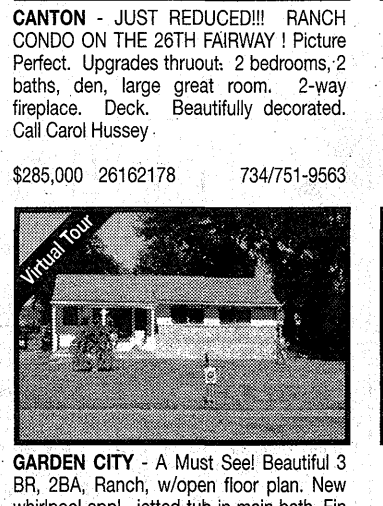
PLYMOUTH - JUST REDUCED!!! INSTANTLY APPEALING ! One-half acre of beautifully designed landscaping invites you inside this great updated Cape Cod. Hardwood floors thruout the main floor. Finished basement. $3,000 toward closing costs. Call Carol Hussey.
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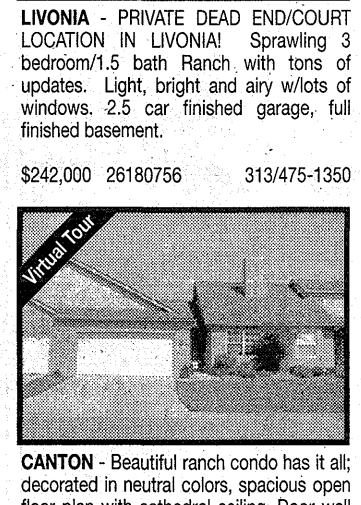
PLYMOUTH- BUYER CLOSING CREDITS UP TO $15,000! All Brick Ranch w/maple kitchen, new carpets and full walkout lower level. For Sale or Lease w/Option! Call Kay Merx Appointment Only.
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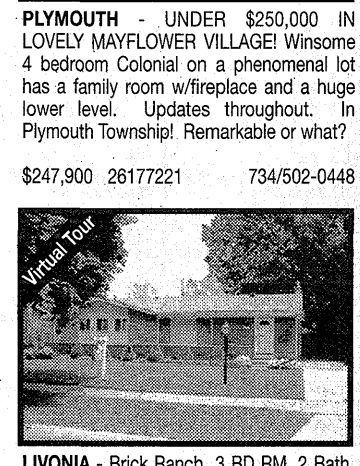
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CANTON - Beautiful ranch condo has it all; decorated in neutral colors, spacious open floor plan with cathedral ceiling. Door wall to deck w/view of pond & fountain. Updated kitchen with large pantry. Call Mike Judge.
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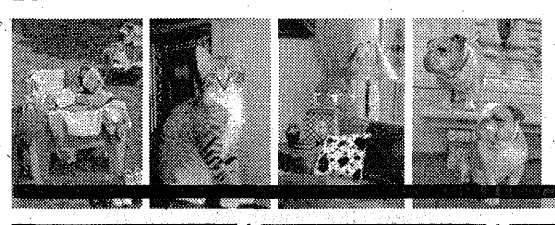
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NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF: SAMANTHA MARIE MARTIN
To: Cara Booth, MOTHER of the above-named juvenile. Daniel Martin, FATHER of the above-named juvenile.
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed on October 13, 2006, alleging dependency and a hearing has been scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2007, in the Guilford County Courthouse, 201 S. Eugene Street, Courtroom 2F, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401. You must answer this Petition within forty (40)days of November 13, 2006, exclusive of that date. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. You are entitled to appointed counsel if you cannot afford to hire one, provided you contact the Clerk immediately to request counsel. Upon your failure to so answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief requested. This the 12th day of November, 2006.
Lynne G. Schiftan,
Deputy County Attorney,
P.O. Box 3427
Greensboro, NC 27402
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7100 Estate Sales 7100

SOUTHFIELD Nov. 19th, 11am-5pm. 24111 Civic Center Dr. Apt. 432. Bdrm set, sofas, end tables, china cabinet, jewelry, figurines.

Garage Sales 7110

ROYAL OAK - ESTATE
2420 W. 13 Mile Rd. (NE corner of Benjamin & W 13 Mile). Fri., 9am-7pm; Sat. & Sun., 9am-5pm. Estate of Jane Graf. 160 pieces sterling flatware + silverplate, 30+ pieces of 14k diamond & emerald jewelry, lots of costume jewelry. Cut glass, Limoges, Picard, Wedgewood, Royal Doulton Ladies, American Belleek, elegant glass, Drexel 7 pc twin bed suite, 8 pc. Drexel dining set, wicker entertainment center, tea table, trunk, small antique pieces, Christmas decor, early cameras. Full length mink coat, formal gowns, ladies suits. Refrigerator, washer, dryer, *small appliances. Home &* contents are immaculate! Proceeds go to her university and charitable foundation.

Moving Sales 7130

LIVONIA MOVING/ESTATE SALE - Nov. 16-18, 10am-4pm. 14333 Harrison, between Middlebelt/Inkster, S/S Mile. 522-3984

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Household Goods 7160

BED - 1 Absolute all brand new blue PILLOW TOP QUEEN MATTRESS SET. In pkg. $100. 734-891-8481

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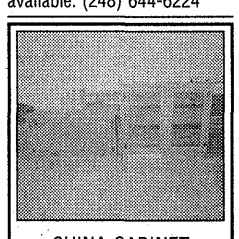
CURIO CABINET -$50. Santa Bears 1986-1994-Hudson's-$100/best. 734-525-6303

DINING -Table, 4 chairs, buffet, mahogany. Duncan Phyfe. Great condition. $500/best. 248-328-0492 248-760-8051



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W/6 CHAIRS

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40x60 COFFEE TABLE

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ENTERTAINMENT CENTER- 3 piece-$1000; China hutch, table w/mirrored top & 6 chairs-$1000; Leather couch, love seat, 2 ottomans, coffee table & end table-$500. 248-335-5686

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER- Lexington, holds 35' TV, traditional, distressed cherry. $1000/best.

FURNITURE Bedroom set (Queen). Solid, dark wood. Blue/grey living rm. couch & chair. Blue recliner. Misc. furniture. Best offer. Must sell! 248-345-6749

FURNITURE - White round formica kitchen table on black pedestal & 4 black leather chairs. Reas. 248-960-1326

FURNITURE - HomeCrest Del Rio patio set, tempered glass table, umbrella, 4 highback cushioned rockers, 2 seat cushioned glider & cushioned stool, $450. Stanza 3 pc. micro seude living room set, camel color with 4 recliners, like new, $1800. Livonia: 734-261-5899

FURNITURE - Cherry: formal dining table, 2 arm & 4 side chairs & hutch $750, foyer table & mirror $125. Queen wood/wrought iron poster bed $200. Misc. 248-334-1524

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Household Goods 7160

FURNITURE, Small appliances, paintings, accessories. Moving! Everything must go! For pictures & list email: mm_ginder@yahoo.com

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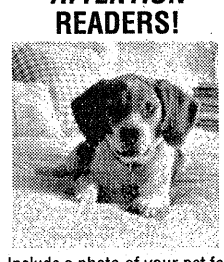
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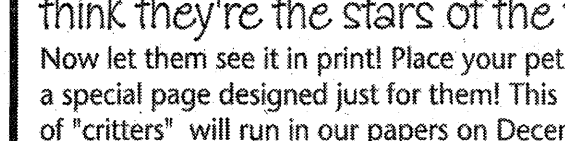
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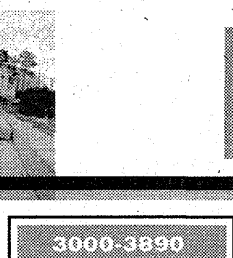
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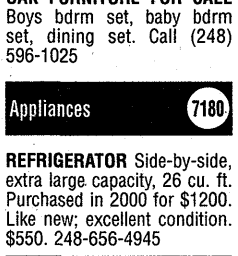
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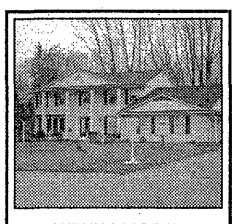
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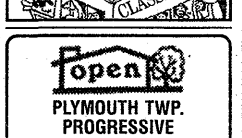


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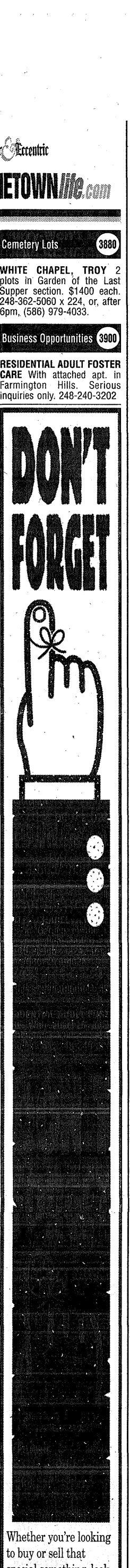
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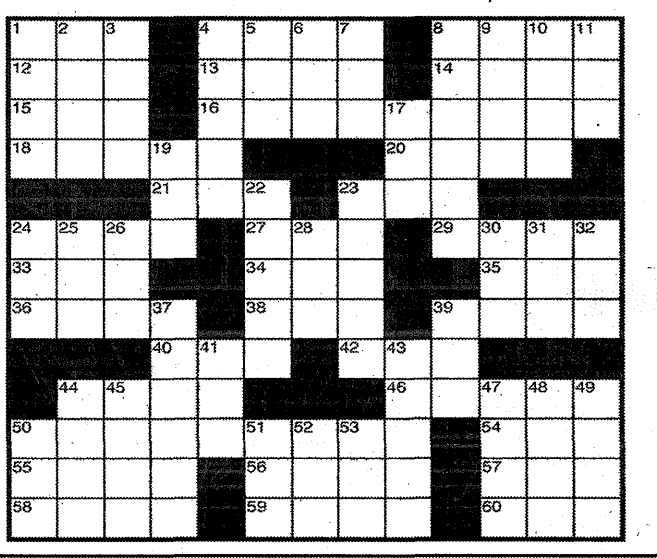
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4 Fuddy-duddy
8 Ant at a picnic
12 Smoker or diner
13 Unhurried gait
14 Jaipur princess
15 Ms. Taylor, briefly
16 Not caring
18 Flying high
20 Type of prof
21 Canteen initials
23 Execs
24 Power-train part
27 Microscopic
29 Diamond Head locale
33 Frazier foe
34 Badminton need
35 Monsieur's wine
36 Prom rental
38 NOW cause
39 Made cheddar better
40 Cow's mouthful
42 Bad tennis serve
44 Gentle
46 Take advantage of
50 Housing, as soldiers
54 Amigo of Fidel
55 What is more
56 Holiday season
57 Coal measure
58 Chair-back piece
59 Skimpy top
60 Workout locale

DOWN
1 West Coast sch.
2 Hit dead-center
3 Ricelike pasta
4 Low shoes
5 Comics caveman
6 Student stat
7 Up till now
8 On the double
9 Grabs a bite
10 Nasty mood
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23 Lead or iron
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28 Poetic adverb
30 Dow Jones fig.
31 Hotfoot it
32 German article
37 Nocturnal wildcat
39 Off-road vehicle
41 Banjo cousin
43 Aerie builder
44 Factory
45 Hostess — Maxwell
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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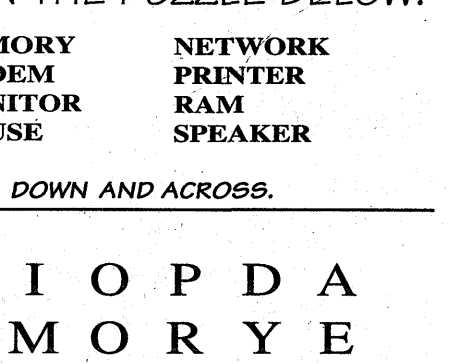
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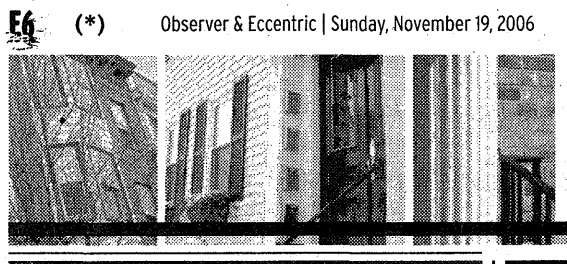
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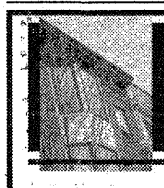
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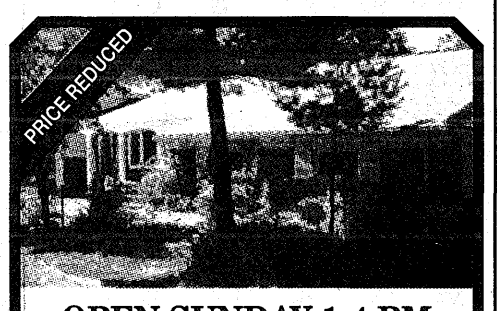
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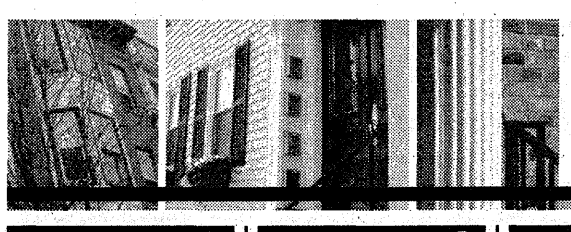
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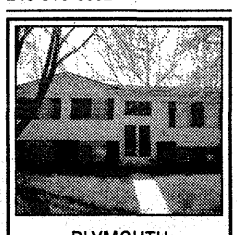
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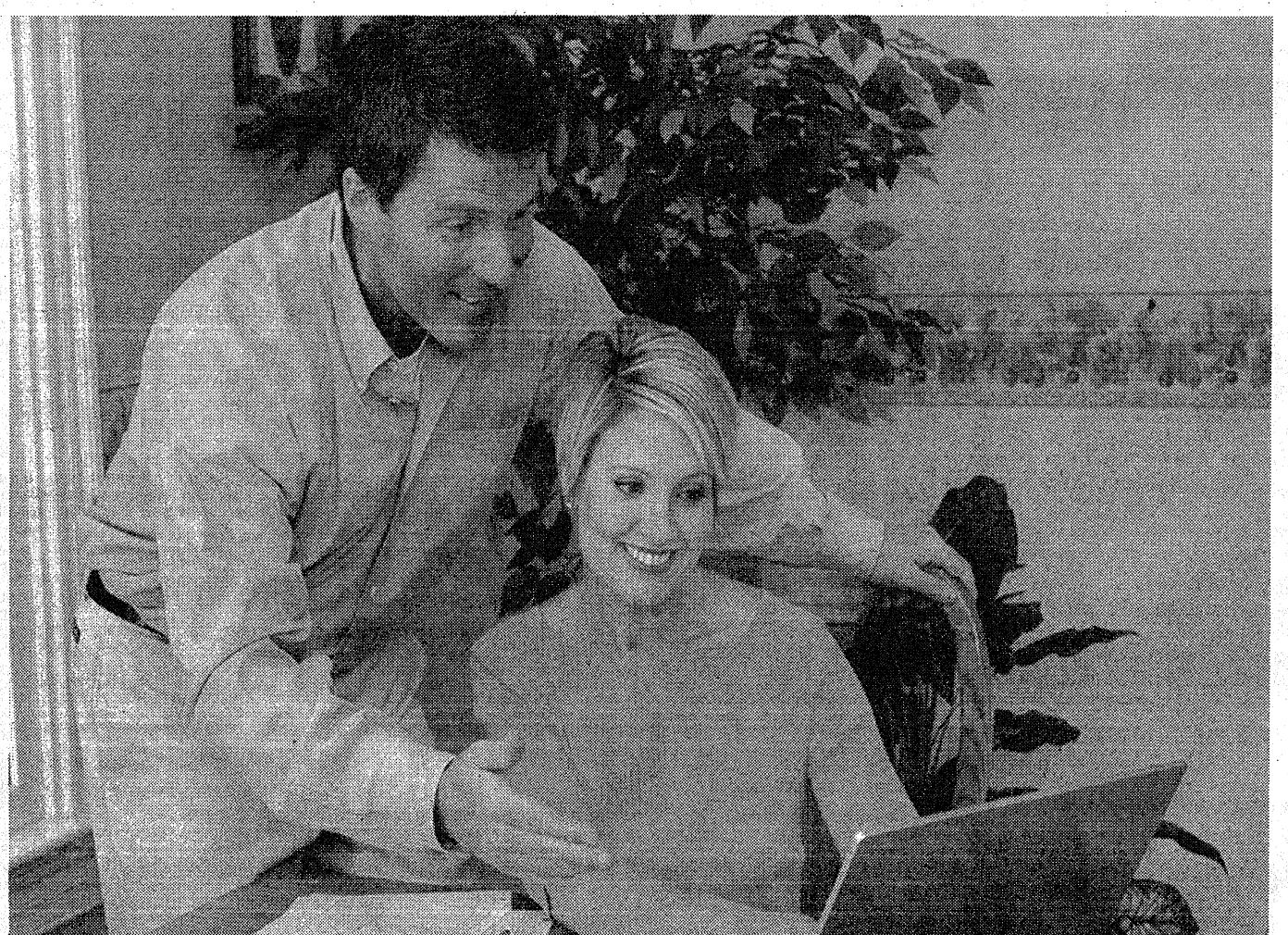
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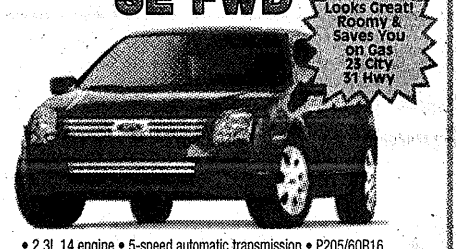
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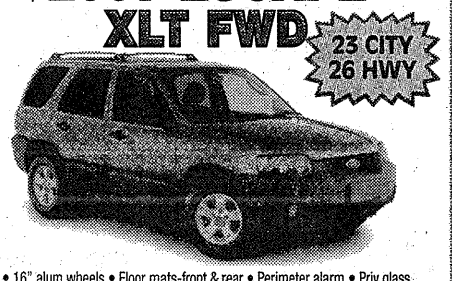
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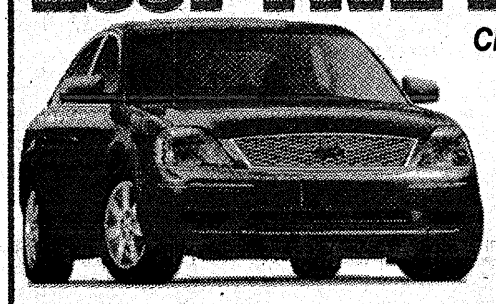
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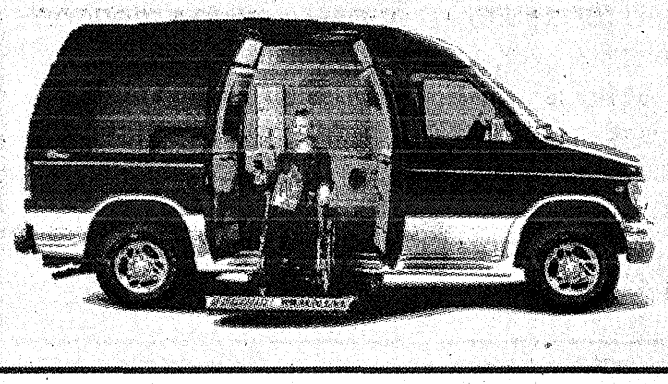
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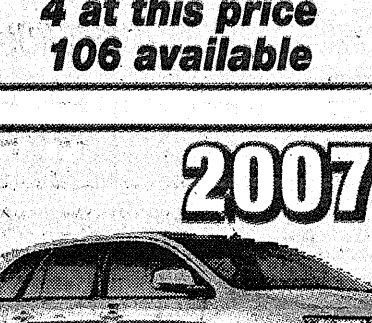
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I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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

IS IT YOU?
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VERY CUTE
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SOMEONE SPECIAL
SBF, N/S, 18, 5' 9", thick, seeks sweet, outgoing, honest, respectful, open-minded man, 18-28, for friendship, and more. ☎140694

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SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. ☎983176

MAYBE US?
SF, 42, blonde/blue, leggy, loves all types of music, dancing, movies, nature road trips, dining and simple fun. ISO easygoing, loving guy to share talks, good times, friendship and more. ☎132593

GIVE ME A CALL
SBF, 39, 5' 3", average build, marriage-minded, smoker, seeks WF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎140881

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

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SWF, 38, full-figured 5'8", seeks SWF, 25-50, who loves animals, parks, books, movies and music, someone kind-hearted, good-humored and outgoing, for a real friendship first. ☎136379

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WAITING FOR YOU
SBF, 19, 5'1", full figured, beautiful smile, enjoys comedy and horror films, jokes and enjoying life. Seeking someone with same interest. ☎142407

WHY WAIT?
Down-to-earth, fun-loving SBF, 38, mom, brown complexion, medium-length hair, 5'4", full-figured, great personality, D/D-free, likes dancing, cooking, relaxing at home watching movies etc. Seeking compatible man to share some fun. ☎130211

FIND ME
Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5' 3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

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SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

WHERE ARE YOU?
Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

ALL OF ME
SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎956929

GORGEOUS
SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎112039

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SBCF, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. ☎112291

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

TAKE A CHANCE
SWF, 37, likes motorcycles, movies, Star Wars, seeks WM, 34-35, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, and more. ☎114057

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Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5' 6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

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Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5' 7", professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎123659

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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

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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

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?
SWF, 56, 5' , HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

TAKE ME GOLFING
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎987475

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

SEEKING A LADY?
SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S, N/D, enjoys talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children ok, to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? ☎126925

DREAMS COME TRUE
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

IS IT YOU?
Bright SBF, 18, full-figured, confident, independent, enjoys cooking, shopping, friends. ISO nice, honest respectful guy intelligent, motivated, goal-oriented who likes having fun, sports, good talk. Friendship first. ☎135256

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

GOOD CATCH
SM, 36 enjoys shopping, traveling. Seeking someone who likes to have fun for friendship and LTR. ☎142878

MUSCULAR ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, in shape, college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship and more. ☎431926

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

SWEET GUY
Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. ☎255073

FANTASY OR REALITY?
SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes dancing, jazz/blues, quality time, traveling. Seeking passionate and sexy SF, 20-50, slim-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time and romance. ☎946417

HERE I AM
Confident, fun mature, respectful SBM, 32, dark complexion, handsome, independent, neat, seeking mature, loving SF, 32-35, to share good times and more. ☎136424

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 33, 5'8", 165lbs, handsome, independent. Seeking full figured female with good conversation for friendship possibly LTR. ☎143029

COME OUT WITH ME
SM, 6'0", 197lbs, brown complexion, enjoys shopping, going out dancing and having fun. Seeking female companionship who likes same. ☎142274

UNUSUAL REQUEST
Nice-looking, extremely busy, Grosse Pt. SWPM, 6'3", 228lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, ISO over 45 also extremely busy SWPF, pretty lady, for great friendship and special times. I know how to treat a lady and practice the golden rule. ☎143494

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

THE FINER THINGS
SBM, 40, 5' 11", average build, likes sports, theater, movies, parks, seeks energetic, open-minded, sincere woman, 25-65, for friendship, possible romance. ☎141614

JOIN ME
SWM, 38, looks younger, 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. ☎140569

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED
SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

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

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

LIFE IS FUN
SBM, 44, 5' 7", average build, N/S, likes movies, seeks WF, N/S, fun-loving, for friendship, possible romance. ☎137822

CALL ME
SWM, 44, N/S, seeks attractive female, 29-40, with a sound mind, body, and spirit. Only forthcoming individuals are to reply. ☎137865

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎920969

WHY NOT CALL?
SWM, 42, 6'4", 225lbs, not about games, self-employed, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, walks and more. Seeking spontaneous, outdoorsy SF to share the good times in life. ☎135980

WILL IT BE YOU?
Honest, loyal DWM, 48, 5'10", 135lbs, blond/blue, self-employed, enjoys bonfires, sports, quiet nights, cuddling, much more. WLTM a special lady, H/W proportionate, to share the good things in life. ☎139870

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

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

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

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

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

AMERICAN MADE
WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

THE LONG RUN
Male, 31, smoker, 6' 3", 200lbs, clean-cut, hazel eyes, seeks smart, intelligent SWF, 21-28, HWP, for friendship, and more. ☎138369

HARD MAN TO FIND
Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for same qualities, and interests, for LTR. ☎972650

CALL ME SOMETIME
Professional WIWM, 53, 5'10", bald, family-oriented, N/S, enjoys kids, classic cars, outdoors, walks, music, dancing, animals, good food, travel, more. Seeking SF, 40-50, to share these. ☎137501

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122364

WORTH IT
SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady w/spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. ☎135531

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

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

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

THAT'S ALL
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

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

A NICE GUY
SM, 24, black/blue, 5'7", 120lbs, looking for a nice, non-judgmental SF, loving and fun, to share the good times in life. Friendship first, possibly more later on. ☎127134

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

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎672855

TAKE A CHANCE
Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. ☎761586

LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN
Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion, Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. Race open. ☎122608

IVORY SEEKS EBONY
Italian male, 47, 5'6", 165lbs, fit seeks petite, pretty black female, with slender build, to share time with. Let's get to know each other. ☎142383

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM 22, 5'11", 255lbs, w/tiger eyes, outgoing, romantic, very active and athletic. Looking for outgoing, independent, and open-minded SF who prefer African-Americans/minorities, for dating and possibly more. ☎142270

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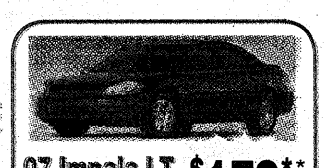
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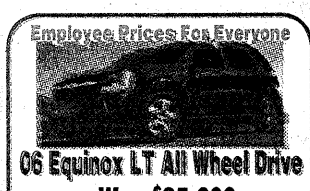
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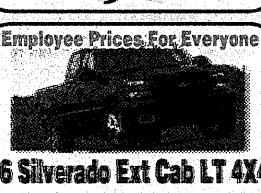
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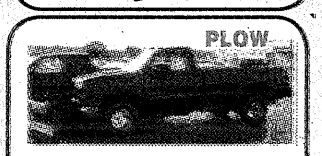

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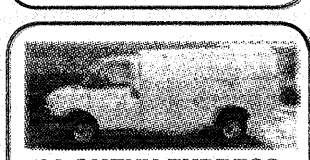
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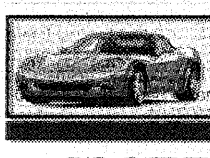

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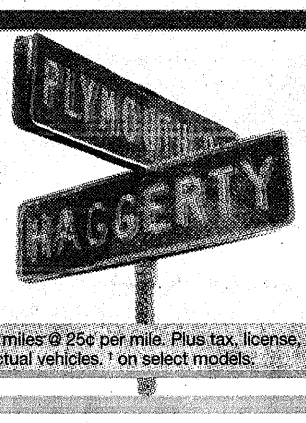

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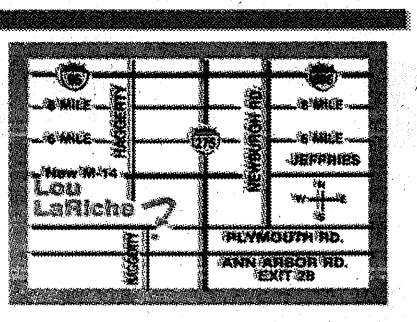
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New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by J.L. Sims *Independent ad features*

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

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

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

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

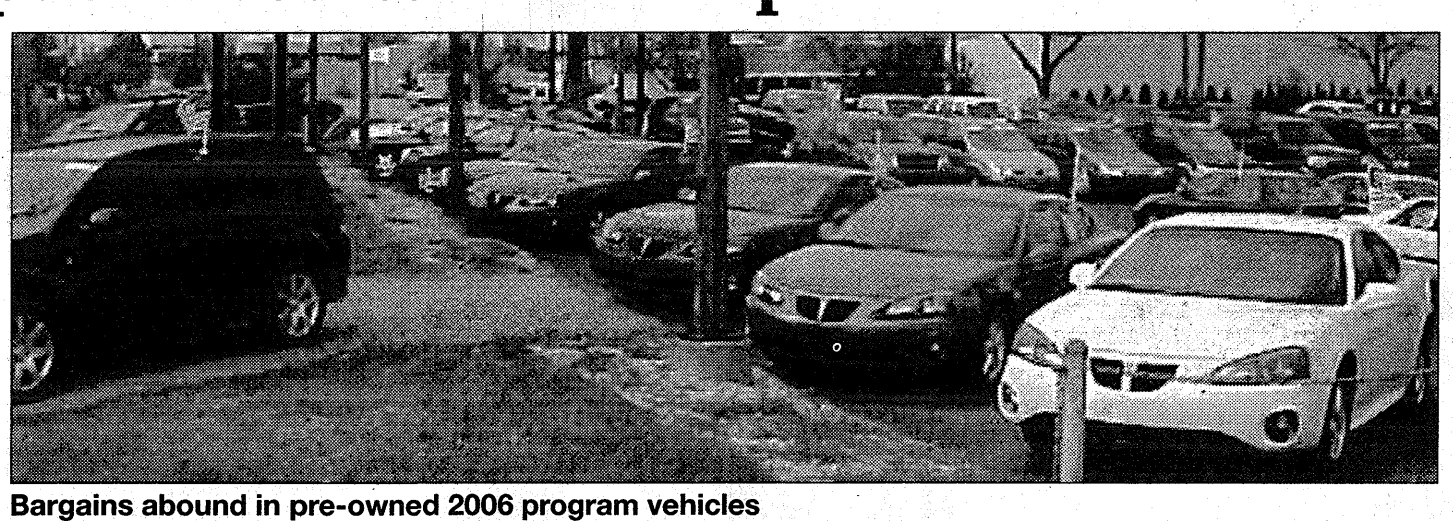
John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2006 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

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

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone, along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

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



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

A *Beautiful* Buick

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

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20mpg city and 29mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

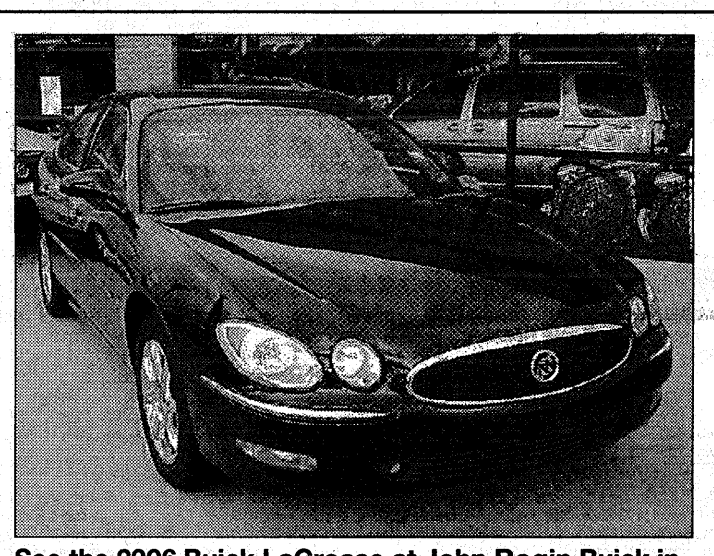
The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

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

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

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



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

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of $24,000 list price new. While they last.

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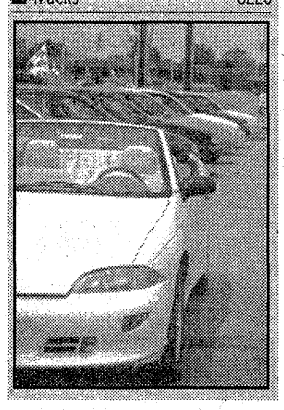
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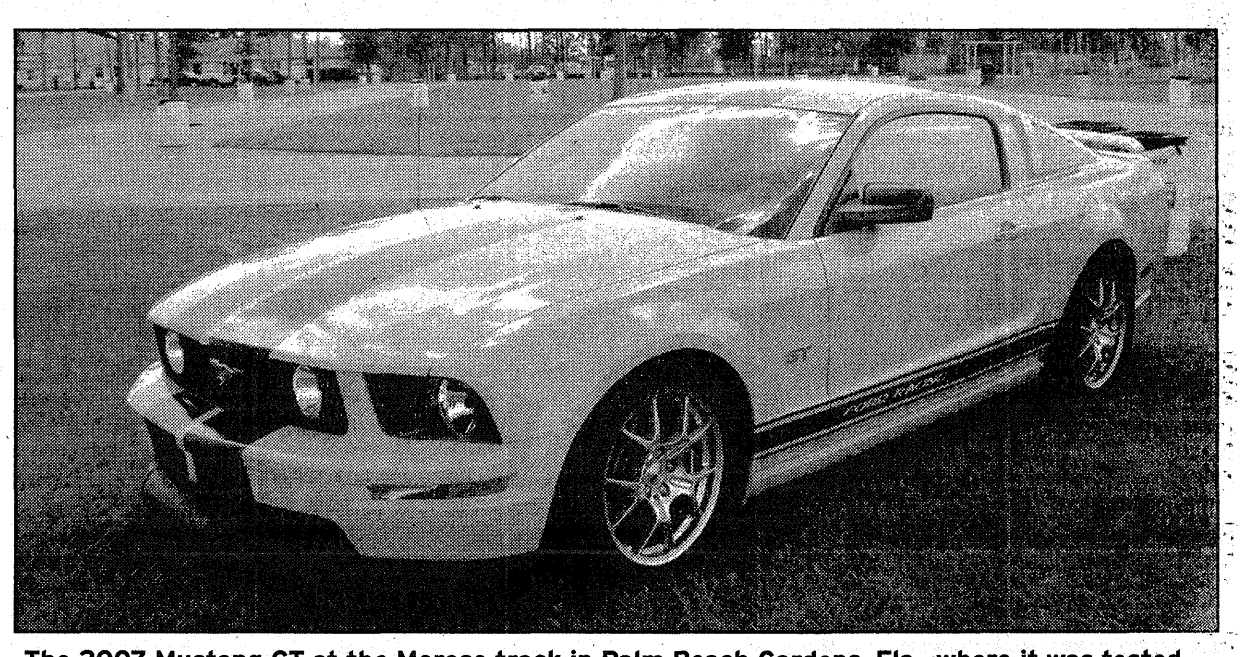
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By the Avanti NewsFeatures staff



The 2007 Mustang GT at the Moroso track in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where it was tested on a 2.25-mile course

The '07 Mustang GT hot rod is one hot car. While driving on a four-lane highway in a convertible, you feel like the center of attention. Since coming out with the fifth-generation body style in 2005, the Ford Mustang has reestablished its name as America's muscle car.

With a familiar roar that is exclusive to the brand, you can hear the Mustang purr from a distance away. There are many features that come together to make Mustang America's No. 1-selling sports car and convertible.

The 2007 Mustang GT Convertible is equipped with a V-8, 300 horsepower engine that will take you from 0-60 in 4.9 seconds for around $30,000. Switching lanes is a cinch in this vehicle because there is a ton of power readily available while only tapping the gas pedal lightly.

When you hear common term Mustang, you generally think of speed and that's what the manufacturers at Ford are taking to the next level. Even the standard '07 Mustang has been made affordable starting off under $20,000 and is a quick, eye-catching car. The convertible adds about $5,000 to the base price.

The convertible top comes standard automatic and triple-layered with a waterproofed outside, sound-deadened middle layer and an eye-candied inside layer. There are two latches to lock the top in place but opening it is as easy as holding a button down. When the top is down, it adds a different level to your driving experience. It's nice to be able to look all around the road in every direction from inside the car as you check your blind spots and enjoy a nice, smooth ride.

The interior is similar in the different types of 'stangs. There is a well-lit six gauge dash that you can personalize by changing the lighting color with eight different color options. There are two large, circular gauges that display your RPM and speed and four smaller circular gauges in the center for your fuel, oil, temperature and battery.

There are some digital features to the dash. There is a small area that displays your mileage, miles until empty, average miles per gallon and can switch your metrics to kilometers with the touch of a button.

The seats standard feature is a six-way power chair that makes it convenient to find the spot that is just right for maximum comfort ability as you drive your sports car.

The Interior Upgrade package is a great addition including the leather-wrapped steering wheel with satin aluminum spokes and sparkling tri-bar Pony emblem in the center. You will also get leather-trimmed seats that are very supportive with power lumbar and don't allow you to shift much as you drive or ride.

Some standard features are air conditioning, power locks and windows with driver and front passenger one-touch up and down, power sideview mirrors, cruise control, Tire Pressure Monitoring System and remote keyless entry.

To add style, there are many packages and accessories you can choose from. If you purchase the base model Mustang, you can add the Pony package that includes a Pony grille with integrated fog lamps, 17-inch aluminum wheels with tri-bar pony center caps, rear spoiler, lower body-side Mustang stripes on the exterior, floor mats with chrome badges and Pony fender badges.

If you choose a GT model, you can get the GT Appearance package that includes a sporty hood scoop, Pony emblem engine cover and bright rolled exhaust tips that alone gives a bystander the "wow" factor. If you are looking for more options to customize your car, ask about the GT California Special package where you can get awesome looking side scoops, mid-body strips that say GT/CS and other sporty features.

Ford Racing has stepped in and sells Mustang Performance Packs that were inspired by the Grand-Am Cup Series Champion Mustang FR500C. You can get the FR Drag pack that will increase your acceleration significantly. It comes with a cold-air intake and other components that will drop up to a half of second on a quarter-mile drag strip.

The FR Power Upgrade package will tack on an extra 20 rear-wheel horsepower and a slightly louder but nice-sounding exhaust enhancement. The FR Handling Pack will improve your handling while lowering the car 1.5 inches.

Even if you are not into the racing enhancements, from first-hand experience, the GT model handles great in all weather. The car is heavy enough where it doesn't slide much on ice or snow and handles great while driving 55 miles per hour through a flash-flood warning downpour on the expressway.

The back seat is very comforting with lots of leg room and body space. The front passenger can lean back comfortably without having to worry about lying in the back seat rider's lap. There is efficient trunk and interior space to accommodate a family of four or a single man or woman looking for a classic, every day sports car.

New for 2007, Mustang has brought back the Shelby name to the everyday household. The Shelby GT500 is the most powerful factory built Mustang in history giving off 500 horsepower. Every Shelby is created and inspected in Flat Rock, Mich., and then shipped off to Las Vegas, where the legendary Carroll Shelby Team and Ford's Special Vehicle team give each car the individual care and inspection it needs before it's sent off to the buyer.

Under the hood there is a V-8, 5.4-liter supercharged engine and it is quite a machine. Certain features become standard such as leather seats, anti-lock brakes and traction control while the Pony emblem on the front grille becomes a cobra. Not bad for a car with a base price of $40,930 and can be topped off just shy of $46,000.

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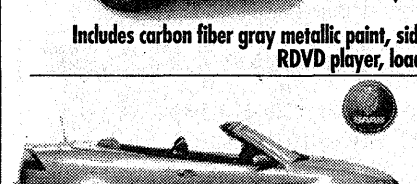
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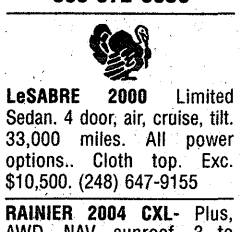
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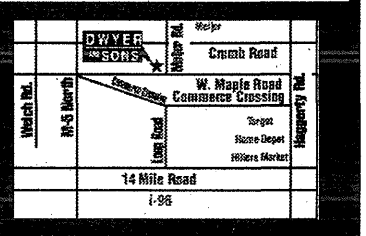
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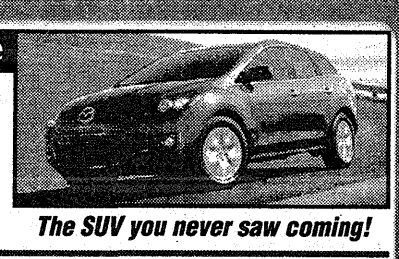
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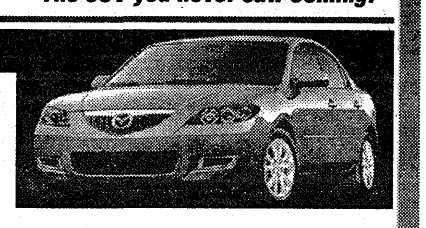
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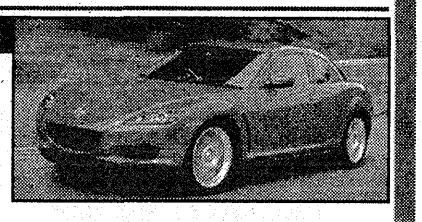
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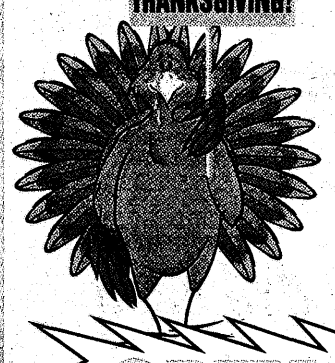
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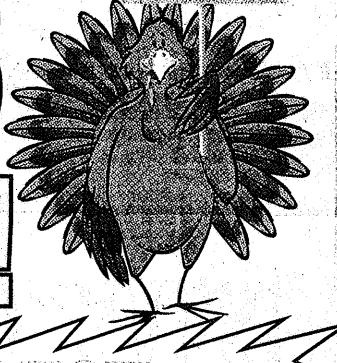
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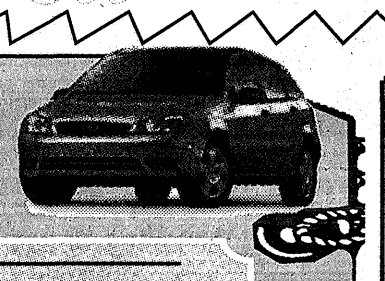
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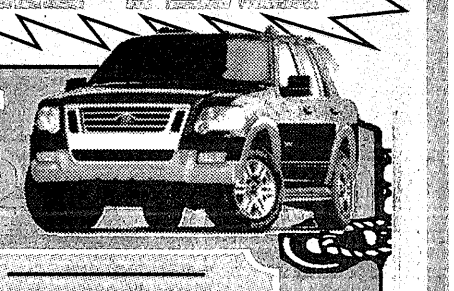


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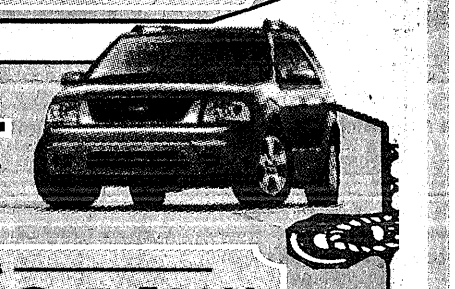
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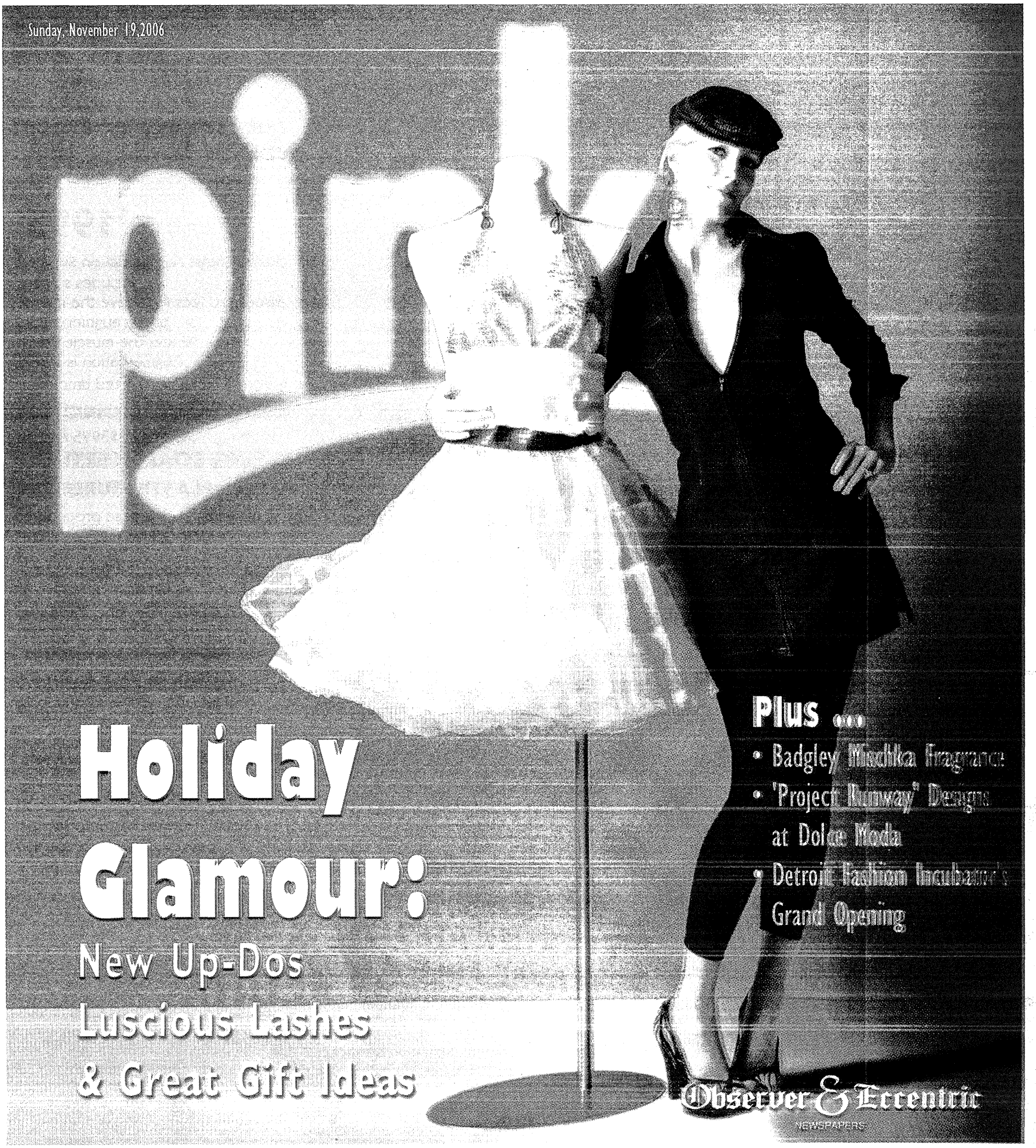
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Badgley Mischka

Designers capture vintage glam in new perfume

By Wensdy Von Buskirk



James Mischka (foreground) and Mark Badgley initial bottles of their new fragrance during a recent personal appearance and trunk show at Neiman Marcus, Troy.

PHOTO BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

Badgley Mischka is known for creating gowns dripping with detail and Old Hollywood glamour. Imagine one of the design duo's luxurious, romantic dresses captured in a bottle, and you have Badgley Mischka Fragrance.

Mark Badgley and James Mischka made a celebrity appearance at Neiman Marcus, Somerset, Nov. 7-8 to sign bottles of their delicious new perfume. With them they brought racks of glorious dresses, from fantastic flowered frocks to ethereally-draped evening wear to avant-garde bridal.

PINK met up with the pair "backstage" as they initialed silver platters-full of pre-sold fragrances.

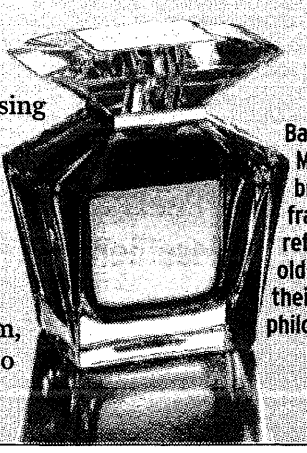
A spray from one of the cut crystal bottles released notes of peach, wild berry, jasmine, sandalwood and patchouli, which Mischka admits wearing during his student days at Parsons.

The duo, who met at the New York design school and launched their label in 1988, said they wanted to create a fragrance that would bring their design philosophy to the fifth sense.

"We always describe ourselves as vintage modern glam, which is kind of an oxymoron, but how we think," Badgley said. "So much in fragrance is industrial, high-tech. We wanted something old, something with a mood to it. Something we'd envision being on Carole Lombard's dressing table."

Badgley Mischka Eau de Parfum is $65-$225 at Neiman Marcus.

Glamorous Body Lotion and Body Cream, along with gift sets, also are available.

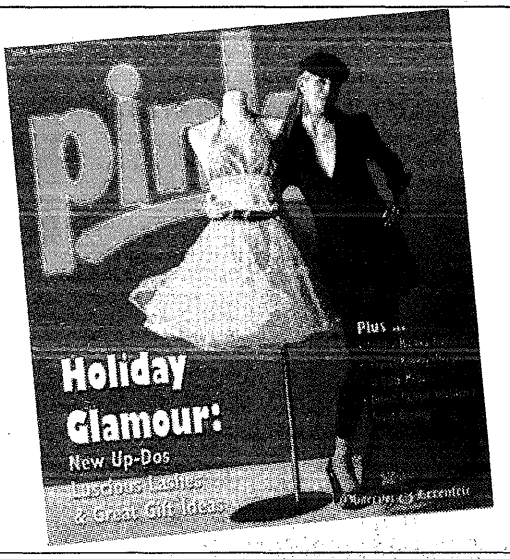


Badgley Mischka's brand new fragrance reflects the old glamour of their design philosophy.

On the Cover

The Fanclub Arts Foundation is partnering with PINK to find the area's top fashion designers and models. Winners of the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards will receive $1,000, tons of exposure, a photo spread in PINK and more! For more details, see the PINK List on Page 7 or log onto www.fanclubarts.com.

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Correction: An incorrect phone number ran in an ad for the American Cancer Society on page 6 of the Oct. 15 issue of PINK. The Plymouth phone number is (734) 451-0745.

girltalk

Talking Turkey

By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

It isn't long after the Halloween hoopla settles down that we all start to get that mixed feeling of excitement and stress that the holidays bring. In light of that, PINK took an autumn stroll through crunchy leaves to Jefferson Elementary in Redford to ask four women:

What are some of your favorite Thanksgiving memories?



"Tradition is big. We make turkey cookies and give the kids different colors of frosting. They have a ball," **Donna Ablett, Livonia**



"Once there was a blizzard on Thanksgiving Day and all the kids got to play outside in the snow and build snow forts at my grandmother's." **Michelle Chase, Huntington Woods**



"We had a really large, crazy family. My father always led off the food fight with a spoon of mashed potatoes," **Linda Carson, Redford**

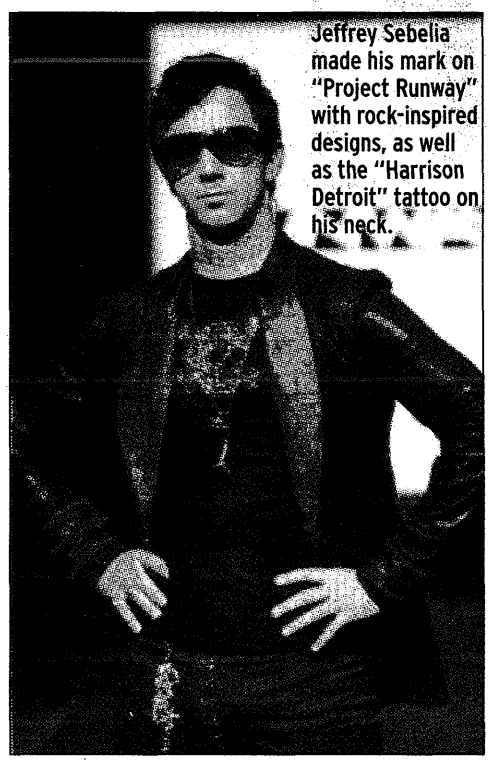


"Sometimes my birthday falls on Thanksgiving. I remember making my father squirm because I would get to pick dinner and I would pick lasagna," **Jessica Schmidt, Redford**

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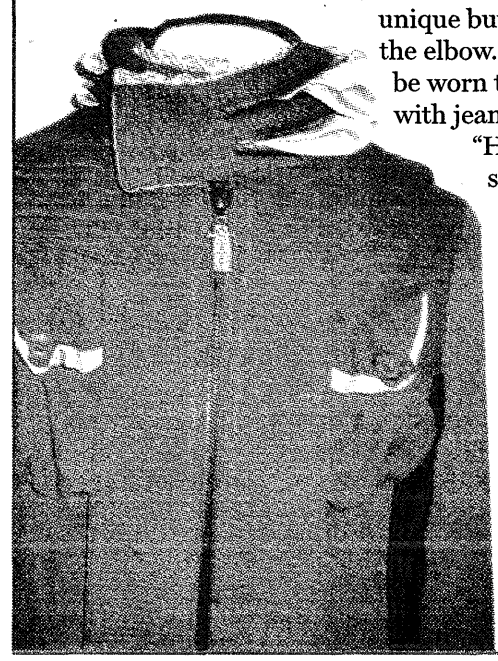
Jeffrey Sebelia made his mark on "Project Runway" with rock-inspired designs, as well as the "Harrison Detroit" tattoo on his neck.

No one can ever accuse Jenny Ouliguian, owner of Dolce Moda in Royal Oak, of being behind the fashion trends. Ouliguian picked out "Project Runway" winner Jeffrey Sebelia's fall/winter line for her store before even knowing he was going to be on the show, let alone win.

"The first time that I saw he was on there — it was pretty shocking," she says. "'Project Runway' became a little more personal because of him and his line."

Not that Ouliguian feels the sharp-tongued Sebelia needed the show to prove his worth as a designer — she was immediately taken in by his use of materials and intricate handiwork. Dolce Moda, the only store in Michigan to carry the line, has already sold many of the pieces it bought.

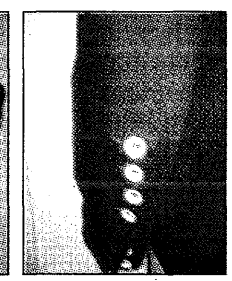
The line, named Cosa Nostra, is as dark as its moniker implies. For men the pieces (which range from $700 to $1,700) revolve around the use of blazers, which incorporate leather and wool and utilize unique buttons on the sleeves that often run to the elbow. The blazers are versatile enough to be worn to upscale events or can be paired with jeans.



"His pieces are very unique," Ouliguian says. "He's all about the image of rock n' roll and something that stands out. That's what drew me in."

— Christy Breithaupt

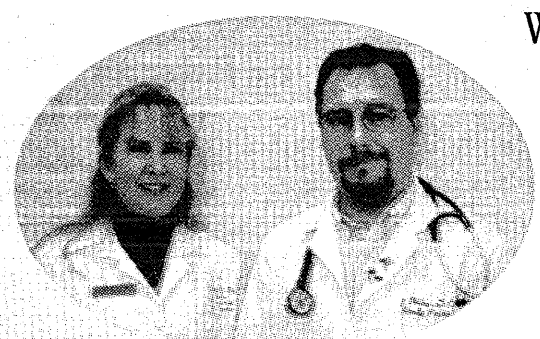


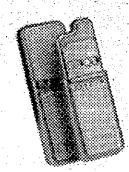


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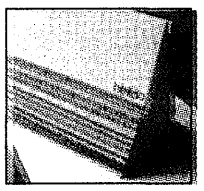
Have a handmade holiday

By Stephanie Tardy

Welcome to the very first Crafty Gal column! As a creative junky, I couldn't be more excited to bring you news and events from the front lines of the DIY revolution. In the coming months, I hope to introduce you to new trends, useful resources and maybe even inspire you to take up a new hobby. But before we get to all that, let's talk shopping. After all, the next best thing to handmaking, is buying handmade — and with the holidays right around the corner, there are plenty of hip places in Detroit to shop for handmade gifts. Here are a few of my favorites.

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Consignment boutique NAKA features a wide variety of handmade creations. Drool-worthy items include cards from paper priestess Sugar Lily, silk-screened T-shirts by California-based Poketo, modern belt buckles by Steel Toe Studios and handcrafted jewelry made by store owner Kelly Pettibone. www.nakastore.com

Pure Detroit Design Lab

The Pure Detroit Design Lab has closed the doors of its retail space at Congress and Shelby, but its spirit lives on. The Lab will now sell works by local artists at Pure Detroit stores in the Fisher Building, Guardian Building and Renaissance Center. Look for designers like Sarah Lapinski and Sara Lurtz of the men's line Wound, Zack Ostrowski of Superiorbelly, women's handbag designer Molly Mast and oddball artist Gwen Joy. www.puredetroitdesignlab.com.

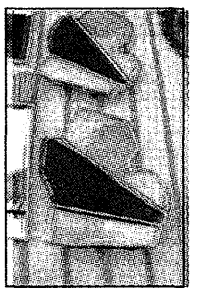


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Handmade Detroit Market

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Hosts of the Detroit Urban Craft Fair are planning a special alternative to the usual holiday mall shopping. The one-day market will include 25 local crafters, artists and record labels. A DJ will spin festive tunes and three "make-and-take" tables are planned. The fair will be a great way to see what other local crafters are up to ... as well as an opportunity to purchase a unique find for everyone on your list.



Michigan magnets by Glass Action! available at Handmade Detroit Holiday Market.

Stephanie Tardy is the founder of Handmade Detroit, an indie craft collective. Find out more at www.handmadedetroit.com or contact her at stardy@hometownlife.com.





PINK mommy

Lessons in giving to teachers



By Wendie DeLano

The holiday season is fast approaching and it's time to start tackling that gift giving list. If you're like most parents, you're probably stumped for ideas on what to get your child's teacher. After polling all my teacher friends (and checking out their garage sale tables this summer) I learned they have enough teacher mugs and tree ornaments to last a lifetime. Relax; it's really a lot easier than you think to find the perfect gift for the person helping to mold your child's mind this year.

School budgets are tight, and often teachers spend their own money to make sure their classrooms are stocked with basics. **The Teachers Store** (16911 Middle Belt Rd., Livonia (734) 525-0720) has always been a great place for teachers to get stickers, classroom decorations and much needed office supplies. The store is not just for teachers though — the public is welcome to shop there too. If you don't know what to choose, gift certificates are available in any amount — making them the perfect alternative to dollar store trinkets.

As many mommies know, teachers send home a lot of notes. **Design-her Gals** (www.designhergals.com) is an online stationary company where you can create invitations, note cards and more all with a sassy illustration put together head to toe by you! Your child will have fun helping pick out clothes, shoes and even hair to make a gal that looks just like their teacher. Choose Teachers Memo Paper ($45 for 200 sheets), or create your own fun stationary from dozens of other options. If you simply can't resist getting another mug, you can put your Design-her Gal on one of those too. Best of all, a portion of proceeds benefits the Gal to Gal Foundation — a non-profit for patients with stage 4 breast cancer. What teacher wouldn't appreciate that?

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New Shops Spark the Joy of Giving



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By Elaine Perlin Crossley

Who wouldn't want to receive an original holiday trinket from one of the newer shops around town? Calling all fabulous 'PINK' gift-givers! Let's mosey beyond a few new windows where you can gather up a slew of special surprises.

The 'Ulta'mate in Beauty

Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrances stocks just about every conceivable beauty item – from designer chic to drugstore classic. With locations in Farmington Hills, Brighton, Lake Orion (and more to come), the atmosphere is fresh, crisp and organized. From the high-end inspirations of Chanel, Burberry, and Guess to the tried and true ease of Maybelline, L'Oreal and Revlon, Ulta accommodates every style and budget.

Somerset Arrivals

Romp through Barney's New York Co Op, opened in September on the south side of Somerset. Its catalog calls it "the wayward offspring of Barney's New York!"

Find the latest in edgy, urban style with such designs as 'Marc' by Marc Jacobs, Earnest Sewn jeans, ultra-skinny Tsubi jeans, a riveted leather frame bag by Jas M. B. and sassy jewelry by Bing Bang.

On the north side of the mall, find the newest Anthropologie, oozing with cutting-edge fashions and enchanting artifacts. (Good news! The popular Birmingham Anthropologie is staying put.)

The eclectic designs of Betsey Johnson have moved from south to north with 600 additional square feet. Don a comfy jersey dress for day wear, or a slinky evening number for a twinkling night on the town.

Bailey Banks & Biddle recently re-located into a new flagship store beaming with brilliant baubles.

Visit Anne Klein New York for luxe accessories. High fashion footwear, handbags, belts, jewelry, timepieces, small leather goods and other seasonal items catch the eye.

And back at Somerset South, an array of gorgeous Stuart Weitzman shoes awaits in the first free-standing store in Michigan bearing the designer's name. It's in the former home of Marmi Shoes, which has relocated to the second level.

More Metro News

Run over to Twelve Oaks Mall to see what All the Hoopla is about! From the traditions of Lennox to avant--garde artsy, enjoy a breezy browse through this exciting new home decor, culinary and gift shop.

Located at The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield, the spirited Acorn, a division of Christopher & Banks, abounds with colorful textural clothing and spirited gift items. Grab a high heel-shaped cake server, beaded martini shaker or spunky wine or martini glasses (with hand-painted drink recipes right on them!)

In Birmingham, Flash Accessories carries totally cool hair adornments, trendy jewelry, belts, scarves and more. It also houses a make-up artist and a hair stylist. Tender has just opened an extension next door to its original shop offering "more Tender to love." And vintage fans will find troves of treasure at the new Revive boutique.

Shoetique in downtown Rochester not only offers the hottest styles in shoes, but also other adorable embellishments.

Pet Lover's Paradise

We can't forget our furry friends! Shaggy Chic Boutique on North Old Woodward in Birmingham brims with exclusive goodies for pets – from beaded collars to human-grade food to the cushy 'Katie Puff' bed. And for the people who love them? Grab a pink, brown or olive tank top that says, "Sleeps With Dogs!"

'Two' Cool Kohl's

Two new Kohl's stores have opened in West Bloomfield and Lapeer. Known for its Lauren 'Chaps' line, the expanding chain will partner with more high-end designers. Keep your eyes peeled for Vera Wang's 'Very Vera' signature fashion and lifestyle line to emerge in Fall 2007.

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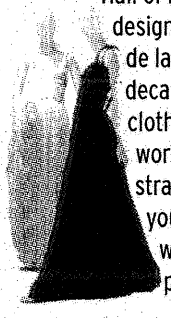
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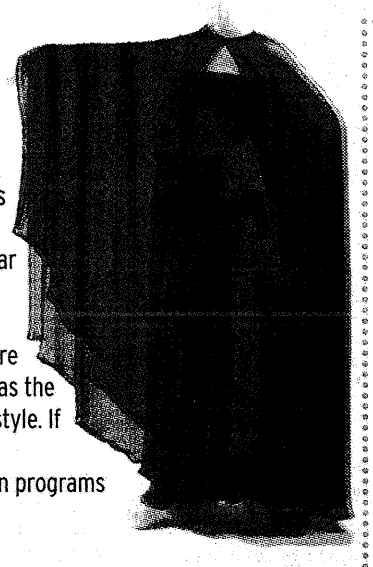
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Nan Kempner Couture Exhibit
Jet-set fashionistas won't want to miss "Nan Kempner: American Chic" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Dec. 12-March 4. Book your ticket to style and tour the New York museum's exhibit of items from Kempner's closet. The late New York style icon was a member of The Best Dressed List's Hall of Fame and a passionate collector of such designers as Yves Saint Laurent, Valentino, and Oscar de la Renta from the 1960s onward. Over five decades, she acquired thousands of articles of clothing and accessories. The exhibition will feature work of the designers she most admired, as well as the strategies Kempner used to create her personal style. If you can't make the Met in person, log on to www.metmuseum.org for a variety of education programs presented in conjunction with the exhibit.



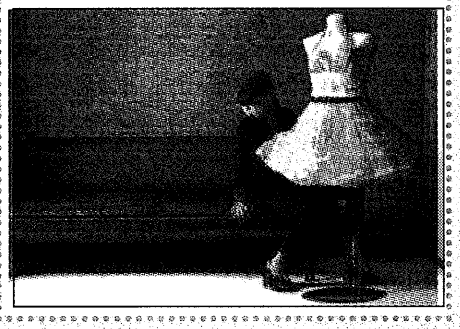




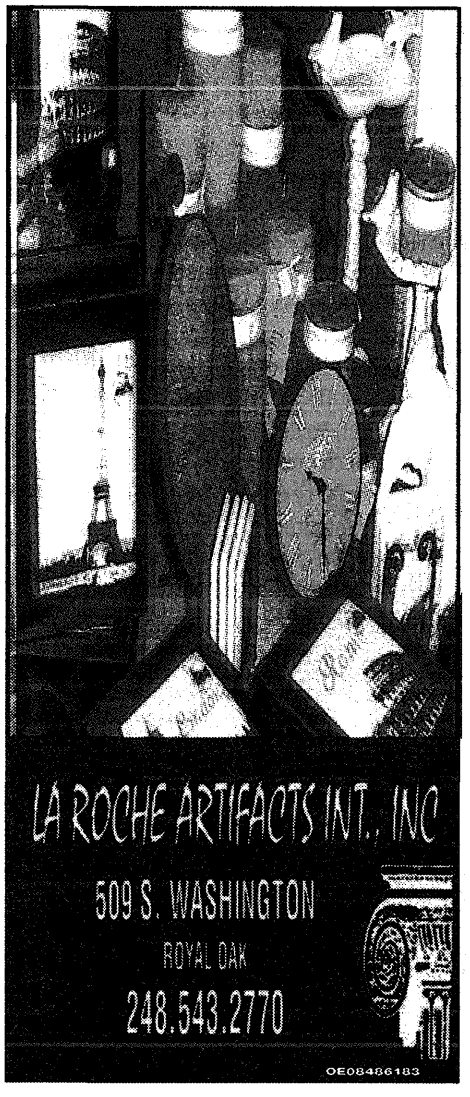
Detroit Fashion Incubator Grand Opening
The local design community has a new nexus. The Detroit Fashion Incubator recently launched to assist designers in all aspects of the biz, and the organization will open its new retail space at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 with a soirée featuring hors d'oeuvres, a DJ, charity garment auction and a "great surprise." Founded by designer Michael Delon Wilson (pictured), the DFI offers workshops, resource lists, support and seminars to its members. Donations and a portion of sales at the grand opening will benefit AIDS research. The DFI is located at 4737 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 281-8001 or visit www.detroitfashionincubator.com.

Holiday Luncheon & Boutique
The Women's Division for Project HOPE will hold a holiday luncheon and boutique Friday, Dec. 8 at the Forest Lake Country Club, 14.01 Club Drive in Bloomfield Hills. Boutique shopping will be open from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., with lunch served at noon. Tickets, $60-$100, benefit Project HOPE and include valet. R.S.V.P. to Queenie Sarkisian, (248) 855-0605.

Fanclub Fashion Awards
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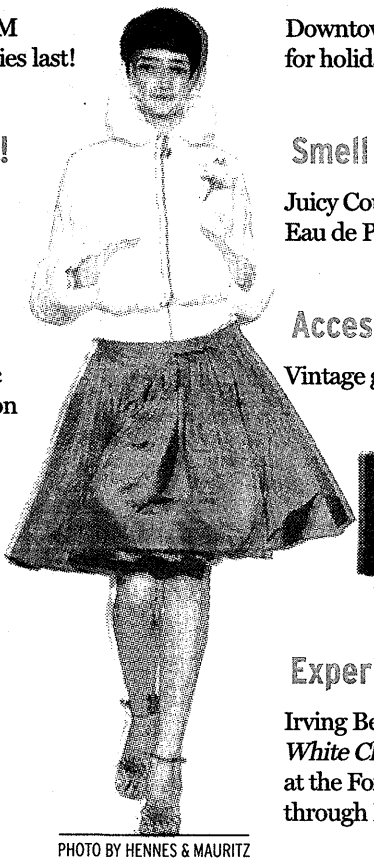


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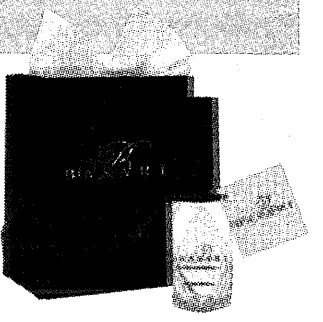
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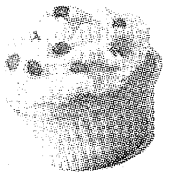


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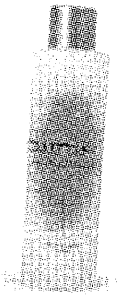
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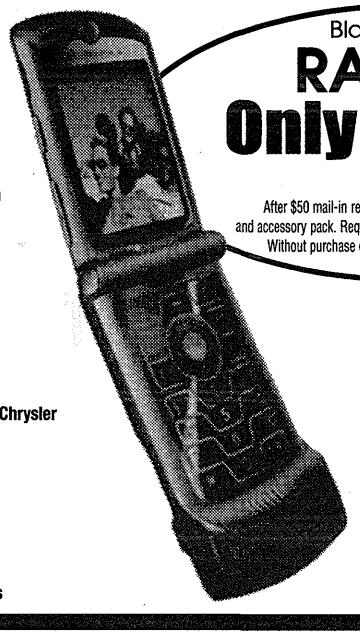
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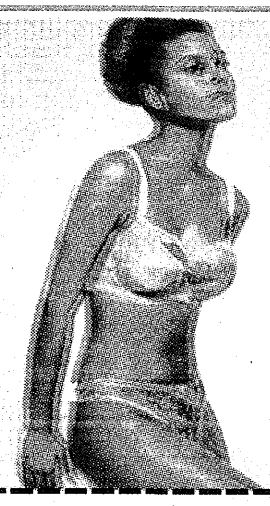
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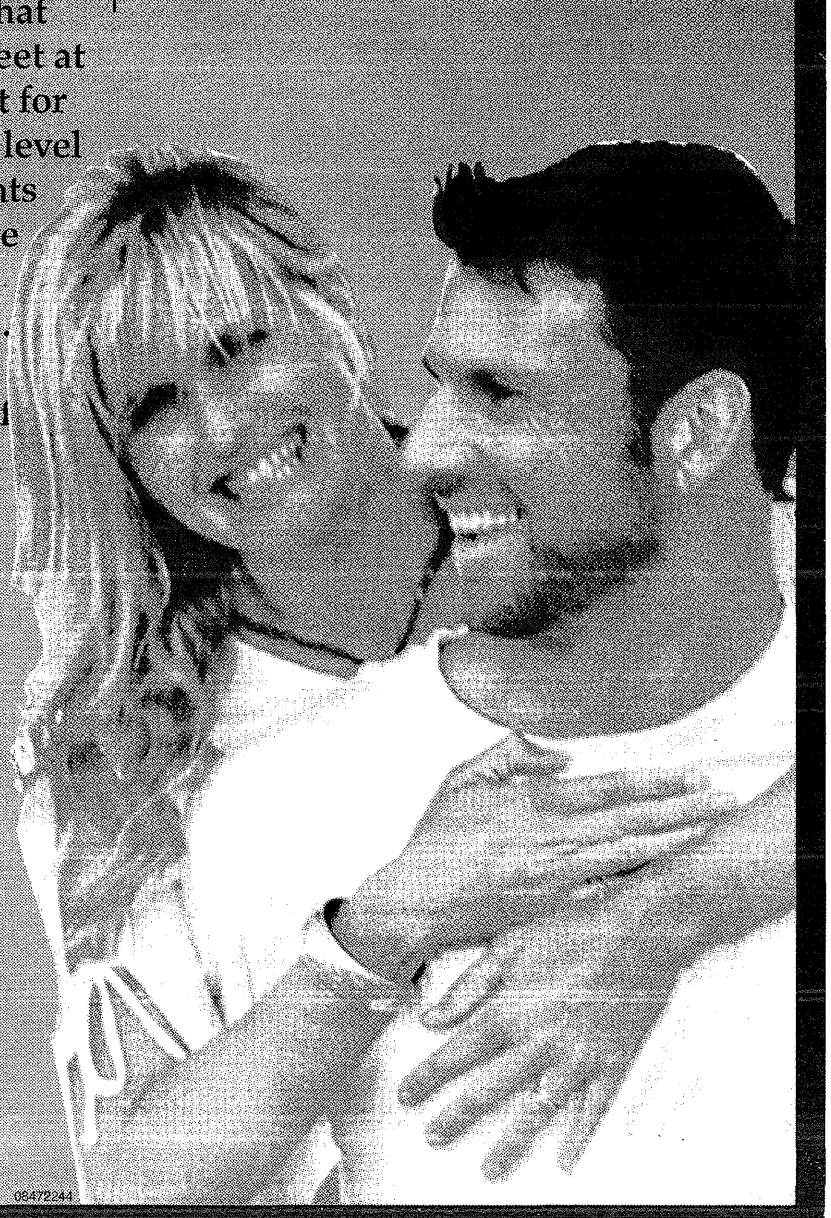
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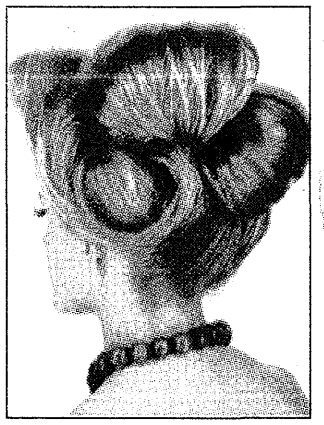
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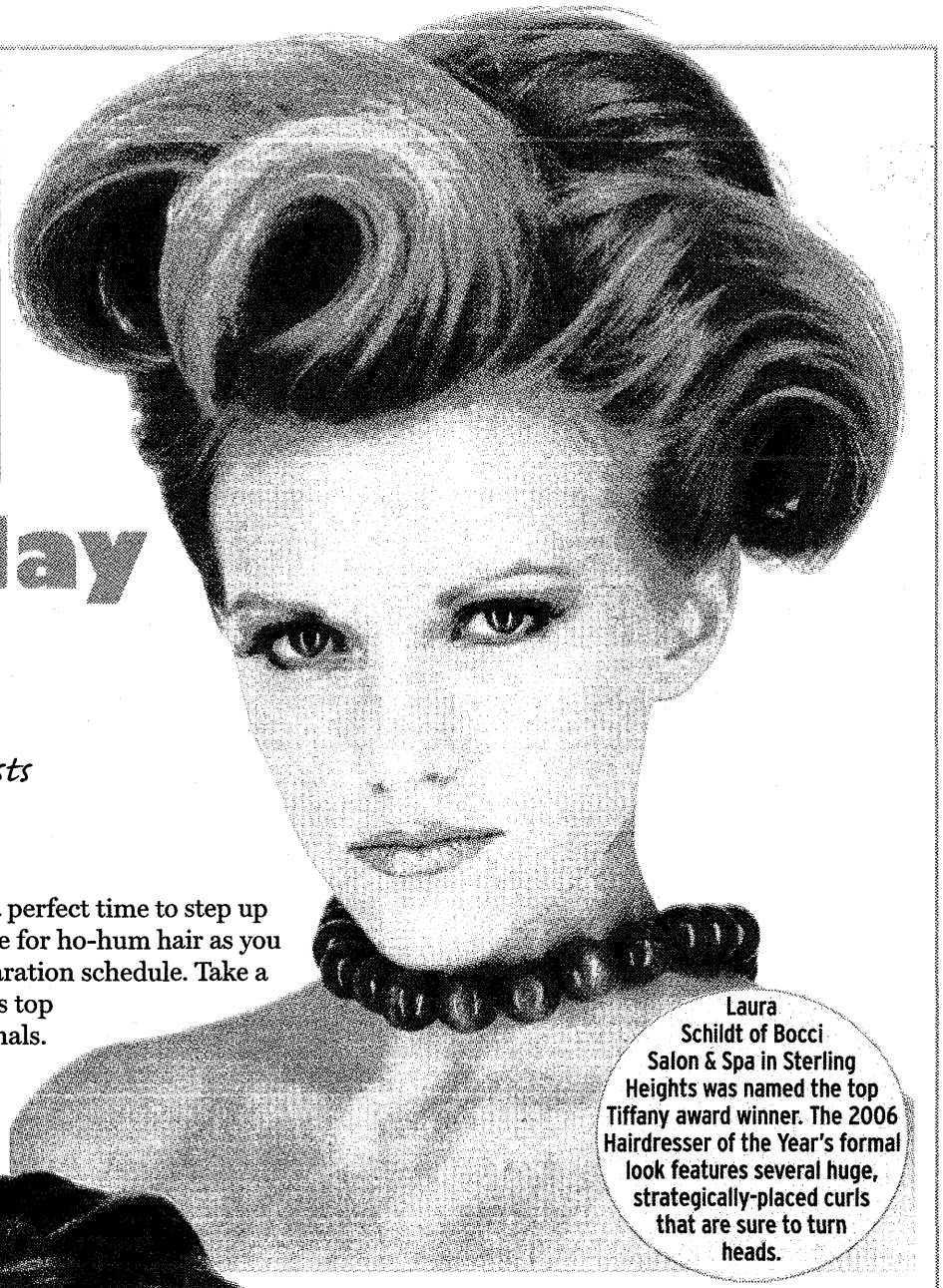
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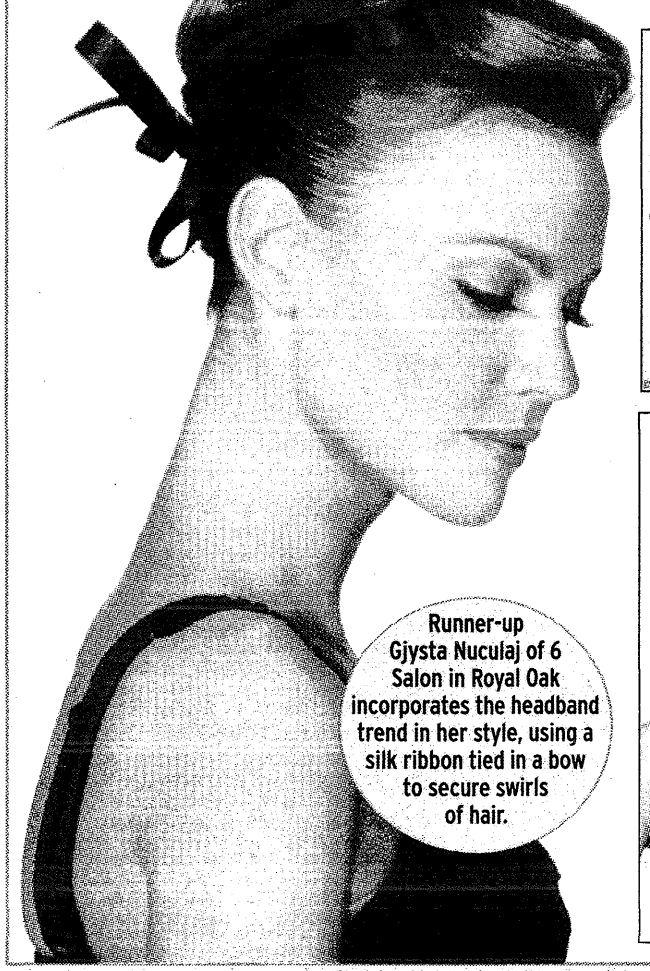
Holiday Hair

The state's top stylists share new up-dos

The holiday season is a perfect time to step up your style. Don't settle for ho-hum hair as you plan your party preparation schedule. Take a cue from three of the area's top stylists for some fresh formals. Here, finalists in Nailco's 2006 Tiffany Hairdresser of the Year Awards share their latest looks.

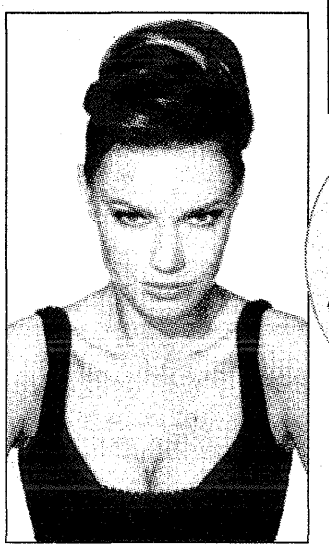


Laura Schildt of Bocci Salon & Spa in Sterling Heights was named the top Tiffany award winner. The 2006 Hairdresser of the Year's formal look features several huge, strategically-placed curls that are sure to turn heads.



Runner-up Gjysta Nuculaj of 6 Salon in Royal Oak incorporates the headband trend in her style, using a silk ribbon tied in a bow to secure swirls of hair.







Formal doesn't have to mean stodgy, as evidenced by the stylings of runner-up Jeph Wright of 6 Salon in Royal Oak (above). Wright leaves wisps carefully "undone" to frame the face in front and create a cascade of waves in the back.

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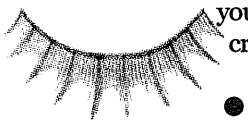
Faking It:

A False Eyelash Primer

After decades of low-profile lashes, Twiggy-esque fringe is back, oh-so-glam and flirtier than ever. Here are a few ideas to get you started, just in time for the holidays.

Lash 101

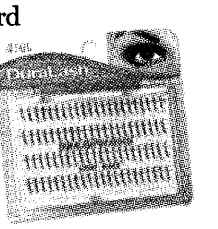
Forget basic black. The latest fakes come in every color, size, shape and material imaginable. Get an amplified version of your own fringe or vamp it up with glitter, crazy shades or even feathers.



- Start by curling natural lashes.
- Apply a thin layer of adhesive along strip, then press into place along upper lid at lash line.
- Practice makes perfect so if you're a novice, give yourself extra time.

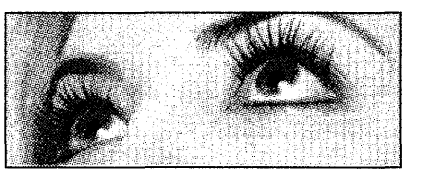
Individual Lashes

Easier and quicker to use than standard strip lashes, these can be applied a few at a time for a more natural look.



- Add a drop of glue to the base.
- Apply each piece directly to the lashes at outer corner of the eyes, just at the lash line.
- Use 2-3 pieces per eye for understated drama, or more for extra fullness.

Lash Extensions



"Extensions are like the Mercedes of false lashes," says Brandi Mitchell, owner of her eponymous Ferndale salon, makeup artist extraordinaire and expert applicator of Xtreme Lashes. Extensions are applied by a trained pro—one lash at a time—and can last up to 6-8 weeks with proper care. The process takes several hours and costs about $300 but the results are stunning—a long, lush, natural-looking fringe that will make you ditch the mascara wand. For more information, contact Brandi Mitchell Makeup & Image Studio at (248) 543-5217.

Blush Picks:

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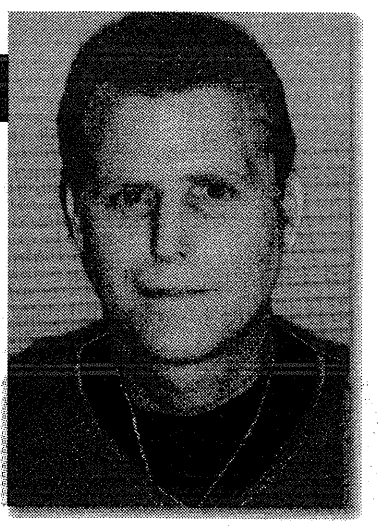
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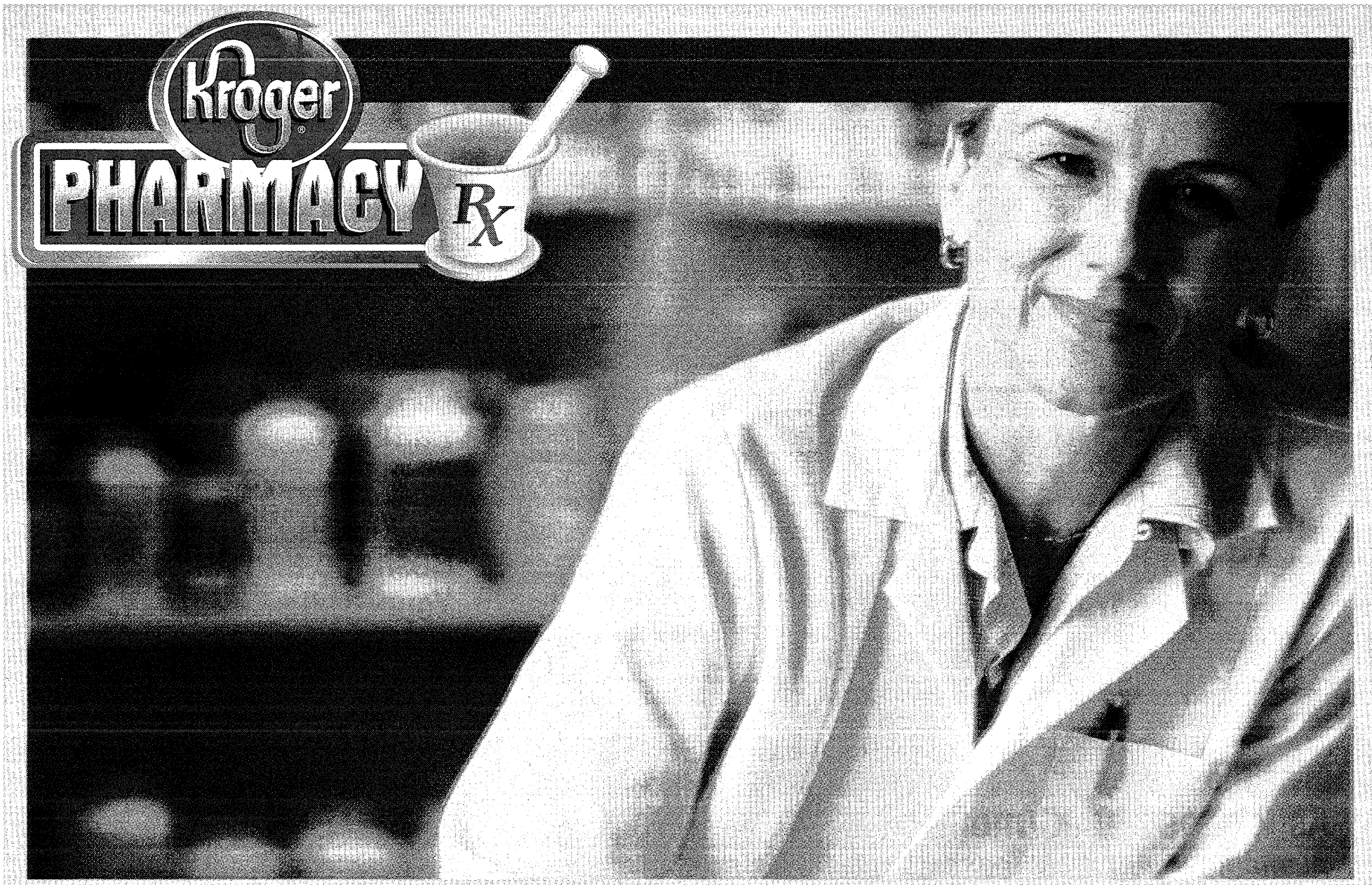
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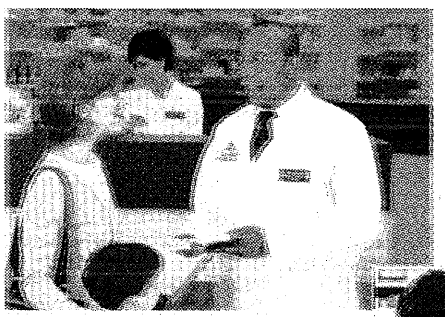


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