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Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm believes 2005 'is going to be a great year for us - a year of job growth; not straight up, but on a subtle trajectory.' Granholm made the remarks during a Dec. 16 press conference in Lansing.

## Granholm at midterm

Governor says 2005 will be a great year of job growth, tax reform

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Despite the fact Michigan's unemployment rate is among the highest in the nation and her approval rating is starting to take a beating, Gov. Jennifer Granholm believes the state has taken a turn for the better.

"2005 is going to be a great year for us," said Granholm during an

end-of-the-year news conference in Lansing Dec. 16, the mid-point of her first, four-year term. "It's going to be a year of job growth; not straight up, but on a subtle trajectory."

Despite an unemployment rate that hovers at 7 percent - the national average is 5.4 percent - Granholm said it's still lower than last year and the state is on the right path. But Granholm does

acknowledge the state's future still rides with the automotive industry.

"We know the state is in a challenging economic time because of the reliance ... on the auto sector," said Granholm. "The Big Three's (General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler) share of the market has been declining, and that poses a challenge for us. That's why we have to focus on

diversifying the economy and creating an environment for growth in areas in addition to the auto sector."

### STEMMING JOB LOSSES

Granholm's own upbeat outlook partially has to do with the improvement in job loss numbers.

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## Shoppers, shovelers brave snow

Leaning on his shovel, 69-year-old Lorenzo Boldrin took a break Thursday from shoveling snow in front of his house on Westbrook in Livonia.

"I was coming home from Ann Arbor last night around 10:30 and I saw just a few flakes falling," he said.

"This morning, I got up and looked out, and this is it," Boldrin said, smiling and gesturing toward the snow that covered his front yard.

Like others across the area, Boldrin worked all morning to dig out from the first winter storm to dump significant amounts of snow on south-east Michigan.

The snow didn't stop shoppers from going to Laurel Park Place to get their last-minute Christmas shopping done.

"I need to get four or five more things," Paul Nolta, 35, of Westland said, walking into the mall.

He braved the weather, he said. "because it had to be done." As to whether he wanted snow for the holidays, Nolta said, "I don't feel strongly one way or the other."

Moments later, 19-year-old Jayna Graham of Westland walked into the mall with her bundled-up baby, Jonah, just eight days old.

"I'm shopping for my mother," said Graham, accompanied by Kathleen Tadlock, an aunt visiting from Seattle.

"We're both from the Upper Peninsula originally, so we're used to this kind of snow," Graham said. "This is like October."

Graham and Tadlock gave pause before going out into the winter's first major storm, but they decided

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Hall should win a good neighbor award. The Livonia resident fired up his snowblower as the snow was still falling and cleared sidewalks for at least 14 of his Barkley Street neighbors.

## MADD offers rides home on New Year's Eve

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

If you have too much to drink this New Year's Eve, there's a safe way to get home. Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapters for Wayne and Oakland counties will again offer Project LifeRide.

"This is the 20th year," said Ne'chole McClendon, Wayne County MADD chapter

director. "It's very popular. People are calling to see if we're continuing to do this program."

The Project LifeRide phone won't be operable until Dec. 31, she added. Those seeking information prior to then can call Wayne County MADD at (734) 721-8181 or Oakland County MADD at (248) 682-2220.

For New Year's Eve, the Project LifeRide phone

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Wayne Co. MADD director

## Kids, parents seek out holiday break activities

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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The holiday season annually brings a lot of shopping, eating, parties and fun.

For children, it also brings a two-week break from the rigors of school. For parents, that means two weeks of having their kids underfoot and scrambling to find things for them to do that don't involve staring at a television or a computer screen.

That translates into added holiday business for places like bowling alleys, movie theaters, museums, fitness centers and the like.

"No question about it, business picks up over the

holiday break," said Greg Wolcott, district vice president for the Livonia YMCA. "One of the things we have is an area next to our fieldhouse called 'The Zone,' for children ages 8-14 to participate in a variety of things. Mom and Dad can drop kids off to participate, and then go work out or whatever."

Most places which feature children's activities on a continuing basis pick up the pace a little bit during the holidays. For instance, the Plymouth YMCA offers a Winter Break Camp Dec. 27-29 for children ages kindergarten-fifth grade. Campers take field trips and do crafts, games and much more.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scott Larabell, 11, of Plymouth, works on his snowman mug with his 18-year-old sister, Lisa, at Oasis Pottery in downtown Plymouth. Scott said he has been there with his friends before and enjoys spending time at the store.

## Coming Thursday in Filter

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## Preschool's goodwill heads overseas

Children, family members and friends of the Northville Co-Op Preschool collected boxes filled with needed items for U.S. military troops in Baghdad. The youngsters attending the school live in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Canton.

The project got underway when Annette McGowan, the school's Community Outreach Coordinator contacted the Navy Recruiting District Michigan.

"My brother, Lance Cpl. Paul Buoniconti from the Marine Corps, will be joining the Alpha Company 2Trac in Iraq sometime in January," said McGowan. "Many of us in the community are affected personally by having a relative or knowing someone who has been or will be sent overseas. We wanted to get a jumpstart on helping military members have an enjoyable holiday season."

When she learned of the Support-our-Troops Drive that was being sponsored by Madison Heights VFW Post 9507, American Legion Post 354 and Augie's Bar and Grill, McGowan wasted no time. She had less than 10 days to collect items for transporting to Baghdad. With the help of Janine Bachat, teacher for 2-year-olds; Sue Jarvela, teacher for 3-year-olds; Susan Collins, teacher for 4-year-olds; school helpers and par-



Three-year-olds at the Northville Co-op Preschool share their message for the troops in Iraq.

ents, a generous amount of time and resources were utilized. The collective efforts were well spent. Navy Recruiter and VFW member Petty Officer Justin Tripp, from Navy Recruiting District Madison Heights, loaded a truck full of boxes that will go onboard a plane to Baghdad, which will soon depart.

For more information on supporting the troops, in addition to "Any Servicemember," there are other ways to reach the troops:

■ 'Operation USO Care Package' at [http://www.uso.org/pubs/93\\_325\\_1391.cfm](http://www.uso.org/pubs/93_325_1391.cfm)

■ DoD Launches 'America Supports You' to Showcase Support for Troops [http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Nov2004/n11192004\\_2004111908.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Nov2004/n11192004_2004111908.html)

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## Holiday shoppers return for exchanges and deals

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

For retailers across western Wayne County, it might be hard to tell the difference between the crowds of last-minute shoppers the day before Christmas and those who rush back Dec. 26.

One noticeable change, however, is the number of shoppers who arrive at stores armed with bags of merchandise — ready to return or exchange.

Gifts might come in the wrong size, color or style. And some recipients get more than one of the same item. Shoppers have their reasons for returns, and retail employees hear them all.

"Hopefully they'll find what they're looking for," said Denise Mills, marketing manager at Westland Shopping Center in Westland. She anticipates large crowds at the mall throughout the week.

To offset the post-holiday race to the cash registers Sunday, the mall will open three hours early, at 8 a.m., and close at 6 p.m.

Parisian, in Livonia's Laurel Park Place, also holds extended store hours today, Sunday, Dec. 26, to accommodate the still thriving crowds. Randy Dell, store manager, said the hours are only an hour shorter compared to the holiday rush — from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. — and the store will be fully staffed.

"People are just as antsy when they find an item they like," he said of those who come to return or exchange.

And shoppers keep coming, for the entire week following Christmas to do so.

Owners of The Colonial Collection, 44465 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, allow returns on holiday merchandise through Jan. 10.

"It gives them some time to return or exchange," said Kathy Ayers, a Plymouth Township resident who co-owns the store with her daughter, Marilyn Von Gerichten.

Ayers took over the business in September after having managed the store for 33 years. She knows what to expect around the holidays.

"We have done very well," Ayers said. "We bought cautiously, put in things we loved. It's been a good Christmas."

Unlike area malls, she doesn't expect huge crowds today.

In fact, the shop will open at its normal time, 10 a.m. Ayers said shopping will likely be continuous, thanks in part to those "after-Christmas bargain-hunters."

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Mills said bringing a receipt or a gift receipt does speed up the process, and maintains the value of the item at the time it was purchased. Without a receipt, the item may be returned for the current, possibly sale, price.

In any case, Mills suggests all who venture out the day after Christmas should "be patient."

The Parisian store policy is clear with regard to exchanges of its merchandise.

According to Dell, gifts under \$10 may be returned for cash back, or a credit to the customer's Parisian card. Items over \$10 can be charged back to the Parisian card or returned for store credit.

Even exchanges of identical items are processed most quickly, he said.

Leaving tags on the items for return will also expedite the process, according to retailers.

"If you have the barcode, the store can tell two things," Mills said. "One, that it was bought from that store. And two, (you can tell) the price."

A barcoded tag also makes it easier for employees to seek out the same item for an even exchange. For Dell, saving shoppers' time is important.

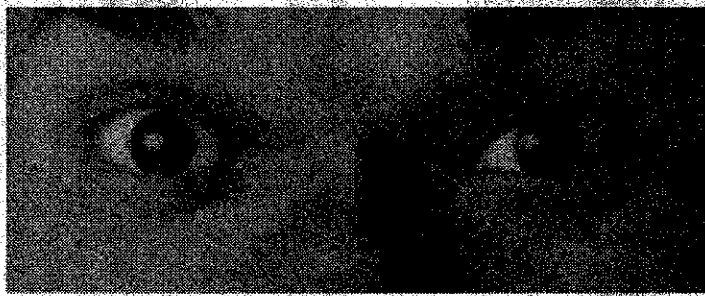
"Because it is Sunday, buyers will not be in the office to help locate merchandise," Dell said.

Overall the 2004 shopping season has been good one at area shops. Mills said sales have been "steady and strong" and the after-holiday sales have barely begun.

"It's important to turn those returns into sales," Dell said.

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**SNOW**

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to defy Mother Nature.

"The sun came out and it's midday, so we felt like we could handle it," Graham said.

Snow emergencies had been declared Thursday in communities throughout western Wayne County, meaning that on-street parking was prohibited in order to keep roads clear for plows.

Local and Wayne County crews were out plowing the roads and applying salt.

The county had about 140 vehicles - plows, graders and dump trucks - at work Thursday morning, said Patrick Hogan, director of the county's roads division.

He expected crews would be out Friday as well - on overtime, because of the Christmas Eve holiday.

"We've been at it pretty steady since 10:30 or 11 o'clock last night, and we're beginning to see some headway," Hogan said shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday.

Plowing was initially focused on the county's primary roads, state trunk lines and freeways, but Hogan said he hoped crews with smaller trucks would begin plowing residential streets in area townships - including Redford, Canton and Plymouth - later Thursday.

The county is responsible for snow-plowing in townships.

Hogan said road crews planned to make a lot of progress during a 24-hour period, beginning mid-afternoon Thursday, during which no snow was expected.

"As far as today's commute is concerned," he said Thursday, "it's a slow go but (drivers) can still get where they need to go."

This story was compiled by staff writers Darrell Clem and Matt Jachman.



Ginger the dog stands watch on Westmore Street in Livonia as Mike Siemasz clears the snow from the sidewalk in front of his parent's home.

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Lauren Green clears the sidewalk in front of Jinaes, at the corner of Main and Penniman, in downtown Plymouth.

**RIDES**

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number is (877) NYE-MADD, (877) 693-6233. Hours will be 11 p.m. New Year's Eve through 4 a.m. New Year's Day.

Sponsorships have been easy to come by this year, even with the economy in a downturn, McClendon said.

Sponsors include tech call center Minacs in Southfield, which will house the phone bank on New Year's Eve, and the Northville Police Department.

Project LifeRide is targeting 300 bars in Oakland County and 300 in Wayne County this year, she said. Free taxi rides home will be offered to those who've had too much.

The annual effort is also sponsored by 94.7 WCSX Classic Rock, Cameron's Clean-Up and presenting sponsor Takata. Taxi rides are paid by MADD and reimbursed with funds from Takata.

In 2003, Project LifeRide received 364 calls for taxi rides for about 865 people on New Year's Eve.

The project has provided approximately 8,000 safe rides to 24,000 people since its inception.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department and local police plan additional patrols during the holidays. "Their primary responsibility will be enforce-

ment of OUIL," said Wayne County Undersheriff Harold Cureton of his department.

Law enforcement supports the MADD effort. "I think anything that would stop a person who is impaired from driving is a good thing," Cureton said. He's seen business owners be responsible about getting people home.

"I think it's a very good idea," Cureton said of Project LifeRide. "The police cannot do this alone."

Project organizers ask revelers to make advance plans to get imbibers home safely. Other tips from MADD include:

- Don't drink if you will be driving
- Host an alcohol-free party
- Call for a copy of MADD's Safe Party Guide
- Choose a designated driver

■ Stay overnight at a relative's or friend's home

■ Buy a hotel party/room package and enjoy an evening away from home.

MADD provides other services to aid those grieving the loss of a loved one due to drunken driving. This time of year is difficult for those people, McClendon said.

"It's very tough. This is a really tough time." Many donate to the organization in memory of the loved one.

"That's the way of the families giving back," she said.

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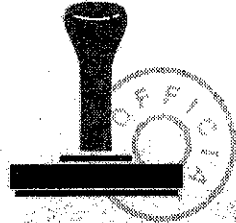
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CRIME BRIEFS

REDFORD

Shot fired in holdup

No one was hurt when a man with a pistol demanded money, then opened fire inside the White Castle at Telegraph and Schoolcraft roads Tuesday night. Employees fled out the back during the holdup attempt, according to a Redford Township police report, and the gunman fired a single shot, which went through a wall behind the counter. He then turned to a customer, a 77-year-old Detroit man, and robbed him of his wallet, police said. The gunman fled across Telegraph, where, in the Tel-Craft Plaza in Detroit, a Dollar Tree store was held up by a man who was described similarly, police said. The robber ran eastward toward a Detroit apartment complex, a witness told police. Near the Dollar Tree, the White Castle victim's wallet was found. One witness told police the robber



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had escaped in a tan Chevrolet Caprice.

An officer spotted a brown Caprice at Fenkell and Lahser in Detroit and stopped the driver, but found his clothing didn't match the robber's and there was no evidence in the car.

Police recovered a bullet fragment from the White Castle.

Bump and rob

A 23-year-old Brighton man reported being robbed Monday night by a gunman who drove a white Ford Explorer into his Mazda

on Telegraph Road.

The victim said he lost cash, keys, a cellular phone and compact discs to the robber.

It was about 9:40 p.m., the victim told police, when the Explorer rear-ended his 2004 Mazda on southbound Telegraph at Schoolcraft.

There was no damage to the Mazda, he said. The Explorer's driver told him to go to a nearby Marathon gas station, and he did.

But there, he said, the other driver got into the Mazda, pointed a pistol at him and began rifling through the car. He reportedly struck the victim in the face with the pistol; police said the victim was injured but refused treatment.

When the gunman left, taking the victim's keys, the victim ran into the station to call police.

Minutes later, police stopped a man in a white Explorer in south-eastern Redford, but determined he had not been involved.

Wheel thefts

Tires and wheels were stolen last weekend from nine new vehicles

belonging to a Redford automobile dealership.

It was the third such incident at Detroit Diesel, where the Snehkamp Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle dealership rents a storage lot, in just over a month.

The latest thefts occurred between 6 p.m. Dec. 17 and 7 a.m. Dec. 20, a police report said. A window on four of the vehicles had been broken.

Police recovered a jack, a flashlight, a cap, rubber gloves and other items from the lot.

Home break-ins

Cash was reported stolen from a house on Seminole Street north of Seven Mile after a break-in Tuesday.

The burglar or burglars had broken a front window on the house, a police report said. The break-in occurred between 4 p.m. and just after 11 p.m.

Cash and a digital videodisc player were reported stolen from a house on Wakenden Street north of Seven Mile after a recent break-in, which was reported Tuesday.

A window on the house had been pried out of its frame, police said. Coin boxes raided

Two coin-operated vacuum cleaners at H&H Car Wash, on Beech Daly south of Seven Mile, were broken into between midnight and 5 a.m. Tuesday. A police report said the machines were heavily damaged and had been emptied of coins.

GARDEN CITY

Stolen vehicle

Police arrested a Romulus woman for driving with two license suspensions and possibly driving a stolen vehicle. The woman was stopped after her license plate came back as stolen.

The woman initially gave a false name - her mother, who was a passenger, gave the woman's correct name. The woman said she gave her sister's name since her license was suspended. The vehicle had been purchased by the woman and her sister, the woman told an officer, but they didn't have the money to get new plates.

The owner told police that he'd parked with car with the keys in it so it could be picked up for service. He said the vehicle had disappeared.

Marijuana possession

A Ypsilanti man was arrested for possessing marijuana with intent to deliver Dec. 19 after officers responded to a call about two men in a vehicle with a gun outside the Shell Gas Station, 120 Middlebelt. No gun was found, but officers seized three baggies of suspected marijuana and impounded the car.

Computers stolen

Two laptop computers valued at \$800 were reported stolen from CSI Computers, 28799 Ford, Dec. 12 following a break-in. An employee reported \$150 damage from a door lock being broken.

Arson

A newspaper recycling dumpster at Memorial Elementary School, 30001 Marquette, was found on fire Dec. 18. Damage was set at \$500 from the rubber lids being melted. The Fire Department put out the fire.

A witness told police three boys were seen running from the area as the fire was noticed.

Credit card fraud

On Dec. 17, a resident in the 33000 block of John Hawk told officers he had received a call about a \$600 overdue credit card bill on an account he hadn't opened. He said the card was in his name and used his Social Security number but had a different date of birth and a Detroit address.

Missing wallet

On Dec. 15, a Dearborn Heights woman told police her wallet, containing \$110 cash and identification, was missing after she was at the Garden City Cafe, 5662 Middlebelt. She told officers she thought the wallet might have been left on a seat but couldn't be located later.

Larcenies from vehicles

A Garden City woman told police that her cellular telephone, valued at \$150, was stolen from her unlocked vehicle while she was at Walgreens, 31415 Ford, Dec. 17. A resident of an apartment in the 7000 block of North Venoy told police Dec. 17 that someone had stolen 150 CDs, valued at \$1,500, and stereo equipment valued at \$250 from her vehicle.

Drunken driving

A Garden City man was arrested for drunken driving Dec. 17 after rear-ending another vehicle at Ford and Venoy.

No license

A Detroit man was arrested Dec. 16 after being stopped for going through a red light. The man, 49, admitted that he had never obtained a driver's license.

Vandalism

A resident in the 30000 block of Rosslyn told police Dec. 20 that someone had broken a vehicle window, causing \$200 damage.

Vehicle impounded

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**GRANHOLM**

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She indicated the net job decline from 2000-02 was 196,000. In 2003, it was 94,000. And this year she expects it to be at 15,000.

"We're headed in the right direction as far as the overall job decline," she said. "With state assistance, we created 132,000 jobs. When the country catches a cold, Michigan catches pneumonia because of the auto sector. We're very excited about the path we are on."

Granholt said she'll pursue changes in the business tax next year that will be revenue neutral, meaning the changes won't bring in additional dollars to the state. She wouldn't be specific about any changes until her State of the State address next year.

"We need to restructure the business taxes to make the state more competitive," said Granholt. "It's clear the business community is clamoring for that."

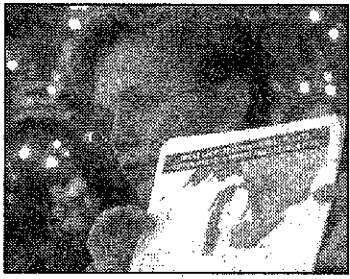
The state Legislature, which is controlled by Republicans in both the House and Senate, have blocked her attempts to change the business tax structure. And, since November, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, has been highly critical of Granholt and her administration.

"I think there was a switch that flipped, and that's too bad," she said. "I hope it doesn't continue."

Granholt believes the way out of the state's dependence on the auto industry is to have a highly educated workforce.

"Other states have focused on higher education, and if we had done this 10 years ago, we would have the most robust economy in the nation because we would have the most well-educated workforce," said Granholt. "High-end diversification has to be an emphasis."

Granholt is focused on retaining college graduates, many of whom are moving out of Michigan, to fill the more technical jobs the auto industry and its suppliers will need to fill in the future.



BRYAN MITCHELL

Some state legislators would like to see Granholt work more closely with both sides of the political aisle. "She needs to bring us into the front office more," state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said of Granholt. "It's a tough arena and needs some tough solutions, and we've got to work together, regardless if there is a 'D' or 'R' in front of your name."

state with the most technologically advanced, creative economy in the country," said Granholt. "We need to focus on high-end research and development, life sciences, and advanced manufacturing opportunities. We're going to take some bold steps."

"Southeast Michigan, in particular, has and will continue to be, the epicenter of designing for the automobile industry, and that is what we've been focusing on," Granholt said.

Granholt has been working to bring more international auto-related companies to commit to southeastern Michigan.

"That's why I went to Germany and got commitments to get jobs here from German suppliers," she said. "Toyota is interested in bringing their research and development facility, and we will continue to pursue that."

Even though Granholt is taking a number of steps to improve Michigan's business climate, Chuck Hadden, vice president of government affairs for the Michigan Manufacturers Association, said the main goal needs to focus on retention of the state's current jobs.

"The No. 1 goal should be to retain jobs," said Hadden. "It costs less to retain jobs and keep them than look for new jobs."

"And, she needs to settle the business tax issue," added Hadden, "and then business can decide if it likes it or not."

While critics have blamed Granholt and the legislature for politicking instead of solving the state's problems, state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth

Township, said the games must stop.

"We must all put our heads together and not play the blame game," he said. "We must form consensus in regard to cuts and raising revenue."

Stewart said he expects Treasurer Jay Rising to come up with a new business tax structure "that will offer some personal property tax relief, it will focus more on a corporate profits tax."

Stewart, a small business owner with an attorney's office in Plymouth, said he'd welcome a cut in personal property taxes, "but, we must replace that revenue stream to local governments. The only source, it would appear, is the corporate profits tax."

Stewart said his main goals are to stop more cuts in K-12 education and revenue sharing to local governments.

State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, agrees with Granholt that jobs are the No. 1 priority, but said state government needs to take a look at its own house.

"We have a changed world and a changed economy, we've got to be creative and run government more like a business," said Toy, a flower shop owner for 25 years. "We have to find out what people want to spend on government."

While Toy gives Granholt a B-plus for her first two years in office, she acknowledges Granholt needs to work more closely with both the House and Senate to get more accomplished. "She needs to bring us into the front office more," said Toy. "It's a tough arena and needs some tough solutions, and we've got to work together, regardless if there is a 'D' (Democrat) or 'R' (Republican) in front of your name."

Not only is Granholt getting criticism from the legislature, recent polls have seen her popularity drop below 60 percent. However, the governor remains undaunted. "If someone had said to me that in the face of budget deficits, loss of jobs, recession and all the challenges we face, that I would have a 57 percent approval rating at the end of my second year, I'd say that's really great," Granholt said. "But, what is really important is getting stuff done, not the polls."

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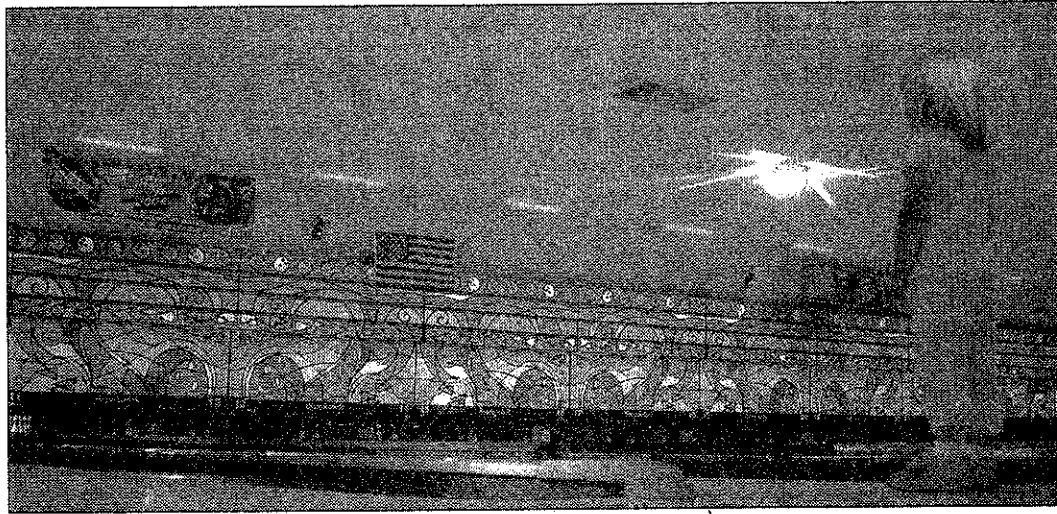
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There are traditional "winter" events like sledding (if enough snow falls) at sledding hills in Hines Park and at Lola Valley Park in Redford. And there are indoor things to do to challenge the minds of children, for instance the Detroit Institute of Arts and The Henry Ford, which is currently running a three-dimensional version of the Tom Hanks film *The Polar Express* in addition to its other holiday activities.

Places such as D&M Studios in Canton also try to take advantage of the holiday break to bring children into their

programs. For instance, D&M is offering all-day painting workshops (call (734) 453-3710 for details) Dec. 27-30. "We always provide something for the kids to do during the holiday break," said Donna Knight, D&M's general manager. "It picks up a little for our workshops. We have some kids who come to the all-day paint and stay over for our Christmas workshop. That gives parents some free time. Any time the children are off school, parents know we have some type of workshop going on."

Oasis Pottery in Plymouth can provide a holiday distraction for youngsters looking to explore their creative side. Kids can come into Oasis and pick out a piece of pottery, pick



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Parents looking for things for their children to do during the holiday break from school can turn to local bowling alleys, as young Jessica Bishop did at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

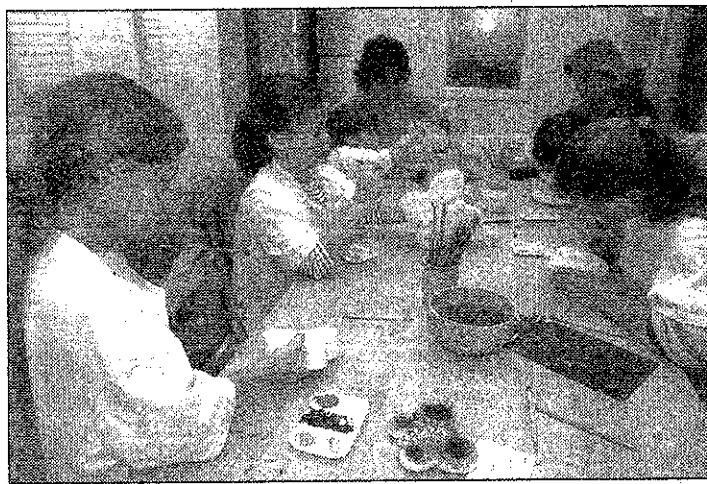
out the colors they want to use and then paint their own design on the piece.

Oasis owner B.J. Middaugh takes over from there, firing the pottery to create a personalized piece for the children.

"The kids love it, and parents are really trying to find different activities to keep their kids busy. It's a very interactive atmosphere. It's really a fun, easy way without any stress put on their artistic ability. It's more about fun, and it takes away the intimidation of art, as well. People enjoy the interactivity as opposed to going and sitting in a movie theater."

That's welcome news for parents, many of whom seek out things to do that get their children out from in front of a television or a computer screen.

Kathy Messics of Westland has three elementary school children and looks forward to the holiday break because it means there's time to do family things. The Messicses have memberships in places such as The Henry Ford and the Toledo Zoo specifically to pro-



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Oasis Pottery in downtown Plymouth offers fun for children and adults. Nikkole Widener (far left), formerly from Canton, brought family members to the store, (counter-clockwise) Lauren Daugherty, 8; Kalee Widener, 8; Madeline Wilson, 4; Linda Widener; Shelby Widener, 11; and Kathryn Daugherty, 11.

vide family activities. "Those memberships are our savior," said Messics, whose children are 7, 9 and 11. "We can just pop in there for a couple of hours and it costs us nothing. As a result, I have kids who know how to act in a museum and are looking for

something to do other than staring at a Game Boy. "I look forward to the holiday break," she added. "The kids are good students, they work hard, and they deserve it."

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**THINGS TO DO**

By halfway through the two-week break students have from school, parents are frequently looking for things for them to do.

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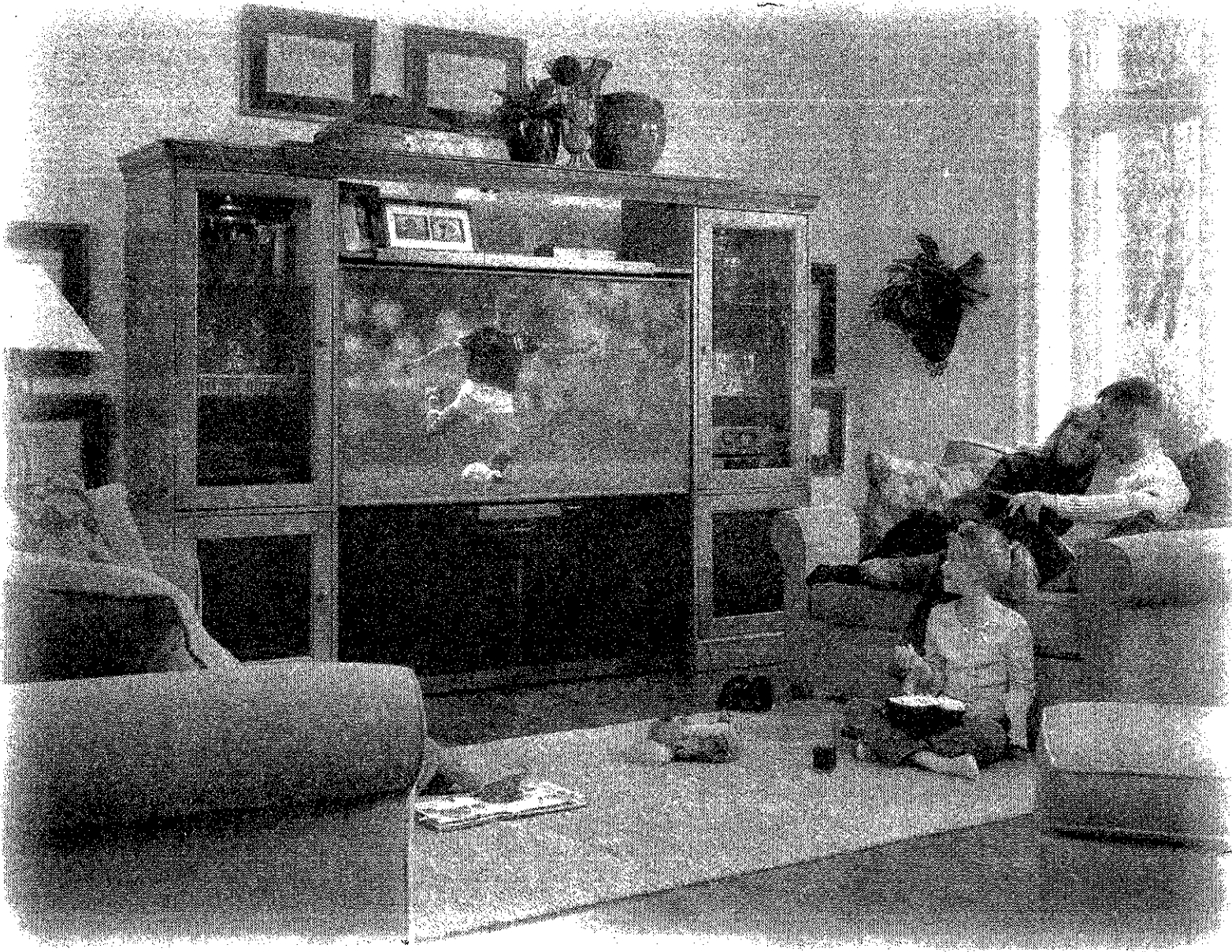
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## Clutch RU trey dooms Shamrocks

BY TIM SMITH  
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Redford Union's dynamic duo of Gregg Hill and Anthony Smelley showed their mettle Tuesday night, collaborating on a game-winning buzzer-beater against host Redford Catholic Central.

Smelley's trey from the left corner as time expired enabled the Panthers (4-1) to escape with a thrilling 53-50 victory. The clutch shot ruined Catholic Central's furious fourth-quarter comeback, when the Shamrocks (0-4) out-pointed RU 22-10.

Hill started the winning play by penetrating into the key, then dishing off to an open Smelley who knocked it down.

"I had to make it because I missed the layup I shot before that," said Smelley, who scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds. "And it was fun to beat them. They (Shamrocks) beat us at home last year and we returned the favor."

According to Panthers' head coach Brett Steele, the victory was "a big one for our program."

They've kind of been our nemesis. Two years ago, we won 19 straight and we lost to them in the districts. Last year, they beat us at home.

"We had to get over this hurdle and it would have been a shame if we didn't."

Catholic Central, with Smelley on the bench most of the fourth quarter due to foul trouble, came back from a 15-point deficit and tied the game 50-50 with 3:22 to play on a trey by junior guard Rob Forte (six points) from the left wing.

But the Shamrocks missed a subsequent chance to take the lead, missing two foul shots. The teams traded baskets until Smelley's big-time jumper. Catholic Central head coach Rick Coratti wondered out loud what the outcome might have been had his squad actually gone out in front down the stretch.

"If we hit those two free throws I think it would have changed the complexion a little bit," Coratti said. "It would have given us our first lead" since the second quarter.



Garrett Senczyszyn of Redford Catholic Central drives around Redford Union's Anthony Smelley during Tuesday night's game.

### GETTING IT DONE

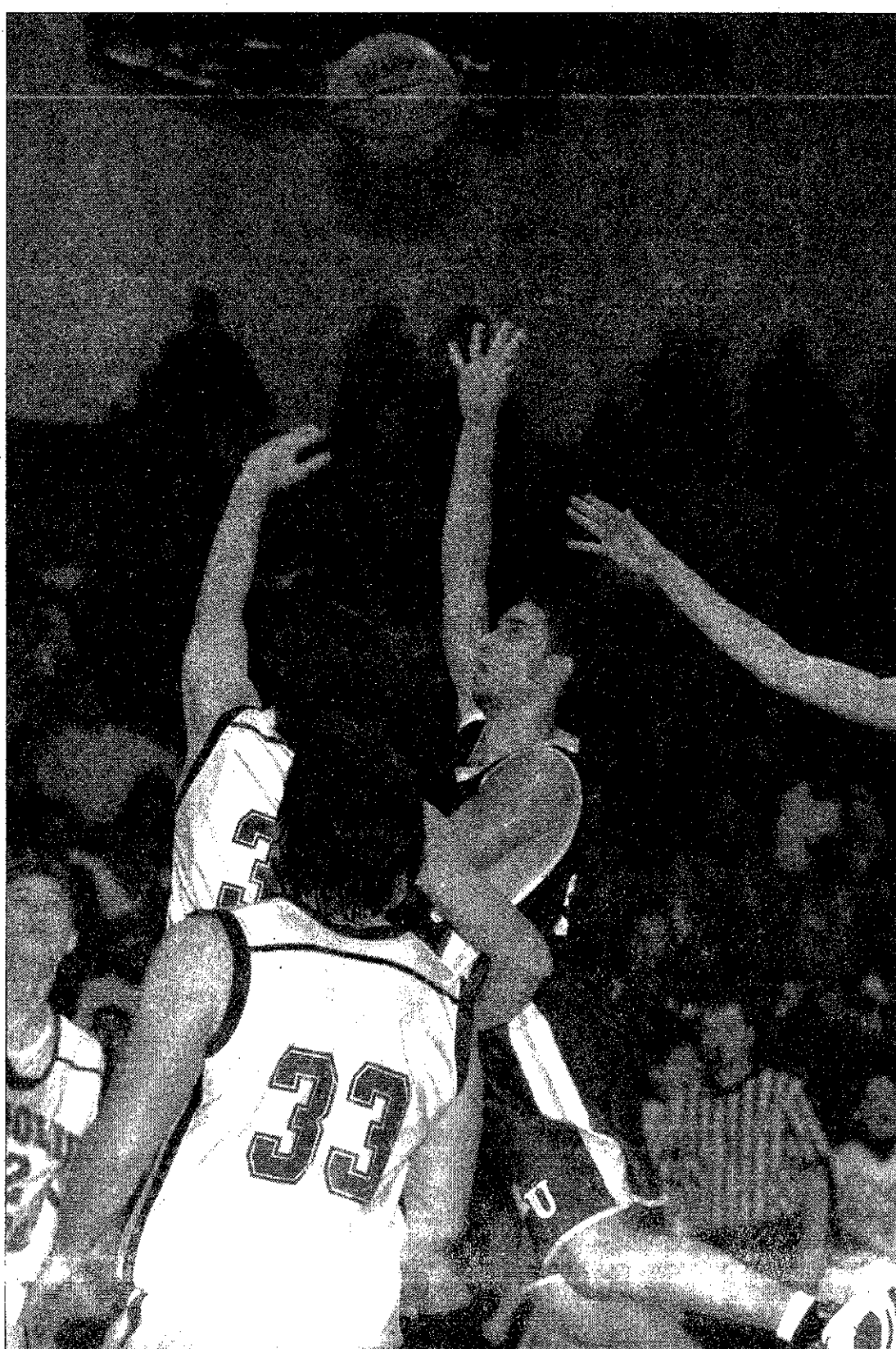
Steele, meanwhile, lauded his players for riding out the storm and making plays in crunch time.

"Gregg made good penetration and Anthony made a great shot," Steele said. "It showed the character of our kids to find a way to win that game. We executed in our last two possessions the way we wanted to. That's why they're very good basketball players."

Hill led the Panthers with 16 points while junior guard Chris Brown also had a solid game with 15 points (including three triples). Chipping in with five and four points, respectively, were junior forward Steve Brown and senior center David Johnson III.

Catholic Central's top scorer, with 16 points, was junior center Aras Butkanas. Junior forward Garrett Senczyszyn tallied 11 while senior forward Dominique Fischer netted nine. Scoring six each were Forte and junior forward Chris Davis.

Redford Union, after falling behind 7-0 in the early stages, tied



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PLEASE SEE SHAMROCKS, A9 Gregg Hill of Redford Union wades through Redford Catholic Central defenders and tries to hit a fourth-quarter shot.

## Nets & notes

### PCA's Sumner accomplished in athletics, music

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There aren't many high school basketball players around who are talented enough to perform the national anthem, then moments later go out and make the nets sing on the basketball court.

Count Plymouth Christian Academy's multi-faceted senior point guard Stephen Sumner among that small fraternity.

"We've brought it up with Stephen," PCA basketball coach Doug Taylor said, referring to the singing/playing combination. "But he is so focused on basketball prior to the game, he said he'd rather not sing, too. If he did do both, he'd do a great job at both. Stephen is one of those kids that is solid in everything he does."

Sumner has made a strong impression at PCA with his three-pronged combination of athletic ability, musical skills and academic achievements. Athletically, the Livonia resident has earned letters in basketball, baseball and soccer over the past three years while accumulating a stellar 3.6 grade-point average in the classroom.

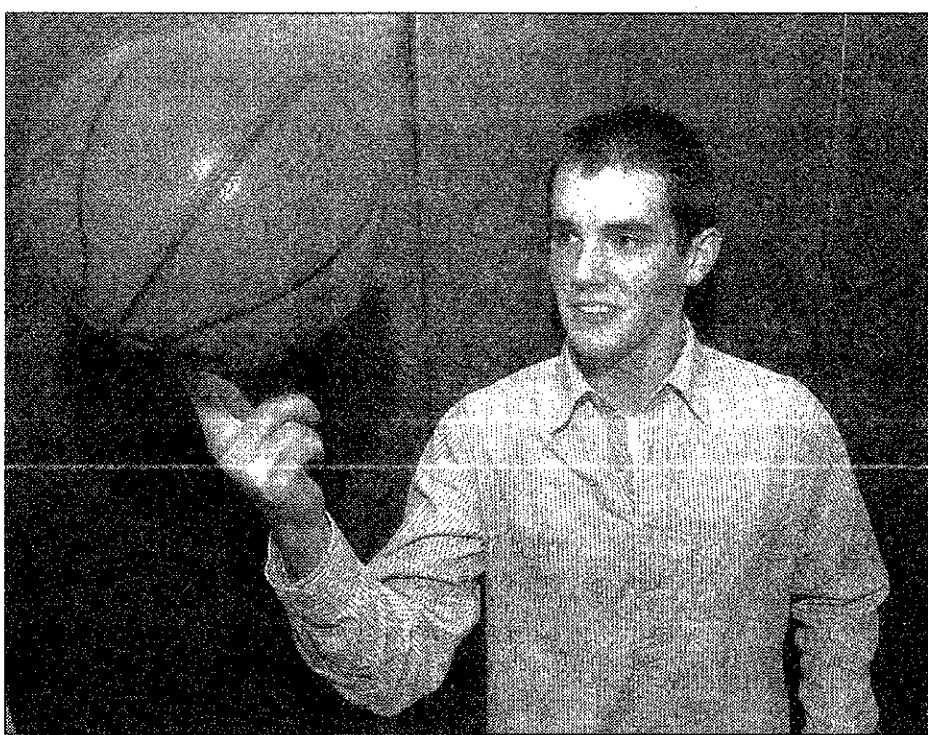
Musically, he plays both the piano and guitar, and leads the music portion of the school's weekly youth chapel sessions.

### Sibling guidance

Sumner's proficiency on the basketball court developed as a youngster when he followed around older sisters, Sarah, 25, and Rachel, 22, who both excelled at hoop for PCA.

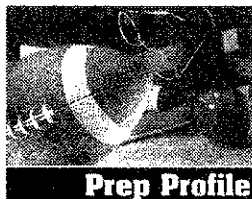
"It seems like I've been playing basketball since I started walking," Sumner said. "I have great memories of going to my sisters' games and running around on the court."

"I love basketball because it's fun when you have a group of guys trying to accom-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy basketball player Stephen Sumner is also a talented musician and excellent student. A three-year starter, Sumner serves as the Eagles' point guard this season.



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plish the same goal, then working together to achieve the goal. I also like the self-discipline it takes to get out and shoot for

hours on the driveway to improve my skills. If I could only play one sport, it would definitely be basketball. I love it."

Sumner's fondest high school basketball memory came during his sophomore year, when he played through a series of injuries to lead the Eagles to a homecoming night victory.

"I actually played with a broken arm and a busted eyebrow," he said. "I hurt my arm during warmups, but I didn't know it was broken until I went to the hospital after the game. My eyebrow got messed up during the game. I only scored six

points, but I remember that game because of everything I went through."

Sumner also shined in another game during his 10th-grade season, Taylor remembered.

"Stephen has had a number of good games over the past couple of years, but there was a district game we won his sophomore year against Detroit City when he played really well," Taylor said. "I knew he was going to be a player after I saw him play that well as a sophomore in a big district game."

### Small-school appeal

Attending a small, private school has been enjoyable for Sumner, who has been a student at PCA since kindergarten.

"We only have 50-some students in my senior class, so you get to know everyone a

PLEASE SEE SUMNER, A11

## Chargers win mat tourney

The Livonia Churchill wrestling team won the Olivet Invitational for the second year with blowout wins against Charlotte (63-18), Westland John Glenn (50-17) and Mayville (56-18), and a thriller against Grand Ledge (34-30).

The Dec. 18 tournament win marks the fourth in a row for the Chargers who, along with Grand Ledge, are ranked in the top 10 in the state.

Lightweights Alex Fowler (103 pounds) and Tim Hessel (112) outlasted their opponents from Grand Ledge, winning by points 10-0 and 14-2, respectively. Justin Smith, wrestling at the 130-pound weight class, downed Brett Nichols 14-6 while 152-pounder Ben Adams defeated Pat Wright 10-6 in the match against Grand Ledge, and both Smith and Adams won by decision in the Glenn matchup as well.

Manuel Schubert downed Mike Churchill 12-4 at the 171-pound level, Joe Bargerstock defeated Josh Bond 8-4 at 189, Hafeez Qureshi needed only 52 seconds to pin Kyle Boging at 215 and heavyweight Pat Draheim needed only one more second than Qureshi in pinning Joe Nelson.

Adams bumped up to 160 pounds to down David Wood from Glenn, and Schubert, Bargerstock, Qureshi and Draheim all won their matches. Jamie Murray (145) and Greg Roberts (119) each recorded victories in the Glenn match while falling in the Grand Ledge match. Winners for Glenn against Churchill were: Rowdy Glasgow (125) beating Johnpaul Gafke 15-4, Orlando Carswell (135) downing Eric Brace 10-6, Saif Naber (140) over Dale Rush 11-2 and Reese Cox pinning Josh Kelly at the 145-pound level in 1:22.

## Sidelines

### Wrestling tourney

The Elks-Salem Wrestling Tournament will be held Wednesday at Salem High School in Canton. Wrestlers representing 18 teams — including Salem, Westland John Glenn and Redford Union — will compete in the individual-format tournament.

The first match will start at 9:30 a.m.

### Spring leagues

The North Redford Central Little League will be accepting registrations for the 2005 season from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25; and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the New Redford Township Library.

Players must be ages 5-16 for baseball, 6-16 for softball and 5-18 for the Challenger League (for disabled individuals).

Boundaries for North Redford Central Little League are as follows: For baseball, Six Mile north to Eight Mile and Telegraph west to Farmington; for softball, all of Redford. The Challenger League does not have boundaries.

Birth Certificates are required for registration. For further information, please contact the following individuals: Baseball, Robert, (313) 516-2512; softball, Andy, (313) 533-0237; Challenger League, Darryl, (313) 532-5706.

### Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU basketball teams for girls between the ages of 10 and 13 will be held on three separate nights in January.

On Jan. 4, tryouts for the 12-and-under team will be held 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under team will be held 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 4 at East.

Tryouts for the 10-and-under Wolfpack squad will be held 6-8 p.m. Jan. 12 at Isbister Elementary School. The final tryout — for the 11-and-under unit — will be held 6-8 p.m. Jan. 13 at West Middle School.

For more information, call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746; or Bob Blohm at (734) 495-3160 or (734) 414-8156.

### Youth wrestling

The second session of the Canton Wrestling Club will run from Jan. 3 through March 13. The cost is \$45 and includes membership in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association and a club T-shirt.

Registration will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 305 of Canton High School's Phase III building. Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. Athletes from first through eighth grades may participate. Practices will be divided into beginning and advanced wrestlers.

For more information, contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail him at c\_randolph44@yahoo.com.



# Salem falls to Crestwood

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

*'Twas a few nights before Christmas, and all through the Allen Park High School gym, not many Plymouth Salem jump shots were falling, most bounced harmlessly off the rim.*

Tuesday night's opening-round game of the Allen Park Christmas Tournament was anything but merry for the cold-shooting Rocks, who dropped a 61-53 decision to Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Salem's shooters had a difficult time finding the range against the Chargers' mostly zone — but always scrappy — defense, as they managed to connect on just 20-of-66 field goals (30 percent). The Rocks found the mark on only 1-of-15 3-point attempts.

The setback dropped Salem to 0-5. Crestwood improved its record to 3-2 heading into Wednesday night's championship contest against the host Jaguars, who upended Woodhaven, 64-51, in Tuesday night's second semi-final game.

"We pressured the ball in the first half, but in the second half we dropped back into a zone and focused on putting pressure on the wings," explained Crestwood coach Bob Ostrowski. "The main thing we wanted to do was get a hand in their face every time they shot, and I think we did that for the most part."

"I have to hand it to Salem, though. They played extremely hard and they adjusted well to the defenses we used."

The Chargers' low-post tandem of seniors Ellis Russ (6-foot-5) and Jesse Adams (6-5) combined to make it a rough night for the Rocks. Russ twined five of his first six shots from the field and made 12 free throws en route to a 26-point effort. Adams only scored 10, but he pulled down a

game-high 12 rebounds.

Senior guard Steve Popp was Crestwood's most effective perimeter player, netting 13, including a pair of 3's.

Senior forward Dave Cardenas turned in a solid performance for the Rocks, finishing with 14 points and five rebounds. Kyle Price chipped in with seven points while sophomores J.P. Truesdell and Jierah Dixon had six each.

Joe Halewicz and Kevin Bradley also pulled down five boards for the Rocks.

Both teams struggled handling the basketball as Crestwood turned it over 28 times while Salem committed 24 miscues.

The Rocks led 15-13 after the opening quarter, but Crestwood used a 10-0 run toward the latter stages of the second quarter to secure a 31-30 halftime lead.

The half ended in spectacular fashion for Salem, which was bolstered — at least momentarily — by a rare four-point play by Dixon, who was fouled on a successful 3-point shot before nailing the subsequent free throw.

The Chargers built a seven-point lead mid-way through the third quarter before Truesdell scored four straight points to bring Salem to within 41-38. However, Adams tallied two quick successive baskets to finish the quarter and give Crestwood a 45-38 cushion with eight minutes to play.

Crestwood sealed the victory by outscoring the Rocks 11-2 over the first three minutes of the closing quarter. Russ accounted for six of the points, which included a break-away dunk.

Salem was successful on 12-of-22 free-throw attempts (54.5 percent) while the Chargers sank 18-of-28 shots (64.2 percent) from the stripe.

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# Farmington cagers oust Spartans

BY PAT ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday night, Farmington's boys basketball team sure didn't play like an 0-3 squad.

The Falcons did what they needed to do down the stretch to come away with their first victory of the season against Stevenson, 53-49.

Falcon senior guard Garry Abidin led all scorers with 20 points but Farmington coach Steve Norgrove credits Edwin Carey (9 points) with opening up the Falcons' offense.

"I thought (Carey) had the best game of anyone on our team today," said Norgrove, "not only contributing the nine points but what he did offensively for us."

Carey, who scored six of his nine points in the final 2:12 of the game, put heavy pressure on the Spartans' point players forcing numerous turnovers, especially late in the game.

"We talked a lot this week about effort level," Norgrove said.

"As a staff, we felt that we weren't getting the energy and enthusiasm from our team that they were capable of giving. Tonight they demonstrated what they're capable of."

Spartan senior forward Tom Clements again led Stevenson, this time with 19 points and 10 rebounds, but the inability to get Clements post opportunities late in the game cost Stevenson (2-3) their third loss of the season.

"We weren't really efficient

in getting the ball to the places and the people that we needed to get it to," Spartan coach Bill Dyer said. "In the first half when we made plays it was when we got to the basket. In the second half, it seemed like we settled for jump shots too much."

Trailing after each of the first three quarters, Farmington (1-3) battled back and took the lead at 44-40 with 4:24 to go.

But then the Spartans went on a seven point run to jump back into the lead by three with under three minutes left.

After Farmington scored five straight and Carey hit a deuce to keep the Falcons up by a pair, it became a free throw contest as Stevenson couldn't knock down their

jump shots.

"We just didn't make plays," Dyer said, "we need to get better at making plays down the stretch."

The Falcons hit only two of their final six free throws, but after the Spartans missed their final four from the stripe, Abidin's free throw with 11 seconds left sealed the deal for the Falcons.

Norgrove tried to help Abidin settle down after missing three potential game-sealing free throws.

"I put it in terms, not so much as game pressure, as opposed to 'hey, you need to be out there and pad your stats,'" Norgrove said. "If you want to be a key player you need to be able to handle those situations."

## SHAMROCKS

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the game at 9-9 after one frame and then seemingly took control of the game in the middle two quarters. It was 26-18 at halftime and 43-28 after three.

But the Shamrocks opened the fourth on a triple by Butkanas to trim the RU lead to 43-31.

Butkanas had left the game with about three minutes left in the third after tweaking an ankle injury. With his ankle taped, he came back with a

vengeance and to the chagrin of Steele, momentum shifted.

With the Shamrocks putting tremendous pressure on the RU backcourt, Fischer scored three layups in a 45-second span to suddenly cut the margin to 43-37 with nearly seven minutes remaining. Forte's trey capped off an 18-3 run and knotted the contest at 46-46. The shot hit the rim, bounced high into the air and rattled through.

But Steve Brown kept the Panthers on top with a couple of key layups, the second one on a nifty shovel pass from Hill.

Catholic Central made it 50-

50 with 14 seconds to go in regulation, when Davis scored from the paint.

That set the stage for Smelley's three-ball.

## GOOD EXPERIENCE

Both coaches said the up-and-down tilt should provide invaluable experience.

"We learned a valuable lesson in a positive way because we won the game," Steele said. "But you can't be tentative against pressure. You have to attack pressure and I take responsibility for that."

Coratti said his team battled back when it could have

mailed it in.

"The kids played hard and (they) saw that good things can happen if you do that," said Coratti, noting his team might be pressing to win its first of the season.

The Shamrocks will have another chance to break into the win column when they face Detroit Rogers 5:45 p.m. Monday at the annual Motor City Roundball Classic (hosted by University of Detroit-Jesuit). Redford Union is idle until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, against visiting Livonia Franklin.


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# CC icers double up Grosse Ile

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes hard work brings a payoff, and that was the case Tuesday night.

Redford Catholic Central senior forward Mike Oakleaf scored on a breakaway in the third period to break a 3-3 tie and send the Shamrocks on to a 6-3 non-league triumph over Grosse Ile in a game played at Trenton's Kennedy Recreation Center.

"I was real happy to see Mike Oakleaf get the game-winner," said Catholic Central head coach Todd Johnson, whose team improved to 6-2-1. "I'm trying to preach to these guys that if you do all the little things, you can be rewarded. And Mike Oakleaf does all the little things that hopefully make you a better hockey team."

On the winner, an unassisted goal scored with 7:30 to play, Oakleaf stripped the puck from a Grosse Ile defenseman at the Catholic Central blue line and took it the rest of the way before stuffing it into the Red Devils' goal.

Securing the Shamrocks' victory were late goals by junior forward Wade Lafever (assisted by Kevin Horal and Colin Ronayne) and senior forward John Horal (assisted by Lafever and Kevin Horal). The latter marker was scored into an empty net.

Catholic Central broke out to a 3-1 lead after the first period on a goal by senior forward Chris New and two by senior forward Jason Lewarne.

"Jason is a good goal scorer," Johnson said.

"He led the team with six

shots on goal and that's what good goal scorers do — they shoot the puck."

Senior forward Harrison Niemann assisted on two of the first-period markers. Other Shamrocks collecting assists were junior forward Dan Barczuk, Oakleaf, junior forward Steve Jankowski and junior defenseman Tim Buttery, playing his second game after recovering from a back injury.

But for the second consecutive game, Johnson's team relinquished a two-goal lead. The Red Devils knotted the game at 3-3 after two on goals by Kenny Kobb and Cody Holzworth.

Unlike Saturday, when the Shamrocks coughed up a 2-0 lead but managed a 2-2 tie with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Catholic Central had a better result thanks to the three-goal

third.

Johnson hopes it is a trend that won't be repeated.

"It was just another typical game that we've played so far, where we look good for 20 or 25 minutes and then fall asleep for lapses," Johnson said. "Our schedule is too tough. If you fall asleep against these teams, they'll take advantage."

That's two games in a row that we lost two-goal leads against good teams. We weren't so fortunate against St. Mary's."

Earning Tuesday's goaltending victory, with 16 saves, was sophomore Brian Hogan.

Catholic Central is now idle until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5. The Shamrocks are slated to face University of Detroit-Jesuit at City Arena in Detroit.



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Plymouth Salem senior goalie Brandon DeMars made 29 saves Tuesday night in the Rocks' 4-3 victory over West Bloomfield in the annual "Challenge Cup" game. DeMars is pictured above making a save against Canton's Bryan Wioncek in a game played earlier this season.

## Challenge met

### Salem icers outskate Lakers, 4-3

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It was appropriate that Salem's hockey team was participating in the annual "Challenge Cup" game against West Bloomfield on Tuesday night.

Considering four of the Rocks' top players were serving game-misconduct penalties and several others were suffering from the flu, simply putting a team on the ice was a challenge for coach Fred Feiler.

Despite the adversity, Salem skated past the Lakers, 4-3, before an enthusiastic crowd at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The victory boosted the Rocks' record to 6-4-1.

"We found out a lot about ourselves in that game," said Feiler. "Some of our young and inexperienced players found out what it's like to play a full game. The guys that were playing with the flu really dug down deep and toughed it out. I was very proud of the entire team's effort."

Salem played without starters Tommy Cooper, Adam Gillikin, John Maurer and Chris Wilson, who were serving the second game of a two-game game-misconduct penalty that was dished out during the final seconds of Salem's 4-3 victory over Canton on Dec. 15.

The Rocks led 1-0 following the opening period thanks to a Kris Brant goal. Craigen Bauldry picked up his first of four assists on the night.

David Carey made it 2-0 when he beat West Bloomfield goalie Mike Perce with three minutes into the second period. Carey was assisted by Brant and Bauldry.

The Lakers cut their deficit in half with six seconds remaining in the period when Anthony Giglio scored off a pass from Alex Smith.

Joel Cheesman found the back of the net twice for Salem in the third period to help ice the victory. Luke Smith and Giglio lit up the scoreboard in the final 15 minutes for the Lakers.

West Bloomfield outshot the Rocks, 32-24.

"Our goalie, Brandon DeMars, played real well," Feiler said. "He had a big game, considering they out-shot us by quite a bit."

Bauldry played the final eight minutes of the game with a broken nose, which he suffered in a mid-ice collision with a Laker.

Salem returns to action on Tuesday, Jan. 4, when it battles P-CEP neighbor Plymouth at the Computware Sports Arena. The opening face-off is set for 6 p.m.

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### Squirt champions

The Livonia Squirt Blackhawks finished 5-0, including a double overtime victory over the Dearborn Thunder in the finals, to be crowned Squirt Champions at the third annual Thanksgiving Tournament, Nov. 26-28, at the DISC Arena in Dearborn. The Blackhawks defeated the Livonia Flyers (6-4), St. Clair Shore Gold Wings (4-2), Dearborn Hawks (7-6) and Livonia Canadians (8-2) en route to the title. Members of the Blackhawks include (bottom): goalie Michael Kanitra, (front row, from left) Alex Stavar, Matt Sinclair, Tony Wilson, Adam McPherson, Adam Panaretos, Jimmy Roznowski, Brenden Massucci, Matt Cassar; (second row, from left) Stuart Saules, Austin Stevens, Chris Leach, Derek Raupp, Jacob Saweck, Andrew Ioanou. Coaches include Scott Sinclair, Randy Stevens, Greg Panaretos (head coach), Chuck Cassar, and Jim Roznowski. Team Sponsors include Tregaskiss, LTD, Leo's Coney Island-Laurel Park, and Standard Federal Bank-Westland.

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Wayne vs. O.L. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Southfield, 6 p.m.  
Agape Christian at Emmanuel  
Warrior Christmas Classic, TBD
- Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
(River Rouge Holiday Classic)  
Wayne vs. Southfield, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Utica Eisenhower, 6 p.m.  
Agape Christian at Emmanuel  
Warrior Christmas Classic, TBD
- Wednesday, Dec. 29**  
Canton at Harper Woods Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 30**  
Plymouth Christian at Warren Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Dec. 29  
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Madonna vs. Augustana (Ill.), 6 p.m.  
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- Wednesday, Jan. 5**  
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
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Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 3 p.m.
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Monday, Dec. 27  
Madonna at Dominican Univ. (Calif.), 10 p.m.
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# Cougars splash way to Mega Blue relay win

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't pretty, but they'll take it.

The Garden City varsity boys swim team captured the Saturday, Dec. 18, Mega Blue Relays at Eastern Michigan University with a 76-67 margin over second-place Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

But the Cougars won due to the disqualification of Crestwood's 400 individual medley relay team, Garden City head coach Julie Johnston said.

"If that didn't happen, Crestwood would have won the meet," Johnston said. "We would have lost the meet by two points. But still, we were gearing up for second, we were prepared for second. So finishing first was a nice surprise."

Lincoln Park took third place, with 62 points. Garden City collected four first-place finishes:

- The unit of Jeremy Bird, Brent Alexander and Ken Kastl took the 600 free relay with a time of 7:11.15.
- Awarded first in the 400 IM relay due to the Crestwood disqualification was the quartet of Bird, Jon Turnbull, Chris Clendenning and Eric Thackaberry. They swam the event in 5:04.8.
- Bird, Kastl, Thackaberry and Carl Ford came in first in

the 400 free relay, clocking in at 4:03.3.

- Garden City dominated the 200 free relay, finishing first, third and fifth, Johnston said.

The first-place unit was composed of Turnbull, Ford, Matt Fitzgibbons and Ryan Day, finishing the event in 1:47.74.

The Cougars, who resume action Thursday, Jan. 13, at Gibraltar Carlson, also picked up five seconds and one third.

"My team did an awesome job," Johnston said. "They really wanted it bad."

**RU fourth**

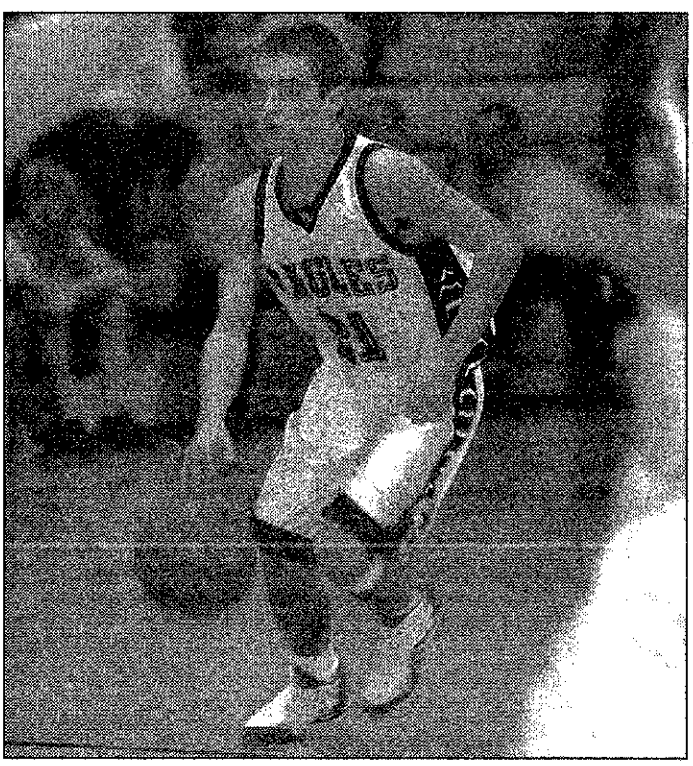
Also last Saturday at EMU, Redford Union placed fourth in the Mega White Relays, trailing Wyandotte, Southgate and Woodhaven.

Head coach Maury Masalin said the Panthers lacked energy, possibly due to a heavy early-season meet schedule.

"This was our sixth meets in less than 22 days overall (and) we have had only had 14 days of practice during that time," Masalin said. "What I did like was our divers (Dan Holst, Mike Yantz), who finished second in our division."

Masalin said the team will enjoy eight days of quality practice in preparation for the next meet, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Redford Thurston.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stephen Sumner is a talented ballhandler and perimeter shooter for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team.

## SUMNER

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lot better than you would at larger schools," Sumner said. "There are probably about 15 students who I've attended school with since we were all in kindergarten."

Despite his athletic prowess, music will probably play more of a role in Sumner's future, he admitted.

"Since I love music, and I don't think I'm going to go

anywhere with basketball, I'd like to work in a youth ministry and use music as a tool to get into that," Sumner said.

Although he may not play collegiate basketball, Sumner won't give the sport up altogether. His 10-year-old brother, Matthew, will make sure of that.

"We play a lot of basketball together," Sumner said. "He's actually pretty good, and it will be fun watching him play as he gets older."

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# Borgess cagers cruise to victory

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Four players hit double digits Tuesday night to lift Redford Bishop Borgess to a 77-63 boys basketball victory over visiting Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy.

Leading the Spartans (2-2) was sophomore guard Darryl Warthen, with 15 points and eight assists. Chipping in with 13 points and 17 rebounds was 6-6 senior center D'Angelo Seale.

Contributing 12 points and four steals was junior guard T.R. Ellis, while senior forward David Davis scored 10 points and pulled down five boards.

"Coming off that tough loss against (Harper Woods) Notre Dame, this was good," Spartans head coach Tony Woods said. "The fella became a team."

The morning of the 55-41 loss to Notre Dame, a shooting took the life of Ellis' father. Despite that tragedy, Ellis and the Spartans gave it their all against the Fighting Irish, but played "with a heavy heart," the coach said.

Tuesday, the team came out with spring in its collective step, rushing out to a 14-2 lead.

Charlotte Forten made a game out of it, however, cutting the Borgess lead to 34-33 at halftime. But the Spartans started to break open the game in the third frame and capped it off with a 25-point final stanza.

"Our big fella (Seale) played a terrific game and so did T.R. Ellis," Woods said. "He (Ellis) has been solid all year."

The Spartans resume action Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. The next game at Borgess is 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, against Detroit Holy Redeemer.

**BERKLEY 48, CHURCHILL 38:** Junior guard Eli Weiner led all scorers with 19 points for the Bears as they dropped winless Livonia Churchill to 0-4 overall Tuesday night.

Matt Weitzman had 10 points for Berkley, which outscored the Chargers, 14-4 in the pivotal second quarter.

"They played with more energy," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We're still searching for answers and we'll find them eventually, we've just got to get through it."

Corte Diaz and Sean Adkins each had eight for Churchill and Mark Shuber continued his strong play on the boards with 16 rebounds.

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B029 - Samuel Way - bikes, misc. boxes, chair
B066 - Frank Hall - tools, fax machine, golf clubs, misc. boxes
B078 - Randell McGriff - misc. bags, misc. boxes
C073 - Terry Gabrielson - misc. boxes, vacuum, misc. bags, bed frame
D026 - Susan Bunn - misc. boxes, sewing machine
D045 - Armanda Hebert - computer, furniture, misc. boxes, mattresses
E046 - Nayana Nunley - weights, computer monitor, misc. boxes, chairs
E077 - Ella Brye - Misc. totes
F012 - Anita Jennings - bikes, washer, dryer, misc. totes
F018 - Michelle Dickerson - refrigerator, bike, dresser, furniture
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G040 - Tonya Swift Miller - vacuum, misc. boxes, furniture, glass table top
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2004**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, with Mr. Curmi arriving at 7:18 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by removing Item J.7 under New Business, Amend 2004 Special Assessment District Fund Budget, and by adding Item J.11, Set Date for Public Hearing of Necessity for the Beacon Estates Subdivision Road Rehabilitation SAD. She then moved to approve the agenda for the December 14, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi absent.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 14, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi absent.

Mr. Richard Sharland asked if the retirement plan approved by the Board for the Fire Department was a defined benefit plan and if that plan was organized under Public Act 345.

Supervisor Reaume said the Board ratified their end of the agreement with IAFF which has a provision that the firefighters could go to a defined benefit plan if they do, in fact, ratify and all agree to participate in such a plan. He wasn't sure if it would be under PA 345.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Cluster Housing Option for Plymouth Hollow (McClumpha/Ann Arbor Road Detached Single Family Residential Condominium Community), Application 1848/0804, for property located east of McClumpha Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission and subject to the boundaries of the Cluster Option being as shown on Sheet L2, Conceptual Site Plan, dated November 24, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to postpone the first reading of Ordinance No. C-2004-04, amending the Noxious Weed Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances until the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2005. Supported by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the agreement dated July 27, 2004, between the Charter Township of Canton and the Charter Township of Plymouth for the provision of sanitary sewer service for the DWSD Pumping Station located at 43147 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, per the recommendation of the DPW Manager. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to approve Change Order No. 1 - Final on the contract with Sunset Excavating Company for the Golfview Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement in the amount of (\$2,311.72) which will decrease the project total to \$55,012.28, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04-12-14-55, appointing the Supervisor and Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth as the authorizing official for the Township Pension Plan. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Moved by Ms. Arnold to approve Resolution No. 04-12-14-56, adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann moved to approve Resolution No. 04-12-14-57, adopting the amended 2004 Improvement Revolving Fund Budget. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to approve Resolution No. 04-12-14-59, amending the Plymouth Township Downtown Development Authority

Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Doroshewitz, Massengill, Arnold, Edwards, Mann, Reaume. Nays: Curmi. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 04-12-14-60, adopting the Amended 2004 Water and Sewer Budgets and adopting the 2005 Water and Sewer Budgets. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the appointment of Trustee Robert Doroshewitz to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Plymouth Township Board's liaison, term ending December 31, 2007. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to set date for the Public Hearing of Necessity to January 11, 2005, and add this item to the agenda for that meeting. Further moved to approve Resolution No. 04-12-14-61, scheduling Hearing of Necessity for the Beacon Estates Subdivision Road Rehabilitation SAD for January 11, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Supervisor Reaume commented on the nomination by the Rotary Club of Scott Linton as Policeman of the Year and Pat Conley as Firefighter of the Year.

He noted the grand opening on December 6 of New Liberty Bank in the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

He stated that Senate Bill 928 now allows clerks of charter townships to satisfy publication requirements for agendas and minutes by posting on-line and in their offices.

Mr. Reaume presented Mr. Mann with his Supervisor nameplate, various pictures, and an engraved gavel to honor his years as supervisor of Plymouth Township.

With regard to Item J.8, amending the DDA budget, Mr. Curmi asked whether the 2005 budget should also have been amended since the money was being transferred from the 2005 budget to the 2004 budget.

Mr. Reaume indicated the 2005 budget would be amended in 2005.

Mr. Anulewicz updated Mr. Curmi on the progress made toward the water tower and Mr. Reaume updated him on Township Hall progress.

Ms. Arnold and Mr. Reaume discussed the possibility of election finance reports being available on-line via the MERTS software.

Mr. Curmi wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk**  
Charter Township of Plymouth

**RICHARD M. REAUME, Supervisor**  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on December 14, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on January 11, 2005.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Monday, Dec. 27  
 UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 28  
 West Bloomfield Invitational  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 29  
 Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Brother Rice Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Thursday, Dec. 30  
 Redford CC at Toledo St. John's, 9 a.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 29  
 Plymouth vs. Taylor Truman at  
 Taylor Sports Plex, 6:30 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 28  
 Whalers vs. Brampton Battalion  
 at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.  
 Thursday, Dec. 30  
 Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting  
 at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.



**Penguins victorious**

The Arctic Pond Penguins Bantam AA Team captured the 2004 Waterloo Memorial Tournament Championship Nov. 19-21 in Waterloo, Ontario. The Penguins outshot their opponents 203-62 in six games, outscored them 29-4 behind the strong play of netminders Joe Burgio and Bobby Smith, who combined to record four shutouts. Forward Jerry Pitts was named Tournament MVP. The team's forwards include Adam Szajner of Novi, Court Murtland of Farmington Hills, Tony Thomas of South Lyon, Lou Lemak of Brighton, Jerry Pitts of Canton, Chris Gendron of Farmington Hills, Caleb Hamlin of Battle Creek, DJ Konfrst of Livonia and Jon Ponte of Novi. The defensive squad includes Justin Mongrain of Canton, Cody Longuski of Westland, Ian Barnaby of Plymouth Township, Alex Kolpacke of Livonia, Ryan Shepard of Canton and Colin Rolfe of Canton. The head coach is Britt Ponte. Assistant coaches are Dino Szajner and Kevin Longuski. The team is managed by Maria Pitts. The Penguins play in the Bantam AA Ranked Division of the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League.

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Jennifer Sawalha

## Don't rush to make friends

Dear Jen,  
I start a new school after Christmas break and I don't want to be in the dork crowd. What do I need to do to be popular?  
Wanting to be a star in Livonia, 14

First of all, starting a new school is a huge adjustment ... slow down. What if these popular kids at the new school aren't nice or aren't good friends? When starting a new school, you want to seek out new friends that you have something in common with ... not friends just because they're popular. The first week you start you want to be able to get a feel for the school, the crowd and people you might be interested in getting to know better. Find out what activities, sports or clubs you can get involved in where you can meet people with similar interests. It can be very hard to break into a crowd that is already established, so take it slow. Get to know people at your new school for who they are and not their social status!

Dear Jen,  
I have a ton of stuff going on in my life and am not looking forward to the holidays. Every holiday is a mess. The people in my family are always fighting with each other and my mom is always in a bad mood. What can I do to make it easier on my mom?  
Trying to escape the holidays in Canton, 16

Well, unfortunately the holidays are stressful for most people and tempers end up flaring. No family is perfect, so don't feel alone ... there are a lot of families who argue during the holidays. If you feel the need ... you can always try to talk to everyone in the family to request a somewhat peaceful holiday! Now for your mom, why don't you try to help her out a little more in the next couple weeks. Find out what she needs for you to do to make her life a little easier over the next couple weeks. You taking some of the strain off of her will lighten her load and her mood!

Dear Jen,  
Do you think it's OK for 15-year-olds to be in love? I mean, really in love in high school ... is it too stressful or is it more stressful if they're not in love?  
First love in Garden City, 15

You can be in love in your teens, but it doesn't mean that you are emotionally mature enough to deal with the other aspects of the relationship. If you feel you are ready for a serious relationship then I think you are ready. Just remember, the serious relationship should never be so stressful that it interferes with other areas of your life, such as grades, family, friends, sports, etc. It also depends on the other person in the relationship ... are they mature enough for a serious relationship? Do you both feel the same way? These are things to talk about with that other person. Be cautious, though, you have many more years to experience relationships on different levels ... don't rush anything!

Jennifer Sawalha of Livonia has a master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies. She can be reached by e-mail at JGSKarma@aol.com.

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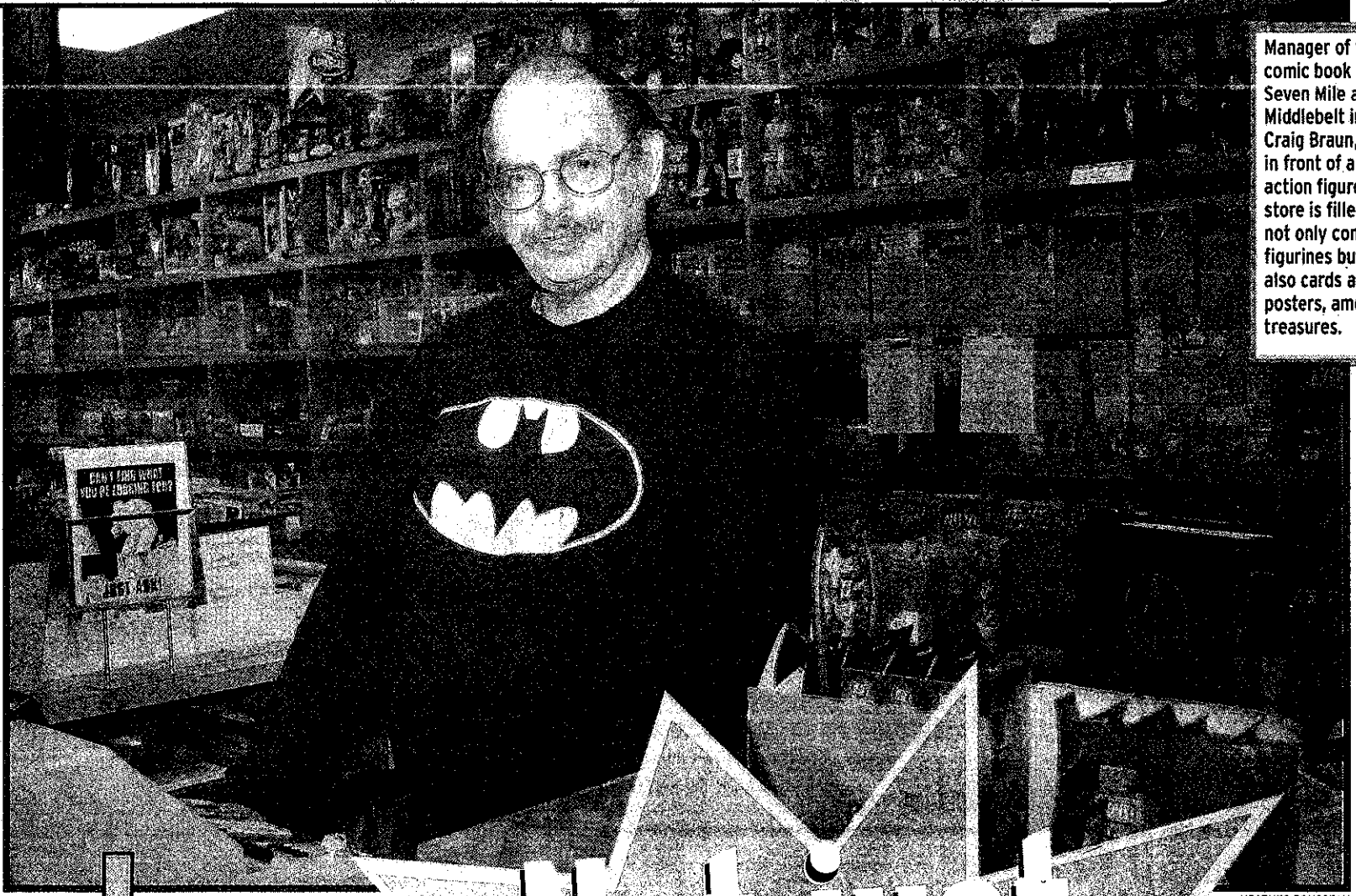
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## COMIC BOOK STORES CATER TO ADULT TASTES



Manager of the adult comic book store on Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia, Craig Braun, stands in front of a wall of action figures. The store is filled with not only comics and figurines but also cards and posters, among other treasures.

HEATHER ROUSSEAU

# Not just for kids

BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Above, Rich Rea has sold comics for 19 years at his Garden City store, A to Z Cards and Comics. At right, Gordon Johnson looks at an Action comic book.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

One time, comic books were for kids. They were viewed as cheap, throw-away entertainment, just like baseball cards and model airplanes.

Some kids refused to give up their beloved Superman or Batman comic books and read into adulthood. While their peers were buying *Hot Rod* and *Esquire*, they were still building collections of *The Fantastic Four*, *Spider-Man* and *Captain America*.

"Adults, by far, purchase most of the comics," said Craig Braun of Classic Movie and Comic Center in Livonia.

Braun said that kids still buy comics such as *Sonic the Hedgehog* or *Archie* but adults outspend them.

"Our average customer has about 1,000 comics and spends \$20 to \$30 a week on them," said Braun.

It's easy to build up a comic book collection. Most comics cost \$2.25 to \$3 per issue. That's something that most people can afford. Graphic novels, which are basically trade paperbacks, sell for \$8 and up.

People are drawn to comic books for different reasons. Some like the story, while others enjoy the art. However, many people think that a good story line is more important than good art.

Rich Rea, who has sold comics for nearly 19 years at his Garden City store, A to Z Cards and Comics, said that "the story should be good."

He adds that most people will accept mediocre art as long as the story is well-written. But good art won't save a poorly written story.

Readers will tolerate less-than-spectacular writing in their favorite comic book if it's short-term. But if things don't improve after a few months, they become bored and move on to other comics. And there is plenty to choose from.

Walk into any comic book store and you'll be overwhelmed at the sheer volume of titles available.

*The Punisher*, *Birds of Prey*, *1602*, *Daredevil* and *The Goon* are some of the titles outside the circle of well-known comics.

The superhero has also been redefined. *Blade*, *Spawn* and *Hellraiser* are the comic industry's attempt to make a "darker, edgier, hipper type of superhero," said Braun of Classic Movie and Comic.

"Comics today are a lot more graphic than they used to be," Braun said. "It's a loss of innocence from the 1960s"

PLEASE SEE COMICS, B3

## Many people make the same resolutions every year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

A New Year's



Resolution

Robin Forystek is resolving to drop the pounds she gained while pregnant with daughter Kaylee, now nearly a year old. All dolled up in a velvet dress and Santa cap, Kaylee waited in line at Westland Shopping Center to see the big guy in the red suit with her mother and grandmother, Tammy Schulz of Westland.

Many people were too busy shopping the week before Christmas to even think about making resolutions but those who did were committed to keeping them in the New Year. "I'm making the same one as

always to lose weight," said Robin Forystek. "This year it's losing my baby weight." Karen Shelton of Canton

kept her resolution to lose and keep off 50 pounds this year. She hadn't thought about making a resolution just yet but probably will make the same one because of her success. Her husband, Tom, doesn't make any resolutions. That way he doesn't break any.

Dawn Shemanski of Canton feels the same way about making resolutions. Greg Griffiths of Westland never makes a resolution not because he's perfect, he jokes. "Just ask my wife."

Debbie Brown is just too busy working to make resolutions. As owner of the Gold Tones DJ service based in Garden City, she coordinated

entertainment for 25 to 30 parties in December including three on New Year's Eve. Brown is celebrating her 25th year in business.

"If I make one it would be to try to enjoy life," said Debbie Brown, whose father died in October. "Life is too short."

Nancy Marceau has been busy shopping, but never bothers to make a resolution anyway. The Livonia resident strives to improve herself throughout the year.

"It's something I do all the time," said Marceau. "A good one for everyone is to be nice to other people. It would be a nicer world."

Ruth Johnson would like to

break the habit of smoking for the last 30 years. The Westland resident's incentive is her 11-year old granddaughter, Kaitlyn Johnson.

"I'm trying to get her to quit," said Kaitlyn Johnson. "I wrote letters for science class to my mom and grandmother to get them to stop."

All Rick Blanke wants for Christmas is a job as a graphic designer. Blanke has been looking for a position ever since graduating from Ferris State University two years ago.

Downstairs in the general manager's office at Westland Center, Ed McHale is making a

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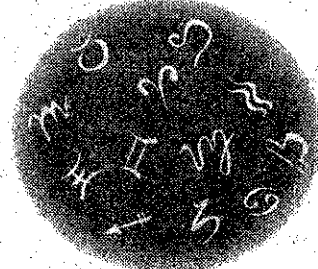


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### Star Struck

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#### ARIES (March 21-April 20th)

Try to stay on good terms with colleagues as the New Year approaches, even to the extent of avoiding them if they're spoiling for a fight. The planetary problem isn't so much what they might do, as what you might do in retaliation, Rambo. Be smooth, not sarcastic!

#### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Although you will have a warm holiday time, you must be aware of a couple of matters—namely, jealousy and envy! The more others make you feel guilty for all the good things in your life, the more you should remind them that nothing comes for free. You've sacrificed enough, Bull. And you do deserve it all!

#### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Lately, your patience has been testy at best and this week it could reach a new low, as you have to deal with people who seem incapable of making up their minds. If you have to make decisions for them, make sure you slant them in your favor, Twins! Listen to your heart and celebrate a new year!

#### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It's time now to practice 'silence', MoonKid. With all of your recent busy-ness, you've reunited with some weird-Os. By all means, offer your services as a peacemaker or listening ear, but don't get your hopes up. Some people enjoy arguing, so don't be surprised if your efforts to mediate are thrown back in your face.

#### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You can chip away at a financial problem for only so long before it must be tackled head-on, Lion. With no shortage of ideas on how to resolve the issue, you now need to identify those with potential and as well as honest and helpful, and those that are unrealistic or opportunistic.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Your only astro-danger now is that you'll allow yourself to be misled by someone who sounds as if they know what they're talking about. The problem with being such a "can do" person is that you think everyone else can do as well as you. Virgo kiddo: they can't!

#### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Whether you're a jock or a jokester, the holiday

word for you is "health," Kiddo! If your body sends you signals this week that not everything is a-okay, you must take notice, get off the couch and do something about it! Most likely, all it means is that your either working or worrying too hard and need to slow down a bit.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Are you happy that the holidays are almost over, Scorpio? I bet so! Still, before New Years you have to get tough with someone who is hoping that by kicking up a fuss you'll do their dirty work for them. (Ha!) You should know by now never to give in to emotional blackmail.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

There is no point in overtaxing yourself with so many commitments that you up doing none of them properly and feeling exhausted. Use the next few days to discard things that are neither worthwhile nor pleasurable. Others will benefit, too, if you look after yourself, Archer.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Be careful not to take your personal insecurities out on someone who has enough of their own. As the New Year arrives, you are likely to overreact to a suggestion or comment and jeopardize a good relationship. Patience and understanding will get you where you want to go, Cap.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Are other folks so difficult to deal with right now or is it just you? According to the planets, it's more likely to be the latter, so stop blaming others for your predicament and start looking for ways to get yourself out of it. You're very intuitive as '05 arrives. But do listen to others, WaterBear!

#### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Whatever negative feelings about friends or family you've been storing up inside must be let out now. With any luck, you'll discover a constructive outlet for them, something that doesn't harm you or them. But if that's not possible, a battle is inevitable. Be cool, not cranky, Fish.

Birmingham astrologer Dennis Fairchild is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail [DenFairchild@aol.com](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com).

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Rich Rea of A to Z Cards and Comics in Garden City

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**COMICS**  
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superheroes like Spider-man, the Hulk or The Fantastic Four.

"Comics have always been violent," said A to Z Cards and Comics' Rea.

"Today's comics are more graphic, as is everything else. They're just following the trend in society," Rea said. "R-rated is more popular than PG-13."

That isn't to say that every comic book out there is filled with death, doom and destruction. Not everyone lusts after big explosions, decapitations and rapid fire. There are plenty of comics that avoid the violence and instead rely upon humor, love or just plain weirdness.

One of the hottest types of comics, which are off-the-beat superhero track, are the Manga books from Japan. Based on the multi-million dollar Japanese animation scene, these books have attracted a whole new crowd of comic fans.

More fans are always a good thing for comic retailers.

"Right now, Manga comic sales are exploding," said Rea. "They're released in a graphic novel form every few months with a price range of \$8 to \$10."

The Manga comics reach far and wide for their story themes. They cover love, horror, comedy and alien life forms, to name a few.

Rea said that Manga is extremely popular with kids. There are several video games and television shows that are based on Manga books and characters.

Movies have also played an important role in getting people, especially kids, into comic book stores.

"The movies based on comic book characters were good for bringing kids into our store," said Bill Barker of Comic Archives in Redford. "These

**'Right now, Manga comic sales are exploding.'**

Rich Rea  
A to Z Cards and Comics

kids are the next generation of comic readers."

He adds that the movies also brought back adults who "wandered" away from the comic scene.

Many of the adults who read comics now did so as kids, but left comics behind. Now they're older and settled down. They also have a few extra dollars in their pocket and after watching the latest superhero movies, the old comic bug has returned.

Braun, Barker and Rea all feel that the future of comics is strong. Sales will never match the 1940s, where single issues would sell a million copies. But they all agreed that comics will remain popular as long as Hollywood keeps using superhero characters in their movies.

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# University big band teaches teamwork

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Mark Nilan's hands move as effortlessly over the keys as those of his teacher Matt Michaels. The 21-year old jazz student has come a long way from his classical beginnings. Now in his third year with the Wayne State University Big Band, Nilan plans to earn a master's degree in jazz studies at the University of Southern California after spending next summer playing with legendary musicians such as Earth, Wind & Fire, and Smokey Robinson in Greece.

Nilan began playing piano at age 5 but it was only six years ago that he first tried his hand at jazz as part of the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School in Livonia. The WSU Lab Band I is the group to play with at the university. It is composed of graduate and undergraduate students who must pass an audition to perform alongside musicians such as Mel Wanzo, lead trombone with the Count Basie Orchestra for 28 years, and Vincent Chandler who played trombone with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis before returning to school. During the year, they perform at a variety of venues around town includ-



Lab Band I members Michael Karloff (left), Colton Weatherston, Shannon Wade, Ben Jannsehn, Sam Beaubien, Nate Winn (drums), and Brishen Miller rehearse with a smaller group at Wayne State University.

ing the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival and Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College.

"The band gives us an opportunity to play in front of a crowd," said Mark Nilan who's interest in music comes from his father who owns the Live Wire recording studio in Livonia. "Twice a week we get to play just for ourselves."

Lab Band I is one of many opportunities for students to gain experience playing with a group. The 60 jazz majors can take their choice of two guitar bands, 11 combos and three big bands.

Michaels co-founded the jazz studies program with Dennis Tini and James Hartway in 1979. Today, students earning undergraduate and graduate degrees learn not only to perform, but compose and arrange music.

"The most important function of the band is to give students discipline in learning to play with other people so when they do it in the professional world they will have had that experience," said Matt Michaels, a Southfield pianist who plays frequently around town with his trio. Michaels is

director of jazz studies at the university.

Michaels steps down as director of Lab Band I in January when Chris Collins returns from a sabbatical. Michaels led the group for 18-years.

"We train them to do theater or shows at the Fox," said Michaels. "Our goal is the ultimate in training as a big band. We try to make them team players."

To practice what he preaches, Michaels takes the bands to play at high schools.

"We take it out to schools to expose the younger people in high schools," said Michaels. "Most high schools have jazz bands now. I also use it to recruit students."

Playing for crowds is important to Joshua Marion of Romeo, a 23-year old baritone saxophonist. Marion graduates in May with a bachelor's degree and plans to go on for a master's before teaching junior high students.

"This is the premier band at Wayne State," said Marion. "The music is very challenging. You learn to read very well and it gives you an idea of what it's

like to play a club scene."

Colton Weatherston of West Bloomfield especially appreciates being able to play with musicians that were on the road with the likes of Basie and Marsalis.

"I'm interested in jazz history. We have living history in the band with Mel Wanzo," said Weatherston, a 31-year-old graduate student who earned his bachelor's at the University of Michigan School of Music.

"Jazz is kind of the foundation for many other kinds of popular music. Jazz musicians need to perform with each other. It creates a greater understanding of our form of expression."

"Big band styles were popular in the 30s and 40s. The foundation was created during that era. For young guys it helps us learn about our instruments and repertoire. Even though the bands are no longer economically viable it helps us to study that and take the ideas to play what we do now."

For more information about the jazz studies program, call the music department (313) 577-1795.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Zarembeg-VanDyke**  
Mark and Lillian Zarembeg of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Lisa, to Gregory VanDyke of Waterford Township.

Marlene is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is a regional group banking specialist for Huntington Bank.

Her fiancé, Gregory, is the son of Roger and Janice VanDyke of Grand Rapids. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is business owner/regional sales manager for International Logistics Co.

Gregory and Marlene are planning a May 2005 wedding in East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids.



**Carey-Liebau**  
Dan and Denise Carey of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle, to Dan Liebau of Garden City.

Danielle is a graduate of Garden City High School. She received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, Dan, is the son of Bill Liebau of Plymouth and Jackie Liebau of Livonia. He is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Northwood University. He is a senior mortgage broker with First Horizon.

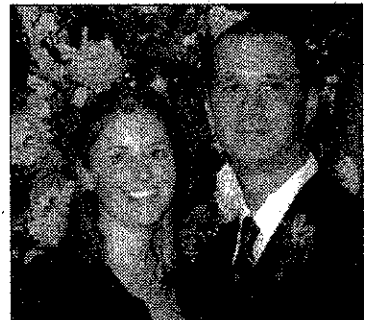
Dan and Danielle are planning a June 2005 wedding at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

### Moon-Guzowski

Joseph and Marilyn Moon of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Anne, to Michael Ray Guzowski of Belleville.

Michelle is a graduate of Ladywood High School. She received her bachelor's degree in English literature and political science from University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a second year law student at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Mike and Vicki Guzowski of Canton. He is a graduate of Catholic Central High School. He is currently



attending Eastern Michigan University. He is a full-time police officer in Dearborn Heights.

Michael and Michelle are planning a May 2005 wedding at Howe's Chapel in Evanston, Ill.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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resolution to enhance the shopping experience by adding a play area, the Longhorn House restaurant in January, and Pizzeria Uno in May. Personally, he's making a resolution to get himself back into shape.

Merrick Kreer plans to live a healthier, more spiritually satisfying life.

"That will lead into a happier life," said Kreer, a 24-year old security officer. "I'm going to change what I eat. I'm trying to be conscious of calories, work out, and grow spiritually. I've been visiting different churches but it's difficult because I work Sundays."

At Madonna University, Sister Ann Stamm is resigning herself to the new year. The Felician nun is professor and chair of religion and philoso-

phy at the university, and chaplain for the Livonia Police Department.

"It's something I've done for years," said Sister Stamm. "I'll take the 2005 calendar and on Dec. 31, I write yes and sign my name to accept whatever comes that year."

Jack Wilson will have plenty of time to formulate his plans for 2005 on New Year's Eve. The Plymouth resident decided not to attend The Resolution Ball for singles because of his 9-month old Leader Dog in training. Wilson doesn't want to bring along a jumping puppy. It's not a good way to impress ladies at the Rochester dance put on by Table for Eight & The Social Connection, a networking and introduction service. For more information or to make reservations, visit [www.TheSocialConnection.com](http://www.TheSocialConnection.com), [www.TableforEight.com](http://www.TableforEight.com), or call (248) 543-1000.

"I hadn't thought about it, but I have goals to do more

volunteer work," said Wilson, a 44-year-old bachelor who's never been married. Wilson became a Table for Eight member after attending the New Year's Eve Party in 2001. "I work for an automotive supplier and I'm in the process of being laid off. I want a job I'm more passionate about. I'm going back to school full time in January to become a teacher.

"Finding Mrs. Right is a perennial on the list."

Regina Stocco, president of The Social Connection Companies, has come up with tips for finding the perfect mate in the new year. She advises singles to be proactive. Don't sit home New Year's Eve. Go out and make things happen.

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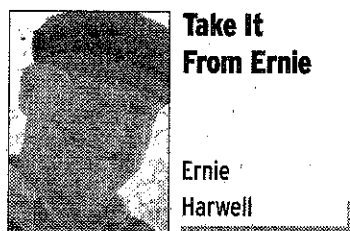
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## Sleep: It's what your body needs

It may sound odd, but sleep is an important part of living an active, healthy life.

However, studies are showing that parents and children are not getting enough sleep. And when we get into this time of the year, it's even easier to miss out on our sleep, what with all the parties and visiting and such.

Now some people may think that sleeping is a waste of time, but really it's as important to our well-being as a good diet and exercise. Lack of sleep can affect our moods, our minds and our bodies. Without it we can be cranky, not think clearly or perform as well.

So here are a few tips that I follow:

■ Set a regular bedtime each night

■ Get into a routine to help you wind down

■ Don't eat before going to sleep

■ Give thanks for the good things that happened; forget about the others

Turn off that TV or that computer, and just go to sleep. You'll feel rested, recharged and more alert for the following day.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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## Hands-on education

### Center gives hope to parents of children with autism

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

In a colorful room filled with toys, Gail Hieronymus coaxes 4-year-old Max to make a happy face. Expression doesn't come easily to the young Livonia boy with autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting a child's ability to speak, play and interact socially.

Max is slowly learning to communicate thanks to training Hieronymus received at the HOPE Center, the Hands-On Parent Education program run by William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. At the center, staff showed Hieronymus how to teach Max during three-hour sessions, five days a week for three months. His father Mark and brother Justin, 13, went a few times as well so they could work with Max on fine motor skills like tying a shoelace. Upon completing the program, families have the option of continuing behavioral intervention at the center or with the assistance of a consultant at home.

"We use a scavenger hunt for teaching prepositions: It takes two people," Gail Hieronymus said during a working session in the basement of her home.

"We try to get Max to include you in play and promote verbalization. It teaches him to interact with others."

"You have to be real creative and have reinforcers that are fun for him. Treats aren't real effective with Max."

Mark says he's seen a huge improvement since Max and Hieronymus attended the program. He was more



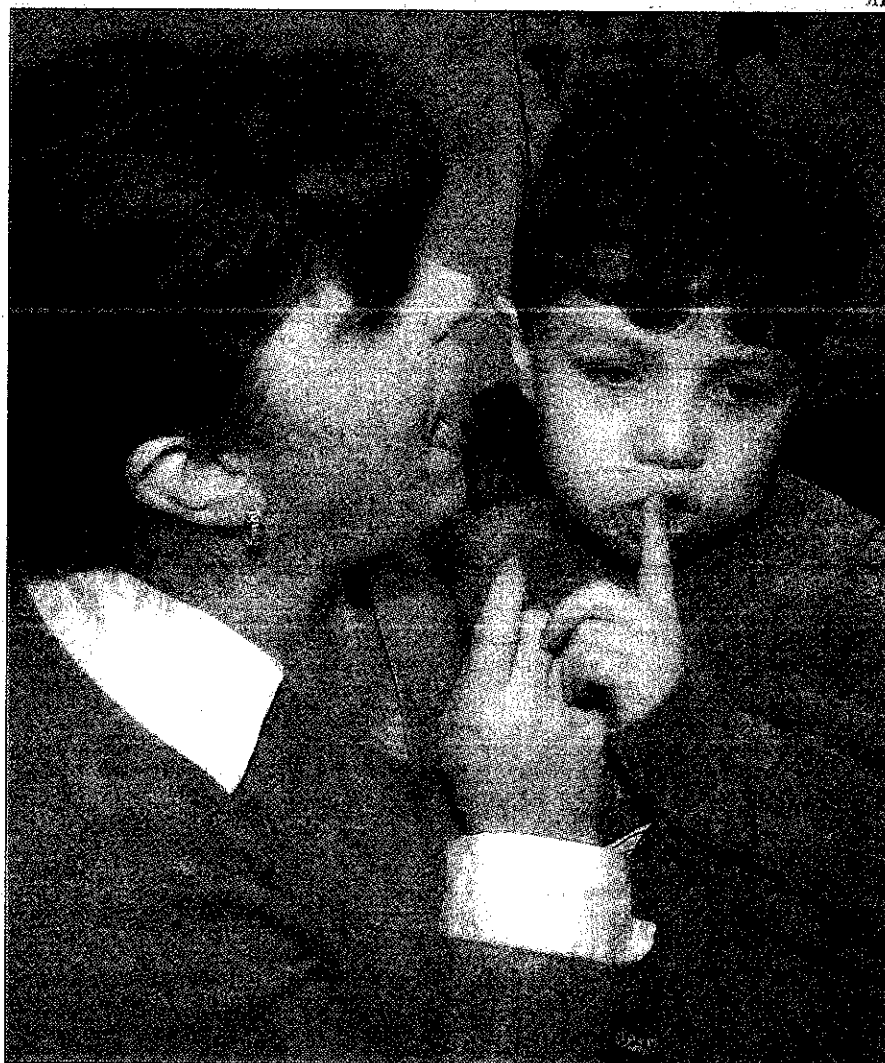
Max has fun playing with Play Doh.

like the old Max they knew until shortly after his second birthday. Until then Max was able to say words like mama, but then quit talking and making eye contact after a bad reaction to an HIB vaccination. Hieronymus first thought it was speech delay when Max was a puppy for Halloween and wouldn't bark.

For the last two years, Max has attended preschool three hours a day at Perrinville Early Childhood Center, a Livonia Public Schools program for children with visual impairment and developmental delays. Hieronymus leads a support group there on the fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information, send e-mail to gail61500@aol.com.

"His speech has improved tremendously, eye contact, listening," Mark Hieronymus said. "You can tell him to do things he now does. He had some verbal skills, but not a lot."

Progress happens one step at a time. Max recently was signed up for a bowl-



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Five-year-old Max Hieronymus, who is autistic, has one of his regular learning sessions with his mom Gail Hieronymus. Max learns various hand gestures such as to be quiet.

ing league at Woodland Lanes in Livonia to learn turn taking and other social skills. Until recently, it was always Max's turn.

"You pull things out of him you don't know he can do," Hieronymus said. "He can read. He knows his numbers. He loves to do things on the computer. I use it as reinforcer. It's what works."

At the HOPE Center, Jamie McGillivary oversees the training going on in rooms devoted to using the principals of applied behavior analysis, a field within psychology.

"We're taking giant size skills and

breaking them down into bite size pieces," said McGillivary, director of the center which opened two years ago. "We're teaching them to communicate, to play, to socialize, self-help skills, step-by-step. The moms take data on how fast the child is making gains. Our goal is to teach parents to teach their children. We focus on ages 2-5. Early intervention is key for these kids. They don't learn the same way."

"They're in each room for 12 to 15 minutes focusing on a different skill. ABA is not sitting at a table drilling a


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## Seminar to focus on nutrition, learning

Good nutrition can improve learning. The Center for Lifelong Learning of Henry Ford Community College, in conjunction with Wayne County RESA, is offering a one-day seminar "Feed the Brain for Learning & Achievement," 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Wayne County RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne.

The cost is \$50 and includes a 70-page workbook and lunch. Preregistration and payment required by Jan. 21. Call (313) 317-1500.

In this seminar, Sandy Baumann, author of *Feed Your Brain for Learning*, will provide easy, research-based strategies for parents and educators to nourish students' brains for learning.



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# Treatment for kids with autism costly

## AUTISM

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Joan Kern and Gail Hieronymus would do just about anything to help their children overcome developmental and social delays caused by autism. Cost sometimes prevents them from trying treatments.

Both participated in the 12-week program at the HOPE Center to learn how to teach their children fine motor and social interaction skills but neither was able to afford the follow-up care based on behavioral intervention. They struggled just to afford the initial cost of \$7,000.

"It's a lot of money and insurance doesn't cover it," said Joan Kern, a Bloomfield Township resident who participated in the program five days a week from August to October with her 4-year-old son, Luke.

Like Kern, Hieronymus said the improvement in her son Max, 4, was worth every dollar but wonders why insurance companies don't pay for treatment.

"We couldn't afford the continuing CARE Program for three hours a day with a therapist. It costs \$12,000," said Gail Hieronymus. "At home a consultant comes out. We never stop working. We're constantly working at it. At the

center Max made a 23-month gain in three months in knowing what he's seeing (visual reception). In speaking it was 12 months of gain. By the time he left, he was able to ask for things like a ball."

Frequently families of children with autism are frustrated by the lack of effective treatments. Hieronymus and Max tried a variety of options before discovering the HOPE Center.

"Everything costs a fortune," said Hieronymus. "We tried an Internet program that cost \$1300 and it was just a scam. We tried diets. Not everything works for each kid."

tor Jamie McGillivray and parents in the program continue to amass data attesting to the effectiveness of the behavioral intervention program so that insurance companies will eventually cover the expense.

"This is medically necessary," said McGillivray. "So far, since we opened two years ago, we've had 10 families covered 100 percent, and some who received partial reimbursement. We're receiving some scholarship money through Cadillac, but thus far, autism has been a disorder only for the wealthy."

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At the HOPE Center, direc-

ing with you. It helped Luke a lot. He didn't talk before. Now he can say I want a cookie. Before he would just get what he wanted."

Like Hieronymus, Kern in the past used a PEC (Picture Exchange Communication) system to make it easier to discern Luke's needs and wants. Photographs are taken of familiar objects and placed in a book the child uses to convey a wish for something like a cookie. Hieronymus says the system allows family members to communicate without the use of sign language, which is sometimes taught at the center.

"They're real structured," Kern said. "It keeps you hoping so you don't get bored. You want that cure and it's not there. It's hard. His accomplishment is extra special."

For more information on autism, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at www.aap.org. To learn more about the HOPE Center within Beaumont's Center for Human Development, call (248) 691-4744.

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# Snow shoveling calls for some caution

Shoveling snow can lead to medical complications particularly resulting from heart strain.

The staff of the Emergency Medicine department at Henry Ford Hospital says the key to avoiding problems is dressing properly and taking it slow.

Shoveling snow can be dangerous to one's health. Studies have shown that physically unfit people who engage in

activities such as shoveling snow were 100 percent higher at risk for a heart attack than the physically fit.

Those who should not shovel snow are the elderly, people with high blood pressure, those with a history of heart disease or risk factors such as smoking, obesity and high cholesterol levels.

Everyone else should lift small rather.

than large, heavy loads. Dress in layers. As you warm up, remove layers.

Perform light exercises before shoveling and rest every few minutes as you work.

Don't use a heavy shovel, eat a heavy meal before shoveling, drink alcohol, smoke or take caffeine immediately before or after shoveling. These substances constrict blood vessels adding additional strain to the heart.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### JANUARY

#### Benefit performance

An evening's entertainment can help a child get a good night's sleep. The Tuesday, Jan. 4, performance of Mitch Albom's new play, "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel," will benefit Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, a non-profit program that works with the University of Michigan Sleep Center and provides bedtime essentials and sleep education to at-risk children to help improve their school performance. Tickets are \$25, with half of the proceeds going to Sweet Dreamzzz. Call (248) 645-6666; enter code DREAMZ. The performance is at 8 p.m. at City Theatre, inside Hockeytown Cafe in Detroit.

#### Menopause & More Support Group

Urologist Dr. Levran speaks about urinary incontinence 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, in West Addition Classroom No. 2 at Marian Women Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration necessary. No charge. Call (734) 655-1100. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month. Feb. 2 Rebecca DeLoy shares tips to help us organize our times and lives to help

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#### Prostate Support Group

Learn how prostate cancer develops in the body at a discussion of the pathology of prostate cancer 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at University of Michigan Hospital, Room 2C108, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. For information call (734) 936-5938. The program sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, will feature Rajal Shah, M.D., clinical assistant professor of Pathology at the U-M Medical School, who will explain the nature of prostate cancer, its causes, processes, development and consequences.

#### Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

#### Hunger Within Workshop

The step-by-step workshop explores the reasons for overeating, identified

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#### Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty

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#### Preventing osteoarthritis

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#### Fibromyalgia workshop


Dr. Kramer will give the free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Carl Sandburg Library on Seven Mile in Livonia. Kramer reveals the truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia. Seating is limited. To register, call (248) 426-0201.

#### Divorce Recovery Workshop

Bethany Rochester conducts a workshop beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, for 11 weeks, at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 7710 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. For more information, call Mike at (248) 652-3860.

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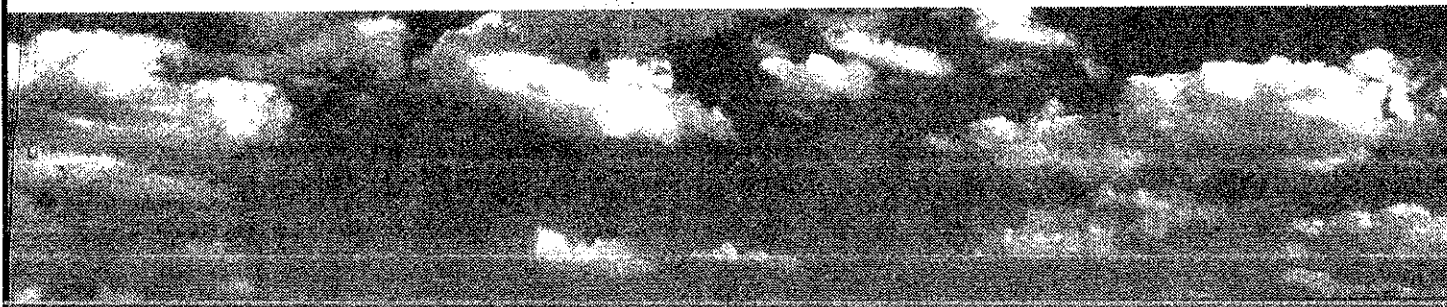
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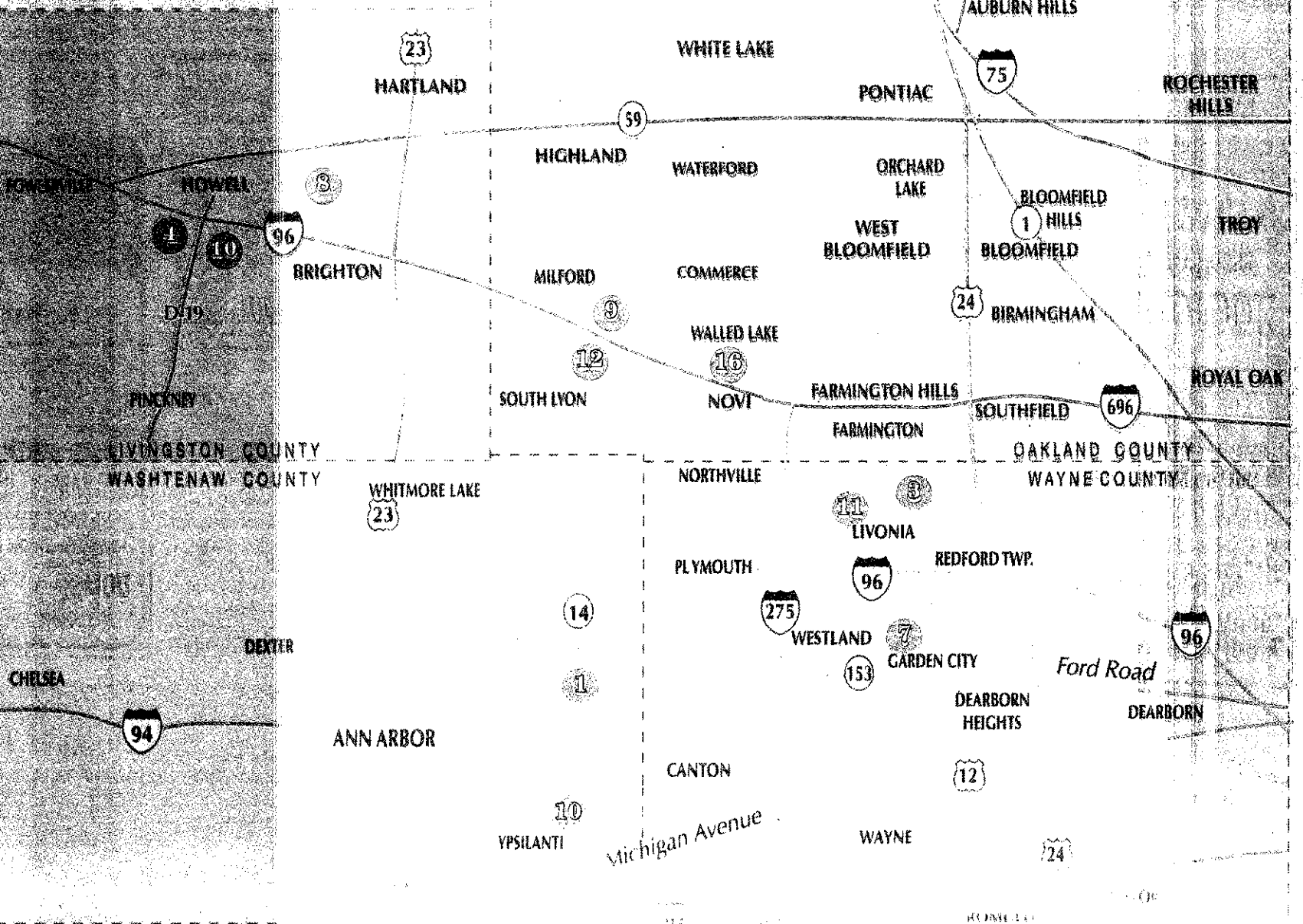


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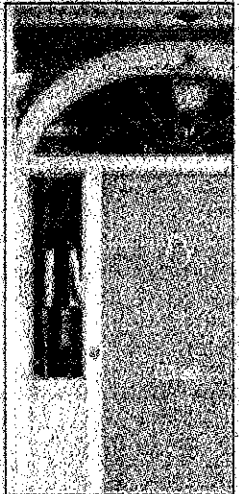


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# Boomer retirees stay put to enjoy family, friends and work

(NAPSI) — Don't expect rocking chairs when the Rock 'n' Roll generation retires. The people who came of age in the '60s continue to reinvent culture as they approach their own sixties.

These Baby Boomers will redefine retirement. "Following the sun" may be the conventional image of the sunset years but 89 percent of Americans aged 55 and older say they want to remain in their homes when they retire, according to the American Association of Retired Persons.

What's more, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says older Americans will work in record-setting numbers over the next decade.

"More than ever, Americans seek to build on family and community ties in their later years by staying close to relatives and by keeping active in the business world," says home furnishings expert Susan Dountas of Sauder.

"They're rethinking their living spaces to create their own retirement havens right at home."

She suggests several ways to redesign the home front.

Transform formal rooms into relaxed retirement retreats with kid-friendly spaces. Start with a welcoming light color scheme and add traditional elements such as cottage or country furnishings, for a sense of warmth and connectedness.

Choose low maintenance, skid-free flooring, easy-care fabric covers and washable furniture finishes. A storage cubby adds organizing ease and provides space for young guests to stow outdoor gear and sports equipment.

"Adding a ground floor bedroom can enhance safety and convenience," notes Dountas.

Retirees can incorporate many favorite elements into home decor. An oversized window can fill the room with light and make the most of a view. Repositioning outlets and switches or adding shower and bath "grips" can bring greater comfort and security.



Today's retirees outfit their homes for upbeat, active lives revolving around family, friends, work and fun. Adding furniture, large-scale TVs and other recreation-minded components creates a well-rounded, multi-purpose room.

A guest room can encourage visits from family and friends. Choose furnishings that accommodate children and adults. Put out favorite stuffed animals and games for the grandchildren. Tuck away the toys for a grown-up guest room. Incorporate all-purpose guest

room amenities, such as reading lights, books and frequently forgotten toiletries.

Create a home office/home entertainment center. Mature adults can maintain their professional lives in the same space where they enjoy time with friends and family, Dountas says.

"Adding furniture for large-scale TVs and other recreation-minded components creates a well-rounded, multi-purpose room," Dountas notes. "As retiring becomes an active verb, Boomers are reshaping the home front along with conventional wisdom about later life."

# Make your house safer, more livable as you age

They say that we live in "Peter Pan" housing: Built for people who never grow old. But we all grow old. The overwhelming tendency for aging adults is to adapt their behavior to the house. It's a natural response because aging takes place so slowly we don't even realize we're doing it. We use the furniture to steady ourselves when we get up quickly. We hold on to the wall when climbing into the bathtub. We put brighter bulbs in our lamps so that we can keep on reading the newspaper.

But there comes a time when you find yourself scooting sideways to make your walker fit through the bathroom door, and yet you just keep adjusting to the house you've always lived in. It never occurs to you to make your house adjust to you.

That one step from the family room to the kitchen level that is all too prevalent in the 1960's houses is a prime example. You have to somehow get all four legs of your walker up or down that step, which requires you to lean entirely too far forward. A small ramp would solve that problem. Falls in the home are the singular most significant problem among aging adults.

It's time that we realize that aging is something that happens to everyone if we're lucky. Let's enjoy it and realize that our houses should work for us, not against us.

Here are the top 9 simple changes that the AARP recommends to make your home safer and more livable as you age.

- 1.) Use plug-in night lights in your bathroom and hallways.
- 2.) Install non-skid strips in your bathtub and shower
- 3.) Replace light bulbs with higher wattages to help you see better.
- 4.) Replace faucets knobs with lever handles to make turning on and off water easier.
- 5.) Replace your telephone with one that has larger numbers, letters and the keys that you hit to dial.
- 6.) Use double sided tape to secure car-



Patty Shea

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pets and throw rugs.

7.) Install an emergency response system that automatically notifies authorities in the case of medical or fire emergencies.

8.) Replace door knobs with levers to make opening doors easier.

9.) Install non-slip step strips on your stairs.

The faucets, door knobs and emergency system would require some professional assistance, but the majority of that list could be done in a day from items purchased at your local hardware store.

Just as aging is a slow process, so could be the adjustments you make to your house. The key is to remember that your house works for you and not vice-versa. Here are the next modifications you should consider. Consider these modifications before you think you need them. Don't wait for a fall.

- 1.) Light switches at the top and bottom of your stairway can reduce the chances of falling or tripping. And if you want to go all out, get the lighted switches.
- 2.) Install handrails on both sides of your stairways.
- 3.) Install grab bars in your bathrooms,

toilet area and tub/shower area.

4.) If you need a walker, even temporarily, widen your bathroom doorway and any doorway that you use frequently.

5.) Add a ramp. One step is enough to need a ramp. The garage entry, the family room step-down.

There are so many ways to make your house work for you. Handicap accessible bathrooms are a wonderful way add value to your investment and make your home livable for a lifetime. It's worth considering. For the cost of a typical bathroom remodel, you can add the features that will allow you the amenities you need. A roll in shower eliminates the typical shower curb. Walker or wheelchair access is achieved with a designer look. Add a seated area in the shower, handrails, somewhere to stash the soap so that you don't slip on it, and an adjustable arm shower-head. It looks like a bath at the Ritz, your needs are met and you've increased the value of your home. Admit it, that bathroom needed an update anyway.

So where do you find the professionals who know how to accomplish this? Check with your local Remodelers Council at [www.remodelor.org](http://www.remodelor.org). Some remodelers specialize in Aging in Place modifications. The National Association of Home Builders along with the AARP created training and certification for Aging in Place and it's called, CAPS: Certified Aging in Place Specialist. That's a good place to start. Both the NAHB and the AARP Web sites will direct you to CAPS builders in your area. But like any remodeling project, ask your friends, get a referral, check references, make sure that you feel comfortable with the person with whom you are dealing. Do your homework. Don't be shy. You're still the boss.

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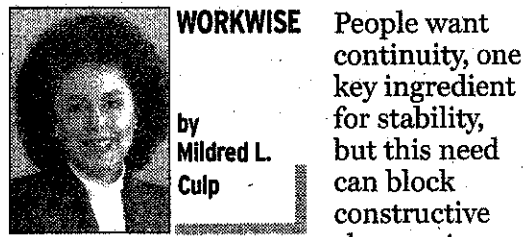
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# Continuity Loses Big With 'Board Busters'



**WORKWISE** People want continuity, one key ingredient for stability, but this need can block constructive change. An

entire literature on change has emerged, stressing that people will almost go to the ends of the earth to assure continuity but avoid change. Fortunately, this is not always true. Sometimes, people form teams to use work skills, then contradict that assumption.

More than a year ago, we moved into an upper-middle class neighborhood outside of a major metropolitan area. This new community showcases well-maintained oversized yards with geese flying overhead and nocturnal visits from deer and raccoons. Every morning, it empties of school children and workers commuting to jobs of all kinds, from IT to financial services, manufacturing and education. Three months after arriving, a neighbor told us that we were members of a repressive homeowners association, like it or not. Non-payment of dues leads to violations and fines.

**CATALYST**

Meanwhile, we began to notice unusual traffic and loud music across the street. It was impossible to identify

who actually lived in the house there. A mid-afternoon burglary occurred, which required a sheriff deputy's visit for about three or four hours right afterward, including a forensics team. The theft of two fur coats and a safe led to supposition that the property was an alleged drug house.

Drugs may be everywhere these days, but not on my street. The homeowners association president was too busy assessing and collecting fines to be of help. In response, I formed The Neighborhood Watch over 500 properties, a larger version of one I'd block-captained in Seattle.

Homeowners couldn't separate their association grievances from The Watch. I kept telling residents that this is a crime prevention vehicle, period. It wasn't about membership in a homeowners association.

**BREAK**

For 18 years, the president of our association had held monthly meetings on second Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. He presided with arrogance, insults and swear words, even when children attended. Turnout was slim -- only eight to 15 residents each month.

A favored few members were exempt from rules. All others were not. The neighborhood was brimming with anger over board malfeasance, condescension and partiality. Member dues evaporated into:

- legal fees;
- an ineffective property management group, punitively meting out violations;
- expensive aquatic developments directly benefiting only 25 properties and allegedly lining the pockets of one board member; and
- property upkeep directly funding the president's lawn service; and
- neighborhood security funds that were passed to a third board member.

**'BOARD BUSTERS'**

Change had been in the air, with two members collecting signatures for petitions, which were ignored by the board. Members were so accustomed to working in large organizations that they didn't know how to structure and effect change. We formed a "change board" united in purpose and resolve. Here's what we did:

- The leader devoted hours reading the by-laws and rules, then developing a strategy for December's election.
- Another member found a person to draft a proxy form pro bono.
- A third spearheaded the recruiting of board candidates.
- A fourth communicated directly with the one somewhat sympathetic current board member. (He had attempted to stem the corruption, but was outvoted.)
- A fifth, retired from the IRS and



Homeowners can change their Homeowners Association by getting involved.

EPA, provided invaluable information and perspective from having presided over a condominium owners' association.

-- Our flamboyant go-to-guy kept recruiting people to vote, even during the two-hour election. He gave us our name: "Board Busters."

Unlike this fall's presidential election, this one wasn't close. The community dumped one incumbent receiving compensation. Three new people now fill the three available slots. Some people do want change.

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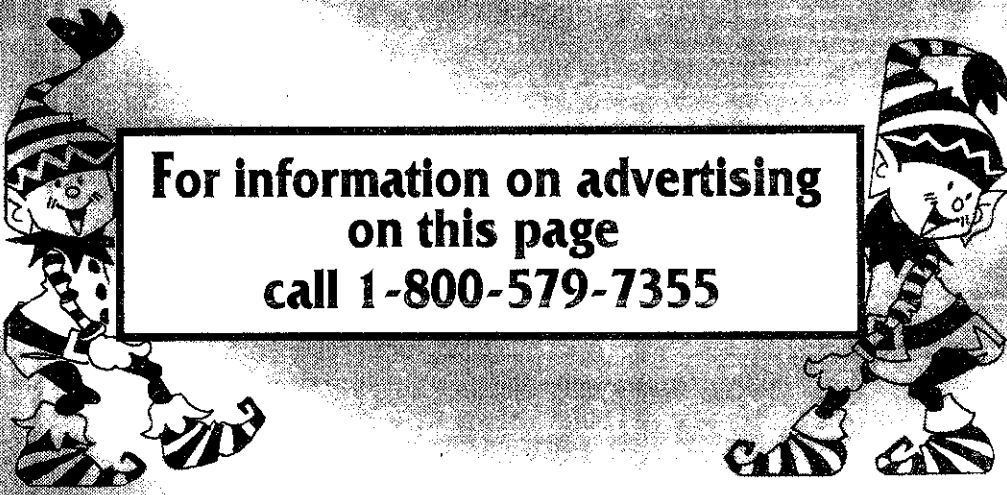
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### RED WINGS TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- What three players have been selected # 1 overall by the Detroit Red Wings in the NHL entry draft since its inception in 1963?
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## women seeking men

**TRY ME!**  
SF, 37, blonde/blue, 5'8", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long park walks, cycling, music! especially Rod Stewart) more. Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness with. #404691

**SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**  
SBFC, grandmother, N/S, likes dining in/out, movies, plays, bowling, shooting pool, Paris, traveling, cooking. Seeking gentleman, 45+, sense of humor, values, knows how to treat a lady. No game playing. #479737

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Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, any race, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. #455371

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
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SBF, 30, 5'6", loves to get away for the weekend, would like to get to know SBF, 23-41, w/passion for travel and life. #520972

**SEARCHING**  
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Let's keep the New Year right. Come into my world. SBF, 45, great smile. I'm sure you'll like me. #268573

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**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
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SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SMW, 43-50, N/S, fun dating and possible relationship. #2567239

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## HOPE WE CAN TALK SOON!

**STILL LOOKING**  
Attractive tall SBF, 48, N/S, business woman. Enjoys fishing, boating, movies, long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest, N/S. #252043

**SELF-EMPLOYED**  
Intelligent, funny SBF, 35, full-figured, Aries, marriage-minded, N/S, likes jazz music, comedy and action movies. Seeking man, 29-45. #252031

**WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE**  
SBF, 27, Capricorn, smoker, 5', stable, financially secure, seeking a SM, 28-45, who is stable and knows what he wants in life. #531401

**MERRY CHRISTMAS BABY**  
Very attractive, petite BF, 5'3", 110lbs, youthful, open-minded, outgoing, loves to have fun, seeking a SW/M, 36-39, who is open-minded and outgoing. #244337

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Make me laugh, WF, 52, N/S, tired of going through life alone, enjoys rock music (especially Eric Clapton) and the blues. ISO male, 45+. #254723

**ARE YOU ROMANTIC?**  
SBF, 43, N/S, N/D, likes travel, sports, running, dancing, swimming, cooking. Looking for outgoing, goal-oriented BM, 38-50. #254649

**LET'S MEET**  
Tender, slender SWF, 50s, works in health care, comfortable in a gown or jeans, enjoys gardening, plays concerts, arts, seeks romantic, fun SM, 45-60. #257513

**PROFESSIONAL MALE**  
SWFF, 57, long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. #2529129

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
Me, 26, 4'7", 160lbs, brown complexioned, employed, 4'10, 5'8" 5'4", 190lbs-240lb, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. #251252

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic d/f. Looking for SMW, 29-30, for LTR. #45784

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBFM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. #2401068

**YOU NEED ME**  
Very attractive, young, full-figured, mixed BF, 30, 5'6", searching for down-to-earth, tall, responsible, mentally/physically/financially secure male 1.90 or you as much as you need me! #2519124

**SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS**  
DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, housework, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10", N/S, social drinker for LTR. #249238

**TALK TO ME!**  
SBF, 43, likes movies, dining, shopping, the zoo, time with my kids. Seeking honest, good-looking, sincere man, 38-46. #251415

**FINANCIALLY SECURE**  
SF, 34, N/S, healthy, outgoing, active, with diverse interests, looking for a woman, 25-40, who has integrity, honesty, security, and femininity. Race open. #2537865

**YOU GOT A FRIEND**  
SBF, 5'4", N/S, N/D, H/W, enjoys going out, has a car, not married, looking for the right SBF, 36-43, for friendship first. #2531171

**VERY ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD**  
Beautiful, fun female, 50, 5'6", fit, body, short hair, looking for a laid-back SM, 45-60, who likes dining, canning, having fun! #2537904

**NO NONSENSE**  
Nice-looking, active, no-nonsense gal, seeks good-looking, active, no-nonsense guy, 35-49, white, Hispanic. DW/F, young, athletic. Companionship and fun desired. #448655

**CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND**  
SBFC, 30, no children, seeks goal-oriented SBFCM, 25-37, no children, who is respectful, intelligent, intellectual, and respects women! #2519850

**JUST THE FACTS**  
SWF, 27, full-figured, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, dancing. Seeking man, 24-35, N/S, race unimportant, for friendship, possible romance. #253232

**LET TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'8", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SM. #253089

## TAIING IT IN

**PEYTON AND SEXY**  
SBF, 50, Scorpio, N/S, petite, 5'11", 105lbs, energetic, enjoys movies, theater, craft shows, seeks similar SBFM, 50-61, N/S, who is fit, energetic, similar interests. #244500

**SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE**  
Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. #220167

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF, 41, 4'11", wishes to meet a kind-sized SBF, 41+, for friendship and companionship. #253520

**MR. RIGHT**  
Are you a tall, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, love and fun, let's share life together. #448339

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE...**  
looking for sweet SM, 21, dark brown/brown, 5'2", 150lbs, tattooed/piercing, ISO commitment-minded, loving, kind guy interested in friendship, happiness and a loving, long-term relationship. #245232

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
No drama, no games, 45, SBPF, interests, concerts, plays, movies, dining and more. Enjoys having fun, seeking SW/F, for LTR. #243200

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. #250225

**WILL YOU LIKE ME?**  
Attractive SWF, 68, 5'5", blonde, artist, fun-loving, seeks well-groomed SW/M, 40+, loves cuddling, dining out, and sharing life. #272683

**SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST**  
SF, 43, smoker, student, looking for SM, 25-35, N/S, who is worthy a good listener, and will make me happy. #484338

**BEAUTY AND BRAINS**  
Hard-working SWF, 50, smoker, enjoys laughter, movies, conversation, and more. Seeking healthy, trustworthy, intelligent SMW, 45-60, for friendship, maybe more. #252811

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBF, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. #251438

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF, 46, shy but loves to laugh, enjoys concerts, movies, seeking good, honest SBF, 43-50, N/S, for LTR. #249242

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
SW/F, honest, pleasant, long hair, no children, likes nature walks, travel, cooking, children, feeling like a lady. Seeking honest, genuine, marriage-minded SW/CM. #279855

**LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER**  
Pretty slender Ukrainian lady, 54, Catholic, 10 years in the U.S. Seeking caring relationship with warm-hearted, independent man who enjoys family, theater, travel. #2512135

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SBF, 60, 3'4", 159lbs, blonde hair, certified nursing assistant, N/S, open to dating for friendship, dating, perhaps more. #2514347

**BEEN THERE? DONE THAT?**  
Take heart, DW/F, young-adult 53, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, works in a warehouse. Seeking tall, special romantic WM, 40-60, who enjoys travel, camping, traveling, and music. #251372

**EPILOGUE OF BEAUTY**  
SBF, 19, 5'8", 140lbs, N/S, loves Journalist, literature, writing, reading, movies. Looking for SM, 19-34, for possible relationship. #2519785

**A LOVE MATCH**  
SF, 43, travels on business a lot. Looking for laid-back, happy, financially secure man, 50-60, who needs someone in his life. #252682

**STRIKING...**  
blue-eyed blonde SM, sensual, romantic, fun, caring, seeking attractive, fit, fun-loving male, 47-57, Friendship, LTR, I enjoy movies, walks, music, hugs, laugh, quiet times. Let's get to know each other. #253232

**LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM**  
Professional with many interests and fine qualities, who loves to dance. Seeks tall, attractive, nice-looking, educated gentleman, who has a loving, romantic LTR. 63-73. #255886

## DARK EBONY

SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier, for possible relationship. #232593

**AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?**  
Attractive, kind-hearted SBF, 44, 5'8", full-figured, enjoys dining out, movies, playing cards, family and more. Seeking family-oriented, intelligent, humorous SBF/M, 40-60, for friendship and companionship. #232821

**NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA**  
SBPF, 40ish, 5'9", nurse, with children, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. #245545

**SHALL WE?**  
DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. #245989

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-fearing, honest, caring SBF, 40-45, for friendship first. #221725

**WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?**  
SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-65, with good sense of humor. #257065

**LIBRA**  
DBF, 60, locks much younger, enjoys music, jazz, walks, quiet times. Seeking WM/H/M, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. #253857

**YOUR WILDEST DREAMS**  
SBF, 43, smoker, loves jazz, dining out, romantic evenings, and movies. Seeking feminine BF, 35-50, under 5'4", honesty a must. #249879

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing, active DW/F, retired, ISO fun, male, 60+, who likes biking, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to hit a texaco now and then. #271793

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SM, 34-47, professional/employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. #240835

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open-minded, energetic, spontaneous SBF, 48, 5'3", seeks the star at the end of the rainbow. My star, someone communicative, kind, honest, who enjoys romance, exploring life. #298477

**PLEASINGLY PLUMP FEMALE**  
42-year-old African-American female seeks tall, handsome man who is mature, N/S, and enjoys being in the company of a beautiful woman. #798192

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could like a tall, attractive, SWF, 5'0, 5'105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SM, 32-50, for special relationship. #218068

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
DBF, 53, HW proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, sports, dining, ISO SM, D/F-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker, OK. No games! #217236

**FUN-LOVING LADY**  
SBF, 43, Virgo, smoker, loves chocolate, seeks fun-loving, sincere, BM, 34-56, enjoys traveling, camping, and more. #238713

**EBONY SEEMS IVORY**  
DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs full-figured, seeks to date SW/M, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. #456323

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Catholic DW/F, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 58-63, widest personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. #455079

**SEMI-RETIRED**  
SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. #2457917

**LOVING AND CARING**  
Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 56, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional, job. #242499

**CAN YOU MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. #292703

## LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR

Attractive WW/F, 64, red/blue, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 65-70, who enjoys meeting new people. #247645

**WARRIOR PRINCESS!**  
W/F, 43, seeks SBFM, 38-52. Let's engulf me, make this winter a total meltdown! I love laughter, humor, reading, and life! #480378

**CALL ME...**  
If you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner, interests in home life, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, white above. #418289

**CALL ME!**  
SF, 21, 5'4", 140lbs, long dark/hazel, N/S, no children, enjoys dining, movies, working out, bowling. Seeking SW/M, 21-40, N/S. #488573

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**  
SBF, 40, mother of two, enjoys movies, plays, walks in the park, quiet times at home. Seeking BM, 45-65, N/S, D/D-free, who loves kids. #245846

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF, 56, 4'11", 105lbs, desires well-groomed, older gentleman, 60-75, who loves to dance and travel. Groesse Font are preferred. #489133

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. #246494

**LIFE BEGINS AT 80**  
81-year-old WF, 5'12", 135lbs, N/S, ND, brown/brn, nurse, enjoys cooking, Civil War/Revolutionary War history, travel, seeking gentleman, 58-70, loyal, honest, N/S, affectionate, enjoys being pampered. #409879

**LONESOME**  
Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy, fun-loving, seeks SBF, 25-45, 75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! #448585

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Classy, attractive SBF, 50, 5'3", 120lbs, ISO SWFP, 50+, for special friendship. I love boating, music, quiet times, movies at home, romance, outdoors, travel. #233568

## men seeking women

**NO GAMES**  
A professional, intelligent, caring, independent seeking a compatible SF, 18-30, who is real and does not play games. #252720

**MAYBE IT'S YOU**  
SWM, 52, Aries, N/S, seeks friendship first with SWF, 35-48. Call now! I would like to hear from you. #256579

**FUTURE STAR SEEMS LOVE**  
SM, 24, 5'11", Black, Italian, Native American, ambitious barber with an eye on the future, seeking a SF, 18-35, who is real. #251025

**LOOKING FOR A DREAM**  
SM, Black/Puerto Rican/Native American, 40, 5'7", 170lbs, N/S, no kids, serious, enjoys movies, cooking, walks. Seeking full-figured SF. #254016

**TALL, DARK, HANDSOME**  
SWM



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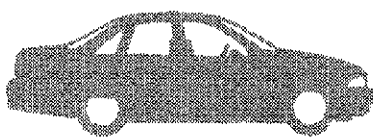
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# Chevy's new small car, the Aveo, is a big value for under \$10K

### Advertising Feature

## CAReport



**Anne Fracassa**

### Avanti NewsFeatures

If you take a look at the Chevrolet Aveo, the first thing you think is that it's too small for anyone over 4 feet tall to fit inside -- either the front or back seats. And cargo space in the rear -- shoot, it's got to be totally non-existent. Looks like there's about a foot of space, maybe less, from the outside. Well, looks are deceiving.

I've finding that out more and more with every small subcompact that I've driven lately. What looks ultra small is very, very surprising on the inside and in the cargo area. How can they put that much room in a car that small, for Pete's sake?

I know, I know, the 'ol move the tires out farther and stretch as much as you can out of that sheet metal. It's been done with the Chevrolet Aveo, and done well, too. This entry-level vehicle is a breath of fresh air and full of value for the money you'll pay.

Sounds like I've been touting small cars and their wonderful features lately. Well, with gas prices the way they are lately -- although they are dropping just a tad -- sounds like a good way to spend your hard-earned bucks. You'll get anywhere between 26 mpg in the city to 36 mpg on the highway, depending on the transmission you choose. Not bad.

I still don't like small cars because of the safety you'll sacrifice -- I'm talking about the chance of getting creamed by a huge SUV or a larger, full-size vehicle, but it's a risk you've got to take sometimes, I guess.

There are two Aveos to choose from, a four-door sedan and a five-door. These subcompacts will seat five adults and are available in three different trim levels, depending on your pocketbook: Special Value, Base and LS.

Powered by a 1.6-liter dual overhead cam four-cylinder engine affording you 103 horsepower, the Aveo is peppy enough for a small vehicle like this. It's available with a four-speed automatic that features a hold control -- allowing you to stay in the appropriate gear on slippery roads or hills.

I drove the five-speed manual. It was difficult to shift, took its time getting up to snuff and the feature that you have to lift up a level on the shift knob to get it into reverse was



**Chevrolet Aveo. Vehicle class: Subcompact. Power: 1.6-liter dual overhead cam 4-cylinder. Mileage: 26 mpg city/36 mpg highway. Where built: Bupyeong, Korea. Base price: \$9,995.**

more than a pain in the reverse. Annoying, to say the least. Maddening to say the most.

The Aveo was styled and created in Giorgetto Giugiaro's well-known Italdesign studio in Turin, Italy. The styling of the Aveo is more than pleasing to the eye, lending itself to invisible lines, rounded corners that flow into just about infinity and a high roofline that gives it the appearance that it's a little larger than it really is.

The front treatment, with its wrap-around headlamps, turn signal lamps, front air dam that sports the familiar bow tie and rear air intake makes a bold statement, looking like it has command of the road. Fenders on the side are flared for added sportiness.

The interior of the Aveo isn't tight, and can accommodate four -- not five -- adults comfortably. I'm talking about taking a few people out for a night on the town, with full regalia including coats and purses and umbrellas. It would be tight for five.

You have to know, however, that the Aveo has the roomiest interior of any vehicle in its class, which is a plus. There's also a higher H-point (head-to-toe) ratio than others in its class as well.

There are features on the Aveo that you won't find in most subcompact vehicles in this price range -- all of which allow more comfort than you would expect. There's a standard tilt steering wheel, seats with recline, seat height and headrest height adjustment and a 60/40 split folding rear bench seat with built-in headrests that also feature grocery bag hooks.

The interior instrumentation is easy to read and understand and is very basic. You'll find a tach, speedometer,

odometer, trip odometer, fuel gauge and coolant temperature gauge. There's a center storage tray, ashtray, 12-volt outlet and clock in the center console.

Some of the creature comforts you'll find in the Aveo include Am/FM stereo, tinted glass, intermittent wipers, rear defogger, remote fuel door and trunk release, day/night rearview mirror, vanity mirrors up front, and dual front cupholders that don't hold large cups.

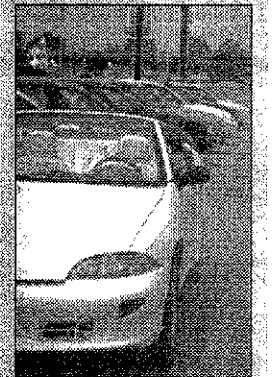
I have a bone to pick on the trunk release. Okay, there's a trunk release on the interior of the vehicle, located just left of the driver's seat. There's also a remote keyless entry that allows you to lock and unlock the doors. But you've got to use the key to open the trunk from the outside of the vehicle. There isn't even a latch if it's unlocked. You're forced to put the key in the keyhole to open the trunk. Mighty inconvenient, I'd say.

I didn't have any issues with the ride and handling of the Aveo. It whipped around corners and took bumpy roads and highway imperfections without so much as a whimper. I was never uncomfortable in the Aveo -- but I never took it on a longer trip than 45 minutes or so. I don't see a problem with a long trip, but I never took it on one, so I can't comment.

I loved the styling, I loved the interior room and I loved the fact that this subcompact is a great entry-level vehicle that's perfect for the college-bound kid or even a high school sophomore getting his/her first car. Great on mileage, great on economy. What more do you want?

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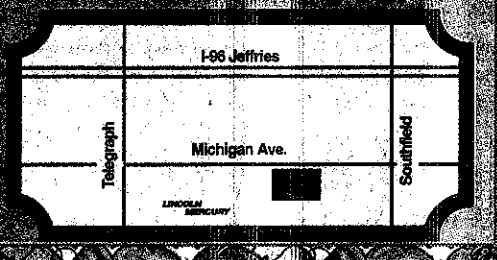
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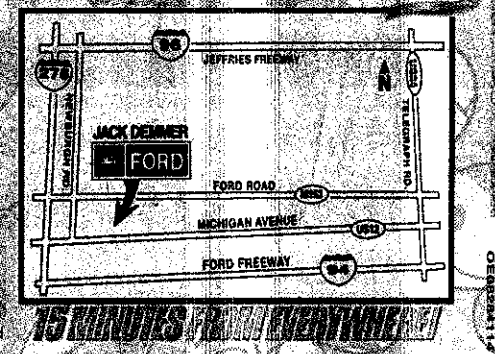
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