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Penn pals set to take over

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Ellen Elliott - executive director of the Friends of the Penn - puts it, 'the clock starts ticking' as of 9 a.m. Tuesday

If all goes well, at that time a newly formed investment group will write a check for \$12 million to purchase the historic downtown Plymouth theater from co-owners Chris Knight and Pat Tortora

The 10 partners who make up Penn Theatre Realty, LLC will then tender a 20-year lease to the Friends for \$1 a year

The clock starts ticking and the bills start at that time - phone, water, electricity," said Elliott "Without the theater open, we have no operating income. We'll be relying on fund-raisers to keep it open."

The investors have each committed either \$100,000 or \$200,000 to buy the movie house on Penniman Avenue. Don Soenen, the president of the Plymouth Symphony Society, was the key figure in putting together the investment group.

I don't expect the investors to be involved, except in the areas where they can provide technical expertise associated with the renovation," said Soenen, a Plymouth resident who will be the manager of the partnership. "We have a very experienced group of investors, with a vast range of capabilities. And, I'm sure they would lend their services, if called on, to help in any way with the renovation."

Scott Taylor, 53, is one of those investors. Despite currently residing in Northville Township, Taylor remembers spending 30 years of his life in Plymouth.

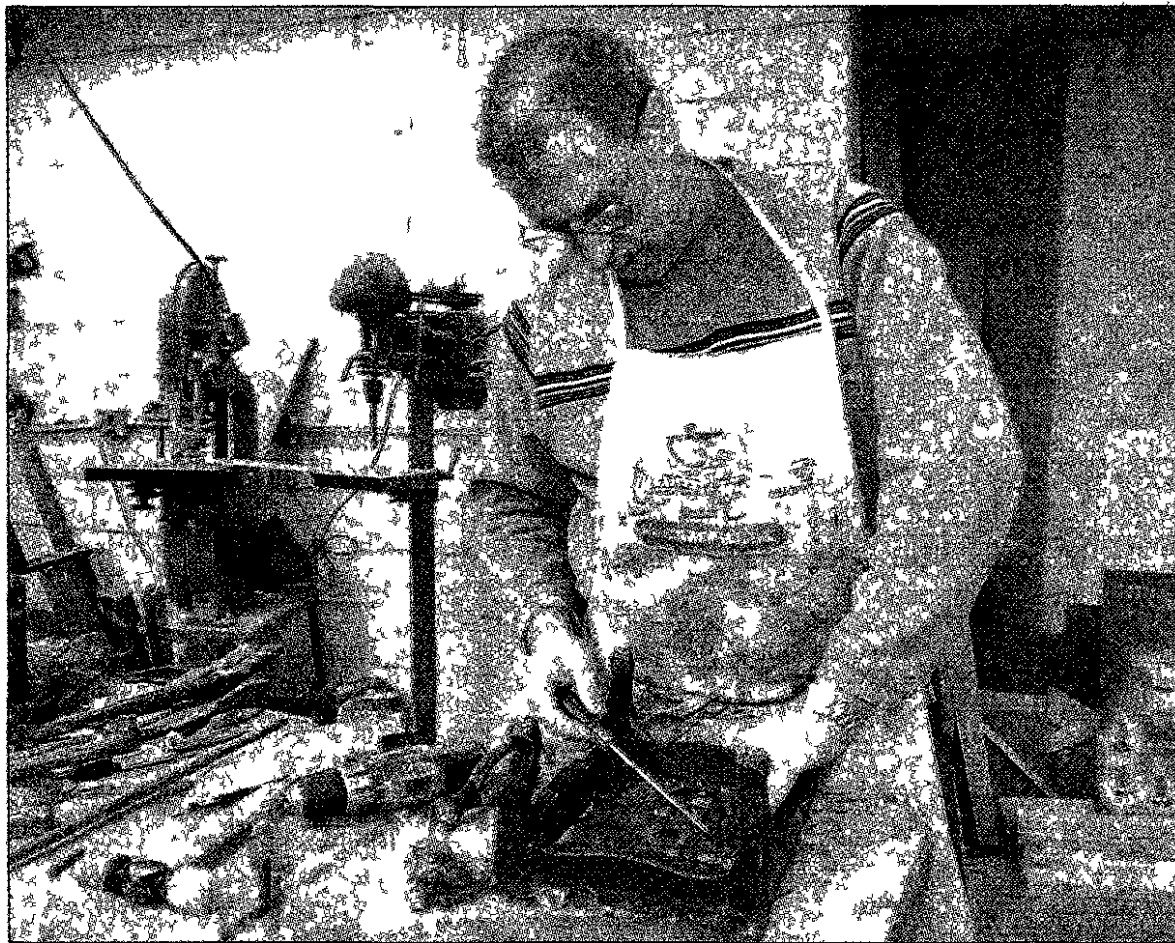
"I still feel my heart's in Plymouth," said Taylor. "I used to go to matinees for a quarter and watch a movie all day."

"Plymouth has something unique, and most communities would kill to have a theater like that," he said. "It's a good anchor for downtown, and good for the community."

Along with Soenen and Taylor, the other partners of Penn Theatre Realty are Mike Ferrantino, Mike Kolb, Ray Maloni, Jim McKeon, Walt Menard, Tom Osborne and Carl Schultz. One investor declined to be named.

Soenen said the Plymouth Symphony will perform two of its five 2006-07 concerts at the Penn. "And, we're looking at adding one, and possibly two, more," he said.

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Jay Densmore disassembles a small footstool with needlepoint covering before it is refinished at Plymouth Furniture Refinishing on Main Street

Preserving heritage 30 years later, refinishing brings back the past

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Jim Ward bought a 1930s-era inlaid chess board in Gatlinburg, Tenn., several years ago, it quickly became one of his favorite pieces because of its uniqueness.

But, as time went on, it cracked and started looking old, so Ward decided to get it rejuvenated.

"I took it to a number of companies to look at, and they said they couldn't restore it," said Ward, who lives in Salem Township. "I really loved it, and was discouraged because I was told it had to be stripped with a whole new top, which would have resulted in a loss of what it represents."

"But, somebody recommended Jay (Densmore, owner of Plymouth Furniture Refinishing) and I took it to him," said Ward. "Now, you can't tell it was ever damaged or restored. I was amazed."

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For three decades, Densmore has been refinishing, repairing and providing antique restoration in Plymouth. And, for 30 years, Densmore has heard stories like the one portrayed by Ward.

"The best jobs for me are the ones with emotional attachment," admitted Densmore, whose building at 331 N. Main - near the railroad tracks - is an historic one itself, which seems fitting. "It's about the memories you evoke when you restore something."

PLEASE SEE REFINISHING, A6



Frank and Marion Spieser of Canton confer with Jay Densmore about a chair they want him to refinish

Heists heighten theft risks

Cops warn businesses to maintain caution

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After the second armed robbery within three weeks at the Hungry Howie's Pizza on Main Street, Plymouth police are cautioning business owners to be alert.

The latest robbery took place shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, when a masked gunman entered a rear door of the pizza restaurant and robbed the employee on duty.

"At first the employee thought it was a joke, despite the fact the suspect produced a steel revolver," said Detective Jame Grabowski. "But, the suspect said 'This is no bull---, give me the money.'"

The victim went to the register and opened it, but the robber pushed him aside and bagged the money himself because he felt the store employee wasn't fast enough," said Grabowski, who noted there was an undetermined amount of money taken.

Grabowski said the description of a man about 6 feet and 190 pounds is somewhat the same as when the restaurant was robbed on Feb. 4, in much the same manner. In that case, a possible second suspect was arrested on unrelated charges. A toy gun and ski mask were found in the back yard of a home in the 600 block of Ross Street.

The robbery is the third in Plymouth since Jan. 18. On that night, the Speedway gas station in Old Village was robbed by a man wielding a knife. A tracking dog led police to a nearby apartment building, where the suspect was arrested.

Grabowski said retail shop owners need to be alert. "Many people don't expect this to happen in Plymouth, but it can happen anywhere," said Grabowski. "We do have a safe community, a good police department with good response times, but they shouldn't lull themselves into becoming lazy."

"Retail establishments should take basic security measures, such as locking back doors, having well-lit parking lots and training employees how to react by just giving the robber what he wants," added Grabowski.

Anyone with information concerning the armed robberies at Hungry Howie's can call Grabowski at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 272.

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DDA director in hunt for Northville position

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority director Bob Anderson is one of seven candidates under consideration for the city manager position in Northville.

The Northville City Council began interviewing candidates Saturday. Anderson said he is the last of the scheduled interviews on Wednesday.

"I think it would be a great opportunity," Anderson said. "I've grown to

love Northville. It would be an extraordinary opportunity."

The Northville City Council is expected to narrow its choices down to three after the interviews, according to interim City Manager Nickie Bateson.

"It could be a clear choice of one candidate or they might decide to do second interviews or another scenario," Bateson said. "They hope to have somebody on board by the first of April."

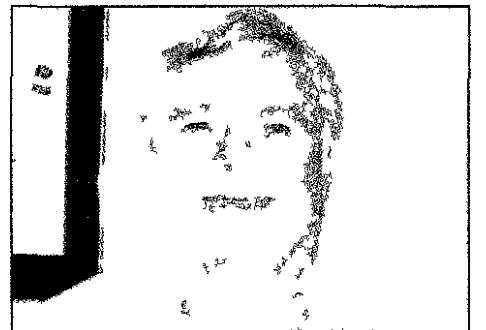
Gary Ward was earning \$104,000 when he left the job in January to take

over as village manager of Islamorada, Fla. The posted pay for the position ranges from \$95,000-\$105,000.

Anderson has been Plymouth DDA director since August 2002. He currently earns a salary of \$63,500.

Anderson has held city manager positions in Harbor Springs and Traverse City, as well as Aspen, Colo. He was a finalist for the city manager jobs in Auburn Hills in 2004, and earlier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Bob Anderson is a candidate for the city manager position in Northville

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Early childhood night

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Early Childhood department hosts a parent information night for the 2006-07 school year on Tuesday, March 7 at Discovery Middle School

Applications will be available online the following day

There will also be a Preschool Site Nite 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Parents will be able to visit classrooms, meet the staff and talk with parents currently enrolled in the program

District preschool sites are at Canton High School, Hoben Elementary, Fiegel Elementary, Hulsing Elementary and Tanger Center. For further information call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood>

Flag series

The Plymouth Historical Museum is set to host the last three parts of the series, "Flags - History and Heroes"

The Thursday, March 9, speaker will be Civil War historian Bob Zaetta, who will talk about "The Eddy Post and Civil War Flag." The museum collec-

tions include a large G.A.R. flag on display in the Abraham Lincoln exhibit which is from the Eddy Post and was given to the survivors and veterans of the Civil War in Plymouth. Zaetta will explain who the Eddy boys were and why this flag is so important

On Thursday, April 13, the speaker will be Lincoln interpreter Fred Priebe on "The Tragedy of Elmer Ellsworth." Priebe, as Abraham Lincoln, will explain who Elmer Ellsworth was and why his tragic end was so important and meaningful to Lincoln

On Thursday, May 11, the speaker will be Kerry Chartkoff, director of Capital Services in Lansing. Michigan gave over 80,000 men to fight for the Union cause during the Civil War. Each unit was a Regiment and each Regiment had a Regimental Flag. These flags were more than just symbols - these flags were carried through gunfire and chaos to led men into battle

These symbols of bravery and loss on exhibit at our Michigan State Capital were restored and reproduced under the direction of Kerry Chartkoff so their history and their stories would be told to

future generations

All programs start at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet at noon Monday, March 20, at the Plymouth Historical Museum for a sandwich luncheon which serves as the club's annual meeting

The program will include a tour of the museum. For more information, call (734) 459-4764

Goodfellows meet

The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at the Plymouth District Library

The meeting will include discussion on 2005 and plans for the group's "No Child Without a Christmas" program for 2006

Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call (734) 453-4007

Rummage sale

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual rummage sale and bake sale 9 a.m. -

6 p.m. Friday, March 31

This year, the Army is offering tables for rent for any crafters or vendors who would like to showcase their wares. The cost of the tables is \$25, with all proceeds going to support The Salvation Army's World Services, a program that places missionaries in 110 countries worldwide, usually under very difficult circumstances

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S Main St. in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-5464

Habitat applications

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County has scheduled an application orientation 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N Sheldon in Canton (north of Ford and west of Sheldon, across from Baker's Square)

All interested individuals who would like to apply for a Habitat home are invited to the orientation. The session will last approximately 90 minutes. The orientation will include a video presentation, history of Habitat, question-and-answer segment and distribution of applications

Applicants will be given the option to complete the application at the session and submit with required documentation or return the completed application within two weeks with requested documentation

Required documentation includes copy of drivers license, W-2 forms or pay stubs (at least three months), federal tax returns from previous year,

current utility statements (water, gas, electric and telephone), social security cards of all family members and a \$10 application fee (money order or check made payable to Habitat Western Wayne County)

Habitat conducts employment references, credit checks and all necessary procedures to confirm the ability to pay. The three criteria are (1) demonstration of need, (2) the ability to pay (3) applicants willingness to partner (attend required classes and completion of sweat equity)

For more information, visit Habitat's Web site at www.habitatwcc.org or call (734) 459-7744.

Jewelry evaluation

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a Jewelry Evaluation Clinic 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 31, with certified gemologist Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewelry of Grosse Pointe

DuMouchelle will evaluate jewelry both contemporary and antique as well as silver and small art objects for history, condition and fair market value. Cost is \$8 per item

More information can be found at the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call the museum, (734) 455-8940, to make an appointment

MARSP meeting

All public school retirees in southeast Michigan are invited to join the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel at its next luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia

After the corned beef-and-cabbage luncheon, Gordon Draper will do a travelogue of Borneo and Malaysia. Make a reservation by calling (248) 477-9764. The cost is \$9

Legacy tribute

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan hosts its annual black-tie-optional Legacy Spring Tribute Dinner and Auction 4:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township

The evening includes a silent auction, dinner and a program celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization. Tickets are \$130

For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.biam.org or call (810) 229-5880

Magazine sale

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library still have a wide selection of used magazines for sale

Found in the Library's meeting room lobby, the magazines include all issues for one magazine for one year - each bundle is \$1

For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750

Lenten services

The churches of Plymouth host a series of Lenten services and luncheons Wednesdays through April 5. All services and luncheons are hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, located at 701 Church in Plymouth

All luncheons take place at First Presbyterian, services are noon-12:30 p.m., with a soup-and-bread lunch 12:30-1 p.m., to be led by the following churches: First Baptist Church of Plymouth March 8, First United Methodist Church March 15, St. John Episcopal Church March 22, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth March 29, and Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church April 5

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Belbin, Agosto set to take silver on road

Canton pair celebrates, prepares for run at worlds

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto seem to be taking pretty well to their new role as America's darlings after winning the silver medal in ice dancing at the Torino Olympic Games.

In their first press conference since returning from Italy to their home rink, Arctic Edge in Canton, Agosto and Belbin talked for 30 minutes about the whirlwind they've been on since winning their medals.

Belbin was asked about her new-found status as a sex symbol, conferred upon her on various Web sites calling her "America's hottest Olympian."

She laughed it off. "I'm not a shy person, so I'm not uncomfortable with that," said Belbin, the 21-year-old Canton resident. "I saw one Web site that was rating the world's sexiest female athletes, and I was behind (Russian tennis player) Maria Sharapova. I thought, 'I'm not losing to another Russian this week.'"

The laughs are coming easier for Agosto, a Farmington Hills resident, and Belbin since winning the silver in Italy. They're only just now starting to celebrate, having done several media days and the like in the days after winning.

It's now they can look back on what they both called an "amazing experience" and see it for what it was.

"It's such a huge event," said Agosto, 24. It's in the media but being there, it really did live up to all the hype.

"Once we took the ice, we had to tell ourselves it was just another competition," Belbin said. "Once we stepped off the ice, it was like nothing we'd ever done."

It's not that the pair isn't used to pressure skating. They were second at the world championships a year ago. But no U.S. ice dancers had won gold in 30 years, and the pressure was on Belbin and Agosto to stop the streak.

Not that they noticed it. "Going into the games, I had no thought about the historical significance," Agosto said. "Once we were finished, it was pretty astounding. It's been a long time coming."

So has the couple's success. They started training together eight years ago, when Belbin moved to the U.S. from Canada. They've grown together as a pair and have worked their way up the ladder of international success.

"We've been skating together for eight years, so we met when we were little kids," said Agosto, who attended Groves High School in Birmingham. "We've grown up together."

That knowledge of each other has led to a great deal of success. They're the three-time defending U.S. champions, were second at the world championships in 2005 and fifth in 2004. So their medal at Torino shouldn't have come as a surprise, according to their coach.

"It didn't happen right away," Igor Shpilband said. They had to gradually build up to it from one year to another. It was an amazing experience for me.

With the announced retirement of two-time world champions Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov of Russia, the team that beat Belbin-Agosto in Torino, the pressure could be on the silver medalists at this month's world championships.

The couple leaves for that competition in less than three weeks, but it's been on their mind since even before the Olympics.

"The world championship is one of our major goals," Belbin said. "We've never won it, so we want to be the first Americans to win gold in the world championships. That was on our minds at the Olympics — we still had one to go."

Agosto said the Olympic experience should help them when they had to the worlds.

"We always get the jitters when we compete," he said. "Having a medal from the Olympic Games will help us go into the world championships with more confidence."

When they get done, there's the Champions on Ice tour and other obligations. There's also an off-ice schedule to worry about. The pair have already been approached for endorsements by Speedo and Acuvue. In fact, they will be shooting a commercial for the contact lens company soon.

"We get to experience a whole other world," Belbin said. They're also dealing with their increased popularity, something they may not have realized they'd have to deal with until they got home. Arctic Edge officials kept a collection of the couple's various press clippings.

People are starting to recognize them more frequently — "At dinner, people are coming up to me now and saying congratulations," Agosto said. That's wonderful — and kids are gathering



PHOTOS BY B. L. BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Olympic silver medalists Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin returned to Canton's Arctic Edge Arena and answered reporters' questions, along with coaches Marina Zoueva and Igor Shpilband.

to watch them skate. That could be one of the best parts of their legacy.

"We hope our performance can popularize the sport," Belbin said. "It got a lot of coverage it usually doesn't get. We're glad to be part of that."

But there's no rest for the weary, as the couple ramps up for the worlds.

"We're trying to catch up on sleep — we're slightly exhausted from the whole experience," Agosto said. "Now we have to train."

For now, though, the couple

can look back on their effort in Torino, remembering what it was like to be on the medal stand to capture America's first ice dancing medal since Colleen O'Connor and Jim Millin earned a bronze in 1976.

The medal ceremony is that moment you identify with the Olympic performance," Agosto said. "You're in that incredible arena with those medals. You want it to be the moment you hoped it would be, and it really was."

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Olympic silver medalists Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin returned to Canton's Arctic Edge Arena Wednesday.

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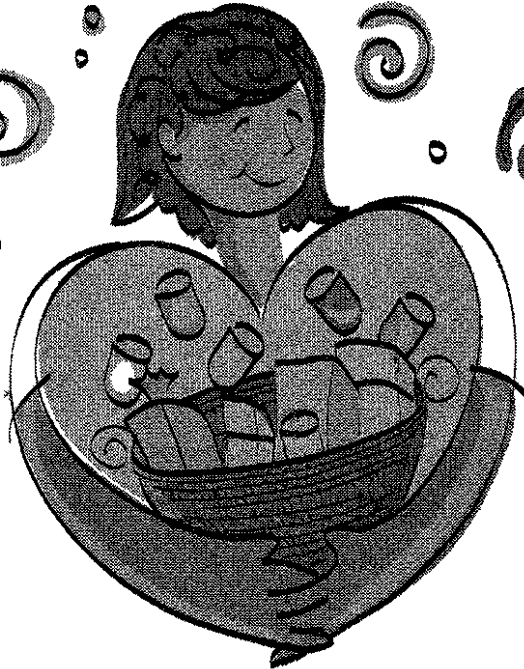
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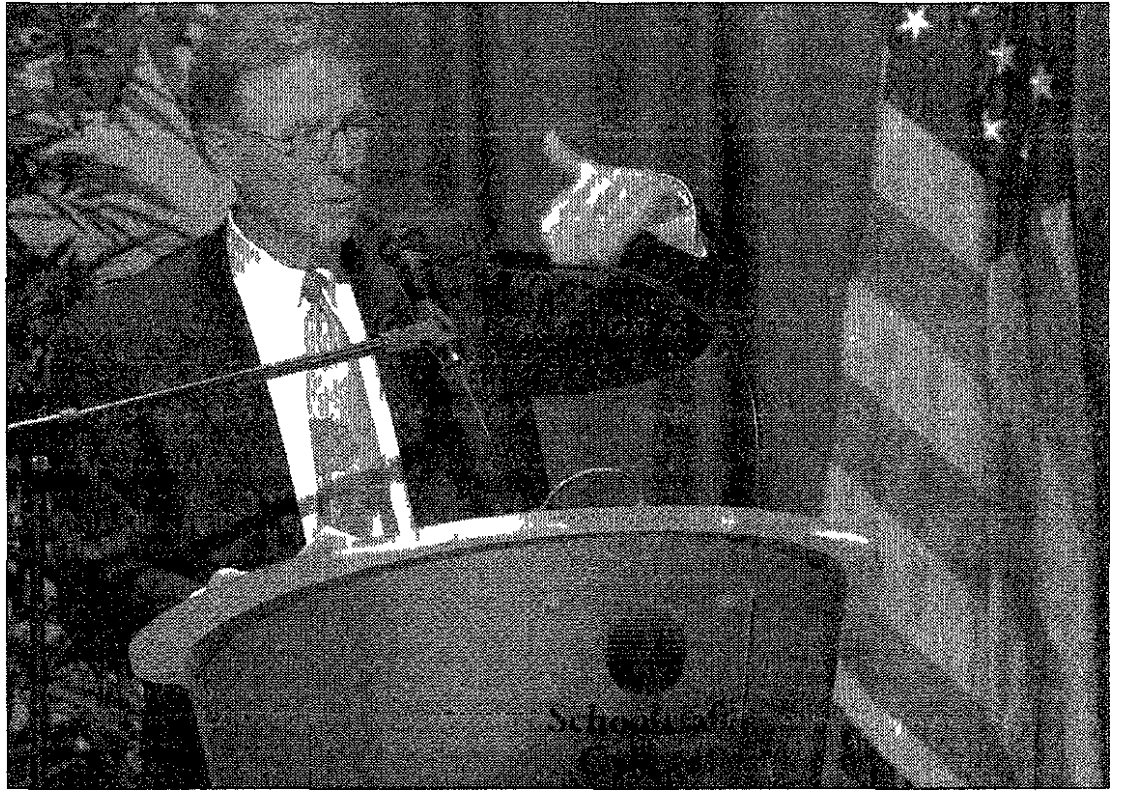
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State School Supt. Mike Flanagan makes an appearance Tuesday at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton.

Flanagan makes Canton appearance

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization made up of women who work in the educational field, so it's natural to expect members of the local chapter, Gamma Gamma, would be excited to hear from the state's top education official.

And that's what will happen at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Tuesday, when State Supt. of Schools Michael Flanagan appears to talk about the status of education in Michigan, including what's going on now and the future of education in the state.

Organizers are encouraging educators, superintendents, parents and community members to attend Flanagan's appearance, scheduled 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday. There is no charge to attend, but donations to the chapter's student scholarship fund will be "welcomed at the door," organizers said.

Gamma Gamma is a chapter which includes women from all levels and subject areas of education. The group includes teachers and administrators, retired and non-retired members from many buildings in the school district. Chapter officials say the chapter provides a strong professional and social networking opportunity.

In addition to the scholarship fund, the chapter sponsors its

annual craft show and quilt raffle, held each fall at West Middle School. The project raises money for scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students who are planning a career in education.

The chapter is currently supporting 12 students, who each receive \$1,000 per year, on a grant that's renewable up to five years.

The chapter also collects items and donations for places such as the First Step shelter for women and children and Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to professional and social networking, the state and international organizations offer many scholarships, grants, travel opportunities, workshops and conferences for members. To be eligible for membership, a woman must have at least three years work experience in the educational field.

Chapter meetings are held once a month during the school year, generally 4:30-7:30 p.m. on a Tuesday, in clubhouses, restaurants, libraries and the homes of members. Most meetings have a planned program or speaker, a business meeting, and most include a meal. Chapter dues this year are \$54.

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B
Lawrence W Blunk
 Blunk 95 of Plymouth died March 1

C
Frank Leroy Cochran
 Cochran 87 of Westland died Feb 27

D
Donald H McKeon
 McKeon 90 of Grand Blanc died Feb 10

E
Eleanor M Budd
 Budd died Feb 27

F
Virginia Ginny Cunningham
 Cunningham 76 formerly of Plymouth died Feb 26

G
Laura J Gray
 Gray 87 of Farmington Hills died March 1

H
David K Hammond
 Hammond 64 of Royal Oak died Feb 24

I
Rose M Kitti
 Kitti 92 of Canton Township died Feb 27

J
Rosemarie Kostecke
 Kostecke 59 died Jan 19

K
Dr Raymond F Madigan
 Madigan 82 of Livonia died

L
Teresa Jean McConaughy
 McConaughy 46 of Lambertville died March 1

M
Marilyn J Ratzenberger
 Ratzenberger 73 of Lake Orion died Feb 28

N
Franco A Rea
 Rea 56 of Livonia died Feb 27

O
Mary Elizabeth Shaw
 Shaw 85 of Farmington Hills died Feb 24

P
Harold E Smith
 Smith 85 of Westland died March 2

Q
Mary Tyghem
 Tyghem 87 died March 1

R
Charles Lee Worthington
 Worthington 61 of Plymouth died March 2

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

Vandals spray-paint Farrand school

Apparently someone didn't like the school colors at Farrand Elementary School. According to Plymouth Township police reports, sometime between 5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 7 a.m. Feb. 28, unknown suspects made their way onto the school property on Greenbriar and smashed out several windows on the north-west side of the building, and windows in the courtyard on the west side of the building. The vandals then shot spray-paint through the broken windows, damaging several fixtures inside the building. The building itself also failed to escape the paint. The vandals also spray-painted various parts of the building with bright orange and white colors.

Stolen purse
 A woman told Plymouth Township police she arrived at

POLICE BLOTTER
Bally's on Ann Arbor Road for a workout and upon arriving, stuck her car keys in her coat pocket. Following her workout, she donned her coat in preparation for departure. When she reached for her keys, they were gone. Police investigated, and discovered someone had used the keys to break into the trunk of the woman's 2005 Honda and steal her purse.

Retail fraud
 Workers at Kroger told Plymouth Township police a driver in a white car had tried to run down one of their co-workers at the Ann Arbor Road store Feb. 25. Witnesses saw the car east-bound on Ann Arbor Road at

Lilley, where it was pulled over by City of Plymouth police officers, who had the driver in custody. Meanwhile, township police investigating the incident at Kroger were told a man fitting the description of the white male in city custody had been seen in the aisle at Kroger, stashing bottles of alcohol beneath his coat. When approached, the man failed to replace the alcohol and left the store, getting into the white car. When witnesses tried to get him to get out, according to police reports, the man refused and started to pull away. One of the witnesses then cut the car's tire with a knife. The car was pulled over by City of Plymouth Police because it was driving with a flat tire and had a broken turn signal.

PENN

FROM PAGE A1

The Friends of the Penn still need to raise an estimated \$1.2-\$1.5 million for renovations. Elliott said one person has already come forward with \$50,000 for Phase 1 and there are pledges for an additional \$200,000. The first phase, which could range from \$300,000 to \$500,000 according to Elliott, will include refurbishing the front of the building and marquee, the lobby and installation of a new sound, projection and lighting system. Phase 2 will include reconfiguring the bathrooms, stage construction and dressing rooms for performers to be built under the stage. Phase 3 plans include a balcony addition and stairway.

The Friends board met with nearly a dozen potential major donors last week in hopes of capturing contributions for renovations. We invited people who have shown interest in the arts in the community and interest in our mission, Elliott said. "We'll have meetings every couple of weeks to give potential major donors a more personal view on what our plans are, and how they can get involved." Elliott acknowledges that saving the Penn Theatre has had its ups and downs. "It's been a roller coaster, admitted Elliott, but, all of us have enjoyed the ride, thus far."

Detroit Zoo vote is a winner among area residents

BY JULIE BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's vote by the Detroit City Council which will keep the Detroit Zoo open pleased local residents. I'm just glad the zoo's not closing, said Debbie Borst of Plymouth Township, a member of the Detroit Zoological Society. The Detroit City Council voted Wednesday to

turn zoo operations over to the zoological society. Borst, her husband and five children enjoy their trips to the zoo, including the kids' field trips in first and second grade. They always like that, too. She noted that officials might likely want to have reopened the zoo in 10 years if it had closed. The cost of doing that would be just prohibitive. At

east they're thinking ahead, said Borst, whose 10-year-old daughter was particularly happy about the news. "She loves to go to the zoo." Officials at the Detroit Zoo are relieved. "We're pleased that the council voted yes, said zoo spokeswoman Patricia Mills Thursday. "Now we can move forward." It was very heartening to see all the support that we had

from the public and our members and the media," Mills said. "No one wanted to see the zoo close, including members of City Council. We're very happy." There's still the issue of state funding, which we should know about soon. A total of \$4 million will be needed from the legislature. "We're hopeful, Mills said. If state funding comes through, the agreement

would soon take effect. It'll be pretty seamless for the visitors. It'll be business as usual," she said. Zoo staffers will take care of the animals and guests as before. Information is available online at www.detroitzoo.org. There's a link to the far right, 'Support the Zoo,' for membership, volunteering and donations. For information, call (248) 398-0900.

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REFINISHING

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Densmore said he likes to talk to his customers to get a mental visualization of what each antique may have looked like a long time ago, and what it means to the person who wants it restored

'You put a little more of your heart and soul into it when you know the facts, like if it's the only thing you have from your grandfather, or it was a relative's wedding gift,' said Densmore 'When it comes in here, it's discolored broken or missing pieces You restore all that, and then they have a visual of what great-grandma saw 100 years ago

Densmore, 55, said he was the kid who was really into woodworking when he attended the old Plymouth High School, making lamps, tables and cigar boxes

'It's like working with God's gift of nature,' he said 'Wood is a natural medium, not like metal or fabric' Densmore has been refinishing

wood for so long, he can chronicle most pieces of furniture on sight One time a customer brought in an old chair picked up at an antique shop to be refinished, and Densmore immediately knew he had something special in his midst

I recognized it as a Brewster chair, going back to the Pilgrims,' Densmore said I took it to Greenfield Village, and figured it was worth about \$16,000'

ANTIQUES, TOO

Densmore also buys and sells antiques

Our slogan has always been Preserving Our Heritage,' he said 'Your family heirlooms will be passed on from generation to generation because you took the time to preserve it If you don't, it just deteriorates that much quicker'

Karen Maier of Plymouth Township is furnishing her mental health clinic on Main Street in Plymouth with antiques to give it the look of a 20th-century country home

I've been buying antiques for 30 years, and he's the best dealer I've

ever met because of the quality of his furniture, Maier said 'I can trust him, that's the most important thing

'I'm amazed at the quality of his antiques and refinishing,' added Maier, who had her mother's 1940s dining table refinished by Densmore 'It was a very sentimental piece that was just nicked and beat up Now, it's in mint condition'

While Densmore has restored tens of thousands of valuable - and some just plain sentimental - pieces of furniture for people like Ward and Maier, he's also been handpicked to do work for Rick Wagoner, president and CEO of General Motors, the offices of Roger Penske at Detroit Diesel, and Jim Padilla, president and chief operating officer of Ford Motor Co

'I've had customers who have moved away as far as California and Florida that ship back here to have me do work because they didn't trust anyone out there to do it,' said Densmore

Thirty years later, Densmore looks back and remembers it didn't all begin so easily

'I started out with two sawhorses

and a piece of plywood,' remembered Densmore, 'and sitting by the telephone 10-12 hours a day waiting for it to ring It took a while, but it's been a nice ride

'I learned pretty early the key was doing it better than the next guy, and giving fair value for the dollar,' he said 'I try to make everyone a salesperson for me, so when I put that piece of furniture in a home I'm proud, they're proud and they talk about it We get most of our work from repeat customers and referrals

Densmore is quick to point out that while it's his company, the four full-time workers are the backbone

'You have to surround yourself with good people,' he said 'My guys do things I can't do anymore They're my partners and I treat them like partners'

Densmore said when it comes to refinishing, there's nothing that can't be done

'If it's wood, we can pretty much do it,' said Densmore It's just a matter of what the value is to you, because sometimes it just comes down to dollars and cents'




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Jay Densmore congratulates his 30,000th customer, Steve Dimitri of Canton Steve brought in a large, brand-new mirror he damaged during installation While his wife was pretty unhappy with him about that, she'll probably appreciate the free trip to Las Vegas, wrought-iron lamp and 30-percent discount he got for being number 30,000

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Ficano proposes biotechnology partnership with MSU

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A partnership with Michigan State University to develop biotechnology could do for Wayne County what the microchip did for Silicon Valley.

That was the message Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano delivered Wednesday in his annual State of the County address at the Wayne County Building in Detroit.

"You've heard the buzz - every day people are talking with excitement about biotechnology and alternative fuels made of corn, soybean and grain," Ficano said. "That's a hallmark of biotechnology. It's environmentally friendly. It also creates jobs of diverse skill levels."

Ficano introduced a plan to partner with MSU to develop E85, an alternative fuel that's 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, and other biotech patents.

"We're putting our plan in motion. I'll present a proposal to Lansing this month that exempts alternative fuel from taxes," he said.

Ficano also proposes funding to increase the number of E85 gas stations in the county. Currently there is only one station in Dearborn Heights.

Ficano said he hopes to have 20 stations open by 2007. "Last year alone, MSU received eight new biotech patents that can be licensed for commercial businesses to cre-



Ficano

ate jobs here, Ficano said.

Ficano and MSU will seek state funding for research and development.

He also proposed that local communities work with the county to create an Agricultural Renaissance Zone to create research and manufacturing centers in the area around Detroit Metro Airport.

"We want to make sure our new biotech facilities have the same tax benefits as others in Michigan," he said.

Ficano said he supported the federally funded \$100 million grant to design a mass transit system between Ann Arbor and Detroit.

I continue to encourage all elected officials to come together on adopting a transit system plan that will not be bogged down in politics and special interest agendas," he said. "We have the momentum. Now let's move to get it done. Nancy White in Macomb County, L. Brooks Patterson in Oakland County, Mayor Kilpatrick in Detroit, myself - we're all ready to move. The governor is ready to move. This is a true sign of regional coop-

eration. Let's get our region moving now!"

Ficano declared the state of the county "stable and steady," citing three consecutive balanced budgets. The county is trying to eliminate \$56 million in deficits in county funds left over from 2003, 2004 and 2005 fiscal years.

Ficano renewed his proposal for a land bank that would clear title on vacant, tax-delinquent properties and free them up for redevelopment through county low-interest loans. The County Commission rejected an earlier proposal on the land bank because of differences about representation on the land bank board.

Ficano announced that a One Stop Business Resource Center will be opening in Detroit soon to help small and medium-sized businesses.

The county executive said he will continue to promote economic globalization.

"Choosing to ignore the globalization of business or being angry about it will not lessen the harsh realities at home," he said. "In fact, it is counterproductive, we must discourage self-pity and the hand-wringing. We must capitalize on our opportunities."

He said his trip to China convinced him that Chinese leaders are interested in

investing in the Detroit metro area. He introduced two representatives from the Tempo Group, who will be building a 480,000-square-foot facility in

Canton that will employ 200

He also proposed a Wayne Reads! program that would promote reading by providing books for mothers of new-

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SBT petition drive to go forward

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Despite a tight time frame and discouraging early projections, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's initiative to repeal the state's Single Business Tax will move forward to the petition phase.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Patterson said the effort will move on. "I'm pleased to announce that we've reached our goal," he said. "We've taken in more than \$615,000 in pledges and have another \$185,000 in underwritten corporate loans."

Originally, the plan as announced at the State of the County address was to raise \$800,000 in pledges for the effort. A week later, based on lackluster fund raising, he amended that figure to \$600,000. At the Tuesday conference, he said the fund-raising effort would continue as the petition drive got under way.

Whatever the financial goals set or met, he said the response to the effort was a sign that the times are ripe for change.

"To achieve numbers this strong is evidence that we're ready for change in Michigan," Patterson said.

Changes, he said, are needed. Citing statistics that place Michigan near or at the bottom of the heap for job creation, job retention and personal income growth, he said the SBT has to go to make the state a more attractive place to start or expand a business. Others have made similar, ground up changes in their tax and business structure.

"In the 1980s, Ireland was the doormat of Europe, not somewhere you would want to do business," he said. "Now it's the second strongest economy in Europe."

The SBT generates about \$1.8 billion in revenue for the state's general fund. Patterson's plan says nothing about where replacement funds would come from. The petition drive, he said, would be an intervention for the state.

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Rockford ends Chiefs' best-ever mat run

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In the spring of 2003, first-year Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph took several members of his struggling team to Battle Creek so they could get a taste of the state wrestling finals.

"I told the freshmen, 'We're going to be here someday,'" Randolph recalled Friday afternoon, as he stood on the main floor of Kellogg Arena, the site of the state finals. "They looked at me and said, 'You sure about that?'"

Randolph's three-year-old pledge became reality Friday when the Chiefs squared off against state powerhouse Rockford in a state quarterfinal match at Kellogg Arena. The Rams won, 52-19, but the one-sided setback didn't diminish the pride Randolph felt for the foundation-builders of Canton's up-and-coming mat program.

The biggest thing is that I want to make sure these kids understand what they have accomplished this year," said Randolph. "I couldn't be more proud of a group of athletes than I am right now."

"I knew the match today could go one of two ways. I knew that we would either fight them tooth-and-nail, or that we could lose like this. It didn't go our way, but at least we got in their face and wrestled aggressively. A lot of the pins they got came very late in matches."

Canton knew going in that beating Rockford would be a tall order. The 32-1 Rams' roster was stocked with 11 individual state qualifiers, three unbeaten grapplers and four former state champions. Seven wrestlers on their roster had exceeded 40 wins heading into Friday's

quarterfinal. In comparison, state power Temperance-Bedford has zero 40-win performers.

But the Chiefs also knew they had a shot at advancing because of their solid nucleus of wrestlers that included state qualifiers Corey Phillips, Konrad Konstzke and Donnie Laramie, and other key contributors like Marwan Faraj, Alex Amberg, Tom Bonnell and Joe Wilson.

The Chiefs opened the match like a

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B3

Not to be denied

Chargers capture district net crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was 11:30 Friday night, she had just endured six-plus hours of high-intensity volleyball, carried her Livonia Churchill team to its third-consecutive district title in a dramatic five-game triumph over Northville and, yes, Lauren Krupsky was tired.

But it was a sweet fatigue, the kind that often follows unforgettable championships.

"If music would have played after that last point, it would have been the Hallelujah Chorus," said a drained, but smiling Krupsky, moments after she led the 56-3 Chargers from the brink of elimination to a 25-8, 23-25, 18-25, 25-21, 15-11 victory over the feisty Mustangs. "I was tired in that last match — I think a lot of us were — but we wanted it so bad."

"There was a time during the fourth game when I thought it was over for us, but once we got the momentum back, we didn't let it go."

Churchill advanced to the finals in impressive fashion by sweeping state-ranked Salem in three games in the first-round before upending always-dangerous Plymouth in the semis, 21-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-17.

The Mustangs, who drew a first-round bye, knocked off South Lyon in three games in the semis. The Lions defeated Canton in four games in the other first-round showdown.

The title match had as many

PLEASE SEE CHARGERS, B5



Salem senior outside hitter Lauren Price goes high to block a shot during Friday's season-ending, three-game loss to Livonia Churchill. The Rocks finished 43-81.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Neal-led Whalers win 5-2

Left wing James Neal scored a disputed goal and added two assists to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 5-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Defenseman Steve Ward scored two goals for Plymouth, while center Evan Brophey had a goal and an assist, and defenseman Ryan McGinnis added an empty-net goal for the Whalers. Jesse Gumblett and Ryan Berard scored for Saginaw.

The victory moved Plymouth into a tie for first place in the OHL West with Saginaw. Both teams have 65 points. Ward gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead with his 13th goal at 4:30 of the first period when his blast from the left point through traffic eluded Saginaw goaltender Francois Thuot. Gumblett tied the game at 1-1 with his 20th — a backhand shot at 6:26. Neal, Brophey and Wes Cunningham completed a 3-on-1 break in the Saginaw zone with Brophey tapping home Neal's shot from the right dot for his 16th at 17:13 of the first period to give Plymouth a 2-1 lead.

Neal scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 16:32 of the second period when he secured Chris Terry's pass in front of the Saginaw goal, cut to his left and appeared to tuck the puck underneath the bar for his 16. The goal light went on to signal a goal, but play continued. At the next whistle, referees Mark Hicks and Bard Beer and linesmen Joe Celestin and Geoff Rutherford conferred and awarded Plymouth the goal. Television replays confirmed the puck was clearly in the net.

Ward scored his second goal of the night at 6:15 of the third period.

Canton's Tollison is likable leader

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Who am I?

I wear a red-and-white No. 19 hockey jersey. I'm not the biggest guy on the ice, but I play with as much heart as anybody. My head coach's name is Mike.

I'm the captain. And I've earned the respect of my coaches and teammates with my always-hustling, heads-up style of play.

Steve Yzerman, you guess?

Good try, but you're off by about \$1.3 million.

The player in question is Canton's Kevin Tollison, whose skills — both on the ice and off during the past three seasons — have proven to be invaluable to the Chiefs in much the same way Yzerman's presence has been priceless for the Red Wings during his storied career.

ALWAYS RELIABLE

Tollison was probably the Chiefs' steadiest player



Prep Profile

this season, despite undergoing a position switch that would send many skaters for a loop. A forward-turned-defenseman, Tollison's five goals and 16 assists put him near the top of the team's scoring chart.

However, it was the intangibles the smooth-skating senior brought to the ice that were most important to coach Mike Behen's squad.

"Kevin is a wonderful kid with a great personality and a lot of talent," said Behen. "He's a great leader because everybody likes him, everybody looks up to him. His social skills are way advanced. As far as

PLEASE SEE TOLLISON, B2



Canton senior hockey player Kevin Tollison made a successful move from forward to defense this season. Despite the transition, he was still among the Chiefs' leaders in points.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anleitner's 25 spark Agape to huge victory

Jack Anleitner's hot offensive hand and stellar team defense led Canton Agape Christian to a 59-32 victory over Taylor Baptist Park Friday night. The victory improved the Wolverines' record to 14-5 heading into Thursday night's Class D district tournament at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

'We played exceptional defense tonight and held them to just 13 points in the first half. Jack had his best offensive night of the season and he had three three-pointers.'

Keith Anleitner
Agape coach

points and 14 rebounds) and Mark Mullett (eight

Baptist Park was paced by Caleb Thompson's 14 points and Halston Hodges' 10.

Agape buried 9-of-12 free throws while Baptist Park hit 6-of-11.

Sidelines

Registration

Spring fever is in the air and youth baseball and softball players are getting ready for the upcoming season. The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association is still accepting registrations for the spring season.

You can register your players (ages 4 and up) by visiting the Web site csc.canton-mi.org for the registration forms, or stop by the Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park during regular business hours to register.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489. The final mass registration day is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Summit.

5K RUN

The Shamrock and Shenanigans 5K Run and Walk, which benefits the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital's "Save A Heart" program, will be held Sunday, March 12, in downtown Ann Arbor.

The event, which will be sponsored by Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant and the Ann Arbor Track Club, is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. at 318 S. Main Street with the Blue Care Network Kids Dash. The 5K run and walk will immediately follow.

The family event will include live Irish music, bagpipers, Irish dancers and face-painting for the kids. Online registration is available at www.aatrackclub.org/shamrock.

For more information, contact Caroline Kaganov at caroline@conoroneills.com or (734) 665-2968.

Randolph honored

Canton High School wrestling coach Casey Randolph was named the Division 1, Region 3 Coach of the Year recently by the Michigan Wrestling Association. It is the second year the 30-year-old Randolph has been honored with the award.

Randolph, a former state champion wrestler at Hudson High School, guided the Chiefs to a 28-5 record and the school's first berth in the Division I state meet in four years at the helm, he has led Canton to two district titles and one regional championship.

Hockey tryouts

The Michigan Hurricanes Midget A travel hockey team, which will consist of players born in 1990 and 1991, will be holding tryouts from 8:10-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, from 12:10-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, and from 8:10-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. The cost is \$15 per skate.

The team plays out of Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. For more information, contact coach Lee McCarty at (734) 392-0888 or at mccarty1984@comcast.net; or visit www.eteamz.com/mihurricanes.



Great Kicks

The Plymouth Kicks 98 U8 boys select soccer team captured the North American Indoor Soccer Championship Division 1 title on Feb. 11-12 in Columbus, Ohio. The team outscored their opponents 40-7. The team consists of Bowen Burdette, Matt Cook, Ben Ethier, Nick Freda, Michael Kulczycki, Tyler Laurentius, Brian Oldani, Jason Ren, A.J. Santavy, Aiden Shennan, Brian Sockow and Daunte Toppi. The team's coaching staff includes Rich Kulczycki, Feng Ren and Keith Sockow. The team is managed by Lou Laurentius.

Canton icers sidelined by Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

Canton battled Northville to a 1-1 draw during the first period of Wednesday night's Division 1 pre-regional final hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, it turned out to be the calm before the Mustangs' storm.

Northville, which registered a tie and one-goal victory over the Chiefs during the regular season, scored twice in the second period before exploding for five more goals in the third to skate away with an 8-2 victory. The setback ended the Chiefs' season at 7-15-3. Northville will take a 12-13-1 mark into this weekend's regional final against Brighton.

Northville's Derek Mohacs and Anthony Deneau both recorded hat-tricks to ice Canton's post-season run. The Mustangs outshot the Chiefs, 35-18.

"I thought we came out and played well in the first period, but we didn't seem to have the same intensity level after that," said Canton coach Mike

Behen. "They were much quicker than us, too. The kids are very disappointed right now because we thought we had a good chance of winning tonight."

"We're very young and inexperienced on defense and in goal. If you're going to win, you have to be strong in those two positions."

Behen made the unorthodox move of pulling his goalie for an extra attacker with just over nine minutes left in the game and his team trailing, 5-1, but the move worked — at least temporarily — when the Chiefs' offensive pressure immediately intensified.

"I did what I thought needed to be done to win," Behen said. "It doesn't matter if you lose 4-1 or 10-1, a loss is a loss."

Less than a minute after Behen pulled goalie Kevan Swanberg, the Chiefs were whistled for a penalty, so Swanberg was re-inserted. Even though Swanberg was lifted for large chunks of the

remainder of the period, the Mustangs only managed to score on the empty net once.

Canton broke the scoring ice first when Andy Barylski picked up a loose puck between red line and blue line, skated in and lased a backhand past Northville goalie Scott Ozog to put the Chiefs up, 1-0, with 7:55 left in the opening period. The lead was short-lived as Deneau scored from Tim Fick just over two minutes later.

Swanberg was strong in the first period, turning away 11 Mustang shots.

With Canton trailing 5-1, Derek Trosper handled a smooth pass by C.J. Wies on the doorstep of the goal crease and flipped the puck past Ozog to keep the Chiefs' hopes alive. However, Northville retaliated with three goals over the next four minutes.

"I'm proud of the way everybody on this team came and competed every day, at practices and games," Behen said. "There were only about three games that we weren't in at the end of this year."

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'Hoop Shoot' attracts big turnout

Canton Leisure Services hosted the Michigan Parks and Recreation Basketball Hoop Shoot on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Summit on the Park. Over 60 players participated in the competition, which challenges players to a 60-second hot-spot scoring contest from different points on the court.

Kevin Weisz had the overall top score of 34 points in the one-minute contest. The top finishers in their respective age divisions were: Shane Raymond, Ryan Hovermale, Ashwin Kumar, Kevin Weisz, Paige Slominski, Michelle Talukder and Alie Sweeney, all of whom will represent Canton in the regional competition in Saline on March 12. The Hoop Shoot finals will be held during half-



CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

Pictured above is action from the Feb. 25 3-on-3 basketball tournament held at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Twenty-seven teams competed in four age groups.

time of a Detroit Pistons game on April 9.

Later that day, 27 teams competed in the annual Winter Break 3 on 3 Tournament. Following are the championship teams:

■ 3rd-4th grade: Wolves

(Sam Brown, Jim Fiscus, Viet Ngyen, Joey Van Houten),

■ 5th-6th grade: Pistons

(Devn Slominski, Clay Behrman, Mike Boes), and

■ 7th-8th grade: Cobras (Cody Blakuza, Corey Hall, Joe Pacinte, Brian Wyer)

TOLLISON

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hockey, he does everything I ask him to do. When I asked him to move from forward to defense this season, he agreed, even though he's been a forward for most of his life.

"And he's not only become a good defenseman, he's been an outstanding defenseman. He's not going to out-physical you, but he's always in position and he gets the job done."

TYPICALLY SOLID

A typical Tollison play unfolded early in the second period of Wednesday night's pre-regional final against Northville. With the score knotted at 1-1, the Mustangs intercepted a pass in Northville's zone, then headed down the ice on a 2-on-1 break. The "1" was Tollison.

After zipping three passes back and forth, the Northville player on the left wing attacked the net with the puck. Tollison deftly skated into his path and

re-directed the puck harmlessly against the boards. The play didn't show up in the post-game boxscore, but it was as vital as any goal that was scored.

IN THE BEGINNING...

Tollison's hockey origins can be traced back to the 'roller' version that he played with friends and neighbors in the street outside his Canton home since he was in elementary school. He didn't lace on his first pair of ice hockey skates until he was 10.

"The transition from roller hockey to ice hockey was pretty easy for me," Tollison said. "I didn't have any problems with it, probably because I had been playing roller hockey for so long. I liked ice hockey right away because it was such a physical game and a team sport. It's always been fun for me."

After playing primarily forward during his youth hockey days and his first three years at Canton, Tollison took this

year's move to defense in stride.

"Coach told me during our summer league last summer," Tollison said. "I told him it was fine by me. I miss not being able to score as much as I used to, but there are a lot of things I like about playing defense."

Canton's season may have been somewhat disappointing, but two of their victories came against cross-campus rival Salem.

"Beating Salem was a highlight because we hadn't won a game against them before this season," said Tollison. "It was nice for a change to be able to go to school the next day knowing we won."

Tollison didn't hesitate when asked to pick out the highlight of his entire high school career. "When I was a sophomore, I got to play on the same line as my brother, Kyle," he said. "That was fun."

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Spartans outshoot Canton

Livonia Stevenson connected on 22 of 26 free throws Wednesday night to beat Canton, 56-45, and claim the third place in the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs in the consolation final at Plymouth High School.

Stevenson, getting a team high 13 points from junior guard Luke Knochel, enters Class A district play with an 11-9 overall record.

Canton falls to 14-6. Stevenson led 19-16 at half-time and took control in the third quarter when Knochel got hot with eight straight points, including a pair of three-pointers to spark a 16-7 run.

The Spartans, who also got 14 and 10 points, respectively, from seniors Tony Lenardon and Andy Madeleine, made 17 of 18 free throws in the second half.

We lost by 19 the first time we played them (Feb. 14) so in the first half we approached them differently, Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said. If we wanted to win we wanted to get a quick lead and take care of the ball.

After we got up by 12 (in the third quarter, then we took care of the ball and made free throws.

Canton, which was 15-of-21 from the foul line, got 15 points from Andre Bridges and 13 from Ryan Waidmann.

WRESTLING

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bowl of Rice Krispies that had just been drenched with milk — they snapped, crackled and popped the Rams during the first two matches and held a seemingly solid 10-0 advantage. Bonnell, a 215-pound senior, led the early surge with a 10-2 major decision over Rockford's Tom Felix. After junior heavy weight Laramie followed with a resounding 10-second pin over Rich Vandermeijer, it looked like the Chiefs were on their way.

However, over the ensuing four matches, the Rams proved why they're 33-1 and ranked 40th in the nation as they racked up 23 straight points thanks to three pins and a technical fall. Phillips stopped the bleeding for the Chiefs with a 9-3 victory at 130 over Mike Debruyne, but Rockford reeled off five straight wins — four more pins and a technical fall — to secure a 52-13 advantage.

Canton finished the contest like it started by winning the final two matches. Senior Marwan Faraj closed out his illustrious high school career with a 5-2 victory over Brandon Calkins and senior Alex Amberg closed out his spectacular career with a 7-3 triumph over Brian Twiest.

The draw worked out in our favor and we got off to a good start, Randolph said. But they bumped their 152-pound kid up to 160, which I thought they'd probably do, and we lost at 140 which was tough.

I moved Marwan up to 171 because I wanted him to go out on top, which he did. Rockford's program has a lot of tradition. Their coach has been there 31 years and has won about eight regionals. I've been here four. I think we have a good thing building here. I have the best freshman class I've ever had, so the future looks bright.

- ROCKFORD 52 CANTON 19**
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 135 J.J. Johnson (R) won by technical fall over Drew Sutton 16-1
 140 Alex Murray (R) pinned Konrad Konstizke 13-37
 145 Dustin Anderson pinned Joe Wilson in 1:15
 152 Jeff Cole (R) pinned Joe Sanders in 4:43
 160 Ben Bennett (R) pinned Brian Brubaker in 2:53
 171 Marwan Faraj (C) decisioned Brandon Calkins 5-2
 189 Alex Amberg (C) decisioned Brian Twiest 7-3

RECORDS Canton 28-5 Rockford 33-1

FIELD OF DREAMS

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

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

project. Members of the P CEP soccer booster clubs are encouraged to attend along with their friends and any other interested citizens. Call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360.

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The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School. The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-

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BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season. Registration forms are available online at csc.cantonmi.org or you can visit the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park for walk-in registration. For more information, call (734) 394-5489.



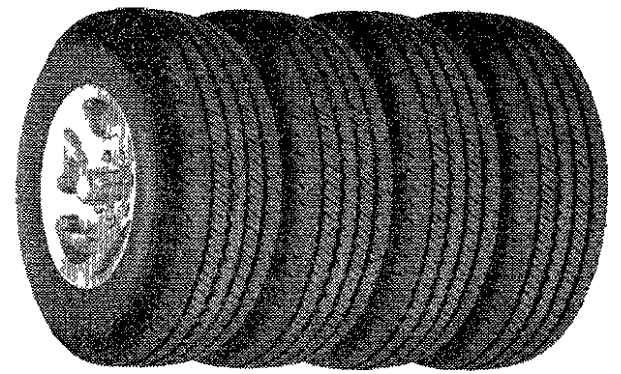
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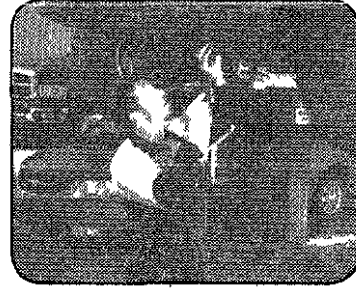
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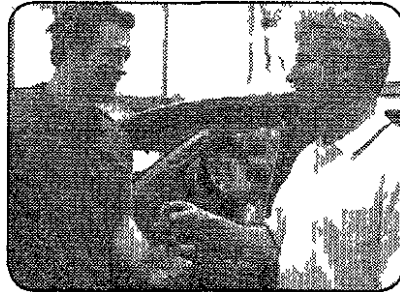
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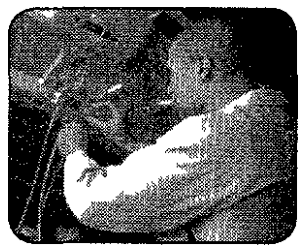
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CHARGERS

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momentum swings as a hyper-active pendulum Churchill, fueled by the left-over adrenaline from its win over Plymouth, roared to a 25-8 first-game win, but the fresher, more-rested Mustangs won the next two games and surged to an 18-13 lead in game four That's when Krupsky and senior setter Stacy Urbats combined for six kills over the next seven points to put the Chargers ahead, 20-18

"I couldn't have done it without Stacy," Krupsky said "She's was putting the ball right where I like it"

Churchill went on to win 25-21, setting up a decisive game five, which the Chargers took command of early, jumping ahead 7-3, before winning 15-11 on a Krupsky kill that may have left an ever-lasting abrasion on the South Lyon High School gymnasium floor

"It was a war of attrition and, fortunately, we won the battle," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier "We passed well and played great defense today It was our passing and defense that made it easy for the hitters

The Chargers' best defenders were Libero Brynn Kerr and Kelly Archer, who covered the South Lyon gymnasium floor like wall-to-wall carpeting The duo combined for 48 digs in the championship match alone

"They were both outstanding," Grenier said "The spotlight is on the hitters a lot because they're the home run hitters, but it's the defensive players like Brynn and Kelly who get it started"

Urbats was spectacular as well, contributing 48 assists, 20 digs and several clutch serves

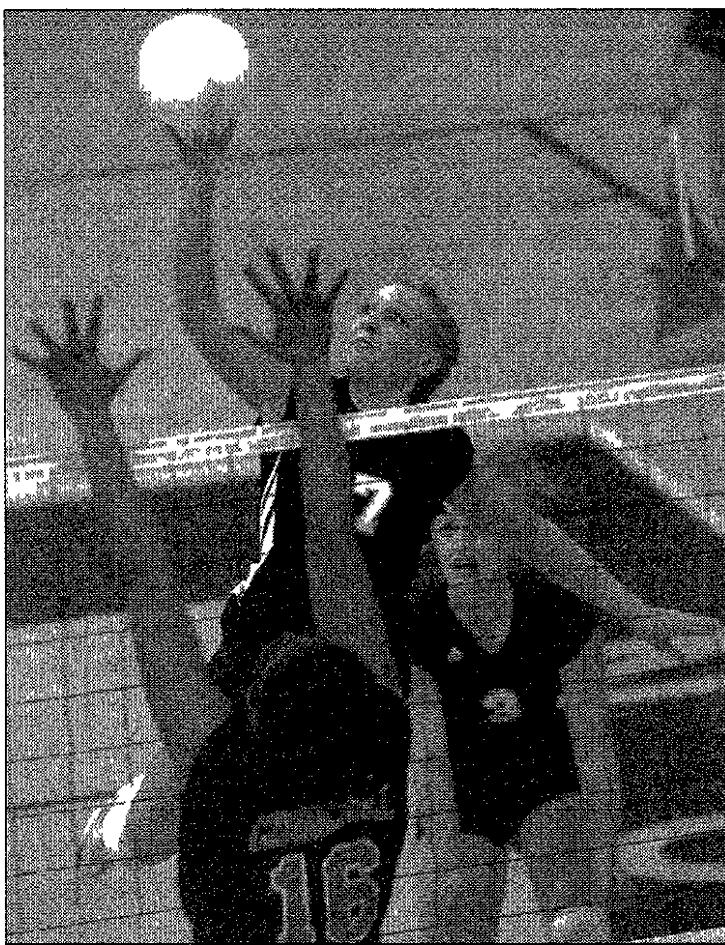
The outside-hitting tandem of Krupsky and sophomore Kyndra Abron wreaked havoc on the Mustangs all night Krupsky finished with 29 kills while Abron notched 17 The Chargers also received significant contributions from Anna Gatt, Stephanie Bradshaw, Carly DeClercq, Sarah Button and Shea Truxell

Plymouth gave the Chargers fits during the early-going of the semi-final match Led by powerful front-row players Jeanne Moise, Brittany Hengesh and Jackie Dorre, and the pin-point serving of Janet Hanchett, Hengesh and Dorre, the Wildcats rolled to a 25-21 game-one victory However, inconsistent serving and the strong front-row play of Abron, Krupsky and DeClercq powered the Chargers to victory in the closing three games

"Not to take anything away from our girls because they played great, but I think Churchill's hitters were a little off in that first game," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland "They got the momentum back in games two and three, and their defense was outstanding I think that's the key to their success There were quite a few points I thought we had that they were able to keep alive

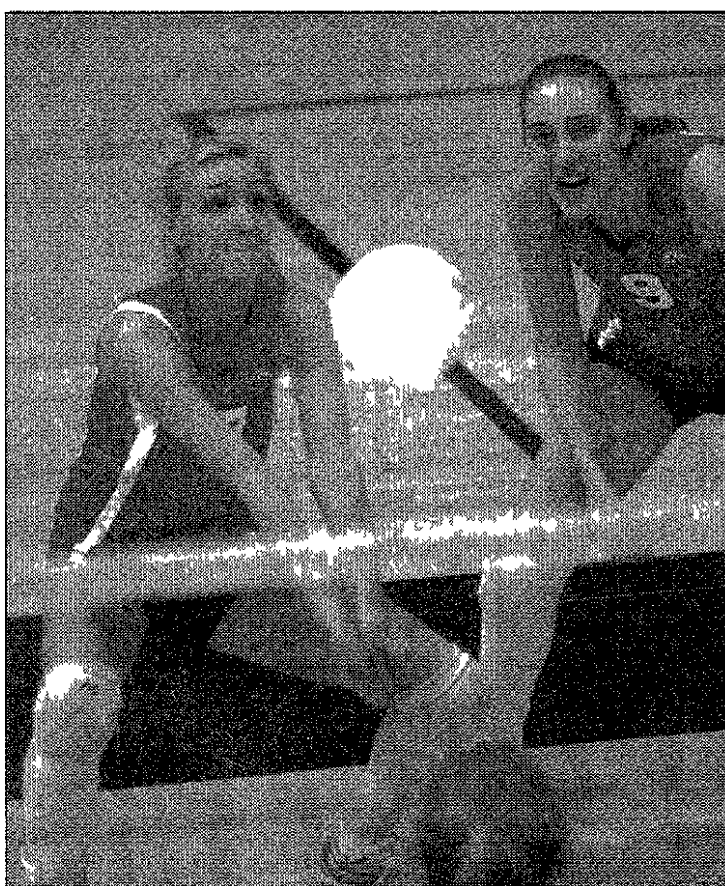
"Our serving was horrible I don't know if the girls were caught up in the previous play or what, but poor serving really hurt us"

Plymouth Libero Brandi Swyhart matched Kerr's outstanding play with several high-light-reel digs of her own The Wildcats also received strong play from setter Sarah Haskins,



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Plymouth's Janet Hanchett tips a shot over the outstretched hands of Churchill's Kyndra Abron during Friday night's district showdown at South Lyon High School



Canton's Lisa Western prepares to bump a serve as teammate Marie Martin offers encouragement during Friday night's district contest against South Lyon The Chiefs fell in four games

Kim Klonowski, Lindsay Vogelsberg and Lauren Stemberger

"Overall, I was extremely happy with our season," said McCausland, whose squad finished 33-12 "We had multiple injuries that we had to play through, but they did a great job of pulling together Somebody always came through and stepped up when we needed them to

Salem's brilliant season came to an unceremonious end Friday night at the hands of the Chargers, who also knocked off the Rocks in last weekend's Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship match Salem had swept the Chargers the first time the two teams met in January

"I think it hurts more because we know we can beat them," said Salem coach Amanda Suder, whose first season at the helm

Canton netters stay upbeat despite many close setbacks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The feel-good victories came too infrequently and the tight, heart-breaking defeats far too often this season for the six seniors on Canton's volleyball team

But instead of destroying the veteran Chiefs' resolve, the misfortune strengthened it, according to first-year coach Kristi Drinkhahn

"We lost a lot of close matches, but the girls kept working hard and they stayed upbeat," said Drinkhahn, whose squad finished 10-30 overall and 2-9 in the Western Lakes Activities Association

"All six seniors brought something different to the team — from Kelsey Bailey and Rachael Beaudoin's leadership and intensity, Lisa Western's knowledge of the game and experience, Sarah Alexander and Krista Holcomb's all-around play, and Izabela Paszkowska's blocking skills at the net

"They stayed positive and they encouraged and pumped up the younger players, which was important"

Drinkhahn is the third coach the senior Chiefs have played for in their high school careers While they all spoke highly of all three coaches, the players said the year-to-year transition made things difficult — at least during the outset of each season

"Each coach had their own style, their own way to practice and their own strategies, so there was definitely a transition time at the beginning of each season," said Western, who earned three varsity letters "This year we didn't win a



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Canton volleyball team's six seniors offered outstanding leadership for the squad's younger players Pictured (left to right) are Izabela Paszkowska, Lisa Western, Krista Holcomb, Kelsey Bailey, Sarah Alexander and Rachael Beaudoin

lot of matches, but I think we played well as a team Everybody got along and we stayed together"

Alexander, who also plays soccer, etched her name in the Canton record books the past two seasons with her unbelievably accurate serving

This season she posted a school-best 98.6 serve percentage and last year she was good on 172 consecutive serves

"I think it was just concentration more than anything," Alexander said, when asked the key to her serving success

"Our team really pulled together this year We had some strong personalities, which helped Our best match was probably against Ann Arbor Pioneer We were passing and setting well that day"

"Our spirits stayed pretty high this year," said Beaudoin, who also excels for the Canton softball team "Probably the most fun part of the season was playing in tournaments

and playing against the rival schools, Plymouth and Salem The highlight was when we played Walled Lake Central and came back from 12 points down to win"

Beaudoin and Bailey, who was voted to the WLA's All-Western Division team, served as the Chiefs' co-captains

"And Sarah was the team organizer," Drinkhahn said "She was the one who helped put together the fund-raisers and things like that"

"The best part of playing high school volleyball was hanging out with my teammates and the big victories we had," Bailey said "The best one I can remember was beating Plymouth last year It was a close match and they were really good"

The high school volleyball careers for the Chiefs' six seniors ended Friday night with a tough, four-game loss to South Lyon, but the memories won't soon be forgotten

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Feb. 25 at Livonia Churchill

Championship Final Livonia Churchill defeated Salem 25-14 25-15
Semifinals Churchill def Plymouth 25-12 25-21 Salem def Livonia Stevenson 25-18 25-22
Quarterfinals Churchill def Walled Lake Western 25-20 25-9 Salem def Northville 23-25 25-15 15-7 Plymouth def Walled Lake Northern 25-22 25-21 Stevenson def Westland John Glenn 25-20 25-12

POOL PLAY RECORDS
(A) 1 Salem 6-0 (games) 2 Plymouth 4-2 3 John Glenn 2-4 4 Wayne Memorial, 0-6 (B) 1 Churchill 6-0 2 Northville 4-2, 3 W.L. Western 2-4 4 Canton, 0-6 (C) 1 Stevenson 6-0, 2 W.L. Northern 4-2, 3 Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin 1-5 each

ALL-WLAA TEAMS
All-Conference: Teresa Coppelli/Jr. OH Salem Lauren Price Sr. OH Salem Maria Mezzadri Sr. MH Stevenson, Laura Robinette Sr. MH W.L. Northern Brandi Swyhart Sr. Libero Plymouth Lauren Krupsky Jr. OH Churchill Kyndra Abron Soph. MH Churchill

All-Lakes: Jennifer Swartz Sr. OH John Glenn Ashton Judis Sr. setter Stevenson Lauren Kurtz Jr. MH Salem Amanda Alpert Sr. OH, Stevenson Sam Matheson Sr. Libero W.L. Northern Jessica Howard Sr. Libero W.L. Central Brynn Kerr Sr. Libero, Churchill
Honorable mention. Jansan Falcusan, Courtney Seiler Shannon Rusin Nicole

Mersch Danielle DiPietro Katrina Cope Salem Kelly Archer Shea Truxell Carly DeClercq Churchill Jordan Pilut Jill Flaugher Theresa Hamilton Rebecca Rehberg Kaitie Kumm, Kim Hemming Stevenson Carly Dodge Stephanie Schulz Ann Green W.L. Central Virginia Butler Heather Lindon Melame Stawkey Jessica Maxwell Becky Barrett John Glenn Brittany Essian Angie Niemi Jac Mackowski Christen Degrande Jasmine Jolly Theresa Matheson W.L. Northern All-Western Joanna Foss Jr. MH Northville Krysta Cicala Soph. setter Northville Liz Dempsey Jr. MH Franklin Kelsey Bailey Sr. OH Canton Asilda Dhembi, Sr. setter W.L. Western Kellie Newsted Jr. setter Wayne, Sarah Haskins Sr. setter Plymouth

Honorable mention. Morgan Daul Amanda Marquart Katie Moran Allison Holmes Kristen Ehehalt Northville, Lindsay Vogelsberg Janet Hanchett Jackie Dorre Lauren Stemberger Plymouth Jaleece Lavine Rachael Riesen Laura Marshall Cassie LaPrarie Lisa Western Sarah Alexander Krista Holcomb Rachael Beaudoin Izabela Paszkowska Canton Kelsey Guiliani Sam DeYonker Paige Partenio Heather Becker W.L. Western, Carrie Laubernds Amber Day, Crystal Beaver Olivia LaFortune Wayne

WLAA AWARDS
Conference and Lakes Division: Salem Western Division: Northville Conference Tournament: Churchill Sportsmanship: John Glenn

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Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review

Tuesday March 7 2006 Organizational Meeting 4 00 p.m. 5 00 p.m. (No Appointments)

Monday March 13 2006 Hearings from 9 00 a.m. 12 00 p.m. and 1 00 p.m. 5 00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday March 14 2006 Hearings from 1 00 p.m. 5 00 p.m. and 6 00 p.m. 9 00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Saturday March 18, 2006 Hearings from 9 00 a.m. 12 00 p.m. First Come First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

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

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

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Boys Ice Hockey

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 Division 1 - 1 Novi Detroit Catholic Central 2 Orchard Lake St. Mary's 3 Brighton 4 Marquette 5 East Kentwood 6 Livonia Stevenson 7 Traverse City West 8 Livonia Churchill 9 Howell 10 St. Clair Shores Unified 10 Utica Eisenhower
 Division 2 - 1 Trenton 2 Warren DeLaSalle 3 Traverse City Central 4 Birmingham Brother Rice 5 Davison 6 Saline 7 Grosse Pointe South 8 Portage Central 9 Allen Park 10 (tie) Novi Wyandotte Roosevelt
 Division 3 - 1 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 2 Big Rapids 3 Chelsea 4 Riverview 5 Grosse Ile 6 Dearborn Divine Child 7 Grand Rapids Catholic Central 8 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 9 Flint Powers Catholic 10 Gaylord

Girls Volleyball

(By the coaches association)
 Class A - 1 East Kentwood 2 Temperance Bedford 3 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 4 Portage Central 5 Birmingham Marian 6 Livonia Churchill 7 Plymouth Salem 8 Pinckney 9 Fraser 10 Holland West Ottawa
 Class B - 1 Grand Rapids South Christian 2 Marysville 3 Hamilton 4 Lake Odessa Lakewood 5 Spring Lake 6 Fruitport 7 St. Joseph 8 Livonia Ladywood 9 Coldwater 10 Hudsonville Unity Christian
 Class C - 1 North Muskegon 2 Morley Stanwood 3 St. Louis 4 Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 5 Hanover Horton 6 Calumet 7 Suttons Bay 8 Kingsley 9 Bad Axe 10 Elkton Pigeon Bay Port
 Class D - 1 Battle Creek St. Philip Catholic Central 2 Leland 3 Wyoming Tri Unity Christian 4 Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian 5 Pellston 6 Lansing Christian 7 Adrian Lenawee Christian 8 Lake Linden Hubbell 9 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 10 North Adams Jerome

Girls Competitive Cheer

(By the coaches association)
 Class A - 1 Rochester 2 Grandville 3 East Kentwood 4 Holland West Ottawa 5 Rockford 6 Southgate Anderson 7 Hartland 8 Brighton 9 Jenison 10 Allen Park
 Honorable Mention - Troy Athens Rochester Stoney Creek Mt. Pleasant Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
 Class B - 1 Remus Chippewa Hills 2 Chesaning 3 Holland Christian 4 Richland Gull Lake 5 Allegan 6 Grosse Ile 7 Gibraltar Carlson 8 Dearborn Divine Child 9 Mason 10 Comstock Park
 Honorable Mention - DeWitt Wyoming Park St. Joseph Ovid Elsie
 Class C-D - 1 Breckenridge 2 Pawamo Westphalia 3 Hudson 4 Colon 5 Munising 6 Michigan Center 7 Gobles 8 Sanford Meridian 9 Climax Scotts 10 Shelby
 Honorable Mention - Marcell, Brown City, Napoleon Whitmore Lake

Wrestling

(By the coaches association)
 Super 10 - 1 Hartland 2 Rockford 3 Davison 4 Allegan 5 Corunna 6 Mason 7 Hesperia 8 Addison 9 Temperance Bedford 10 Dundee
 Division 1 - 1 Hartland 2 Rockford 3 Davison 4 Temperance Bedford 5 Holt 6 Traverse City Central 7 New Baltimore Anchor Bay 8 Jenison 9 Howell 10 Lake Orion
 Division 2 - 1 Allegan 2 Mason 3 Greenville 4 Lake Odessa Lakewood 5 Flint Kearsley 6 Tecumseh 7 Lowell 8 Hastings 9 Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 10 Stevensville Lakeshore



Penguins soar

For the second consecutive year the Arctic Pond Penguins claimed the District 4 Championship Feb. 12 defeating the Michigan Hurricanes, 5-1, in the Midget A Finals at Lakeland Ice Arena. The Penguins 32-10-5, will travel to Marquette March 10-12 for the Midget A State Finals. Goal-scorers in the game were Jon Ponte of Novi (two goals), Nickolas Gatt of Livonia, Tony Thomas of South Lyon and Sandro Sgambati of Canton Township. Joe Burgio of Redford Township stopped 24 of 25 shots in net for the Penguins. Other Penguins players are Ian Barnaby of Plymouth Township, Cody Longuski of Westland, Steve Brenneman of South Lyon and John Germane of Hartland. Also forwards Jerry Pitts of Canton Township, T.J. Hohl of Northville, Ian Curran of Livonia, Ted Pietsch of Canton Township, Chris Gendron and Court Murland of Farmington Hills, Colin Rolfe of Canton Township, Caleb Hamlin of Battle Creek, Scott Bachor of Farmington Hills and goaltender Bobby Smith of Canton Township. Head coach Britt Ponte is assisted by Kevin Longuski, Brandon Longuski and Frank Sgambati. The team is managed by Maria Pitts.

Lady Ocelots knock off Owens

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team shook off 10 days of rust Friday by winning its NJCAA Division II-District H tournament opener over Owens Community College (Ohio) at Delta CC's Pioneer Gym 67-61.

Charlese Greer scored a game-high 26 points on 11-of-19 shooting from the floor and grabbed 10 rebounds to pace the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 27-2 overall.

Maricka Seay added 15 points and 15 rebounds, while LaShanda Thomas contributed 11 points for Schoolcraft, which hadn't played since the regular season finale on Feb. 21 after not qualifying for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Playoffs.

Tia Simmons and LaToya

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Bidden each tallied 13 points for the Lady Express (17-14), who shot 44.6 percent from the field (25-of-56). Bridget Buss added 10 points.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Owens, 44-37, but shot only 13-of-25 from the foul line (52 percent) and 38.8 from the field (26-of-67).

On Saturday, Schoolcraft faced Flint Mott CC (23-7) in one semifinal, while host Delta (19-9) took on St. Clair CC (20-10) in the other semifinal.

Mott escaped with a 69-65 win over Oakland CC in Friday's quarterfinal.

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Adversity didn't stop Jackson

Billed as one of the greatest gospel singers of all time, Mahalia Jackson survived a poverty-stricken childhood to play one of the most prestigious concert halls in America, Carnegie Hall. She filled the hall to capacity every night of her three-night engagement and she said it was all due to her unshakable faith.

Mahalia Jackson was born Oct. 26, 1911, in New Orleans. Jackson spent most of her young life just trying to make do. She watched her mother go off to work every morning to do work as a domestic in the homes of her rich white neighbors.

As a young child, Jackson took note of the family's severely strapped resources and made a stern promise to herself to do better in life. She started singing at the age of 5 in her father's church and, not being fully aware of her gift yet, toyed with several different styles of music. But she always returned to her roots in gospel.

Jackson moved to Chicago at the age of 15 to live with relatives and while there enrolled in a training program for nurses. She felt this would provide her with another means of income during tough times.

During the week, Jackson worked as a domestic and took her work seriously, but on the weekends she relaxed, fellow-shipped and sang her heart out at her second home — the Southside Greater Baptist Church.

Jackson was not one to stay put when it came to her singing. She began to travel and visit other Baptist churches in the Chicago area and before anyone knew it she had a huge following.

In the mid-'40s Jackson signed with Apollo records and recorded her first major song, *Move on Up*. That put her on the map, but it would be another 10 years before she would see the inside of a recording studio again.

In 1954, Jackson decided to sign with Columbia Records after spinning her wheels at Apollo. She signed a \$50,000 contract for four years with Columbia — unheard of for African-Americans during that time.

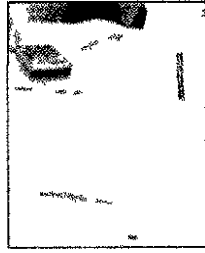
In 1955, CBS offered Jackson her own variety show and although her show was forced off the air from protests from Southern viewers she managed to win a loyal following and gained national recognition for herself as well as the gospel industry.

In 1958, Jackson made her big-screen debut, appearing with Nat King Cole in *St. Louis Blues*. The recording industry wanted to honor her in 1962 with a Grammy, but the award ceremony had never presented an award for Jackson's musical style. So they created a Gospel category for her and presented her with the first Grammy for "Best Gospel Album."

Mahalia Jackson spent her years on Earth singing the music she loved, helping the people and causes she cared about and providing a great inspiration to all she came in contact with. And, despite some of the heartache she faced, she proved that by keeping the faith in God and in yourself, you could accomplish anything.

Bobbie Jones is a Belleville resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. In March she'll profile women in honor of National Women's History Month. She can be reached via e-mail at workhard36@aol.com

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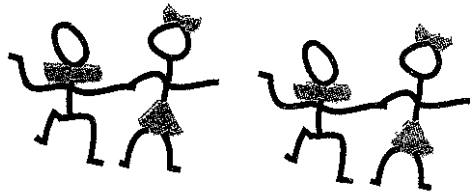
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No pain, no gain



Students dance all night long to raise funds for children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

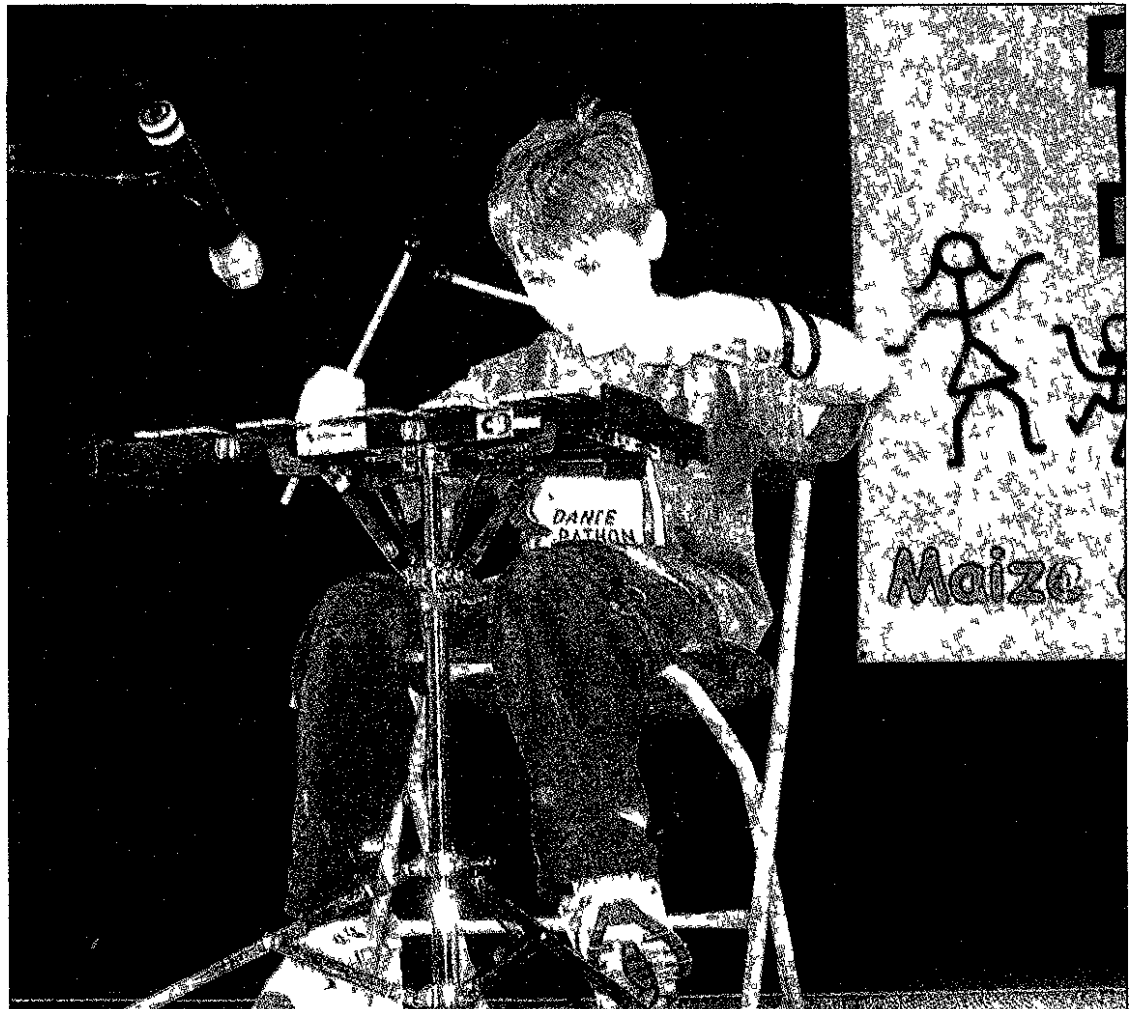
Nipa Desai expects her legs to hurt as much as during the last three University of Michigan Dance Marathons. The first 15 hours is usually a breeze for the 21-year-old U-M senior from Canton. Desai prepares for the grueling 30-hour event, as much as possible, by doing stretching exercises weeks in advance of the marathon to raise money for pediatric rehabilitation at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The cause is what keeps her coming back for punishment.

"The marathon is so much fun and the pain of standing on your feet for 30 hours is worth it because you get to see how grateful the families are and basically forget about the pain," said Desai, who volunteered at Mott while a student at Plymouth-Canton High School. "It's so important for the kids to get these therapies. A day or two in pain is worth it. During the dance I always have to get my ankles wrapped and just go on. By the end you're ready to sit down, go home, shower and sleep. By the evening of the next day, you're fine."

Erin Boyle makes sure she sleeps enough the night before setting foot on the dance floor. Dancing is no problem for the Farmington High School graduate. Boyle learned plenty of moves while taking jazz classes at Broadway Bound Dance Academy in Livonia.

"I wean myself off of caffeine because it's not allowed during the marathon," said Boyle, a 20-year-old junior studying psychology at U-M. "This is my third year doing the dance marathon. It's real easy when the children and families come to the marathon and they speak to you throughout the night and it keeps you inspired to keep going."

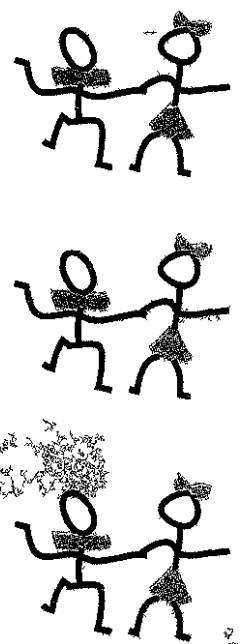
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Briggs Perry plays his favorite song at last year's University of Michigan Dance Marathon. He was one of the first children to receive pediatric rehabilitation because of the fund raiser.



Marathon participants perform the Line dance — a 12-minute routine they learn during the event. It is one of the dancers' favorite ways to keep up their energy and pass time during the 30-hour marathon.



Woodworkers to show their wares

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dan Reahard's love for 18th century furniture shows in the 107-inch tall clock in the family room of his Plymouth home. The handcrafted work of art is among the many pieces of furniture he's created in the last 18 years of woodworking.

On Sunday, March 12, the clock stays home but Reahard brings a turret leg card table to the Michigan Woodworkers Guild Showcase of Custom Woodworking at the Livonia Senior Activities Center, 15218 Farmington, between Schoolcraft and Five Mile.

"I enjoy the history," said Reahard, a 65-year-old retiree who took woodworking classes at Mark Adams School in

Indiana and The Olde Mill in Pennsylvania. "I just came back from a conference on 18th century carving in Old Salem, North Carolina, at the Mesda Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts which is similar to Greenfield Village."

For me, 18th century furniture is the high point. I like using hand tools. They didn't use power tools then particularly with the Queen Anne style which has more curves. You have to use thick, big chunks of wood to do the curves."

In addition to Reahard, woodworkers from Michigan, the Midwest and Canada display work built in different period styles from various types of wood. Also on exhibit will be prototype of toys that were handcrafted for patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Toys are delivered

to the children each year before Christmas. Over the last 24 years, members of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild have donated thousands of toys.

About 350 men and women belong to the Michigan Woodworkers Guild which meets monthly except for July. Although some of the woodworkers will take commissions at the March 12 show, Reahard and the other exhibitors will not sell their wares.

"I never sell anything," said Reahard, who's displayed his woodwork for 10 years. "It's more show. I just recently had one of my pieces accepted for a show (April 12 to May 28) for early period furniture makers at Telfair Museum in Savannah, Georgia."

Jim Kudej brings a variety of boxes,

PLEASE SEE WOODWORKERS, C3



Dan Reahard hand-crafted the 107-inch tall clock behind him. The Plymouth resident is one of the exhibitors displaying work in the Michigan Woodworkers Guild showcase at the Livonia Senior Center on March 12.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Frog listeners
Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the ninth annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey. Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two hour training workshop and learn 8 breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings several times a month beginning in March and ending in July. This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling. Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed in wetlands. The survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors etc. are encouraged to sign up. Pre registration for workshops is required by calling (313) 792 9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org. Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend. Tuesday March 7 7-9 p.m. University of Michigan Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center 4901 Evergreen Dearborn Thursday March 9 7-9 p.m. Southfield Parks & Recreation 26000 Evergreen Southfield or Saturday March 11 10 a.m. to noon Plymouth Board of Trustees meeting room 42350 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. April 6 when guest speaker Milton Charbonneau will talk about information from Land Use Records. A help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details call Margaret at (810) 227 7745.

Home tour
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th annual Home Tour beginning at the City Club 1830 Washtenaw 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19.

Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For more information and updates call Sylvia Stetz (734) 878 9044.

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

Parenting seminar
Jim Fay, one of America's most sought after presenters in the areas of parenting and school discipline returns to the Northville area for two Love and Logic parenting seminars. March 6 in the auditorium at the new Northville High School on 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck. The first session 4:30-6 p.m. is for parents of preschool and elementary age children. The second session 7:30-9 p.m. helps parents learn how to quit arguing with their children, ways to handle recovery time and food issues and how to get their children to help around the house. For more information call (248) 344 8443.

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

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

Cancer society scholarships
The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division college scholarship program is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday April 18. Since 1997 the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation has proudly supported young cancer survivors with \$1,000 scholarships as they pursue ambitious career goals. To date more than 300 first-time scholarships and 200 renewal scholarships have been awarded to students in the Great Lakes area of Indiana and Michigan. To qualify applicants must be a cancer survivor age 20 or younger (as of April 18 2006), a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan and attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in Fall 2006. Those interested may download an application on line by visiting www.cancer.org/scholarships or by

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Summer internships
Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with Internship in the subject heading. Alternatively mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734994 3610.

Women's History
During March the Ann Arbor Art Center will feature the exhibition 'Spring Forward' presented by the Ann Arbor Women Artists in honor of Women's History month. The show which opened March 1 and runs until March 27 includes pieces by 22 members of the Ann Arbor Women Artists in an array of media including watercolor, pastel, oil, photography and more. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday Saturday and noon 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information about 'Spring Forward' contact Amanda Uhle, Vice President Marketing & Development at (734) 994 8004 Ext 109 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Gristown Foundation
Gristown Foundation is looking for foster parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes. For information call (734) 697 4804.

Drawing into painting
The exhibition 'Drawing into Painting' runs through April 8 at the

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Home-buyers workshop
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Literacy Council tutors
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Grief support
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children, newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information call Crystal Johnson (734) 459 1861.

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

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details call Birthe at (734) 458 8143 or Martna at (734) 464 0481.

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

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

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

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459 7478.

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

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

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Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. (734) 455 6620.

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DANCE

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The Dance Marathon is definitely one of Kyle Killebrew's best student experiences at U-M. As special events chairman, the Westland resident is inviting everyone to attend the marathon. Even non-dancers can help the cause by volunteering to boost the morale of fading participants.

"You get to spend 30 hours with a bunch of your friends and enjoy entertainment, bands, performers, comedians. As a dancer there's something going on every second whether it's a line dance or eating 6 times over the span of 30 hours," said Killebrew, a 20-year-old Franklin High School graduate who's hoping to go on to law school after earning a degree in political science.

"The other really cool part is the way the marathon works. As

a dancer you're on a team which is assigned a family for not just this event but throughout the year. You get really close to your family and see what your money, time and energy is going to."

In order to participate as a dancer, students must raise \$250 or more in the name of UMDM, the nonprofit student organization.

"We provide buckets for dancers to go somewhere popular and ask them to donate change," said Killebrew. "It is the biggest event of the year but we're a year-round organization with events and activities at least every other week - fundraising events such as a 5K run in Ann Arbor March 19. Outside of fund-raising, there are events to meet the families with puppet shows and a magician for the children."

Dawn Ham Kucharski is looking forward to attending the marathon for a fourth year with

her husband Richard, and son Alex, 7. Over the years Alex, a special needs child, has received martial arts, music and bicycling therapies through Mott Children's Hospital. A two-week summer camp allows him to benefit from social recreational activities. Alex was diagnosed with severe autism at 26 months and cerebral palsy at age 5.

"Martial arts helped Alex to develop fine and gross motor skills that were affected by the cerebral palsy," said Ham-Kucharski of Canton. "Alex learned to do punching and kicking activities. For a child with CP to be able to maintain that balance and get the mind to focus is huge. Another benefit is the stretching involved because CP muscles tend to be tight and rigid."

"At age 2 Alex was nonverbal and through music he was able to learn to communicate, fine motor coordination, and social tolerance."

Ham-Kucharski will give a presentation showing the progress Alex has made since he was a premature baby weighing 3 pounds.

"Without these kids Alex wouldn't have the physical, verbal or social capabilities that he has," said Ham-Kucharski. They (UMDM) also send a letter of encouragement to Alex throughout the school year and on a separate day his team takes him out to Chuck E. Cheese's, his favorite place. He has a blast.

The Dance Marathon runs from 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Indoor Track and Field Building on the athletic campus at Hoover and State Street near Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor. For more information or to make a donation, call (734) 615-1525, visit the Web site at www.umdm.org, or send e-mail to umdm_info@umich.edu.

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WOODWORKERS

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Shaker and bent wood, to the March 12 show. The Livonia woodworker always makes smaller pieces including jewelry boxes, cribbage boards and bookcases to give to his family at Christmas time. As a child, Kudej's grandparents owned a farm on the west side of state which was passed down to him. Today, he continues to harvest and nurture the wood lots there. Kudej's projects begin with him sawing down trees with a chainsaw.

"My kids like that family attachment to it," said Kudej. "I started cutting down trees in the 1970s during the first energy crunch when my parents owned it. I would go and cut trees for the wood fireplace."

Kudej started working with wood out of boredom as a 10-year-old. He's continued for the last 50 years because of the challenge. An engineer for the automotive industry for 40 years before retiring, Kudej

always looks at an object to see how to make it better.

"We didn't have computers when I was young so I started making my toys in my dad's workshop," said Kudej. "Back then most of the things were made with hand drills and saws."

Hours for the Sunday, March 12, show are noon to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Membership in the Michigan Woodworkers Guild is \$25 a year, \$20 at the show. For more information, call John Sanchez at (313) 278-2150.

Sanchez has been a member of the Guild for 10 years. He's bringing 3-dimensional art including a landscape of Yellowstone Park in Wyoming and a miniature replica of an 1812 warship.

"Woodworking is very relaxing," said Sanchez. "I've built furniture around the house - kitchen hutches, curio cabinets, blanket chests. It's very creative."

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ON CAMPUS

Michigan Tech University

Jonathan Machnacki of Canton is among the students who made the Dean's List at Michigan Tech.

Machnacki, the son of Mark and Judy Machnacki of Canton, is on schedule to graduate in April 2006 with a bachelor's degree in computer/electrical engineering, with a minor in math and notable mention in wireless studies.

Machnacki, a 2000 graduate of Salem High School, has already landed a job with Caterpillar in Peoria, Ill.

Kenyon College

Alison Goldsmith, daughter of Jeffrey Goldsmith and Kathleen Payne of Plymouth, has been named to the Merit List for the first semester of the 2005-06 academic year at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

To be eligible for Merit List recognition, a student must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.45 on the college's 4-point scale.

A graduate of Canton High School, Goldsmith is a first-year student at Kenyon.

University of Northwestern Ohio

Eric Bartel of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for the January session of the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima.

The list recognizes students who received a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Lawrence Tech

Sixteen students from Canton and four more from Plymouth made the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2005 semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Canton students include Michael Anderson, William Casey, Stephen Dumouchelle, Nathan Gudeau, Alena Weiss, Vicki Bigham, Mark Henke, Nathan Bugosh, Brett Newman, Robert Vander Hoeven, Andrew Pixley, Richard Rymond, Matthe Trublowksi, Gregory Erickson, Jesse Dequin and Benjamin Pew.

Plymouth students include Matthew McLeod, David Edick, Travis Sharp and Andrew Weller.

To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

Xavier University

Katherine Renfer, daughter of Mark and Rachelle Renfer of Plymouth, has accepted Xavier University's Trustee Scholarship to attend Xavier beginning in the fall.

Renfer will graduate from Mercy High School, where she is active in pastoral team and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has not yet chosen a major.

Canterbury School

Joshua Belfiore of Canton earned high honors in being named to the Honor Roll for the second marking period at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

FICTION

- 1 'Cell,' Stephen King
- 2 'Memory in Death,' J D Robb

- 3 'Sea Change,' Robert B Parker
 - 4 'Last Templar,' Ray Khoury
 - 5 'Lovers & Players,' Jackie Collins
- NONFICTION**

- 1 'Marley and Me,' John Grogan
- 2 'My Friend Leonard,' James Frey
- 3 'Manhunt,' James Swanson
- 4 'The Year of Magical Thinking,' Joan Didion

- 5 'You're Wearing That?,' Deborah Tannen

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

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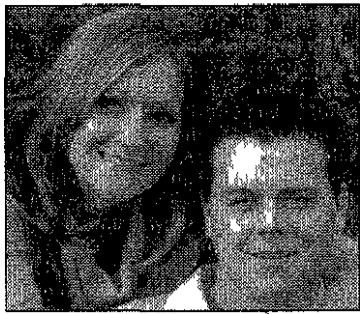
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Duprey-Hillebrand

Edward Duprey of Plymouth and Debra Duprey of Livonia, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Duprey, to Eric Hillebrand, son of Gene and Debbie Hillebrand of Livonia. Both Lindsay and Eric are graduates of Livonia Franklin High School. Lindsay is a 2003 graduate of Ferris State University. She is currently working as a dental hygienist in Westland. Eric is a 2002 graduate of Ferris State University with a degree in public rela-



He is currently employed at Zatkoff Seals and Packings in Farmington Hills. Eric and Lindsay are planning an August wedding at The Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth.

Gable-Herald

Lyle and Deborah Gable of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie, to John M. Gable of Ypsilanti. Elizabeth is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Creative Solutions. Her fiancé, John, is the son of John and Kathy Herald of Northville. He is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed with Yazaki. John and Elizabeth are planning a May wedding at First



United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Schager-Walsh

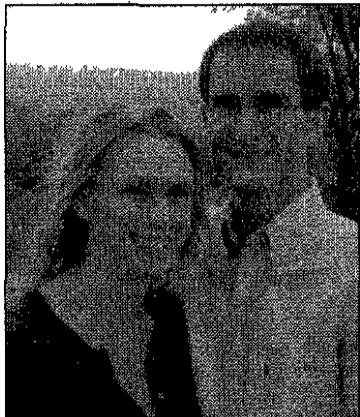
Karl and Nancy Schager of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elissa, to Michael Walsh of Dearborn Heights. Elissa is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. She is employed with Dynamic Back and Neck Therapy. Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of David and Barbara Walsh of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is employed with Tri Star Fire Protection. Michael and Elissa are plan-



ning a September wedding at St. Johns Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

Kukhahn-Richardson

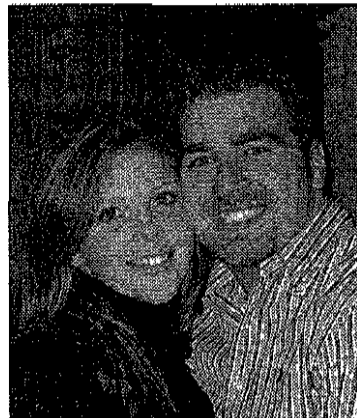
Kerry and Diane Kukhahn of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to Daryl Richardson of Lake Ann. Kristen is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed as an account executive with WGTU ABC 29 & 8 in Traverse City. Her fiancé, Daryl, is the son of David and Diane Richardson of Howell. He is a graduate of Thurston High School and Central Michigan University. He works at The Sound Room in Traverse City. Daryl and Kristen are plan-



ning an August wedding at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, they will be making their new home in Lake Ann.

Morris-Rabe

Bob and Debbie Morris of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Anne, to William Frank Rabe of Livonia. Allison is a 2002 graduate of Ladywood High School and will graduate in December from Central Michigan University with a BS/BSEA. Her fiancé, Bill, is the son of Bill and Pat Rabe of Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and will receive his BBA in management from University of Michigan-Dearborn in April



Bill and Allison are planning a February 2007 wedding at St. Edith Church in Livonia.

Wortman-Bosman

Tom and Maureen Bosman of Livonia are proud to announce the engagement of their son, David Christopher, to Rebecca Lynn Wortman, daughter of John and Judy Wortman of Rochester Hills. Both graduated high school in 1999, David from Livonia Franklin and Rebecca from Rochester High. The couple met at Michigan State University, where each received a bachelor's degree. David will graduate this May with his juris doctorate degree from Wayne State University Law School. Rebecca will also graduate in



May from Wayne State University with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. David and Rebecca are planning an August wedding in Rochester.

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ANNIVERSARY

Walker 60th

James Barnard and Josephine Anona Walker of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 2. They were married March 2, 1946, at Old St. Francis Church in Ecorse. James and Josephine have lived in this area for 40 years. James was the owner and has retired from Hydraulic Tool Co. He has been in the realty business for 19 years. He is an honorary lifetime member of Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 32 in Livonia. Josephine is a registered

nurse and is retired. She is a member of American Society of Publisher's and Composer's (she composed poetry). James and Josephine have 12 children, Jim (Susan) Walker of Farmington Hills, Anona (Steve) Pflanz of Elkhorn, Neb., John Walker of Mason, Dennis Walker of Northville, Richard (Glenna) Walker of Pittsford, Denise (Harold) Lively of Florissant, Mo., David Walker of Livonia, Raymond (Laura) Walker of Livonia, Mary (Donald) Bonner of Traverse City, Kevin (Olga) Walker of Boca Raton, Fla., Brian Walker and Kim of Plymouth, and Curt



Walker of Canton, 21 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Plans for a celebration are family and friends gathering together, and a little surprise.

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WEDDING

Burleson-Peterson

Jill Peterson and Brett Burleson proudly announce their elopement on Feb. 4, 2006, in La Jolla, Calif. Jill is the daughter of John Peterson of Canton, and Judy Peterson of Houston, Texas. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is a 2005 graduate of the United States Naval Academy currently assigned as the weapons officer on the USS

Rushmore, stationed in San Diego, Calif. Brett is the son of Bud and Jan Burleson of Plymouth. He also is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is a 2002 graduate from Adnan with a degree in corporate fitness/exercise science. He is currently employed by The Sports Chalet in San Diego. A luau themed reception is being planned for Memorial week in Ypsilanti.



BIRTH

Hayden Thomas Yesko
Jim and Crystal Yesko of Westland announce the birth of their son **Hayden Thomas**, on Feb. 11, 2006, at Annapolis

Hospital in Wayne. Hayden's grandparents are Louis Trongo of Garden City, and Michael and JoAnn Yesko of South Lyon.

His great-grandparents are Louis and Dorothy Trongo of Taylor, and Mary Katherine Hughes of Allen Park.

CLASS REUNIONS

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

Detroit Cooley Class of 1966
A 40 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 7 2006 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills Buffet dinner music dancing and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477 6802 or email jwork2friends@yahoo.com
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A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a Black and White Ball on Saturday May 20 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com
Epiphany Grade School Class of 1966
A 40 year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (24) 477 9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com

Ferndale High School Class of 1975/1976
A 30 year reunion is planned for Saturday Aug 12 2006 at the Troy Somerset Inn 2601 West Big Beaver Road between I 75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs7576.org. Discount if you register before Feb 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward payment ASAP to FHS 75 76 Reunion PO Box 20274 Ferndale MI 48220
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HAROLD E. SMITH
Age 85 of Westland, March 2, 2006. Beloved husband of Nora Hardin Smith, and the late Lucile Smith. Loving father of Terry (Patricia) Smith, Amy (Sidney) Sovoda, Scott Smith and the late Timothy Smith. Also leaves eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Harold was a proud CBI WWII Veteran. Funeral service Mon 10am at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N Newburgh Rd Westland (Btwn Ford and Cherry Hill) Visitation Sun 1-9pm. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Memorial Contributions to the Merriman Road Baptist Church Fund would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CHARLES LEE WORTHINGTON
Age 61, lifelong resident of Plymouth, died March 2 2006. He is survived by his daughter Tracy (Tim) Roberts, his grandchildren, Travis and Jessica, his mother, Elizabeth Shillito, his brother Robert (Patricia) Worthington and his sister Sue Ann Gunnison. A Memorial Visitation will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Monday 4-5pm. Memorials may be made to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.

LAWRENCE W. BLUNK
Age 95 lifelong resident of Plymouth, died March 1 2006. He was the founder of Deluxe Drapery in Ann Arbor. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, where he was active in the Men's Club. He most enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 72 years Ethel, his children, Kay (Frank) Luedtke, Marvin (Katie) Blunk, and Susan (Ed) Barthel. 9 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and his sister, Dorothy (Louis) Foreman. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 4 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church or Huron Valley Lutheran High School 33740 Cowan Westland, MI 48185. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home.

B ELIZABETH "BETTY" KNIGHT
Sunrise to Sunset
Of Bloomfield Hills had her sunset on February 26 2006 at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach. Her sun rose on August 23 1916 in Detroit Michigan. She was the daughter of Walter and Bertha Mary Klein, both also born in Detroit. She attended Wellesley College University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She taught school after graduation. Betty married her childhood sweetheart Robert B Knight, also born in Detroit, who graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. Betty was blessed with beauty of person as well as strong intellect. While raising her family on Wing Lake near Birmingham, Michigan, she studied Far Eastern History and served on many charitable boards including the Red Cross and Planned Parenthood. She was a member of the Village Woman's Club, Orchard Lake Country Club, the Moorings Club and Riomar Country Club. She was an enthusiastic golfer. Betty is survived by her husband of 65 years, Robert B Knight of Vero Beach, son, W. Bruce Knight of Detroit, Michigan, daughter Nancy Croissant of San Diego and Virginia A. Knight of Montana. She also has eight grandchildren. Betty's sunset life was filled with her family and friends. At her sunset, there was a warm afterglow of love that will not fade. A memorial service at Christ Church Cranbrook will be announced later. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers gifts may be made to the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter P O Box 44110, Detroit 48244.

LILLIAN RUTH JACOBSEN
Mrs. Jacobsen passed away peacefully at Sunrise of South Charlotte on Tuesday February 28th dressed in pearls and pink. At age 87 she lived her life full of love and compassion for everyone. Lee was never without her beautiful smile and bright blue eyes. She is now at peace with her Lord. Lillian was born May 28 1918 in Elmira NY. She spent most of her life in Michigan and resided in Troy Michigan until 2002 when she moved to Charlotte to be close to her daughter, Debbie McNealy. Lee raised three wonderful children: April Forman, Debbie McNealy and Paul Jacobsen (deceased at age 20). Her grandchildren were the light of her life and brought her joy and laughter. Josh Forman of Chicago, Dan Forman of Gallup NM, Beth Forman of Eugene OR, and Matt, Drew, and Molly McNealy of Charlotte. They will miss their Grandma Lee who was the absolute best in their eyes. She felt her sons in law Charley McNealy and Bruce Forman were the son she had lost. Lee grew up in Detroit Michigan, graduated from Commerce High and worked as an administrative assistant at J.L. Hudson's. There she met her husband Hersh Jacobsen who was the love of her life. She was active at First Presbyterian Church of Detroit and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Many thanks to her caregivers and staff at Sunrise of South Charlotte who treated her like a true friend and family. She always felt she was on vacation the entire time she was in Charlotte. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Hospice & Palliative Care 1420 E 7th Street Charlotte, NC 28204 or Westminster Presbyterian Church 1756 Hubbell Ave Detroit, MI 48235. Carolina Funeral Service & Cremation Center is entrusted with the arrangements.

MARY TYGHEM
Age 87 March 1 2006. Beloved wife of the late Maurice. Loving mother of Marvin (Liz), Thomas (Margo) and step mother of Dorothy (Bud) Baillie. Dear grandmother of five. Dearest sister of Peg McLean. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, 3-8pm. Funeral Monday 10am, from McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W 12 Mile Rd www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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G.E.M.S.

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

Recovery Inc.

The self-help mental health organization meets every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information call (734) 464-0027. Recovery also meets 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard and West Chicago, Livonia, 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W Six Mile between Middlebelt and Merriman and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft west of Middlebelt. For location or times of other meetings call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org.

Mentally ill support

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

Coverage confusion

Senior citizens still bewildered by new Medicare benefit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Beverly Gustafson describes her feelings about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage with these words - angry and confused.

The 79-year-old senior is not alone. Sitting next to Gustafson at the Livonia Senior Center is Shirley Smith, 84, who complains constantly about Part D which became available on Jan. 1. Neither has signed up as yet although both say they will in the next month or so.

Before applying for coverage, Medicare recipients must choose from more than 60 insurance plan carriers in Michigan by visiting the Web site at www.medicare.gov or phoning (800) MEDICARE. Both of those options can be disconcerting for seniors who frequently seek assistance at local senior centers and agencies on aging.

If seniors wait until the last minute to apply, Kathleen Sweder worries that counselors like herself will be as overwhelmed in late April and early May



Bill (left) and Sally Gooslin (right) meet with counselors Veronica Tyree, Joan Gentila of Plymouth (at the computer), and Jo Ann Smith Taylor to discuss the new Medicare Prescription Drug coverage.

as in November. Sweder asks that anyone requesting help at the Livonia Senior Center, call her at (734) 466-2557 for an appointment.

The Livonia Senior Center provides information on specific drug plans and enrollment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the building on Farmington, south of Five Mile in the Civic Center complex. Every Thursday at 1:30 p.m., staff from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office help seniors make informed decisions regarding coverage.

"It's usually people with higher prescription costs who are applying," said Sweder, the center's grant manager. "People with fewer are waiting until the latest date they can without penalty."

Gustafson is one of the lucky ones because her doctor gives her the four medications she needs. Smith doesn't take any prescriptions, but realizes eventually her health could deteriorate. Insurance carriers do offer plans with lower premiums for those not taking any prescriptions or just a few

'GOOD RACKET'

"I think it's a good racket for the insurance companies to make money," said Gustafson, a Livonia senior who volunteers at the center with Smith. "What makes me angry is the people who used to fill prescriptions have gone back (to the pharmacy) since the coverage went into effect Jan. 1, 2006, and the cost has gone up \$10 to \$20."

Smith says she will continue to complain until the problems are solved. She is especially upset about paying higher premiums if she doesn't apply before the May 15 deadline.

"I see that as a threat because they want us to commit to this," said Smith.

Although Sweder encountered several delays and difficulties before and after receiving training on the coverage at a regional Medicare center, she thinks the worst is over. Sweder has enrolled about 75 percent of the nearly 200 people she's counseled at the Livonia Senior Center. Many have come in thinking they are automatically enrolled in an insurance plan. They aren't. Only Medicaid recipients

were switched over to a Medicare prescription drug plan after Medicaid no longer provided coverage. All other Medicare beneficiaries must apply.

"For some people it's great," said Sweder. "Just like anything new it will take a while to shake out. The basic premise is wonderful."

"One of the problems is that Medicare gives all of the information verbally (when they call). If they can't hear or see well, or have to go to the bathroom frequently, it's difficult for them to apply."

COMPUTER SKILLS

Many seniors who want to apply online don't have computer skills to use the Plan Finder tool on the Medicare Web site. Counselors like Sweder and Carrie Nicholson at the Area Agency on Aging 1B in Oakland County can sort out the confusion by going online to enter a senior's information including names of medications, dosages, how often taken, and

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their pharmacy so the Medicare beneficiary can then select a plan. For an appointment in Oakland and Wayne counties or statewide, call the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at (800) 803-7174 or visit www.mymmap.org.

"It's been pretty rough," said Carrie Nicholson, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program coordinator at Agency 1B which received 500 to 600 calls a day at the office in Southfield in December. "There was a lot of miscommunication between Medicare, Social Security and insurance plans. Seniors are not getting enrollment information in a timely manner or not at all. Prescriptions aren't getting paid for and it's not getting any better. Enrollment ends May 15. Hopefully by July or August the federal government will have better communication with insurance plans."

Until then Nicholson has a few tips for seniors. Don't wait to enroll. Even though coverage is effective the first of the month after enrollment, information takes one or two days to process and confirmation a couple of weeks so a senior might have to pay for drugs themselves.

"If they think they qualify for extra help, call Social Security (1-800-772-1213 or visit www.ssa.gov) right away," said Nicholson. "Again, it's better to call the beginning of the month and keep information and confirmation numbers in a safe place. They won't be able to get their prescriptions unless they have enrollment confirmation and billing information for the pharmacist. Just like when you go to the doctor, you have to bring your insurance card. Even if they don't have plastic card you can show them the letter."

EMERGENCY NEED

If seniors don't have confirmation yet, the Area Agency on Aging 1C (The Senior Alliance) in Wayne County offers this advice to the seniors they counsel.

"If you cannot pay out of pockets and need your medications, call 1-800-



Kristi Hollingsworth of Garden City (left) and Carolyn Anderson counsel Ellen Adams at the Area Agency on Aging 1C (The Senior Alliance) in Wayne.

MEDICARE. Tell them there's an emergency need," said Chris Kenzie, the agency's information and programs manager.

"The nightmare part is when we hear people are going without their medicine or paying hundreds of dollars. If they call us, we try to help them walk it through."

Agency 1C usually receives phone calls only from those experiencing problems so it's difficult to assess the success of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 that was signed into law by President George W. Bush.

"Some of it seems to be working out fine. Others have enrolled and are having difficulties getting prescriptions," said Kenzie. "We're trying to stay positive, but it is challenging. The key is to encourage people

We tell seniors talk to your family and recruit some help. Try to look at annual cost. Sometimes folks get caught up in cost of deductibles or gaps in coverage. Rather than focus on that, figure annual costs. You hear about this doughnut hole, people falling through. Sure there is a coverage gap when comparing someone with six medicines and 12 medicines. The plan finder on line helps you to do that."

The Area Agency on Aging 1B in Oakland County is looking for volunteers to train to assist seniors applying for the Medicare benefit. They must know how to use the Internet. For more information, call (800) 803-7174.

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Week to raise awareness about devastating disease

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed the week of March 13 as MS Awareness Week in the Michigan. This is the first time the state has named a week dedicated to MS Awareness.

"During this most special week, the National MS Society intends to go above and beyond in its efforts to educate the public about MS while advocating on behalf of the 16,000 Michiganders living with this sometimes devastating disease," said Patricia McDonald, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter president.

Tuesday, March 14, has been designated as the Day of Hope nationally. On this day, the MS

Society encourages everyone to support MS Awareness Week by wearing an MS Ribbon of Hope lapel pin or bracelet, or by wearing the color red.

For more information about the week, including a list of planned activities, visit www.nationalmultiplesclerosisociety.org/mig.

The mission of the society is to end the devastating effects of MS. The Michigan Chapter, one of the largest in the country, delivers life-enhancing programs and services to the more than 16,000 people in Michigan with MS and their families, while supporting important research into the cause and cure of MS.

Hospital offers teen drug workshop

A Teens Using Drugs Workshop will be presented in two parts 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 and March 14, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

There is no charge and the workshops are open to the public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all

welcome.

Part one of the workshop is repeated every first Tuesday of the month, October to June. Part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month, October to June.

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That view is incorrect. It is necessary for your doctor to see you periodically to assure that you still need the same medicines in the same doses that you are taking now. He has to speak to you to confirm that your health and other medications haven't changed in a manner to affect what he is prescribing for you.

You need to continue to keep your laboratory appointments as the side effects of the medications may occur at any time. Also changes can happen in your body or from the interaction of other medicines so that formerly harmless drugs become toxic. Obtaining the laboratory work regularly is the best protection against such possibilities.

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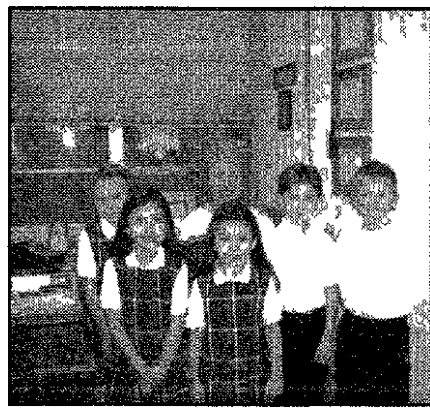
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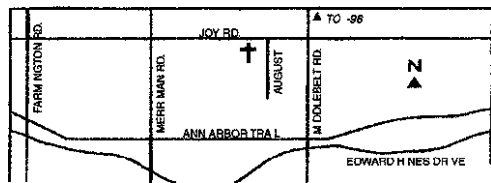
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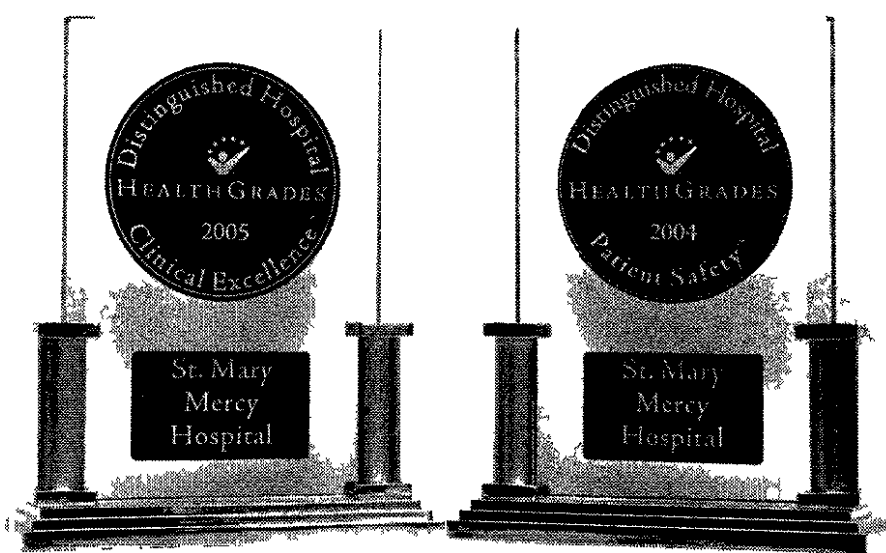
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Treasures of Time

Designer gives vintage jewelry a new look and life

By Ern Brown Bell PINK Correspondent

If you're searching for the perfect embellishment this season, you may want to look to local designer Calliope Zgouvas. Known to friends and clients simply as 'Peppy,' the St. Clair Shores artist creates unique necklaces in her home studio by pairing vintage pieces like cameos, enamel pendants, rhinestone earrings and more with a variety of baubles and bangles for beautiful, eye-catching adornment. Zgouvas jewelry design business, called Treasures of Time, has branched into a booming cottage industry in the last few years. PINK recently sat down with Zgouvas to find out more about her one-of-a-kind creations.

How did your interest in jewelry begin?

My dad was one that gave me my first piece of jewelry, and sort of started everything. Also, my parents used to go to Mardi Gras in New Orleans every year, because I am originally from Alabama, so they'd always bring us the beads back, too.

What types of materials are featured in your necklaces?

The beads are either some kind of a semi-precious stone like amethysts, garnets, quartz or fresh-water pearls, Swarovski

Spring Fashion Gala

Treasures of Time will be among dozens of vendors at the Spring Fashion Gala hosted by the American Association of University Women Birmingham Branch. **When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. **Where:** St. George Cultural Center, 43816 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. **What:** Boutique shopping, lunch, raffle prizes and a fashion show. **Tickets:** \$5, shopping only, \$25 includes noon luncheon and fashion show, to benefit AAUW. **Information:** Call (248) 851-2458 or visit www.aauw-birmingham.org



Calliope Zgouvas wears one of her designs

Where do you find and purchase these pendants for your work? Some estate sales and a lot of traveling now. Around here, it is so depleted — for years now, you can't find pieces. Tennessee is awesome. Kentucky is great, even Ohio, which isn't that far. Arizona also has some really cool things.

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Do people ever commission you to make special pieces?

They do. I've done many things for weddings, the first wedding was my own. I did a cameo that my husband bought at an antique show and it was a big cameo and six strands of little tiny pearls with crystals. But another thing I do for people is that they'll see my work and say, 'Oh my gosh, my grandmother has a cameo like that, and I never wear it, but I like your jewelry,' so I make a piece for them.

Treasures of Time necklaces start at \$150 and is available at www.vintagejewelrydirect.com or at boutiques including Janet Varner in Rochester, Bellissima in Bloomfield Hills and Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville.

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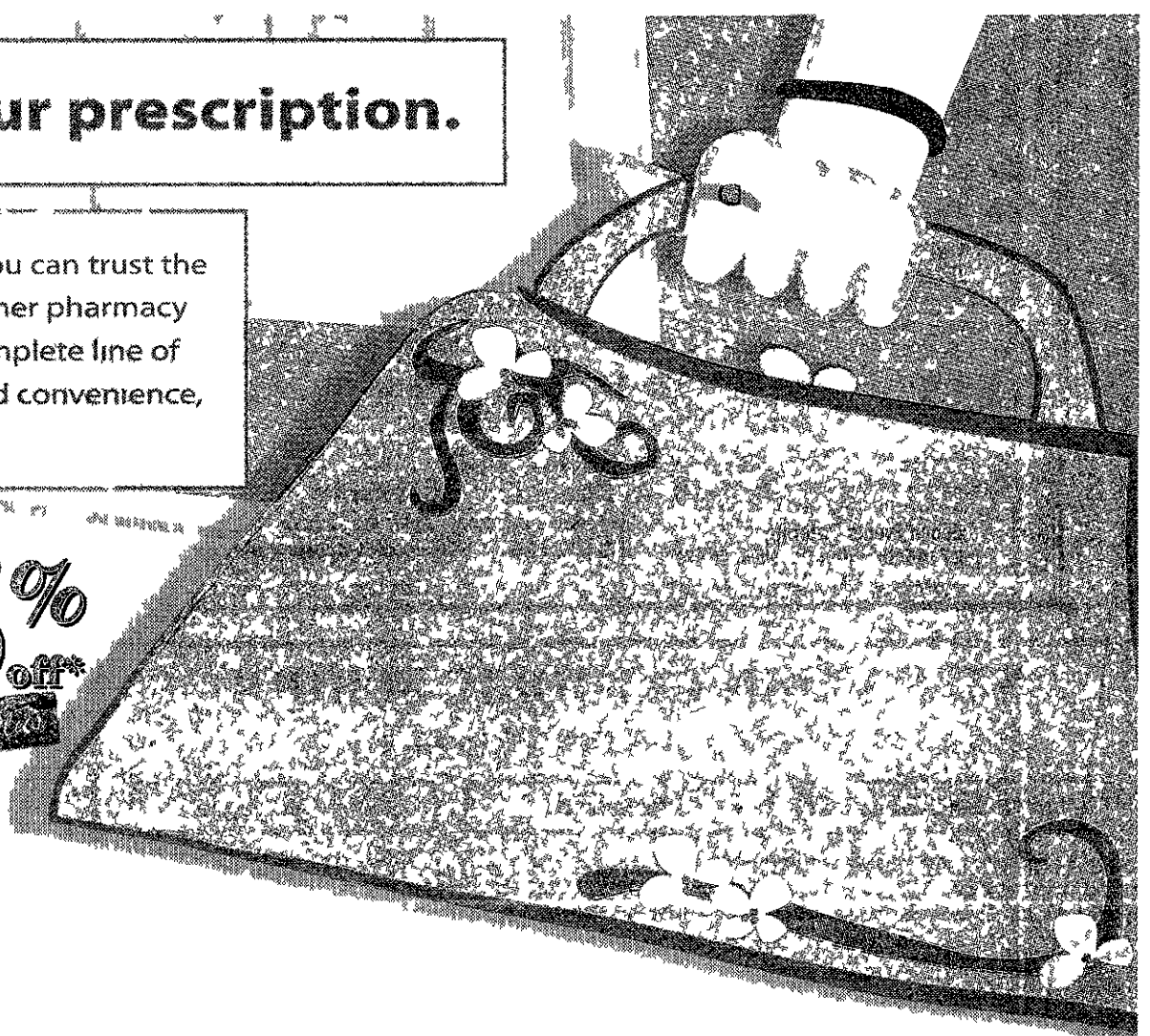
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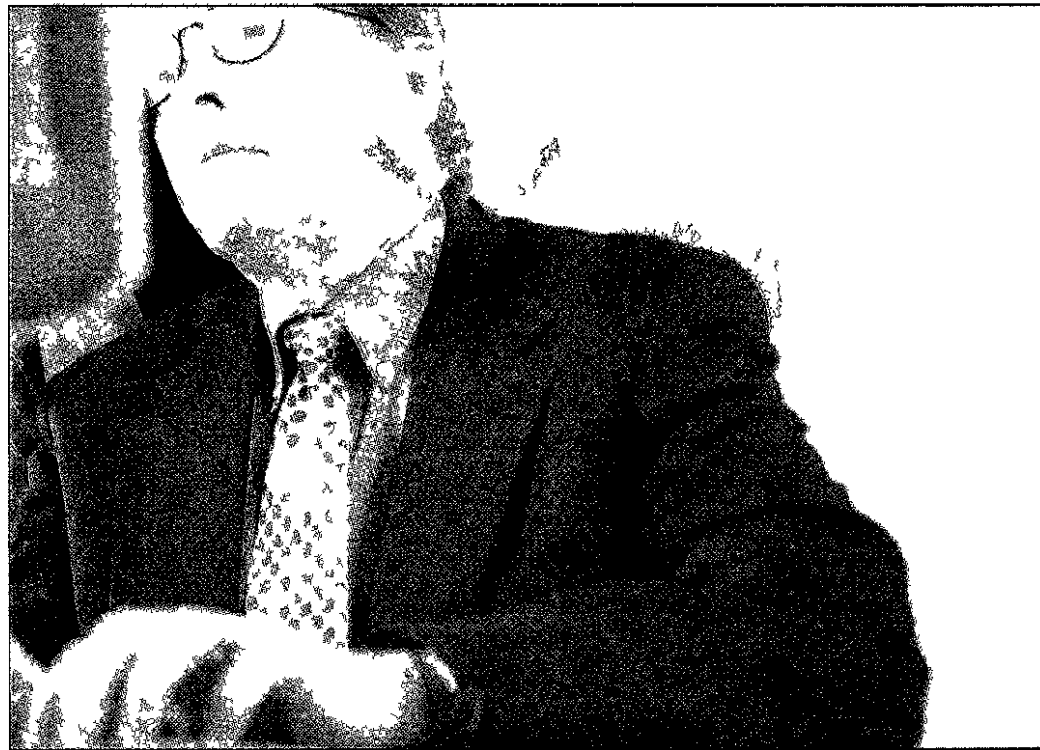
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Recruiters struggle to adapt as targets surge

(PRWEB) — Management consulting and IT consultancy recruiters revealed that they are struggling to meet a surge in demand for new hires. Ninety percent of all recruiters in the sector believe the candidate market will be even tighter in 2006 than it was in 2005, leaving them with a candidate shortfall at a time when client demand is resurgent.

With recruiters from the likes of Accenture, Capgemini and IBM gathered in London this week for the industry's annual recruiter conference, it was clear that the War for Talent is back on the agenda. Difficulties in attracting sufficient talent into the sector were last an issue during the dot-com boom, when many consultants were lured to startups by the promise of Internet riches and share option schemes. At the time, consulting firms were forced to hike remuneration considerably, to prevent resourcing constraints from becoming a hindrance to growth.

Attendees at this week's event confirmed that it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract candidate applications. Even once applications have been generated and candidates have gone through the interview process, the likelihood of a



management consultancy candidate accepting an offer has plummeted. Multiple offers are now the norm, with candidates playing firms off against one another.

Another major problem is that corporate Web sites are now more likely to turn a candidate off an employer than encourage them to apply. The vast majority of corporate careers pages have been designed to minimize the

workload of the HR team that processes the applications — making them highly time-consuming for candidates to use. While a valid strategy for a recessionary market, in a boom market like 2006 it is critical that the candidate be made to feel highly valued and that they are sold to at every available opportunity. Recruiters are struggling to adapt their company Web sites accordingly and so are

likely to see fewer and fewer applications through this their only source of free hires. Internet job boards, by comparison, are increasing their penetration and are highly likely to be used.

The conference, organized by specialist recruitment Web site Top-Consultant.com, attracted more than 700 registrations from recruiters compared with 250 this time last year.

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Lead Absorber and Chiller Specialist

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To learn more about the position or to apply online for Posting #FMBF0611, go to <http://www.emich.edu/jobs/>. Letters of application, resumes and other support documentation can be attached to the application. Materials that are faxed, e-mailed or sent by U.S. mail to Human Resources will NOT be considered.

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Growing manufacturing firm is looking for a reliable mature individual to fill a position in our light duty manufacturing area detaching machined components. Applicant must have good hand skills Manual machining skills are a plus and driving company vehicles will be required. Company offers excellent benefit package. Send resume to hr@ilmor.com or fax to (734) 456 3691

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Full time maintenance supervisor and finish carpenter needed for apartment complex. Competitive hourly wage and full benefit. Must have 3 yrs prior maintenance experience in apartments. HVAC Electrical and Plumbing Drywall & Painting repairs for Supervisor. Minimum 3 yrs Experience for finish carpenter. Qualified applicants may fax your resume to 248 356 3509

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Large Canton Apt community looking for a full time Maintenance Tech with HVAC certification must have reliable transportation must have own tools & responsible person to own our team. We offer great benefits & a great place to work. Please apply at Village Square Apts 5955 Edinburg Canton or fax to 734 981 4066. EOE

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Needs an individual who is detail oriented with strong PC skills to analyze cost variances process and reconcile purchase orders and vendor invoices. Knowledge of PeopleSoft / JD Edwards or other leading ERP/MRP systems preferred. 2-4 years experience in General Accounting Purchasing or Inventory and an Associates degree in accounting or business s req bachelors degree preferred.

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Who is dependable and willing to work and manage multiple tasks while servicing customers needs by phone letter or email in addition to processing customer order pac orders and returns. Prof cent letter wrt ng skills excel letter phone etiquette and pro cal center exp a must. Database experience a plus.

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TEACHER EXP for preschool

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Part time 15 20 hou s per week. Exp n A/R and A/P a must. Please send resume to perlgan@ecartinc.com or mail 24699 Hasted Rd Farmington Hills MI 48335 NO PHONE CALLS

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CLERICAL

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LEGAL SECRETARY

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Home builders offer safe harbor amid area's economic waves

Home builders are the type of folks who look at land and see how communities can grow, who visualize framing families' dreams.

So it's no surprise that we recognize economic bright spots in southeast Michigan amid challenges for our region and state. Without minimizing the forces reshaping Michigan, residential developers are heartened by new Census figures, by our industry's stability, by home values that keep rising and by other advantages for buyers in one of the most affordable U.S. housing markets.

Naturally, we share confidence about Michigan's transition to a new era and recognize that the transition requires adjustments, endurance and resilience in our field as well as others.

By adapting nimbly to business cycles that depend on outside forces such as interest rates, employment levels and tax policies, home builders are able to keep going amid economic slowdowns. Now we see fresh signs that our carpenters, roofers, painters, masons, plumbers, electricians, landscapers and others will be active this year.

One encouraging sign came early this year from the U.S. Census



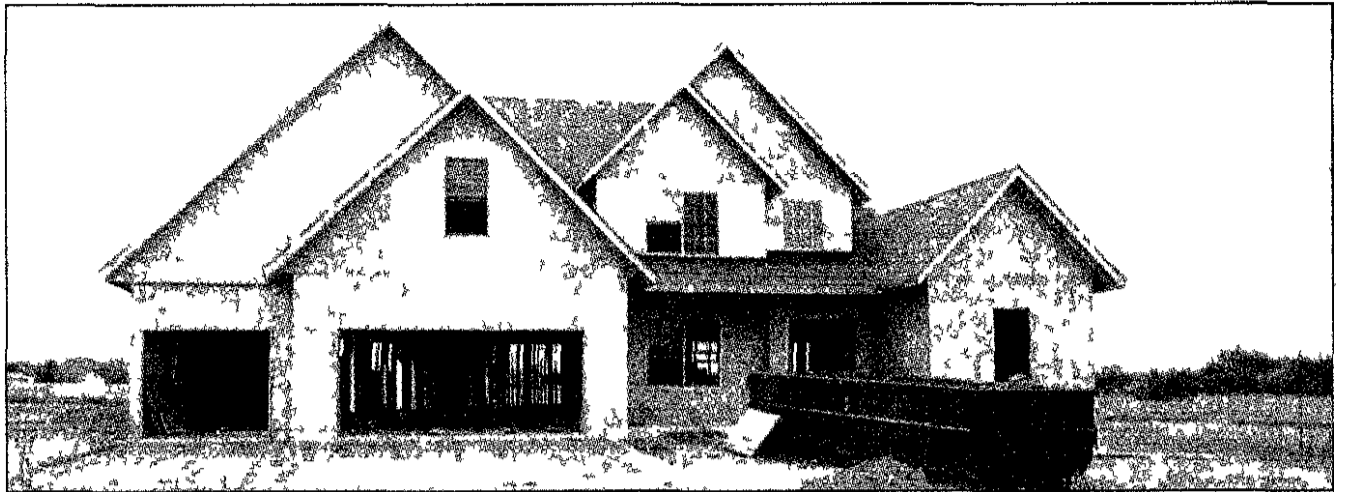
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Bureau. It estimates that southeast Michigan's population and number of households each have grown by nearly 2 percent since the 2000 count, with increases in six of the region's seven counties.

Census figures also show that our area gained more than 109,000 housing units during that same span, a 5.6-percent boost in nearly six years. More than half of the total results from heavy construction activity in Macomb and Oakland counties. And this time, Wayne County was part of the region-wide increase.

Last year, more than 17,700 housing permits were issued in Metro Detroit and surrounding counties — with Oakland leading its neighbors at 3,292 new units.

This steady pace shows why the housing industry remains vital to Michigan's economy. Behind the homes, apartments and condominiums that rose from Brighton to Birmingham and from Woodhaven to Waterford are thousands of jobs, mil-



A continuing healthy residential construction industry will help Michigan's economic rebound.

lions of dollars in purchased goods and services, and expanded property tax bases for communities.

Among the biggest beneficiaries, of course, are those turning the keys on new chapters of their lives under new roofs. Thanks to the healthy construction market, first-time buyers and families on the move have a choice of styles, sizes, locations and price ranges that run from one-bedroom condos to custom estates.

Whatever they select, Southeast

Michiganians are investing in something with consistent appreciation value — a rarity now. Michigan prices of existing homes rose 4 percent in the third quarter of 2005. The result is affordable housing and realistic appreciation that can be sustained, a safe harbor at a turbulent time.

Historically low interest rates are another positive indicator. Mortgage rates should stay below 7 percent this year and perhaps next, industry analysts predict.

Builders and home shoppers alike clearly have valid reasons for confidence in this segment of southeast Michigan's economy, which is as solid as the foundations of the 109,000 housing units built here so far this decade.

James P. Babcock, president of Babcock Building Inc. in St. Clair Shores, heads the 2,400-member Building Association of Southeast Michigan, based in Farmington Hills.

Time to shop around: Look at your home inspection options

I am going to buy a house. Should I do a private inspection, and if so, what should I look for and what would kill the sale?

I highly recommend getting a private inspection. After all, you will be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, it's worth the approximately \$300 to lower the probability that you may get a big costly surprise after you buy the house.

Some buyers, in order to save the expense, decide to do the inspection themselves or to ask "Uncle Bob" to do it for them. I tell my buyers that this is a big mistake. At the very least you or Uncle Bob probably don't have all the equipment necessary to do a thor-



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ough inspection.

Usually if there is a problem found in an inspection you have a few options. You can:

- Ask the seller to fix it
- Request a repair allowance so you can fix it yourself
- Offer less money for the house
- Withdraw from the sale completely

The key is that because you have the right to end the transaction, the problem is now negotiable. All of this depends on what is written in the purchase agreement. However, almost all purchase agreements have an inspection contingency. Often the seller agrees to fix the problem. They usually realize that if your inspector found the problem, another one will, as well. Therefore, it's a good idea to take care of it now.

Another possibility is that the seller realized that the house has some problems and because of this adjusted the purchase price to reflect that repairs are needed. If that is the case you may find it more difficult to get

the seller to fix the problem.

This is often true regarding foreclosures and corporate relocation properties. They often are offering the price below market value because they want to sell the property quickly and not be bothered with making repairs.

Sellers may decide that they don't want to make repairs and offer you a repair allowance. This way you can decide to fix it the way you want. This could be an advantage if it involves carpeting or something decorative. It gives you the power to decide for yourself what the end product will look like.

Usually what happens is that

money from the seller is put aside and given to the title company to be held in an escrow account. You then make the repairs, pay for them, give the receipts to the title company and you are reimbursed.

The homeowners may decide not to negotiate about an issue. This often occurs when it's an expensive problem to fix. For example, the inspector might find there is a problem with the foundation which would cost mega bucks to fix. The seller can decide that he isn't going to give on this issue. You then need to make a decision. You need to ask yourself whether it's worth

losing this house because of this issue. Only you can make that decision. If it's something small you may decide that you will repair it yourself.

When it comes to buying a house remember that almost everything is negotiable, as long as it's in the purchase agreement. If an issue is important to you make sure that it's indicated there.

Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with Real Estate One. He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column. Please feel free to call him at (734) 748-9621 or e-mail him at michael@realestateone.com.

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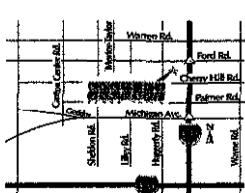
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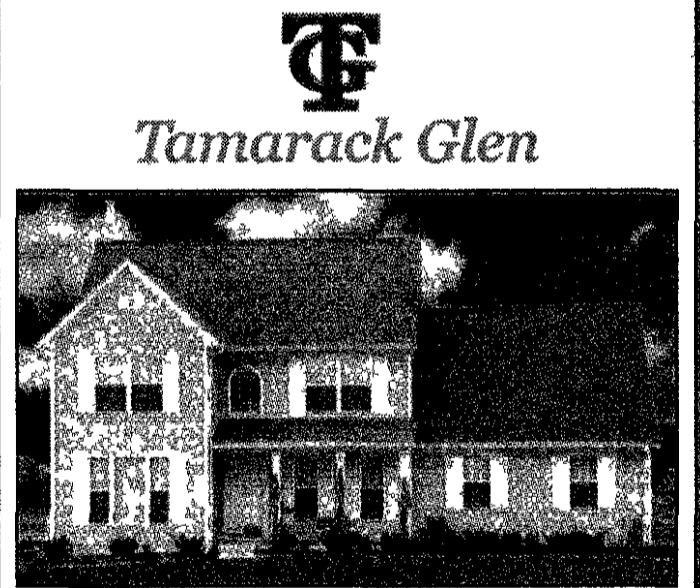
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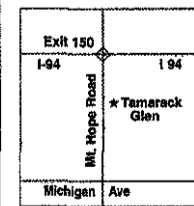


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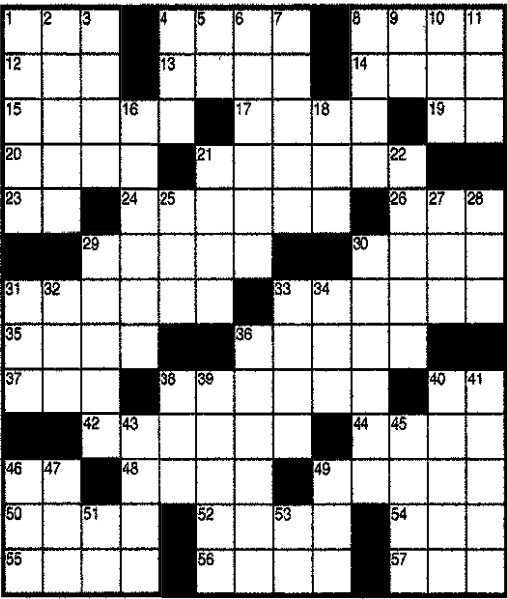
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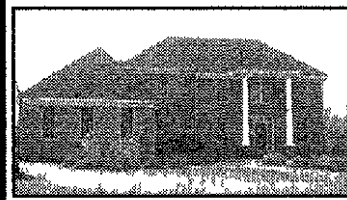
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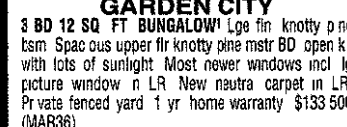
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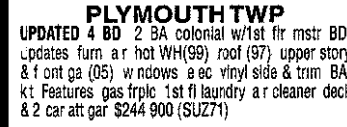
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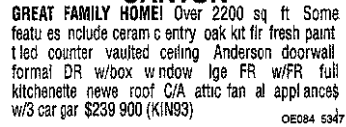
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ABCs of Remodeling

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Remodelers Council is presenting the ABCs of Remodeling seminar 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road, west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile in Bloomfield Hills. The program is free of charge and sponsored by Al Bourdeau Insurance, Bloomfield Township Library Décor and You First Horizon Home Loans. H.J. Oldenkamp, Italy American Construction, Pella Window & Door, Republic Bank, Shea Construction Co. and Templeton Building. The ABCs of Remodeling seminar is aimed at assisting homeowners with remodeling projects and will feature a panel of experts providing advice on major and minor projects. The panel includes moderator Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of Boa Construction, Don Pratt of Wake Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Mike Gordon of A.I.A. of Moiseev/Gordon Architects, Tim Smith of Republic Bank, and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance Co. These experts will discuss the following topics: kitchens/baths, home additions, insurance, energy efficiency, cost/financing and hiring a professional. Registration and tabletop displays begin 5:30-6:30 p.m. Program runs 6:30-8:30 p.m. For information call (248) 862-1008.

Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:
 ■ 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8: What's Your Sales DNA? at Somerset Inn. Troy Registration fees are \$49 for SMC members and \$69 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 7: Land Development, Site Planning & Zoning at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including breakfast, lunch and course materials are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 15: Masonry Flashing: What is its Importance? at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; pop and cookies will be provided. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, March 17: Extreme Makeover Marketing at AAM headquarters, 30375

Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members and \$79 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, March 21: Customer Service & Homeowner Relations at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$145 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 6:10 p.m. Thursday, March 23: Wild Game Dinner and Texas Hold'em Tournament at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100. Registration fees including dinner are \$65 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$80 for guests and nonmembers. Table top sponsors are available for \$300. Bar sponsorships are available for \$500. (248) 862-1060.
 ■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 24: Builder's License Preparation Course at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$200 per class for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28: Workplace Spanish for Builders and Contractors at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including one-hour audio CD are \$50 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$75 for guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:
 ■ 6:10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, March 13 and 15: Basement Remodeling. Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre registration is required by Thursday, March 9. Waterford Community Education. (248) 682-1088.
 ■ 6:10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, March 13, 15, 20 and 22: How To Build Your Own Home. Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$199 plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre registration is required by Thursday, March 9. Walled Lake Community Education. (248) 956-5000.
 ■ 6:10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, March 13, 15, 20 and 22: Michigan State Builder's License Examination at Avery Elementary School, 14700 Lincoln Oak Park. \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre registration is required no later than Thursday, March 9. Berkley Community Education. (248) 837-8900.

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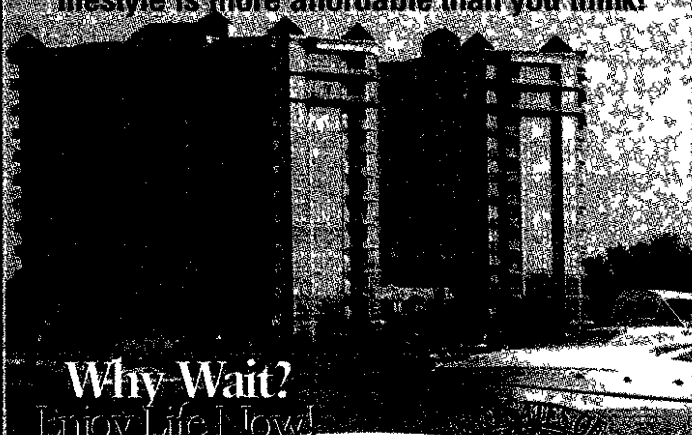


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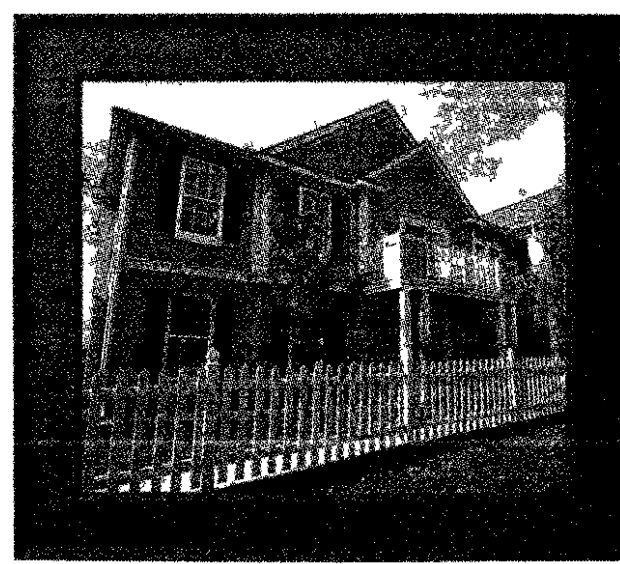
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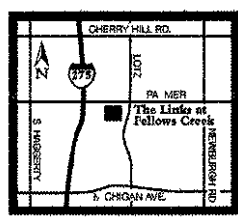
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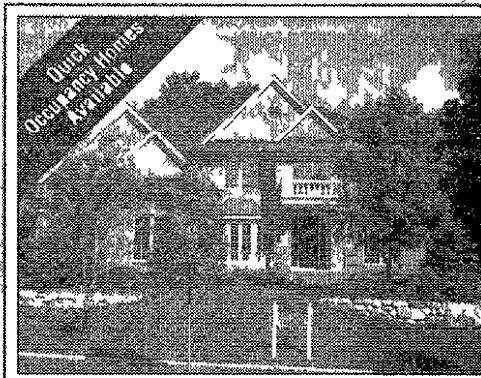
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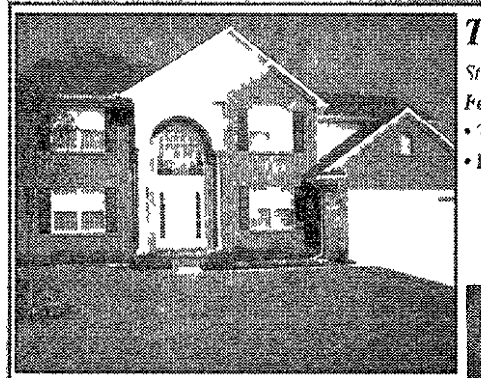
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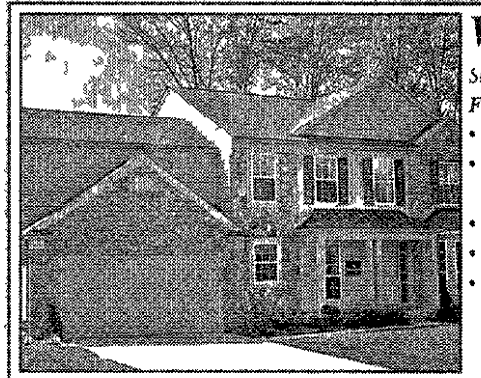
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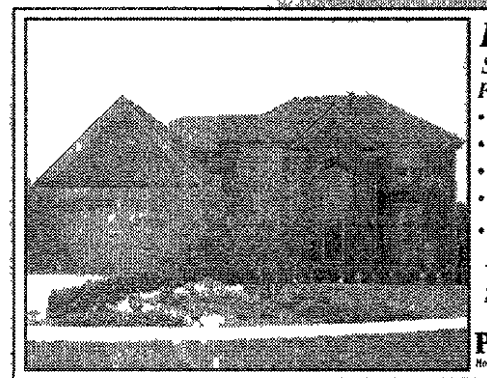
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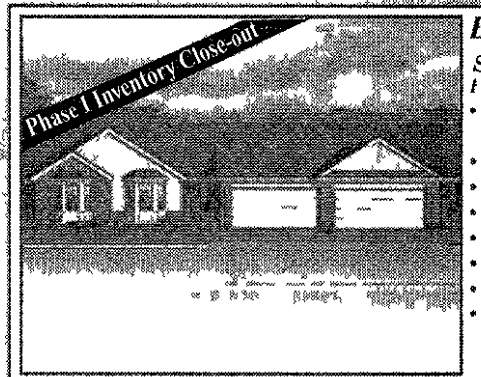
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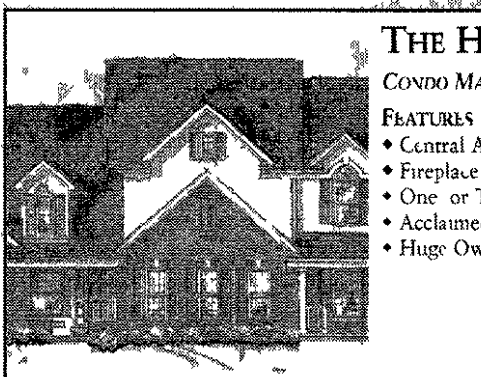
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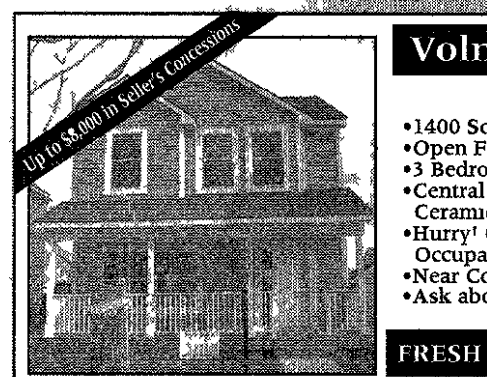
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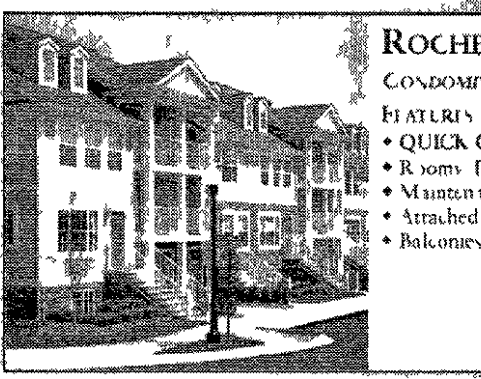
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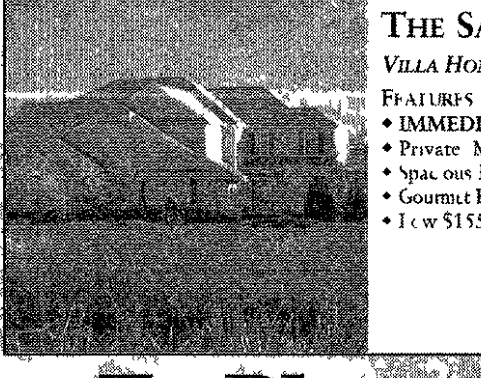
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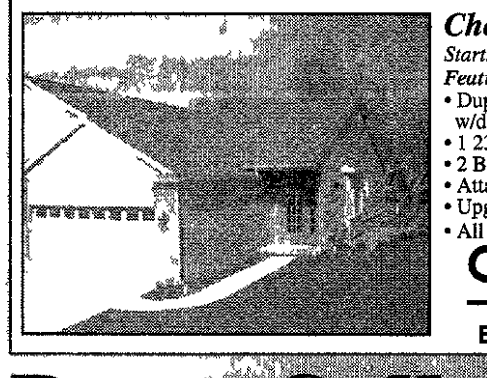
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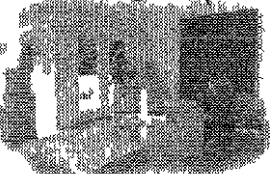
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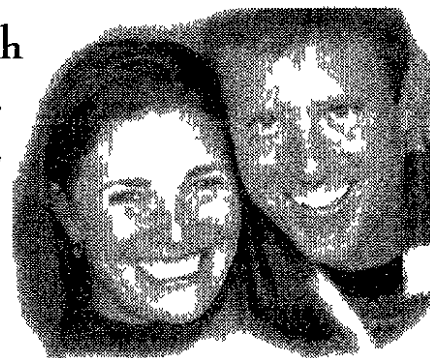
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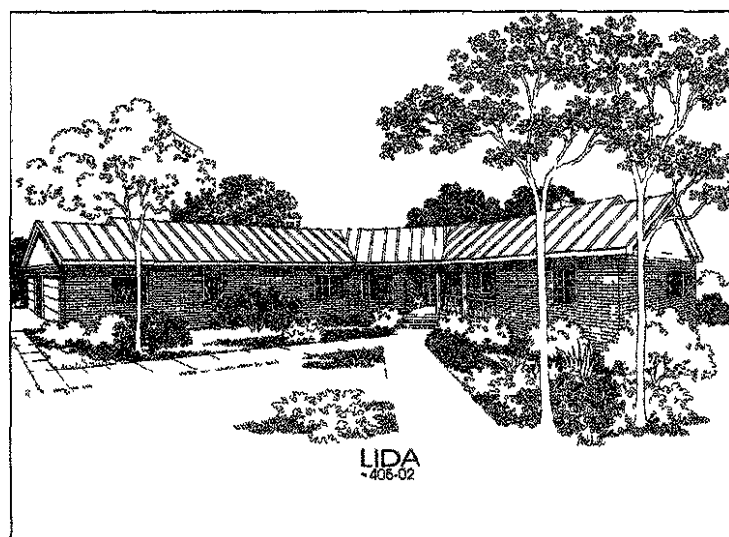
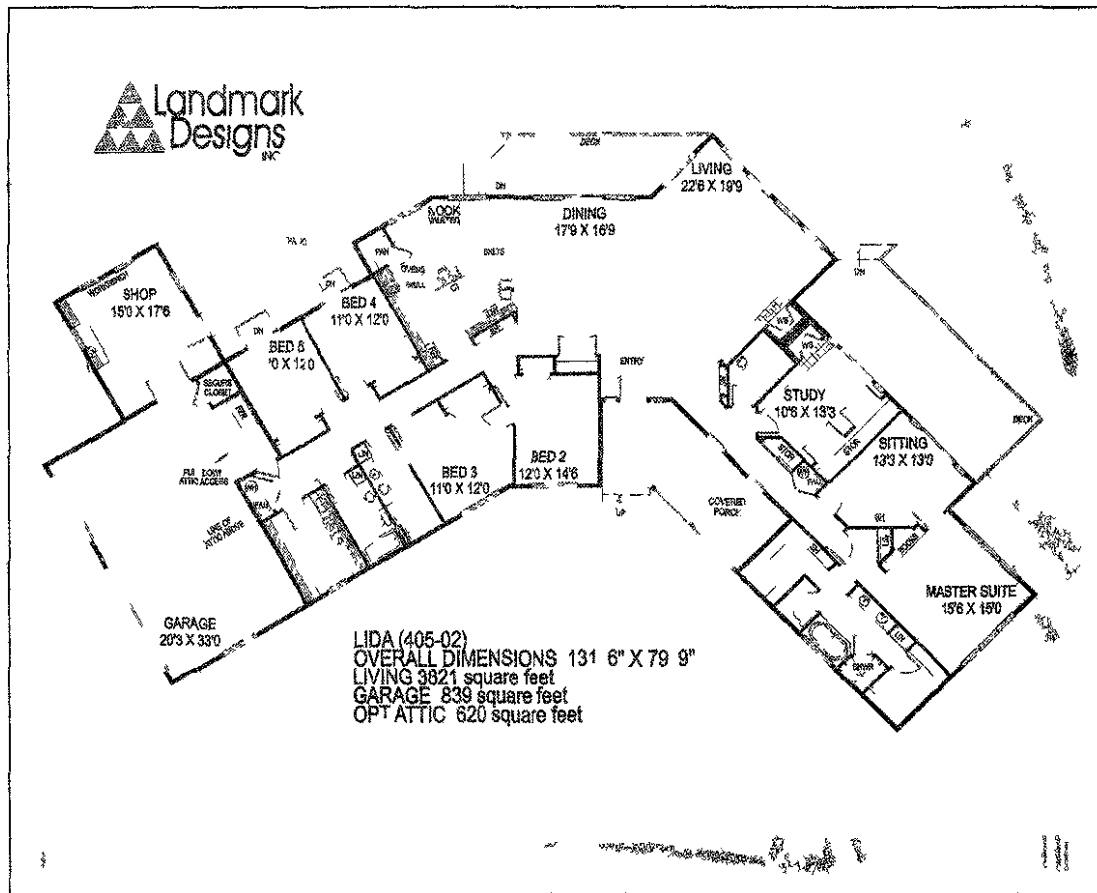
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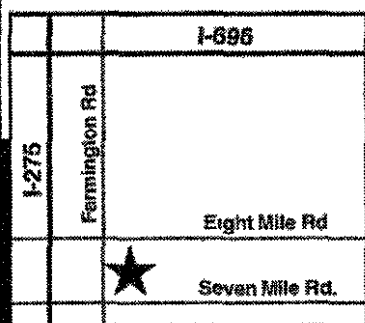
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Add insurance to your project budget, experts say

BY DAVID BRADLEY
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Chances are you created a project budget for your remodeling or construction project.

But chances are just as good that you neglected to tack on an extra line item for added insurance.

Your standard homeowners policy probably won't cover every aspect of the project. Most home insurance is intended to protect what's already there, not what you plan to add, improve or renovate.

Lost, damaged or stolen materials will need to be replaced.

* If you don't take adequate security precautions, portions of a standard policy may be void.

If a worker, neighbor or passerby is injured because of some lapse in the process that could be linked to you, you could be on the wrong end of a legal skirmish.

It will be worth your time to invite your insurance agent for an informal discussion or walk-through of your project intentions.

The agent will be able to suggest riders to existing policies that won't cost an arm and a leg. The riders will be for the term of the project itself.

Eric Goldberg, associate general counsel of the American Insurance Association, says not enough homeowners bother to read existing policies to find what is covered, nor do they talk their plans over with their agent, who can recommend how to fill any gaps in coverage.

Goldberg says homeowners should chiefly be concerned about liability. For example, if any portion of your project would fall over or otherwise cause damage to neighboring property, you could be liable for repairs.

Suggestions can range from roping off excavation holes to secure off-site storage of materials and appliances.

If you live elsewhere during the renovation period, it may be recommended you hire a

All subcontractors should have original insurance documentation, too.

drive-by security service to check on the work site during evening hours.

It will be advantageous to document all materials, safety measures and other insurance-related steps you take. Should an unfortunate event occur, you'll need such paperwork and perhaps photographic or video documentation.

So what can you expect to pay for this protection? According to several insurance sources, the cost will vary by the size and scope of the project.

Since the coverage is of limited duration, the cost of added coverage could be as little as an additional \$200 to a high of roughly \$750.

Location or isolation of your home, availability of street lighting and nearby neighbors who can keep an eye open for events are also variables.

On top of liability and theft coverage is a bump in total coverage for your home.

"With the way real estate prices are going, if the improvement increases the overall value of your home, you'll need to be covered," Goldberg said.

It can be particularly unfortunate if the house is damaged by fire or storms and you won't receive enough insurance proceeds to rebuild.

Portions of the project will be covered by the policies of your contractor and subcontractors. Sit down with your general contractor for their two cents on insurance issues.

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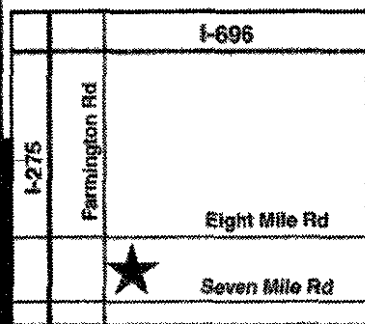
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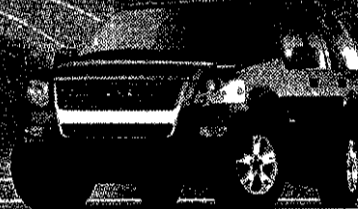


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2006 Hyundai Tucson Limited beefs up SUV field

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No, it's not your imagination, the roads of America are clogged with SUVs, of all sizes and from all manufacturers. If you're shopping for an SUV, the choices can be overwhelming, and Hyundai has jumped in with another option to add to your menu - the 2006 Tucson Limited. Hyundai is hoping the Tucson's combination of features and price will pull you into the showroom, and if it does, you might find yourself looking at a pretty decent small SUV.

The Limited trim line replaces the LX version of the Tucson and is the highest trim line available on this SUV. With the Limited, you'll get fog lights, body-side cladding, body-colored door handles and mirrors, a chrome rear accent trim, double-spoke alloy wheels and wider tires than the other versions, and those features compliment an otherwise average-looking SUV. Roof rails are standard.

The front-wheel drive Tucson is powered by a 2.7-liter V6 with an aluminum block and cylinder heads. It's rated at 173hp at 6000 rpm, and 178 lb-ft of torque. The V6 is mated with a four-speed automatic transmission and is rated at 20/26 mpg on regular fuel. The combination isn't going to win you Daytona, but provides enough power for smooth acceleration and passing on the highway. While you can leave the shifting to the transmission automatically, it does allow you to shift manually, if you prefer.

For some reason, I wasn't expecting much in the way of a decent ride with the Tucson, but I was pleasantly surprised. For a small SUV, it actually gives you a comfortable ride. The suspension system combines a MacPherson strut system up front with a fully independent strut rear suspen-



2006 Hyundai Tucson Limited. Type: special purpose. Where built: Ulsan, Korea. EPA: 20 city / 26 highway. Base price: \$21,695. Price as tested: \$21,985.

sion system that uses trailing arms and multiple links to control wheel geometry. All four wheels are controlled by coil springs and fade-resistant gas-charged dampers, and stabilizer bars are part of each axle's system. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard, and with a 35.4-foot turning circle (curb to curb) the Tucson is easy to maneuver in parking lots and during U-turns.

Inside is where the Tucson shows its value. There are a lot of standard features in the Tucson. In fact, the only options you can order for the Limited are electronically controlled four-wheel drive and a power tilt-and-slide sunroof. Keyless entry with alarm, automatic climate control system, power doors, windows and locks, cruise control, and power, heated mirrors are all included. The standard audio system is a 200-watt AM/FM/cassette system with a six-disc CD changer and a subwoofer included. The sound is very good, although the tuner is a little weak.

The standard leather seats can be heated and are comfortable with good support. The dash and controls are logical and well laid out. There's plenty of leg, shoulder and hip room up front, and lots

of cargo space in the back, particularly when you fold down the 60/40 rear seats.

Hyundai is putting a lot of focus on the safety aspect of the Tucson, and it does have some good safety features. Anti-lock brakes are standard, why they're not standard on every vehicle I have no idea. All Tucson trim levels also have Electronic Stability Control (ESC) that includes traction control. ESC compares the driver's intended course (based on steering and braking inputs) with the vehicle's response (based on lateral acceleration, yaw, and individual wheel speeds). ESC then brakes individual front or rear wheels and/or reduces engine power as needed to help correct understeer or oversteer. In addition to the standard front air bags, the Tucson comes with side-impact and side curtain airbags.

The 2006 Hyundai Tucson Limited comes in at under \$22,000. For a small SUV with the features included, it's a pretty good price. Just one more good choice to add to your menu of small SUVs. Good luck choosing.

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