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Grief recovery

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer grief recovery program in March at the Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road.

The series will be on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 2. Each weekly session will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping. The series offers participants healthy ways to move through the grief process and provides support, understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone in their feelings of grief.

The series is open to the public and there is no charge. It is recommended that participants attend all five sessions.

To register, call St. Joseph Mercy Hospice at (734) 327-3409.

Offer your thoughts
If you are a business owner or resident and have an interest in traffic along Ford Road, your opinions are requested at a meeting 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Summit on the Park. The meeting is a first in a series of planned discussions as the study on the traffic flow and access to businesses along Ford Road gets underway. The agenda will include general information about the study, followed by participants breaking into discussion groups.

Variety series

The first date in the annual winter variety series at the Summit is Saturday, Feb. 28, featuring an hour of family entertainment with "Magic With Gordon Russ." The event will be in the Chestnut Room 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Summit for \$3 per person. (100 Days to Health participants can purchase tickets for \$2).

Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball team is organizing a Road Rally for Saturday, March 13. Tickets are \$25 per per-



son and include clue solving fun, buffet dinner and soft drinks, prizes and music. Cash bar available. Entries are limited. Contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or look on their Web site at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

CANTON Observer

Healthy habits

Police officers combat stress. **Health, C6**



Softball chief charged with felony

Harry Hill Jr., longtime president of the Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, was arraigned in 35th District Court Friday on a charge of embezzlement, a 10-year felony, for allegedly taking funds from the association in excess of \$20,000.

A not-guilty plea was entered for him and he was released on a \$20,000 personal bond. A preliminary exam is scheduled

for March 5 at the court. Hill, 53, turned himself in to the Canton Police Department on Friday.

The three-month long investigation began last November when police received a tip that Hill might allegedly



Hill

have been taking money from the group, which last year had about 3,700 participants in summer and fall leagues.

Canton Police Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler said while under Michigan law the charge is for embezzling funds in excess of \$20,000, Hill is suspected of taking more than \$100,000 from January through November of 2003.

After the video arraignment, Hill's attor-

ney, Paul J. Dillon, called the charges a "tragedy."

"I think it's a tragedy that someone who has given so much to this organization would be accused of something like this," Dillon said. "Mr. Hill has put his heart and soul into this organization. Mr. Hill is a highly compensated individual in the sales

PLEASE SEE LEAGUE, A6



A pomeranian named Peaches is prepped for her MRI by Angie Heighton (left) and Lori Braman at the Animal MRI Center.

For the love of animals, Canton vet offers MRIs

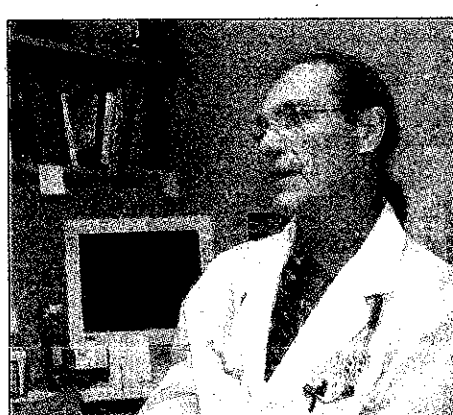
From the outside it looks like a trailer on wheels. And that's exactly what it is. But inside it's a high-tech, state of the art MRI Center - for pets.

It's one of the few in the country, the only one in Michigan and it's located in Canton at 8560 N. Canton Center Road in a medical/professional park.

Opened last October by Dr. Michael Wolf, a neurological/veterinarian, the Animal MRI Center is an adjunct of the Animal Neurological Center.

Actually, according to Wolf, the MRI Center is the heart of his clinic.

MRI - magnetic resonance imaging - is a diagnostic system that has been



Dr. Michael Wolf is an animal neurologist and owner of the Animal Neurology Center and Animal MRI Center in Canton.

PLEASE SEE MRI, A3

Former chamber leader to keynote relay kickoff

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Former Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carleigh Flaharty was shopping in Chicago the moment she got her diagnosis.

"I was in early stage two," said Flaharty, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's in December 2001.

Now almost two years in remission, Flaharty will be the keynote speaker at the kickoff for Canton's 6th Annual Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, at 7:30 p.m. March 10 at Waltonwood of Cherry Hill, 42600 Cherry Hill.

Flaharty's mom in Washington is also a six-year breast cancer survivor. And her grandmother died in the 1960s from lymphoma.

"I want to add my own experiences," said Flaharty, now president of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Flaharty said she wants to tell people that "a good attitude and outlook" helped her through the ordeal and four cycles of chemotherapy and 18 rounds of radiation. She recently announced that she and her husband, JP, are expecting their first child in September.



Flaharty

For more on the Relay For Life, see page A5.

The kickoff is the start of a process that leads up to the actual 24-hour Relay for Life Saturday and

Sunday, May 15-16, in Heritage Park. The relay is a community event designed to honor cancer survivors, remember those who have lost their lives to the disease and to raise money and awareness.

"This is the signature event for the American Cancer Society," said Jamie Chapman, community development director.

At the kickoff, participants and those who may be interested in participating will learn about the relay and its purpose. A video also will be shown depicting a relay. A team captain also will speak and give her experiences. "Last year was her first relay," Chapman said.

Participants may pick up their team packets and building their teams.

RSVP your attendance at the kickoff by calling Chapman at (248) 483-4320. jmaliszewski@oe.hometown.net (734) 459-2700

Expo does biz neighborly way

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Filled to the brim was the way it was for the Canton Chamber of Commerce's semiannual Business Expo at the Summit on the Park.

"We had 49 businesses. That's as many as we can take. We were maxed out," said Dianne Cojei, chamber executive director. "We had people still calling to get a booth."

Gaining in popularity, the Business Expo features Canton area businesses and functions as a gathering for gaining business.

"It's so people can get to know their neighbors and to do business," Cojei said. "We are doing this to promote businesses in Canton. It is a form of networking. People really do get leads for their business."

While the expo doesn't generally attract swarms of residents, Cojei believes Wednesday's event attracted more guests than in the past.

And for those who missed it this



Ronnie Preblich, regional vice president of Arbonne Swiss Skin Care shows her products to Sheri Frantz of State Farm of Canton at the semiannual Business Expo, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce at the Summit on the Park.

time, the chamber hosts a second expo in September. "We get different businesses each time and then we get some of the same, especially those who have gotten great leads."

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Volunteer to pick landscape awards

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Who knows better than you what looks good in Canton?
"We are trying to engage the community," said Jeff Goulet, township planner.

To that end, the Council for Community Excellence is soliciting nominations from the public for landscape, site and architectural design for the annual Canton Design Excellence Awards by June 30. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in September.

The array of awards includes:

- Landscape design
- Neighborhood entryway
- Single family:

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- Commercial
- Public buildings, such as churches or schools
- Environmental excellence
- Architectural design
- Residential
- Commercial
- Public buildings

"We need people who will drive around with the committee and pick things out," said Kris Sanders, Canton neighborhood coordinator. "We are talking about different ways to get the community involved."

Volunteers who are interested in serving on the nominating committee should have an interest or background in landscape design and/or architecture.

The committee will make recommendations to a panel

of judges, for which the council is also in need of volunteers.

"You can even nominate yourself," Sanders said.

Design awards are based on quality of design, use of plant materials, variety, year-round appeal, and creativity.

Architectural design awards focus on building design, quality of building materials, quality of site design, including landscaping, lighting and other site design amenities. Environmental excellence will recognize projects that preserve or enhance natural features, use of native vegetation and create natural habitats.

For more information or to volunteer, call Sanders at (734) 394-5165.

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Legislative learning

Members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Canton program had a day of legislative learning when they traveled Wednesday to the State Capitol and met with legislators, such as state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton (center).

Stores busted for selling to minors

Wayne County Sheriff's deputies this week made two significant cases that will help keep the county safe for its children, according to Sheriff Warren Evans.

In the first bust, which took place over the past two weeks, deputies found that 35 percent of party stores they checked across several western Wayne County suburbs sold alcohol to a 19-year old undercover officer.

Evans said that the officer, who visited 37 stores — including three stores in Canton — over the past two weeks, was able to purchase a variety of beer and liquor at 13 of the locations without being asked to produce proof of his age.

Sheriff spokesman John Roach said the stores could not be identified until owners had made their initial court appearances. The undercover officer was successful at two of

the three Canton locations, Roach confirmed.

"These are not mere isolated incidents," Evans said. "It appears to be part of a chronic problem in Wayne County. Too many party stores are putting our young people at risk and we intend to hold them accountable."

Late last year, the sheriff's department busted 10 of 24 stores it visited during a check of stores in the downriver area. Four of those establishments were ticketed because it was the owner of the store who sold

the alcohol, while others were issued a warning.

During the western Wayne sweep, however, officers cited every store that sold.

"After the first operation, it became clear to us that this is a widespread problem and that a 'zero-tolerance' approach was necessary," Evans said. "Any store in Wayne County that is caught selling alcohol to a minor will be punished."

Stores that are ticketed face up to a \$500 fine and possible further action from Michigan's Liquor Control Commission.

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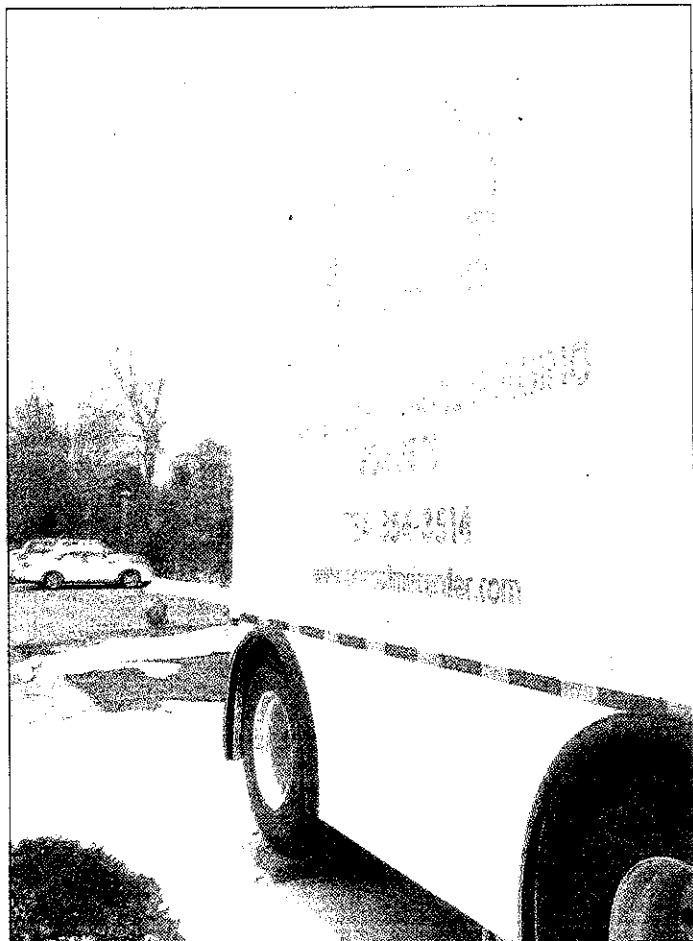
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Animals who visit the Animal MRI Center receive their tests in this special trailer.



Dr. Michael Wolf examines MRI brain scans of a canine patient.

MRI

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used on humans for a long time.

"The big advantage of MRI," Wolf said, "is it's a non-invasive procedure, it's safe, there are no dye injections required. It provides us with a view of the inside of an animal's body that is very detailed and provides us with information to make very accurate diagnoses."

"We can therefore prescribe more pointed treatment and we can also provide people with better prognostic information as to how we can help their patients."

Wolf says his clinic sees about 100 to 120 patients a month, all on a strictly refer-

ral basis. About 80 percent of his patients are dogs, 20 percent are cats.

The most common ailments, according to Wolf, are pets who have trouble walking, rising, who drag their legs, or suffer back pain or neck pain.

"Another common thing is pets who have seizures or personality or behavioral changes," he said.

About 15 to 20 percent of the cases are surgical cases.

"We treat brain tumors, brain malformation, inflammation in the brain, strokes, hemorrhages or bleeding in the brain," he said.

The Animal Neurological Center, which was established a year-and-a-half ago, is the only one in the state of

Michigan exclusively available for pets with neurological disorders. But the MRI Center is Wolf's pride and joy.

"There are differences between humans and pets," he said. "This one is specifically designed for pets."

The MRIs are run by specially trained technicians and can be monitored by Wolf through the magic of computers. Pictures can be sent to the operating room to be consulted during surgery.

He can even send the results to referring veterinarians via the Internet or put them on CD-ROMS to give to pet owners to take home and view on their own computers.

The procedure is not cheap. An MRI costs \$1,150 dollars. But Wolf says the need is there and in the future the machine can be sent to other sites where a need exists. That's the reason it is really a lab on a trailer.

"You can just hook a tractor up to it and tow it anywhere it's needed," he said.

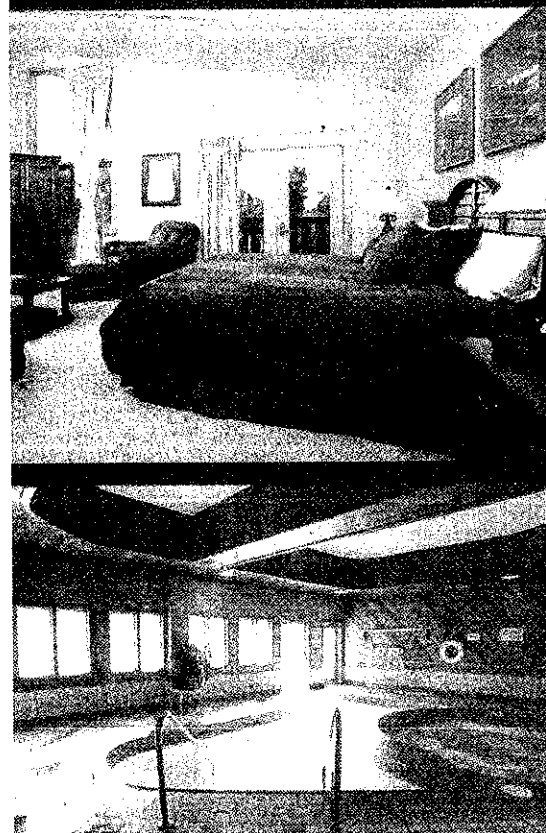
Since the equipment needs a constant power source, the trailer includes a generator to keep it operational while it is moved from place to place.

For more information Wolf has two Web sites: www.animalneurology.com or www.animalmricenter.com.



Peaches is sedated and ready for her MRI. Doing last minute adjustments is Angie Heigton.

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DEATHS

B
Clemontine R. Belling, 88, died Feb. 5.
Lillian M. Brandt, 89, of Rochester, died Feb. 8.
D
John J. Daul, 73, of Farmington, Feb. 19.
Dorothy MacAlpine Desmond, of Troy, died Feb. 15.
Mary Drukas, 91, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 4.
E
Thomas M. Egal, 86, of Auburn Hills, died Feb. 14.
H
Judith A. Hendershott, 66, formerly of Rochester, died Feb. 6.
Arthur Herbert Hogarth, 81, of Livonia, died Feb. 17.
Delmar L. Holiday, 77, died Feb. 14.
J
Mae E. Jaruzel, 80, died Feb. 1.

Walter Henry Jenkins Jr., 27, of Southfield, died Feb. 16.
Richard H. Johnson, 67, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 1.
K
Sister Marjorie Koerner, RSM, 89, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 18.
Melvin C. Kruger, 84, of Rochester, died Feb. 4.
L
Robert E. Love, 91, of Auburn Hills, died Feb. 9.
Jane MacKenzie Bricker Lawson, 88, died Feb. 12.
M
Verda M. Mentell, 97, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 9.
Mary Mitchell, 96, died Jan. 29.
N
George Nast, 79, died Feb. 10.
P
Mary Betty Paulson, 80, of Detroit, died Feb. 14.
Q
Ernest S. Quitmeyer, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 10.
R
James D. Rae, 45, formerly of Auburn Hills, died Feb. 7.
Lyon Herbert Robbins, 77, died Feb. 13.
Joyce H. Roggow, 73, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 9.
Otto T. Rosenbusch, 75, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 7.

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Florence T. Sharp, 93, died Feb. 7.
Ruth Anne Sherlock, 87, of Farmington, died Feb. 14.
Richard C. Snyder, 62, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 2.
W
Jean Emily Winkler, of Westland, died Feb. 17.
Z
Joseph M. Zawadzki, 67, of Canton, died Feb. 16.

POLICE

Identity theft

A number of residents reported to police they are victims of identity theft. On Feb. 19, three men and women separately filed police reports saying that someone nabbed their social security numbers and opened accounts. Three of the people said they received calls from collection agencies, some demanding thousands of dollars for overdue credit card bills. One of the men said he left his ATM card at a bank. When he returned to get it from the ATM machine, the card was gone. But someone later used it in Garden City.

Larcenies

Builders reported that some-

one stole new appliances from homes under construction sometime between late Feb. 16 and early Feb. 17. Most of the larcenies occurred in homes on Elizabeth Street.

35TH DISTRICT COURT

A look at some of the cases that were scheduled to come before judges this week:

Judge Ron Lowe:

■ Douglas Barron, arraignment, reckless driving.
■ Robin Bowens, arraignment, driving with suspended license and speeding.
■ Casey Collins, arraignment, larceny from a building.
■ Marjorie Crabtree, arraignment, operating while intoxicated, third offense, controlled substance, driving with suspended license, second offense.
■ Eric Dreyer, arraignment, driving with suspended license.
■ Diondey Ellis, arraignment, driving with suspended license.
■ Michael Furlong, arraignment, operation while intoxicated.
■ Matthew Gray, arraignment, larceny from a building.
■ Anneleise Harris, arraignment, operating while intoxicated, third offense.

■ Marvin Hicks, arraignment, larceny from a building.
■ Andrew Jeffery, arraignment, larceny from a building.
■ Lynnette Jones, arraignment, driving with suspended license.
■ Florence Metz, arraignment, crossing guard.
■ Rachel Mohr, review, operating under the influence, open intoxicants.
■ Deborah Rogers, arraignment, operating while intoxicated.
■ Raymond Stafirski, arraignment, improper plate.
■ Keith Turner, arraignment, larceny from a building.
■ Julian Wilson, arraignment, simple larceny.
■ Carrie Davies, pretrial, operating under the influence.
■ Jason Osborn, pretrial, operating under the influence.
■ Rick Rodriguez, pretrial, operating under the influence, driving with a suspended license, second offense.
■ Aaron Vega, pretrial, driving with suspended license, second offense, and operating under the influence.
■ William Williamson, pretrial, operating under the influence, second offense.
■ Robert Aaron, examination, possession of narcotics, fleeing in a vehicle.
■ Henrietta Boegelein, examination and hearing, homicide.
■ Geneva Bryan, examination, possession of narcotics.
■ Kenneth Burgess, trial, simple larceny.
■ William Burke, trial, driving with a suspended license, second offense.
■ Serg Castillo-Martinez, pretrial, operating while intoxicated, failure to report.
■ Christopher Conway, examination, marijuana.
■ Jesus Cruz, examination, three counts, criminal sexual conduct, third degree.
■ Joseph Daguanno, preformal, safety belt violation, no proof of insurance.
■ Robert Dameworth, pretrial, operating under the influence.
■ Michael D'Angelo, examination, operating under the influence, serious injury, assault.
■ Jerry Dietzel, adjourn under advisement, embezzlement.
■ Eugene Donald, pretrial,

driving with suspended license, plate violation, no proof of insurance.
■ Nehme Elghoul, pretrial, driving with suspended license, second offense.
■ John Humphries, examination, larceny-motor vehicle.
■ Ronnie Johnson, review-violation of probation, driving with suspended license.
■ Beth Keith, arraignment-pretrial, driving with suspended license.
■ Michael Khoury, examination, possession of narcotics.
■ Charles Kirkpatrick, examination, retail fraud.
■ Jamie Lawson, pretrial, driving with suspended license, second offense.
■ Anthony Lunsford, pretrial, retail fraud.
■ Gabriel McNair, arraignment, retail fraud; pretrial, driving with suspended license, second offense.
■ Edward Miszcak, trial, truancy.
■ Michael Morucci, examination, larceny-motor vehicle.
■ Mitchell Obeirne, trial, operating under the influence.
■ David Radley, examination, operating under the influence, driving with suspended license, second offense.
■ Daniel Strahan, pretrial, driving with suspended license, second offense.
■ Keenan Williams, examination, murder in the second degree, weapons.
■ Sharon Wilson, examination, retail fraud.
■ Tammy Wiseman, pretrial, driving with suspended license, second offense, license forgery.
■ Matthew Queen, pretrial, retail fraud-third degree.

Judge John MacDonald:

■ Michael Marshall, sentencing, driving with suspended license, open intoxicants.
■ David Paszkowski, jury trial, operating under the influence.
■ Keith Pourassari, under advisement, disturbing the peace.
■ Yeidid International vs. Larry White, bench trial.
■ Monogram Credit Card vs. Glen Jewell, bench trial.
■ Bob Jeannotte Pontiac vs. James Magda, motion and bench trial.
■ Deborah Boyce, jury trial, assault and battery.
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Consider a team in Relay for Life

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Last year, Canton raised \$175,000 in its Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

"We really have a great event and it's only going to get better," said Debbie Zevalkink, a leading member of the Canton Relay for Life planning committee, whose son, Marcus, is a cancer survivor.

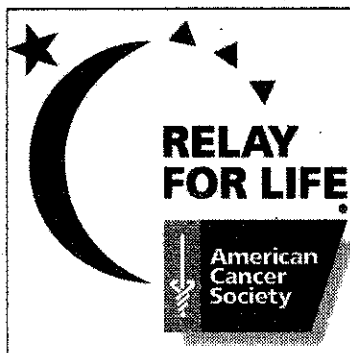
"Thousands came last year. We also have a huge teen population. Last year, we had 13 teen teams," Zevalkink added.

Last year, the Canton relay drew some 50 teams. This year, the committee is shooting for 60 teams. To learn more about the teams, Zevalkink and Jamie Chapman, community development director for the American Cancer Society, invites anyone even slightly interested in the event to attend the kick-off at 7:30 p.m. March 10 at Waltonwood of Cherry Hill.

At the kick-off, you will hear from a cancer survivor, as well as a team captain. You will learn how to get your team together and come up with ways to raise money in the fight against cancer.

Teams may be comprised of just about anyone - kids, teens, businesses, civic groups, families, friends, and churches.

The relay is a 24-hour event that includes the actual relay, a survivor's walk, 24 hours of entertainment and a luminaria ceremony. "Cancer isn't just something that happens in daytime. Teams spend the night at Heritage Park. The event ends Sunday morning with a pancake breakfast.



'Thousands came last year. We also have a huge teen population. Last year, we had 13 teen teams.'

Debbie Zevalkink
Relay for Life planning committee

"It's living as a cancer patient or someone who has survived cancer for 24 hours," Chapman said.

The American Cancer Society sponsors 32 relays, all designed to be fund-raisers.

Teams pay a \$150 registration fee and also raise money. "Teams do different fund-raising things. Each team contributes," Chapman said.

Generally, teams include up to 15 people - all who take turns walking in the 24-hour relay.

Money raised for the American Cancer Society goes into research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information on the relay, call Chapman at (248) 483-4320 or Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.
jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net

Teenagers are teenagers, wherever they live, and that was one of the messages in a 20-minute film, *Arabs, Muslims and Islam*, shown at the Canton Public Library Thursday night. The film follows the lives of five Arabic students.

About 30 people showed up for the program, which also featured a question and answer session with Canton attorney Haaris Ahmad of the Council on American Islamic Relations for Michigan.

Ahmad served as a consultant on the film, which was produced by Teachers Discovery of Auburn Hills.

"The film showed how these teens have to make moral choices along the way," said Marcia Barker, library program coordinator.

"You get to know why they cover their heads, why they eat what they do and, no matter where they are, stop and pray."

The film shown was an abridged version of the 45-minute original, which is available at the library for patrons to check out.

Fred Hossein, owner of Canton Coney Island, provided baklava for the evening.

The next program, part of the "Connect with Your Neighbors Multicultural Programming," will feature a belated St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Blackthorn, an Irish pub band, at 7 p.m.

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Farah Bhatti (left) of Canton and Celena Khatib of Livonia listen to Haaris Ahmad of Canton about the film that was shown at the special program Thursday night at the Canton Public Library.

'The film showed how these teens have to make moral choices along the way.'

Marcia Barker
library program coordinator

April 28 in the library's community room.

Barker said people wishing to attend should call the library at (734) 397-0999 a week prior to the program.



Haaris Ahmad of Canton talks about consulting on the production of 'Arabs, Muslims and Islam,' a film that sheds light on the lives of Muslim teens.

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Students break Detroit barriers, stereotypes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the past four years, third-graders at Tonda Elementary in Canton Township have been pen pals with their counterparts at Harms Elementary, located in Detroit's Mexicantown.

Several times each school year, Tonda students write their pen pals, while looking forward to receiving letters back. Five times during the year, the two classes meet at Focus:HOPE in Detroit, a human rights and job training organization which sponsors the pen pal program.

It's all part of an effort to bring young students together — from the affluent suburbs and the poorer urban communities — to break down barriers and stereotypes that exist among different people.

"We're trying to teach children to be understanding of other



Tonda Elementary School student Travis McCall, 8, (left) looks at art he created with his Harms Elementary school pen pal Diego Vazquez.

people's differences," said Margo Stocker, whose third-grade class has participated in the program the past three years. "They

should learn to be a little more tolerant and understanding. "Children have a way of breaking barriers that adults just can't do," she added. "That's what so wonderful."

On Feb. 5, the two schools displayed their multicultural art at Focus:HOPE, which allowed the families of students to meet. Primary Images will be on display until March 19.

"It's an effort to have the kids' creative work shown," said Annette Vanover, manager of the community arts department at Focus:HOPE, which currently matches a dozen classrooms from the suburbs and Detroit. "But the underlying theme (of the art show) was to bring the parents together to further broaden the reach of the program; so it's not just for the kids, but the parents, as well."

Students like the opportunity to write and meet their pen pals,

sharing word games and puzzles; and learning cultural diversity through special programs.

"I like when we get together because we meet other people and learn new cultures," said Connor Cauvet, 8, from Canton. "My pen pal is nice. He likes dogs and video games."

"I like doing the puzzles and word searches, and listening to the foreign music and different instruments," added Evan Hicks, 9, of Canton. "They're the same, except they don't come from America; like, from Mexico."

Harms Elementary is 82 percent Hispanic. Principal Patricia Diaz said many of her students are either first or second generation from Mexico.

"The children have gotten more out of this program each year," said Diaz, who lives in Birmingham. "They post their letters from their pen pals."

"The parents from Tonda may have been skeptical about coming to Detroit and having their kids work with kids from Detroit," she added. "But it's been a wonderful experience."

Lynn Paz of Canton knows all about the pen pal program. Her daughter, Alexandria, shares with mom the letters she receives from her Harms pen pal. "She's learning there are children all over that are just like her, with brothers and sisters and moms and dads," Paz said. "I think it's a wonderful program. But it's sad that only one third-grade class (from Plymouth-Canton Schools) can experience it."

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LEAGUE

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profession. He has no need to embezzle money."

Mutchler declined to speculate on motive.

"We're anticipating having testimony at the preliminary exam regarding the motive," he said. "It's important to remember that this is an individual who has been charged and not the association."

Dillon said Hill was being victimized.

"This is the work of a competitive organization trying to discredit the current baseball league in Canton," he said.

He said fliers had been distributed in the community that discredited the association and members of the board.

"They are slanderous and we are investigating the source of these fliers," he said. "If we determine the source we will file a civil case."

Dillon had a resolution signed by all seven association officers, including Hill, professing his innocence.

He said the money in question was simply a procedure for expense reimbursement.

"There is no allegation he has forged any checks," Dillon said. "All were co-signed."

Rich Rohn, a vice president of the association, said late Friday the group was preparing a statement but was not prepared to release it at that time.

"We have been aware of what was going on," he said. "According to our CPA and the information we had there were no illegal activities."

Rohn said the association's main concern is for the kids.

"The kids aren't going to be affected by this at all except for the time and effort that's going into this scenario," he said. "That time could have been spent working for the kids."

Ann Conklin, director of Leisure Services for Canton, which works with local sports organizations and often provides fields for their use, echoed a concern for the children.

"There is obviously a cloud over all youth sports agreements and we're going to work hard for the kids of Canton," she said. "While there's an investigation going on, there's a cloud over this organization. But the season will go on as scheduled."

The CCBASA serves students in the Plymouth Canton School district, which includes Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The organization made headlines about six years ago when a decision was made to change the name from Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League to Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association as part of the move to the Canton Softball Center.

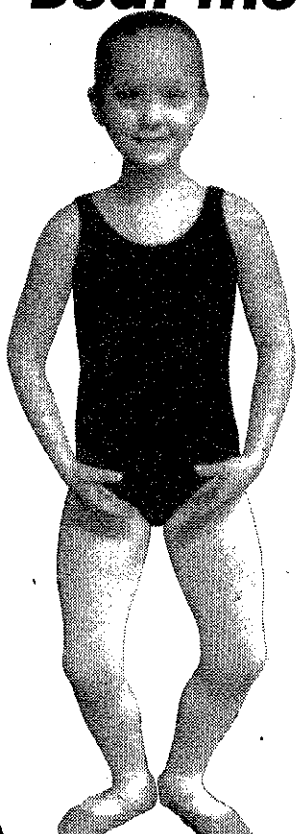
Several Plymouth residents and parents were upset by deleting Plymouth from the name.

However, Rohn said the name change was merely cosmetic.

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Dillon would not allow his client to speak to reporters.

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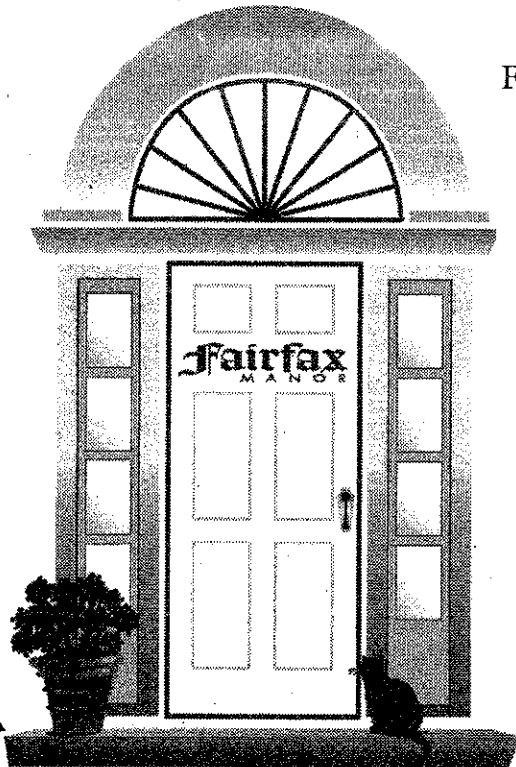
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Democrats underestimate Terri Land at their peril

When you talk to Terri Lynn Land, who just finished her first year as Michigan secretary of state, you get the distinct impression that she doesn't like her job. She absolutely, positively, loves it. "Oh, I'm running again, yeah!" she says with an enthusiastic little laugh. What makes that declaration remarkable is that her next election is not in November, but nearly three years away.

Fact is, she is a no-nonsense type of woman, and doesn't see any point in being coy. Besides, "I really want to finish this project," she adds.

What she means by that is a complete revamping and updating of Michigan's voting technology. That is happening,

thanks largely to nearly \$100 million the state is getting from the federal government under HAVA, the Help American Vote Act, passed in the wake of the mess left by the punch-card and butterfly ballot hurricane in Florida.

Republicans are often portrayed as not being eager to spark massive turnouts, especially among reluctant voters who, if they do show up, are likely to vote Democratic. But though Land is a 45-year-old mom from suburban Grand Rapids, she is something of a technology wonk, and bubbles with enthusiasm as she talks about equipment that makes it possible for the blind to vote in secret.

"There is a lot more that we have to get started on. I encourage everyone to vote," she said. "When people vote, we get the best possible decision."

Her department, which oversees vehicle and driver licensing and elections, is the oldest cabinet post in the state — and the only one that

touches the life of virtually every Michigander. Mitten staters can go their whole lives without encountering a governor, or, if they behave themselves, an attorney general. But if you ever want to vote or drive a car, you become one of Terri Land's customers. And she is big on customer service.

"When I was Kent County clerk, I sometimes worked the counter, because people expected that," she said, noting accurately that Grand Rapids has evolved into a big city whose residents still expect small-town service. During her first year in office, she visited every one of the state's 173 branch offices. And yes, she worked the counter in a few.

Traditionally, Michigan politicians have regarded secretary of state as either a stepping stone or a retirement home. From 1955 to 1995, the office had only two inhabitants, one of whom was finally ousted when it was clear his faculties were slipping.

Terri Land may be the first to have wanted the job for its own merits. "After I had been (Kent County) clerk for a year, I saw that if I really wanted to make any changes they would have to be statewide." That was in 1995, just after her fellow Republican Candice Miller had won the job, and so she knew she'd have to bide her time.

Fortunately, she wouldn't have to wait decades. Michigan's constitution had been changed to limit any secretary of state to two four-year terms. Land had a tough battle for her party's nomination in 2002, and when she finally won it, her chances looked bleak. Jennifer Granholm, the Democratic nominee for governor, seemed to be headed for a landslide win. Land's opponent, Detroit lawyer Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, was smart, well-connected and charismatic.

Yet she had a few things going for her, namely money.

Her father and husband have a prosperous development business, and the family put well over \$1 million in her campaign. Land's pleasant blond features gazed at the state from a forest of billboards, and a flurry of TV ads sealed the deal. On Election Day, she won a 57 percent landslide, running far ahead of Granholm, the woman who got all the press attention.

"What was funny in that race was all the people who would come up and tell me they hoped I became governor," she said, breaking out again into her frequent and infectious laugh. Though she is ambitious, she has done something that both suppressed her ego and saved the taxpayers money. She is the first SOS in memory not to have ordered large expensive signs with her name erected in every branch office.

Not that she isn't ambitious. She has been hooked on politics since her hometown hero, Gerald Ford, suddenly became an accidental president and was locked in a tight race with Jimmy Carter in 1976. Still in high school, Terri traveled across the country as a "scatter blitzer" urging people to vote for Ford.

That November, she cried in her Hope College dorm when her hero lost a squeaker. For him, it was over. For Terri, it was just starting.

Off the record, few Democrats expect to have much chance to beat Land in 2006. The interesting question is what will she run for after that. U.S. Senate in 2008? Governor in 2010? What is clear is that — as she will cheerily tell you — she will run for something. "I'll only be in my 50s, and that's still pretty young," she says. If Democrats underestimate her, they do so at their peril.

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Gene, Dean and 'Fog of War' stir up memories and doubts

We were "clean for Gene." Eugene McCarthy emerged in late 1967 as the candidate willing to take on a "war president." Students who opposed the escalating war in Vietnam, but hadn't turned to the radical left, saw McCarthy as their political savior.



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While others sat on their hands, the scholarly, poetry-loving senator from Minnesota risked all to tell LBJ he was wrong and the war had to end.

We wore blue buttons. We dressed mainstream and didn't "do drugs." We were "clean for Gene" so that his message wasn't confused with radicalism. We were the mainstream opposition to a president who had lost his way.

The memories of that time come flooding back in the wake of Howard Dean's rise and collapse and the release of Errol Morris' documentary on former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, *The Fog of War*.

Dean, too, was the favorite son of liberal college students. He raised his voice first and loudest against the war in Iraq and against George W. Bush's economic policies. While sitting senators voted for the war, Dean said no.

Dean used the Internet to tap into young political activists who have not yet been turned away from the system, just as McCarthy had gone to the campuses to recruit an army of young people who still believed in the American political system, but not in the direction it was taking.

McCarthy took the greater risk. He was standing in opposition to his own party's president, a president who just four years before had calmed a nation in the wake of a presidential assassination. He was a president widely admired by liberals for his strong push for civil rights and anti-poverty programs. But guns and butter were not what people wanted when they elected Lyndon Johnson in a landslide in 1964.

McCarthy was also taking on his friend, political mentor and fellow Minnesotan Hubert Humphrey. The muted vice president, who had once been the happy warrior of American liberalism, was stoically standing behind his boss, even as personal doubts began to form.

McCarthy's strong second-place finish behind the sitting president in the New Hampshire primary was all LBJ needed to know that his time was up. Even if a majority of Americans still expressed support for the war, the majority of Democrats did not.

McCarthy, like Dean, may have been the voice crying in the wilderness, but he was not to be the leading Democratic candidate. Just as John Kerry has emerged to take the race from Dean as the anti-war candidate, Robert Kennedy jumped in to assume the leadership of anti-war Democrats in 1968. Kennedy and Johnson had been locked in a grudge match with each other dating back to before Kennedy's brother chose Johnson as his running mate.

Of course, Kennedy would become another victim of an assassin's bullet on the night of his victory in the California primary. Humphrey and the old school would take the nomination and lose the election. In retrospect, McCarthy

would not have been a good president. His college professor manner wasn't matched with the steel nerve of a Woodrow Wilson. He was happier teaching and writing poetry than he would have been as the beleaguered leader of the free world.

But it often takes a McCarthy or a Dean, whose mannerisms became grating as the campaign wore on, to stand up and tell the emperor he has no clothes, while others are willing to lie and fawn even as we roll on into disaster.

To understand just what a disaster it was, see *Fog of War*. Morris conducted hours of interviews with McNamara, a complex, infuriating man. These interviews are woven through with images of the war in Vietnam. It is clear that McNamara and Johnson both knew they were fighting a lost cause and still, as Pete Seeger once sang, "the big fool said to push on."

McNamara's doubts grew as he was secretary of defense and as he became the face of the war for many protesters. Over time, he came to doubt the rationale for the war and the way in which the war was conducted. Yet, he seems to have no sense of guilt for the more than 50,000 American dead and hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese dead. He "enjoyed" his time as secretary of defense. A peculiar man.

Only time will tell how much these times are like those.

As the philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

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Sheriff overhauls booking system

For years, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which is Michigan's largest county jailer, has had an antiquated inmate booking system that relied on Polaroid mug shots, handwritten cards and sparse computer data to track the thousands of inmates that pass through its doors each year.

Today, the system is undergoing a major overhaul that will provide for a searchable database of information and photos that will be a tremendous intelligence-sharing tool for local law enforcement agencies, according to Sheriff Warren Evans. The county has agreements with most communities in Wayne County, including Detroit, to participate in the new system.

"With this new system, a huge intelligence hole in the local law enforcement community is being plugged," Evans said. "This will bring the sheriff's department into the Information Age and on par with other major agencies throughout the state and nation."

Evans said that the new centralized \$152,000 grant-funded system would have multiple benefits, including:

- Establishes foundation for countywide criminal database that will allow each participating agency to submit booking data themselves and retrieve data entered by other agencies. An inmate booked by the Detroit or Livonia police department, for example, will be entering the photos and information into the same database as the Sheriff's Department.

- The ability to conduct digital police lineups. Police agencies can either see a digital line up, or select inmates out of the system for a live lineup based on their physical characteristics.

- More reliable identification of inmates and reduced likelihood of mix-ups. With the previous system, inmates could more easily switch ID wristbands and some have attempted to escape. The new bands have photos and bar codes printed on them and are virtually impossible to remove without destroying them.

Over the past several weeks, the department has been implementing its new digital booking system at its Hamtramck jail, which houses sentenced non-violent offenders.

Beginning this week, the downtown jails, which house

pretrial felons, began using the new system.

Each year, approximately 40,000 individuals are booked into the county's three jails — enough to sell out Comerica Park. Once all new and current inmates are entered into the system, the department will have access to a growing pool of critical information that will include digital photos of scars, tattoos and other distinguishing marks that police can use for identification in other cases.

"Unfortunately, we know many of the people who pass through our doors will commit other crimes later on," Evans said. "This new system will make available to other agencies vast amounts of data and images they can use to positively identify someone they are holding in connection with a new crime."

If someone who was previously booked into the county jail is ever suspected in another crime, the county can print an instant "Wanted" poster that includes a mug shot, photos of identifying marks and other information, which can be distributed quickly to other agencies, the media and the public.

Although the county's existing computer Inmate Booking System contains general descriptive information about each inmate, it does not include photographs and other descriptive information. Until just recently the only photo records of inmates who have passed through the Wayne County jail were thumbnail-sized Polaroid photos stapled to a small yellow card that was filled out by hand.

Due to space constraints, the ID cards would be boxed up and sent to a storage facility, making it nearly impossible to retrieve an individual card or photo when needed. The new system will provide a permanent digital record of the inmate that will be retrievable at the click of a mouse.

Evans said the he is expected additional grant funding to be approved to pay for a new fingerprint verification system that will further streamline the booking process.

"Eventually, we plan to be at a stage where an inmate walking into the jail will place two fingers on a device and all the information available on him or her — identifying data, criminal history and photos — will be accessible immediately," Evans said.

Detroit history program now taking applications

The Detroit Orientation Institute (DOI), a program in the College of Urban, Labor & Metropolitan Affairs (CULMA) at Wayne State University, is now accepting applications for the April 26, 27 and 28, 2004 session. For more information, visit the web site at www.culma.wayne.edu/doi.

The DOI gives a historical perspective and candid look at Detroit and the metro region. The three-day session welcomes anyone wishing to learn about the city and metro area, especially newcomers. Business executives, professionals from non-

profit organizations, university faculty, high school administrators and faculty, government administrators and journalists typically attend.

Background materials, a CD-Rom, with over 200 pages of material, meals and transportation are all provided for a cost of \$695. Registration is limited to 50 and programs are offered each year in spring and fall. The next program will not be offered until Oct. 18, 19 and 20, 2004.

Please contact the director, Ann Cuddohy Slawnik, for more information at (313) 577-0171, or ann.slawnik@wayne.edu.

DEQ plans public outreach meeting in Dearborn

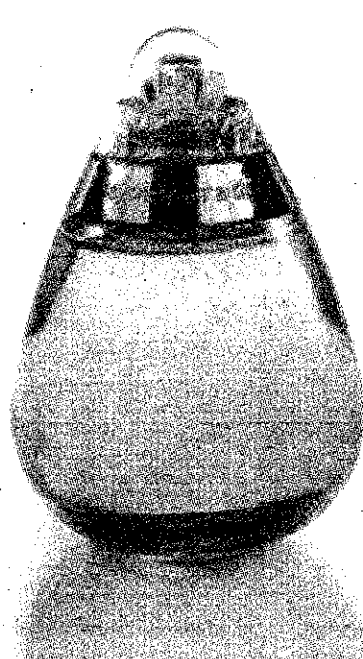
The Department of Environmental Quality holds a public meeting in Dearborn Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004.

DEQ Director Steven Chester and several of his key staff will be conducting several public outreach sessions across the state to solicit comments on environmental issues

facing their community. The Dearborn Public Meeting will be 6-8 p.m. at the M-Tec Auditorium of Henry Ford Community College, 3601 Schaefer Avenue, Dearborn. The event will begin with a short presentation by Director Chester. The public meeting will then be opened for an informal

question and answer session.

"It is crucial that the DEQ is accessible to the citizens of the state," said Chester. "These forums provide DEQ leadership with the opportunity to directly engage in one-on-one discussions on environmental issues facing citizens in their community."



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Sidelines

CC swamped

Birmingham Brother Rice dominated the swim meet from start to finish and most places in between on Thursday night and came away with a 143-38 win over Catholic Central.



"Our kids swam well, but we were low in numbers because the kids missed practice," said CC coach Jeff Baker. "It was a struggle, but we're improving. We had quite a few good swims out of our kids. Ben Spisak swam the 500 freestyle and the 200 for the first time and swam well."

The Warriors took all the firsts and most of the seconds as CC (0-6, 0-3 Catholic) took just three seconds. Chris Banas was second in the 200 freestyle (1:58.62). Tyler Flood was second in diving (177.05) and Dave Morrow was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.25).

Coach wanted

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard is looking for a junior varsity baseball coach.

Those interested can call varsity coach Rich Shook at (734) 455-1984.

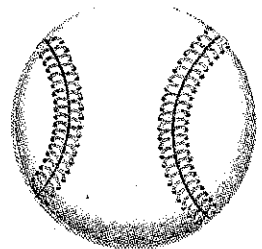
Softball tryout

Plymouth High School will be holding tryouts for the girls freshmen and junior varsity softball teams from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on March 15 and 16. Potential players are asked to meet in the high school gym.

For more information, please call the athletic department at (734) 582-5700.

Baseball meeting

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball



Association will hold a travel baseball meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 in the Brighton High School cafeteria. The meeting is for the 2004 season and is for any new and returning U9-U18 teams.

For more information, please call Jeff David at (810) 227-2332 or visit the Web site at KVBSA.com.

Golf registration

The Michigan PGA is holding registration for its youth golf program, the Top 50 Junior Tour. The tour is for golfers 12 to 18 years and is a regional tour offering players tournament experience and an opportunity to earn college scholarships. Play runs June 14 to Aug. 20, consisting of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tourney rounds.

For more information, visit the tour's Web site at Top50JTour.com or call (248) 321-9900.

Plymouth wins school's 1st title

It was only a matter of time before Plymouth High School won some kind of title.

The wrestling team earned its spot into the record books on Wednesday night as the Wildcats stopped Redford Thurston and Dearborn Heights Crestwood to earn a Division II district title.

"The kids are really excited," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine as his team improved to 10-5 overall. "They wrestled

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their cans off. We didn't have the toughest competition (winning 11 matches by void), but our program is really a junior high school program."

The district title puts the Wildcats into Wednesday's regional at Allen Park against Gibraltar Carlson with the winner facing either Tecumseh or Dearborn

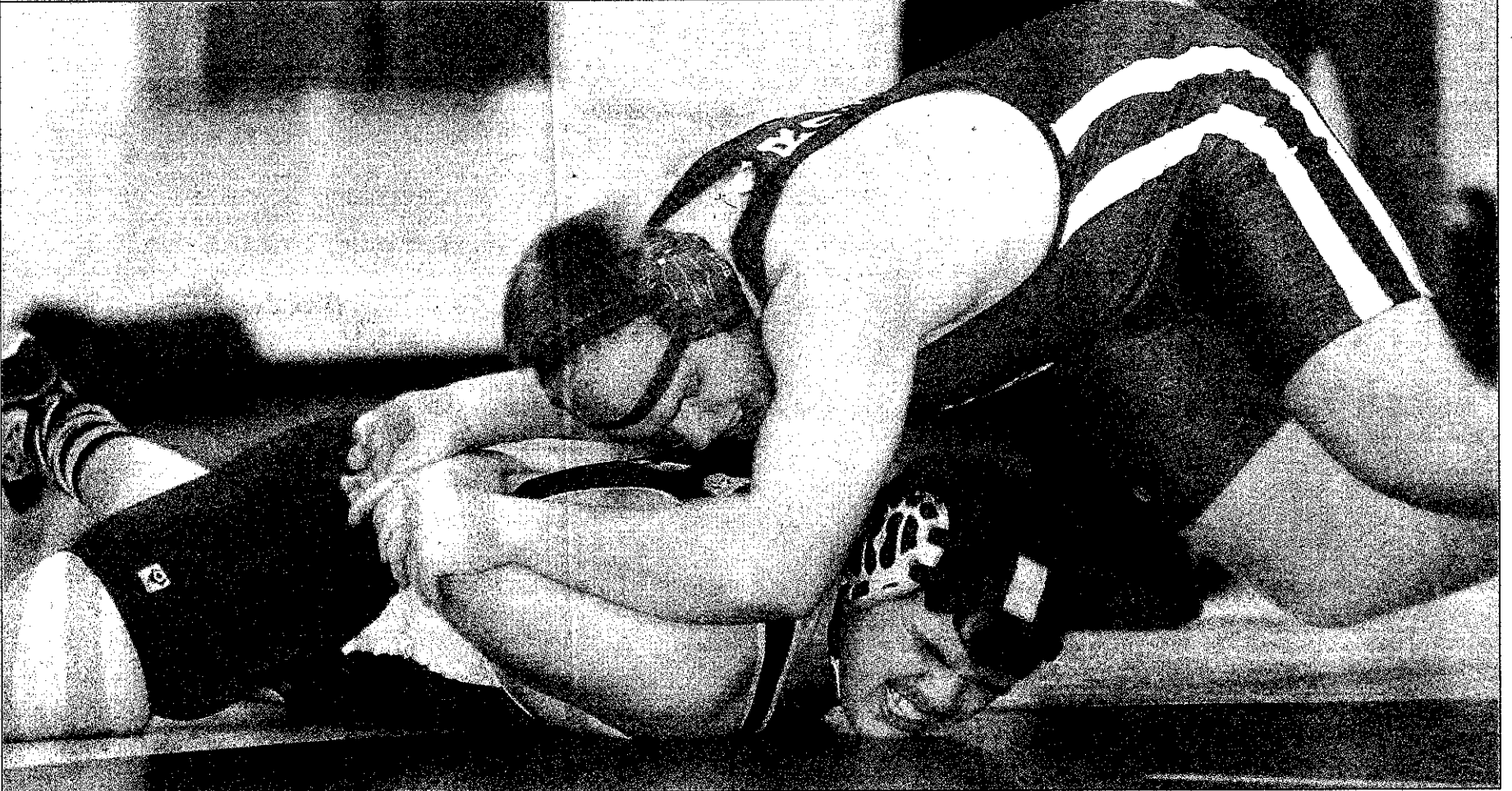
Heights Annapolis in the finals.

"If we wrestled the way we wrestled to win the district, a lot of things can happen," said Amine. "A lot of teams could overlook us because we're a new program, but we have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

The wins came easy, as far as the score was concerned. The Wildcats beat Thurston in the semifinal, 66-12, and stopped Crestwood in the final, 71-6.

"My athletic director heard people saying that we won an easy district," said Amine, "and that's great. But remember that in two years when these freshmen and sophomores are juniors and seniors. We've had to teach them the basics all year, nothing fancy. But to win this district, the kids really caught fire."

"All of the things they didn't do during the year, they did in the district. I'm very happy for them."



Gotcha

Salem's Jeremy Walker works on Wayne's Nick Orr to win the heavyweight match during Thursday's district semifinal. While Walker won the match by pinning Orr in 3:24, the Zebras got the last word with a 40-31 win over Salem. See the results on page B3.

WL Western runs past Chiefs, 66-52

The Canton boys basketball team got caught flat-footed Friday night, losing to host Walled Lake Western, 66-52.

Western, one of the hottest teams of late in the Western Lakes Activities Association with five-straight wins, improves to 9-7 overall and 4-2 in the Western Division.

Canton slips to 10-7 and 3-3.

"They (Western) get you in a track meet and we did not get back on defense, especially early in the game," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team trailed 38-30 at halftime. "We also made 23 turnovers, which is uncharacteristic for us."

"We made a bit of a run in the third quarter where we got them to turn the ball over, but then we turned it over right back. We couldn't capitalize on those."

A great deal of that is due to the

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Warriors changing their scheme over the last two months.

"I don't want to say we're like Loyola Marymount of 1990," said Western coach Rex Stanczak, referring to the highest-scoring team in NCAA history, "but we're close. We had to change our offensive philosophy because we're so small. We fast break on all makes and misses and went to a zone-trapping defense and I am normally a man-to-man guy."

"We started 0-4, but since Christmas when we made the change, we're 9-3."

Sophomore guard Denard Branch tallied 15 of his game-high 18 points in the opening half for the Warriors.

Senior forward Brian Kowaleski and junior guard Anthony Acho both

chipped in with 14. Senior forward D.J. Bridges scored 13 to lead the Chiefs. Junior guard Andy Cortellini added 12, while junior Julian Smith had 10. Senior center Brad Waidmann grabbed seven rebounds.

Canton went to the foul line just seven times, making three. Western was 12-of-17 from the stripe.

AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 55, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 53: A 23-10 scoring edge in the final eight minutes Thursday enabled host Oakland Christian to rally for MIAC Blue Division victory against Plymouth Christian.

The win moved the Lancers to 5-3 in league play and 9-7 overall. Plymouth Christian fell to 12-7 overall.

Travis Serra topped the winners with 17 points and six assists. Aaron Cibrowski paced Plymouth Christian with 18 points.

Canton ickers blank Warriors

Solid goaltending and forechecking carried Canton to a 3-0 boys hockey victory Friday over host Walled Lake Western at the Lakeland Arena.

The Chiefs, winners of four of their last five, are 7-12-2 overall and 2-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Tony Hylko, who made 14 saves, posted the shutout.

"We got some decent goaltending and forced a lot of turnovers," said Canton coach Jim Wheaton, whose team unloaded on Western for 36 shots.

Reece McCabe's short-handed, unassisted goal in the opening period proved to be the game-winner.

Garrett Hyman added an unassisted goal in the second period and Brett Baker capped the scoring in the final period with a goal assisted by Nick Leadford and Hyman.

Spartans ice Salem

Livonia Stevenson built a 4-0 lead through two periods Friday en route to a 5-2 victory over host Salem at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Spartans improved to 13-5-4 overall and 5-1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Salem drops to 11-9-2 and 4-4.

Adam Stoner scored a pair of goals and added two assists for the victorious Spartans. Dave Kubert and Jimmy Nawrocki each added a goal and one assist, while Brent Medlen tallied his first career goal.

Sean Sachau also chipped in with two assists.

Salem scored twice in the final period — Aaron Cheesman from Andy Thackaberry and John Maurer; and Kyle Emmons unassisted.

Ryan Dennett made 19 saves in goal

Ocelot men leave WCCC speechless in 90-67 win

What can a coach say?

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team used Wednesday's game against Wayne County CC as little more than a practice. The Ocelots worked on their defense and their fast break, with all but one player on the roster getting into the game.

And it didn't seem to matter who was on the court; SC outscored the Wildcats by 12 points (48-36) in the first half and by 11 (42-31) in the second, all resulting in a 90-67 rout in an Eastern Conference game played at SC.

The Ocelots will be one of the top two seeds in the Eastern Conference in this week's MCCA Tournament.

So in a game in which the outcome never seemed in doubt, what can be gained?

"A lot," answered SC assistant coach Fred Cofield. "That (Wayne) team plays very aggressively. The score was not indicative of the kind of game it was. We've got to rebound our own boards. Defense was the difference. They've got some athletes and we held them to 27 percent shooting."

That, indeed, was the decisive factor in

the game. SC connected on 38-of-79 floor shots from the floor (48.1 percent); Wayne was 21-of-76 (27.6 percent), including just 4-of-22 on three-pointers (18.2 percent).

Two areas in which the Wildcats did outplay SC were on the boards — they had a 55-49 advantage, with a whopping 26-15 margin on the offensive glass — and at the free-throw line. Wayne was 21-of-37 (56.8 percent) to the Ocelots' 10-of-19 (52.6 percent).

But the numbers can be somewhat deceiving, considering the outcome never seemed in doubt. The Wildcats led twice in the game — at 2-0 and 5-3. Following Marc Williams' three-pointer with 17:39 left in the first half, SC went on a 9-0 run, five of those points scored by Anton Palmer.

Over the next six minutes, the Ocelots would outscore Wayne 12-5 to take a 24-12 lead; their advantage would never be less than 10 the rest of the game, although the Wildcats did manage to put together a bit of a run to end the half (14-9), trimming a 17-point deficit to 12.

PLEASE SEE **OCELOTS, B5**



Wayne CCC's Tyrell White (44) tries to block a shot by Schoolcraft's Lamont Arrington (55).

PLEASE SEE **ICERS, B5**

Madonna women fall, 76-63

The Madonna University women's basketball team came up short Wednesday night against the Lady Warriors of Indiana Institute of Technology in a 76-63 loss at Fort Wayne.

The Crusaders, 10-18 overall and 6-6 in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference, got off to a slow start, trailing 33-20 at halftime.

Madonna also committed a total of 31 turnovers.

Madonna was led by Courtney Rehbine and Jackie Pingston, both with 15 points. Marwa Ayoub added 12 for the Crusaders.

Indiana Tech's LeShanoa Conwell led the Lady Warriors with 18 points followed by DeNisha Gray (13), Michelle

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Quinn (12) and Sharan Shepherd (10).

The victory brings the Lady Warriors' record to 15-12 overall, 4-7 in the WHAC.

Crusader men falter

The Madonna University men's basketball team couldn't get it done Wednesday when they hosted the Indiana Institute of Technology, falling to the Warriors, 94-72.

MU falls to 10-18 overall and 4-9 in the WHAC. The Crusaders' bench was outscored, 42-20.

Despite a solid effort from Dan Kurtinaitis, who had a

game-high 24 points, the Crusaders made just 40.3 percent of their field goal attempts.

Chris Behrns was the only other MU player to score in double figures with 12. Chad Nadolni had nine points and nine rebounds for MU, which trailed 45-33 at halftime.

The Warriors, 23-5 overall and 9-2 in the WHAC, spread it around with five players reaching double digits led by Kendrick Cornelius with 17.

Detonio Hawkins and JuJuan Cooley both added 16 points and seven assists each. Luke McKenna finished with 15 points, game-high 12 rebounds and four blocks. Chris Goings contributed 14 points.

Best of best headed to town

Get ready for the pro bowlers coming to town. The Professional Bowler's Association arrives full force for the PBA World Championship tournament, March 13-21, at Taylor Lanes.

The nationally televised event (ESPN) will attract the finest, the famous and some of the all-time legends of bowling including Walter Ray Williams, Jr. from Ocala, Fla., who will be trying to defend his title which he won here a



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The full week of competition begins on Saturday, March 13, with the pro-am competition and a two-day practice sessions for the pros.

match play with single eliminations down to eight players added to the eight seeded bowlers on Friday, March 19.

On Saturday, March 20, the event shifts to Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center for the Super 16 (best 3-out-of-5 elimination) cutting down to the final elimination round to the four finalists.

At 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in Ypsilanti, ESPN will televise live the finals with a record-tying \$120,000 will go to the champion.

This is the final event of the PBA's Fall/Winter season.

"I hope to see a lot of bowling enthusiasts come on in for the pro-am qualifying rounds and match-play at Taylor," said Erin Dobbins, general manager of Taylor Lanes. "And we are really excited about having the final qualifying and TV finals in Ypsi.

The Convocation Center is located at Hewitt Street and Huron River Drive.

Dobbins will also be handing out discounted entry fees and forms from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

You can also obtain admission tickets from her for any event including the finals.

Because of the large television audience, this becomes a powerful showcase for the rest of the country.

For more information or tickets, call Taylor Lanes at (734) 946-9092 or visit taylorlanesbowling.com.

Check out your local grocer's frozen food section for a free game of bowling.

This is an offer on the pack-

age of Banquet frozen meals, offer valid through Aug. 31.

This is not an advertisement for the product, although I did purchase a turkey dinner for one, and it was pretty good.

The offer is a printed coupon right on front of the carton, and carries the Strike Ten logo, the promotional and marketing arm of the American Bowling Congress.

Lena likes to bake brownies for her friends, the school bus drivers.

Her brownies always turn out so hard that they would bounce off the floor. But now because the bus drivers' bowling team is in first place, she bakes them a brownie in the size and shape of a bowling ball, fingerholes and all.

If you follow the comic strips in the dailies, you already know that Ed Crankshaft grabs it and says, "Amazing . . . it looks like a real bowling ball," then holds it and says, "hey . . . this feels pretty good."

Teammate Rocky asks him: "Are you actually going to bowl with the brownies that Lena baked into a bowling ball?"

Crankshaft replies: "Why not? What could it hurt?"

The game begins and he is on his sixth strike in a row as he winds up with a 300 game.

The lane man comes over to congratulate him and asks: "Is that finish baked on there?"

"Actually," Crankshaft replies, "the whole thing is baked."

So now he is thinking: "With that new ball of mine, I can rule the world," except that as he returns to the table where his buddies are sitting where they have sliced up the brownie ball and eating it up in celebration of his 300 game.

Now that we have already put Dagwood Bumstead in the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, how about another candidate from the comics whose favorite pastimes are bowling and knocking over curbside mailboxes with his school bus?

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Agape falls to Inter-City Baptist

Things started well for Canton Agape Christian's volleyball team on Friday night, but Allen Park Inter-City Baptist came on strong to wind up with a 5-15, 15-9, 15-4 win.

"It was a pretty intense game," said Agape coach Gretchen Sexton. "The girls did

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good."

Emily Tong had 24 assists and two kills for the Wolverines, while Tarah Armbruster had six aces in the first game. Amanda Tashnick

had five kills, Britney Miller had six kills, A.J. Creps had 10 kills, three assists and three blocks.

The Wolverines fell to 3-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 7-11 overall.

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Shamrock wrestlers take district title

It's been a season of struggle for Catholic Central's wrestling team.

But while they've taken a different path to get there, the Shamrocks find themselves in the same place they were last year — headed to the regionals.

The Shamrocks, now 11-11 overall, have a good chance to go as far as they did last year, drawing 8-13 Oak Park in Wednesday's regional semifinal at Royal Oak Kimball.

Things would be a little tougher in the finals. CC would face either Roseville — a team that beat it in last year's regional final and took a 42-24 win earlier this season — or longtime nemesis Dearborn Fordson, a team that the Shamrocks beat in last year's regional semi and is 28-4 this year.

CC opened with a 42-22 semifinal win over Livonia Franklin, while Redford Union had a 51-20 win over Southfield.

In the finals, the Shamrocks started quick and held off the Panthers in the end for a 39-32 win.

"The match started at 160 pounds and we spotted them a 23-0 lead," said RU coach Russ Swinson. "They are so tough in the upper weights and our strength is in

the lower weights."

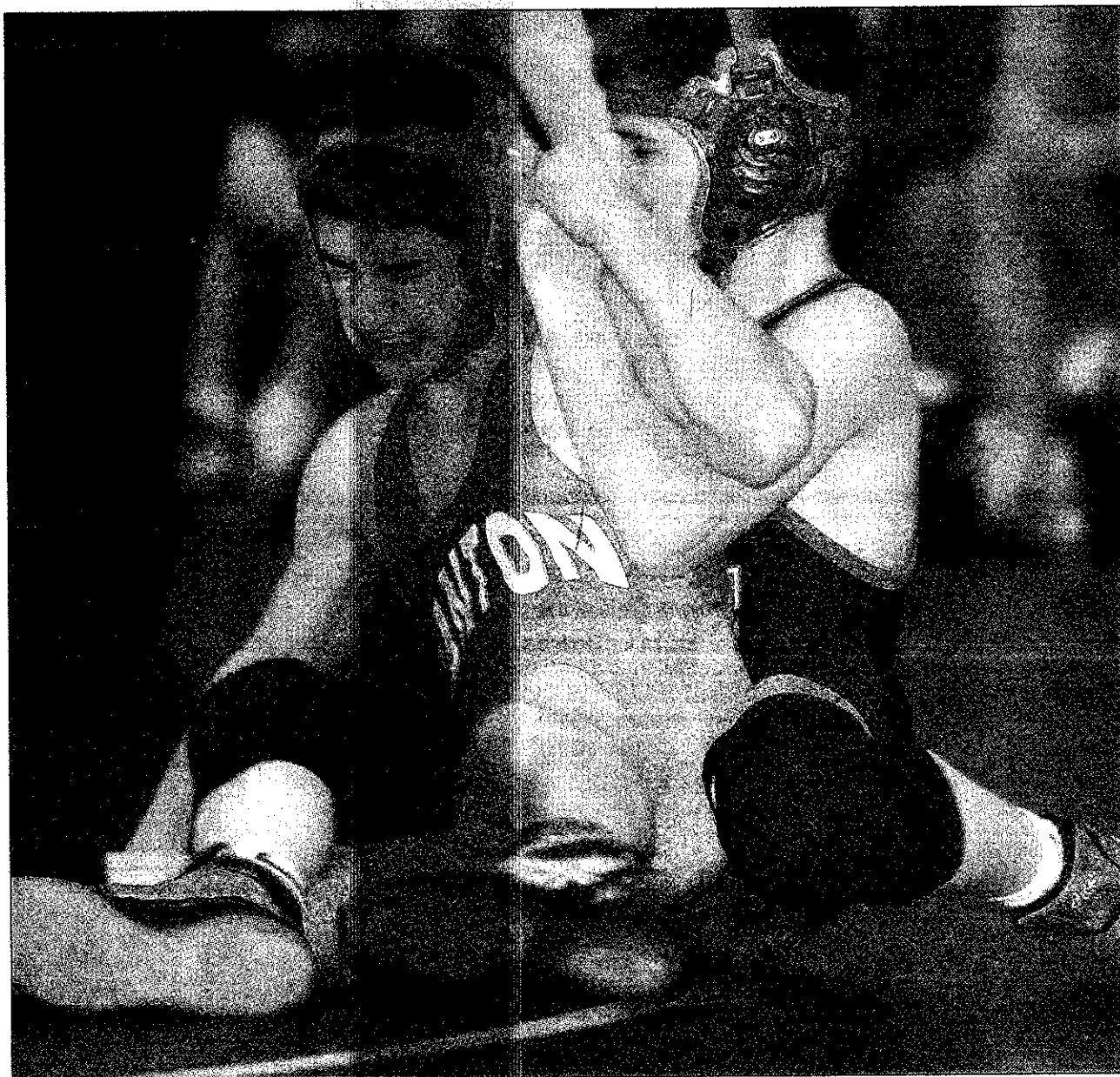
The Panthers battled back, however, and had cut the lead to 33-32 heading into the final match at 152. But CC's Brad Bartram ended RU's chances by pinning Scott Marley in 1:45 for the win.

"All we needed was one more break," said Swinson. "We knew it would come down to the last couple of matches and they just got the better of it today."

RU, which finished at 15-6, stopped Southfield on the strength of six voids, accounting for 36 points.

"We lost four of the eight matches we wrestled," said Swinson. "I think the kids were looking to the finals and came out kind of flat because they knew they had that match won."

The Shamrocks, meanwhile,



Canton's Sam Santilli (left) tries to get loose from Glenn's Brandon Nikula in the 103-pound match.

started off against the Patriots with four pins in the first six matches to take an early lead they never gave up.

Wayne wins district

Wayne Memorial brought its 'A' game to the mats Thursday night, scoring a dramatic 36-33 victory over rival Westland John Glenn, while claiming its first Division I team dual championship since 1997.

Wayne, 13-9 overall, avenges a 41-26 setback to the Rockets back on Feb. 10 and sends the Zebras into the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday against host Temperance Bedford.

Glenn, the Observerland Invitational and Western Lakes

Activities Association champion, bows out at 29-5 overall.

The Rockets built an early 17-6 lead, but Wayne rallied and clinched the victory when 145-pounder Chris McGlone earned five points with a technical fall victory over Greg Wacker, 19-4.

Wayne advanced to the final with a 40-31 win over WLAA foe Salem. The Rockets, meanwhile, rolled past Canton in the other semifinal, 62-12.

"We had two really tough dual meets," Wayne interim coach Morgan Mullins said. "Glenn beat us earlier this year. This was huge for us, especially all we've been through. The kids really pulled together and I'm proud of them."

The key moment came at 112 pounds when Jason Crothers scored a 14-1 major decision over Glenn's Rowdy Glasgow, the WLAA runner-up.

"Rowdy pinned Jason in the dual meet and placed above him at the league (WLAA)," Mullins said. "That was the swing match we needed. It was the turning point."

It had been a tumultuous month for the Wayne program, which witnessed the firing of its coach Tony Venturini last month, along with having its top wrestler suspended for a week because of a disciplinary matter.

"It was just great wrestling here at home," Mullins said. "We're 5-0 here now. We were pumped up."

WRESTLING RESULTS

TEAM DUAL DISTRICT WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS Feb. 19 at Wayne Memorial (Championship final) WAYNE MEMORIAL 36

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 33

152 pounds: Daron Cruickshank (WJG) decisioned Paul Cavanaugh, 11-5; **160:** Brad Allen (WJG) won by major dec. over Josh Bauder, 13-5; **171:** Bryan Longton (WM) pinned Chris Stevenson, 0:33; **189:** Jake Fairchild (WJG) won by major dec. over R.J. Ramsey, 15-3; **215:** Eric Schambers (WJG) p. Robert Coffey, 0:17; **275:** Nick Orr (WM) p. Stefan Bozman, 1:18; **103:** Josh Price (WM) p. Brandon Nikula, 1:14; **112:** Jason Crothers (WM) won by major dec. over Rowdy Glasgow, 14-1; **119:** Justin Keatts (WM) dec. Mike Weck, 10-8; **125:** Orlando Carswell (WJG) p. Zack Listman, 2:59; **130:** Jim Wood (WJG) p. Kyle Lehman, 1:08; **135:** Tim Hammer (WM) p. Salf Naber, 1:45; **140:** Rece Cox (WJG) won by major dec. over Rex Fugaban, 12-4; **145:** Chris McGlone (WM) won by technical fall over Greg Wacker, 19-4.

Dual meet records: Wayne, 13-9 overall; John Glenn, 29-5 overall.

(Semifinal matches)

WAYNE MEMORIAL 40

SALEM 31

140 pounds: Rex Fugaban (WM) decisioned Jack Bennett, 10-3; **145:** Chris McGlone (WM) pinned Ryan Tooley, 2:27; **152:** Will Schultz (S) p. Paul Cavanaugh, 1:25; **160:** Brian Danville (S) p. Josh Bauder, 0:14; **171:** Bryan Longton (WM) p. Jordan Schaefer, 5:16; **189:** Jeremy Henderson (S) dec. R.J. Ramsey, 8-6; **215:** Robert Coffey (WM) p. Brian Dobson, 5:15; **275:** Jeremy Walker (S) p. Nick Orr, 3:24; **103:** Josh Price (WM) p. Nick Stinger, 2:52; **112:** Jason Crothers (WM) p. Aaron Bonsall, 1:35; **119:** Ryan Stump (S) won by major dec. over Justin Keatts, 13-2; **125:** Zack Listman (WM) dec. Josh Anson, 13-6; **130:** Dave Burr (S) p. Kyle Lehman, 1:34; **135:** Tim Hammer (WM) won by major dec. Zack Vaughn, 9-1.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 62

CANTON 12

140 pounds: Rece Cox (WJG) pinned Konrad Konsitzke, 1:25; **145:** Greg Wacker (WJG) p. Steve Hosey, 1:59; **152:** Daron Cruickshank (WJG) p. Jeff Frietag, 1:03; **160:** Brad Allen (WJG) p. Marwan Faraj, 2:10; **171:** Pat McWhirter (C) decisioned Chris Stevenson, 10-4; **189:** Jake Fairchild (WJG) won by major dec. over P.J. Caram, 14-6; **215:** Eric Schambers (WJG) p. Dave Kersten, 3:50; **275:** Stefan Bozman (WJG) p. Donnie Laramie, 1:59; **103:** Sam Santilli (C) dec. Brandon Nikula, 9-8; **112:** Rowdy Glasgow (WJG) p. Alex Fleishmann, 0:14; **119:** Mike Weck (WJG) p. Jay Fleischmann, 1:41; **125:** Orlando Carswell (WJG) won by tech. fall over John McCue, 19-3; **130:** Corey Phillips p. Salf Naber, 2:14; **135:** Jim Wood (WJG) p. Kennard, 0:57.

DIVISION 2

Feb. 18, at Plymouth

(Championship final)

PLYMOUTH 71, CRESTWOOD 6

103: Sasha Besco (P) d. Moe Hassan, 10-7; **112:** Ben Kosmowski (P) won by void; **119:** Ali Youssef (P) won by void; **125:** Steven Korpus (P) d. Raumsin Golani, 7-2; **130:** John Hagar (P) tech. fall Billy Saliba, 17-1; **135:** Anthony Scarantino (P) won by void; **140:** Jeffrey Schwartz (P) p. Dennis Wallarreal, 28; **145:** William Gripman (P) p. Kenny Williams, 37; **152:** Sean Dillon (P) won by void; **160:** Ramin Pakray (P) won by void; **171:** Brandon Beers (DHC) p. Danny Jammoul, 2:15; **189:** Brad Kraft (P) won by void; **215:** Taylor Fox (P) p. Chancellor Gales, 1:24; **HVY:** Shawn Bailey (P) p. Dan Dimitreivsky, 1:09.

(Semifinal match)

PLYMOUTH 66, REDFORD THURSTON 12

103: Joey Hassett (T) p. Sasha Besco, 3:33; **112:** Ben Kosmowski (P) won by void; **119:** Ali Youssef (P) won by void; **125:** Steven Korpus (P) d. Marc Stafford, 11-4; **130:** Ryan Flaherty (P) won by void; **135:** Jon Hagar (P) p. Brett Randall, 2:12; **140:** Jeff Ryan (T) p. Jeffrey Schwartz, 2:15; **145:** William Gripman (P) won by void; **152:** Sean Dillon (P) won by void; **160:** Ramin Pakray (P) p. Dallas Thompson, 39; **171:** Danny Jammoul (P) d. Nate Taylor, 8-3; **189:** Taylor Fox (P) p. Alex Stuppra, 24; **215:** Brad Kraft (P) won by void; **HVY:** Shawn Bailey (P) p. Shawn Taylor, 1:03.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.
A.A. Greenhills at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at A.P. Cabrini, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Greater Life, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Canton vs. Saline (Arctic Coliseum), 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Pt. Huron (Arctic Pond), 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. W.L. Northern (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton (Arctic Edge), 6 p.m.
Berkley vs. Churchill (Edgar), 8 p.m.
Redford CC at Allen Park, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28
Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 4 p.m.
Franklin vs. Howell (Grand Oaks), 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Northern (Lakeland), 6 p.m.
Churchill at G.P. North (City), 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 23

Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at W.L. Northern, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Huron Valley vs. Bethesda Christian

at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Plymouth at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Huron Valley vs. Greater Life

at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Clarenceville at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.

Flat Rock at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

WLAA Tourney at W.L. Central, 9 a.m.

Metro Conf. Tourney at Luth. North, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING

TEAM DUAL REGIONALS

Wednesday, Feb. 25

DIVISION I

at ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

Semifinals: Roseville vs. Dearborn Fordson, 5:30 p.m.; Redford Catholic Central District vs. Oak Park, 5:30 p.m.

Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, March 5 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena vs. Temperance Bedford regional champion.)

at TEMPERANCE BEDFORD

Semifinals: Wayne Memorial vs. Bedford, 5:30 p.m.; Belleville vs. Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, March 5 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena vs. Royal Oak Kimball regional champion.)

DIVISION III

at MADISON HEIGHTS LAMPHERE

Semifinals: Macomb Lutheran North district champion vs. Melvindale district champion, TBA; Lamphere district champion vs. Richmond district champion, TBA.

Championship final: TBA. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 5:30 p.m. Friday,

March 5, at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena vs. Stanton Central Montclair regional champion.)

DIVISION IV

at BLISSFIELD

Semifinals: Memphis vs. Lutheran Westland, 6 p.m.; Harper Woods wins by void (Blissfield district forfeits.)

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 1 p.m. Friday, March 5 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena vs. Bronson regional champion.)

INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL TOURNEYS

Saturday, Feb. 28

Division I at Chippewa Valley, 10:30 a.m.

Division I at W.L. Western, 10:30 a.m.

Division II at Williamston, 10:30 a.m.

Division IV at Blissfield, 10:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 26

WLAA prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

WLAA diving at Salem, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

WLAA meet at Salem, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Feb. 23

Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

PCEP "B" Invitational, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26

WLAA meet at W.L. Central, 5:40 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Feb. 26

Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Whalers vs. Saginaw

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Whalers vs. Ottawa

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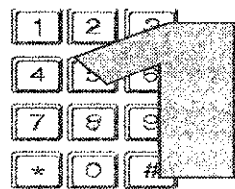
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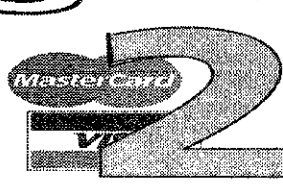
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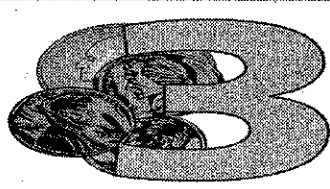
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SWF, 50, 5'7", weight proportionate, retired. Loves dancing, time at home, and people. Looking for a SWM, 47-60. Ad#536987

ONE IN A MILLION

Professional, educated, DWf, 43, with one child. Enjoys movies, dining out, swimming, bike riding, and more. Looking for an honest, sincere, SWM, 35-52, who's not into games, knows what they want and enjoys the outdoors. Ad#568658

HUSBAND WANTED...

Very attractive, SWF, 38, blonde, N/S, has a pleasant personality & is honest & caring. Enjoys the fine arts, movies & fine dining. Looking for an attractive SWM, 35-55, 5'11", who's emotionally & financially stable & ready for a serious relationship. Ad#565162

ROMANCE

...is just around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 58-70, who likes dancing, cards, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad#403303

ALL OUR TOMORROWS

DWf, 43, enjoys spending time with her children, reading, cooking and the beach. Looking for a good hearted, SWM, 40-50, who's fun, likes to have a good time and likes children. Ad#509043

ARE YOU THE CHEF?

I'm a SB Mom, 31, looking for a tall, dark, educated, nice and also... SWM, 26-31, who's a "midler". His interests include volleyball, shopping, and meeting new people. Ad#555927

END MY SEARCH!

I'm an honest, dependable, SWF, Mom, 25, 5'5", 105 lbs, smoker. With brown hair & hazel eyes. Looking for a long-term relationship with a tall, SWM gentleman, 30-52, who enjoys summer and winter activities, and has time for me. Ad#655797

WHY NOT CALL?

SWF, Mom, 24, 5'6", 120 lbs. Enjoys shopping, movies, etc. Seeks a SWM, 25-30, who enjoys going to church, and trying new things. Ad#655731

CONTACT ME

Brown-eyed, SWF, 30 years old, mother of two. She enjoys movies, bowling, and is seeking a nice SBM, 21-40, who loves kids. Ad#643499

CHAT

SWF, 28, 5'7", 115 lbs., with a great sense of humor and no children. Looking for a SWM, 22-32, who is good-looking. Ad#654219

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?

SWF, 45, 5'4", 129 lbs., with blonde hair & blue eyes. Enjoys boating, camping, motorcycles and just looking back having fun. Looking for a SWM, 35-50, who is caring, faithful and likes having fun. Ad#637571

RESPECTING EACH OTHER

Full figured, educated, SBF, 37, 5'11", no children, N/S, 40. Enjoys watching sports on TV, reading, bowling and the simple things in life. Looking for an honest, mature, SBM, 37-50, who's employed and has his own transportation. Ad#644676

JUST THE GAL FOR YOU!

Attractive, SWF, 51, 5'6", brown hair/eyes. Enjoys theater, travel, dining out and family. Looking for an honest, good-humored, SWM, 55-68, N/S. Ad#532429

ARE YOU MY SOULMATE?

SWF, 44, N/S, social drinker, 5'6", 140 lbs., blue-eyed blonde. Interests are movies, bowling and dancing. She's looking for a sensitive, financially secure, N/S, SM, 35-60, whose children are grown, and who appreciates women. Ad#641647

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 49, 5'6", with intelligence, creativity, and a passion for music and dancing. Seeking a man, 39-49, to share these interests and more, for a possible LTR. Ad#539137

JUST MOVED BACK

Adorable SWF, 33, 5'5", 150 lbs., brown hair and light green eyes. Seeking a SWM, 35-47, who is affectionate and humorous. Ad#644179

ENJOYS LIFE

SWF, 52, 5'4", red hair, brown eyes. Likes dining out, traveling, movies, riding Harley's in the summer and more. Seeking a SWM, 45-59, who enjoys life. Ad#643675

SEEKS UNDERSTANDING MAN

Caring, dependable, SWF, young-looking 38, looking for a flexible, SWM, 30-50. Ad#643379

FRIENDS TO START

Very busy, SWF, 38, enjoys movies, traveling, theater, computers and quiet times. Looking for a sincere, educated, employed, SWM, 30-50, who can be flexible due to my busy schedule, and is interested in friendship to start, maybe more later. Ad#643444

HEART OF A POET

SWF, 40, 5'5", with brown eyes, height/weight proportionate. Enjoys fishing, camping, writing, photography, and more. Looking for a SM, under 50, who has similar interests. Ad#643372

THE COFFEE IS ON

SWF, 57, natural blonde, blue eyes with brown children. Looking for a prompt, N/S, N/D, mature, SWM, 57-80, who would like to get together and talk over a cup of coffee. Ad#642634

SEARCHING

SWF, 40, who loves the loud pipes, Harley's, also likes The Red Wings. Seeking SWM, 45-55. Ad#501093

LET'S LIVE

51, WF, Independent. I like movies, travel, dining out, dancing. Looking for SWM, 50-60, with same interests. No couch potatoes and if interested give me a call. Thank You. Ad#618670

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Witty, faithful, outgoing, SWF, 41, blue-eyed blonde, 5'2". Loves roller coasters, computers, cards, racing, camping and fishing. Looking for a good-humored, open-minded, passionate, SM, 35-55, who enjoys life. Ad#536207

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

SWF, 52, attractive blonde, hazel eyes with a beautiful smile. Seeking a honest and caring SWM, 40-52, who enjoys spending time with that special someone. Ad#641159

LET'S SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

SBF, weight proportionate, 47, enjoys travel, weekend getaways, camping, movies, plays, dining out, romantic days, in search of a SCM, 45-65, family-oriented, with similar interests. Ad#640890

SEEKING CHURCH-GOING MAN

SWF, 22, enjoys going to church. Looking for a fun, respectable, clean-cut, SB gentleman, 18-30, N/S, N/D, who is serious about a committed relationship. Ad#640708

LOOKING TO BE SPOILED...

SWF, 27, mother of 3 boys. Seeking SWM, over 30, for a possible relationship. Ad#640217

LET'S TRY IT OUT

SWF, 48, blonde, who is romantic and sophisticated. Enjoys the outdoors, entertaining and cooking. Looking for special SWM, to make her house a home. He should be intelligent, financially/emotionally secure, handsome, generous and marriage-minded. Ad#640050

SIMPLE LIFE

SWF, 47, 5'4", 110 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys sports, beach, golf, cooking, dancing. Seeking SWM, who is outgoing, friendly, loyal and good hearted. Let's have fun and good times together. Ad#640307

LOVABLE SWEETIE

SWF, 42, I enjoy life, family, cooking, and movies. Seeking a SWM who is honest, sincere. You must enjoy life and good conversations! Ad#639222

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT

SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, theater, boys, quiet times, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#473811

YOU WILL LIKE ME

SWF, 66, 5'5", blonde, medium build, fun-loving artist. Seeking SWM, 60 plus, who wants to do things, is talkative, humorous and loves to cuddle. If interests call, no smokers. Ad#567287

SOFT SPOKEN LADIES

SWF, 51, 5'3", with very blue eyes, who enjoys quiet times, camping, reading, long walks, etc. Searching for a SWM, 47-57, who likes doing things and likes to cuddle. Ad#580885

COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST

I'm a sincere, SBF, 21, with one son. I'm searching for an energetic, fun, honest, SBM, who believes that honesty is the key to a strong relationship. Ad#636745

LIKE GOOD SURPRISES?

SBM, 28, 5'11", big-bodied, N/S, N/D. Enjoys bowling, movies, casinos, travel and time with friends. Looking for an honest, personable, SM. Ad#536802

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SBF, 31, 5'7", 145 lbs, light complexion. Looking for a sweet, spontaneous, level-headed, good-looking, SWM, 25-35. Ad#639499

LOOKING FOR HONEY

SWF, 58, 5'4", with green eyes. Enjoys the water and trying anything new. In search of a tall SWM, 55-65, who is honest, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#636111

LOOKING FOR FUN

I'm ready for fun & laughter! SBF, 45, 6'2", smoker, social drinker, I enjoy watching sports and traveling. I'm searching for a SBM, 55-70, who shares my interests. Ad#503750

GOOD NATURED

SBF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, outgoing, sincere and fun-loving. Enjoys shopping, travel, dining, concerts, the outdoors, clinics and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-48, who is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving, family-oriented and is a kid at heart. Ad#442747

LOVE TO GIVE

SWF, 27, 5'9", 145 lbs, blonde hair, green eyes. She is seeking a man who loves children, has a sense of humor, is honest and enjoys quiet times at home. Ad#633192

ARE WE ALIKE?

SWF, 50, with average looks, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking DWf, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#425666

BE MY VALENTINE

Looking for a N/S SWM, 60-77, who is loving, positive, caring, compassionate, emotionally/financially secure and who loves life to the fullest! Ad#512080

ONE OF A KIND

SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 45+, a N/S, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous and a smart, for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#448774

CARING & HONEST

SWF, 44, 5'4", who enjoys camping, walking, the outdoors, fishing, my children and experiencing new things. If you are a N/S, N/D, SWCM, 38-52, and are interested, call me and we'll talk! Ad#417121

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 50, grey hair, pleasant, loving and kind-hearted. Enjoys walking, movies, music, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SM, who for a friendship first. Ad#535331

SHARE HER DREAMS

Fun loving, SBF, 40, 5'7", 175 lbs., social drinker, smoker, with children. Searching for a SM, 35-50, who lives alone and would like to get to know each other. Ad#633509

GET TO KNOW ME

DWf, 30, smoker, with children. Likes to go out and have fun, trying different things and the simple things in life. Looking for a sincere, honest, SWM, 25-35, who likes children and quiet times at home. Ad#633086

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

DWf, 30, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out and spending time with her children. Looking for an honest, sincere, SWM, 25-35, to have some fun with. Ad#633034

BLUE EYES

SWF, 38, blonde, blue eyes, pretty, social. Looking for a SWF, 50-64, who is fun-loving, enjoys traveling, dancing, and is looking for a woman to share the good times! Ad#629696

WORDS CAN DESCRIBE...

She is 38, milk chocolate complexioned, petite, curvaceous, and sweet as can be! Are you a tall, thick SBM, 28-45, who shares her passion for jazz, the theater and ready for her sparkling personality? You know what to do...leave a message! Ad#629394

GODD MORALS

This SWF, 44, works in health care, and has long brown hair, blue eyes, and is open to new interests. Looking for a SWM with good morals, who works afterwards, 39-61 no children. Ad#532321

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWF, 53, 5'1", with reddish/brown hair & dark brown eyes. Interests include bowling, dancing, cooking, movies and much more. Searching for a SWM, age not important, who has similar interests. Ad#418660

KIND & LOVING HEART

Professional, attractive, SBF, 45, 5'8", full figured, hazel eyes. Looking for a professional, N/S, SM, 40-52, who's trust worthy, out going and energetic. Ad#621077

GOOD-NATURED

SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 5'8" plus, 53-62, who is well-grounded and professional, for friendship first. Ad#470261

HONEST & CARING

SWF, 42, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, friendly and bubbly. Enjoys long drives, walks, movies, cuddling and much more. Seeking an honest & caring SM, 35-52. Ad#619145

FUN TO BE WITH

Spontaneous and outgoing, SWF, 70, 6'8", ash blonde hair & green eyes. Loves going to the movies, dinners, walking, nature and plays. Seeking a SWM, who is looking to have fun together and enjoy each other's company. Ad#618321

LET ME CARE FOR YOU

Witty and funny SBF, 52, 5'2", hobbies and interests include roller skating, bike riding, walks and other activities. Seeking a Christian, SBM, 18-60, to get to know better. Ad#581578

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW

I'm 5', 105 lbs, 58, romantic, secure, SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#403582

MATCH THIS

You: tall, Laper/Genesee county, SWM, honest, intelligent, no kids, 30-35. Me: thoughtful, SWF, 31, 5'9", full-figured, no kids, smoker. Enjoys cooking, reading, theater, movies. Bonus points: you are a Detroit Redwings fan and my cat likes you. Ad#613687

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT

European, SWF, 58, 5'6", 135 lbs., blonde, with a variety of interests. Looking for a SW gentleman, 60-75, to share life together. Ad#576533

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QUIET, BUT FUN

SWF, 50, 5'3", with brown hair. Enjoys long walks, the outdoors, cooking, gardening, dining out and more. In search of a SWM, 45-60, who is fun-loving, honest and caring, with a good sense of humor. Ad#420017

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

SBF, 21, 5'2", 160 lbs., enjoys time with her children and much more. Looking for a SBM, over 18, for a long-term relationship. Ad#611895

ENERGETIC LADY

SWF, 44, 5'4", short blonde hair, blue eyes. Enjoys music, basketball, swimming and much more. Looking for an honest and real SM, age unimportant. Ad#611833

THIS IS LOVE

This outgoing, single black female, 18, who enjoys her 2 children and enjoying life to the fullest, seeking a single male, under 36. Ad#608514

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SWF, 60, autism hair, green eyes, professional. Enjoys travel, week-end get-a-ways, camping, cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate. Ad#405309

TRAVEL COMPANION

59, attractive, outgoing, blonde, 5'6", SWF, seeking SM, good conversationalist, active, romantic, intelligent. Wants companion to travel to Florida for 1 month this winter. Ad#560413

SOMEONE TO CARE FOR

WWWF, 56, enjoys old cars, relaxing, quality time with that special someone and more. Looking for a SWM, over 48, for a companionship and a shoulder to lean on. Ad#596014

TIME AT HOME

SWF, 56, with long black hair. Enjoys reading, drawing, crafts, fishing, things and more. Looking for a SCM, 24-38, who is honest, with a nice personality. Ad#585934

MY HEART & YOURS

SBF, 50, who enjoys playing chess and bowling, seeking a family-oriented, SM, 45-60. If you think you may be interested, call me! Ad#584995

LOOKING FOR LTR

SWF, 59, easygoing, low maintenance, 5'3", with an average build. Looking for a loving, caring, happy, financially stable, SWM, 55-65, for a long-term relationship. Ad#582529

NOT YOUR ORDINARY WOMAN

Youthful, charming, energetic, SBF, 47, 5'4", 140 lbs. Seeks SM, 35-55, for healthy, monogamous relationship. You should be financially, emotionally and spiritually stable. Race open. Serious replies only. Ad#582670

CARING, DECENT & HONEST

Intelligent, humorous, outgoing, SWF, 48, who enjoys reading, long walks, movies and quiet nights at home. In search of a caring, sincere, SWM, 45-58. Ad#581965

COMPANIONSHIP

Expecting mother, with one child. Separated black female, 26. Looking for an open-minded single male, over 18, who enjoys children, for a companionship. Ad#580709

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT

European, SWF, 58, 5'6", 135 lbs., blonde, with a variety of interests. Looking for a SW gentleman, 60-75, to share life together. Ad#576533

BEAUTIFUL PERSON

Funny, easygoing and laid-back, SBF, 26, 5'11", brown eyes, black hair. Enjoys bowling, going out to eat and long walks. Looking for a sweet, honest, dependable, tall, SM, 25-40, who likes spending time with a companion. Ad#579506

LUCKY YOU

Open-minded SWF, 49, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking mature SWM, 43-57. Enjoys reading, good movies, all music, open to newer interests. One who is looking for friendship first, and possibly more. Ad#502459

Whalers win 3rd straight

The Plymouth Whalers extended their winning streak on the strength of their special teams to three games Friday with a 5-2 victory over the visiting Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

The Whalers opened up the scoring at the halfway mark of the first period with a power-play tally by winger Vaclav Meidl on an assist by Jonas Fiedler. It would remain 1-0 Whalers until Matt Puntureri's short-handed goal at the 1:53 mark of the second period tied the game at one apiece.

Just over one minute later, Fiedler scored on assists from Ryan Ramsay and John Vigilante to put Plymouth

ahead 2-1. Ramsay struck again on a well-executed power-play goal fed by line-mates Vigilante and Fiedler at 9:40 in the second. The Whalers would increase the lead to 4-1 on a goal by Brett Mahon, assisted by Ramsay and Vigilante, at 19:13 in the second. Puntureri would score his second of the game at 6:05 of the third to cut the Whalers' lead by one. Ramsay would collect his second power-play goal at 9:03 of the third to give the Whalers the insurance they needed to skate to a 5-2 victory improving their record to 26-21-9-3 in the Ontario Hockey League. The Greyhounds' record drops to 26-30-3-1.

GYMNASTICS

CANTON 133.60
WAYNE-WESTLAND 116.45
Feb. 18 at Canton

All-Around: 1. Traci Stanton (WW), 32.4; 2. Chelsea Selden (C), 31.15.

Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.25; 1. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 8.6; 3. Heather Wagner (C), 8.45; 4. Stanton (WW), 8.3; 5. Selden (C), 8.25.

Uneven bars: 1. Pirzadeh (C), 8.5; 2. Stanton (WW), 8.2; 3. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 7.8; 4. Jillian

(C), 7.6; Selden (C), 7.55.

Balance beam: 1. Patty Ahren (C), 2. Audra Ahern (C), 8.55; 3. Selden (C), 8.4; 4. Burns (C), 8.35; 5. Pirzadeh (C), 7.45.

Floor exercise: 1. Burns (C), 8.55; 2. Lauren Foley (C), 8.55; 3. (tie) Stanton (WW) and A. Ahern (C), 8.35 each; 5. Andrea Houdek (C), 8.0.

Dual meet records: Canton, 5-3 overall; Wayne-Westland, 0-9 overall.

SWIMMING

CANTON 138
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 42
Feb. 19 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: Canton (Joe Le, Kenny Brunner, Neal Brunner, James Sattler), 1:53.39; 200 freestyle: Jordan Champine (C), 2:00.56; 200-yard individual medley: Ryan Cafarelli (C), 2:24.02; 50 freestyle: Sam Mancos (C), 24.49; diving: Kevin Cafarelli (C), 192.25; 100 butterfly: Ben Eberloin (C), 1:04.12; 100 freestyle: Joe Le (C), 49.79; 500 freestyle: Steve Reasor (C), 5:29.31; 200 freestyle relay: Canton (Aaron Van Proyen, Sam Maneca, Sattler, Ryan Cafarelli), 1:39.25; 100 backstroke: John Faraoni (C), 1:02.33; 100 breaststroke: Champine (C), 1:11.48; 400 freestyle relay: Canton (Steve Malony, Brian Zielinski, Alex Marinica, Le), 3:51.62.

Canton 2nds: Nick Landis, 200 freestyle (2:00.57); Jon Templeton, 200 IM (2:30.42); Matt Carlson, 50 freestyle (25.24); Aaron Van Proyen, 100 butterfly (1:07.41); Brian Zielinski, 100 freestyle (1:00.0); Shogo Uno, 500 freestyle (5:40.24); David Conzelman (1:06.96); James Sattler, 100 breaststroke (1:16.06); 3rds: Steve Reasor, 200 freestyle (2:00.81); Dan Anthony, 200 IM (2:35.43); John Mills, 50 freestyle (26.43); Shankar Rarnamurthy, 100 backstroke (1:11.19).

Franklin 2nds: Ed Moore, diving (176.85); 3rds: Steve Wurster, 100 butterfly (1:13.23); Scott Silva, 100 freestyle (1:05.13); Chris Nolan, 500 freestyle (6:24.85); Jeff Osiwala, 100 breaststroke (1:32.42).

Dual meet records: Canton, 9-0 overall; Franklin, 2-9 overall.

OCELOTS

FROM PAGE B1

If they had hoped to build on that in the second half, SC quickly dashed those plans by outscoring them 18-3 in the first 7:15 of the half.

Four Ocelots reached double-figures in scoring, led by Palmer with 17 points along with 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Derrick Ponder finished with 16 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Ricky Morgan had 16 points and five assists, and Ryan Baumgartner had 14 points, five assists and six steals. Marcus Johnson added five points, nine boards, four assists and two blocks. For the Wildcats, Curtis Tillmon totaled 17 points, Williams had 13 points and nine rebounds, and Ricky Henderson had 10 points, 11 boards and three blocked shots.

Just who the Ocelots would meet in the state tournament was uncertain, depending on the outcome of Saturday's games.

ICERS

FROM PAGE B1

for Stevenson, while Salem counterpart Joe Moore stopped 21.

The game turned sour in the latter stages of the final period when punches were thrown. Three players were given game misconducts and will miss the next scheduled game.

On Wednesday, Stevenson travels to Canton to face the Chiefs at the Arctic Edge, while Salem goes to the Arctic Coliseum to play Saline.

Canton trims Carlson

In a non-league game Wednesday at the Arctic Edge, the host Chiefs edged Gibraltar

Carlson, 4-3, on Mike Stewart's hat trick.

Canton led 2-0 after one period on Stewart's two goals.

The Chiefs scored again in the second on Matt Oliver's goal assisted Pat Davison and Kyle Tollison. Carlson countered with a goal from Brandon Atkinson.

In the third period, Carlson's Ryan Pitts scored to cut the deficit to 3-2, but Stewart notched his hat trick on assists from Oliver and Reece McCabe. The Marauders' Atkinson picked up his second goal to pull his team to within one.

Chris Garrett was in goal for Canton.

"I'm trying to get all my goalies game time so we can be ready for the playoffs, Canton coach Jim Wheaton said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 9, 2004.

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

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Saturday, March 6, 2004 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
(Walk-in-Schedule)

Monday, March 8, 2004 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
AND 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 9, 2004 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.
AND 6:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m.
(Appointments Only)

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
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Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on MARCH 12, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

UNIT #348 - KEVIN EFIMETZ OF 23751 STONEHENGE, NOVI, MI 48375 - TV., furniture, grill, washer/dryer, fan, boxes, household items, other misc. items.

UNIT #354 - PAMELA BOYD OF 760 PARKVIEW, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 - Clothes, fan, mirror, rugs, household items, other misc.

UNIT #524 - RICHARD E. CRONIN OF 9911 CENTRALIA, REDFORD, MI 48239 - Wheel barrel, motor, fish tanks, microwave, cooler, tires, tape deck, other misc. items.

UNIT #339 - JAMES ALTER (NWC INC.) OF P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS., MI 48127 - Brief case, fax machine, clothes, boxes, other misc. items.

UNIT #017 - LABARON HUNT OF 42510 ADAMS CT., CANTON, MI 48187 - Chair, xmas tree, vacuum, silverware, boxes, other misc. items.

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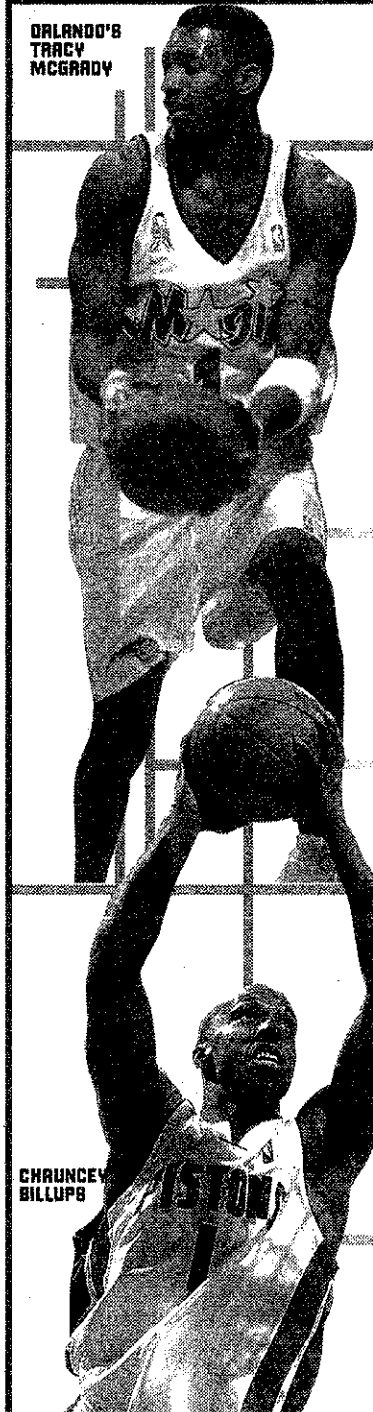
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Wayne CCC takes 1st by stopping SC

Someone has to rise to the occasion.

When the game's on the line, someone has to step up and make the play. Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team, playing its biggest game of its regular season Wednesday at home against Wayne County CC, needed just that.

The Ocelots had to have someone step forward and make a play if they were going to earn the top spot in the Eastern Conference and the No. 1 seed in the state tournament that accompanies it. Which also means a first-round bye.

But it didn't happen. Too many mistakes, too few free throws – and, ultimately, not enough points as the Wildcats prevailed 72-67.

Wayne, which played one final conference game Saturday against Mott CC, improved to 20-4 overall and 13-2 in the conference with the victory. Henry Ford CC, SC's scheduled opponent on Saturday, was forced to forfeit the game, giving the Ocelots a 19-7 final overall regular-season record and a 13-3 conference mark.

Although the two teams could tie for the title (depending on Wayne's game against Mott), the Wildcats earn the tiebreaker by virtue of their two wins over SC.

"Unfortunately our guards didn't play so good," a disappointed SC coach Karen Lafata said. "This just kicks us in the butt."

The Ocelots had their chances, but just couldn't con-

vert. A basket by the Ocelots' Crystal Pittman with 14:38 left in the second half knotted the game at 48-all.

But the next 4:20 was decisive; consecutive 3-pointers by Wayne's Britni Cooper, Deanna Jennings and Sierra Harlan were the key components in a 14-2 Wildcat run that boosted their lead to 62-50.

SC never caught up. The Ocelots did have their chances, to be sure. In the final 10:10 of the game, they were a pitiful 9-of-19 at the free-throw line. For the game, they finished 11-of-26 at the stripe (42.3 percent), which ruined their decent shooting performance from the field: 28-of-63 (44.4 percent).

Wayne had seven 3-pointers in the game; SC was 0-for-7. And while the 'Cats were just 25-of-71 from the field (35.2 percent), they did make 15-of-26 free throws (57.6 percent).

The big player in all of this for Wayne was, ironically, the smallest on the court – Harlan, the Wildcats' point guard who is listed at a mere 5-foot-1 (she looks smaller). Both teams had an abundance of turnovers (26 each), and Harlan did have eight, but she also scored a game-high 19 points, hitting 7-of-15 floor shots (2-of-3 from the three-point line), dished out seven assists, had seven rebounds and made two steals.

"Their point guard (was the difference)," said Lafata. "She beat us the last time."

In the two teams' first meeting, Harlan hit the game-winning shot in the final seconds.

On Wednesday she did something similar. With time running out in the first half and Wayne up by a point, her shot was deflected right back to her. Her follow-up went in at the buzzer, capping a 6-0 Wildcat run in the final minute of the half to give them a 40-37 lead.

Although the Ocelots kept it close through most of the second half, they never did recapture the lead. One reason was the loss of one of their top scorers and rebounder, India Monteiro, to foul trouble in the first four minutes of the game. She did not return until the second half, finishing with just four points (1-of-5 floor shooting), nine rebounds and six turnovers.

SC was paced by Tiffani Patillo, Tara Charles (from Redford Bishop Borgess) and

Sara Tyree, with 12 points; Charles also had three steals. Takara Tuff added nine.

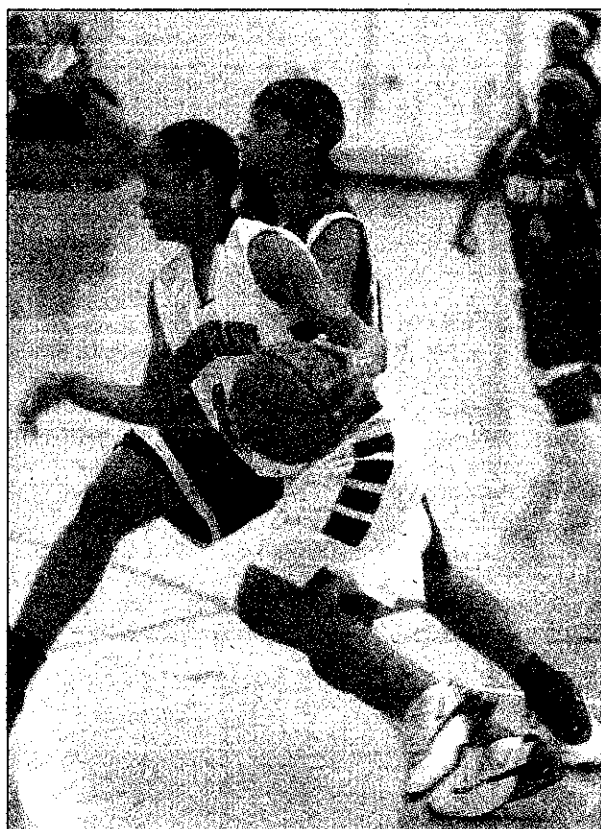
The Wildcats also got 15 points and three steals from Cooper, 13 points from Sabra Wimberly and 11 points, eight boards and four steals from Deanna Jennings.

The difference, according to Wayne coach Jeffrey Carter, was attitude. "We were more aggressive," he said. "We kept the pressure on and didn't back it off any."

The conference title was the first in Wayne CCC history, Carter said, and it's the team's first-ever 20-win season. But they're not done yet.

"Our goal," Carter said, "is to get to Kansas City and win the national championship."

Lofty ambitions, to be certain.



Schoolcraft's Tara Charles looks for daylight in Wednesday's loss to Wayne County CC.

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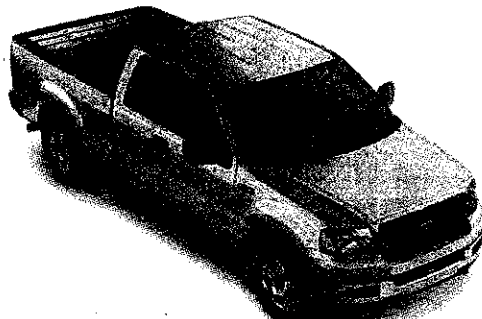
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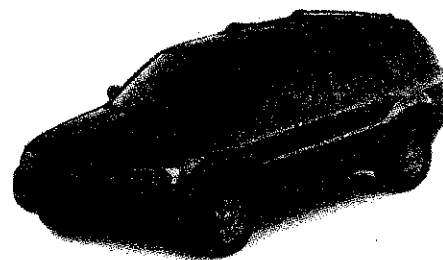
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From Barney to Shania

My oldest daughter has always loved music. When she was a baby, her beautiful blue eyes would watch me in wide-eyed wonder whenever I sang to her. I would sing whatever I could think of because I knew she enjoyed it so much — lullabies, *Blackbird* by the Beatles, Christmas carols no matter what time of year it was, *My Favorite Things* and the song that I christened as my “very special” song for her, *Til There Was You*.

As a toddler, she was mesmerized by that big purple dinosaur and would sing and dance to every Barney song ever recorded.

We would sing together whenever we had to drive somewhere, she in her car seat kicking her legs behind me, me hoping nobody was watching or hearing me sing whenever we stopped for a traffic light.

“I love you, you love me
We’re a happy family ...”

Now, just a short seven years later, our melodious second-grader has graduated from Kindermusik to Kids Bop. Not only does she hum and sing all day long and occasionally whistle, too, but she’s convinced she is Shania Twain.

“Let’s go girls,” the little Shania sings in tandem with the real Shania on the stereo as she jumps off the couch to begin her performance. She sings into her hairbrush-microphone and moves effortlessly throughout the living room stage.

Her self-choreographed dance routine is high-energy entertainment, featuring splits on the hardwood floor and more jumps on and off the furniture.

“That don’t impress me much ...” Other times she switches from pop/country and goes into a rock star mode, donning sunglasses or cheap, plastic headphones and singing in a nasally voice that only she thinks is cool.

“What a girl wants, what a girl needs ...”

I sigh as I watch our little American Idol sing her heart out and propel herself into the air again. She sings with such pure joy and lack of self-consciousness. I think her love for music is great, of course, and I’m trying to fuel that passion with piano lessons.

But when you’re a 7-year-old Shania wannabe, clearly it’s more fun to sing to an imaginary audience than to practice scales on the piano.

“Man! I feel like a woman ...” It’s just that I miss the days of hearing her sing simple and sweet little tunes like *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* or *The Bear Went Over the Mountain*. But her musical tastes are expanding as she grows up, and all I can do is make sure she’s listening to G or PG lyrics, tell her to turn the music down, make her practice the piano and watch her with pride from the wings.

But every once in a while, I still sing my song for her, grateful that she still wants me to.

“... There were bells on a hill

But I never heard them ringing

No, I never heard them at all

‘Til there was you.”

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Artists rendering

Program helps kids find own fine arts skills

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Four-year-olds in the Plymouth-Canton Schools’ Early Childhood Program are getting a chance to find out if they could become the next Michaelangelo or Vincent van Gogh.

As part of a program in conjunction with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, students get a chance to learn about famous artists from the past, and have fun at play stations to show off their fine art skills.

“We try to have a mini art museum and have them understand what artists do,” said Nancy McNamara, who has been conducting the program for four years, “whether it’s sculpture, music and dancing, painting, etching.”

In one of the preschool classrooms at Hulsing Elementary, Elaine Julian reads a book to preschoolers, telling about different kinds of artists, and points out what each is doing.

“Here is an artist that blows glass. It gets very hot,” she said. “This artist is making jewelry.”

After learning about the different forms of art, the 4-year-olds get a chance to work at various stations, whether it be painting, working with Play dough, creating with blocks or working as a docent at an art museum set up in the corner.

“You can’t touch because you might break something,” as docent Peter Eyad reminds his fellow preschoolers about museum etiquette. “You can only look with your eyes.”

Across the room, Jay Wadley paints his impression of a Claude Monet garden.

“I like painting because you can put in on the wall at home,” he said.

“Art is an expression of yourself, and we want the children to have a sense of expression of themselves,” said McNamara. “What you feel like inside and imagine in your head you can put in a medium in some form.”

“We want them to express the process of art, whether it’s building a structure with blocks or making a picture that represents something to them,” she said.

The art program for preschoolers is a chance for kids to learn that art isn’t just painting with a brush on an easel.

“Kids do art every day, and this helps them see the connection with the artists,” said Tina Dennison, a teacher in the PLUS Preschool program. “Art can be anything, and we’re opening their minds and letting them know they can do it, too.”

That may be lying on your back under a table to paint the Sistine Chapel, just like Michaelangelo; or throwing paint at a wall to make a portrait like Jackson Pollock.

“They look at it, study it and make a picture,” said McNamara. “We’re interested in them experiencing the process, not so much what the end product is.”

“I’m not going to tell any of these children that what they did is not exactly what they saw,” she said. “The language of art goes beyond the boundaries of language.”



Four-year-old Deontz Whatley of Canton works on making a replica of a ‘Vincent’s’ painting about flowers.



Four-year-old Hailey Pawsey of Canton (front) draws on her back under a desk at Hulsing Elementary, while 4-year-old Grant Trotman of Canton goes about his own work.

Leslie Greeneisen, the art education coordinator at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, said the program “is art appreciation, art history and an enrichment program, all in one.”

And, while the three-year program is geared to the elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district, Greeneisen said preschoolers can get a lot out of it, too.

“At that age, with a little bit of information they get and retain, they can tell about an artist and painting because they’ve experienced it,” she said.

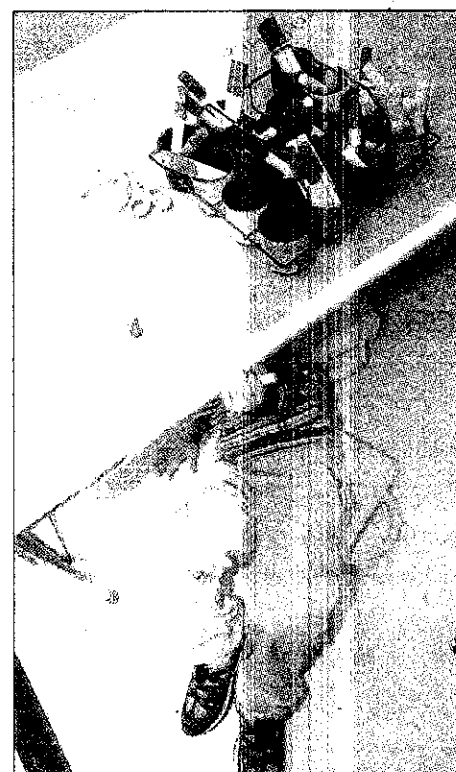
“It’s all about exposure and experience,” added Greeneisen. “If they’re not given the opportunity to experience the arts, they won’t know what they’re missing. But, they’re missing a lot because art adds so much to life.”

Greeneisen adds, “Kids really do get an appreciation to the arts, and have opinions about it. That’s what makes it really fun.”

The Early Child Department will be opening preschool classrooms at Fiegel, Hoben and Hulsing elementary schools, as well as Canton High School, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

Families will be able to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and talk with parents about the preschool programs.

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Four-year old Jacob Hagen tries to find his markers on top of the table while he draws under the table.

Church organist rings up 40 years of musical service

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

In her 40 years as church organist and minister of music, Patricia Knorp figures she has played some 25,000 Masses, 450 funerals and 200 weddings.

While the numbers are impressive, friends say her biggest accomplishments are the way she touches peoples’ lives with her music.

Knorp began the Valentones, a choir and bell ringer group performing locally and around the world with parishioners from St. Edith, St. Genevieve and St. Michael’s in Livonia; St. Kenneth in Plymouth Township; St. Damian in Westland; St. Valentine and Our Lady of Loretto in Redford; St. Hugh in Southgate; and Sacred Heart in Dearborn. Some of the members jokingly call themselves the Ding-a-lings.

Ed Burger, a Valentones member, admires Knorp’s professionalism.



Patricia Knorp, music director at St. Damian Catholic Church in Westland, rehearses with the choir. The choir includes members from St. Kenneth’s in Plymouth Township.

“She deals with a lot of people and she’s the most even-tempered person I’ve ever seen,” he said.

After saying Mass Monday morning at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford, the Rev. James Hayes, 91,

flipped back the pages of four decades when he recalled how Knorp, whose maiden name was English, was in 10th grade when she began playing the organ at St. Michael’s in Pontiac, where he served as pastor.

Knorp performed at two morning Masses before school and was often called out of class for funerals.

“I have nothing but praise for Pat,” Hayes said. “She’s always been a good friend and is ready to help wherever she can. The only thing I have against her is that she never did teach me to sing.”

Carol Olesky, a Valentone, describes Knorp as extraordinarily generous and musically talented.

The Valentones play at nursing homes, hospitals and special events throughout the year.

“We all love her — that’s why we follow her around,” said Stephanie Toth, a Valentone.

Knorp currently performs at St. Valentine Church during morning Mass

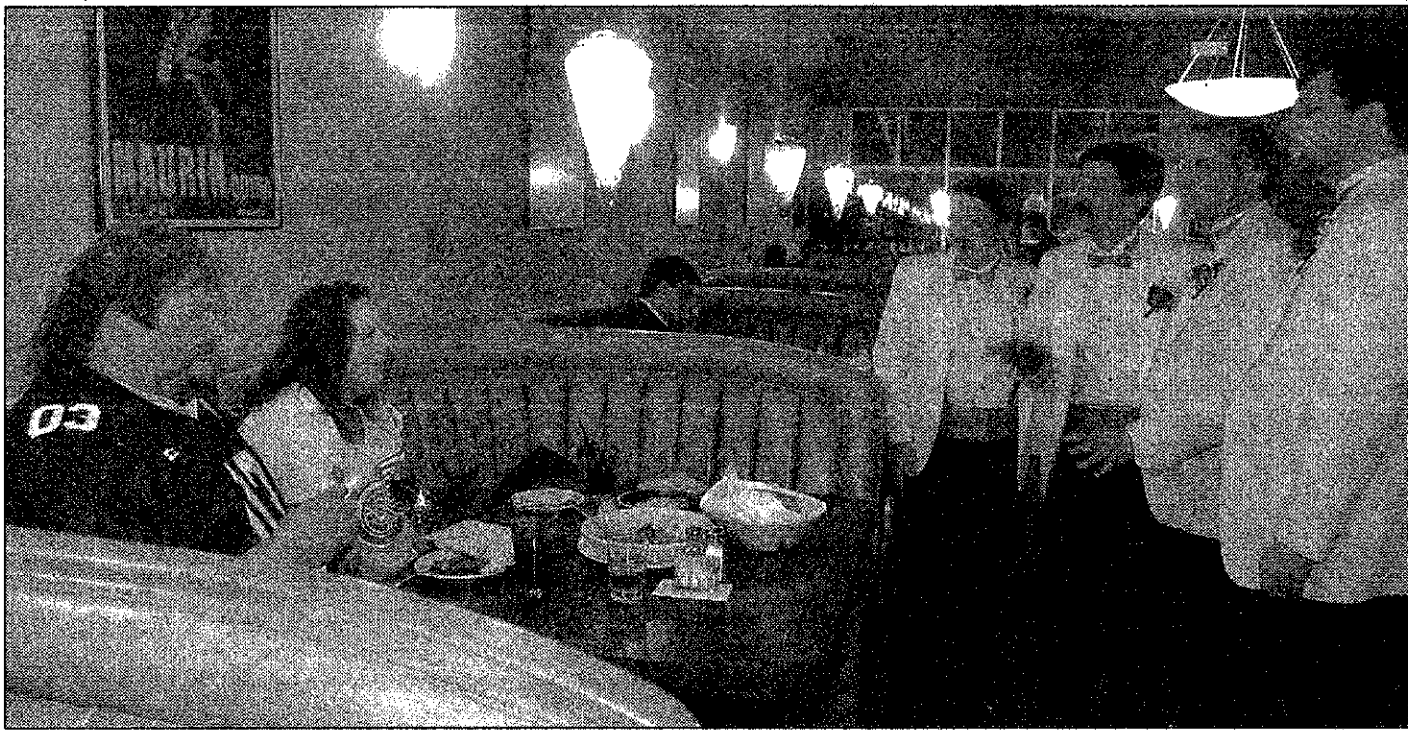
and is music director at St. Damian’s, playing weekend Masses, weddings, funerals and overseeing the church’s adult and children choirs, as well as St. Damian’s handbell choir.

She managed juggling her church work while teaching 18 piano students from her home.

“I’m in church an awful lot and I feel more at home at church than I do any place,” she said. “It makes you feel closer to God and helps you put this life in proper perspective. You meet an awful lot of nice people.”

Knorp attributes much of her long career to the piano lessons she began in first grade. After high school, she attended Mercy College in Detroit, where she met her husband, John, her biggest promoter and transporter of the massive handbell equipment. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

“I certainly know how happy music makes people,” Knorp says. “The Lord has truly blessed me.”



Jeff and Jeannie Louks of Redford are serenaded by the Treblesome barber shop quartet at George and Harry's in Dearborn. Pictured are quartet members Dan Latimer (left of Livonia), Scott Casey (Westland), Ed Bax (Livonia), and Mark Pritchard (Garden City).

Magic Moments winners enjoy day on the town

Jeannie Louks felt like she was in a movie on Valentine's Day. As winner of the Observer Newspapers Magic Moments contest, she and husband, Jeff, enjoyed a Detroit Red Wings game followed by dinner at George and Harry's in Dearborn where the Treblesome quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society serenaded them with a singing valentine. Before hand, Jeannie used a \$200 gift card from Murray's Jewelry in Redford

to purchase a Red Wings necklace and heart-shaped bracelet.

"It was the first time in 16 or 17 years we spent the entire day together without any interruptions," said Jeannie Louks. "I said to my husband, this only happens in movies. It's something I won't forget. We didn't get home until 3 a.m. I gave Jeff \$100 in a card that I won at Bingo the night before. Afterwards we went to the casino and won \$400."

The quartet had a good time as well.

"It was fun," said Gary Simon who arranged for Treblesome to donate their services. The group delivered 48 singing valentines Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14 in locations such as Livonia City Hall.

Even though Valentine's Day is over until next year, they're not about to quit singing anytime soon. As members of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, they will present two performances of "Harmony Dreams" 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

March 6, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Activities Building, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia.

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LIBRARY PICKS

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2. "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
3. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
4. "Seduced by Moonlight," Laureli K. Hamilton

Nonfiction

1. "The Price of Loyalty," Ron Suskind
2. "American Dynasty," Kevin Phillips
3. "Give Me a Break," John Stossel
4. "Blindsided," Richard M. Cohen
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Parents' Choice New Children's Poetry Books

1. "The Hidden Alphabet," Laura Seeger
2. "Z Goes Home," Jon Ages
3. "ABC," Allison Jay
4. "Elisworth's Extraordinary Ears," Valerie Fisher
5. "Jeepers, Creepers," Lauren Leuck

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Cameron-Kimberly

Abbey L. Kimberly and Scott A. Cameron were married Aug. 29 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Faye Kimberly of Farmington Hills, formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

She is a graduate of Andover High School and Western Michigan University and is currently attending the University of Michigan.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Cameron of Brighton.

He is a graduate of Farmington High School, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

He is a financial consultant with Diversified Investment Advisors.

A reception was held at Glen Oaks Country Club, after which the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico.



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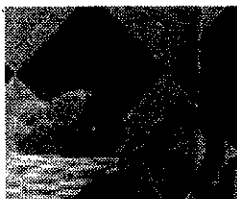
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(Feb. 22-Feb. 25)

By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Take one day at a time and refuse to be hurried or sidetracked by people who are incapable of sharing your vision. Others may think you are setting unrealistic targets, but experience has taught you that the dividing line between dreams and reality is determined by self-belief.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

"Movement" and "change" are two words that spring to mind when looking at your solar chart, both in the physical sense and on a spiritual level. And if you forced to choose between them now, don't be afraid to follow the path that leads you deeper into yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Refuse to be sidetracked by someone whose intentions are far from clear. A difficult astro aspect may bring out the rebel in you now, but you would be wise to keep your goals clearly in view. Stick to what you know and who you know and you'll stay out of trouble.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You seem to be experiencing a lot of arguments and hassle over a financial or business matter at the moment and cannot understand why others are hedging their bets. However, what comes to light this week will at least force others to come clean, MoonChild.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

It is sometimes better to say too little than too much, and this is one of those times. The Sun in Aquarius may be making you more adventurous than usual, but it would be a mistake to let others know the extent of your ambitions and secret plans. Shhhh!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You cannot be expected to shoulder the blame for other people's failures or failings. Nor should you allow anyone to take advantage of your generosity or goodwill. There's nothing more important at the moment than your belief in yourself, kiddo! Be strong; be you!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

As upset as you may feel about the actions of a loved one, there are compelling reasons to ignore the slight and circumstance. With peaceable Venus now opposite your birth sign, it's important to resolve things without embarrassment. Play with care and you'll keep your shirt.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

The time has come to demand straight answers to some vital financial questions. You've watched from the sidelines as the situation did its thing (translation: deteriorated), and now it's up to you to take control. Just make sure you've left yourself an escape route.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Personally and professionally, no one can hold a candle to you this week. In fact, even the most difficult situations can be turned to your advantage. Do, however, remember that partnerships are fragile and require as much care and attention as other precious things.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Current planetary activity is the kind that can best be described as potent and productive. Therefore, use your critical faculties to the full—concentrate on what needs to be streamlined. Remember that success is getting what you want, happiness is liking what you get.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Count your blessings rather than dwell on trials and tribulations. True, there are problems of a partnership nature for to contend with at this time. However, all will be well if you remember these words of Mother Theresa: "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

No matter how angry others become, on no account be pressured into parting with what is rightfully yours or enter into new agreements simply to avoid any further arguments. The Sun now in your sign highlights opportunities to prove your capabilities and worth.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone 1 (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

Concert in harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will present two performances of "Harmony Dreams" 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Activities Building, 29125 Six Mile, east of

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Weight loss team banks on hitting goal

Less than one week to go before the weight loss team at Standard Federal Bank calls it quits, and the tension is rising. On Jan. 19, 10 co-workers embarked on a challenge from Mr. Pita to weigh in at work every Friday morning after dieting all week.

Monday through Friday, Mr. Pita delivers a platter of its UltraLite and Lettuce DeLite sandwiches to their Livonia workplace at lunchtime.

Eating low-fat UltraLites and the newest low-carb sandwich, Lettuce DeLites, is just one strategy the Standard Federal Bank team is using to win the second annual Mr. Pita Weigh In at Work Contest, according to teller supervisor Pat Muldowney.

Cutting portions and exercising are equally as important if they're to beat six other teams including the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Leonard Elementary in Troy, EDS in Auburn Hills, and First Commercial Realty & Development in Southfield.

To help them reach their goal, participants received a free one-month membership to Bally Total Fitness.

Several members of the team were trying to lose weight anyway so Muldowney thinks it won't be hard.

A couple team members want to lose 30 pounds but for this month if everybody could lose 10 pounds each she would be happy. In the first three weeks, they've lost a total of 59 pounds.

"I'm trying to get everybody motivated, trying to stop them from putting food in their

mouth," said Muldowney of Livonia.

At mid-afternoon when everyone's hungry, I encourage them to drink a diet pop or water. We've been bringing in different fruits in the morning. If they're hungry we're trying to encourage them to have fruit. I'm encouraging them to try to eat light and take the extra sandwiches home to eat at dinner."

The downside is Muldowney doesn't know what her teammates are eating for breakfast and dinner.

"My problem is I don't eat breakfast," said Muldowney. "Now I'm eating a piece of fruit to get my metabolism going. I try to eat the lettuce wraps for lunch because they're low carb, and a salad for dinner."

"Exercise routine is a very important part of our strategy. One co-worker works out on a ski machine a half hour a day. I walk four miles every other day with my dog. My dog enjoys it as well. When it's nasty I use the treadmill and she gets mad at me. I keep telling myself it's only four weeks. You can do this."

Mr. Pita founder Frank Lombardo is adding an extra incentive to motivate teams. For each pound lost, Mr. Pita will donate \$10 to the winning team's favorite charity. Last year, contestants from Adaptive Technologies in Troy lost 169 pounds. \$1,690 went to Gilda's Club plus Mr. Pita also donated \$300 to the Salvation Army.

"We chose the American Heart Association because a lot of us have relatives with heart



Standard Federal Bank in Livonia was one of seven companies chosen, from over 200 entries, to compete in the Mr. Pita Weigh in at Work contest. Team members include, left to right, Sue Formes, Sharon Thackaberry, Roy Leonard, Pat Wallon, Nick Zabridis, Timi Jenkins, Curt Green, Pat Muldowney and Alicia Nelson. Not pictured is team member Barb Ginnard.

problems," said Muldowney. "My brother-in-law had a heart attack at 40 and died. Another lady has a husband with heart problems so it's close to our heart."

There have been obstacles in pursuit of winning the prize. The team from John Christian Company in Warren keeps trying to sabotage their efforts. One week, they sent chocolate chip cookies, another week Twinkies wrapped in Mr. Pita paper.

The Standard Federal team took the Twinkies home for their kids to eat and froze the rest to celebrate afterwards.

There wasn't much to celebrate on Friday, Feb. 13, when the team weighed in for the last

time. They came in sixth place, losing a total of 66 pounds.

Leonard Elementary in Troy took first place, losing a total of 132 pounds. They earned \$1,320 for the Boys and Girls Club of Troy.

All together, the weight loss teams shed 601 pounds.

"For at least one-third of us, our weight loss strategy won't change. We'll still work toward our goal," said Muldowney.

"We would love to do the contest again next year. It was a good motivator. It gets morale going when we're trying to encourage each other. It's brought us closer together. We were constantly checking up on each other, asking what are you eating?"



Sheryl Moore and Rebecca Rowen exhibit their work in a show presented by the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Committee for the Establishment of a Healing Environment in the main hallway of the hospital at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors art exhibit

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Committee for the Establishment of a Healing Environment is sponsoring a new art exhibit in the main hallway of the hospital at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. As part of the program, the artwork is displayed for public viewing and available for purchase. A portion of the money from the sale of the artwork benefits St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Services.

The two artists featured are friends - Sheryl Moore and Rebecca Rowen of Canton. Moore is an accomplished artist who's exhibited with Village Artists of Plymouth where she's studied with Kay Rowe since 1999. She has won first, second and honorable mention ribbons. Her work has been seen in Plymouth, Northville and University of Michigan-Dearborn shows. Moore brings depth and new dimensions to all her projects.

Rowen is an area artist who uses mixed mediums to reveal the whimsy and imagi-

native thoughts of her colorful and "out of the box" personality. A native of Jackson, she brings talent along with a lifelong desire to stimulate the viewer's thoughts beyond the norm.

Both artists have donated the art work "What Now My Love" for a silent auction that's open to the public. Proceeds of the bid go to St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation for cancer services.

A bid for the picture can be placed anytime by signing the Bid Sheet located in the Foundation Office. At the end of each week, the Bid Sheet will be updated and posted in the exhibit hallway. The winning bidder will be notified when the exhibit ends Sunday, February 29.

For more information or to purchase artwork by Moore or Rowen, call the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation Office at (734) 655-2980. For additional information about St. Mary Mercy Hospital, visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Ten Thousand Villages seeks community support

A presentation about "Ten Thousand Villages" (Huron Valley) will take place following the morning worship and a potluck lunch at noon Sunday, Feb. 22, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago, Redford. The local community will have an opportunity to learn about the work that this non-

profit organization is doing for people in underdeveloped nations and their efforts to open a store in Ann Arbor. All stores are run by volunteers.

The purpose of this organization is to help artisans in the third and fourth worlds receive a "fair wage" for their products. Founded 50 years ago in Akron, Pa., the organi-

zation serves artisans in more than 30 countries in Central and South America, Asia, and Africa. In addition to helping artisans find markets for their products (home goods, pottery, linens, baskets, jewelry) the fair wages paid to artisans enable them to live in decent homes and send their children to school.

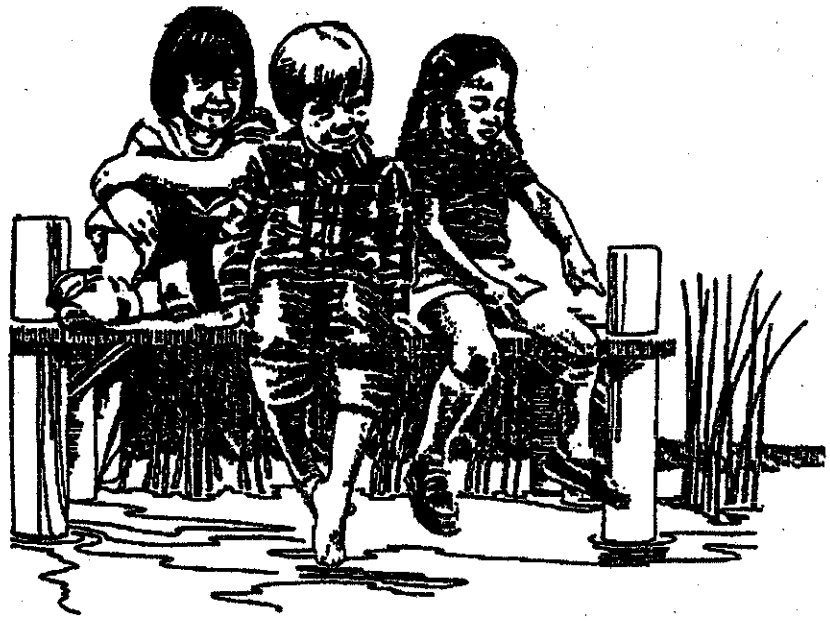
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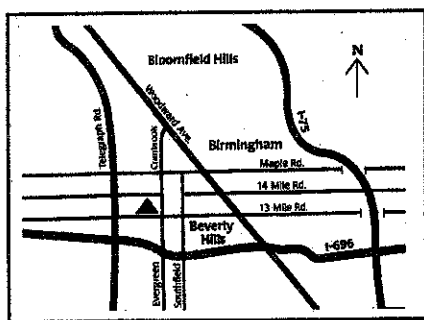
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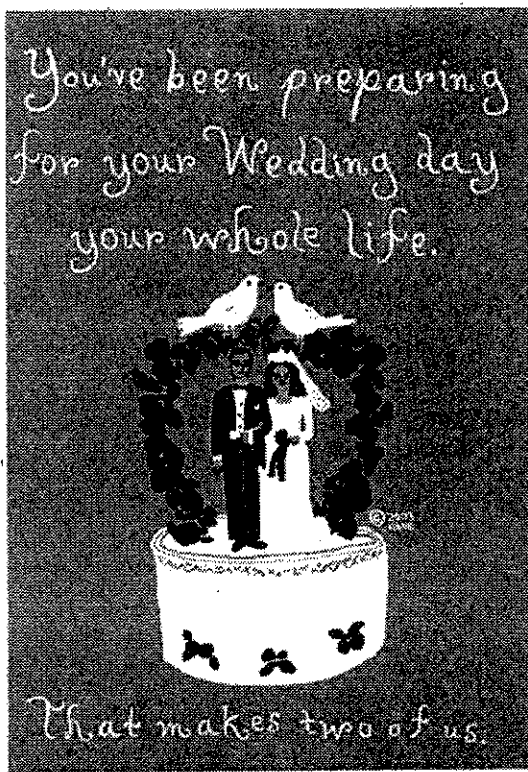
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Rx briefs

Healthy kids

Over the past 20 years, the number of overweight children has doubled and the number of obese adolescents has tripled, creating a future in which the long-term consequences of childhood obesity threaten our youth.

Seventy percent of overweight adolescents risk becoming overweight or obese adults, making it essential to face the childhood obesity epidemic and help children prior to their teen years. A key element in addressing the obesity crisis is increasing children's levels of physical activity. Nearly half of American youths aged 12-21 do not regularly engage in vigorous physical activity.

One program that is having an impact is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention VERB Campaign for children ages 9 to 13. Kids pick a verb that interests them and get out and do it.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.cdc.gov/VERB.

Police officers take action against health risks

Chief Pete Kunst jokes that members of the Livonia Police Department still like their doughnuts, but eating healthy has become a priority.

When he first joined the force 29 years ago, officers used to sit in cruisers all day eating doughnuts, drinking coffee and smoking. Today, officers eat salads and work out several times a week in the weight training and cardio rooms as part of a voluntary fitness program he instituted a year ago.

Physical fitness is extremely important, says Kunst, because stress is the silent enemy. Several studies have shown police are at an increased risk for high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease due to stress. Kunst is serious about keeping his officers in optimum shape to combat this health risk. He's instituted several changes in the department and makes sure officers are aware of the latest findings on nutrition and exercise.

TO YOUR HEALTH

During a recent health fair, officers were able to have their blood pressure taken by Donna Domogala of St. Joseph Business Health Systems in Livonia. Exercise physiologist Monica Pagels from the Botsford Center for Health Improvement showed them how to stretch to attain ultimate flexibility and prevent injuries.

"It's a high stress job even more difficult than 20 years ago," said Kunst. "They're the only employee that wears a microphone on their shirt and a video camera in their car. They're scrutinized. The laws are more



Officer Thomas Funke has his blood pressure taken by Donna Domogala.

Stress under fire



Diane Edwards helps Livonia Police Sgt. David Studt with a body fat analysis test. She is from HAP.

complex. The knowledge and expertise is so much more because of the nature of our society and culture.

"Officers have to be able to go over fences. They're sitting in that car driving around six or seven hours then all of a sudden the blood pressure is cranked up and they're in a foot race or vehicle chase."

The demands of the job have forced departments to look for ways to help officers stay in shape and handle stress. The fitness program awards officers time off when they meet certain standards. A doctor from St. Mary Mercy Hospital assesses officers before they begin training. Several months later they achieve Gold, Silver or Bronze levels by performing push-ups and sit-ups in addition to running a timed mile and a half.

A LEADER

Sgt. Paul Wood is leading his officers by example. A supervisor on the afternoon shift, the 47-year old sergeant recently achieved Gold after losing 70 pounds.

"The city's made it easy for us with a workout room and cardio room. All police officers are given free membership to the rec center. I go six days a week," said Wood, who's been with the department 29 years. "It's having a positive attitude. Thinking positive is key to

'Thinking positive is key to any kind of fitness program.'

Sgt. Paul Wood
Livonia Police Department

any kind of fitness program."

Kunst is pleased that nearly 50 percent of the 170 sworn police officers initially participated in the fitness program as well as the Civil Service Department's Colorful Choices. For three weeks officers were encouraged to eat five colorful choices of fruits a day from a variety donated by local businesses.

"When I came up there was drinking and poor diet due to rotating shifts and suicide was a concern," said Kunst. "We no longer rotate shifts. That's probably the single most health improvement and we're more tuned into high blood pressure and cholesterol."

Mary Carley of the Health Alliance Plan found a "higher incidence of blood pressure in police officers age 35-40 than in the general population" when she screened them at last year's health fair. Carley said that could be attributed to the fact officers were coming off of their shift.

This year at the health fair she was offering body fat analysis. HAP provides blood pressure screenings, luncheon programs on stress management, nutrition and a number of topics to subscribers. Nonsubscribers as well can take advantage of the healthy living section on their Web site www.hap.org.

TAKING CARE

"We're hoping to reduce their risks of heart disease and obesity because we know it's linked to other conditions such as diabetes," said Carley. "We want to make police officers more aware of taking care of themselves."

Sgt. Wes McKee first learned his cholesterol was high during a previous health fair; now he sees his doctor regularly for screening. He was at the recent fair to have his blood pressure taken and pick-up information. Several of the officers like Thomas Funke praised the department for offering the fair. He "was happy with his blood pressure reading" because it usually rises after being on the desk all day.

"I have an annual physical every year because I'm over 40 but other officers may not," said Officer Funke, union president. "It's a chance for our officers to get tested."

Sgt. David Studt has his blood pressure checked once a month at church.

"Twenty-five years ago, there was no such thing as a health fair," said Studt. "Today, 80 to 90 percent of officers are in some type of physical exercise program. We don't go for the doughnuts and coffee anymore. We're a lot more health-minded. I began eating oatmeal for breakfast, limit fried food to once a week and work out four times a week."

Studt says stress on the job has increased since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Realizing the pressure officers are under, human resources director Mary Rutan brought in Dr. Robert Levine from the Henry Ford Health System for a six-week series late last year.

"It was nontraditional approaches to quit smoking, lose weight and control stress," said Rutan. "We're pleased with preliminary results and will be tracking them for six months. It's a very cutting edge approach for officers who may have the inability to sleep and eat food on the run."

Levine was a police officer long before he became director of Henry Ford Health System's Complementary and Integrative Medicine Research and the William T. Gossett Neurology Laboratories, so he knew the health risks involved. The Farmington Hills resident kept that in mind while coordinating the wellness program with Dr. Ramon Nunez, a doctor of acupuncture and oriental medicine at the Waterford Center for Integrated Medicine.

"We knew that they have unique jobs that expose them to environmental stressors. We did group acupuncture, nutritional and lifestyle counseling, and hypnosis for all of their problems including stress," said Levine, a research scientist trained in acupuncture and hypnotherapy. "We created awareness of where the stress is in their life so they can shift from a reaction that's creating harmful effects on their body to create a relaxed peaceful existence while maintaining optimal alertness."

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Acute otitis media affects tens of millions of people each year costing up to \$4 billion a year. Middle ear fluid afflicts 10 million children each year in the United States. These conditions result in one of the most common surgeries in our country - tympanostomy tube placement.

Why do children get these conditions? Effective functioning of the middle ear requires the eustachian tube that originates in the back of the nose and throat and ends in the mid-



Dr. Steven Stryk

dle ear to work correctly. Each time we swallow, air is allowed to enter the middle ear equalizing the pressure in the middle ear with atmospheric pressure. An effective immune system helps to rid the middle ear of any bacteria that inadvertently gets into the area. Anything that interferes with the eustachian tube or immune system can increase the risk for ear infections and middle ear fluid.

The eustachian tube of the young child is wide, short and is horizontal allowing nasal and oral material easier access to the middle ear. As we grow the tube narrows, elongates and angles upward decreasing chances of nasal and oral contents from getting into the middle ear.

Enlarged adenoids can interfere with the origination of the tube causing it to malfunction. Allergies are a very common cause of nasal inflammation in children and contribute to both the risk of ear infection and middle ear fluid.

If a child has frequent ear infections or middle ear fluid an evaluation by a board certified pediatric allergy and immunology physician can determine if allergies or an immune system problem are involved. These conditions are treatable and doing so can prevent recurrence of infection. If allergy medications are not sufficient then allergen injection treatments might be indicated. If allergies or an immune sys-

tem problem are not involved, an ENT specialist may need to place pressure equalization tubes to help the child.

These conditions can be serious and lead to long-term consequences. Children who have fluid persisting in the middle ear for more than three months despite medications and children with more than a handful of ear infections per year warrant a visit to a specialist.

Steven Stryk, M.D., is board certified in adult and pediatric asthma, allergy and immunology. Stryk and partner Dr. David Seaman regularly treat patients with ear infections at their Canton Asthma & Allergy offices in Canton, Farmington and Brighton.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Nutrition and Cooking for Health

A seminar on the latest scientific discoveries in the field of nutrition 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School and Church Complex, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. By donation. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179. There will be cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Vegetarian cookbooks will be available for purchase. A delicious vegetarian meal will be served at the end of the program.

Blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 for an appointment or just drop in.

Illusions of Eating Disorders

Two-part presentation educates attendees about eating disorders and body image 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, and Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Beaumont Hospital first floor auditorium in the Administration Building, 3601 W. 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. No charge. For more information, call (248) 551-7133. Medical experts will talk about the need to fill emotional gaps and explore treatment options and issues confronted along the road to recovery. Anorexia is a slow process of self-starvation most common among young women. Bulimia prompts people to engage in compulsive eating binges and then purge the food by vomiting or using laxatives. Without treatment of the emotional and physical symptoms, malnutrition, hearts problems and other potentially fatal conditions can result.

Be Your Own Health Detective

How do you locate reliable and up-to-date information about medication discounts, cancer, weight loss, heart disease, vitamins, alternative treatments, high blood pressure, current clinical trials, arthritis, men's health concerns? How do you search for free health information at the library? What questions should you ask your doctor about diseases, surgeries, treatments, and medications? Bob Sweet, a medical information expert, is your guide to the wealth of materials available from health organizations, libraries, and Internet Web sites during sessions 7-9:10 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 24 and March 2, at Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren), Dearborn. The cost is \$43. Nursing contact hours available for additional fee. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or visit the Web site at www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, the workshop takes place the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Smoking Cessation Program

Wellness Seminars present a seminar combining hypnosis and behavior modification to kick the habit without gaining weight 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, 1101 W. University, Rochester, use outpatient entrance. The first 45 minutes is a free orientation. If participants decide to stay for the second part they pay

\$59 for the hypnotic session, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement audiocassette, and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. For reservations, call (248) 652-5269; for information, (800) 848-2822.

Preventing Osteoarthritis

A free seminar for people of all ages who want to remain active and pain free into their senior years 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Dr. Nicole Whitehead is the guest speaker for the seminar that focuses on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints, and how to prevent arthritis. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Healthy cooking classes

Classes include cooking Fun Foods such as baked tofu fries, pinto bean dip and more 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. Val is a whole foods chef who's been teaching cooking classes since 1997 and is the author of "Perceptions in Healthy Cooking." Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com.

Running Symposium

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a running symposium 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile. Learn about conditions associated with running, how to rehabilitate common injuries, and how to choose the right running shoes. Peter Galea, doctor of podiatry medicine, the hospital's medicine and rehabilitation department physical therapists, and representatives from Running Fit will speak. Pre-registration is required. Call Kevin Moore at (734) 655-2419.

100th anniversary celebration

The American Lung Association (ALA) proudly announce the kick-off of a year long 100th Anniversary celebration 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, February 26, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit's Cultural Center. The Evening of Elegance honoring former ALA President of the Board, Ethelene Crockett, M.D. (1914-1978), one of Detroit's pioneer African American female physicians. Matt Michaels, director of Jazz Studies at WSU and a legendary jazz performer in the Detroit area, will provide the evening's entertainment. Docent guided tours of the museum will be available as well. Tickets are \$100 and available by calling the American Lung Association at (248) 784-2000. Deadline for reservations was Feb. 16. Since its inception 100 years ago, The American Lung Association has led the battle against lung disease, advocated for cleaner air and participated in vital research to unmask the causes of childhood asthma.

Hospice Training Program

The program of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for caring men and women who are interested in a rewarding volunteer

experience. A training program will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Institute's Vaitkevicius, MD Community Services Center in Southfield. Volunteers typically work a few hours a week to run errands, provide companionship and respite, share a laugh and sometimes help with a special wish. For more information, call (248) 827-1592.

Mail Walkers Program

Staff members from Henry Ford Health System will demonstrate proper stretching routines in front of Lord and Taylor 8:30-9:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, Fairlane Town Center Mall as part of the Walkers Program. Sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, the walkers program runs 7-10 a.m. Mail walkers can also meet with health experts from Henry Ford Fairlane and Detroit Northwest Medical Centers on a regular basis to receive heart health, exercise, safety and nutrition information, information on proper walking techniques, and free blood pressure checks and bone density tests. For more information, call (313) 593-1370 or visit the Web site at www.HenryFord.com.

Opening reception

"Make a Wish," a show of watercolors by Marilyn Wolff continues to Feb. 29, in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Nov. No charge. For more information, call (248) 465-5455.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a free eight week grief workshop. From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Monday Feb. 9, and runs 8 consecutive weeks. The workshop is presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. Ward Church is located on Six Mile & Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Dorothy at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

UPCOMING

Feldenkrais for Golf

Improve your flexibility for golf 6:15-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 2-April 6, Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren), Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$59. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or visit the Web site at www.hfcc.edu/CL2. A Guild-certified Feldenkrais practitioner will lead you in slow, gentle, comfortable movements that will help you rediscover your inborn capacity for the physical coordination needed for golf. It will also help reduce strain or pain in the neck, back, hips, and knees brought on by playing golf.

Grief Recovery Series

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice will offer

two, five-part grief recovery series in March in Canton and Ann Arbor. The Canton series begins 7-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. The Ann Arbor series begins 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd. The series is open to the public and there is no charge. It is recommended that participants attend all five sessions. Registration is required for both. Call (734) 327-3409.

The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping. The series offers participants healthy ways to move through the grief process and provides support understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone with their feelings of grief. The goals of the group are to understand how grief affects you physically, emotionally, and spiritually; learn to deal with difficult emotions such as anger, guilt and loneliness; learn to take care of yourself and reinvest your energy; and to take steps to reconcile with grief, and grow because of it.

Prostate screening, men's fair

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in American men, with about 221,000 new cases in 2003, according to the American Cancer Society. Prostate Screening Day consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), Total Cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check. It is suggested that men 45 years and older get tested. PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease. Whether immediate treatment is required or not, symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. To register, call (734) 655-8963. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Rd in Livonia. For directions or information visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Headache: PT management

Oakland Physical Therapy will present a program for individuals interested in the management and prevention of chronic headache pain 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in it's office at Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River at Beck, Suite B124, Novi. No charge. Reservations required. Call (248) 380-3550. Class includes a lecture and participation with posture and flexibility exercises.

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Hatha Yoga classes

The Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) Center is offering Hatha Yoga classes beginning 6-7:15 p.m. or 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, 36555 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland. Cost is \$68 for eight sessions. Space is limited. To register, call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org. Yoga is an ancient art suitable for all ages and fitness levels. This class is offered to newcomers or continuing students, and uses yoga postures and breathing techniques to promote flexibility and strength as well as relaxation.

Surgical weight loss

Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield will offer a free seminar on surgical weight loss 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at 6777 W. Maple. Jeffery Genaw, M.D., director of the Bariatric Surgery Center at Henry Ford Hospital, will discuss three surgical options. To register, call (800) HenryFord.

Vaccine workshop

Mia Mahalo presents Vaccines - Are They Safe? What Every Parent Needs To Know 7-8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. Mary Tocco, director of Vaccine Research and Education for Michigan Opposing Mandatory Vaccines and president of the Autism Autoimmunity Project of Michigan, will share the latest research on vaccination risks. Tocco will also discuss Michigan laws and whether or not

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Diabetes Support Leader Training

There is a need to develop additional Diabetes Support Groups in this area, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Michigan Department of Community Health, a Diabetes Support Group Leader Training class will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, in Classrooms 1 and 2, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. Please use the Marian Professional Building/Road Entrance. Training is presented by Dan Diepenhorst, MSW, Public Health Consultant, Michigan Department of Community Health. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950. For directions or additional information please visit the Web site www.stmarymercy.org.

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The problem intensifies more in psoriatic arthritis because the feet are often involved. The foot and ankle arthritis worsens because of the combination of heavier shoes, exposure to cold, and the tension on foot muscles trying to navigate icy walks.

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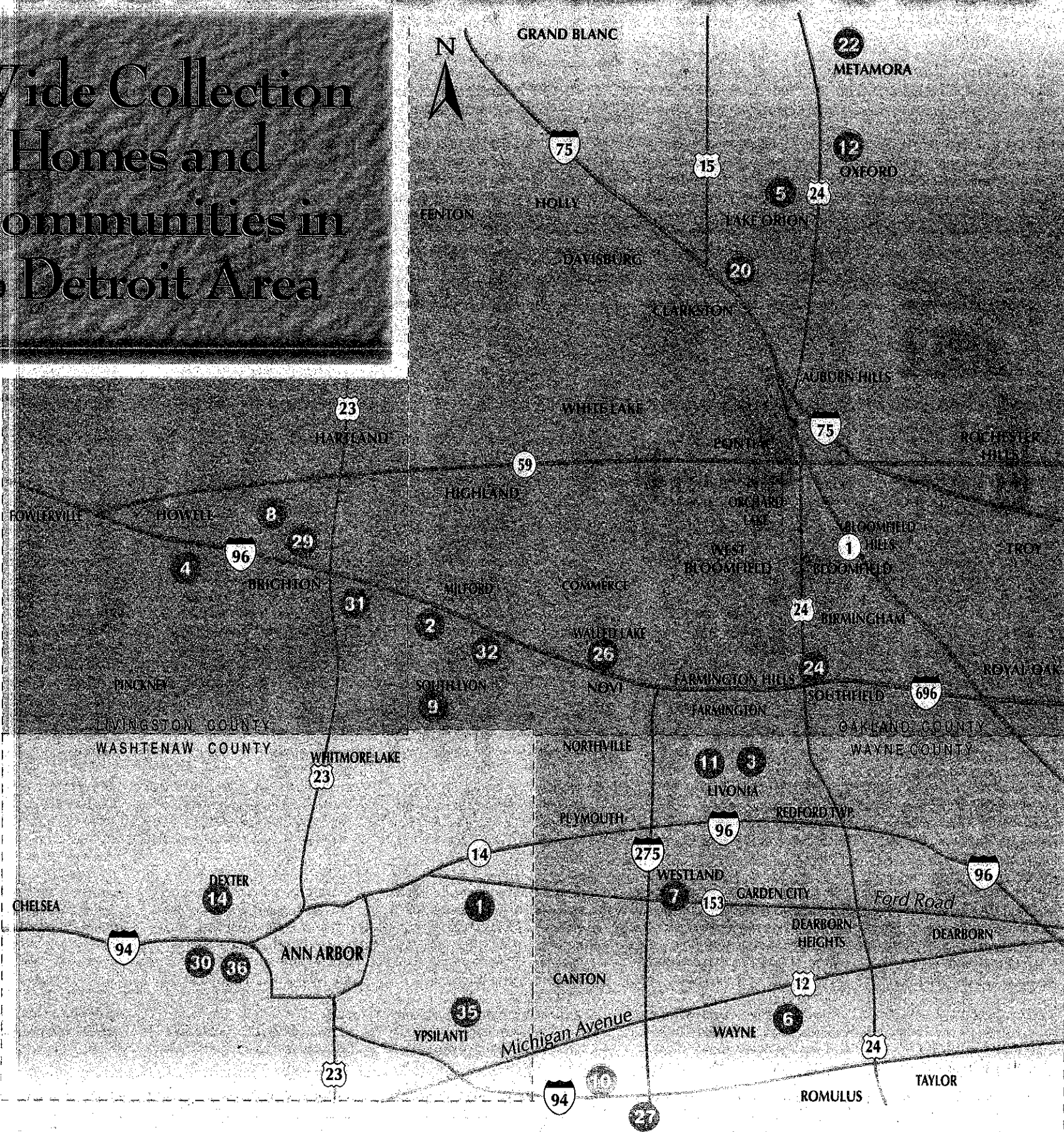
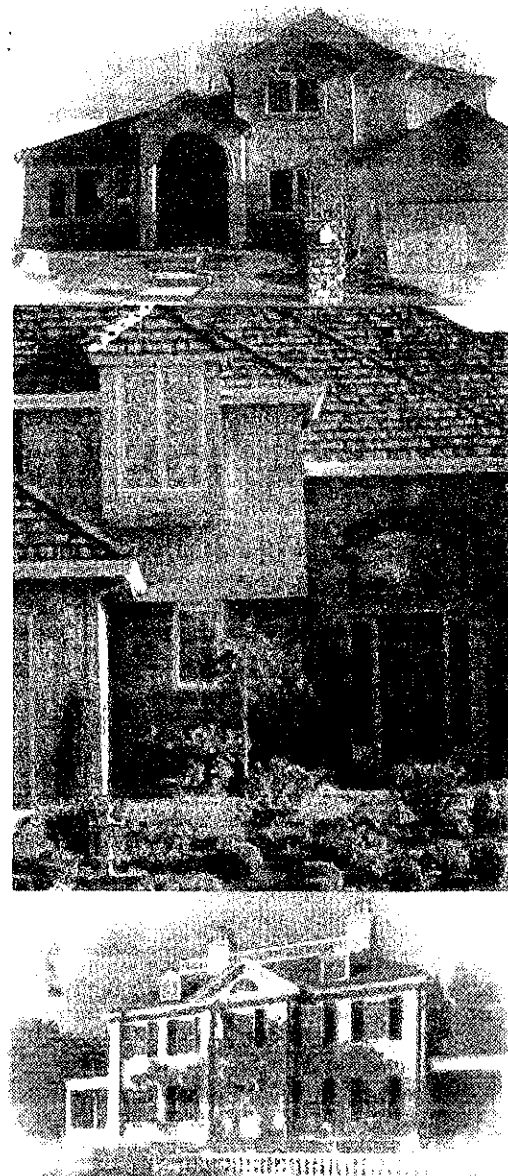
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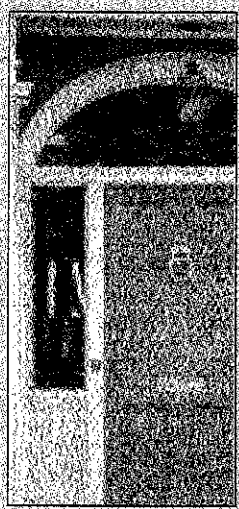
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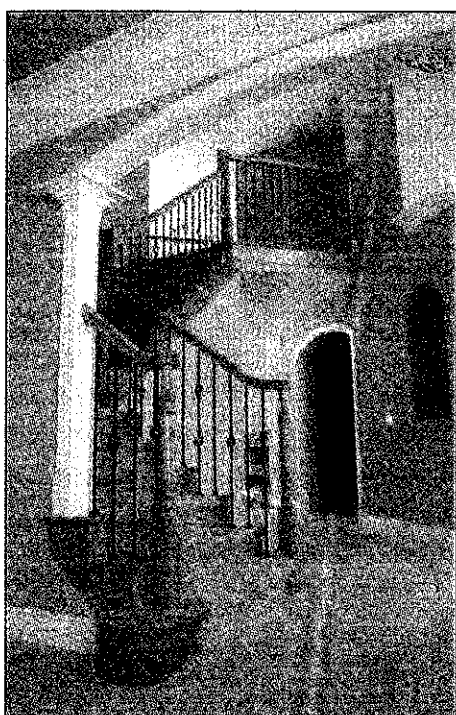
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Family enjoys new home in Woodland Pond

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

The day might come when Colin Haefner will awake and wonder about the low-wing Piper two-seater that seems to be flying near his crib.

For now, 4-month-old Colin is content to snuggle in his jammies in his new room in his family's new home.



A stairway in a home under construction in Woodland Pond on North Territorial in Plymouth Township.

Meanwhile, Colin's dad and mom, Robert and Amelia - she's called Amy - are thinking about the deck they want to build off of the kitchen. It will be, Amy said, where they can relax after a day's work and reflect on the beauty of the trees and the protected wetlands surrounding them.

Robert and Amy both are air traffic controllers, which explains Colin's airplane. Amy said she called on her crafting skills to paint the mural on the far wall of her baby's room.

The Haefners have only been in their new home for a couple of weeks. They're pioneering settlers in Woodland Pond, leading the way to life in this planned 31-home development in Plymouth Township.

So far, the Haefners' house and two others have been completed. Four more are under construction and two more will be started in March, according to D.J. Maltese, one of the builders.

Sensing that they were outgrowing their three-bedroom 1,600-foot house, Robert and Amy began a search for a roomier place to raise Colin and any other little Haefners who might come along, she said.

A buyer's sales agent took them to Woodland Pond. "She told me," Amy said, "you have to see this house."

The agent was Kim Belz of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake, Plymouth. "I told Amy there isn't much opportunity to build in Plymouth Township. Not much vacant land left."

Amy said she knew there was "limited new construction" in the town where she



Dominic Maltese Jr. of D.J. Maltese Construction (left) and Tim Breault of Breault Homes are the builders at the newly developed Woodland Pond in Plymouth Township.

and Robert wanted to stay.

"We were really impressed with the builder. In his houses, a lot of things are considered standard that other builders consider upgrades. We were very interested in getting into a new development that we think will draw other young families with kids."

Amy might be thinking about playmates in Colin's new world who will want to come in to see the airplane in his room.

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Amy Haefner
homeowner

Homes have exceptional exterior, interior features

Here are some facts and figures, based on information supplied by the developers, about Woodland Pond on North Territorial Road west of Ridge Road in Plymouth Township.

Homes range in size from 2,650 square feet to 3,000 square feet with four bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths and two- or three-car garages. Depending on the grade of the lot, some have walkout base-

ments and some have "daylight basements" with a four-foot window at one end. Prices range from \$439,500 to \$497,500.

The development is single-family homes on condominium sites, meaning that a portion of each lot is common land belonging to a homeowners association. Homeowners will pay dues, currently set at \$450 per year, which will cover lawn maintenance and snow removal

on common areas.

Exterior features include brick with cast stone surrounds, dimensional shingles, Hardy-Plank siding, wood or fiberglass windows and aluminum gutters and downspouts.

Interior features include nine-foot basement and first-floor, two-story great room and foyer; Brazilian cherry flooring in kitchen, hall and foyer with remaining areas carpeted;

granite counters throughout; Kraftmaid wood cabinets; kitchen appliances; decorative wood trim and crown molding in dining room and living room; wainscot paneling in dining room; decorative stairway railing with iron balusters; high-efficiency furnace with air conditioning and power humidifier; full ceramic tile in bathrooms; whirlpool tub and shower with glass door in master suite; walk-in closets; cast

stone surround at fireplace; and 200-amp electrical panel.

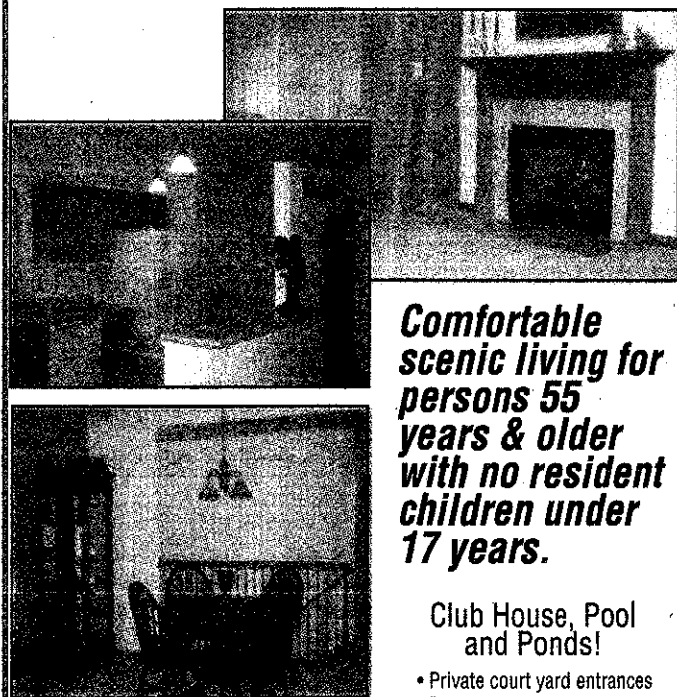
The builders are D. J. Maltese, Plymouth, in partnership with Breault Homes, Northville. Houses were designed by Dimension Design, Livonia.

For more information, call the Woodland Pond builders at (734) 737-0500 or contact them at www.djmaltese.com. The model home is open 1-5 p.m. weekends.

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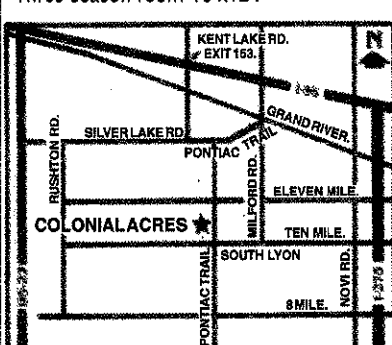
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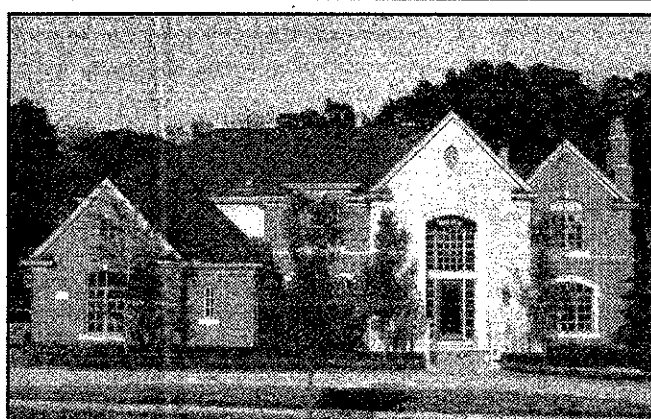
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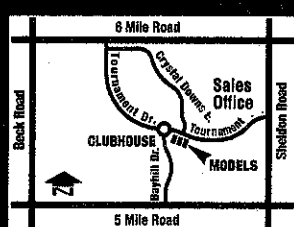
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Let your contractor finance those home improvements

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Home improvement contractors have strapped some new equipment onto their tool belts: project financing.

Contractors have entered the project-loan arena in a big way, according to an industry expert who says the trend adds convenience for homeowners and attracts contractors with good reputations and equally good business skills.

"This is another arrow in a contractor's quiver because it boosts their credibility when consumers know a bank supports the contractor's business," said Tom Hewitt, president of Kenwood Associates. "This part of the loan industry is booming."

The project is paid for out of contractors' pockets; Kenwood, an affiliate partner of The Home Service Store, steps in with the loan once a project is approved and completed. This is called "buying the contract." Consumers pay Kenwood, not the contractor.

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While consumers may not automatically view contractors as finance sources, there are plenty of

positives to do just that. The appeal is part financial, part construction process management.

For one, consumers won't dip into their wallets to pay for labor or materials. Those costs are already paid. This frees homeowners from writing checks for even small items. Hewitt cautions, however, that consumers must still keep tabs on project expenses.

Consumers tempted to pay for materials by credit card can avoid sky-high interest rates.

Don't forget about possible tax benefits for contractor-arranged secured loans.

Finally, loan terms must be competitive with rates charged by other lenders. The trump card for contractor-provided loans is a loan amount more closely tied to actual project costs and sheer customer convenience.

Hewitt says that at Kenwood, the average home improvement loan is nearly \$8,500. Consumers must be energy-conscious; typical loans fund energy-related projects such as sun rooms, roofing, siding and windows. Kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms are also high on the list.

Contractors don't need to be loan experts. "We help the contrac-

tor with training, make sure they understand how the financing works and who qualifies for loans," Hewitt said. "We handle all the paperwork. The lender's role is pretty transparent to the consumer."

But the process is added validation for consumers looking to find experienced, financially viable contractors. Contractors must pass financial and background checks, including licensing and insurance. They sign their own contract with the lender. Contractors have a real incentive to perform: If homeowners are unhappy with the project during follow-up calls by Hewitt's staff, the loan amount can be withheld until the work meets consumer expectations.

"This increases a good contractor's market share, because consumers want total project convenience from a contractor they can trust. Consumers trust someone who can deliver a good project," Hewitt said.

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Finding right house like chemistry

BY SIBBY CHRISTENSEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's a little like falling in love. You know instinctively that a certain kind of house is meant for you.

But like love, you may not quite be able to explain it — especially to the architect who will help you make it a reality. Whether you're prepared to build a new house or alter the one you already live in, you can't find the words.

Now comes Sarah Susanka, offering a translation and key to the architect's toolbox, as she terms it, in her newest book, *Home by Design* (The Taunton Press, \$35 hardcover, March 15).

Along the way, she defines what it is about a house — its chemistry — that makes it a home.

Filled with illustrations of homes that are bright, spacious, and unified, her book suggests many projects from simple to complex that can make your existing house more user-friendly or inform you of your choices if you're building a house from the ground up. All aim to make a house more inviting and functional for the people who live there.

The book shows light-giving windows; ceilings that drop their height to add intimacy and definition to a dining or sleeping area or that soar openly to the framing timbers; privacy-saving niches; and subtle design themes.

Susanka already has demonstrated her skill in connecting people with livable houses, rising to prominence with her bestselling book, *The Not So Big House*. In that book, seen by many as a chal-

lenge to the McMansion trend, the author-architect argued that quality details are smarter and more congenial choices than more square footage.

"Since writing *The Not So Big House*, I've received thousands of e-mails and letters from people who've said they knew what they wanted but simply didn't know how to ask for it," Susanka says. *Home by Design* will give these spatially sensitive types a much larger vocabulary by which to describe their desires.

That vocabulary involves an awareness of three broad categories: Space, Light, and Order.

"They're really references to our hard wiring as human beings," she says.

IDEAS YOU CAN USE

"There are many ways to use these principles. At one end of the spectrum, it will give readers simple ideas that they can implement themselves, without a lot of remodeling, and without the need of a design professional or a builder. At the other end of the spectrum, it will give readers the vocabulary to describe to their builder and/or architect what special features they are looking for."

Architects, for their part, sometimes have difficulty in communicating their ideas to clients, says Susanka. "There are many instances in the architectural design process where an architect wants to do something that the client doesn't understand the value of, so it gets left out when it would have made the design significantly better had it been included." It's her hope that the book will help

her colleagues adopt a more straightforward language to explain their ideas to clients.

Of the principles she cites, the most important may be light. All living things, including people, are inherently attracted to light, and using it can make any space more inviting and vital.

"When a building engages us by attracting our attention, as it does when a light source is strategically located to move us from one place to the next, we feel more alive, and we tend to like the place."

Thoughtful window placement obviously maximizes light, but Susanka points out that other things may come into play, such as aligning a doorway opposite or using reflective surfaces to advantage. In very sunny climates, window placement might serve to diffuse the light.

SPACE MATTERS

Space — as she argued in *The Not So Big House* — is more than a matter of square footage.

In the new book, she shows how spatial feeling can be affected by such strategies as removing walls and defining discrete areas by lowering or framing ceilings. And order is shown by the design sense that perhaps picks up unifying details that make the house seem whole, instead of a series of rooms that have been blocked together.

One of Susanka's aims is to remind both architects and clients that "for architecture to really perform its function, people must be able to enjoy it, find comfort in it, and be inspired by it."

Right tools make painting easier

(MS) — A fresh coat of paint can quickly change the look of any room in your home. While painting some surfaces can be easy, challenges can and do arise while painting others. But don't worry — any project can be easy if you have the right tools. Follow the advice of the primer experts at Zinsser when painting the following hard-to-paint surfaces:

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■ Painting porous surfaces like builder's flat paint and new drywall — porous surfaces absorb paint unevenly and often create an inconsistent color and sheen that requires multiple coats of paint. A good primer will seal the surface so paint spreads more evenly and easily for a better-looking finish with less paint. Tip from the pros: For best results, tint your primer toward the color of your paint. Research shows that one coat of tinted primer and one coat of paint will give you a better paint job than two coats of paint.

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It's kind of unusual, but take a look at underground homes

BY DEBRA GASKILL
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Products of the energy crunch in the 1970s, underground homes are worth another look from a new generation.

Because the earth surrounding a building takes on and gives off heat at a slow pace, they can be much cheaper to heat and cool, experts say. Heat taken in during the summer is released in the fall and winter.

Underground homes became a trend as a result of the Arab oil embargo of the early 1970s. Approximately 5,000 to 10,000 earth-bermed or underground homes were built in the United States during that time.

CONSTRUCTION

These homes were constructed in two ways.

A truly underground home used earth for all sides, with only the entrance above ground. Earth-bermed homes used earth for several sides and/or the roof, with one side, usually the southern exposure, built using conventional materials.

Cave-like darkness and moisture are the biggest concern people have about earth-bermed houses, said Columbus, Ohio, architect Richard Ohanion, president of Home Sweet Earth Homes. He has been designing earth-bermed and underground homes for more than 25 years.

Ohanion's homes have insulation and waterproof barriers installed between the earth and the concrete, which along with weatherstripping and drainage prevents dampness. Solar atriums can be used to bring the sunshine as well as the heat into the home.

Ohanion was the architect for the home Ruth and Ron Schroeder built during the late 1970s, out of an interest in an alternative energy-conscious lifestyle. Their 2,000-square-foot, three-bedroom home, which sits on five acres outside Fairborn, is earth-bermed on several sides.

When it was originally built, a visitor entering through the front door found himself on a balcony overlooking a room with a 24-foot ceiling – what the Schroeders call the “solar atrium.”

The atrium, which is a passive solar collector, rises out of the ground, the top half of the south wall made of 192 square feet of glass greenhouse panels. The windows let in sunlight but keep heat from radiating back out, trapping the sun's warmth. Warm air collects in the upper part of the atrium, and a ceiling fan helps circulate it through the house.

Several years later, the Schroeders renovated the atrium to change the balcony into a small room, which is filled with musical equipment.

They originally heated their home with a wood stove but have since converted to a furnace. Concrete panels and dirt on the roof would have made their home more efficient, Ruth Schroeder said, but she enjoys the view she has of the back of their land.

“People like our property. They think (the house) will be like a cave, but it's not. It's nice and airy,” she said.

Ohanion started building earth-bermed houses in 1977 when he and his partner, David P. Hamilton Jr., of Springfield, Ohio, formed Shelterra Homes, which

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was dissolved during the Carter administration due to high interest rates. He is now president of Home Sweet Earth Home. He's found the renewed interest in his style of homes hasn't transferred to more business.

“Sometimes I think, since I put up my Web site, I've become Encyclopedia Earthtannica,” Ohanion said. He gets a lot of requests for plans and questions, but that's about all. His architectural drawings for an earth-bermed home range from \$1,250 to \$2,500, with construction costs averaging about \$100 a square foot.

COSTS AND BENEFITS

Costs for an underground home can be 10 to 15 percent higher than a traditional aboveground home, Ohanion said. The biggest part of construction costs – between 60 and 65 percent – are in the construction of the shell.

There are more benefits to earth-bermed houses than saving energy, Ohanion said. “It's about out-and-out survival,” he claims. “You can survive a night or two in an underground home without heat.” During Ohio's spring and summer tornado season, the superstructure of an earth-bermed home will remain intact.

He thinks it will take the construction of an entire underground neighborhood of “10 or 20 on a street” for people to see how unique these structures are.

Edna McGreevy, 85, of Enon, Ohio, and her late husband, John Gillam, built their earth-bermed home in 1977 when Gillam wanted to have a low-maintenance home. McGreevy's two-bedroom home has a two-car garage and a small machine shop and is nearly completely underground, except for the southern exposure, which faces the road and the other conventional homes in this small southwestern Ohio town.

Originally heated with a small stove, McGreevy later added an electric furnace, then, when gas lines were extended through her neighborhood, converted to gas heating.

“Years ago people called us the ‘cave people,’” she said. “Now they think it's neat.” In the 27 years she's lived there, she's watched nearly all her neighbors replace their roofs.

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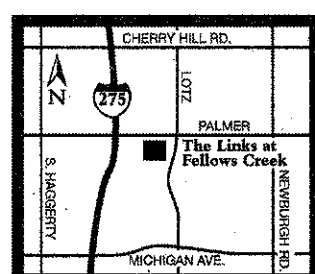
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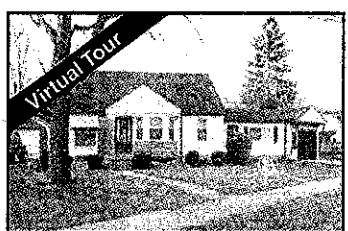
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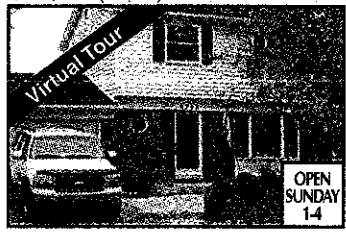
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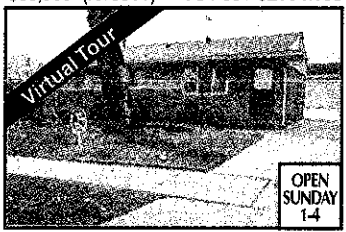


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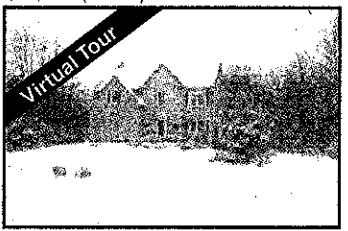
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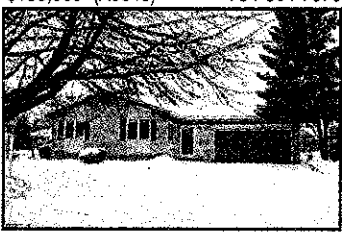
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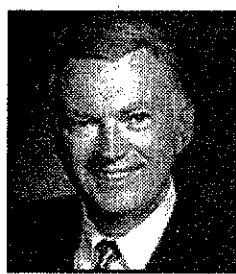
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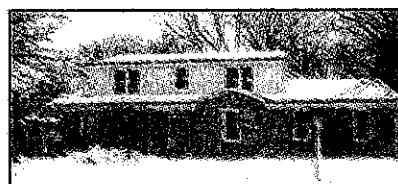
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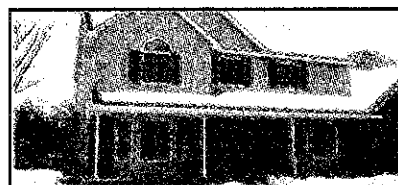
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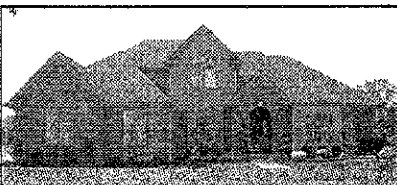
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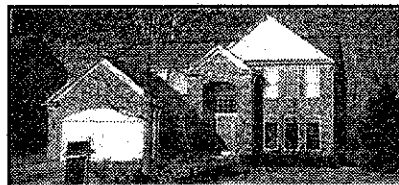
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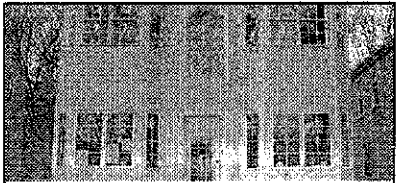
NORTHVILLE Mint Colonial!
Move-in perfection. Custom built home w/4BR, 3.5BA, 3-car gar, fin. LL. Prof. decorated inside & out. Extensive crown molding. Gourmet kit w/island, FR w/gas fpic. Oak paneled den/library. Impressive.
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TROY New Construction!
Four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with full basement and two car garage. Two-story foyer, oak kitchen w/pantry, nook and bay doorwall, GR with gas FP. Library with bay. MBR with large WIC and private bath. Troy schools.
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Gorgeous Lakefront
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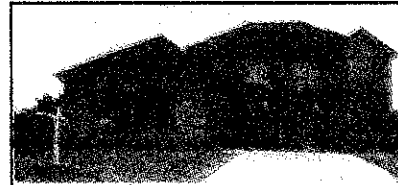
BIRMINGHAM Colonial
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Colonial
4 BR, 2.5 BA w/Birm. Schools, FR w/frp wet bar, form. LR, DR. Kit w/brkfst area, trg MBR ste. Newer HWH, roof, some windows. Home warr. provided.
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PLYMOUTH Custom Build Dream House
Lovely 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial w/3 c att gar, 2 frp, fin walk-out, fam rm, lib, mstr ste w/jetted tub, dual staircases w/2 story foyer.
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4 BR home w/luxurious mstr ste. Jack & Jill bath, 3 BA up, library, formal din rm, loft, dynamic fin bsmt, butler entry, 4 c att gar, 2 way trp. gourmet kit walk-in pantry, bit-in surround sound sprinklers & security.
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TROY Great Three Bedroom
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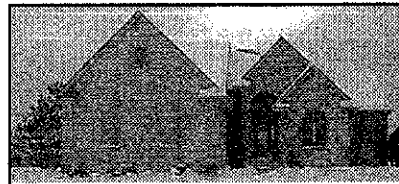
BEVERLY HILLS Peaceful Valley
Best describes the setting for this large 4BR, 2.1BA home sitting on approx. 3/4 acre beautiful lot. Updated roof and HWH and walk out bsmt. Home warranty provided.
(B70WES) 248-642-8100 \$384,900



PLYMOUTH Previous Builders Model
Lg. 4 bdrm, 3 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 2000 w/3 c att gar, fin bsmt, GR w/gas fpic, library w/bay window. Sitting on a lg corner lot.
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OAKLAND TWP. Executive Estate
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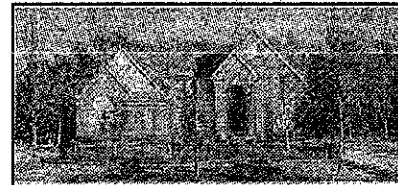
MILFORD Welcome to Royalty Home
Has it all, sits on wooded 3.63 acre lot, 2 story foyer & GR w/2 beautiful spiral staircases, 1st floor mstr, 4 add. bdrms on 2nd flr, w/Jack & Jill baths, 2 study rms, fin. w/o bsmt w/LB, toy rm, too many features.
(B56TAL) 248-626-8800 \$2,200,000



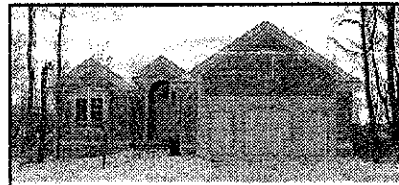
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OAKLAND Prestigious Kings Pointe
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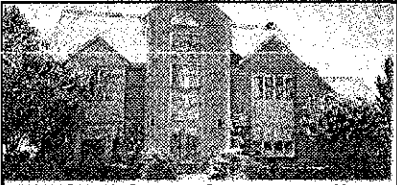
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PLYMOUTH Custom Contemporary Home
3-story atrium foyer spiral oak staircase GR w/frp opens to sunroom, kit w/newer granite counters, form. DR w/wardr flr, lib or music rm, mstr ste w/frp jetted tub, fin walk-out to inground pool.
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OAKLAND Fabulous Model Home
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Lakefront Dream Home
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The nook is incorporated in the kitchen in a large bayed room. The dual sink, raised

dishwasher, and microwave oven run down the outside wall while a walk-in pantry and refrigerator complete the layout. The cooktop is in the island in the center.

Across the hall is a computer room. There's a large open bathroom, ideal for wheelchair access, with a single sink, linen closet and tub adjacent to the computer room.

Bedrooms 2 and 3 are in the right rear of Country Heaven. There are two linen closets, and a utility room at the end of the hall. Each bedroom has large windows and a ceiling fan.

A door in the hall opens into the large two-car garage with a shop in the rear. It has workbenches as well as a sink, cabinets and storage. Pull down stairs provide access to the attic.

The master bedroom is on the far left side of the home. It is a spacious room with French doors that open onto the covered porch. It has two walk-in "his and her" closets closed off by pocket doors. Inside the

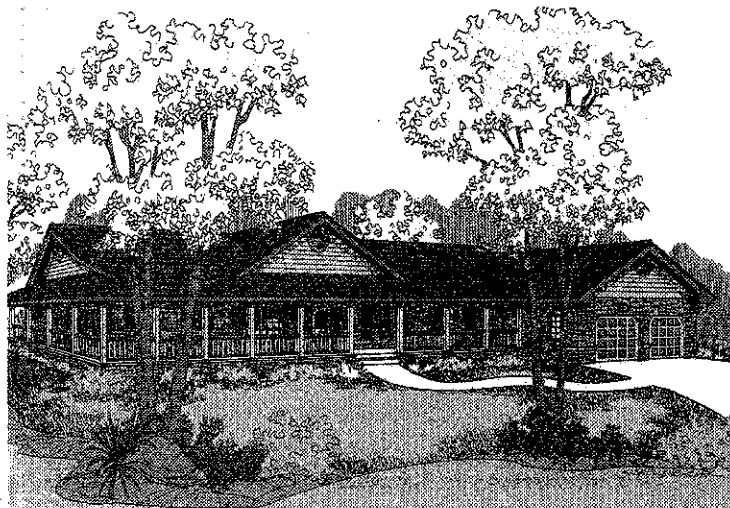
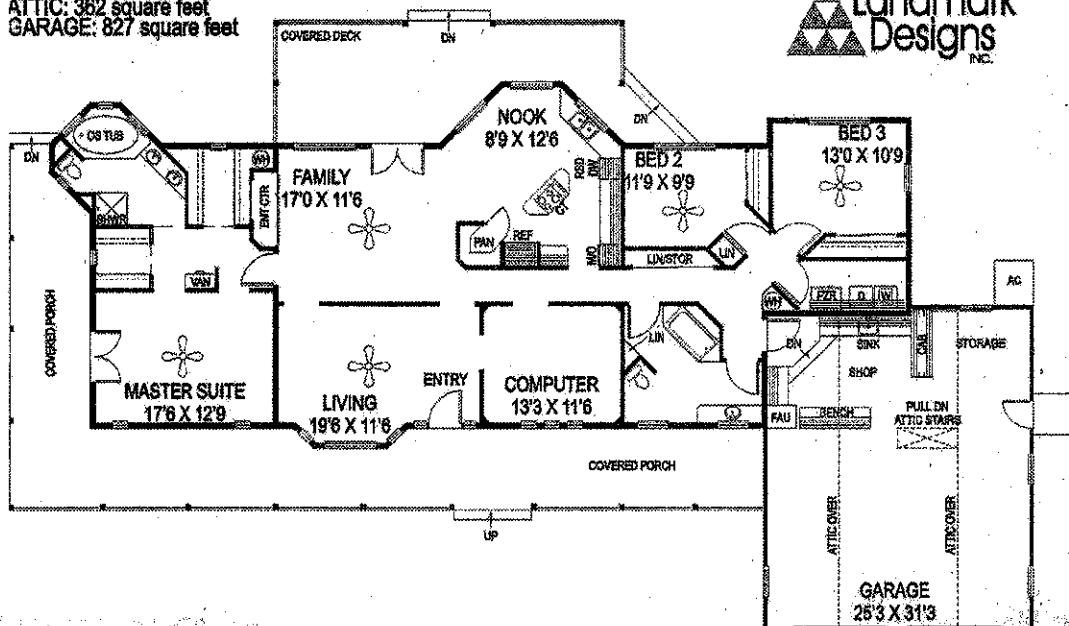
The master bedroom is on the far side of the home. It is a spacious room.

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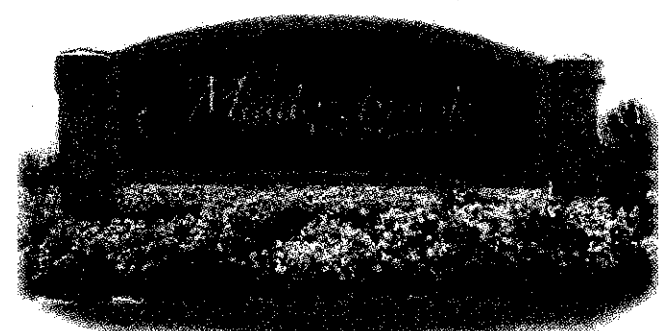
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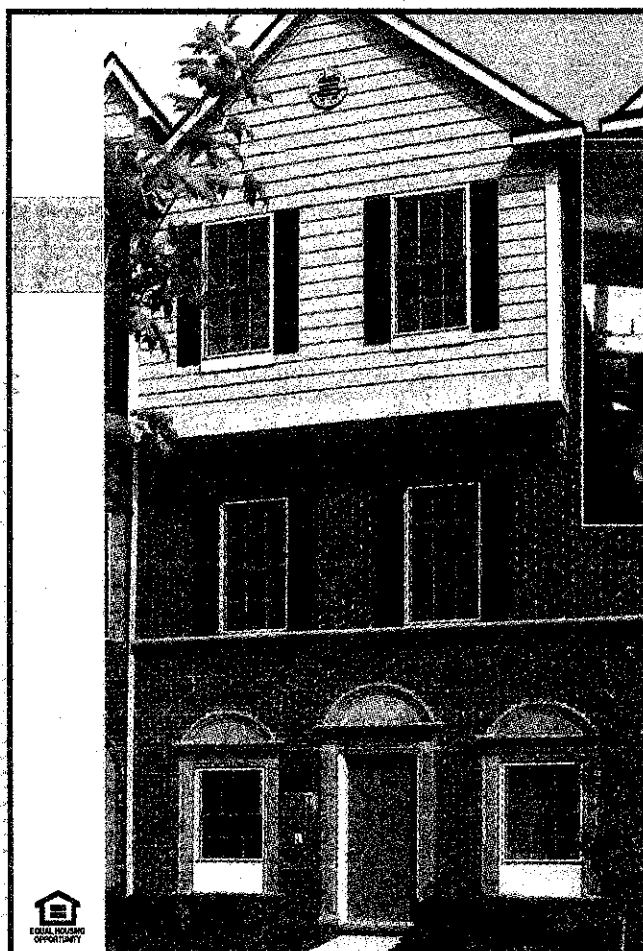
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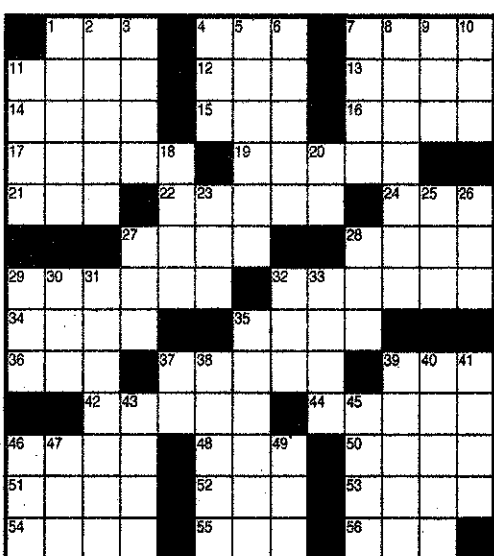
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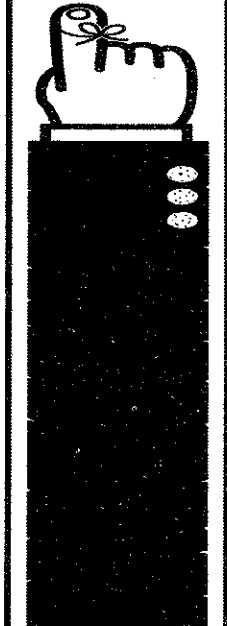
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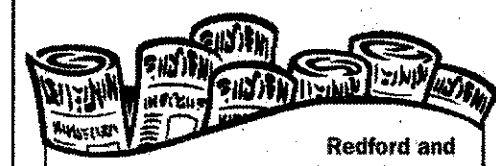
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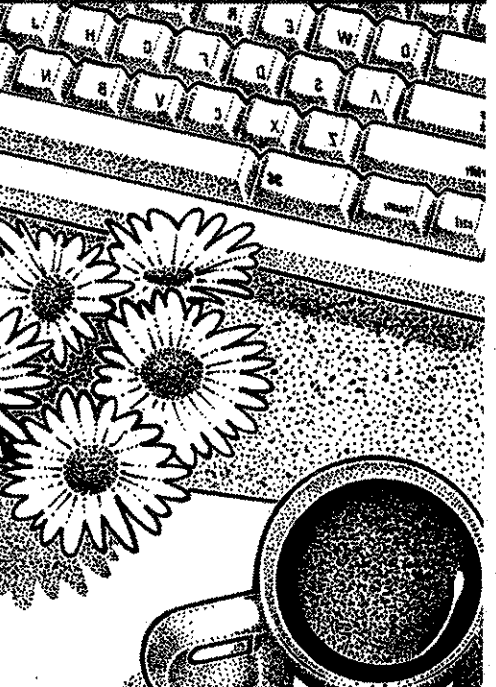
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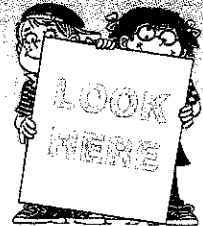
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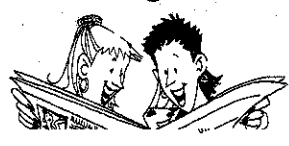
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Help/Wanted General 6000

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Help/Wanted General 6000

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Dental 5040

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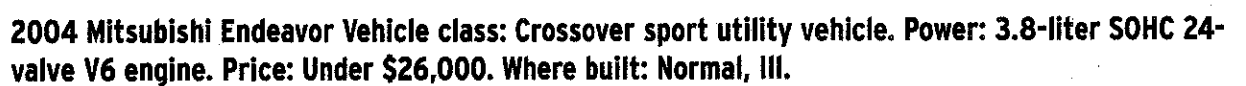
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WHO ARE YOU INSIDE?

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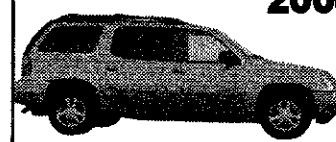


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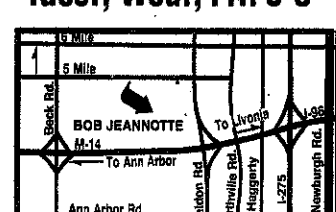
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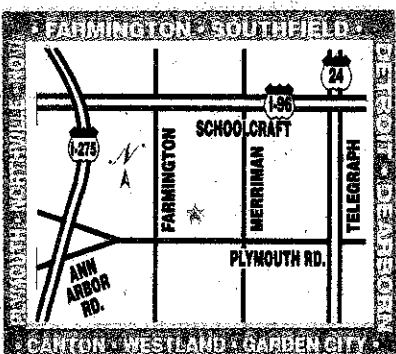
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