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Royal Oak plays "The Star-Spangled Banner" during a flag-raising ceremony at the Buick and GMC dealership on Woodward Avenue in Ferndale.

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the new dealership will comprise Fresard's Pontiac, Buick and GMC automotive sales.

Ferndale Police Honor Guard while trumpeter Gordon Simmons performed "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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"We're excited to see growth and development of this stature in our community," said Jerome Raska, chairman of the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

The dealership also brings more than 100 jobs into Ferndale.

"This shows that not even the bad economy can hold us back," said Maile Ilac Boeder, executive director of the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday's festivities included a flag-raising ceremony by the

your steps waiting program. "This is an important business development tool for us as we showcase Oakland County across the region and the world," Patterson said. The free publication is funded entirely by support from Oakland County communities, businesses and organizations.

quotes, as well as video reports.

FARMINGTON HILLS Sports and entertainment management firm relocates

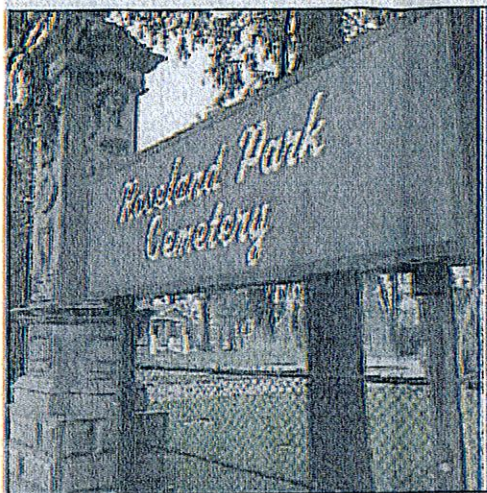
Dietz Trott, a full-service sports and entertainment management firm, has relocated its headquarters to the Trott Financial Center in Farmington Hills. Dietz Trott provides sports and entertainment marketing and management support to individuals, corporations and sporting and entertainment venues nationwide. The firm's services include sponsorships, naming rights and general contract negotiations; hospitality and event management; contract fulfillment; marketing consulting; and marketing management. The Trott Financial Center, equipped with a state-of-the-art training facility, is at 31440 Northwestern Highway.

WATERFORD TWP. SCORE hosts marketing workshop

A marketing workshop held by Service Corp. of Retired Executives for sales success will be 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Oakland County Executive Office Building in Waterford Township. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$45 per person. Call (313) 226-7947 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday to register.

— Compiled by staff writer Jerry Wolfe

n cemetery fraud case



trust money on behalf of Clayton Smart or businesses associated with him. The attorney general's investigation determined that these representations were false.

There are only 152 cemeteries in Michigan required to place funds into a trust under the law. Therefore, the 28 cemeteries that were owned by Clayton Smart account for roughly one in five of all regulated cemeteries in Michigan. As much as 31 percent of all trust dollars in regulated Michigan cemeteries are involved in this case.

Smart is incarcerated in Tennessee, awaiting trial on similar charges. Upon conclusion of the Tennessee trial, Smart will be returned to Michigan to face racketeering and other charges issued by Cox's office.

Green is due in court for delivery of a detailed finding of fact by the court Jan. 9 and then again for sentencing Jan. 24.

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y in Berkley is one of five Oakland County cemeteries involved in a multimillion-dollar fraud case. Carter Green, 67, was indicted as much as \$70 million in trust money.

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Green revolved around a series of written representations that Green made to auditors with the state of Michigan, as well as other private entities, that he or his companies were holding up to \$25 million in

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Cattle (lb)	.92	▼	▼	▲	+1.75
Coffee (lb)	1.34	▲	▲	▲	+6.18
Copper (lb)	3.09	+0.13	+4.39	▲	▲	▼	+8.27
Corn (bu)	4.44	+0.06	+1.37	▲	▲	▲	+13.77
Cotton (lb)	.67	+0.01	+1.52	▲	▲	▲	+19.24
Crude Oil (bbl)	93.31	+2.25	+2.47	▲	▼	▲	+52.84
Gold (oz)	811.60	+12.40	+1.55	▲	▼	▲	+27.77
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	240.00	-0.70	-0.29	▼	▼	▼	-10.45
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Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.38	+0.05	+2.15	▲	▼	▲	+48.56
Silver (oz)	14.35	+0.15	+1.06	▲	▼	▲	+12.08
Soybeans (bu)	11.78	+0.17	+1.46	▲	▲	▲	+72.35

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