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## Memo

### Nominations

March 7 is the deadline for submitting nominations for Canton's Hall of Fame, Community Achievers and Community Supporter awards.

Nomination forms are available at the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road; the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center; or they can be downloaded from the township Web site, www.canton-mi.org.

### Canton update

The state of Canton Township will be the topic of a talk by Supervisor Tom Yack Wednesday, March 5, at noon at the Summit.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce event is sponsored by Comerica Bank. Senior table sponsor is the Senior Alliance.

The lunch is \$15 with reservations, \$20 at the door. Make reservations by Feb. 28 by calling (734) 453-4040.

### Friends events

The Friends of Canton Public Library will host the monthly evening book discussion tomorrow, Feb. 17, on the Sena Jeter Naslund book, *Ahab's Wife*.

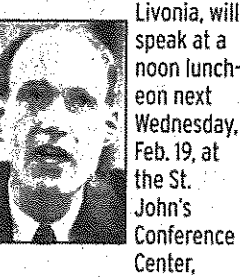


The book is considered a companion piece to the Melville classic *Moby Dick*.

The March selection will be *The Rapture of Canaan* by Sheri Reynolds. The groups' meeting begins at 7 p.m.

### Back home

Canton's new congressman, Thad McCotter, R-



Livonia, will speak at a noon luncheon next Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the St. John's Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile (at Sheldon) in Plymouth Township. You must make reservations for the luncheon through the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040. Lunch tickets are \$10.

### Detour ahead

The county will be closing Canton Center Road for several months as officials widen and improve the bridge over the Lower Rouge River south of Palmer (north of Geddes).

The official detour will be Ford to Haggerty, south to Michigan Avenue.

Local traffic may also want to try Palmer east to Sheldon and then south to Geddes; Palmer east to Lilley, south to Michigan; or, Cherry Hill west to Beck, then south to Geddes. Information is available on the Wayne County roads Web site, the Canton Township Web site or by calling (734) 395-5150. The detour is expected to start Monday, Feb. 17.



Esther Nelson of Canton as the Peddler Woman (left) tempts Snow White (Melissa Uhl of Plymouth) with an apple during rehearsals for the American Association of University Women's production of *Snow White and Seven Dwarfs*.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## AAUW entertains kids with 'Snow White'

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Laura Hoehn is carrying on a family tradition, according to her mother, Marilyn Johnson.

Cast as Sneezy, one of the seven dwarfs, she is doing a reprise of the role her mother had when the Plymouth-Canton AAUW presented *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* in 1982.

"I feel like I'm living a legacy," Hoehn said. "She's passed down the tissue."

This is the Canton resident's third appearance in an American Association of University Women play and her "first

time playing a short old man."

Her mother, who's been a regular AAUW thespian for most of the past 20 years, laughs about her daughter getting the part.

"I thought it was fate," said Johnson, a Plymouth resident. "It's kind of funny." AAUW members aren't certain, but this year's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* is the organization's 40-something year of providing inexpensive live children's theater.

The group has seven plays — among them *Peter Pan* and *The Wizard of Oz* — that it has turned into plays. The scripts are updated periodically. *Snow White*,

rewritten seven years ago, had minor changes for this year's production, said Director Helene Lusa of Plymouth.

"It's a lot of fun, that's why you do it, because it's a lot of fun," said Lusa, principal of Randolph Elementary School in Livonia. "The kids just eat it up."

The play will be presented 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 6-7, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

Advance ticket sales for the production, priced at \$4 each, shift to Garden City schools Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 18-20.

PLEASE SEE AAUW, A7

## Township, supervisor honored for recreation services

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and the township's Leisure Services Department have both been honored by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

Yack was named Elected Local Official of the Year by the group. The award honors local officials who have made significant contributions and given exceptional support toward

enhancing the quality of life through parks and recreation.

"It's pretty nice," Yack said of his award. "Parks and recreation are an integral part of life. Obviously my award and the department's award are a reflection of the people who actually do the work."

The department, headed by Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, was presented

PLEASE SEE HONORED, A7

## Popular business Expo returns

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's first Business Expo last October was so successful, they've decided to go to two a year.

The second one will be 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Summit on the Park.

The Expo is open to the public. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the evening.

Dianne Cojei, chamber executive director, said, "It was such a success in October that we decided to have two each year. It's a great way for business people to network."

She said she would like to see more members of the general public start attending.

"It gives them the opportunity to see what Canton businesses have to offer," Cojei said.

She said about 40 exhibitors had booths in October and they have a waiting list for this week's Expo.

This year's exhibitors include American Express, Arbonne International, Bank One, Basket Creations, Beyond Business Solutions, Brackney Chiropractic Health, C & M Printing & Imaging, Canton Medical Center, Clearly You Hair Removal, Coach's Catastrophe Cleaning & Restoration, Community Bank of Dearborn and Cruises Unlimited.

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DOUG JOHNSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cheryl and William Fisher of Canton have an abiding interest in the Civil War, partly because William has relatives who fought in the contest, and partly because Cheryl teaches history.

## 'Gods and Generals' movie is meaningful for Canton couple

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

The new Civil War movie *Gods and Generals* which will open next week has some special meanings for a Canton couple.

William and Cheryl Fisher say the film, which includes an epic

portrayal the famous battle of Chancellorsville and the death of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, will resonate in their lives for a couple of reasons.

William's great-great-grandfather fought with Stonewall Jackson.

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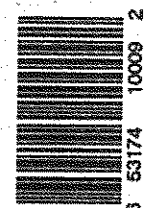
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**Ice princesses**  
In Thursday's A&E section: Disney's leading ladies dazzle audiences in a spectacular ice show at The Palace.



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# Book tells how students can deal with school bullies

## Starkweather, Gallimore team up in writing/artwork project

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Keeping the attention of a classroom full of third-graders can be a tall order. Keeping them spellbound while reading a book is a monumental victory.

That is what happened recently at Gallimore Elementary.

Reggie Kozub's third-grade class listened intently while Starkweather students read *Rumble in the Jungle*, a book they wrote and illustrated themselves.

The story is about a group of children, represented by animals, getting back at school bullies in a nonviolent way. Its fictional setting is a jungle, dubbed Gallimore Woods.

Jeffrey Bennett, a recent Starkweather graduate now attending Schoolcraft College, said he enjoyed visiting Kozub's class. He drew a majority of the book's illustrations in one night to meet the deadline. He was one of 12 Starkweather students helping to create the book.

"I liked doing the pictures," he said. "That's what the kids reacted to the most."

Co-illustrator Amy Cordara, of Starkweather, said that the biggest challenge of creating the book was finding consensus.

"We had to all agree on everything," Cordara said. "I really learned a lot about working with others."

She and the other Starkweather students all got to

keep copies of the book, which she said was rewarding.

"I have something I can show everybody," Cordara said. "I'm really impressed with how it came out."

What made storytime really special, Kozub said, were the "Gallimore Woods" setting, the hand-drawn animal illustrations and the antibullying message.

"The kids did very well with understanding the story, even though it was an upper-level story," Kozub said.

Nearly every child has had some experience with bullying. Some are victims of bullying by classmates, neighborhood kids or siblings. Others may be bullies themselves.

*Rumble* features two cat bullies, named Raja and Malcolm, who taunt other students, in elephant teacher Ms. Ivory's class.

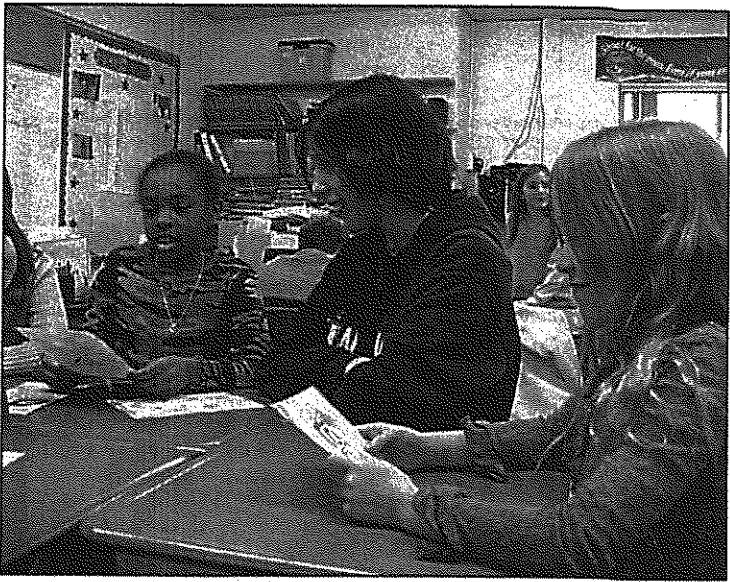
In *Rumble in the Jungle*, the bullying takes place on the school playground at recess. In retaliation, the victimized third-grade children decide to take a nonviolent stand against the bullies — by photographing their misdeeds and showing the photos to Ms. Ivory.

"The message is to treat others the way you want to be treated," Kozub said. "I thought that was valuable."

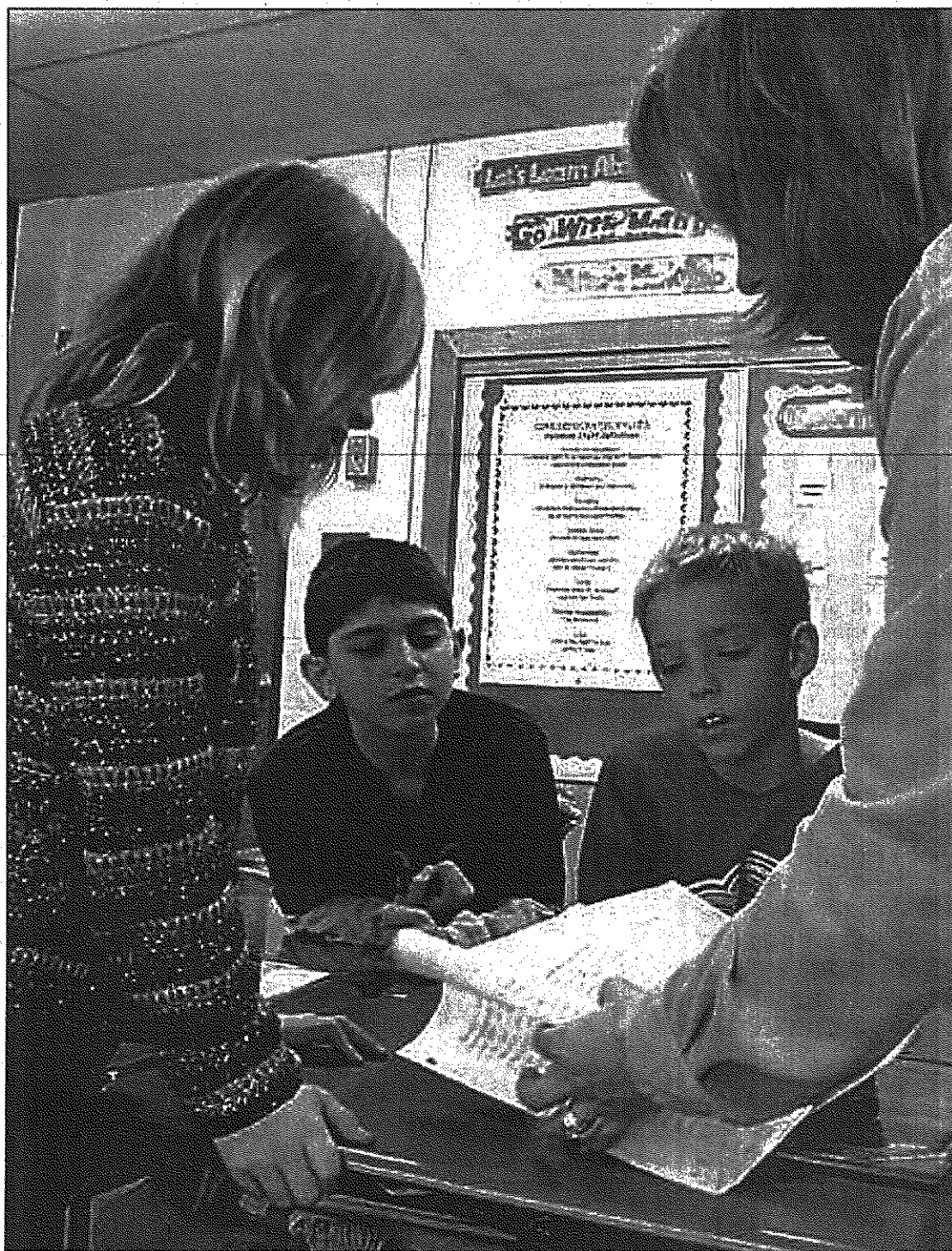
Frank Benages of Plymouth, a senior account manager, arranged for the book's printing through Kalamazoo-based publisher Fidler Doubleday Inc.

Copies of *Rumble in the Jungle* are available at the Plymouth District Library, Canton Public Library and Gallimore Elementary. So far, no copies are available for sale to the public.

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Illustrator Amy Cordara from Starkweather is flanked by Gallimore third-graders Shaday Pankay (left) and Amber Johnson. The pictures were taken in Reggie Kozub's classroom.



Eli Ansara (left) and Robert Slottke, Gallimore third-graders, watch teacher Regina Wilburn review their book on bullies.

## Other books are in the works for talented students at Starkweather

It seems that Starkweather students' first publishing venture was so successful that other projects are now in the works.

Starkweather English teacher Regina Wilburn said that one project, a book containing short

stories and poems, is in the final editing stages.

"This book is for an adolescent audience," Wilburn said.

"They're drawing from their own personal experiences to teach lessons about life.

"They're hoping that if they get their own stories out, kids will learn from them," she said.

The other book is in the beginning stages. It is about a group of students from different backgrounds who are forced to

work together.

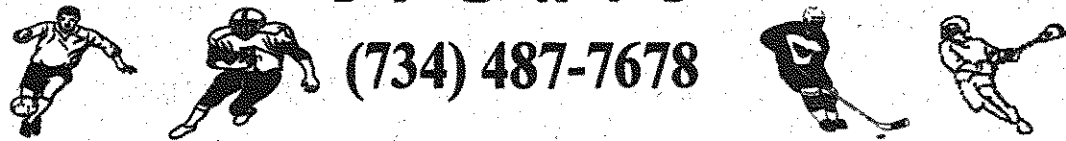
"All the dialogue is done in poetry," Wilburn said.

Interestingly enough, the

Starkweather students are learning about teamwork as they write about it in verse for the book.

"This is teaching them the small group dynamic," she said, adding, "they can take these skills into the workplace."

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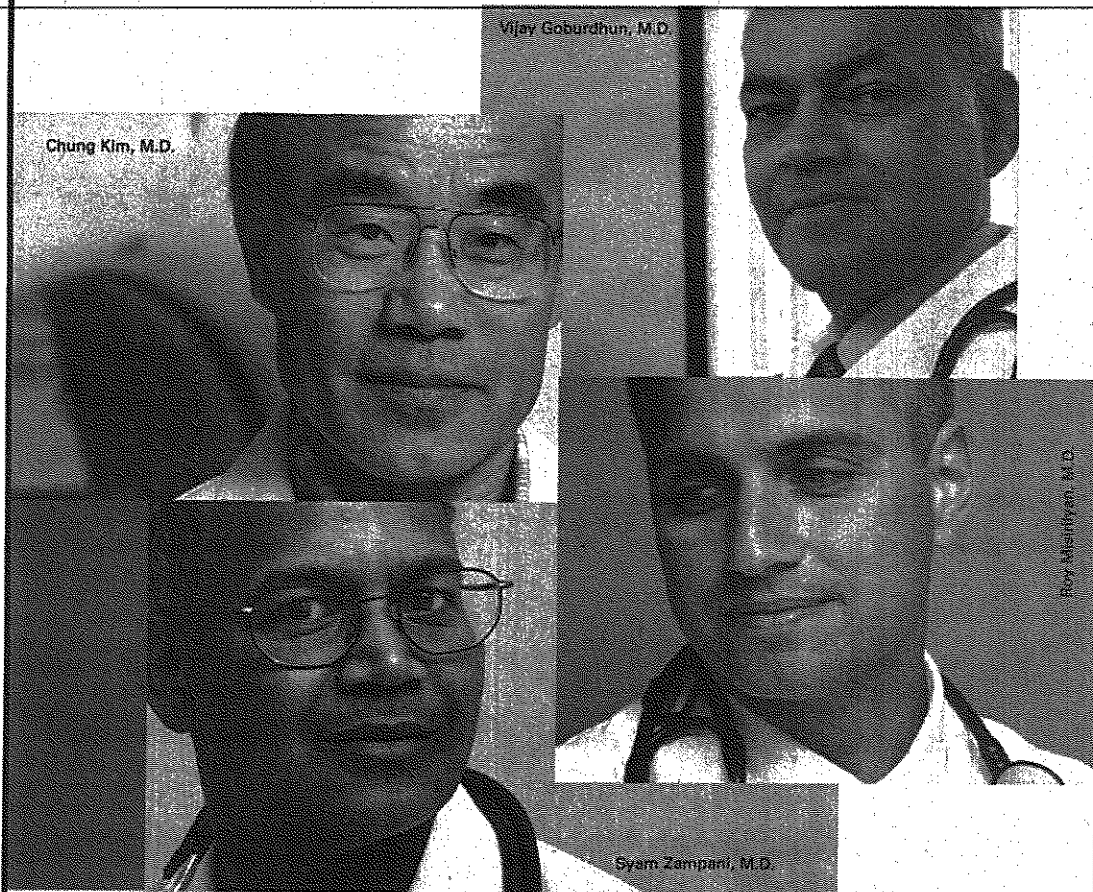
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**Hilda Cora Halbert**

Services for Hilda Halbert, 92, of Plymouth were held privately.

Mrs. Halbert was born Sept. 23, 1910, in Bay City and died Feb. 10 in Plymouth. She was a teacher in Bay City and overseas in Japan and in Saudi Arabia for the American Oil Company.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1991 from Texas. She was a W.A.C. from 1943 to 1945 in the U.S. Armed Forces. She graduated from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Halbert was preceded in death by her husband, James Halbert; four sisters; a niece; and a nephew.

Survivors include sister, Alberta McMillan of Plymouth; brother, Gerald (Joanne) Dehn of Roseville; niece, Judy Santi of Warren; nephews, Tom (Dee)

McMillan of Marquette, and Jim (Lisa) McMillan of Sun City, Ariz.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Dawn Marie Schutze**

Services for Dawn Schutze, 34, of Canton were held Feb. 14 at McCabe Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Ward from St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church officiating.

Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Schutze was born Oct. 29, 1968, in Royal Oak and died Feb. 10 in Livonia.

She was a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Survivors include husband, Mark Schutze; mother, Doreen Cater; and sister, Deanna Cater.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

**MEANINGFUL**

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And Cheryl, a former Wayne-Westland teacher, uses a treasure trove of Civil War memorabilia collected by William's father in her classes. William's father is in his 90s.

Currently, she teaches social studies and the Bible at Northville Christian School. Not surprisingly, she finds her history students fascinated with the Civil War.

"We spend about five weeks on the war and the kids love it," she said.

Among the things she shows is a Union sword and her own family's Bible.

The faded book lists her ancestors as well as four slaves her family owned.

"You can also see in the Bible pencil marks and writing where they highlight passages justifying slavery. I tell my students how and why many Southerners thought they were right and that they would win the war," Cheryl Fisher said.

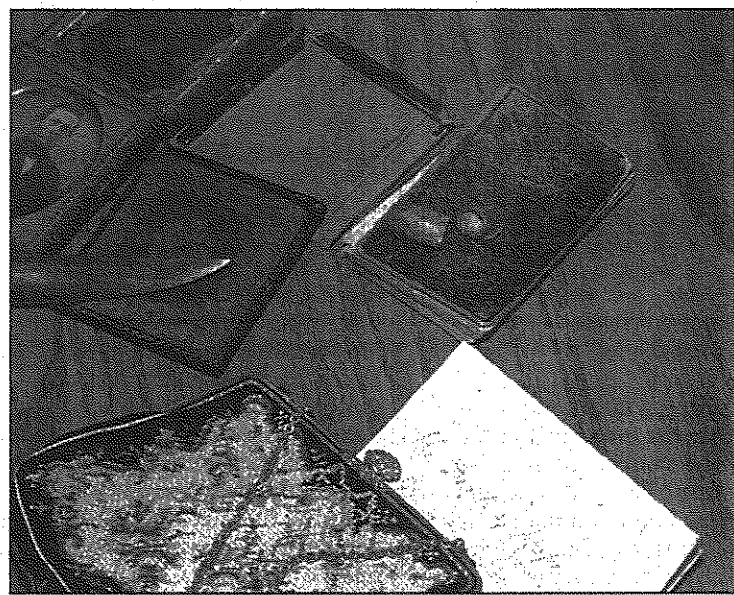
William's tale is even more telling. His great-great-grandfather was Robert Samuel Dean Heironimus, a minister who had fought with Stonewall. He was shot but the bullet hit a small diary and he was spared. Fisher uses both the very bullet, now a misshapen ball, and the diary to teach her students.

She also uses excerpts from John Overton Casler's book, *Four Years in the Stonewall Brigade*, where Heironimus is mentioned. Casler and Heironimus were related, and it may have been Casler's brigade that mistakenly fired on Stonewall Jackson. Jackson's wounds from "friendly fire" led to his death.

"My family saved everything," William Fisher said. "We have items dating back seven generations." They include diaries, family genealogies and pictures including fading tintypes. Among others, William Fisher is related to William Penn.

Cheryl's family comes from southern Tennessee, William's from Grafton, in northern West Virginia.

"We are very anxious to see



DOUG JOHNSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A diary that saved a life, the bullet that was meant to kill and old photos are part of the Civil War items saved by William and Cheryl Fisher.

the movie," William Fisher said. Civil War battlefields and the beautiful countryside in West Virginia are favorite travel spots for the couple.

Fisher, who works for AT&T in Plymouth, and his wife are both expecting to retire this year and spend time with their two adult sons. Their son's child is a ninth-generation American.

*Gods and Generals* opens Friday, Feb. 21, and stars, among others, Michigan's Jeff Daniels.

The film's Web site (godsandgenerals.com) is expected to have a study guide for teachers.

Casler's book is available through rare book stores and is often praised as one of the best first-person narratives from a common Confederate soldier.

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## Deadline nearing

Friday, Feb. 21, is the deadline for submitting applications for Canton Community Foundation scholarships. The 30 scholarships range from \$300 to \$2,000.

Applications are available at the Canton Public Library, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Plymouth District Library and all high school counselors' offices.

They can also be picked up at the foundation's office on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road.

# Appliances, guitars are taken in local burglaries

Police are investigating thefts from two homes under construction in the 49000 block of Belfair Court.

The first incident occurred between noon Feb. 8 and 10 a.m. Feb. 10. The builder of a house said someone broke in through the garage door and stole a dishwasher, a cooktop, a microwave oven and a double oven.

The appliances were valued at \$2,800.

In the second incident, which occurred between 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 12 and 8 a.m. Feb. 13, someone entered a house a took a fireplace unit valued at \$600. The builder said they entered through an open area of the building.

### HOME RANSACKED

A resident of the 4300 block of Pond Run reported to police that someone broke into her home sometime between noon and 10 p.m. Feb. 12.

Entry was gained by breaking a window with a hammer,

which was later found in the basement. Furniture was turned over in every room and every drawer in the master bedroom and bath was pulled out and dumped on the floor.

Nothing was reported missing.

### GUITARS MISSING

The manager of the Guitar Center on Ford Road told police on Feb. 13 that when he was doing inventory, he discovered two guitars valued at

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\$3,500 missing.

Prior to that he said two employees had been fired after they were caught selling store guitars on eBay.

### WINDOW SMASHED

A resident of the 900 block of Wellington reported that someone smashed the window of his sister-in-law's car while it was

parked in front of his house. He said she had parked the car there while she was out of town.

The resident said he left the house about 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 13 and when he returned about 10:45 p.m. a rock had been thrown through the driver's side window. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Jack Gladden

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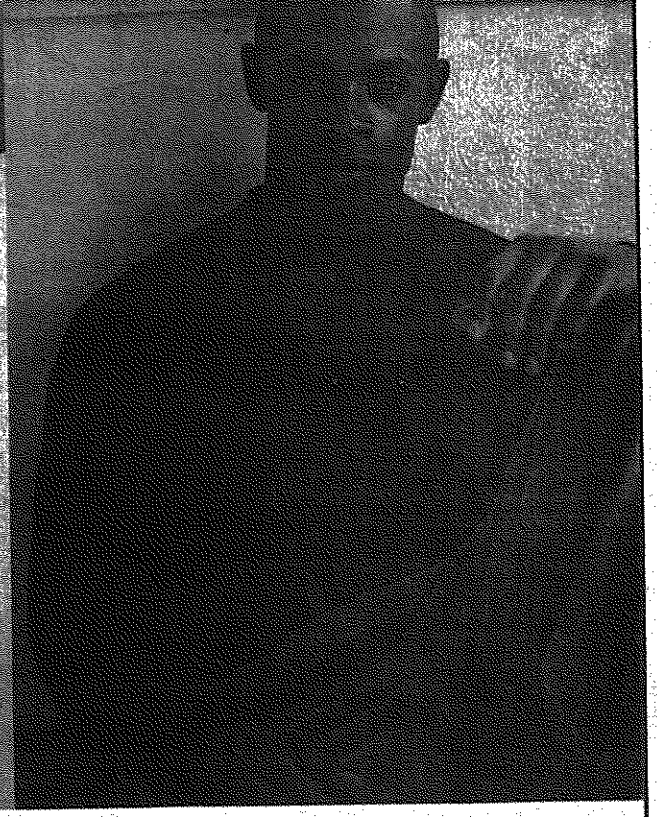
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# Man guilty in murder of Canton father last summer

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The man found guilty Friday of murdering two of his former co-workers July 8, 2002, at Logan's Roadhouse in Livonia now faces life in prison.

A jury deliberated about five hours before finding Ellis Robinson, 31, guilty on all counts — two counts of felony murder, two counts of first-degree murder, felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a firearm during the course of a felony. Robinson will be sentenced March 6 by Judge Gregory Dean Bill.

Robinson was arrested three days after the shooting deaths of Bill Harrison, 36, of Canton and Deb McCarty, 32, of Lincoln Park, who were murdered while they were taking inventory at the restaurant in Livonia.

According to Livonia police Detective Sgt. Thomas Goralski, the survivors of the murdered were relieved at the verdict.

"It's something like closure for them. They are relieved and happy with the guilty verdicts, but of course are still grieving these horrible deaths which never should have happened," he said.

The prosecution's case focused heavily on a written confession by Robinson, but his defense attorney, Henry Scharg, had argued during closing arguments that the confession was coerced by police officers. Scharg said he plans to appeal.

"How long does it take people to break? Some people take only an hour or a few hours. With some people it takes days," Scharg said. "But we do know that (Robinson) eventually broke."

After his arrest, Robinson was held in the Livonia jail and stripped of all of his clothing, which was held as evidence. He was given a blanket and was not given clothing until more than 24 hours after his arrest, Scharg said. When he offered his confession the evening after his arrest, he gave it with a

detective looking over his shoulder and coaching him, Scharg claimed.

Further, Scharg argued there had been no physical evidence linking his client to the murders, and no evidence proving the murderer had acted alone.

## MURDERS PLANNED

Assistant prosecutors Patrick Muscat and Oronde Patterson argued the murders were premeditated. Around the same time Robinson was fired from his job at Logan's Roadhouse where he had worked as an assistant manager, he retrieved his shotgun from his sister's home, after not having asked about it for two years.

"Loading and reloading a shotgun four times and pointing it at the back of someone's head is premeditation," Muscat said. "You don't go rob someone you know and expect to get away unless you intend to eliminate the witnesses."

Robinson's girlfriend, Natalie Anderson, testified she had

seen shotgun shells in his truck fewer than two weeks before the murders.

Robinson's motive for murder was financial.

He wrote in his confession of money problems he and his wife had encountered since his May 2002 embezzlement conviction. Ordered to pay \$475 per month in restitution, by July he had already begun missing payments. After being dismissed from his job June 6, 2002, his finances grew worse.

"All we knew is if the money didn't get paid we'd both wind up in jail," Robinson wrote. "For the first time in my life I felt really helpless."

The words of a killer, Muscat called the written confession.

"These are the kinds of words," Muscat said in his closing arguments Thursday, "you know are not fabricated. This is the truth about a horrific incident and a man who is desperate ... got out of control and killed two people."

Broke and discouraged, Robinson had begun to drink heavily and was growing increasingly frustrated over his inability to find work.

After an all-night drinking binge, Robinson said he headed to Logan's Roadhouse early in the morning. He broke into the restaurant by throwing a brick through the window. No one heard him enter.

He went immediately to the office at the rear of the restaurant and demanded from

McCarty the money from the safe. She gave him the cash and agreed to give him five minutes before calling the police, Robinson said in his confession. Then Harrison arrived.

Robinson ripped the phone from the desk and threw it into a bucket in the kitchen sink, leaving a single fingerprint on the back of the phone.

"He takes the only means (Harrison and McCarty) have to call for help, then shuttles them into a corner and executes them ... Mr. Harrison first, then Ms. McCarty, who was on her knees and helpless," Muscat said. "Then he leaves his victims dead or dying, and leaves with his money."

Robinson claimed in his confession he had only a few memories of the shootings, but remembered shooting Harrison in the back.

"When it was all over they were both lying in the floor in the office," Robinson wrote. "I'm not certain what happened but I knew it wasn't good."

## CONFESSION OF GUILT

Prosecutors said Robinson's confession was offered voluntarily after he had a few hours alone to think. He was arrested July 11, and wrote his confession in the evening of July 12. Robinson was interviewed by Goralski in the morning of July 12; after an hour the detective stopped the interview so Robinson could talk to a

lawyer.

Although he did not see a lawyer that day — police departments do not provide suspects with attorneys; courts do at the time of arraignment — Robinson asked that evening to see his family. His sister and brother-in-law, wife and children visited him.

"Guilt started building up inside him and he wanted to talk about it, but only after he saw his family, maybe for what he thought was the last time," Muscat said. "If you have a conscience at all, you can imagine what might be going through your mind."

What Robinson did not talk about, Muscat said, was mistreatment by the police department.

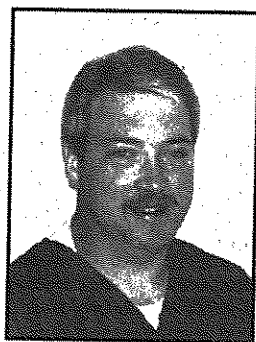
"He could have whispered ... he could have yelled, 'The police are pressuring me; the police are coercing me,'" Muscat said. Instead, Robinson talked with his family about God and football.

"When his family left the police department with Sgt. Goralski's business card, did they go get a lawyer? No. Did they go get the media? No," Muscat said.

Robinson offered his confession immediately after the visit with his family.

Robinson finished his written statement at 10:21 p.m. July 12, and said, "I'll have to sleep in the bed I made."

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## AAUW

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Tickets went on sale Saturday at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, Plymouth.

Fliers with information about mail-ordering tickets also are going out in the Wayne-Westland, Redford and Livonia school districts. They can be ordered by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check, payable to the Plymouth-Canton branch AAUW, to Play Tickets, 39564 Village Run Drive, Northville, MI 48167.

Be sure to include your first, second and third choice for show times and your name and telephone number.

Lusa, along with Kay Paupore as assistant director, has been taking the staff through their lines on the stage of O'Leary Auditorium.

The group rents the backdrop, which will be the inside of the dwarfs' cottage, and graphic artist and AAUW member Wendy Harless will provide the scenery for the royal court.

Kay Koch is handling the props and costuming for the cast, coming up with oversized ears for Dopey (Sandy Iannucci) and bejeweled crowns for the wicked Queen Braggamore (Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth) and Prince Michael (Elaine Luther of Saline).

"Her basement is full of props," said Paupore, who retired from Garden City High School almost two years ago. "She has some stuff from previous shows and brought some tonight to see what was needed."

Needed were axes for the dwarfs and a better looking sword for Prince Michael. Lusa told Belobraidich she didn't need a different crown for the play.

Two years ago, Belobraidich played Captain Hook, last year it was the scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*. This year she's doing a reprise of her wicked queen role.

"It's the best part," she said. "I take those parts because it



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The cast includes: Becky Copenhaver of Canton as Doc, from left, Mickey Edell-Cotner of Canton as Happy, Laura Hoehn of Canton as Sneezzy, Tricia Carney of Plymouth as Sleepy, Shirley Zaetta of Plymouth as Bashful, Sylvia Rozian of Plymouth as Grumpy and Sandy Iannucci of Plymouth as Dopey.

gets the bad out of me. I'm either stupid or I'm mean."

She has been appearing in AAUW plays for many years, and the same goes for Sylvia Rozian who plays Grumpy. This is her 27th production.

"My very first role was the caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland*," the Plymouth resident said. "I had to sit on a mushroom and say that long poem."

"It was fun, it's all fun. We have a great time."

In between missed and forgotten lines, Lusa and the cast share ideas about how to do the play on the propless stage and how to deliver their lines. She asks for their patience in knowing where they should go on stage, telling the cast her directions will come after she sees the props.

She provides forgotten lines and corrects cast members when they say them wrong.

"Let's learn our lines before we start improvising," she said.

"I want deeper voices," she tells the dwarfs as they begin to march through the seats and across the auditorium, a trademark of AAUW productions. "I want to hear uglier old men."

The dwarfs — Hoehn, Rozian, Cotner, Becky Copenhaver as Doc, Mickey Edell-Cotner as Happy, Shirley Zaetta as Bashful and Tricia Carney as Sleepy — do just that.

"We start rehearsals in January at an elementary school in Plymouth and move

over here as soon as we can," said Paupore, who also plays the Rabbit in the production. "We used to do the play at Plymouth Salem High School, but have been doing it at Garden City High for the last 10 years."

"Garden City is generous to let us use the stage."

Melissa Uhl will play Snow White. Joining Johnson as her ladies in waiting will be Betty Berryman of Plymouth as Lady Amy, Sue Attee of Canton as Lady Christina, Michelle Rogers of Novi as Lady Beth and Jan Blumberg of Canton as Lady Diane.

Blumberg is principal at Henry Ruff Elementary School in Garden City. A relatively new member, this is her second time doing the AAUW play.

She isn't the only Garden City school administrator in the production. Lathers Elementary School Principal Pat Dunbeck plays the Bear, while Andrea Witkowski, the director of special education, plays the Skunk.

The cast also includes Diana Wilcox of Livonia as the Storybook Lady, Elaine Bain of Plymouth as Sir Dandiprat, Pam Dean of Canton as Witch Hex, Mary Uhl as Long Tail, Judi Richards of West Bloomfield as Short Tail, Dawn Parker of Canton as Lack Tail and Mary Tiell of Canton as Henry the Huntsman.

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## HONORED

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the 2003 Lew Wint Gold Medal Award for Excellence. The award is presented annually to an MRPA member to recognize the outstanding achievements of parks and recreation agencies in the state.

It was named for Wint, an Oakland Parks and Recreation commissioner for 18 years and a chairman for 15 years.

Conklin was modest about her role in getting the award. "I just submitted it," she said.

"We wouldn't be able to do anything without the leadership of Tom and the entire township board. It's the people who have been here forever who were instrumental in getting us to this point."

Canton Leisure Services was established in 2000 to offer services to meet the needs of Canton's growing population. It encompasses Canton parks, Pheasant Run and Fellows Creek Golf Clubs, Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton Softball Center at Victory Park and Recreation Services, which includes programs for seniors, aquatics,

health and wellness, teens, enrichment, sports and special events.

Before being elected township supervisor in 1988, Yack was no stranger to such programs. His father, Benjamin Yack, was superintendent of recreation for the city of Wyandotte.

"He was a recreation guy for 37 years," Yack recalled. "He was one of the founders of the MRPA back in the '40s."

Yack Arena in Wyandotte is named for him.

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## EXPO

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Strategic Wealth Management, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and Zimm's Restorations.

Another Expo is planned for mid-September.

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## TOBIN

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will be built at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in the newly-constructed Cherry Hill Village.

"Jennifer will be responsible for the operations of the Performing Arts Center," said Conklin. "She'll build partnerships and collaborate with user groups. Her energy, enthusiasm and knowledge of the arts community will transfer into results for the new center. We need to start now so we can have programming in place when the center opens."

Bids for the \$10 million arts and education were opened Friday. The 30,000-square-foot facility will have approximately 400 seats, an educational wing, dressing rooms and rehearsal and classroom space.

Groundbreaking could come as early as April, with an anticipated completion the fall of 2004.

"It will be an awesome addition to the arts in the community, and the region," said Tobin. "I really like the education component and the fact we'll have community-based programs."

Tobin's resignation at the PCAC is effective Feb. 21. Soon afterwards, she'll start her new \$50,000 a year position.

Tobin began her career with the PCAC as the founder and director of the Whistle Stop Players, a children's troupe, in 1994. For the last five years, she's been the director of the arts council.

"It was a challenging time for the PCAC," Tobin said. "We had no home facility, with an office over Wiltse's drugstore (in downtown Plymouth). Our programs were held all over the community. Then we got an old church and converted it to the facility we have today. The PCAC is in good shape now."

Stella Greene, the PCAC's development director, will also hold the title of interim direc-

tor until the PCAC board finds a replacement for Tobin. Greene agrees that the PCAC is in good shape.

"Jennifer has done an outstanding job," Greene said. "Her energy, vitality and instincts have been a great benefit to the arts council during a time of tremendous change."

"We certainly don't like losing her, but there are so many positives," said Greene. "With Jennifer at the new arts center, it will only strengthen the linkage between the two communities. We should feel flattered that Canton came to the arts council to get the energy they need for new programming."

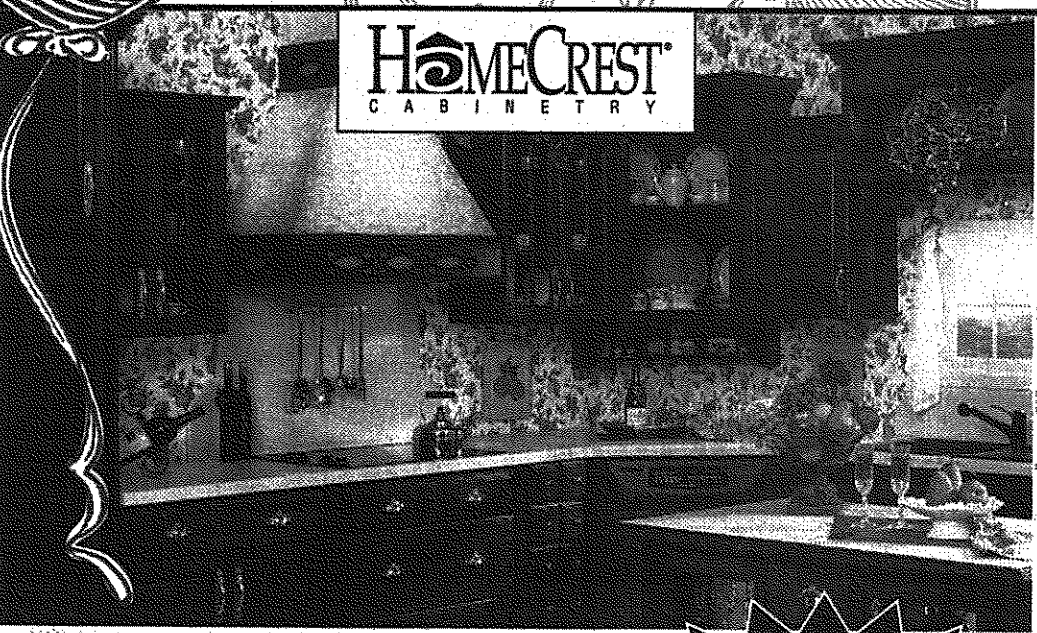
And, for Tobin, who is a Canton resident, it means a dream come true.

"This is as good as it gets. Opening a real live theater ... that just doesn't happen," she said. "This is the chance of a lifetime."

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## St. Mary Mercy leads Red Cross blanket drive

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"Through the extraordinary efforts of Sister Janet Mary, almost 500 blankets were collected from the staff and visitors at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia," said Lou Bischhoff, Blanket Days committee member. The hospital has participated in the Red Cross Blanket Days campaign for the past four years by hosting an internal drive and using their building as a drop-off site.

In recognition of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's efforts, the Red Cross gave them a Wayne County drive champion certificate and 10 tickets compliments of the Detroit Pistons.

With the help of more

than 175 organizations, the Red Cross Blanket Days campaign collected 6,611 blankets to benefit homeless people in 85 local shelters as well as for victims of disaster. Since November, the Red Cross has distributed more than 9,500 blankets to local shelters and homeless outreach organizations and an additional 500 blankets to disaster victims. According to reports in the Detroit Free Press, there is an estimated 6,000 homeless people in Metro Detroit.

The Red Cross teamed up with presenting sponsor Meijer, WJBK-Fox2, the Detroit Pistons, Compuware, Goodwill Printing and long-time partner World Medical Relief for the 2002 Blanket Days campaign.

For more information of the campaign and related stories, visit [www.semred-cross.org/blanketdays](http://www.semred-cross.org/blanketdays).

## Sheriff takes action on deadbeat parents

Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, working closely with county prosecutors, have identified and arrested 67 of Wayne County's 115 worst child support deadbeats as part of a new effort being spearheaded by Sheriff Warren C. Evans and Prosecutor Michael E. Duggan.

The Felony Friend of the Court Unit was created in early January to identify, secure warrants for, then track and apprehend the very worst offenders among Wayne County's 28,000 men and women who owe a collective \$3.7 billion in back child support.

For these individuals, Duggan is issuing felony warrants, as opposed to civil warrants. The maximum penalty for a felony conviction for non-payment of child support is four years in prison.

"The non-payment of child support is one of the most heartless crimes we see every day because of who it affects," said Evans. "These people are not only letting innocent children go without life's bare necessities, they are thumbing their nose at the system. This new approach should send a clear message that neither of those behaviors will go unpunished."

Since early January, sheriff's deputies and prosecutors have identified more than 100 people they have classified as the most egregious violators and have been executing felony warrants. According to Evans, these are individuals who are employed and have a high likelihood of making good on their payments. In just the first month of operation, 67 of the violators, who collectively owe more than \$2.3

million in back child support, have been arrested. So far, more than \$1 million of that money has been collected or ordered to be paid as a condition of probation.

"This is just the first round," said Evans. "We expect that prosecutors will identify additional deadbeats on a regular basis and add them to our felony list."

Because of the efficiency of Sheriff's Department Friend of the Court officers, Evans said that between an average of 700 civil FOC arrests are made each month. Approximately 100 of those are as a result of an aggressive identification and apprehension effort by deputies. Others are arrested when individuals encounter a police officer for unrelated reasons and are found, through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN)

system, to be wanted for non-payment of child support.

According to Duggan, in order for a person to be charged with a felony for non-payment of child support, their case must meet the following criteria:

- Must owe at least \$10,000 in back child support
  - Has been identified as having the ability to pay, but refuses
  - The ex-spouse must be willing to press charges against them
- "As word gets out to these scofflaws that they may face felony charges, we believe many of them suddenly will be inspired to make good on their responsibility to their kids," Evans said.

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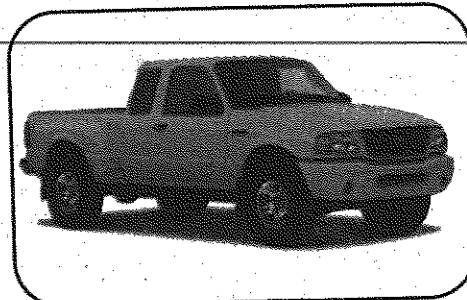
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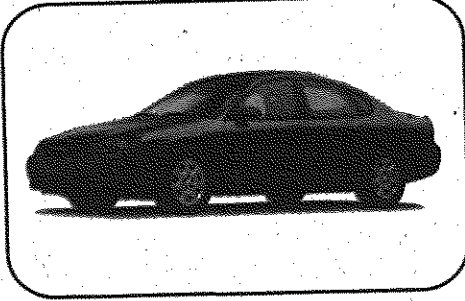
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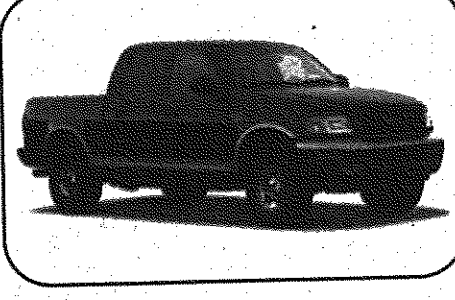


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### Soulful

Kraft Foods is offering a music compilation featuring Motown and soul hits. The CD *Women of the Times* celebrates African-American women. It's available through Feb. 28 only in Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington, D.C., Charlotte, Chicago, Memphis, New York, and of course, Detroit. It's offered with the purchase of three participating Kraft products for \$2.99, and available at grocers throughout the area or by visiting [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com).

Kraft Foods will donate \$80,000 from a portion of CD sales to the United Negro College Fund. In addition, some participating retailers will also donate proceeds to local charities.

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General Mills is rolling out two new fruity cereals - Berry Burst Cheerios Strawberry and



Berry Burst Cheerios Triple Berry. The fresh fruit is freeze-dried, adding milk rehydrates the fruit. Look for it at your favorite grocery store along with classic original Cheerios, Team Cheerios, MultiGrain Cheerios, Frosted Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios and Apple Cinnamon Cheerios.

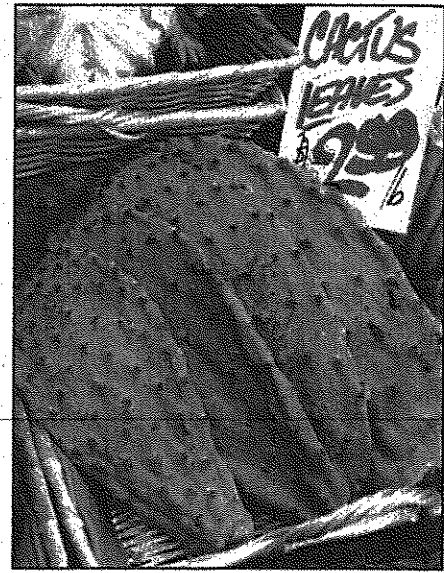
### Speed scratch

What is it? Using time-saving shortcuts to complete dinner in 15 minutes or less. Lots of busy cooks pick up preprepared ingredients like rotisserie chicken from the supermarket to create quick meals for their families. Here's a recipe from Perdue. Spread large flour tortillas with avocado and diced or shredded fully cooked rotisserie chicken. Add any of the following, black beans, canned Spanish rice, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa or sour cream. Roll up burrito style and serve. For more recipes featuring a variety of Perdue products and safe food handling tips, call (800) 473-7383 or visit [www.perdue.com](http://www.perdue.com)



Gail Posner, a registered dietitian and owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, stands on a scale with some of her favorite lowfat foods: plain popcorn, oatmeal, Kashi grain cereal and crackers.

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Cactus leaves at the Westborn Market in Royal Oak.

## Time is right for cactus leaves, blood oranges and mangos

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

During a visit to Westborn Market's Berkley location in search of a unique fruit, we came upon an intriguing leaf.

A cactus leaf, that is. Actually, they're called Opuntia pads or nopalitos and they're edible.

We also found them at the Livonia location and Nino Salvaggio's markets.

"You can chop it and fry it with eggs or bread it, fry it and it eat plain," said Vince Sciarrino of Westborn. "For cactus, we have a small base of regular customers."

The fruit of the cactus, commonly known as prickly pear, is common in the U.S. Eating the pads is an old idea turned trendy. Cooked nopalitos are native to the U.S. and Mexico and every day more than 20,000 are sold in Texas.

Imagine the combined flavor of green beans and bell pepper. If boiling, the texture is similar to okra, which is somewhat slimy.

They're soft, but crunchy and a bit tangy.

Look for fresh pads that are a bit bigger than a large hand.

The pads, sold individually, should have a glossy green skin and be about 3/4 inches thick. If the pad is too thick and dull, the insides might be too pithy. Wrapped in plastic and refrigerated, it can last up to two weeks. Add to salsa, eggs, chili, burritos or fry or grill alone.

The primary rule before cooking, of course, is to remove the pickers.

Some other tips:

■ Using gloves to clean pads, take an ordinary kitchen peeler and remove spines and eyes. Wash well. Trim edge to remove bruised and dry parts and wash well again, washing off some of the sticky liquid the plant releases. Make certain the pickers and eyes are removed.

■ If you just want to taste it, dice to the size of small green beans, and simmer in water or sauté in butter for a few minutes. Salt to taste and enjoy.

Try these easy recipes.

### FRIED CACTUS LEAVES

2 fresh pads  
1 cup cornmeal  
dash of salt  
Oil for frying

De-pick as described in article. Slice into 1/2-inch squares.

Sprinkle with water and then salt. Set aside for about half an hour to allow the juice to come out.

It will be rather slick and sticky.

The best way to coat the nopalitos is to shake them with the cornmeal in a paper bag.

In hot oil, almost smoking, fry only as many of the nopalitos at a time as will cook without stacking on top of one another.

As soon as they brown, remove and drain on a paper towel.

They taste almost exactly like fried okra and green beans.

Source: <http://www.geocities.com>

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# Let's cook well together

New series focuses on good food for a trimmer community

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Registered dietitian Barbara Beznos wants to empower people to live healthily and lose weight.

With fiery enthusiasm she asks people to demand better food.

Demand it in restaurants.

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All you need to do is request it, repeatedly.

Beznos, owner of Integrated Nutrition in Farmington Hills, empowers clients to help them regain control over food habits and release guilt that may stem from weight gain.

"Demand healthier foods," Beznos said. "At restaurants, request more vegetables on the menus. Better yet, grow your own vegetables if possible."

America's interest in "bigger portions" hurts our health, explained

Beznos. Bigger portions at restaurants are celebrated and quality is overlooked.

Here are three words dietitians also recommend for healthy meals: Eat at home.

At home, you have control over how food is prepared, how much salt is added and what kind of oil is used. At home, you can have much-needed whole grain bread. It's better than typical white bread made from bleached refined flour, said Gail Posner, registered dietitian and owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield.

"I guarantee that you can make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with whole grain bread in less time than it takes to go through a drive-through restaurant," Posner said.

Both Posner and Beznos said metro Detroiters share bad traits:

"We're a city with door-to-door service," Posner said. "We drive

## Together, we can all slim down

We've all heard the bad news. Detroit's the third-most overweight city in the U.S., according to a poll taken in January by *Men's Fitness* magazine.

At least we're not Chicago, ranked No. 2, or worse, Houston, No. 1. Still, it's nothing to laugh about. Twenty-two percent of Michiganders are obese, says the Center for Disease Control. Obesity-related illness is the second leading cause of death nationwide, killing 300,000 annually, next to smoking.

In our new series *Slim Down Hometown*, we'll speak with nutritionists who will suggest foods to avoid or include in your

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## SLIMDOWN HOMETOWN

### SHITAKE MUSHROOM AND TOMATO POLENTA AND CRUST

1 cup yellow corn meal (instant polenta)  
1 cup instant grits (white corn meal)  
2 cups hot boiling water  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Pepper and salt if desired

Spray large saucepan with non-stick cooking spray and boil water. Add olive oil. Slowly add

already mixed corn meal and grits; continue to stir until properly combined. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes but check and stir every six minutes to keep from sticking.

Pour into small cake or brownie pan and smooth out. Refrigerate for a few hours until hard.

### BAKED FRESH ORGANIC TUBERS AND SAUCE

1 small butternut squash  
2 large yams  
2 large new potatoes  
1 large red yam  
4 large carrots

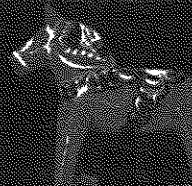
**SAUCE:**  
1/2 cup marinara sauce  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 can vegetable/defatted chicken broth  
1/2 teaspoons full of mixed herbs/Italian

1 teaspoon sugar  
Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon

Peel and cut all potatoes into large cubes. Peel and take seeds out of squash and cut the same size as potatoes. Clean carrots and cut into similar chunks. Put into covered casserole. Mix sauce together and pour over all the chunks. Bake for one hour at 350-375°F.

More recipes inside.  
Taste, Page B3.

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SLIMDOWN

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everywhere ... and with the cold weather it makes the idea of walking even less attractive."

Also, many people also mistake hunger for thirst for hunger. We consume excessive calories when all we might need is just a glass of water.

Change is slow.

Improve eating habits with a happy attitude. Don't try to change your whole lifestyle immediately. Start small.

Don't try going from two glasses of water each day to eight; increase it slowly with just one or two more glasses.

And don't compare yourself to others, Beznos said.

"On a daily basis, overweight individuals compare themselves in size to others and sometimes feel out of place with those who are thin," Beznos said. "Everyone needs to find their own logic and understanding or 'matter of taste' of what they eat."

Beznos said a high fiber diet of fruits, vegetables, beans, grains, and nonfat dairy products improves insulin and glycemic levels which can lead to weight loss. She recommends the following meal in place of a fatty one:

- 1 cup spaghetti with tomato sauce
■ 2 kinds of vegetables or mixed salad
■ 1 cup of minestrone soup

Experts share tips

Barbara Beznos, registered dietitian at Integrated Nutrition in Farmington Hills, said:

- Back local restaurants and demand healthier items on the menu.
■ Don't eat in cars.
■ Eat home when possible.
■ Enjoy Michigan-grown crops.
■ A high-fiber diet of fruits, vegetables, beans, grains, and nonfat dairy, improves insulin and glycemic response. This can lead to weight loss.
■ Eat foods that remain in their natural state; they have more nutritional value (fiber, minerals and vitamins) and fewer additives and calories than processed foods.

Gail Posner, a registered dietitian at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, said:

- Carry a small cooler in your car with carrots or fruit. Keep cans of tuna in the car to avoid fast-food restaurants on busy days.
■ If you must eat fast food, skip the mayonnaise on the chicken sandwiches.
■ Eat slowly. It takes 20 minutes from the first bite of food for the brain to tell your stomach that it's full. Take smaller bites.
■ One bagel equals six slices of white bread. Try lowfat graham crackers instead.
■ Replace regular pasta with wheat pasta - fewer empty calories.

That meal, said Beznos, has 485 calories, 5 grams of fat, 20 grams dietary fiber and 15 grams sugar.

And it is healthier than eating:

- 1 cup macaroni and cheese
■ 1 hamburger on a bun
■ 1 can soda

This meal has 720 calories, 25 grams of fat, 3 grams of dietary fiber and 54 grams of sugar.

Instead of drinking a can of cola with 180 empty calories, have a thick stacked open face

turkey sandwich. Add whole grains like Total whole grain cereal or shredded wheat cereal to your breakfast, or healthy food that's low in fat.

"Remember, everyone must find the best foods for their own vitality, physical strength, optimal nutrition, strong minds, and longevity," Beznos said. "You should experience health and harmony in the body. Make it a matter of taste."

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Slim down with these tasty dishes

See related story on Taste front.

TOPPING

- 1/2-3/4 pound shitake mushrooms
4 or 5 medium tomatoes
1 medium onion
2 tablespoons olive oil

Soak and wash shitake mushrooms and throw away stems (not to be eaten); chop into small pieces.

Put whole tomatoes into boiling water for five minutes to loosen skin and then soak in ice water to remove skin. Chop similar to size of mushrooms.

Chop onions and sauté in one-tablespoon oil. Add mushrooms, tomatoes and remaining oil and

cook over medium heat. Season with basil, dill and thyme.

Pour on top of polenta. Before going to picnic, bake in oven for 45 minutes at 325° degrees. Let cool completely. Cut in chunks and wrap.

Serves 8.

CORN AND POTATO CHOWDER

- 3 ears corn taken off the cob
3 whole carrots, sliced into rounds
2 celery stalks, sliced small
2 small potatoes, peeled and diced
1 large tomato, chopped
1 teaspoon cilantro, dried or fresh
2 teaspoons dill weed, dried or fresh

- 1 teaspoon cumin, ground
1 teaspoon curry powder
2 cans defatted chicken broth or vegetable broth
2 tablespoons olive oil

Combine all ingredients in soup pot except seasonings and broth. Sauté in olive oil until soft. Stir so it doesn't stick. Pour in broth and mix in seasonings.

Simmer until soup is done. Serves two people. Each serving contains 240 calories, 8 grams of protein, 45 grams carbohydrates, 3.5 grams fat. This recipe is high in potassium, vitamin A, magnesium, folate and phosphorus.

Source: Dietitian Barbara Beznos of Farmington Hills.

TOGETHER

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diet. We'll talk about trends - healthy and unhealthy - offer

tips for dining out sensibly and discuss weight control. Local chefs and registered dietitians will share recipes for healthy dishes that taste good, too.

If you've made some healthy changes in your diet, let us know.

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OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Dialogue brings story of Sapphire's Grave alive

Sapphire's Grave is a historical romance which marks the literary debut of Detroit attorney Hilda Gurley-Hightgate.

Among the noble descendants of the blue-black, fiery Sapphire is Sister, who is driven mad, suffering visions of her forebears and their unspeakable suffering and humiliation.

Along with this, Gurley-Hightgate's prose sometimes careens toward the awkward ("Tears had been waiting for their cue, which they had known would come.")

The novel traces several generations of a fiery slave woman named Sapphire, and begins aboard an 18th century slave ship, taking to sea out of Sierra Leone, West Africa.

The kaleidoscopic novel encompasses more than 200 years, countless generations, and numerous players in less than 250 pages.

Perhaps Gurley-Hightgate will get back to her characters some day, giving each of them more attention, nuance, and texture, and, in the process, bringing readers a more rewarding and meaty story.

The cruel separation does not lessen the impact of her mother's spirit upon Sapphire, however. In fact, this undying spirit is passed down through the ages, from daughter to daughter to daughter, until we reach - via this circuitous, sometimes confusing, narrative - the closing days of the 20th century.

But trying to write about them all, as she does here, threatens to turn them into rather sketchy "types," not fully dimensional characters.

I found myself wanting to hear more of it all the time, and wondering why relatively little can be found on these pages.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident who writes about books, movies, and theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Young actor jumps at chance to play Daredevil hero

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG CORRESPONDENT Scott Terra wasn't familiar with Daredevil when he got the role of the character's alter-ego as a young man in the movie.

technology like Batman. He's on his own," said Terra. "Not only that, he's fearless; he has nothing to lose and that makes him even more fearless. Plus, he's blind and that makes his character more interesting and challenging."

He also throws a fight, resulting in his getting murdered. This sets Matt on his course to becoming Daredevil as he goes after his father's murderers.

"When I learned Daredevil was a super hero, I thought it would be cool to play one," said Terra, 15. "I enjoyed being the cornerstone for Daredevil's story."

Daredevil, which opens Friday, is the first of three movies based on Marvel Comics characters to come out this year.

"Sullivan showed me to keep my eyes focused without making them look focused. I had special contacts on (in some scenes) to make my eyes look cloudy; I saw only bright light," said Terra. "When I had my eyes covered, it seemed like my hearing was more sensitive."

Academy Award winner Ben Affleck (Good Will Hunting, The Sum of All Fears) plays the title character as an adult. Terra, who was in last year's Eight-Legged Freaks, appears in the beginning and in flashbacks as young Matt Murdock in his pre-hero days. He is blinded and has to come to grips with his handicap, and train in the martial arts. Terra's part in the movie, which he auditioned for three times, is 20-25 minutes long.

"Daredevil is more of a real person. He has no super-powers per se like Spiderman. He doesn't have all the money and

become a thinker not a fighter. He also throws a fight, resulting in his getting murdered. This sets Matt on his course to becoming Daredevil as he goes after his father's murderers.

Discover nature at interpretive centers

Here's a partial listing of nature/interpretive centers in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. Most offer educational programs on a regular basis for a small fee. Exhibits also change periodically.

Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission. (313) 593-5338.

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# Join Van Gogh in the 'Fields' at Toledo Museum of Art

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

"It will absolutely take your breath away. It will leave you speechless."

Strong words from a man who regularly views some of the best art in the world.

Then again, he is talking about Vincent Van Gogh.

Roger Berkowitz, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, said the exhibit, *Van Gogh: Fields*, is almost overwhelming to view.

"People respond to Van Gogh so strongly because of the physical power of his work," Berkowitz said. "The thick strong brush strokes, the textured paint and incredible composition. And because of the letters that he wrote to his brother... we have a sense of the personality behind the artist whose career only spanned 10 years."

The Toledo Museum of Art is the only place on the continent to view *Van Gogh: Fields*. If you miss its Feb. 23-March 18 run you'll have to travel to the Kunsthalle Bremen museum in Germany to see it.

The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between both museums.

The Fields exhibit is a stark

**'Each piece is coming in individually from private collectors and curators all over the world.'**

Roger Berkowitz  
director, Toledo Museum of Art

contrast to the DIA's successful showing of Van Gogh's portraits, yet is still intimate. Fields examines one of the artist's most depicted subjects, the landscape.

"Each piece is coming in individually from private collectors and curators all over the world," Berkowitz said.

Fields begins with a single self-portrait of the Dutch artist that he painted in spring or summer of 1887.

From there, the viewer will see 21 other paintings, five drawings and two watercolors including *Field of Poppies* — a controversial piece when Van Gogh painted it.

"It was so modern at the time, it was not embraced," Berkowitz said.

Tickets are selling well and



The Toledo Museum of Art is the only museum in North America to house Fields, an exhibit of works by Vincent Van Gogh.

those traveling from Michigan should purchase tickets in advance to get their desired day and viewing time, he said.

"It's absolutely amazing to view the fields in such a focused way," Berkowitz said.

Lenders to the exhibit include The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, The National Gallery and Tate Gallery in London, The Art Institute of Chicago and many others. It's worth the trip just to see *Wheat Fields with Repaer*, Auvers, which is on permanent

display in Toledo.

Nearby, one can view the Carnegie Museum of Art's *Wheat Field at Auvers Under Clouded Sky* — one of Van Gogh's final paintings.

"I am in the mood of almost too much calm, just the mood needed to paint this," reads a letter from the artist to his brother Willemina in 1890. One month later, Van Gogh shot himself near the fields that he painted.

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## VAN GOGH: FIELDS

**What:** Twenty-two paintings, watercolors and five drawings all of fields by Vincent Van Gogh

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 23, to Tuesday, March 18

**Where:** Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Avenue, west of the downtown business district, one block off I-75.

**Exhibit hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.

**Admission:** \$10 adults, \$9 students and children over 5. Children under 5 admitted free.

Purchase tickets in advance, call (419) 255-8000 or visit [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org)

### Programs

■ **Contemporaries Evening - Go-Go with Van Gogh**, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1  
Party hosted by the Toledo Museum of Art Contemporaries. Enjoy food and music, \$75, call (419) 254-5771, Ext. 7494.

■ **Van Gogh's Birthday Celebration - 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 30**

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Van Gogh's birth; music, creation stations related to the artist, food, art and more.

# History Channel launches special shipwreck series

The History Channel is producing a new series about shipwrecks that brought KPI Productions, a specialized television recording team, from New York City to Whitefish Point in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, home of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society.

A new series will tell the story of four world-recognized shipwrecks, their meeting with fate, and how technology was used to help find the wrecks and try to explain what caused the ships to go down. The story of the Edmund Fitzgerald is the first wreck in the series to be produced.

Emphasis of the program will be new technologies used in underwater exploration, investigative analysis, archeology, still imagery and use of High Definition video. A special segment on raising the Edmund Fitzgerald bell from 535 feet and replacing the ship's bell with the memorial bell to the crew is also planned.

KPI Productions was highly interested in information about the 1989, 1994 and 1995 expeditions to the wreck site. Supporting this interest, the Society has provided High Definition video footage and still images for the Fitzgerald

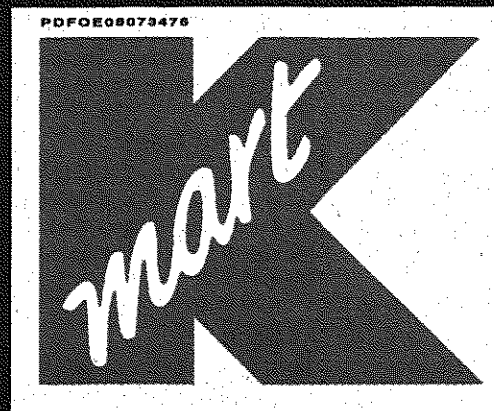
episode. Shipwreck Society executive director Tom Farnquist has led three separate expeditions to the wreck site.

Additionally, the production team interviewed five staff and board members of the Shipwreck Museum who were part of the crew for these expeditions and research projects to appear during the program. Filming was done in January on location at the Shipwreck Museum.

"We need to remember that while most of the world's shipwrecks have occurred on the vast oceans, Herman Melville himself recognized the fury of the Great Lakes," said museum executive director Tom Farnquist.

aid museum executive director Tom Farnquist: "The Great Lakes know what shipwrecks are; for, out of sight of land, however inland, they have drowned full many a midnight ship with all its shrieking crew." -- *From Moby Dick*

The date of broadcast is not yet determined, but producer Ron Marans said it would be sometime near the end of July. Please check History Channel programming or the Society's Web site at [www.shipwreckmuseum.com](http://www.shipwreckmuseum.com) for broadcast dates.



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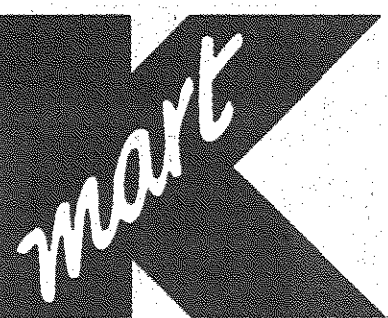
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# RU wrestling coach loses his struggle against cancer

If this were a perfect world, sometime today or tomorrow Jim Carlin would be in "the pit" at Redford Union High School leading wrestling practice.



Paul Beaudry

It's a small room, off a smaller stairwell, off of the school's small gym. He'd be congratulating his team on the district win and getting them ready for Wednesday's

team regional at Birmingham Groves. He'd be laughing, he'd be teaching, he'd be doing what he loves best — coaching wrestling.

But this isn't a perfect world. Truth is, it's a very, very cruel one.

It claimed Carlin's mother, Lois, when he was 1. It claimed his father, John, three weeks ago — a blink of an eye after he was diagnosed with lung cancer at the beginning of January.

And this very imperfect world took him Thursday night. The lymph node cancer he's been fighting since 1991 won.

It shouldn't happen to anyone, let alone a 33-year-old whose passion for life and living it to the fullest is exceeded only by his passion for wrestling, for teaching kids, for making them try to be their best.

Do not feel sorry for Jim Carlin. That's the last thing he'd want — and it's probably a reason why he'd occasionally hide the fact that cancer took his arm.

He'd rather you laughed and remembered the good times. "He's the greatest," said his sister Laura, the closest in age of his five brothers and sisters.

"He always makes you laugh and he's always been silly. He's so close with his nieces and nephews. He's the kind of uncle that will play with them until they cry and run away, but they come back a few minutes later for more."

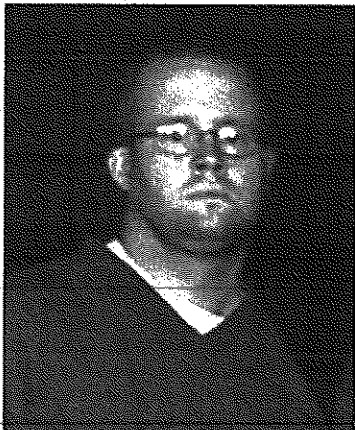
## MAKING YOU LAUGH

Pete Mazzoni and Carlin go back to 1980 when they were both in the sixth grade. They went to Stevenson High School together, stayed close through college, became coaches through their love of athletics and have been best friends since Day One.

"He's always been the guy to make you laugh," said Mazzoni, the hockey coach at Livonia Churchill. "We went golfing one day and he was driving the cart over a bridge. His hand slipped off the steering wheel and we didn't make it over the bridge. The front wheels were torn up. He looked at me and asked, 'Do you think they are going to be mad?'"

Truth is, you couldn't stay mad at him. How can you get ticked at someone who lives life to its fullest? Someone who can have his team beat you on the mat then buy you a beer afterward. Someone who blows up a rubber glove, sticks it in his empty sleeve, holds it out for an opposing wrestler to shake, then grins when the horrified wrestler pulls the glove out of his now-dangling sleeve.

"You can't," said Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola, who witnessed it firsthand when Carlin coached under him at Garden City. "That kid pulled the glove out and just freaked out. But that's typical of Carlin. He would always laugh at things, at life. And he would never, ever complain about what he was going through."



Jim Carlin in the Redford Union wrestling team photo taken earlier this season.

Maybe it was part of the wrestling mentality. Most wrestling coaches will tell you they aren't like normal people, certainly not like normal coaches. "We're not," Chiola said. "Other coaches don't understand it. We'll be at the same tournament and I may see something in a match and try to help him. We'll practice together. We've been at meets where he's had two kids wrestling at the same time and he'd go coach one kid and I'd coach the other. Other coaches don't understand that. They don't see how we can go out on the mat and try to beat the others' brains out, then hook up for beers after that."

## THURSDAYS

Every Thursday during the season, the strange group of coaches would do just that at the Ground Round. Carlin went, Chiola is always there. Stevenson's Bob Moreau too, as is Churchill's Marty Altounian, Garden City's Aaron Davis, RU assistant Jim Gourlay and maybe some others.

"And we sit there and just talk about wrestling," Altounian said. "We'd wrestle each other a couple hours

before, then go out afterward. We talk about the meets and Jim always, always tries to pull a prank on someone. It might be the waitress, it might be the last one there, but he always tries to make us laugh."

Carlin got into wrestling when he was a freshman at Stevenson. Moreau was his coach for the first two years, Don Berg after that. After he graduated from Stevenson in 1987 and started taking classes at Eastern Michigan, then Schoolcraft, he'd help out Berg at Stevenson and teach clinics for Livonia adult education. From there, he coached with Chiola at Garden City. In 1998 he got his head coaching job at RU.

"He really got into it," Moreau said. "He's got such a passion for wrestling. He puts all kinds of time and effort into it. He helped Don Berg when Stevenson was nothing and turned it into one of the top four in the state for years. And he went to RU and turned them from one of the worst in the state to a team that could be in the top eight in Division 2. He just puts 150 percent into it."

## CANCER STRIKES

But while he was taking classes and helping coach, he also learned what the cause of a lump on his hand was — lymph node cancer. In 1991, he lost a couple of fingers. A couple of years later, he lost his whole hand. A lump near the elbow cost him his arm up to the joint. In 2001, he lost it up to his shoulder. And 10 days later, Carlin was back helping coach football at RU without missing a beat.

"But he never, ever complained about it, never said it wasn't fair, never griped," Mazzoni said. "Occasionally, if we went to a reunion or saw some people who didn't know, he'd tuck his sleeve in his pants. He didn't share it with

people he didn't see all of the time."

And sometimes, he didn't share it with the people he saw all the time.

"One day he was leaving practice (at Garden City), and he turned to me and said, 'Oh, meant to tell you. I won't be at practice for a couple of weeks. I'm having chemotherapy,'" Chiola said. "And he said it like it was no big deal. He'd be back two weeks later wearing a hat and ready to go."

At the beginning of this season, things started to get worse. He was tiring more easily and missing meets on occasion. Ask him how he was doing and things couldn't be better.

He went to Beaumont Hospital in the beginning of January and found out there were problems. Big problems. Enough to force him to miss his father's funeral. This time, the cancer was going to claim it all.

"Even when you saw him at the hospital he said he was going to be around for months, even though the doctors would say days," Gourlay said. "He's always been very private about it."

The doctors planned on sending him home Feb. 3, but not before one last piece of business remained — a party the night before. Not a big one, but considering he was still in a hospital room it was big enough. Room size be damned, his wrestlers, his coaches, his friends and his family piled into his room at Beaumont — 15, 20 at a time, telling stories and laughing. There was pizza, frozen Cokes, jawbreakers — all the things he craved, he could have.

"He asked for a chew (of tobacco) and someone gave it to him," Chiola said. "The nurse went to give him medication and busted him. She looked in his mouth and went, 'What is that?'" They took him to his sister

Kim's the next day, because the house that she and husband Ken have was a little more accommodating to his needs. But any of the Carlin clan — Frank, Kelly or John — would have gladly put him up.

On the way home from the hospital — typical Jim — he wanted the ambulance to turn on the siren, and was surprised when they told him no. But once the ambulance turned the corner, the lights were flashing and the siren was on. He'd won out and was laughing the whole way.

And on Feb. 6, he watched his team wrestle one last time. He was a little doped up and a little out of it, but the fire was inside and the passion was there. And no one in the gym was happier than Carlin to see his team — a team which Carlin's cronies think could go to the state finals — beat Lincoln Park.

## ALWAYS REMEMBER

When he came home from the hospital, he had a steady stream of visitors at his sister Kim's house. Old wrestlers, old coaches, all of them friends. Some knew for a while, some just found out, all wanted to be with him.

Over his last few days, his system shut down, but never his spirit. On Thursday at 7:10 p.m., his spirit was overwhelmed.

"He knew it was the end, but in the last week and a half, he decided he's going to go out strong," Laura said. "I firmly believe Jim was put on this earth for a reason. He's a learning lesson for all of us. I think he was brought into our lives so we all know how to be so strong."

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# Schoolcraft secures a conference title with OT win

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Chalk up another Eastern Conference men's basketball championship for Schoolcraft College.

The Ocelots were able to survive a severe test Wednesday night before pulling out a thrilling 97-95 overtime win at Flint Mott.

Freshman guard James Holmes of Belleville came off the bench to score a game-high 29 points, while 6-foot-6 center Torvoris Baker and UNC-Charlotte signee Marcus Bennett each added 22 for the Ocelots, ranked No. 4 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll.

With just two games to go, Schoolcraft, 24-1 overall, clinched its fourth straight conference title (11-0 record). Mott, meanwhile, falls to 17-8 and 8-3.

Schoolcraft shot a blistering 66.6 percent from the field (36-of-54), but had trouble shaking the pesky Bears, who made a total of 15 three-point shots.

The Ocelots, who led by only two at halftime, 36-34, took 70-61 lead on a Gary Johnson basket with 5:12 left. But Mott stormed back to send the game into overtime on a three-pointer by Darrell Evans with 19 seconds to play to make it 79-all.

Schoolcraft had two chances to win the game in the final seconds as Holmes' short jumper rimmed in-and-out as well as Baker's tip-in attempt.

In the overtime, Mott took an 87-83 advantage with 2:23 to go on a basket by Jay Youngblood.

The Ocelots regained the lead, 90-88, on a big three-pointer by Holmes with 1:12 left, but Youngblood tied it again at 90-all just 16 sec-

onds later, only to have Baker score inside. Schoolcraft then came up with a big steal (by Bennett) and Baker nailed 3-of-4 free throws to close out the win.

"We made basketball plays tonight, it was our execution down the stretch that did it for us," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "We had a stretch after getting that nine-point lead where we didn't handle their pressure very well. Mott fought and clawed the whole game, but we never gave up."

"Gary Johnson, down the stretch defensively, made some big deflections and got his hands on a lot of balls. And Baker was a warrior out there. Andre Scott came up with a big block for us (in OT). Both Bennett and Holmes knocked down shots and that's what you have to do to win championships on the road."

Kris Krzyminski paced Mott with 22 points, while DeMarcus Ishmeal added 21. Youngblood contributed 19 and Evans finished with 16.

"We broke down defensively a few times — that was key," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "You can't fault our kids' effort. They gave everything they had."

"You won't see a better basketball game and we have a lot of respect for Schoolcraft and how well they prepare."

**Schoolcraft 84, Mott 81 (women):** Pam Wingate scored 24 points and Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) added 17 points and six assists Wednesday as the Schoolcraft women's basketball team (17-7, 9-2) pulled out a victory at Flint Mott (15-8, 9-2).

Schoolcraft, Mott and Oakland CC are all tied for first in the Eastern

Conference.

Crystal Pittman contributed 14 points and seven rebounds for the Lady Ocelots, while Mia Henderson had 10 points and six rebounds.

Mott's Teona Blythe led all scorers with 32 points and 12 rebounds. Monique Edwards-Thomas and Tracy Johnson chipped in with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

It was the second win in a week for SC over another league contender. On Feb. 5, the Ocelots defeated OCC in overtime.

**Madonna 63, Spring Arbor 61 (women):** Madonna University squandered a 10-point halftime lead, but battled back to beat Spring Arbor in overtime Wednesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Madonna.

The Crusaders improved to 8-18 overall, 6-5 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 18-7 overall, 8-3 in the conference.

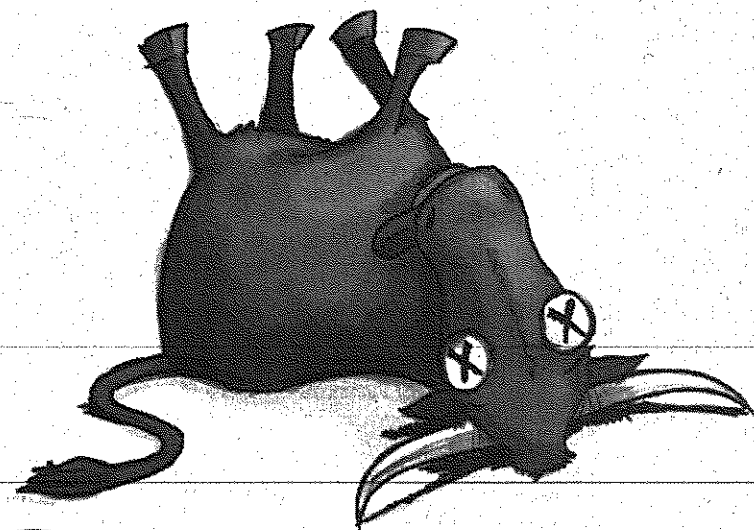
If there was a factor that favored Madonna, it was rebounding.

The Crusaders had a 49-40 edge on the boards, including a 28-17 lead in the offensive rebounding. That led to a 21-7 Madonna advantage in second-chance points.

Courtney Rehbine led the Crusaders with 12 points; she also had 10 rebounds and four steals. Sarah Thomson contributed 11 points and eight boards off the bench, and Lindsay Simmon finished with 10 points, nine rebounds (seven offensive) and two steals.

Madonna led 32-22 at halftime.

Shanna Grubaugh's 12 points topped the Cougars. Portia Reilly and Megan Vore added nine apiece.



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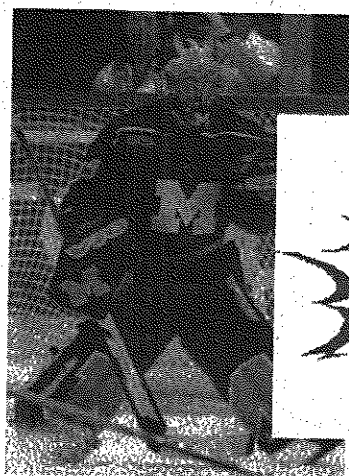
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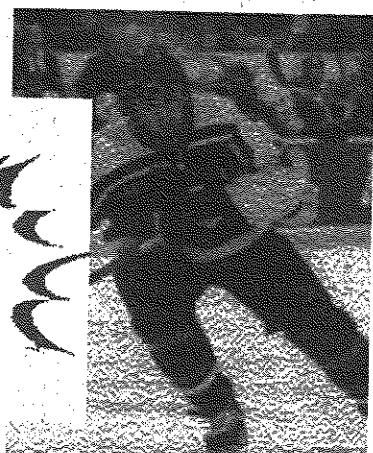
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# Salem powers to win over Western

The overall balance and defense of the Salem volleyball team was too much for Walled Lake Western Wednesday, which lost at home to the Rocks, 15-3, 15-7.

Salem improved to 20-7 overall, 6-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Amanda Bradley led the Rocks with seven kills and four service aces. Jordan Falcusan added three aces and 17 set assists, with Nicole Genrich getting three kills and six digs, Jill Niemi collecting five digs and Ellen Canale totaling three kills.

## VOLLEYBALL

Salem concludes its dual-match season at home against Canton at 7 p.m. Monday. The WLAA Tournament is scheduled for Wayne Memorial Saturday.

### Canton beats Stevenson

On Wednesday, host Canton downed Livonia Stevenson in a WLAA match, 15-13, 15-7, as Cindy Rotramel had 10 kills in 23 attempts with no errors, along with eight digs. Colleen O'Brien contributed

seven kills and a team-high 17 digs, while Heather Richardson came off the bench to serve four aces and added eight assist-to-kills with only one error in 10 attempts.

Canton is 18-8 overall and 6-2 in the WLAA.

Clarissa Schick and Kelly Gibbons each recorded six kills for the Spartans, who fell to 17-18 overall and 3-5 in the WLAA. Lisa Montgomery chipped in with five kills.

Setter Laura Flaughner had 16 assist-to-kills. Kristen Hutchins led in digs with nine, while Ashley Aja contributed six.

## CANTON

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take advantage of. With their forwards disrupting the Rocks' passing lanes, the Chiefs kept swarming defensively, ultimately forcing a turnover that led to a scoring chance.

Commiskey gained possession of the puck near the Salem red line, skated out into the circle, wheeled and slapped his shot over DeMars' left shoulder. The go-ahead goal came with 9:19 remaining; Matt Gabriel and Ryan McKendry assisted.

The Rocks tried to turn it up a notch, and they did get several solid scoring chances, but none resulted in a goal.

"They executed really well," said Feiler of Canton. "In our first game against them, we got up 3-0 and had them reeling a bit. They didn't do that today."

"They beat us in the third period. They played good, solid hockey."

And the Chiefs won with it.

Salem 6, Dearborn 3: It took them a while, but

once the Rocks got into gear they crushed Dearborn Wednesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem scored five goals in the final period, with John Schultz getting a goal and assisting on two others in the period.

First-period goals by Eric Waligorski and Lance Wojewuczki gave Dearborn a 2-0 lead after one. Salem narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a Jeff Harris goal in the second period, assisted by Bryan Young.

Young would finish with a goal and two assists (as would Harris), scoring his goal at 8:59 of the third period to tie it at 2-2 (assisted by Schultz and Mark Nagel).

Craig Bauldry's goal put Salem ahead to stay at 7:51 of the third (assisted by Young). Nagel made it 4-2 at 4:02 (assisted by Harris and Schultz), with David Gill (from Aaron Cheesman and Mike Maurer) and Schultz (from Eric Culps) also getting goals.

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the Salem win. Matt Howard was in the net for Dearborn.

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## MADONNA

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fill all the above-stated needs. Inman is a three-sport athlete at Oxford, playing basketball and running track as well.

"She's a gifted athlete," said Abraham. "She has a nice framework for the middle-hitter position, she's tall and fast and has a nice arm action. Caryn has the ability to challenge for that spot right away."

"She's a good all-around volleyball athlete. She's smart at the net and good in the back row, and has the ability to make a quick transition (to the college game)."

Spoooner is similar in ability, according to Abraham. "She has a lot of good athletic tal-

ent," the Madonna coach said. "Heather is strong and smart... We're hoping we can make her a player who can contribute at outside hitter and middle hitter, maybe the right side, too."

"I felt she brings to the table good court sense. She's a smart player who hits the ball hard."

It helps that both come from strong volleyball programs, something Abraham stressed. The same could be said of DeNardin, who spent two years at St. Clair CCC, which finished second in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference to Schoolcraft College, posting a 14-2 conference mark (42-19 overall).

"Her coach described her passing as 'automatic,'" said Abraham. "She's an excellent

athlete who plays to win. She'll be a defensive specialist for now."

DeNardin could fill the libero position currently held by Amanda Suder (from Salem HS), who is entering her senior year. Wherever she blends in, Abraham figures "you can never have too much defense."

Or passing. "Those three kids, I'm really happy with," Abraham summarized. "We're still looking for three more. But we're looking for quality, not quantity. And I'm very happy so far."

The degree of his happiness may not be completely clear for another year or so, when Madonna makes another run at the NAIA Championship.

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## CHIEFS

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The Chiefs' defense also kept the Warriors in check; their leading scorers were Tony Santiago and Tim Aho with seven points apiece.

Canton completes its regular season on the road, playing at Livonia Churchill Tuesday and at Livonia Franklin Friday.

PCA 34, B.H. Roepers 30: A third-quarter surge, sparked by an effective half-court press, enabled Plymouth Christian Academy to beat Bloomfield Hills Roepers Friday in Bloomfield Hills.

PCA improved to 7-9 overall, 4-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Roepers is 2-8 in the MIAC.

The Roughriders held the ball, trying to control the tempo with a delay game, and it seemed to be working in the second quarter when they outscored the Eagles 11-5 to take a 20-14 halftime lead.

But in the third quarter, PCA's 1-2-2 half-court pressure turned the tables on Roepers, leading to a 13-4 Eagle run and a 27-24 lead after three quarters. That made the Roughriders' slow-down tactics ineffective.

Ben Pew paced PCA with 12 points and 14 rebounds. Clay Welton and Dan Carty added 10 points apiece, with Welton also grabbing seven boards. Chris Andrews' 10 points led Roepers.

Light and Life 75, Canton Agape 62: The first quarter doomed Canton Agape Christian Thursday at Taylor Light and

Life Christian.

The loss left the Wolverines at 12-6 overall. Light and Life is 12-5. The Crusaders outscored Agape 22-4 in the first eight minutes, pretty much sealing the Wolverines' fate. Agape outscored Light and Life the rest of the way, but not by nearly enough. The Wolverines' best run came at the start of the second half, when they scored the first eight points to narrow the deficit to four. That, however, was as close as it got.

Charlie Hough led Agape with 14 points. Matt Ratcliff contributed 13 points, Alex Tarnowski scored 12 and Jordan Napier finished with eight points and 17 rebounds.

Wendell Claxton and Joe Sobocinski scored 18 points apiece for Light and Life. Kyle Kennedy netted 16.

## WHALERS

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goals elevated the Whalers to victory over the Windsor Spitfires in an OHL game Thursday at Windsor.

Windsor scored first, getting a goal from David Lomas 4:25 into the second period.

Karl Stewart knotted it for the Whalers with a short-handed goal at 11:02 (assisted by Chad LaRose and Nate Kiser).

Plymouth took the lead with an unassisted score by Eric Lundmark just 1:17 after Stewart's goal.

A power-play goal by LaRose (from Stewart and James Wisniewski) with 2:16 left in

the second made it a 3-1 game.

Craig Kennedy narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a power-play goal for the Spitfires 1:37 into the final period, but an unassisted goal by Ryan Ramsay at 10:11 of the third restored the Whalers' two-goal cushion.

Paul Drew made 34 saves in goal for Plymouth. Ryan Ashaber had 17 stops for Windsor.

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**SWIM RESULTS**

**CANTON 146 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37 Feb. 13 at Canton**  
 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Yuhei Uno, Joe Le Shogo Uno, Ryan Cafarelli), 1:51.54; 2. Franklin (Archie Hewett, Stephen Sanney, Brian Henry, Steve Wurster), 2:03.36.  
 200 freestyle: 1. Sam Manees (C), 2:04.07; 2. Ben Eberlein (C), 2:07.54; 3. Aaron Van Proyen (C), 2:08.15.  
 200 Individual medley: 1. Nathan Phillips (C), 2:17.39; 2. Greg Calabrese (C), 2:24.39; 3. David Conzelman (C), 2:31.62.  
 50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Champine (C), 24.56; 2. Neal Brunner (C), 25.25; 3. Steve Reasor (C), 25.71.  
 Diving: 1. Kevin Cafarelli (C), 203.85 points; 2. James Ouesada (C), 173.70; 3. Steve Kilijanczyk (C), 158.55.  
 100 butterfly: 1. James Sattler (C), 1:01.39; 2. Nick Landis (C), 1:03.46; 3. Calabrese (C), 1:09.96.  
 100 freestyle: 1. Shogo Uno (C), 56.07; 2. Scott Franke (C), 58.64; 3. Conzelman (C), 59.25.  
 500 freestyle: 1. Reasor (C), 5:29.39; 2. Manees (C), 5:37.10; 3. Ryan Cafarelli (C), 5:56.66.  
 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (John Mills, Kenny Brunner, Neal Brunner, Champine), 1:41.97; 2. Canton (Alex Marinica, Phillips, Doug Gardner, Van Proyen), 1:48.770.  
 100 backstroke: 1. Sattler (C), 1:02.99; 2. Landis (C), 1:10.00; 3. Franke (C), 1:16.21.  
 100 breaststroke: 1. Sanney (LF), 1:08.14; 2. Le (C), 1:08.33; 3. Yuhei Uno (C), 1:14.05.  
 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Brian Zielski, Phillips, Kenny Brunner, Champine), 3:50.24; 2. Canton (Reasor, John Faraoni, Ryan Cafarelli, Calabrese), 4:00.57.  
 Dual-meet records: Canton, 8-3 overall, 4-0 in WLA Western Division (Climb division title).  
 Next meet: WLA Championships at Salem HS (preliminaries, 1:30 p.m. Thursday; finals, noon Saturday).

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**PREP BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18  
 Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Lutheran East, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 19  
 Huron Valley at Flint Inter. Academy, 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 21  
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin Road vs. Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m. (at Discovery MS)  
 Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at B.H. Roeper, 8 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Monday, Feb. 17  
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18  
 Huron Valley at Warren Zoe, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 20  
 Clarenceville at Riv. Richard, 5:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 22  
 UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.  
 Metro Conf. Tourney at Luth. Westland, 9 a.m.  
 WLA Tourney at Wayne, 9 a.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18  
 Franklin vs. Grosse Ile (Trenton), 6:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Mary's vs. Salem (Cultural Center), 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 19  
 Canton vs. Stevenson (Edgar), 6 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs. G.P. North (Mt. Clemens), 7:30 p.m.  
 Churchill vs. W.L. Central (Edgar), 8 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 20  
 Ladywood at Port Huron (McMorran), 4 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 21  
 Franklin vs. Northville (Edgar), 6 p.m.  
 Country Day vs. Salem (Cultural Center), 8 p.m.  
 Canton vs. W.L. Western (Lakeland), 8:20 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 22  
 Redford CC vs. Brother Rice (Redford), 8 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**TEAM DUAL REGIONALS**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 19  
 (Division I at Temperance Bedford)  
 Bedford vs. John Glenn, TBA.  
 Wayne vs. A.A. Huron champ, TBA.  
 (Division I at Grosse Pte. South)  
 Redford CC vs. Lincoln Park champ, TBA.  
 G.P. South champ vs. Fraser champ, TBA.  
 (Division IV at Byron)  
 Memphis vs. Holy Redeemer champ, TBA.  
 Luth. Westland vs. Byron, TBA.  
**PREP BOYS SWIMMING**  
 Thursday, Feb. 20  
 WLA preliminaries at Salem, noon  
 Friday, Feb. 21  
 WLA diving at Salem, 2:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 22  
 WLA finals at Salem, noon.  
**PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
 Monday, Feb. 17  
 Wayne-Westland at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.  
 Livonia Unified vs. Northville-Novl at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 20  
 Western Lakes meet at Canton, 6 p.m.  
**PREP SKIING**  
 Thursday, Feb. 18  
 SEMSL Championship at Mt. Holly, 9 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18  
 Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 19  
 Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 22  
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 19  
 Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, 5:30 p.m.  
 Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 22  
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
 Thursday, Feb. 20  
 Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 21  
 Whalers at Guelph Storm, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 22  
 Whalers vs. Owen Sound (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**HOCKEY BOOSTER ELECTIONS**  
 The annual meeting and election of officers for the Plymouth-Canton Community Hockey Booster Club is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.  
 Current members, and those with Canton or Salem hockey players, are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mary Maurer at (734) 254-9234.  
**CCJB SA SIGNUP**  
 The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the Ballroom at the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.  
 Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18 years who are residents of Plymouth, Canton or live in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Those wishing to sign up must bring a proof of residency and a birth certificate with them at time of registration.  
 Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues; travel teams' fees are higher. All fees are non-refundable. Payments may be made in cash, money order or

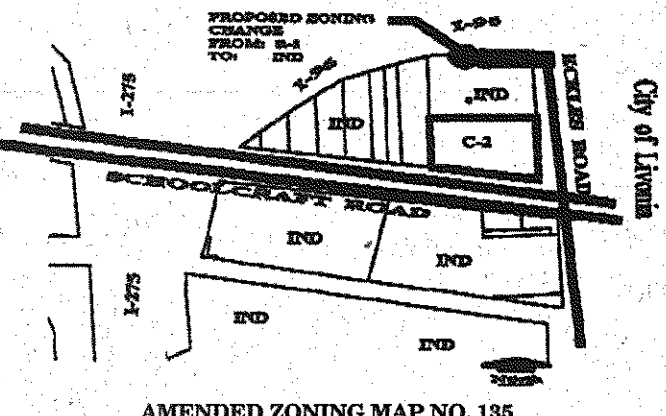
check (made payable to CCJB-SA).  
 For more information, call (734) 394-5489 and leave a message. For tee-ball or coach-pitch league information, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007 and leave a message.  
 Note: For potential junior varsity or varsity high school players, there will be a sign-up sheet at registration. You will be placed on a team after your school season has concluded. No registration fee will be due at sign-up.  
**FLAG FOOTBALL**  
 Total Soccer will be running 7-vs.-7 Flag Football Leagues on Tuesdays (recreational) and Thursdays (competitive) from March 4 through April 17. The league is open to those 18 years and over.  
 Flags and umpires fees are included. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 14 players. Cost is \$899 per team, with a six-team minimum and a 16-team maximum. Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the champions. Call Total Soccer at (248) 669-9817 for more details.  
**COACHES NEEDED**  
 Mercy High School is currently looking for a varsity lacrosse coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.  
 Bishop Borgess High School is looking for a varsity track coach for the spring sports season.  
 For more information, please call at (313) 255-1100 or send a resume by fax at (313) 255-1102 or by mail at 11685 Appleton, Redford, MI 48239.  
**SOFTBALL TRYOUTS**  
 The TSI Thunderbirds, the TSI Silver Bullets and the TSI Krush are planning tryouts, registrations and informational meetings at 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17; Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Monday, March 3 at the Doug Gillis Hitting and Pitching Academy in Wixom.  
 There are girls teams in age brackets from 10-and-under to 18-and-under. TSI is one of the largest girls fastpitch organizations in the area.  
 For more information, email TSI at playfastpitch@hotmail.com, or call the director of team development, Bruce Horste, at (734) 981-1796.  
 Also, check out the organization's website at Thunderbirdssoftball.tripod.com.

**RUGBY TRAINING**  
 The search is on for high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in learning rugby football and participating in the Michigan Youth Rugby Association's spring season.  
 Rugby is a rugged contact sport enjoyed around the world. The Michigan Youth Rugby Association plays against clubs from Brighton, Berkley, Howell, Dearborn, Livonia and Northville.  
 The team has a "no cuts" policy. Everyone who practices will play. No experience is necessary.  
 The sport of rugby football features 15 players to a side with limited substitution; no blocking or padding, which makes it safer; and continuous play, like ice hockey, basketball and soccer.  
 It is a sport in which fitness, brains and brawn come together. Everyone is a ball-handler, scorer and defender. There are no playbooks; players make on-the-field decisions. Winter (indoor) training will be 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday evening beginning Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Coliseum (located on the corner of Fifth & Hill streets), with the possibility of additional sessions being scheduled. For more information, call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**  
 NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:  
 Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.  
 Tuesday, March 4 9 a.m. - Noon Organizational Meeting  
 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment  
 Monday, March 10 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment  
 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Hearings by Appointment  
 Tuesday, March 11 9 a.m. - Noon Hearings by Appointment  
 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment  
 Tuesday, March 15 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. First Come - First Served  
 Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.  
 All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 15, 2003.  
 The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.  
 Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR AW TRANSMISSION ENGINEERING USA, INC.**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from AW Transmission Engineering USA, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption on an addition to an existing facility as well as new machinery and equipment to be installed in the facility. The facility is located at 14933 Keel Street, Metro West Industrial Park, Subdivision No. 2, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.  
 The request of AW Transmission Engineering USA, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.  
 The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.  
 Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth  
 Publish: February 16, 2003

**PLYMOUTH TWP. PD. 734-453-3869 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
 Notice is hereby given that on 2/21/03 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth MI a public auction of the following:  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 83.121**  
 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.  
 THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:  
 Part 1. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 135 attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.  
  
**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 135**  
 Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax I.D. No. 024-99-0029-001  
**ORDINANCE NO. 83.121 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 135 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
 Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.  
 Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on March 12, 2003.  
 Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of ACT 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on February 11, 2003, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.  
 Adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 2003  
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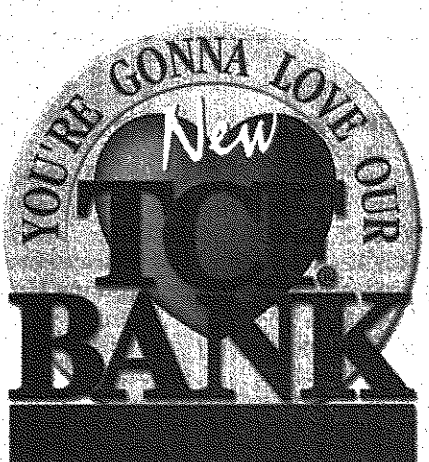
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## Rx briefs

### ■ Essential tremor

For those who suffer from essential tremor (ET), a debilitating and incurable movement disorder, routine daily activities can become awkward or even unmanageable. Embarrassed by the constant trembling caused by this prevalent disorder, some individuals with ET restrict their social interactions and pass up career opportunities.

Fortunately, there is a support group founded by Orchard Lake resident Shari Finsilver. The meetings are held 7-8:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The group has 110 members and draws up to 40 participants ranging in age from 10 to 80 at each meeting.

For more information about ET, research, support groups or to join the International Essential Tremor Foundation, call toll-free (888) 387-3667 or visit [www.essentialtremor.org](http://www.essentialtremor.org). Contact Shari Finsilver at (248) 683-4138. (See article on Essential Tremor in the Feb. 9 edition of the *Observer & Eccentric*.)

### ■ Managed care

The University of Michigan Medical School's Forum on Health Policy will host "Can Managed Care Survive Today's Challenges?", a symposium that explores the current challenges to managed-care medical insurance, and the prospects for the system's survival in the face of rapidly rising medical costs, employer and employee resistance to premium increases, and federal and state policy changes.

The symposium, which will take place noon to 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, in the Ford Amphitheater, U-M Hospital, will feature Michigan Department of Community Health director Janet Olszewski, M-CARE director Zelda Geyer-Sylvia, and medical economics and health-care delivery experts from the U-M and beyond. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-615-8334 or e-mail [renyas@umich.edu](mailto:renyas@umich.edu).

### ■ St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, received recognition from the American Heart Association for creating the Heart Safe Livonia Coalition. The hospital was honored Feb. 4 at the Detroit Athletic Club with the American Heartsaver Award.

Heart Safe Livonia is an organization that provides public awareness and serves as consultants for automated electronic defibrillators in businesses. Under the direction of Ginger Ramsay, RN, Community Outreach at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Heart Safe Livonia has been instrumental in placing defibrillators in a number of Livonia organizations since its inception in 2000.

### ■ Stop smoking

Dr. Arthur Weaver is conducting a Stop Smoking program, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 24-28, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, at Canton High School. No charge, by donation, call (734) 416-2937 to register and for more information. Weaver, emeritus professor of surgery at Wayne State University, has offered hundreds of smoking cessation programs for the past 30 years.



# ISHA YOGA

## Master explains how program brings harmony to mind, body

BY LAURA COLVIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Isha yoga is a simple, yet powerful tool for preventative health and has helped thousands find relief from asthma, obesity, hypertension, sinusitis, migraine, arthritis, and other chronic ailments.

So says the program's developer Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, who recently spoke to a standing-room only crowd in the auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Originally from South India, Sadhguru is known as a realized master, mystic and yogi, and has developed a following both in the United States and internationally.

Representatives from the local medical community attended the event at St. Mary Mercy. Several had personal experience with the program, and were willing to endorse it.

"As a physician, I see a lot of scientific advancements," said Dr. Kalpana H. Rajdev, a family practitioner with Henry Ford Hospital. "But we've developed an over-reliance on medication today. I've seen for myself that these practices work. Even just 15 minutes of meditation a day will lower blood pressure."

The program employs ancient yogic principles and involves meditation; simple yoga postures, and breathing techniques. Unlike more demanding forms of yoga, no physical agility is required. The practice can be done while sitting in a chair.

"People have the misconception that yoga will require hard work, or they will have to change the way they live," said Rajdev, "but that's just not true. It is very simple."

### ENERGY ENHANCED

Now a volunteer with the non-profit Isha Foundation, Rajdev says she recommends Isha yoga to her patients, but also finds time every day to do the practices herself.

"I have a lot more energy than I used to," she said, "and I'm happier. I'm having fun every day."

The program is also said to enhance memory, concentration and decision-making capacity.

Dr. Dorrie Rosenblatt, a retired geriatric physician from the University of Michigan, also attended the event. Rosenblatt was once unable to walk more than 150 feet and qualified for a handicapped-parking permit due to a heart ailment that required three surgeries. At night she slept attached to a breathing machine.

Her health was so poor that she considered herself a "cardiac cripple."

But Sadhguru and Isha yoga, she claims, changed her life. After engaging in the practices prescribed by Sadhguru for only a few months, Rosenblatt was able to go along on a trip with the Isha Foundation. The group embarked on an 80k Himalayan trek at an elevation of 16,000 feet.

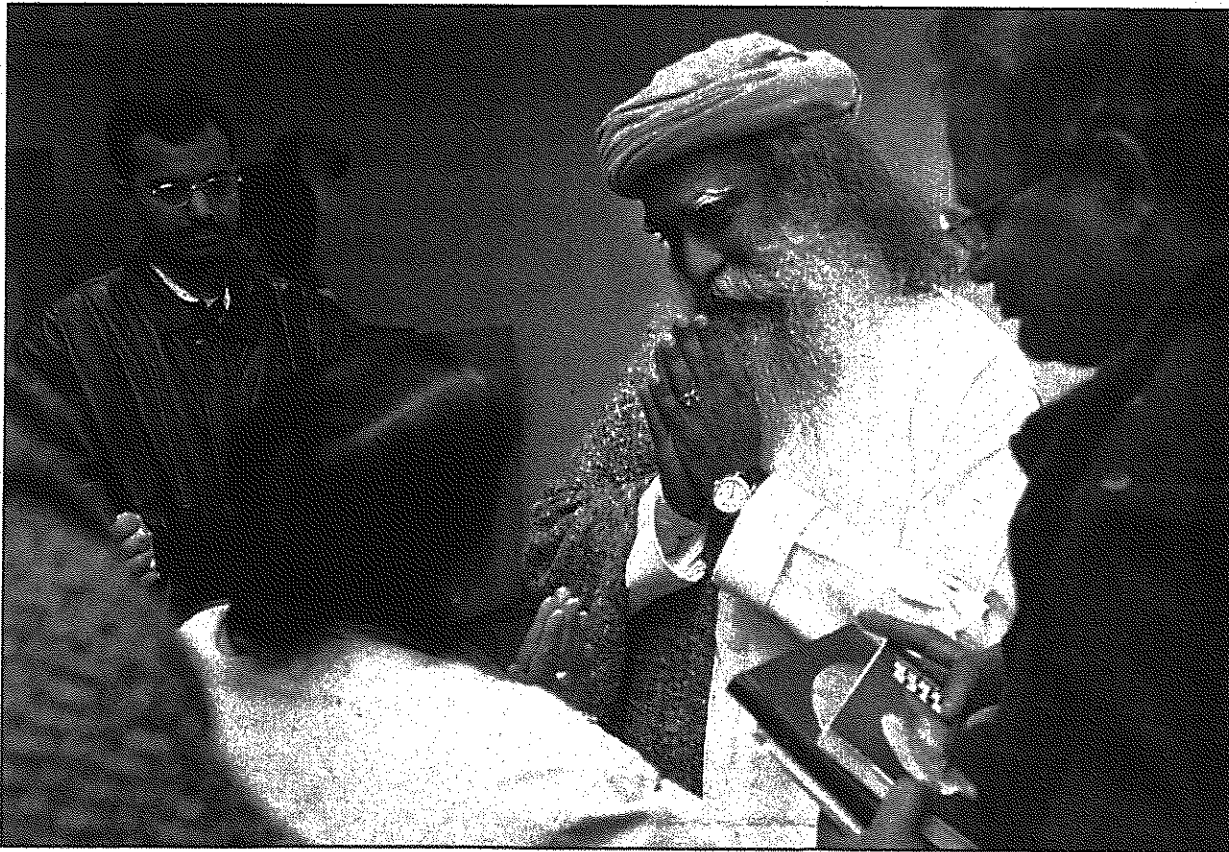
"It wasn't easy, but I did it," Rosenblatt said. "I'm not cured, and I still see my cardiologist regularly. But I no longer consider myself a cardiac cripple. The whole quality of my life has improved."

Respected and honored for her work in the medical community, Rosenblatt is currently working on research to document the effects of Isha yoga.

"Even as a physician, I don't yet understand it," she said, "But I tell you, it really happens."

### MIND AND SPIRIT

Isha yoga, said Sadhguru, is not a miracle cure. Rather, it is a holistic approach to health through personal exploration and awareness.



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Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev meets with people after his talk at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.



An attentive audience listens to Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev explain his approach to yoga at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



Kama Patel of Northville asks questions about Isha yoga.

"The word health comes from the word whole," he said. "Only when there is a sense of wholeness in your body, mind and spirit, only when you feel complete within yourself, can we say you are healthy."

The program operates on principles described by yogic sages about 3,000 years ago.

According to these principles, the human being is composed of five koshas, also known as sheaths or layers. These are:

■ Annamaya kosha, the physical body, refers to skin, muscle, bone, etc.

■ Pranamaya kosha, the energy body, refers to the circulation of breath

■ Manomaya kosha, the mental body, refers to the nervous system

■ Vijnanamaya kosha, the wisdom body, refers to the intellect

■ Anandamaya kosha, the bliss body, refers to the innermost self. The "destination"

The objective of Isha yoga is to bring these bodies into harmony with one another by learning tech-

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## Live birth to be broadcast from Hutzel

On Monday, Feb. 17, Discovery Health Channel will broadcast live the labor, delivery and birth of babies from three medical centers across the country, including Hutzel Women's Hospital in Detroit.

*Birth Day Live!*, a 10-hour televised marathon, celebrates one of life's greatest joys – the birth of a child.

*Birth Day Live!* premieres Monday, Feb. 17, and will air from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Developed in partnership with the March of Dimes, the event will follow patients, doctors, and nurses at Detroit's

Hutzel Women's Hospital, Florida Hospital in Orlando, and Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix.

Award-winning journalist and author Mary Alice Williams will anchor the event from Florida Hospital. Throughout the broadcast, she will interview medical experts and will be joined by correspondents stationed at each hospital. Dr. Steve Salvatore, Discovery Health medical correspondent and host of Discovery Health's "Super Surgery" series, will report live from Hutzel Women's Hospital with updates and interviews

with the families, doctors and nurses involved in the deliveries being filmed that day.

*Birth Day Live!* takes viewers behind the birth statistic of nearly 12,000 babies born daily in the United States and presents parents and parents-to-be with a rare, televised look at the hard work and split second decisions it can take to birth a baby. The event will also examine the emotional and educational resources available to parents who may suddenly face the difficulties of a premature birth. *Birth Day Live!* is designed to focus

attention on the issues surrounding a healthy birth and the growing incidence of premature births in the United States, estimated by March of Dimes to be 476,250 last year, an increase of 27 percent since the 1980s. According to March of Dimes, nearly 50 percent of premature births have no known cause.

Deliveries of all kinds, from Caesarean sections and natural childbirth to premature and high-risk, will be chronicled in *Birth Day Live!* The 10-hour live event will

PLEASE SEE BIRTH, C8



## Study finds mental gains after damage

BY LINDSEY TANNER  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) — Neurological damage in very small premature babies may decrease over time, according to research that tracked children through age 8 and found substantial mental gains.

Many youngsters once considered retarded ended up scoring in the nearly normal range on tests of verbal function and IQ, the study found.

Children who received early intervention such as speech therapy, those from two-parent families, and those whose mothers had high levels of education were found to experience the greatest improvement in mental function.

The findings are surprising because previous research has found negative long-term results for very small preemies, and conventional thinking says that IQ doesn't change — at least in people born at a normal weight.

"We were thrilled by the findings and surprised because previous reports suggested that there's an adverse outcome for very low birth-weight babies," said lead researcher Dr. Laura Ment, a Yale University pediatric neurologist.

"We found children progressively getting better between 3 and 8 years of age," Ment said.

The study involved 296 children born at 28 weeks

and weighing just over 2 pounds (one kilogram) on average. Results appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Children born extremely prematurely are at risk for a variety of neurological problems, ranging from cerebral palsy, mental retardation and vision trouble to more subtle learning and behavior difficulties.

### BRAIN CAN REPAIR

Ment said the study results echo recent research in animals showing that the developing brain can repair itself.

A JAMA editorial suggests that broader tests of mental function would have had poorer results and notes that IQ improvements were still in the average to low-average range.

"Despite improvements in scores, such low average functioning can place a child at significant academic disadvantage," said editorial author Glen Aylward, a developmental specialist at Southern Illinois University's medical school.

The youngsters were given a test of verbal abilities and three different IQ tests starting at age 3.

The average IQ scores increased from 90 to 95.

The average score on the verbal test increased from 88 points at age 3 to 99 points at age 8. Data from normal birth-weight children suggest

average verbal scores improve by about 4.5 points over time, the authors said.

Nearly half of the children with verbal scores in the mental retardation range — below 70 — at 3 years of age scored at least in the borderline range — 70 to 80 — at age 8. And about two-thirds of the children with borderline scores on both tests at age 3 had scores in the normal range at age 8.

A score of 100 would be average on both the IQ and verbal tests for a normal birth-weight 8-year-old.

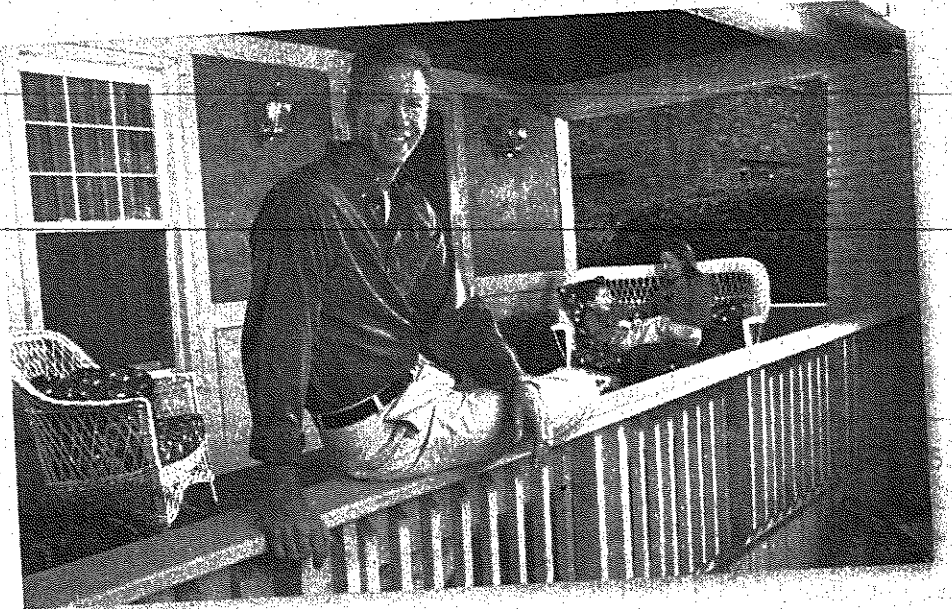
Less significant improvements were found in children born with bleeding in the brain — a common complication in very low birth-weight babies.

Prominent preemie researcher Dr. Maureen Hack was skeptical of the results and said the children studied were not given tests designed to measure problems usually linked with prematurity, such as attention deficits and visual-motor impairments.

Hack also faulted the researchers for not comparing the prematurely born children with youngsters born at normal weight and said the preemies likely would have fared worse if such a comparison had been made.

"I personally feel that basically, the functional problems persist," said Hack, of Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland.

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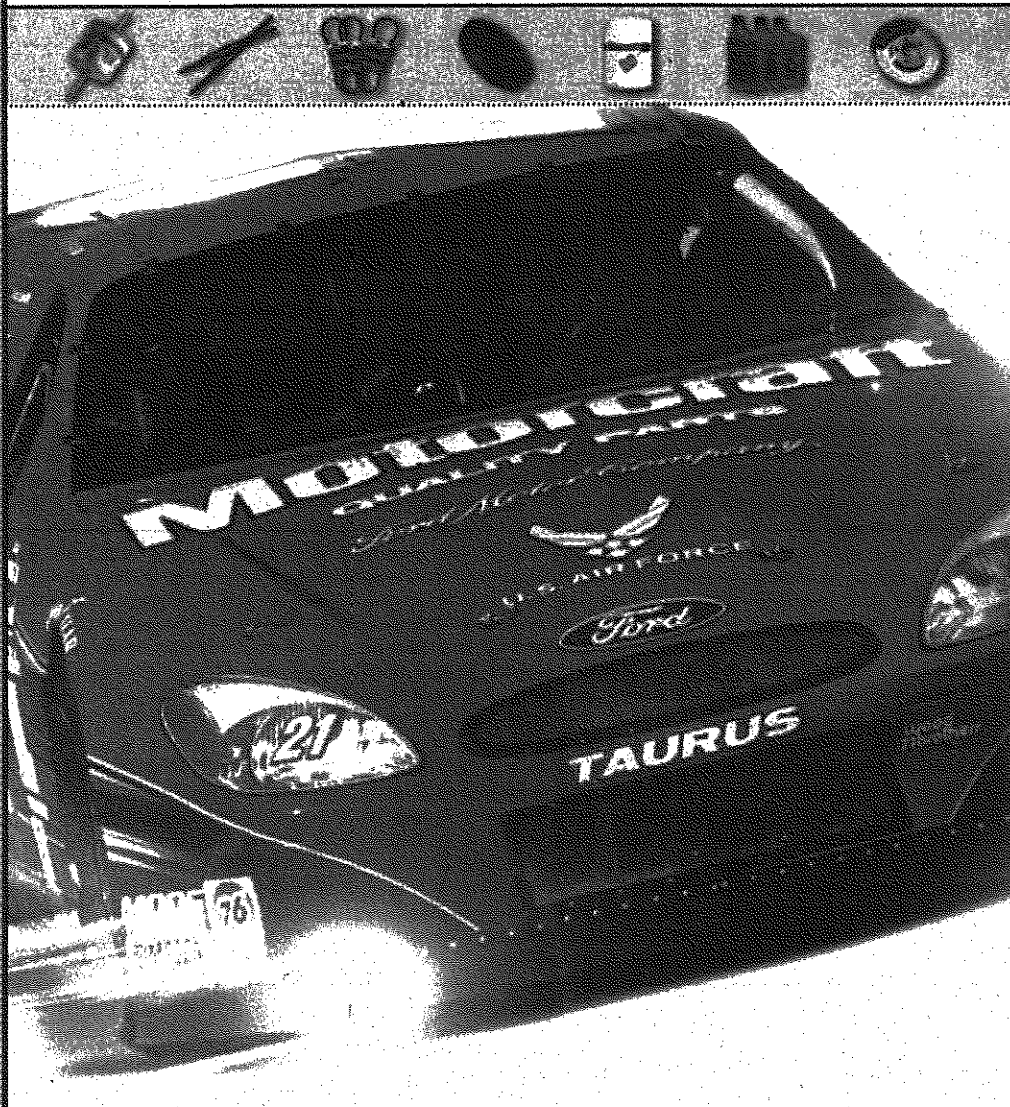
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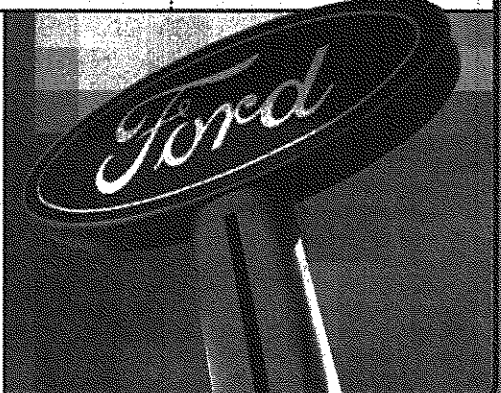
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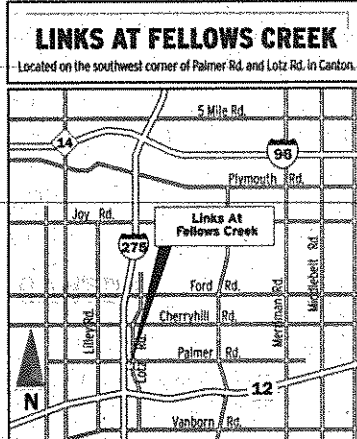
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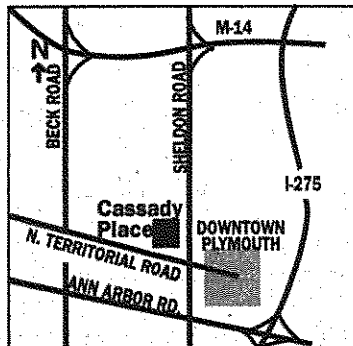
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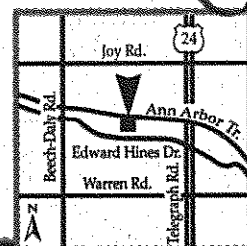
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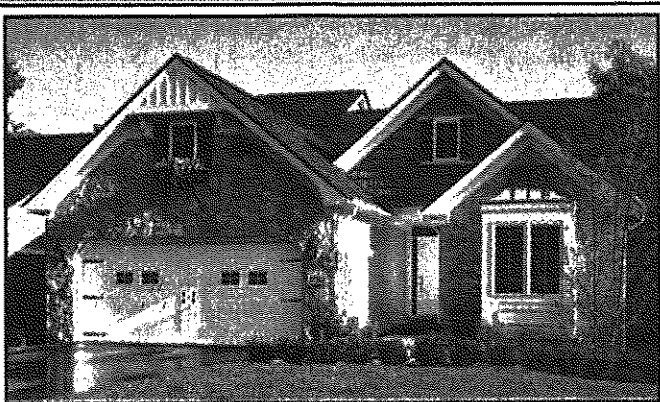
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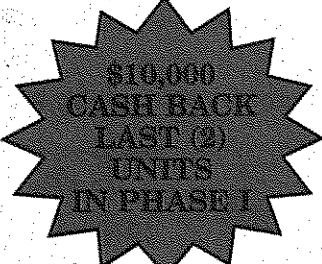
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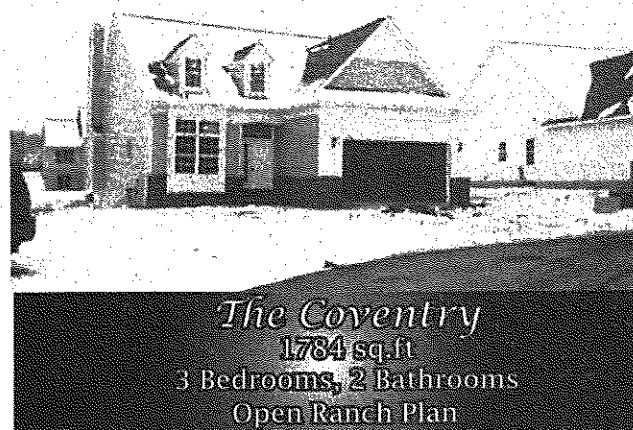
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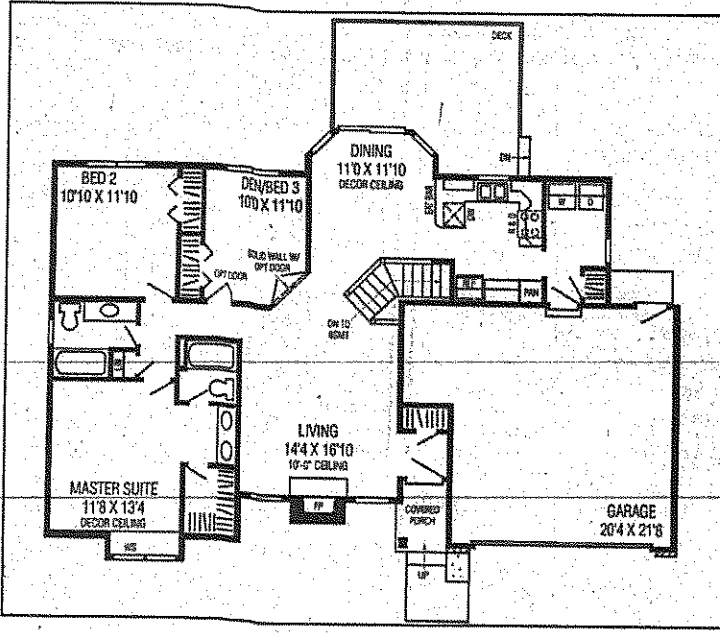
The Yankton is traditional in style, accented by large paned windows. The chimney is enclosed with wood rather than brick. A small covered porch protects the front door.

This ranch has 1,359 square feet of living space and an unfinished basement.

The living room has a 10-foot ceiling and a fireplace flanked by windows.

The master is adjacent to the living room. It has a large suite area with a window seat. The bath has a combination tub/shower and two-sink vanity. A corner walk-in closet provides plenty of storage space for clothes.

Two secondary bedrooms are toward the back of the house. Each has a pair of windows and a wall closet. One of those bedrooms can be converted to a den with an optional door or French doors facing the living



room. The dining room has a decor ceiling and a bay window. The kitchen contains an eating bar

and pantry. The utility room with washer, dryer and storage closet, is beyond the kitchen. A door to the two-car garage is off

this area, also.

The staircase to the unfinished basement is just off the living room. If a basement weren't needed, this would make an ideal area for a storage closet.

The Yankton would be ideal for the first time homeowner or for empty nesters. It has a simple, open layout that easily could be made wheelchair accessible. This ranch is versatile and would meet the needs of many different owners.

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Wasting energy because of inadequate attic insulation is the least of your problems when you consider worst-case scenarios, which became reality for many Michiganders a couple of winters ago.

For those with short, optimistic memories, I'm talking about the potential structural damage to your home from ice dams, the byproduct of insulation allowing heat loss through the roof.

The ice dams that hang from gutters are actually created in your attic, where poor ventilation and improperly installed insulation work together to allow your roof to heat up in the winter.

The peak of your roof is probably warm and clear of snow (because hot air rises), while the eaves at the bottom remain cold and snowy. When the snow melts off the top of the roof and the water runs down to the eaves, the water freezes and forms an ice dam.

In some cases, those ice dams can get so big and heavy they can tear off your gutter and overhang.

But even if that type of damage doesn't occur, the gallons of water behind the dam can and will do major damage to your roof, attic, drywall and your home's interior wiring.

What to do to prevent ice dams?

There are two things you can do to keep warm air from seeping out of your home's interior living space and into the attic, thereby keeping your roof cool - improve the insulation and maintain proper ventilation.

Most people have fiberglass



Larry Kaufman

insulation, which may be installed incorrectly. For that type of insulation to work, it cannot be squished in size to fit tight places. The air pockets in the insulation must remain

for it to be effective. A three- to six-inch layer of blown cellulose, on the other hand, can get into nooks and crannies that rolled insulation cannot. Adding blown cellulose to my own attic had reduced my heating bills and eliminated all ice dams from my roof.

Improving the ventilation, meanwhile, can be as easy as cleaning or replacing soffit vents blocked with insulation, painted over or just plain dirty. Soffit vents are on the underside of your home's eaves. The idea of soffit vents is that air enters them and flows through the attic.

Styrofoam, plastic or cardboard air baffles can help prevent the blocking of airflow from insulation stuffed between the sheathing and top plate. If all goes as planned, your attic should always be the same temperature as the outside air - cool in the winter and warm in the summer.

Larry Kaufman of DTE Energy's Residential and Small Business Marketing group has conducted more than 50 energy-savings workshops for the energy company and is an expert adviser on home energy.

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"They're impressed with the garages, designs, location and price," she said. "Canton is a wonderful place - location, proximity to shopping, freeways, close to the airport."

I-275, literally around the corner from the Links at Fellows Creek, provides great access to all major employment centers, Robertson added.

Clarke said it took about 2 1/2 years from first starting to assemble 18 different properties for the project to breaking ground, but the effort is well worth the potential pay-off now and in the future.

"This gets us the entry-level buyer, we hope, to sell another house to and another house and another house," he said.

Empty-nesters will be drawn to the ranch concept with everything on one level, Robertson said.

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All buildings will be landscaped.

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A clubhouse and outdoor swimming pool are on the drawing board for future construction.

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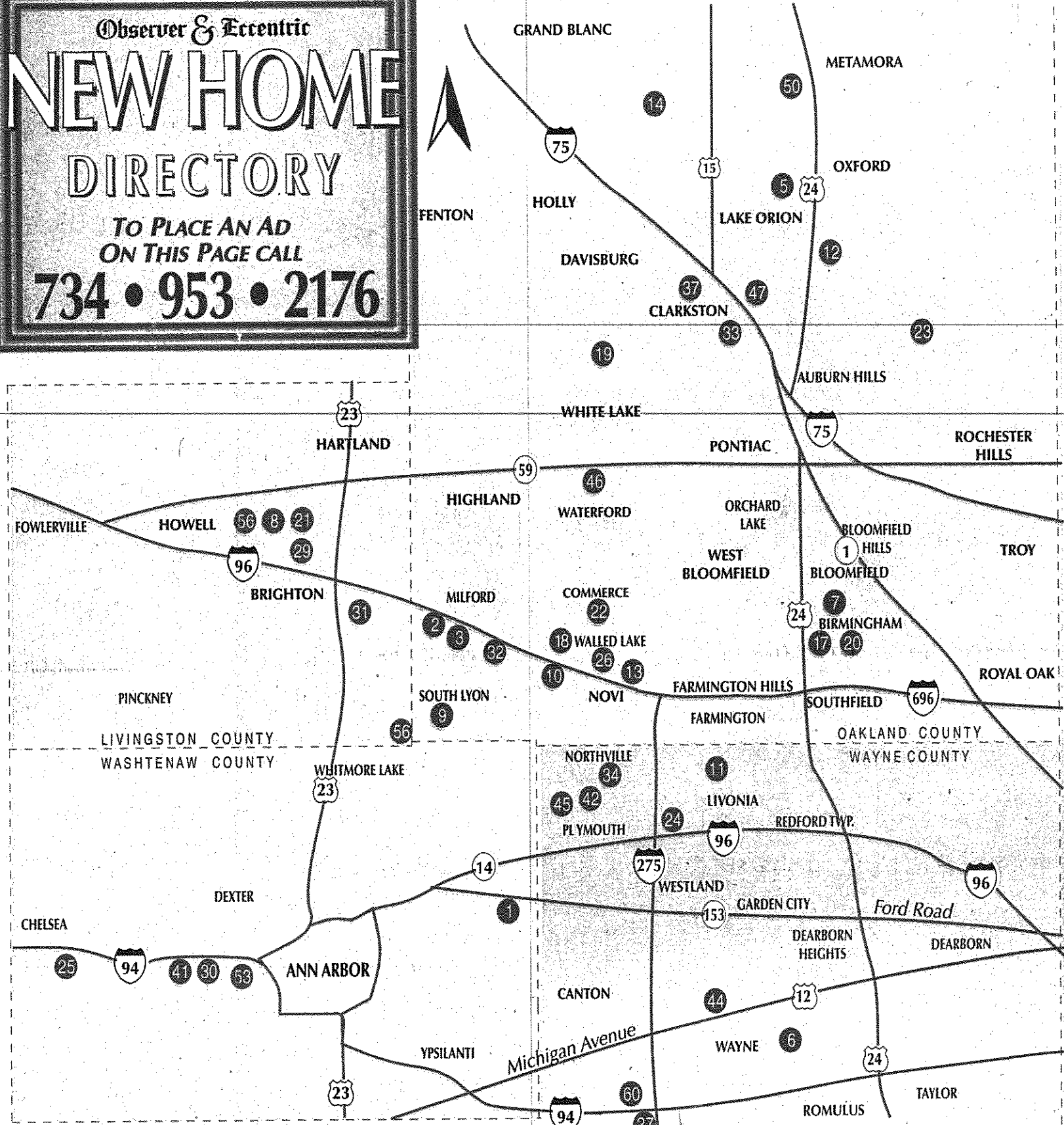
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