



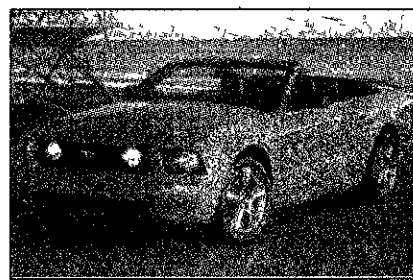
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## Schools frustrated with election costs

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan wasn't pleased with the contract handed to him by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, requiring the school district to pay all costs for the May 3 school board election.

As Ryan looked over the contract presented by Bennett, he asked, "You want me to reimburse you more than what the law requires?"

Bennett's answer: "Yes. My directive from (Supervisor) Tom (Yack) was that you sign the agreement, or we will opt out."

Not that he wasn't already prepared to pay Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Salem Township and Superior Township for the costs involved in putting on the annual election, but Ryan was upset because it will be costing much more than the \$15,000 it previously cost the district to conduct an election.

"My frustration grows with the fact it's a bad law," said Ryan, who took part in a meeting Thursday conducted by the Wayne County elections division to finalize agreements between school districts and municipal clerks, who will be running the school board elections for the first time. "I feel like we're losing the positive relationships we have with our local municipalities."

The state law calls for elections in four specific months of any calendar year – the fourth Tuesday in February, the first Tuesday after the first

Monday in May, August and November – with the responsibility for conducting the elections in the hands of the municipalities and their clerks. Previously, the school board election was held annually in June and run by the school district.

Part of Ryan's frustration stems from being coerced into signing a contract with Canton Township, requiring the school district to reimburse the township for all costs associated with

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### Slippery set up

Ice festival organizer Mike Watts and world champion carver Ted Wakar of Canton struggle to hoist a block of ice while setting up for the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

## SOS office offers several pluses

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Despite the sub-freezing temperatures outside, it was business as usual inside the Secretary of State Canton Branch office Tuesday.

The office had been closed for more than a week, so it could be renovated into a Secretary of State/PLUS office. Officially, it is now known as the West Wayne County PLUS office, offering some expanded services not found at traditional branch offices, including extended hours on Wednesdays and the ability for customers to pay with a Discover credit card.

The branch is one of 22 branch offices Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has targeted to become PLUS offices, in an effort to modernize operations. These offices are designed to serve larger areas. Ultimately, Land will eliminate 20 of the state's 173 branch offices, including one in Wayne. Other PLUS offices opened in Detroit and Belleville last year.

Land will also open five SUPER! Centers, including one in Livonia, which will offer many of the same features as PLUS offices, as well as Saturday hours and certain specialty services.

"Our goal is to provide convenient options that make it easier to do business with us," Land said in a statement.

According to Canton branch manager Joe Kraus, the office will also soon have a self-service kiosk where customers can renew vehicle registration tabs without having to wait in line at the counter. He also promises there will be at least seven or eight stations open at a time to make sure customers get through the line in a timely manner. In addition, the office now has a customer service specialist that will help people make sure they have the correct documentation, so they don't have to wait in line before finding out they need additional documents. He said drivers will also be able to get a copy of their driving records. And the office now has an area designated to serve auto dealers, which will shorten the waiting time for other customers.

Kraus said he is taking a "wait-and-see" approach to whether the office will take on additional customers because of the change. "This is the busiest office in Wayne and Oakland counties. We do more than 1,000 transactions a day. We're one of the four or five busiest offices in the state," said Kraus, who said the office serves residents from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia and other communities. The PLUS office, at 44948 Ford Road, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call the office at (734) 453-8211.



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Secretary of State employee Gloria Parham takes a driver's license photo for Phil Smith at the Canton Branch office on Tuesday.

## We're serving up free pizza

Starting next month, Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer Newspapers* will honor good citizens with "A Random Act of Pizza."

Each week, *Observer* readers will nominate a person or family who will receive a home-delivered Buddy's Pizza dinner. Tell us in 50 words or less why you or someone else deserves this home-delivered treat. Do you know someone too busy to cook because of volunteer work?

Or do you know a single mom or dad who could use a break? Tell us about your great neighbors, the new family down the street or the busy family who could use some time together.

Be sure to include the name, address and telephone number of the family you nominate.

Selection will be done by *O&E* staff members. Send nominations by e-mail to: Ken Abramczyk at [kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com).

Dinner includes pizza, salad, Buddy Bread, soft drinks and table setting.

"The dinner is just a small way to celebrate a special person or family in 2005," said Marcy Brontman, marketing director for Buddy's.

## IKEA to lay out plan Monday

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton residents will get their first chance Monday to see the plans of the proposed IKEA store, which will be built at Ford and Haggerty on the site of the old Super Kmart.

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, in the Chestnut Room at Summit on the Park.

IKEA representatives will present their preliminary plans to the Planning Commission. Members of the board of trustees and the downtown development district have also been invited to the presentation.

"This will be the first public hearing in the approval process for the preliminary planned development district," said Judy Bocklage, senior planner for the project. "A PDD is a negotiated agreement between the developer and the township. The intent is that it will result in a better product than we would get if we stuck with the strict letter of the zoning ordinance."

The Swedish-based furniture retailer announced last year that it had selected Canton as the site for its first Michigan store.

It has proposed a two-story, 300,000-plus-square-foot store for the Kmart site. The

existing Kmart building will be demolished, with the IKEA building going up in approximately the same location.

In addition to the 23.17-acre Kmart site, the project includes 9.44 acres on the east side of Haggerty Road. That site could serve for additional parking if needed. Otherwise it will remain undeveloped. Bocklage said one of the major concerns about the project is the amount of traffic that will be generated once IKEA opens. She said negotiations are under way with the Michigan Department of Transportation to reactivate the traffic signal light at the Ford Road entrance to the site.

In regard to the traffic question, a revised traffic study was reviewed earlier this month. Among other things, the study concluded:

■ There is an immediate need to widen the southbound I-275 exit ramp at Ford Road to include an extra right-turn lane, and to improve the signal timing to provide for existing and future traffic volumes.

■ The northbound I-275 exit ramp from Ford should be widened to permit dual left-turn lanes and a single right-turn lane.

■ Ford Road should be widened to provide for three through lanes in each direction, in addition to exclusive right-turn lanes in each direction.

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Send yours by Friday, Feb. 4 to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

## Coming Thursday in Filter

### What's up with Jeff?

Michigan's own Hollywood movie star, Jeff Daniels, talks about the playwright's craft and his new comedy opening at the Purple Rose Theatre.



## The 'Big Chill'

Don't let the cold, dark winter days keep you and the family inside. Join Canton Leisure Services for the "Big Chill" this weekend.

The event begins on Friday, Jan. 28, at Summit on the Park with a book fair featuring great children's books from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and family bowling at Super Bowl from 6:30-9 p.m. The book fair will be open through Saturday, Jan. 29.

The Big Chill will also feature several family events on Saturday, including the film Snowball Express on the Summit's big screen beginning at 7 p.m., the "Board Game Bonanza," a performance by the Wild Swan Theater, the "Kid's Klondike Carnival" and "family aerobics."

Some Big Chill activities may be weather permitting, require prior registration or have a small fee. For more details, call Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

## Engineering excellence

University of Michigan student and Canton resident Jessica S. Moreno was the recipient of the ETAS Engineering Excellence Award for 2005. Moreno is a graduate student in the School of Engineering at The University of Michigan and will receive her advanced degree in mechanical engineering in May.

Jessica was selected not only because of her excellent grade point average, but because of her desire to become an automotive engineer and her spirit of community service. In her requisite essay, she wrote, "I believe in the power of mentor-ing."

True to her words, Jessica has volunteered in the Young Engineers and Scientists (YES) program for the last four years.



## A call to cookie duty

Girl Scout Troop 433 from Tonda Elementary is showing its patriotism by sending cookies to members of a National Guard squad that will be deployed to Iraq in February. People can buy cookies from the girls and have them sent to the troops. Girls will "personalize" each box for the troops, and will provide a yellow ribbon to all those who purchase a box. From 1-5 p.m. on Feb. 20, the girls will be selling cookies at Farmer Jack, at Morton Taylor and Joy roads. They will also be at Family Video, at Canton Center and Hanford, on March 5 during the same hours. In the back row, from left, are Samantha Krahn, Kayla Turner, Elizabeth Johns, Jessica Hanser, Amanda Nilles and Megan Ellis. In front are Kristin Larkins (left) and Megan Wood. All are fourth-graders at Tonda. For more information, call troop leader Charisse Dore Nilles at (734) 459-0675.

Her purpose at YES is to mentor middle and high school students and to help "inspire and motivate" them to pursue four-year degrees in science and engineering.

Jessica accepted her award at a luncheon in her honor held by ETAS, an automotive engineering firm.

## Practice reflexology

Learn the basic techniques of reflexology at the Canton Public Library on February 3 at 7 p.m. Deanna Proske, certified reflexologist, will discuss this ancient art and demonstrate how pressure applied to specific areas of the hands and feet can relax ten-

sion throughout the body, relieving back pain, migraines and stress.

Reflexology is a complementary therapy that connects reflex areas in the feet and hands with glands, organs and parts of the body. This popular form of preventative therapy addresses health problems in a natural way by improving nerve and blood supply, and helping the body find balance. Only the hands are used, making it a safe, simple, yet effective method of releasing tension.

This program is part of the library's Learn to...With Friends series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

These free events feature presentations, discussions and demonstrations that highlight unique skills or talents that can influence our everyday lives.

The library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. Registration for this program begins on Jan. 27 by calling (734) 397-0999 or in person at the library.

## Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players will be performing "The Man Who Came to Dinner" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, through Feb. 5. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$15 per person in groups of 15 or more. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300. The Spotlight Players will also hold auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie" from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31 to Feb. at the Village Theater.

They are looking for 10 lead roles, 15 adult roles and 15 teens to be chorus members. Participants should bring a recent photo. The show will play in April.

Call (734) 394-5300, or visit [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net).

## Battle of the bands

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor the Battle of the Bands from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Jan. 28 at the Summit on the Park. Winners of the event will play at this summer's Liberty Fest.

Bands will perform on multiple stages throughout the night. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call (734) 394-5460.

## Anniversary party

Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station in Canton will celebrate its fifth anniversary Jan. 27, and will host a birthday-style party from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The free event is open to the public, and will feature refreshments.

A popular site for school field trips, the center features educational displays, including a larger-than-life human body, which kids can walk, crawl and slide through. Other displays allow children to hear their own hear rhythm, see how germs grow, test their muscle strength, and discover how their digestive system works.

In addition, the Exploration Station is expecting to see its 100,000 visitor this year, and will celebrate the event with a commemorative prize.

The Exploration Station is located in the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, at 1600 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 398-7518.

## Sing the blues

Native Detroiters Thornetta Davis will sing the blues at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on February 12, 2005 at 8 p.m. The multi-talented Davis, who is a singer, songwriter and recording artist, typically plays more than 200 shows a year, and has received many accolades. Her credits include everything from the MGM Casino to The VH1 Fashion Awards in New York's Madison Square Garden with Kid Rock, and Pine Knob's 1999 Lillith Fair, hosted by Sarah McLachlin.

Tickets are on sale for \$20, and can be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Village Theater ticket office located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## Super camp set

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering one-stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27, in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School).

More than 70 U.S. and Canadian camps will be showcased from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturman, camp fair organizer. In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented. Admission is free.

High school and college students interested in employment will also have the opportunity to obtain valuable information. The camp fair is presented by Elaine S. Events and co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine.

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PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

During Salem High School's Celebration of Diversity, the Asian Pacific American Club does a Chinese Indian traditional dance.



During Salem High School's Celebration of Diversity, the Polish Club does a dance to Guralski.

## School council celebrates diversity

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Diversity Council held its annual Celebration of Diversity dinner and show on Saturday, Jan. 15, at Salem High School.

Students wore native dress, performed ethnic dances and skits and served a variety of foods from around the world.

Student groups involved included the Diversity Council, Current Events, Bible, Irish Scottish, Muslim, African American, Polish American, Asian Pacific, Salsa (Hispanic) and Gay Straight Alliance.

## Police departments team up to 'nail thieves'

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, was always urging residents to "Take a Bite Out of Crime."

Now the police departments of Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships are starting a campaign under the label "We Nail Thieves."

The campaign, in cooperation with the Crime Stoppers organization, is aimed at eliminating (or at least reducing the number of) thefts from construction sites in the growing communities.

"We have continued to experience a large amount of construction site larcenies occurring," said John Santomauro, Canton director of public safety. "Our department has attempted to address this through the years by doing some things up to and including seminars for developers and trying to do some public education."

And that's one of the projects that's coming up.

On Friday, Feb. 11, from 2-4 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton, a seminar will be held to educate builders and contractors on how to protect their sites from thieves. The seminar, which is offered at no cost, will be conducted by Canton Police Sgt. Scott Hilden.

To register call 394-5325 by Feb. 5. There is no charge for the seminar.

"Since the year 2000 up to 2004, known theft from construction sites has amounted to about \$1.5 million and that's known," Santomauro said. "The reality is in most cases a lot of the minor theft that occurs in terms of dollars is never reported so we think that's only the tip of the iceberg."

Northville Township Police Chief John Werth said his community has had a similar, if lesser, problem.

"Our theft loss at new construction sites was under a half million dollars, and we had approximately 48 construction sites last year," he said. "In growing communities

there's so many opportunities for us to share some cooperative efforts not only with the police departments but with developers and builders."

And Plymouth Township Police Chief Thomas Tiderington said it's a problem in his community also.

"The only thing I'd add is it's to educate the contractors and builders on how to protect themselves," he said. "It's not the police function to go out and be the security company. What we expect is that they take reasonable steps to secure their property and this would be a good opportunity to teach them how to do that."

And that's where they connect with Crime Stoppers comes in.

Craig Yaldao, who spearheads the Crime Stoppers effort, said the citizen based group encourages residents to be aware of what's going on around them and to speak out if they see a crime being committed.

"We're not going to let thieves and vandals impede the growth of these communities," he said.

Crime Stoppers will offer builders and developers posters to put up at their construction sites listing an 800 number to call if someone sees a crime being committed.

"We offer cash rewards up to \$1,000 depending on the crime," Yaldao said. "And we will shield an anonymous tipster. We'll act as a buffer between the tipster and the police department without revealing the tipster's name."

Anyone having evidence of a construction site theft or any other serious crime is asked to call 1-800-SPEAK UP (that's 1-800-773-2587).

Yaldao said that in order to remain anonymous, callers must call the above number.

Santomauro pointed out that construction site thefts affect more than just the contractors and builders.

"Ultimately it's the home buyer who's going to pay for it," he said.

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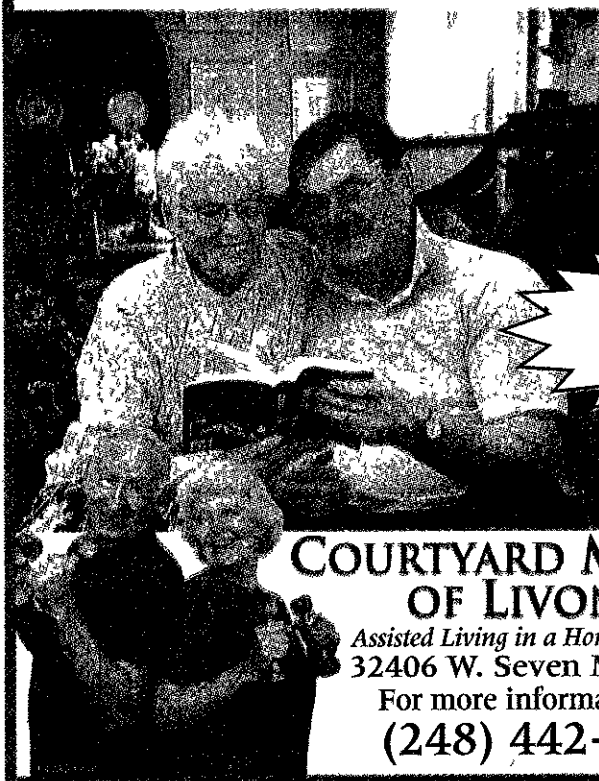
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# Emagine ticket offer bolsters annual Kiwanis sweat suit plea

**BY BRAD KADRICH**  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone wanting to see the new Ice Cube movie "Are We There Yet?" is going to get a discounted chance to do just that, courtesy the Emagine Theater in Canton and the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club.

To support the club's seventh-annual sweat suit drive, theater officials have agreed to a 2-for-1 deal that nets a pair of movie tickets for each sweat suit set — top and bottom — brought to the theater Saturday, Jan. 29. Doors open at 9 a.m.; the movie plays at 10 a.m.

"One of our members thought of it, and the theater was good enough to help us," said Kiwanis member Carol Heminger. "It's the first time we've partnered with someone like this, and we think it's going to work out well for us."

The annual sweat suit drive supports First Step, the

Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Officials at Emagine said the chance to help was the driving force in agreeing to do the drive.

"Emagine is very supportive of charities, and I think this is a good one," said Ruth Daniels, Emagine's vice president of sales and marketing. "It's a charity located right here, so we thought it was a good fit."

Heminger said phone calls to the Wal-Mart on Ford Road in Canton and the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth confirmed "plenty of sweat suits are available." Donors who don't wish to purchase a sweat suit can make a \$10 donation.

"We'll be happy to go and do the shopping," Heminger said.

The sweat suits are necessary because victims of abuse frequently have their clothes taken as evidence, Heminger explained. When hospital offi-

cials call First Step for crisis care, those workers have the suits stashed in their cars.

"The staff of First Step keep the sweat suits we collect in their cars, ready to give to victims when needed, filling an important physical and emotional need," she said.

Those who can't make the movie can still help. Drop boxes have been set up throughout the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition, the Kiwanis Club will accept cash donations in any amount, which will be used to purchase sweat suits. Checks can be sent to the Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 6363, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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This year, we're planning a special edition in honor of the program's 20th anniversary.

If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at [mklemic@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:mklemic@oe.homecomm.net) or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 Attn: Mary Klemic. Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached. You can e-mail photos in a jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified. The special section will be published in May 2005.

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## FOR THE RECORD

## DEATHS

**A**  
Alexander N. Adair, 82, of Olathe, Kan., died Jan. 15.  
Marilyn Jean Anderson, 53, of Plymouth, died Jan. 18.

**B**  
Paul Cameron Babcock, 45, died Jan. 19.  
**K**  
George "Tom" Kazen Jr., 56, died Jan. 20.

**M**  
Olive Jeanne Mettetal, 81, of Plymouth, died Jan. 10.

**O**  
Joseph A. Olkowski, 89, of Garden City, died Dec. 22.  
James M. O'Toole, 85, of Westland, died Jan. 20.

**R**  
Rev. Michael (Gilbert) Rozewicz, 59, died Jan. 14.

**S**  
Rose Marie (Wheeler) Shpiece, 79, died Jan. 20.

**Z**  
Paul William Zuber, 52, formerly of Redford Twp., died Jan. 3.

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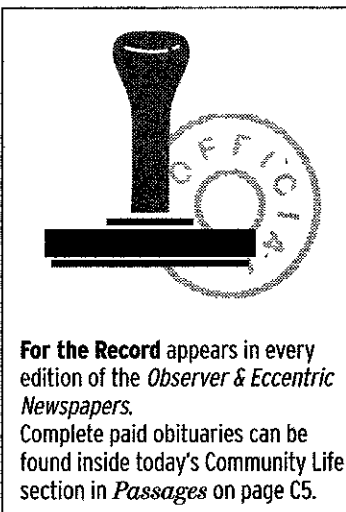
## Car break-ins

Canton Police are investigating a series of car break-ins over the past several days.

■ A Reisa Lane resident reported that someone broke the driver's side window of his father's car between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Jan. 15.

The thief stole a radar detector from the vehicle.

■ A resident of the 40000 block of Tamarack told police someone smashed the driver's side window of his car sometime between 5 p.m. Jan. 15 and 5 p.m.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life section in Passages on page C5.

Jan. 16.  
A speaker, amplifier and other items were stolen.

■ A Canton resident reported that while visiting a friend at Stoneybrook Apartments on Joy Road someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole various items.  
Taken were 92 CDs, a CD player and her purse.

■ A resident of the 8100 block of Nectar Drive at the Crossings at Canton reported that her purse was taken from her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot.  
Taken were her purse containing a Social Security card, driver's license and \$80 in cash.

## Construction site theft

A worker at a construction site in the 1200 block of Willard told police someone entered the house and stole various items.  
Taken were a miter saw, a sander, a circular saw and various levels.

## Weather spotter class available

Learn how to spot severe weather and help provide an early alert to the community.

The Garden City Fire Department, in cooperation with Garden City Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, will offer severe weather spotter training 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Maplewood Center with a second session April 2.

The training is designed for community volunteers, amateur radio operators and public safety officials to enable them to identify key cloud formations and storm effects and report their findings to weather service meteorologists at the Detroit/Pontiac

Forecast Office.

This information is used, along with sophisticated technology, including Doppler radar, to issue severe thunderstorm and tornado watches and warnings to protect the public.

"Skywarn spotters are a key component of our communities emergency management activities, and annual training is an important step to assure their readiness in an emergency," said Garden City Fire Chief Bill Forbush.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) program fields about 50 volunteer amateur ham radio operators during storms to acts as the eyes of the Weather Service at the local level.

RACES Officer Dan Hancock emphasized that "public service, and particularly emergency communication, is one of the cornerstones of amateur radio" and that his volunteers are trained and equipped to provide supplemental communications support to agencies like the National Weather Service, county and local emergency management authorities and public safety officials, when needed.

The Skywarn training class is open to the public and is offered free of charge.

To register, call Diane at (734) 793-1782 or send an e-mail to fire@gardencitymi.org.

## Canton receives arts grant from state

The Canton Leisure Services Department recently received a \$1,400 grant from the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA).

The grant will be used toward preparation, distribution and analysis of a cultural survey to assist in the planning process for nurturing, maintaining and expanding the arts in Canton.

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, said the grant is just another way the state has helped encouraged the arts in the community.

"This grant will help strengthen the arts in our community," said Stewart, R-Plymouth. "The programs that the Canton Leisure Department provides give residents the opportunity to meet one another and form a sense of belonging in the community."

"The MCACA is doing a great job encouraging artistic and creative activity in Canton. I look forward to seeing the survey results integrated into Canton's recreation plan."

## ELECTION

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the election. Ryan had already agreed, in a letter to the clerks, to pay back all election costs as provided by law. However, the law doesn't include the charge-back of costs incurred by municipalities during regular business hours.

Bennett later told Wayne County officials her office will opt in - handle the Canton portion of the Plymouth-Canton Schools election - pending the signed agreement. Bennett said she did not get school officials from Wayne-Westland and Van Buren to agree, so she will not conduct those elections and is leaving it up to Wayne County.

"If we opt out, by law we are required to do three things," said Bennett. "To conduct the entire absentee ballot process, make our election equipment avail-

able and provide a list of our election workers. The county then becomes responsible for handling the election."

The other five communities in the Plymouth-Canton school district agreed to opt in, and didn't ask for a signed contract.

No one knows how much the election will cost Plymouth-Canton Schools until the bills from all six communities come in. But, clerks indicate there won't be much of a break on what it costs them to do their own elections, which are approximately \$78,000 for Canton Township; \$35,000 in Plymouth Township; \$30,000 for Northville Township; and \$15,000 in Plymouth.

Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser said the assurance from Ryan the district will pay for all costs was enough. Langmesser, like Bennett, plans to bill for every hour spent preparing and conducting the election.

"In conversation with our city attorney, he indicated I should opt in and conduct the election in the best interests of the voters," Langmesser said.

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said, "I will charge the district for anybody I hire to help with the election, and staff overtime. I'm not sure if I will charge for staff time during regular working hours."

Clerks and school administrators are already grumbling about the additional workload and costs associated with the new law.

"After this election is over, that's when the complaints will come in from the clerks and school district, and we'll be revisiting this with our legislators," said Langmesser.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) said the new election law, which he supported with his vote, was intended to get more voters to the polls, keep the school dis-

tricts from having "stealth" elections, and as a cost savings.

"If this isn't cost-efficient, I will be the first legislator to introduce legislation to amend it so it will be, or at least what it cost before for the schools," said Stewart. "We need to take the best parts of what was passed, and amend the worst parts."

Plymouth Township has agreed to collect nominating petitions and filing fees for the one open four-year seat on the Board of Education. Petitions, with a minimum of 40 signatures, must be turned in at the Plymouth Township clerk's office. Candidates can choose to pay an \$100 filing fee, instead. In either case, the filing must be in by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Thus far, no one has picked up or turned in petitions. Incumbent Tom Wysocki said he will run for a second four-year term.

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# For Detroit schools to improve, society has to make its own AYP

Sometimes news events gather to a critical mass, forcing us to think about issues we'd almost rather avoid.

On Jan. 13, the Michigan Department of Education released the school district report cards, showing which school districts made adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind criteria. While the majority of districts did make AYP, many urban districts did not. For some, like Livonia, this reflected the performance of special education students and its small



Hugh Gallagher

black student population. For Detroit, it represented an ongoing crisis in its predominantly African-American school district.

On that same day, Bill Cosby brought his bracing, some feel abrasive, message to Detroit. The comedian with a doctorate and a long history of social involvement has been preaching a bitter message to the African-American community. Beginning at

last year's NAACP national convention, Cosby has been telling black parents that it is long past time to take responsibility for their children — for their studies, their lack of manners, their violence. It wasn't a message many wanted to hear. The educated, multi-millionaire Cosby has been reviled and accused of class snobbery toward poor black Americans.

But he hasn't given an inch, even in the direct language he uses, which would be routinely criticized as racist coming from a white commentator.

In a report on his Detroit speech in the *Free Press*, Cosby is quoted, "These are our people — our people — our young people, and they have to be taught and retaught and we have to do it and mean it. You can't throw them up against the wall anymore. You can't curse them anymore. We've got to bring them home, sit them down. We are the elders, and we've got to demand our place."

That same week, it was announced that the drive to end any form of affirmative action at state institutions was being revived for a run at the 2006 ballot. The movement has a black face, Californian Ward Connerly, and a hollow-ringing assertion that its purpose is to promote color-blindness and opportunity for all.

Finally, Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The most revered leader and martyr in the cause of civil liberties has become a chameleon of virtue for a variety of viewpoints. For some, his message of non-violence is emphasized. For others, it's his steely determination in the face of violence for his cause — justice, equality, social upheaval.

All of these events can draw blood and ire. They all reflect unresolved issues, issues that didn't magically begin in Montgomery when Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat and didn't magically end with the death of King. These issues began the first time a slave trader took human beings from Africa to the New World to perform forced labor and they continue to this day for reasons as complex and tangled as any that have ever confronted a society that prides itself on its liberty and justice.

►Metro Detroit is in many ways ground

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zero for trying to understand. Here we have an almost all-black city, surrounded by predominantly white suburbs. The city has been in a long decline, despite sputtering efforts to revive here and there, bits and pieces. Projects have brought in theaters, stadiums and a few major corporations (GM stayed in the city, Compuware moved there).

But no one pretends that Detroit will ever again be a retail center or be home to a large, thriving middle class or ever again project the energy and promise it once had. To the rest of the country, Detroit seems like some third world city. Its image is the image of the movie *8 Mile* and Eminem's harsh lyrical portraits. Super Bowls and All-Star Games won't bring change.

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While many come from good homes with the kind of concerned, loving but strict parents Cosby endorses, they still live in neighborhoods where the temptations are great and the reasons to resist get dimmer with every day.

While more and more African-Americans move into the middle class (and out to these suburbs), their success can't excuse the broader problems in the black community.

Cosby makes good points about the need for the black community to do its own house cleaning, to drive out the criminal element, to restore its own neighborhoods, to rescue and support its children. No matter how legitimate the effects of racism, it can't be an excuse for neglect, crime and a lack of self-respect.

But what we have here is not just a black/city/poor problem. What we have is a problem that affects us all. What we have is an infant care problem, a drug peddling problem, an unemployment problem, a run-down housing problem, a decaying infrastructure problem, a racism problem that cloaks itself in "color-blindness" rhetoric, a whites in the suburbs problem, a black middle-class problem.

We have a central city that no longer serves a vital purpose for the middle-class, predominantly white residents of the suburbs.

But if they don't do something and we don't do something, none of us will ever make adequate yearly progress to the better world of Drs. King and Cosby's dreams.

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# Writing to pope isn't one of Gumbleton's birthday wishes

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton is supposed to write a letter to Pope John Paul II this Wednesday. Trouble is, he doesn't want to do it.

"Traditionally, you are supposed to write to the pope on your 75th birthday and offer to resign," Michigan's most politically controversial bishop said, chuckling softly over breakfast. "But it's so arbitrary — some of them they ignore, but if you are the least bit progressive, they accept it immediately."

If that's the case, the Vatican may accept his resignation with the speed of the Internet. But Bishop Tom has no desire to lay his burden down.

He is a true child of Vatican II who was studying in Rome while the famous council was going on, and who was changed forever by it. He believes the church has a role to play, "standing up and safeguarding human rights for everyone."

And as a bishop of the church, he feels it is his job to help lead that struggle. That mission has taken him, a man who resembles a gentle, kindly Irish elf, to El Salvador and Iraq and a dozen other countries. He has just come back from Haiti, where he helped get a prominent priest, Father Gerald Jean-Juste, released from prison, and he plans to go back soon.

He's been in Vietnam and Guatemala and a dozen other places, usually staying with the poorest of the poor, sometimes tempting dictators and fate.

Even if he is forced into retirement, he intends to continue his travels. Why? What influenced Tom Gumbleton most was a Vatican II document on the church's role in the modern world. "If you are saving souls one at a time you really aren't going to get very far," he said. But as he sees it, the church's role should be to try to "transfer this world into as close an image of the reign of God, what the reign of God might look like, as possible."

That would be a world, he said, where everyone has enough to live decently, and also where their human and political rights aren't trampled on.

That view of his role and the church has caused him to fast and commit acts of civil disobedience and irritate numerous governments, including his own.

Those sentiments are more or less out of fashion these days. He was one of the youngest (38) men ever to be ordained an auxiliary bishop in 1968. He laughed a few years ago when I asked if he thought he would have been made a bishop today. "Oh no!" he said, laughing.

Born in Detroit, Father Tom was a young priest studying canon law in Rome when Pope John XXIII convened the famous council. He was fas-

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inated. John Cardinal Dearden, then Detroit's archbishop, was a main player.

"He was one of only a few — I think there were only two — American bishops who could really handle Latin, and all the discussions were in Latin."

Bishop Tom believes he has a traditional and pastoral role, too; he also serves as priest of St. Leo, a drafty, century-old brick church in the inner city where many of the parishioners are desperately poor, and death by gunshot is all too common. When we had breakfast last week, he was waiting to find out whether he or another priest would preside over the funeral of one of these. The last time I visited him there, it was so cold in his office I could barely write.

The good bishop had been sleeping there, in a pallet on the floor. He hadn't told me, but he had used some of his salary to help pay the tuition of one of my students.

What if he somehow just forgets to send the letter in? "I suspect I'll get a call saying that the pope is looking for my letter."

He thinks forcing him into retirement would be a waste. He says he knows another round of church closings is coming. "They say it isn't arbitrary, but it is, and they never address the real reason, which is that there aren't enough priests."

He thinks the archdiocese should train a network of lay pastoral ministers, and send priests in to perform the sacraments. But his advice tends to be ignored. He admired John Cardinal Dearden and sometimes got into shouting matches with his successor, Edmund Cardinal Szoka. But the current archbishop, Adam Cardinal Maida, mostly just ignores him.

Bishop Tom prefers a dialogue, even at high decibels. He shrugs and smiles, looking out the window of a downtown deli in a neighborhood devastated by the closing of Tiger Stadium.

"Maybe you could send (the letter) by sea mail," suggested Rudy Simons, who has traveled with him to Iraq and Haiti. Simons, who is Jewish, told me every morning he found the bishop silently reading his Bible, and sometimes it would be hours before he spoke at all. I never believed in saints. Now, I am not so sure.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Death of Radio

Detroit, as one of the top broadcasting markets, has long been home to freeform radio until Clear Channel chose to remove

Thayrone and end broadcast of the Bone Conduction Music Show from its Ann Arbor Affiliate WQKL.

Broadcasting music of distinction every week for more than 20 years, Thayrone has respected his listeners by playing a unique blend of vintage rhythm and blues, rock and roll and soul.

In an unprecedented move initiated by one single complaint under the direction of a Clear Channel executive, the

Bone Conduction Music Show was removed from the air without the consent of the public, bad ratings, or even evidence of registered complaints with the Federal Communications Commission.

As a weekly listener, I eagerly awaited his show and have been entertained by Thayrone's, one-of-a-kind on-air personality; however, I am left with no justifiable reason to listen to WQKL and have removed the station from my presets.

Thayrone has become of victim of the increased consolidation and corporatization of radio ownership and an out-of-town executive who has never heard the show.

Finally, if the new message of Clear Channel's ad campaign is to confront satellite radio by claiming new artists get their careers started on the radio, this would only support the Bone Conduction Music Show because its hallmark has been to play frequently unheard music.

Please, any advocate of freeform radio and especially any supporter of the Bone Conduction Music Show, join in protesting the removal of this show and contact WQKL and Clear Channel with complaints.

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Adam Burton and Elise Goudreau of Wayne pause for a quick kiss after she accepted his marriage proposal at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Tuesday. The proposal – and her acceptance – came on the third anniversary of the couple's first date.

## Proposal warms ice festival

Couple celebrates first-date anniversary with wedding plan

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Elise Goudreau walked through Kellogg Park Tuesday with her boyfriend, Adam Burton, enjoying the ice sculptures much like they did on their first date at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular three years ago.

She seemed surprised when she turned to see her mother, Tricia Bayer, and other family members coming up the opposite sidewalk.

And she was stunned when she turned back and Burton was on one knee in front of a heart-shaped sculpture which encased a couple of red roses and included the inscription, "Elise, Will You Marry Me?"

Even the television news crew and the two newspaper photographers didn't set off any bells.

"I'm totally speechless," she said after agreeing to marry Burton. "I had no clue. When

I saw my mom, all I thought was, 'Oh, my mom's here.'"

Burton's proposal was old-fashioned in more ways than one. Not only did he get down on one knee to propose, he asked Goudreau's family beforehand for permission to propose. Burton went over to talk to Goudreau's family and hatched the plan.

"He came over Sunday and asked if it was OK," said Bayer, a Wayne resident. "It was hard to keep the secret for those few days. We think (Burton) is wonderful."

Burton admitted to having some nerves, particularly when family members were a little slow arriving, but said his only real concern was that everything go well.

"I wasn't really nervous, it was more I was just hoping everything was going to go right, that I wouldn't trip or anything," the prospective groom said. "I wanted it to go smoothly, which it did."

The proposal capped three

years of dating. Burton brought Goudreau to the ice festival Jan. 18, 2002, on the couple's first date. The couple has returned to Plymouth on the anniversary of that first date every year.

This year was no different — until the proposal, an idea which began cooking in Burton's mind last year.

"We go there every year, and I got the idea when we went there last year," Burton said. "When it was coming up again this year, I thought it would be a good time to do it."

He successfully caught his bride-to-be off-guard.

"I am completely stunned," Goudreau said. "He seemed a little nervous when we left the house, but I had no idea this was coming."

In case anyone's wondering, she said "yes."

The week-long festival concludes today.

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## At 104, she recalls Coolidge inauguration

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

The memories of seeing a presidential inauguration in person can last a lifetime. Just ask Bessie Brimhall.

The 104-year-old witnessed the inauguration of Calvin Coolidge back in 1925 while she was working in Washington D.C. On Thursday, as she watched another Republican, George W. Bush, take the oath of office — this time on the television in her Redford home — she shared her remarkable memory and sharp wit.

Watching the broadcast Thursday, she stopped her conversation to point at ABC's Peter Jennings. "Has he been ill? He's aged a lot," she said, then pausing, with a twinkle in her eye, "Of course, I haven't."

Eighty years ago, Brimhall recalled, inaugurations were different. The president was sworn in on the east steps of the Capitol, not the west. And the inauguration was held in March. The weather was cold that year, but nice, with no snow on the ground, she said: "We were beginning to get cherry blossoms. The cherry blossoms in Washington were so beautiful."

Brimhall, who grew up as a farm girl in Illinois, was still a young woman when she was hired as a clerk and typist in Washington, first for the Census Bureau and later for the Veterans Bureau. While there for three years, she saw and even met some of the politically

powerful. She worked for a Mr. Fitzgerald, who was a cousin of Rose Kennedy, mother of the former president. He once invited her over at Christmastime to share the holiday with his school-aged daughter, and she remembers packing up donated presents for "mountain children."

She also remembers his perspective on the famous Kennedy clan. "He said, 'My cousin Rosie is an angel, but that Joe, he's a scoundrel.'"

In her time in the capital, she got to see several presidents. Former President Warren G. Harding and Mrs. Harding would go to the same church she attended, Calvary Baptist. However, she recollects, that was "when they came, they didn't come that often."

Brimhall left the area after three years "to be with my sweetie," Merle, who became her husband. In 1966, they moved to the Redford house she still lives in, where they raised a son.

Although her husband passed away years ago, her good health — plus the help of many great neighbors, friends like Donna Thompson who visits regularly, twice-a-week visits by her son and other grandchildren and great-grandchildren — has allowed Brimhall to remain in her home.

Her letter carrier even makes a special trip to the house just for her; last month that meant delivering 72 Christmas cards.

In her younger years, Brimhall was active in her

church, Grand River Baptist, Boy Scouts and Redford Union schools. She attributes her longevity to good genes, drinking green tea and never drinking or smoking. "I've tried to live a clean life and never abused my body and I'm a firm believer in a higher power. I believe in being neighborly and we have a wonderful neighborhood," she said, citing neighbors who bring by meals, baked goods and one who makes great chicken soup.

When it comes to politics, Brimhall is a staunch Republican: "I shouldn't say that, living in Redford, but I am and always have been, and I'm not ashamed of it."

She doesn't hold back on her views of Democratic presidents either: "I've got a lot of respect for Carter. Not Clinton — I've got no use for him. Politics don't mean that much to me. I look at the person."

She says she's watched every inauguration — at least since she got her first television in 1954; before that, she listened on the radio. Asked about Bush's inaugural address Thursday, Brimhall seemed satisfied. "It was really what I expected. He was dwelling on the present time and of course, the war. He's a very devout Christian man. But, after all, we all have a right to our beliefs."

"Anyone who doesn't believe in God," she continued, "they'd better wake up and smell the roses. After all, if we didn't have God, where would we be?"

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# State lends clout to quarantined counties

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help communities affected by the emerald ash borer, an insect killing ash trees in communities all across southern Michigan, the state is lending it's considerable purchasing power to help clear out the dead wood.

Last week, the state awarded bids to 26 tree removal companies to help communities and homeowners get rid of trees ruined by the borer. The state used its contract system to pool demand and get lower prices from tree removal companies. The plan has been in the works since October of last year.

The program is available to communities in Oakland, Wayne, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Saginaw, St. Clair, Shiawassee and Washtenaw counties – all counties considered “quarantined” because of emerald ash borer infestation.

But just because a community is in one of those counties, that doesn't mean residents can sign up immediately. Charlene Molnar, Oakland County's horticultural advisor, said it's up to the individual community to take part.

“The municipalities choose to participate, the homeowners contact the municipality,” she said. “If the community doesn't take part, residents will have to remove the

trees on their own.”

The state, through the offices of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Department of Management and Budget, will hold a training session from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 27 at the offices of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, 535 Griswold, in Detroit.

A similar meeting was held in Wixom earlier this month and additional orientation meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays in coming months at the MDA's Southfield office.

Emerald ash borer Policy Director Patricia Lockwood said nothing in the state's plans will help pay for the removal of trees. Individual communities will not offer financial aid to residents to remove dead or dying trees. What the program does is allow communities to get a price break for residents.

“The prices are very competitive,” she said.

“Based on of the sheer number of trees involved.”

State officials estimate that 10 million of the state's 760 million ash trees will have to be cut down. The program has nothing to do with a one-time \$1.2 million federal grant for tree removal approved in the 2004 budget.

Tree removal costs, for residents of communities which are participating, is based on diameter of the tree at breast height and location in

the front or back yard. For instance, a tree with an 18- to 24-inch diameter should cost \$360 to remove from the front yard and \$450 to remove from the back yard.

But the program is not popular with everyone. Judd Hart, of J.H. Hart Urban Forestry, said the fixed pricing in the program is misleading – a tree standing alone in the front yard is very different from the one in the back yard under power lines and over the pool.

“It's like calling a dentist on the phone and asking how much it's going to cost to fix a tooth,” he said. “He has to look at the tooth.”

Hart, the forester of record for the city of Birmingham, said the program is bad for the industry because homeowners are going to look at the state-generated price list and accuse small operators of trying to gouge them when they quote prices.

“It's bad for the industry,” Hart said. “It's bad for the public.”

The emerald ash borer came to the attention of the state in 2002 when ash trees started to die off. The extent of the infestation is different for each community, depending on the number of ash trees. Ironically, communities whose tree-lined boulevards were devastated by Dutch elm disease in the 1950's replaced those trees with ashes.

For more information about the program, call the MDA at (248) 356-1701 or go to the Web site at [www.michigan.gov/eab](http://www.michigan.gov/eab).

# Workshop tells all about emerald ash borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) beetles have killed about 10 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, with the most devastation in southeast Michigan. All homeowners need to know how this affects them, and what they can and should be doing about it.

The Emerald Ash Borer Information & Ash Wood Utilization Fair on Saturday, Jan. 29, will address everything anyone could ever want to know about the EAB. The event is free and will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. It is hosted by Washtenaw County Michigan State University Extension in partnership with the Southeast Michigan Resource Conservation & Development Council.

Through educational displays and demonstrations, attendees will learn:

- How to identify an ash tree and tell if it is infested with Emerald Ash Borer.
- Whether and how to treat an infested ash
- Whether an ash needs to be cut down
- How to hire a tree service or tree removal company
- How to properly dispose of cut-down ash trees
- What trees to plant in place of an ash
- Laws against moving ash trees, logs, or firewood out of the quarantined zone

- Alternative uses for ash wood
- Chainsaw use and safety

Presenters will include representatives from many government agencies, area businesses (tree care services, sawmills, woodworkers, wood product industries, etc.), and local municipalities.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) was discovered in southeastern Michigan in the summer of 2002. It most likely made its way to the U.S. in solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in Asia. An adult EAB may cause little damage, but the larvae feeds on the inner bark of ash trees.

This disrupts the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The tree dies from the inside out.

Regulatory agencies have enforced quarantines and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs, or firewood from being taken out of the infested areas. Extensive information is available at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) <<http://www.emeraldashborer.info>>.

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# Students display ideas for cities of the future

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Sound like something out of a workshop for science fiction writers? Not really. These are just some of the ideas that will be shown at the Future City Competition from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

And who are the creators of these “cool” ideas? None other than seventh and eighth grade students from middle schools around metropolitan Detroit who have a penchant for designing cities of the future that are safe, clean, fun places to live.

This year, more than 750 students and 40 middle school teams from 30 school districts including Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Eastpointe, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Southfield and Waterford will be participating in the Michigan region competition.

Future City, part of National Engineers Week, is an annual event started in 1951 to increase public awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession. Teams from 36 regions around the country hold competitions in January and the winners go on to the national competition in February during National Engineers Week in Washington, D.C.

This program brings students together to design, build and present a city of the future complete with roads, sewers, water, transportation, businesses, power plants, residential homes

and schools. It's a team-based program made up of students, a teacher and a practicing engineer mentor. The students learn how to conduct research, develop problem-solving skills, make decisions as a group and make presentations. But most importantly, the students learn how to apply the knowledge they learn to real world situations, while seeing first hand how an engineer turns ideas into reality.

The Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) is the coordinator of the Michigan region Future City Competition. “Part of our mission as a professional society is to foster the growth and development of engineers and scientists of the future,” said Don Goodwin, President of ESD and Vice President of Scientific Laboratories and Proving Grounds for DaimlerChrysler Corporation. “This level of participation is a testimony to our commitment to reach out and make math and science more interesting and relevant to students encouraging them to become Detroit's future leaders in these career fields.”

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## Momentum builds for high-flying Penguins

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Momentum will be skating with the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team Tuesday night when the second-place Penguins host first-place Grosse Pointe South in a crucial Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League showdown.

The Penguins should be brimming with confidence after pounding Ann Arbor United, 8-0, Friday night at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor.

It was their second shutout of the week.

"I told the girls before the game tonight that it was important to get in the right mindset so that we're ready to play against Ann Arbor, and so that we have a lot of momentum going into Tuesday's game against Grosse Pointe South," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "We didn't come out like gang-busters in the first period, but we picked it up as the game went on. It was a really good defensive effort from our team."

The victory improved the Penguins' record to 10-2-1. Ann Arbor slipped to 2-8.

PCS outshot its hosts, 39-12. Freshman goalie Kristie Kowalski, who

has started every game this season for PCS, picked up the win between the pipes.

The Penguins grabbed a 1-0 first-period lead on the first of Tara Boliard's two goals. She was assisted by Adrienne Cercone and Kristina Creith.

PCS broke the game open with five goals in the second period. Kelli Bargowski, Amy Coleman, Olivia Pennebaker, Sharla Gillespie and Cercone scored one each during the pivotal 15-minute span.

"Adrienne's goal was short-handed and it was due to her hustle," Callahan said. "She beat a couple of Ann Arbor girls to

the puck in their end. She wasn't expecting Adrienne to get the puck, so I think she was caught off guard a little bit. It was a nice goal."

The Penguins salted the victory with third-period goals from Boliard and Kristen Schwan.

Pennebaker and Laura Coleman finished with two assists each.

Tuesday night's MMGHSHL showdown against Grosse Pointe South is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Arctic Edge in Canton. The Lady Blue Devils are 12-0-0.

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## Sidelines

### Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls 10-and-under basketball team will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Pioneer Middle School.

Parents with questions regarding the team should contact coach Rick Berberet at (734) 454-3777.

### Volleyball tour

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 20 years old who are accomplished high school or club volleyball players to participate in the 2005 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. This year marks the 25th year that the Goodwill Ambassadors have conducted world tours for junior volleyball players. The 2005 tour will travel to London, Paris, Venice and Rome.

The registration deadline is Feb. 15. For more information, or a tour brochure, contact the Sports For Youth office at (425) 255-8102.

### GCYBSA signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will hold its initial registration 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Canton's Summit on the Park. The GCYBSA, which is replacing the dissolved Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball and softball teams for youths ages 4-18 who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. Non-residents who attend school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are also eligible. Interested players who cannot attend the Feb. 6 registration may register after that date at any time during regular business hours at the Summit. They can also mail in their registration forms.

### Cubs tryouts

The Canton Cubs 14-and-under travel baseball team is looking for one or two additional players. The team plays a 40-game schedule. For more information about the team, tryout dates and location, contact Larry Ott at (248) 982-1405.

### Winter sports

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting the following winter sports programs:

■ An adult softball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Canton Softball Center.

The entry fee is \$125 per team and there will be prizes and restaurant specials. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Jan. 26.

■ Family Bowling Day will be held Friday, Jan. 28, at the Super Bowl in Canton. The \$35 team entry fee includes shoes, pizza and two-and-a-half hours of bowling. There will be a maximum of six bowlers per lane. Registration forms are available at the Summit on the Park.

For more information on these programs, call (734) 483-5600.

## Nix'ed

Wayne's big man dunks  
Chiefs, 42-39

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Standing 6 feet, 7 inches, Wayne Memorial's Gene Nix normally doesn't look anybody in the eye when he jumps center.

But after Canton's 6-8 center Kevin Thornton blocked four of his first five shots in the opening quarter, Nix decided it was time to answer the challenge.

Nix was the story Friday night as he scored a game-high 23 points and helped seal the 42-39 victory for the visiting Zebras when he snared a key rebound off a missed free throw and scored on a putback with only six seconds left.

Wayne, 5-6 overall, remains tied for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association at 4-1. The loss drops Canton to 6-5 and 2-3.

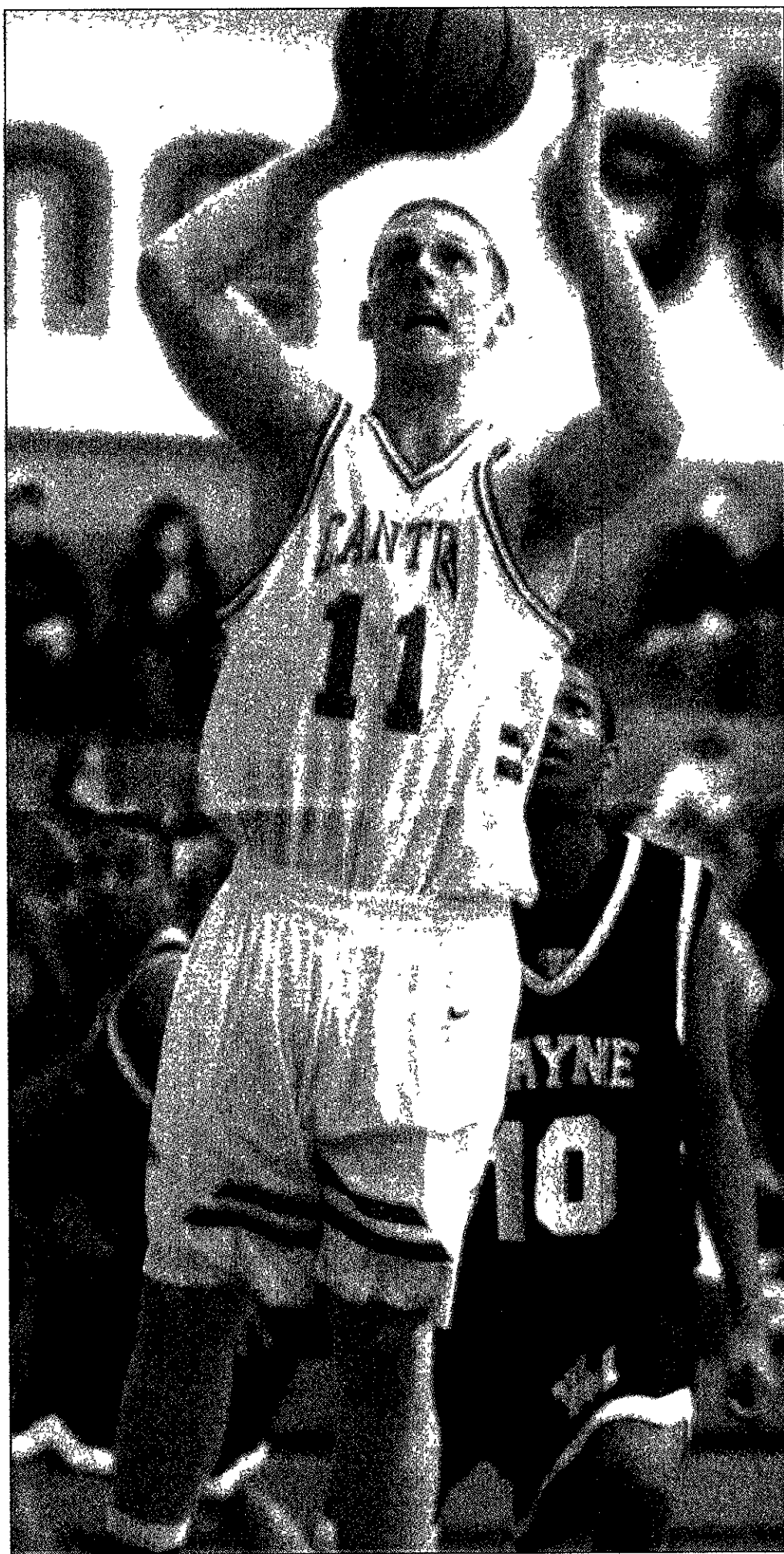
"I felt kind of rusty and started slowly," Nix said. "I didn't stretch in the lockerroom. This is the first big guy (Thornton) I've seen all season. I'm used to going against guys 6-2 and under. And I realized he (Thornton) he could jump, too."

Nix had only two points in the first period, but scored nine in the second quarter as Wayne rallied from a 20-11 deficit after Canton's Andre Bridges nailed a three-pointer from the wing with 4:28 left in the half.

Wayne pulled even at halftime after Canton's Julian Smith missed a two-handed breakaway dunk just before time expired. The 6-foot-4 senior was hit with a technical foul for hanging on the rim and Wayne's Danny Walsh converted two free throws to make it 22-all at intermission.

"In that stretch in the second quarter we got shots, we just didn't put them down," Canton coach Charlie Paye said. "But we also turned the ball over."

"Andy (Cortellini) made that back-door cut and got the ball



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Canton's Steve Paye lays in a shot during the second quarter of Friday night's 42-39 loss to Wayne Memorial.

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## The puck stops here

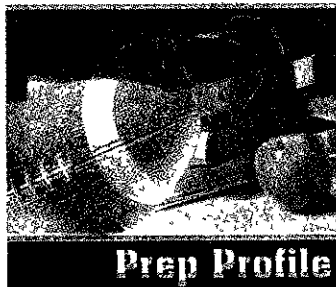
Chiefs' goalie is big reason for team's sizzling start

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When you're 3 years old and your two older brothers like to shoot hockey pucks, the chances are good you're going to be a goalie — *whether you like it or not.*

Fortunately for Canton goalie Tony Hylko, he liked it. In fact, Hylko liked it so much that he's still knocking away pucks 15 years later.

"As soon as I turned three, my brothers — D.J. and Ryan — handed me a baseball mitt



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and a stick and said, 'You're the goalie,' Hylko reflected. "They were both forwards, so they needed someone to take shots at. I really enjoyed it and

have been a goalie ever since.

"Hockey runs in my family. My dad (Dave) started playing when he was young and he still plays in a men's league in Novi. He got both of my brothers into leagues in Plymouth when they were growing up, and I'd go to all of their games. I couldn't wait until I got to play."

### LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

Hylko, a 5-foot-8, 175-pound senior, has been one of the key components of the Chiefs' outstanding start this

season. Through Friday night's win over Bloomfield Hills United, Canton owned a 9-4-1 record following a sub-.500 campaign last season. Much of the team's success can be attributed to Hylko's ability to turn away shots, much like he did against his brothers as a toddler.

"Tony means a lot to this team," said Canton coach Mike Behen, "not only as a goalie, but for a number of other reasons as well. He's a

PLEASE SEE HYLKO, B4



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Canton hockey player Tony Hylko has been one of the key components of the Chiefs' torrid start this season. The skillful goalie is also a 4.0 student.



## Plymouth done in by WLW's seniors

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Senior leadership — a luxury the Plymouth basketball team won't enjoy until next season — was instrumental in Walled Lake Western's 69-56 over the senior-less Wildcats Friday night in the Warriors' gym.

Seniors Denard Branch and Russ Young combined for 19 fourth-quarter points to secure the win. The loss dropped Plymouth to 7-4 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Western improved to 8-3 and 4-1. It also clinched at least a share of the WLAA Western Division crown with the triumph.

"They have a nice group of seniors," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They knew they could win the league with a win tonight and they went out and got it. I'll give them a lot of credit."

"I was proud of the way my team played tonight, too. We fell behind early, but we actually had a five-point lead in the third quarter."

The Warriors led 28-23 at the half and 41-38 after three quarters.

Branch finished with a game-high 23 while Young contributed 19.

Plymouth's scoring ledger couldn't have been much more balanced. D.J. Coleman netted 12, Brent Jones had 11, Josh Le Duc had 10, and both Jim

Wilbur and Kulraj Sandhu swished nine.

Plymouth was on fire from the free-throw line in the first half, burying 16-of-19 attempts. The Wildcats cooled off in the second half, nailing just 3-of-11 from the stripe. Western was successful on 19-of-29 attempts from the line.

**Livonia Stevenson 82, Salem 61:** Stevenson's Tony Lenardon scorched visiting Salem for a season-high 27 points while leading his Spartans to a season-high point total in the 21-point win over the Rocks in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

Tom Clements hit the 20-point mark exactly in the win, marking the first time this season that two Spartans finished with 20 points or more.

Of Lenardon's 27 points, 18 came from behind the arc as he drained six from downtown.

Ben Schroeder also finished in double digits for the Spartans (4-7 overall, 2-3 WLAA), he had 13.

Salem, which dropped to 1-10 overall and 1-4 in the WLAA, was led by Jeff Lake's 13 points and Kevin Bradley added 12 in the setback.

"We were in it at the half, but they came out and hit a lot of threes in the second half," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They scored a lot off their transition game, too."

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## Tiger cagers outmuscle Mumford

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Belleville was finally at full strength Wednesday night for its game against Detroit Mumford — not that the unbeaten and highly ranked Tigers weren't Gold's Gym-like strong to begin with.

Transfers DeMarcus Boone and Mike Gibson played supporting roles in their first game of the season, helping Belleville to a 67-44 victory over the Mustangs. The Tigers are now 9-0; Mumford dipped to 4-5.

"I thought they both did a nice job," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel, "considering they were just getting their feet wet for the first time. They'll definitely add to our depth."

Boone finished with four points and four rebounds while

Gibson chipped in with two points and four boards.

Tommie Clark led the winners with 20 points and eight rebounds. Josh Semarco twined 13 and Leon Freeman etched a double-double (10 points, 10 rebounds).

The defining stretch in the game came mid-way through the first quarter when the Tigers broke open a 7-7 game with a 13-2 run. The Mustangs never got closer than 11 the rest of the contest as Belleville led 33-20 at the half and 53-31 following the third quarter.

"Mumford had a lot of great athletes," Krogel said. "The make-up of their team is very similar to ours. Their best two or three players are juniors and they have a sophomore guard who is very good."

"In the first half, we scored a

lot of transition baskets. They had 22 turnovers, so we scored a lot off of them. The one problem we had was Mumford had eight offensive rebounds in the first half. That's how they got a lot of their early points."

Brian Christian led Mumford with 18 points.

All 15 Tigers played at least three minutes, Krogel said.

**Birmingham Roeper 44, PCA 40:** The Eagles' record fell to 4-6 overall and 0-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference following the tight loss to Roeper (6-2, 2-1). Roeper led 15-11 after one quarter, 23-19 at the half and 35-28 with eight minutes left.

Aaron Ciborowski paced the Eagles with 15 points. Stephen Sumner contributed 10 and Mike McCord had eight.

## Canton hammers Northville

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It was hammer time for the Canton wrestling team Thursday night.

Unfortunately for Northville, the Mustangs were the nail.

The Chiefs pinned their foes, 65-6, to improve to 18-7 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I'm seeing a lot of improvement in the kids," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We had a nice crowd and the kids did well. It was a fun meet for us."

Randolph said the highlights of the meet were victories by a pair of second-year seniors — Pat McWhirter at 171 pounds and John McCue at 130.

"Pat was down 5-4, but he came back with three take-downs in the final two-and-a-half minutes to win," Randolph said. "Pat's conditioning really came through."

"I felt good for John because he's been injured, so this was one of his first meets. He wrestled well."

**CANTON 65, NORTHVILLE 6**  
Thursday, Jan. 20 at Canton High School

**119 pounds:** Jay Fleischmann (C) won a major decision over Jonny D'Anna, 16-7; 125: Pete Bonneau (C) pinned John Junca in 1:11; 130: John McCue (C) pinned Joe Marotta in 2:29; 135: Cory Phillips (C) won by a technical fall over Jared Arter, 18-3; 140: Ryan Webb (C) won by a major decision over Nick Dida, 13-4; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) pinned Zach Matyiou in 3:20; 152: Matt Sweda (C) pinned Jim Hubbard in 13 seconds; 160: Marwan Faraj (C) won by a technical fall over Jim Carroll, 18-2; 171: Pat McWhirter (C) decided Dave Cain, 10-7; 189: P.J. Caram (C) won by a technical fall over Todd Schoenheide, 17-2; 215: Tim Resnick (N) pinned Tom Bonnell in 3:54; **HVY:** Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Dan Williams in 58 seconds.

**SALEM 59**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 22**  
Jan. 20 at Stevenson

**130 pounds:** Jerry Ignash (LS) decided Josh Anson, 8-7; 135: Scott Fysh (S) pinned Ziad Kharbush, 10-10; 140: Ryan Olson (S) p. Joe Bacigal, 128; 145: Jake Bennett (S) p. Alex York, 5-05; 152: Val Gui (S) p. Pat Borden, 3-12; 160: Kyle Lis (LS) p. Kevin Mylnek, 1-30; 171: double void; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) p. Cory Rize, 2-34; 215: Dan Inson (S) decided Ryan Holloway, 11-4; 275: Steve Kaptur (S) won by void; 103: Jeremy Stankewitz (S) p. Tommy Myshock, 2-50; 112: Jon Reale (S) dec. Nick Steiger, 6-2; 119: Matt Keffler (S) p. Anthony Mainella, 2-22; 125: Ryan Stump (S) won by void

## Junior golf scholarships available

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Canton Agape Christian seized ownership of first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division Friday night by upending Taylor Baptist Park, 57-45.

Both teams entered the game with 2-0 league records.

"It was a total team effort tonight," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner, whose team is now 5-4 overall and 3-0 in the conference. "We knew it was an extremely pivotal game. I think the boys were a little nervous at the beginning, and we committed way too many turnovers in the first half. We were prepared for their press, but we didn't execute."

"In the second half, we showed more patience with the ball, we took better shots and we started to make our shots. It was a big win for us. Unfortunately, we spoiled their homecoming, but they play us on our homecoming in a couple of weeks, so they'll have a chance to turn the tables."

Jack Anleitner sparked the Wolverines with 25 points.

The sophomore guard tallied 17 points in the second half.

Derek Leathers chipped in with 13 points and nine rebounds, and Bryan Horning netted nine and 10, respectively.

Kyle Cox and Robbie Miller both had 12 points to lead Baptist Park.

The Wildcats led 23-20 at the intermission before Agape stormed out of the gates in the third quarter to grab a 36-34 lead with eight minutes to play. Led by Anleitner and Gabe Molnar, the Wolverines outscored the Wildcats, 21-11, down the stretch to secure the win.

Agape connected on 13-of-19 free throws. Baptist Park made just 4-of-8.

"We played a good defensive game and we shot pretty well from the line," Anleitner said. "We take the ball to the hole a lot so we draw a lot of fouls."

**Belleville 63, Willow Run 59:** For one of the few times this season, the unbeaten, state-ranked Tigers found themselves in a down-to-the-wire battle. The game wasn't decided until Belleville's DeMarcus Boone swished a free throw with six seconds

left to give the Tigers an insurmountable four-point lead.

"Hopefully, winning a close game like this will pay dividends down the road," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "We led most of the game by eight or nine points, but we couldn't crack the 10-point mark. We gave up too many easy baskets on putbacks."

"It seemed like we lacked the killer instinct tonight. Plus, they played real well. That was Willow Run's best game of the year as far as intensity. My hat is off to them."

Tommie Clark led Belleville with 18 points. Josh Semarco had 16, Leon Freeman netted 12 and Anne Partee finished with nine.

Quan Patterson paced the Flyers with 13 points. Nate Brown added 12.

"The key was we hit nine of our 10 free throws in the fourth quarter," Krogel said.

Willow Run led with two minutes left before a Partee jumper gave the Tigers a lead they would never relinquish. Semarco also contributed a key basket down the stretch.

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## WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 25**  
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Macomb Christian at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 8 p.m.  
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
Salem at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Canton Agape vs. Plymouth Christian at Eastern Michigan University, TBD  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 25**  
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Plymouth at Salem High School pool, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 25**  
Grosse Pointe South at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 26**  
Redford Unified at Canton at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Western, 8:20 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**

Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 8 p.m.  
PCS Penguins at Liggett, 6 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.  
**GYMNASTICS**  
**Monday, Jan. 24**  
Salem at Brighton, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 26**  
Hartland at Canton at Plymouth High School, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Walled Lake Consolidated at Salem at Plymouth High School, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Salem Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**Monday, Jan. 24**  
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Greenhills at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 25**  
Allen Park Inter-City at PCA, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 26**  
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Westland John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**

Canton Agape at Calvary Christian, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
Canton Agape vs. PCA at EMU, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Plymouth at Mauder Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Canton Agape at Waterford Mott Tourney, TBA  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 26**  
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 26**  
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 5:30 p.m.  
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 1 p.m.  
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Sunday, Jan. 23**  
Whalers at Mississauga, 2 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
Whalers vs. Saginaw (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Jan. 30**  
Whalers at Saginaw, 2 p.m.



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## HOOPS

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blocked by Nix. And that (missed dunk) was big. I told Julian (Smith) the next time just get the layup.

Both teams went super cold in the third quarter — Wayne, 4-for-14 from the field, and Canton 2-for-13 — but the Zebras were able to forge a five-point cushion, 29-25.

In the defensive struggle, Wayne increased its lead to 37-30 on Nix's rebound with 3:25 remaining in the final period and seemingly had the game under control when Nix scored again with 2:26 left to make it 39-33.

But then the Zebras began a free-throw odyssey that left coach Wayne Woodard standing helplessly on the bench.

Trying to secure the win, Wayne missed eight of nine free throws in the final 1:16, including a trio of one-and-ones.

"Free throws was part of our final exams, which we had this morning, but it didn't translate into success," Woodard said. "When I'm on the side and there standing out there between those white lines, there was nothing I could do."

Canton clawed back on a drive by David Calille with 44 seconds to go to cut the deficit to 39-37, but Nix answered by splitting a pair of free throws just 13 seconds later.

The Chiefs then pulled to within one, 40-39, on Thornton's short baseline jumper with only 16 seconds remaining. Walsh then found himself standing at the line with two free throws and the game on the line with just 10 seconds to play. The senior guard missed the first and the second, but there was Nix to the rescue, wedging himself in between two Canton defenders, grabbing the loose ball and laying it back in for the win.

"The way we kept missing, I figured I had to get it," said Nix, who also grabbed 13 rebounds.

Cortellini's off-balance last-ditch three-point attempt then caromed off the backboard and bounced off the rim as time expired. The 5-10 senior guard finished with a team-high 12 points. Thornton added eight points and blocked six shots.

"Shooting has been our Achilles Heel all year," said Paye, whose team hit only 17-of-53 (32 percent) and went to the foul line just two times. "We have the potential to shoot the ball. It's a simple game when you do that. We're capable and I expect us to have a breakout game very soon.

"The league is pretty balanced, and once we hit on all cylinders, we'll be hard to beat."

But on this night, it was Nix who was hard to beat.

"Kevin (Thornton) is the backbone of our defense and Nix played a good game," Paye said.

After starting the season slowly because of a sprained ankle, Nix has elevated his game in recent weeks.

"Thornton took it to him early," Woodard said. "But that's the way he's capable of playing. That's the way he played all summer, and it was against good competition."

Added Nix: "I feel good on my ankle. Right now I'm ready to play and give it my all because it's my senior year."



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Canton's Jason Houdek drives to the basket past Wayne Memorial's Rodrick Walker during Friday night's WLAA Western Division match-up.

## Iowa-bound

Canton's Smith is headed to academy, then Big 10

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Observerland's most coveted football recruit, Canton's Julian Smith, suited up Friday night for his final basketball game in the Chiefs' 42-39 loss to visiting Wayne Memorial.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound All-Observer running back, who also plays defensive back, confirmed Friday night that he plans to attend a prep academy in upstate New York for the second semester.

Smith's father, Keith, also indicated that his son had planned to commit to play football at the University of Iowa after considering Michigan State, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan universities.

The NCAA national signing date starts Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Smith, who made an official visit two weeks ago to Iowa City, said his anticipated move to the academy near Albany was initiated by the Iowa coaching staff.

He said he has not yet met NCAA academic requirements.

"It's sad leaving all my friends, but if that's what I have to do to go there (Iowa), I'll do it," Smith said. "It's a bigger school (Iowa), and in my situation,

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it's best I go there because they have the programs that best suit me.

"They're looking at me as either an outside linebacker or free safety."

Smith, a starting forward, scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds in his final game as a Chief.

"We'll miss a player like Julian, we'll just have to find somebody to step in and take his place," Canton, basketball coach Charlie Paye said.

Smith's accomplishments as a football player are well known.

This past year he earned All-League and All-State recognition as he rushed for 21 touchdowns and 880 yards, leading the Chiefs to a 10-1 record.

## INTENSE

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which the defensive effort resembled that seen in an And-1 Streetball shoot-out.

For every turnover you see in the boxscore there is probably a scrappy defensive effort that never gets into print.

So, yes, a 44-43 game can be visually pleasing — at least if you appreciate hard work and effort like I do.

## NO EASY HOOPS

This may be a slight exaggeration, but I'll bet somewhere between 80 to 90 percent of the shots taken at the WLAA games I've seen this season have been contested.

The instances of players driving to the basket without a defender making life difficult for them have been about as common as sunbathers at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

Like the classic old commercial used to say: When you score in a WLAA game these days, you've *earrrrrrrnnnned* it.

## FREE (?) THROWS

Don't get me wrong: some games are flawed by offensive deficiencies. Too many players settle for way too many three-point shots instead of working the ball around for a closer look.

And the most glaring weakness for most teams is the inability to make a decent percentage of their free throws.

There have been a number of instances this season where a team could have turned a loss into a win if it had just shot 70 percent from the charity stripe.

For the most part, though, the games — although low-scoring — have been hard fought and competitive.

So the next time you see a 49-48 WLAA score in the paper, don't jump to conclusions and think it was a sloppy, mistake-filled game.

High scores are nice — but only when they're *earrrrrnnnned*!

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# Canton icers rebound from loss

Canton's hockey team bounced back from a tough setback earlier in the week to crush Bloomfield Hills United, 8-1, Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

"The boys were still upset about the loss, so they jumped out fast and played hard," said Canton coach Mike Behen.

Canton led 3-0 after one period and 5-1 with 15 minutes to play.

"Mike Kondratek had an outstanding game for us tonight," said Behen. "His plus-minus is probably about plus-30. He's such a great role model for the other players. He's all business when he's out on the ice. He's always where he is supposed to be and he moves the puck really well."

Seven different Chiefs scored goals: Bryan Wioncek (two), Kondratek, Reece McCabe, Andy Barylski, Brad Barath, Brett Giacomino and Paul Stevens.

Tony Hylko and Jon Bonham split time in goal for the winners.

**Livonia Stevenson 5, Canton 3:** After scoring just one goal over the first two periods, Livonia Stevenson (11-4-1) cashed in on its third-period opportunities to outgun Canton (8-4-1) in a WLAA crossover at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson led 1-0 after one period on Jason Mifsud's power-play goal from Dan Darrow and Shawn Anderson at 14:52, but Canton countered at 4:34 of the second period on Garrett Hyman's goal from Bryan Wioncek and Mike Kondratek.

Stevenson came out hot in the third period, scoring three unanswered goals to make it 4-1 — Anderson from Dan

Lamonica and Michael Voran (4:19); Mifsud from Andy Tuttle and Nick Dahlstrom (6:52); and Anderson from Darrow (9:04).

Kondratek cut the deficit to 4-2 at 9:36 on a goal from Kyle Kowalski and Reece McCabe, but Stevenson's Michael Voran tallied a power-play goal from Anderson and Marcus Voran at 11:45 to put it away.

McCabe closed out the scoring for Canton at 12:03 on an assist from Wioncek.

"We haven't played a real tough schedule the past month or so — Stevenson was the best team we've played by far — so I was afraid we would come out a little slow," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "Both goalies (Stevenson's Ryan Dennett and Canton's Tony Hylko) played well the first two periods, but we made a couple of mental mistakes the last period and they buried us with them. They were the kind of mistakes you can make against a lesser team and get away with it, but not against a team like Stevenson.

"The kids fought back and played hard to the end."

"Both teams had opportunities the first two period, but neither team did a great job in their own zone," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "We were fortunate to cash in on a few more in the third period."

Dennett made 23 saves, while Hylko stopped 19 for Canton.

**Livonia Churchill 7, Salem 1:** Junior left winger Dave Graciak notched a hat trick, while Justin Stadler and Brandon Mishowski each had three assists as Livonia Churchill (8-3, 6-0) rolled to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Wednesday night over

host Salem (7-8-1) at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Churchill went three-for-three on the power-play as Justin Tonti added two goals, while Phil Wendecker had one goal and two assists for the state-ranked Chargers. Junior defenseman Kory Strong scored his first goal in three seasons.

Other assists went to Mike Fierk, Nick Harris and Chris Lantto.

Tommy Cooper scored for the Rocks from Nathan Edelen.

Churchill outshot Salem, 37-10, as Scott Lewan went all the way in goal for the Chargers: Derek Edelen was in net for Salem.

**Plymouth 8, Dexter 6:** The Wildcats got two goals each from Nick Rosochacki and Charlie Webb to lead them to a victory over the Dreadnaughts. Plymouth, which was outshot 41-20, led 5-4 after two periods.

Christian Blick played a strong game in goal for the Wildcats, turning away 35 Dexter shots.

**PCS Penguins 6, Farmington Hills Mercy 0:** Freshman goalie Kristie Kowalski recorded her fourth shutout of the season Tuesday night to lead the Penguins to the lop-sided victory. PCS is now 9-2-1 and in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"Their goalie was outstanding, too," said PCS coach Lori Callahan, referring to Jenna Martinez's 50-save effort. "The entire team came to play tonight."

Tara Boliard paced the Penguins' offensive attack, netting a pair of goals.

## HYLKO

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good leader and he sets a good example with his work ethic. He's always one of the first players on the ice at practice, and one of the last to leave. He's involved in a number of activities off the ice, including as a volunteer for Special Olympics. He's a great, all-around kid.

"Tony's not big, but he plays big. Technically, he's sound and he makes the big saves when we need him to."

### DELICATE BALANCE

Hylko said successful goalies need to be mentally and physically sharp.

"You have to be level-headed," he said. "Goalies can't get too excited or emotional. Physically, you need to be flexible and agile and — I know it's a cliché — but you have to be quick on your feet."

Hylko's most memorable game came three years ago when, as a ninth-grader playing for the Bantam AA Novi Icecats, he turned in an effort that earned him MVP honors in a Kensington Valley tournament.

"The championship game was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation," he said. "The first overtime was a four-on-four and there was no scoring. No one scored in the second overtime either, so it went to a shootout. I stopped all five of the shots in the shootout and we ended up winning. That's one game I'll never forget."

### LOCK THE BACK DOOR

Of all the difficult scenarios goalies must face each game — getting screened, scrambles in front of the net, facing break-

## He's already preparing for a possible career in the Air Force by serving as a volunteer in the local Civil Air Patrol.

always — there's one that stands out as the most challenging for Hylko.

"It's when the opponent tries to sneak a guy off the back post and beat me back-door," he said. "A lot of times, you're concentrating on the player with the puck, and you don't even know there is someone behind you. It's something I make sure I'm aware of at all times. You always have to know where all of the other team's players are."

### POINTS WELL TAKEN

Here's all you need to know to gauge Hylko's success on the ice and in the classroom at Canton: His goals-against average (2.83) is more than one point *lower* than his grade-point average (4.0).

"I put a lot of work into school," he said. "I see what needs to be done, and I do it. I know that the effort I put into it now is only going to help me in the long run, so I take the necessary steps to get good grades."

In hockey terms, what does it feel like to ace a test?

"It's like getting a shutout," he said, without hesitation.

"School and sports are similar in that you have to prepare if you want to do well. Plus, there's pressure involved with both."

Hylko, who lists math and Spanish as his favorite subjects,

said the closest he has come to losing his perfect grade-point average came in — of all things — a power-lifting class.

"I was sick earlier in the semester and I had to miss a few days of school," he said. "Well, towards the end of the semester, I didn't realize it, but I found out I had to make the days up or I would get a 'B'."

### ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER 'A'

Hylko made the days up, racked up another 'A' and is in contention for Canton High School's valedictorian honors for the Class of 2005.

Ideally, Hylko wants to attend college at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and eventually become a pilot. He's already preparing for a possible career in the Air Force by serving as a volunteer in the local Civil Air Patrol.

"It's an auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force," he said. "It's kind of like ROTC, but it's outside of school. We meet once a week and we are trained in a variety of things, including electronic location transmission and search-and-rescue techniques."

Hylko said his chances of getting accepted to the Air Force Academy are "about 50-50."

"I've been already been accepted at the University of Michigan, so if the Air Force doesn't work out, I know I'll be attending an outstanding school no matter what."

And Hylko said that no matter where he attends college, he will continue to play hockey, whether it is for the school's team or intramurals.

His brothers wouldn't have it any other way.

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# Whalers fall, 2-0

The Plymouth Whalers failed to score a goal for the first time this season as they were shutout Friday night by Francois Thuot and the Barrie Colts, 2-0, before 2,866 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Thuot backstopped the Colts, making 27 saves en route to first-star honors and his second shutout of the season.

B.J. Crombeen and Travis Fuller lit the lamp for the Colts (21-15-6-2) who stay in third place in the Ontario Hockey's League Central Division.

Crombeen scored a short-handed goal, his 19th goal of the season, at 17:56 of the first period to put the Colts on top for good.


Whalers goaltender Ryan Nie allowed the two goals on 21 shots, but stood tall while shorthanded, allowing the Colts to score on 1-of-9 power-play opportunities.

Despite the loss, the Whalers (19-18-4-3) held on to a one-point lead for first-place in the OHL West over Sault Ste. Marie.

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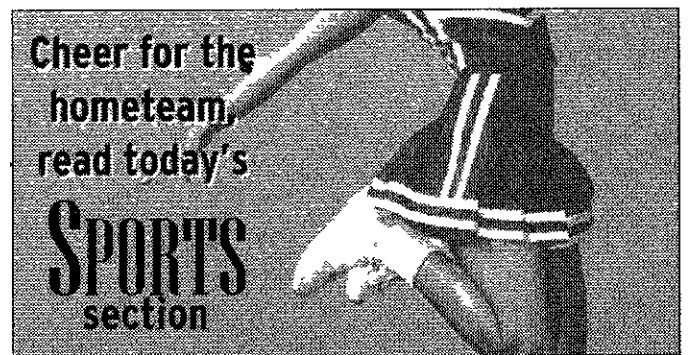
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## Penguins win holiday classic

The Arctic Pond Penguins Bantam AA hockey team won its third tournament of the 2004-2005 hockey season last month capturing the Computware Christmas Hockey Tournament Championship by beating the Plymouth Stingrays 3-1. The Penguins went undefeated in the tournament. Wins against Kensington Valley (5-1), the Farmington Hills Fire (8-3) and the Lakeland Hawks (3-2) sent the Penguins to the tournament semifinals where they defeated the Hawks, 3-2. The Penguins consist of Adam Szajner of Novi; Court Murtland (not pictured) and Chris Gendron of Farmington Hills; Tony Thomas of South Lyon; Lou Lemak of Brighton; Jerry Pitts, Colin Rolfe, Bobby Smith, Justin Mongrain and Ryan Shepherd of Canton Township; Caleb Hamlin of Battle Creek; D.J. Konfrst and Alex Kolpacke of Livonia; Jon Ponte of Novi; Cody Longuski of Westland; Ian Barnaby of Plymouth Township; and Joe Burgio of Redford Township. The head coach is Britt Ponte. The assistant coaches are Dino Szajner (not pictured), Kevin Longuski and Grant Ponte. The team is managed by Maria Pitts. The Penguins play in the Bantam AA Ranked Division of the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

scene, many quality tournaments are designed to level the playing field with as much as 100 percent handicap.

It really means that virtually anyone has a good chance to win all the marbles or at the very least still cash in.

One good example of this is the Greater Detroit Bowling

Association's upcoming 39th annual Karl Schmuck Memorial Senior Division Five-Man Team Handicap Tournament. It is open to ages 55-and-older and sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress. Could you use a \$1,000? That is first place money and second place pays out \$500 based on 60 teams minimum entered.

This one is 100 percent handicap from 1,100 with the prize fees returned 100 percent as well. There will be at least one prize for each five entries.

Special GDBA awards will be made on the spot for 125 pins over-average in a three-game series; 100 pins over-average in one game; Dutch 200; 10 strikes in a row; and seniors 75 pins over-average in one game or 125 in one series.

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Entries close at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at Sterling

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The squads are slated off at noon Saturday Feb. 19 and 26.

Entry fee is \$15 per bowler and entry forms are on the counter at GDBA bowling centers.

For more information, call (586) 979-5200.

■ The Livonia Jones family has their own 300 club.

The newest member is 17-year-old Scott, who rolled his first perfect game at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills last Saturday in the youth league.

His younger brother, Andy, shot a 300 game last year, and mom Pamela has two 300s to her credit, including one just last November.

Only Keith, the dad, has not yet achieved this lofty goal, although he averages close to 200, he still has to roll 12 strikes in a row.

Scott is the only family member who has topped 800 for a series, having done it twice already. Scott will not be cashing in anywhere soon, as he plans to remain in the youth leagues and earn some scholarship funding in the Michigan

Junior Masters Association tournaments.

■ On the subject of money, here is a chance to get a lot of savings from local businesses. There is a joint promotion between the GDBA and several local business which are offering two-for-one deals and other discounts.

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Each GDBA officer and director carries a supply of these cards for your convenient way to get one. If you patronize only one of these local businesses, you will still save money.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

## NAIA power Cornerstone pounds Madonna, 109-74

Cornerstone University, ranked No. 3 in the latest NAIA Division II men's basketball poll, rolled to a 109-74 victory Wednesday night over host Madonna University.

Guard John Freund led the victorious Golden Eagles, now 20-2 overall and 4-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, with 25 points. He nailed 7-of-13 three-pointers.

Central Michigan University transfer Brandon Voorhees added 18 points, while center John Jonker finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Josh Liggins chipped in with 11 points.

Madonna's leading scorer, Noel Emenhiser, was limited to 10 points on 4-of-15 shooting. Derrick Mudri and Jordan Napier (Canton Agape Christian) each added 10

points. Charlie Henry (Canton Agape) had eight points and four assists.

The Crusaders, who trailed 54-39 at halftime, were outbounded 50-34.

Cornerstone shot 54.7 percent from the field (41-of-75).

The loss drops MU to 5-15 overall and 0-4 in the WHAC.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 91, ST. CLAIR CC 80:** Western Kentucky University transfer Kevin Massiah scored 20 points to lead a balanced scoring attack Wednesday as Schoolcraft College (17-2) earned a victory over Eastern Conference foe St. Clair Community College (6-12, 1-5).

Others in double figures for the Ocelots, who led 42-35 at halftime, included Courtney Williams (19), Martin Samarco (18), Jarred Axon (11) and Ty Scott (11). Marcus Moore had eight.

Josh Wagar, a 6-foot-4 forward, led St. Clair and all scorers with 27 points. George Boines added 20.

Schoolcraft hit 29-of-42 free throws, while St. Clair made 11-of-18.

## Greer lifts Lady Ocelots to 79-74 cage triumph

Char Greer scored 18 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lift Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to a 79-74 victory Wednesday night over host St. Clair Community College.

Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree helped the cause with 15 points and eight boards while Mike Williams chipped in with 17 points.

Scoring 22 and 19 points for the Skippers, respectively, were Danielle Lapeere and Deidre Deering.

Schoolcraft trailed 42-39 at halftime but came on after intermission with a determined attack that saw the Lady Ocelots take 43 shots at the basket compared to just 30 by the Skippers. For the game, Schoolcraft connected on 31 of 81 field-goal tries (38 percent) while St. Clair connected on 27 of 54 attempts.

With the win, the Lady Ocelots improved to 14-3 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan

Community College Athletic Association. St. Clair fell to 14-5 overall and 3-3 in the MCCA.

**CORNERSTONE 75, MADONNA 55:** A wide disparity in foul shots in the second half cost the Madonna University Wednesday night in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest.

Madonna, which trailed 31-27 at the half, stepped up to the free-throw line just three times in the entire second half, making one of them. During that span, the Golden Eagles made 13-of-17 free-throw attempts to essentially ice the game.

For the Crusaders (9-11 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC), the defeat spoiled a 16-point, 12-rebound effort by center Sarah Thomson.

Scoring 10 points was forward Martina Franklin while both forward Kassi Jacob and guard Lydia Prusinowski contributed eight points for Madonna.

Cornerstone (17-3, 3-1 in the WHAC) coasted to the victory behind a 24 point night by forward Jessica Weston, who led a balanced offense. Weston also paced the Golden Eagles with eight rebounds.

Scoring 11 points each for Cornerstone were guards Cathi Velzen and Mary Schmidt.

If there was a particular bright spot for the Crusaders, it was rebounding. Madonna pulled down 42 boards, compared to Cornerstone's 35.

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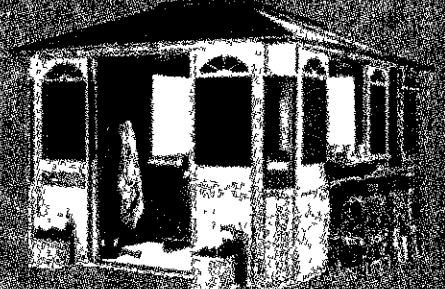
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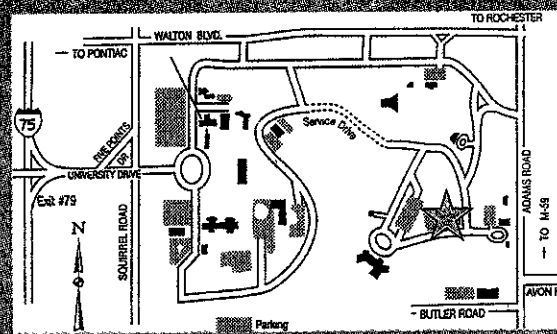
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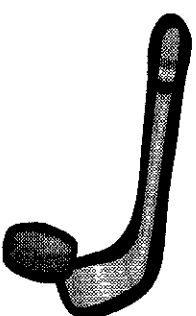
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## The right note at the same time

If a Plymouth-Canton middle school student wants to be in the school's orchestra, they have to catch a bus to the high school or have their parents drop them off. Either way, their day starts at 7 a.m. After class, they shuttle back to their home school and take six more classes.

But once upon a time, a long time ago, every middle school had its own orchestra. And then one day, in-school orchestras disappeared.

When Cathy DePentua became the PCEP Orchestra director eight years ago, there were 11 high school string players; now there are 52. The middle school program has grown from 20 students to 80 today. Cathy is hopeful the program will be phased back in.

Erin Zurbuchen arrived here six years ago. Together they are the entire Orchestra Department, in charge of all PCCS students, teaching day classes, before- and after-school sessions, and conducting nighttime concerts.

The orchestras also perform at outside events.

You would think that all these activities might wear Erin and Cathy out or dampen their enthusiasm. But they don't.

Cathy: "The kids work hard. They meet and exceed my expectations. When I show kids that I love music, they love it back."

Erin: "The kids are wonderful, very focused and enjoy playing music. They make my job very easy."

And when all the students play the right notes at the same time, Erin and Cathy are the first to show their pride with good words and big smiles.

There are a few perks for these lady conductors, though. When they walk on stage, all the musicians stand. They get to see kids at their best, dressed up in long dresses and tuxedos. They can hear the hard work of their students. They get to watch young children pick up a violin for the first time and observe them over the years as they mature into accomplished musicians and great young adults.

Maybe they put in long hours because they have a soft spot for kids who wear Santa or Blinking Reindeer Hats at concerts.

At the Rotary-Kiwanis Holiday Lunch, the Orchestra was joined by PCEP Madrigal, Chamber, and Dulcissima Choirs, under the direction of director, Jennifer Kopp. The Choirs and Orchestra took turns singing and playing songs. The performance ended when the singers and musicians united to perform Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

Research supports the importance of art and music in a child's education. But sometimes music is important just because it's so beautiful.

You can decide for yourself. Upcoming concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Salem High School Auditorium and 8 p.m. Feb. 12, when the middle school strings will join the Plymouth Symphony at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

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Sarah Bentley smiles easily, something she wasn't able to do for 5-1/2 months at the Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy in Battle Creek. In addition to keeping a straight face there was a list of don'ts - no contact lenses, no makeup, no fraternizing with male cadets at the camp for at risk youth.

It was a rude awakening for the 18-year-old Livonia woman arriving to staff loudly shouting commands "to get moving" as the evaluation period began at Fort Custer. One of 134 candidates from Redford, Canton, the metro Detroit area and communities around the state, Bentley spent the next two weeks marching, doing pushups and learning about military structure and teamwork.

### LIFE-CHANGING

Youth must want to turn their lives around with the National Guard ChalleNGe program funded by federal and state partnerships. The boot camp weeds out teenagers uncommitted to spending 22 weeks at the academy where education is a priority. High school dropouts and potential dropouts with no felony convictions receive 400 hours of classroom instruction, 160 hours of vocational/technical training and participate in more than 40 hours of community service and conservation activities to graduate. Back home, a judge is frequently watching to see that they do.

"I kind of knew what it was going to be like, but then didn't know until I got there and thought what have I gotten myself into," said Bentley.

Brian, her father, had a feeling she would successfully complete the program. Bentley proved him right, graduating from Churchill High School then going on to study at Henry Ford Community College while working full time as a life-guard. Bentley still must meet with a mentor plus fill out reports on her progress for the next year.



Education is a priority at Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy. Sarah Bentley was able to graduate from Churchill High School, complete 160 hours of vocational/technical training in computer drafting and earn 15 college credits.

"The day we dropped her off she said her goodbyes and took her huge bag and hefted it up and took her place in line. They were yelling. It's very strict. I had a feeling she'll never give up. She's stubborn like me."

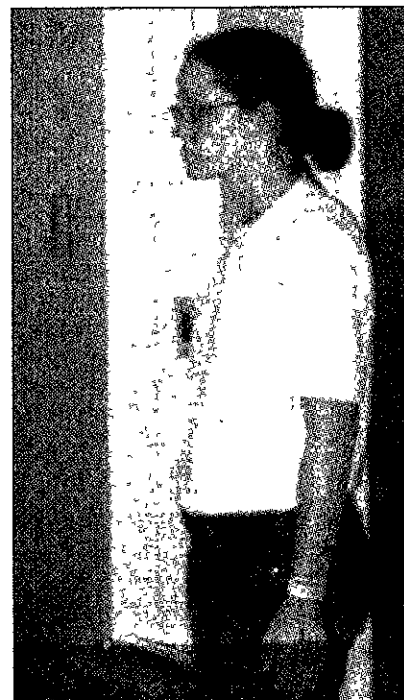
### TOUGH LOVE

Bentley's refusal to change her wayward behavior is one of the reasons she ended up at the camp. All that her mother, Linda, could think of on the 2-1/2 hour drive to Battle Creek for monthly visits with her daughter was "this has got to work."

"We went through intensive outpatient programs for drugs and anger management classes," said Linda. "We'd been in counseling and parenting classes on three separate occasions. But ultimately it's tough love. You can't save your child. If a child shoplifts, you have to bring it to the attention of the store or courts. After violence in the house we pressed charges."

Bentley was on probation for assault when charged as a minor in possession of alcohol. The judge sentenced her to long-term care out of the house but did not specify a facility. Bentley explored her options then decided on the academy, free to motivated youth.

Out of the 86 cadets who graduated in December, Bentley received numerous awards including certificates for academic achievement and fitness, a scholarship, plus 15 college credits. Although on probation until 2006, she is on her way to becoming a responsible member of society.



Sarah Bentley waits to be searched before receiving the five military outfits she will wear for the next 5 1/2 months at the Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy in Battle Creek.

"At times I thought I couldn't make it, but I did," said Bentley. "I have more confidence in myself than ever before. I try to keep myself busy and out of trouble. Over the holidays, I was around people who were drinking and said I need to leave now. This is not me anymore. I try to work on myself everyday, not to swear. I set daily goals for myself."

### FUTURE'S BRIGHT

Bentley's probation officer, Nadezda (Natalie) Stojcevska, sees a bright future for the young woman ordered to complete the program or be in violation and possibly incarcerated.

"It was amazing how she returned. She was a completely a new person. The person we were trying to reach came to us," said Stojcevska. "As a result we went in front of Judge Kathleen McCann who was equally as impressed and would like to have her as a volunteer probation officer when she completes probation."

Michael McNeas keeps track of the success stories. A nationwide effort, MYCA is one of 31 programs in 26 states and Puerto Rico.

"We give them structure, teach them discipline and our corps value," said McNeas, program recruiter. "Only .002 of one percent that successfully complete the program have been incarcerated. Out of 56,000 students nationwide, 75 percent received high school degrees or GEDs, 51 percent joined the workforce, 19 percent went into the military, 20 percent continued on with education in a formal college setting."

For more information or an application for the July session, visit [www.ngycp.org/mi](http://www.ngycp.org/mi) or call Michael McNeas at (269) 968-1230 or the academy at (800) 372-0523.

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# Manufacturing careers appeal to women of all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Mary Finkel doesn't think it's unusual for a woman to aspire to a career in manufacturing, especially in the Motor City. That's why she suggested Eastern Michigan University hold an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in Sill Hall.

Like Finkel, women might consider an education in designing, machining and marketing new vehicles and products if they knew more about it. Finkel is glad she did. A machinist and CNC programmer for S-3 Engineering in Ann Arbor, Finkel graduated from EMU in December at age 35.

"There's a lot of different things you can do," said Finkel of Westland. "It's a broad field that includes anything from designing parts for anything mechanical or electrical to a kitchen faucet or car parts, to managing people and teamwork. I always liked math and science and working with my hands. There's companies out there making all kinds of things."

At the open house, Finkel will pass on her enthusiasm along with representatives of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Society of Women Engineers, and Philip Rufe, Finkel's professor in the manufacturing engineering technology program at EMU. Rufe will give a tour of laboratories where students work on everything from casting to robotics and rapid prototyping. For more information, call Rufe at (734) 487-2040 or visit [www.mfget.emich.edu](http://www.mfget.emich.edu).

### LEARNERS

Many of Rufe's students are older like Mary, but had a curiosity about how things worked while growing up. As a child, he took apart toys. Later, it was cars.

"There are many types of opportunities available for women in manufacturing - engineers working at the Big Three or suppliers, project managers respon-



Mary Finkel works on a CNC (computer numerical control) milling machine similar to one used to train students at EMU.

sible for successful completion of a new product, or quality engineers responsible for customer satisfaction," said Rufe, a Plymouth resident. "Students have gone on to work at Borg-Warner in Livonia to make parts for SUV transmissions. Jobs are with companies that are innovative. A number of companies are doing very well because they're looking for new products to produce."

Kathy Kustron knows what it takes to make it as a woman in manufacturing. She's been in the business 20 years and is director of continuous improvement at Lear Corp. in Southfield.

"They may be able to get their foot in the door because they're a pretty girl, but won't remain if they don't have good work ethic, personal integrity, be a team player and results-oriented, make good decisions," said Kustron, who earned a master's degree in manufacturing engineering after becoming interested during drafting classes at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Kustron loved to draw in high school at Our Lady of Mercy.

"It's a highly competitive field that will keep them on their toes. They need to understand the equipment to be successful. Women look at it like you might get dirty. Yes, initially you do get dirty but you understand how tools make a particular part. You see a car driving down the street and say, 'I had something to do with that.'"

### ENCOURAGE GIRLS

Sherill West hopes to interest more girls in manufacturing, science and technology at free camps funded by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers at University of Detroit-Mercy June 19-24, and June 26 to July 1, and Grand Valley State University June 20-23, and June 27-30. For more information, visit [www.sme.org](http://www.sme.org) or call (313) 425-3305.

"If you look at the overall declining number of male and female students in math, science and technology and then the smaller number of women going into manufacturing it's important to interest girls early," said West, president of the board of directors for the SME education foundation based in Dearborn. West worked at Caterpillar for 30 years, retiring recently as vice president for research and engineering.

"Lots of companies have seen the trends - Ford, Caterpillar, Eaton and Visteon have donated money to the foundation for education. In turn we've given money to universities to establish camps. Students get a mixture of experiences as well as good old-fashioned fun things to do like designing and building a robot. It's really exciting."

"We're trying to ignite and fuel the curiosity of young people about what manufacturing today is all about. It's much more high tech. Too many of us have an image of it's dark or dirty. There are more computers and robots on the assembly line today and there's engineering behind that technology that makes that happen. I believe engineers make the world go round and manufacturing makes an economy work."



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# Bread man bakes loaves from the heart

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Mark Denis expects to be rising earlier than usual to bake nearly 100 loaves of bread for the Soup City benefit to raise money for COTS on Monday, Jan. 31, at the Historic Gem & Century Theatres.

On a typical day, it's nothing for Denis and his baker to make more than 100 loaves for customers at his House of Bread in Plymouth Township, but this will require a double batch.

Denis is proud of the fact the store offers 20 different varieties including basil parmesan, garlic cheddar, garden herb, and grandma's white, all sweetened with honey. Although he'll bake only four varieties for the fund-raiser, the same amount of flour and labor goes into every loaf.

Denis doesn't seem to mind, though.

He believes in COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) so much he volunteered to serve on the board. Denis originally became involved four years ago when a friend encouraged him to learn more about the organization that provides more than shelter for homeless men, women and children. One of the first times he helped with fund rais-



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Mark Denis of House of Bread will be making nearly 100 loaves of bread for the COTS Soup City fund-raiser. Pictured above are apple cinnamon swirl, garlic cheddar and garden herb, three types of bread baked in his shop in Plymouth.

ing was during the grand opening for House of Bread in April. As part of the event, Denis hosted a lemonade stand with proceeds going for COTS programs.

"What really enticed me is they're trying to end the cycle of homelessness, providing training so people can get back on their feet," said Denis.

"I've been to the Soup City fund-raiser a couple of times. It's a good event for the average person to participate and get involved. There are a lot of needs in the Detroit area, defi-

nately a lot of homeless people in the Detroit area that need help."

Denis, along with employees Maria Yockey (Livonia) and Krista Dillon (Canton), will be slicing bread to go with the soup from Agave, Coach Insignia, Gem Theatre, Ritz-Carlton, Sweet Georgia Brown, Traffic Jam & Snug, Trattoria Andiamo, Union Street, and Zoup!

For the first time in the six year history of the event, a chef is traveling from out of state. Executive chef Jerry Schmidt,

formerly of the Detroit area, leaves the Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga., to serve his special recipe at Soup City.

In addition to eating a hearty, warming meal guests will be entertained by Devin Scillian's country band Arizona Son, the Keith Malinowski Jazz Band, roving magician Ron Aldrich, and balloon artist Fidget T. Clown (a.k.a. Rick Sherman, a surgeon at Detroit Receiving Hospital).

Lynn Wilhelm is expecting about 600 people to attend COTS second biggest fund-

raiser of the year, but hopes more will support the nonprofit which has been helping the homeless for more than 20 years.

Proceeds from the event provide not only shelter, meals and clothing but educational and employment programs to help people help themselves. A child care center allows parents to work, seek housing or employment, or attend school so they can rebuild their lives.

"I'm pretty excited about this year's Soup City," said Lynn Wilhelm, development director. "Soup City is helping the homeless help themselves at the coldest time of the year."

"One of the many things we're excited about is having 15 restaurants this year. Another great community effort is the raffle. Pewabic Pottery has given a tour and tile. College for Creative Studies' students have made bowls that will be raffled off. Reynolds Plantation is donating a weekend at their resort plus we'll have two tickets to fly to Atlanta. It's a great opportunity for them to show their support for COTS in a fun atmosphere."

Soup City takes place 6-10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. For more information, call (313) 831-3777.

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## WEDDING



### Schrieber-Rahaley

Andrea Elizabeth Rahaley, of Livonia, and Ryan Patrick Schrieber, of Plymouth, were married Sept. 4, 2004, at Old Saint Mary's Church in Greektown, Detroit, before the Rev. Ed Vilkinskas, C.S.Sp. A reception was at The Athenium Hotel in Greektown.

Andrea is the daughter of Dennis and Pam Rahaley of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in biology. Currently she is a third year medical student at Wayne State Medical School.

Ryan is the son of Tom and Karen Schrieber of Plymouth.

He is a 1997 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a 2002 graduate of U-M with a master's degree in engineering and is currently pursuing his MBA at U-M's Business School.

Attending the bride were Jennifer Nordstrom as matron of honor, Laura Pope, Jeannette Madden and Kelly Rem.

Attending the groom were Charlie Bolognino as best man, Mike Rahaley, Jeff Schrieber, and Shirish Sabnis.

Ryan and Andrea spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They are making their new home in Livonia.

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■ Bullying information is available at the Center for Health and Health Care in Schools Parents' Resource Center at <http://www.healthinschools.org/parents/bullying.htm>

■ Blueprints for Violence Prevention Series: Book Nine: Bullying Prevention Program. Available from: Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado at Boulder (303) 492-8465 or on the web at <http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/publications/blueprints.html>. A universal school intervention program for the reduction and prevention of bully/victim problems.

■ Bully Proofing Your Child: A Parent's Guide by Carla Gerrity, Ph.D., Mitchell Baris, Ph.D., and William Porter, Ph.D. (2000, Sopris West, 4093 Specialty Place, Longmont, CO, 80504, 1-800-547-6747, [www.sopriswest.com](http://www.sopriswest.com)) \$12.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. Every family should have this 100-page book on how to create a "Bully Proof Plan." Covers boy bullies, girl bullies, their victims, and how bullying exhibits at different ages. Helps families face this serious problem that can lead to violence. Exceptional lists of helpful books. Bully Proofing curriculum also available from Sopris West.

■ Bullying at School: What We Know and What We Can Do by Dan Olweus (Blackwell Publishers/AIDC, R.O. Box 20, Williston, VT, \$22.95). A book that provides the standard approach to bullying prevention, reflected in such programs as the University of Colorado Blueprints for Violence Prevention project. Bullying in Schools. ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) Clearinghouse on Counseling and Student Services provides links to many bullying resources. Visit this web site at [www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov) and enter "bullying" in the search area.

■ Bullywatch: A Primer For Everyone by Marty Doring. Bay Arenac ISD, 4228 Two Mile Road, Bay City, MI, [/www.baisd.net/curriculum.htm](http://www.baisd.net/curriculum.htm). \$5.95 includes shipping and handling. Overview and resources.

■ Five Promising Discipline and Violence Prevention Programs: Available from the American Federation of Teachers at [www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org), or by writing American Federation of Teachers, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001-2079.

■ Juvenile Justice Volume VIII No. 1. Journal of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention-Creating Safe Schools: A Comprehensive Approach. U.S. Department of Justice (800) 638-8736. [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org)

■ "No Bullying" Program developed by Hazelden Foundation. Call 1-800-3289000 or visit [www.hazelden.org](http://www.hazelden.org).

## Research finds bullying has serious consequences

## Bullying: Part II

Bullying at school is getting new attention, as researchers find mental health implications in the fact that as many as one-third of students say they have either bullied someone or been the target of bullying. Researchers also consider it important that some 70 percent of the young persons who committed extreme acts of school violence such as shootings were later found to have been either victims or perpetrators of bullying in their schools.

There have been only a few studies of the longer-term consequences of bullying, but existing research suggests as much as a four-fold increase in criminal behavior on the part of bullies by the time they reach their mid-20s, while those who have been bullied appear to have higher rates of depression and poor self-esteem.

In commenting on a study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, physician Howard Spivak says, "Most important is the need to address the larger school environment that supports or condones bullying as reflected by the reported high social status that bullies enjoy among their schoolmates. We need to identify ways to shift the social norms and values in schools and communities to ones that promote healthy peer interactions and reject bullying, intimidation, and other forms of physical and verbal coercion as acceptable."

In thinking about bullying, we may fail to discuss the role of bystanders who watch bullying take place and do nothing to intervene. "The students, in



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

particular, may be 'secondary victims,'" one psychologist said. "Witnessing bullying is in itself an experience in which children directly learn fundamental lessons about power, authority, empathy, injustice, social responsibility, and courage or the lack of it - lessons that are likely to be more salient than academic lessons about civic responsibility taught in schools."

In any case, the psychologist notes, by failing to intervene the bystander has passively supported bullying.

How to help if your teen is being bullied:

Being a good listener is one of the best ways to comfort your adolescent. Just talking about the problem and knowing you care can be helpful. Your teen is likely to feel vulnerable while discussing bullying and how it makes him or her feel, so it's important to show your love and support.

You should also reassure your teen that he or she isn't to blame. Explain that bullies are often confused or unhappy people who don't feel good about themselves.

Also consider asking your student thoughtful questions, such as:

■ What's it like walking to the bus stop or home from school?

■ What's it like on the bus ride to and from school?

■ What happens during

activities before or after school?

■ What happens in the hallways at school or during lunchtime?

■ Have any bullies in the neighborhood or at school threatened anyone you know?

■ Do some kids you know get e-mails, instant messages, or text messages that are upsetting, threatening, or insulting?

What can your adolescent do?

The key to helping your teen deal with bullying is to help him or her regain a sense of dignity and recover damaged self-esteem. Here are some tips to share:

■ Hold the anger. Not only will getting angry or violent not solve the problem, it will only make it worse.

■ Never get physical or bully back. Tell your teen that it's best to hang out with others, stay safe, and get help from an adult.

■ Act brave, walk away, and ignore the bully. Tell your son or daughter to look the bully in the eye and say something like, "I want you to stop right now." Counsel him or her to then walk away and ignore any further taunts. Encourage "walking tall" and holding his or her head up high.

■ Tell an adult. If your teen is being bullied, emphasize that it's very important to tell an adult. Teachers, principals, parents, and lunchroom personnel can all help to stop it.

■ Talk about it. It may help to talk to a guidance counselor, pastor, teacher, or friend - anyone who can give your adolescent the support he or she needs.

■ Use the buddy system. Enlisting the help of friends or

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a group may help both your adolescent and others stand up to bullies. The bully wants to be recognized and feel powerful, after all, so a lot of bullying takes part in the presence of peers. Tell your child to make a plan to buddy up with a friend or two on the way to school, on the bus, in the hallways, or at lunch - wherever he or she thinks there might be a bully.

If you've tried all of these methods and still feel the need to speak to the bully's parents, it's best to do so within the context of the school, where a school official, such as a counselor, can mediate.

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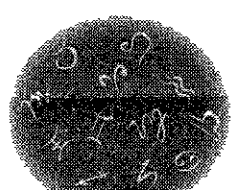
If you missed our first column on bullying, you can access it at [www.hometown-life.com/Livonia/News.asp](http://www.hometown-life.com/Livonia/News.asp).

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## Star Struck

(Jan. 23-Jan. 26)  
By Dennis Fairchild



## ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Although a reappraisal of a situation will reap immediate benefits, you better think twice - you need to know why someone is acting in a particular way before making any long-term decisions. With the Full Moon now in your element, this is not the moment to compromise your ideals, Ram.

## TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Let family and friends have their own way right now, even if you don't agree with what they're doing, because you're going to ask for their assistance soon and it will help if they owe you a favor. Got it? You're being honest and upfront, like always, Bull... just a bit 'dreamy' now.

## GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Things may not be a barrel of laughs during this Full Moon week, but they shouldn't be a punishment, either, Twins. Walk a mile in the shoes of someone who appears to be disruptive or hypercritical, and you'll have a much better chance of getting to the root of the problem.

## CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only thing that might hold you back over the current Full Moon days/daze is a fear that you're not good enough. Logically, you know that this is irrational, but it will continue to haunt you until you do something about it. Stop thinking and start acting!

## LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Brilliant planetary activity is turning the unlikely into the possible now, Lion. Beware, however, of overreacting to the suggestions of someone who is less committed to the cause. Your own beliefs count more than those of someone whose opinions are tainted by insecurity.

## VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

What you are told or discover with the Moon in your sign in a few days will give you all the information and ammunition you require to confront those who betrayed your trust. Don't pull your punches over intensely personal issues and long-term financial interests, Kiddo.

## LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Planets are urging you to take friend's advice before tackling a

work or domestic dilemma. Don't rely on your own somewhat distorted view, Balancer. You may be your own best friend, but there's a big problem - you are also your worst enemy. Kiss the face in the mirror, kid!

## SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

What you enter the new week with will be better than anything you've had since your birthday. Experiences as tough as you have been through take a lot of dusting off, so is it any wonder that you're feelin' shaky? Remain focused and don't lose your temper, Scorp. People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

There is a saying: "To be true to the best of yourself, fear nothing but live up to your nature. Then you will be happy." Something else you might ponder: Is it not the strangest thing in the world how long it takes us to learn to accept the joys of simple pleasures? Loosen up, Saddle!

## CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to ask for forgiveness now. The planets don't think that you have too much to apologize for, mind you. But don't let others play on feelings of guilt, Cap. Make amends, speak your peace, and leap forward!

## AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

There will be times this week when you feel like the proverbial square peg in the round hole and you won't seem to fit in. That doesn't mean that you're no longer wanted, but it does suggest that you have to rely more on yourself now rather than approval from others.

## PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Blame it on the Full Moon if you'd like, but as much as you dislike confrontation, it's time to put a stop to the shenanigans of someone whose actions are more misguided than malicious. Just remember that a calm reaction will serve you better than an emotional explosion, Fish-kid.

Royal Oak astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is author of several books on divination. For personal consultations, call (248) 546-6912 or [DenFairchild@aol.com](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com).

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Sherry Eid created this portrait of a Cuna Indian in colored pencil. It was done from a photograph her aunt took while Eid was growing up in the Panama Canal Zone.

## Colored pencil artist shows 18 years of work

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sherry Eid is always thrilled when friends call to say they've seen her art featured in an exhibit or newspaper article. Over 18 years of creating colored pencil work that adds up to a considerable amount.

Eid is well-known in the area for not only showing the drawings but winning honors like third place at the Fall Colors exhibit in Lake Orion and the Judge's award in Our Town in Birmingham. Her latest award was for a work titled "Blue Nun" in a show called "January Thaw Draw," continuing at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Through Jan. 28, Eid will show 30 people and pet portraits, landscapes and abstracts at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

"It's pictures off our walls plus ones loaned by family and friends," said Sherry Eid, a Livonia resident. "I can't say

which is my favorite. That's like asking about my children. I like them all."

In addition to a new work featuring two cats owned by Eid's son, the retrospective spotlights a range of subject matter going back to 1986 when she began classes at the Art Store and More in Livonia. She continued to study there until last year.

Born in Panama Canal Zone, Eid taught English at the middle school level there until marrying and moving to Michigan. She has been teaching drawing in the Continuing Education program at Schoolcraft College for the last eight years. On Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 9-10, she begins a new semester of evening and afternoon classes.

"My work is done mostly from photographs, done layer upon layer so family or models wouldn't last long if they were posing," said Eid, who's held offices in Artifacts Art Club and the local chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America. "Over the 18-



Family pets are a favorite subject of Sherry Eid.

years of drawing, I don't know whether there's been a change in my style. I don't know if I have a distinct style."

For more information about

Eid's drawing classes, call (734) 462-4448 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

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## Culinary extravaganza to benefit center's developmentally disabled

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The upcoming Italian American Club dinner dance isn't your ordinary fund-raiser. While the Livonia organization is hosting the Sunday, Jan. 30, event, it's the developmentally disabled residents of the St. Louis Center in Chelsea who will benefit. Everyone from the community is invited to attend the dinner dance with men, women and children from the center.

Dancing to the Mike Wolverton Band is one of the highlights of the afternoon along with food provided by Giulio's Italian Cucina, Luigi's Pizza & Deli, Giuseppe's Bakery, Italian Epicure Steak House, DeLuca's Restaurant, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Joe's Produce, Paolo's Catering, East Side Mario's, Livonia Italian Bakery, and several other businesses.

The event starts at noon with a buffet at 12:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 2:30 p.m. and dancing 4-6 p.m. Door and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the event including gift certificates to area restaurants, tickets to Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, his and her watches, tickets to a Pistons game, and a full set of golf clubs. Tickets for the annual dinner dance are \$45, and available by calling Cindy Lesser at (734) 475-8430.

"We start with a mass in the club level then go upstairs for dinner and the culinary extravaganza," said club member Mary Galasso who originally was asked to serve on the committee with Tony Greco who wanted to help the center. "We have a lot of area delis and restaurants donating their time, talent and food for an appetizer extravaganza. Some do cooking then there's a sit-down dinner. People have a really good time. Some of the residents and staff come from the St. Louis Center. It's really like a family up there."

The Italian American Club started the dinner dance 10 years ago to benefit residents who were family of club members. Established by the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1960, the St. Louis Center is operated by the Servants of Charity, a Catholic order of priests and brothers founded in 1908 by Rev. Louis Guarella. The Italian priest devoted his life to those in need, including the developmentally disabled. Money from the dinner dance goes to purchase and maintain the six vans which take residents to work, school, medical appointments, and recreational activities. Nearly \$40,000 was raised last year.

For more information about the St. Louis Center, visit [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org).

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### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to consider the following items:

Z 05-03 642 S. Evergreen Non-Use Variance Requested  
Fence Height  
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential  
Applicant: David Murphy

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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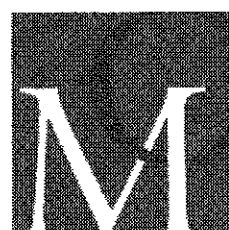
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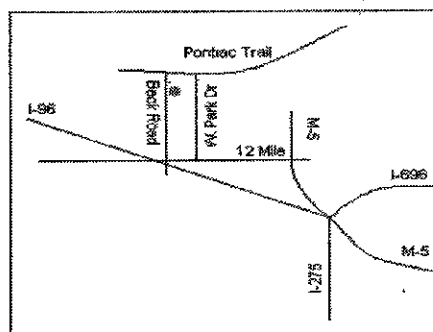
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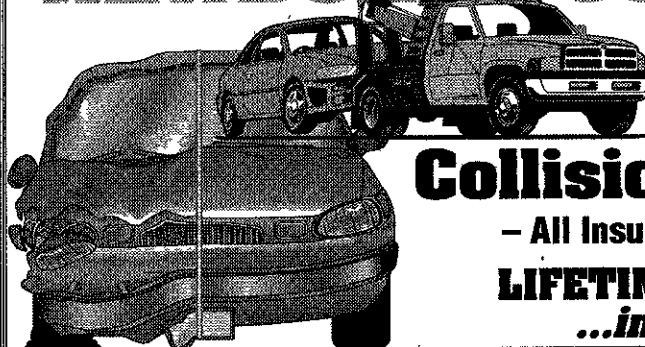
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## AROUND TOWN

## Super summer for kids

The 16th-annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering one-stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27 in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School). More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturnam, camp fair organizer. In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented. Admission is free. In addition, high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the opportunity to obtain valuable information. The camp fair is presented by Elaine S. Events and co-sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine.

## Adoption fair

Celebrating the diversity of families who adopt or provide foster care transracially, the Transracial Adoption Fair will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Cornerstone University's Gainey Conference Center. Commemorating African-American culture and the beauty of transracial families, the event includes hands-on activities, delicious ethnic food at a small fee, interactive Christian hip-hop music and prize giveaways. Adult tickets are \$6 in advance or \$10 at the door and kids are free! Call Adoption Associates, Inc. (800) 677-2367.

## St. Damian craft show

St. Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual spring arts and crafts show that will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland. For more information or an application, please call Carol Nelius at (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

## Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

## Free Parent/Child Activity Groups

Starfish Family Services Great Parents, Great Start-Wayne County offers a series of free parent and child activity groups. Bring your children ages 2-4 years to hear a story, make a project, and play in the playroom while you talk with other parents and early childhood staff about parenting. Groups are located at Puzzle Pieces Center for Children & Families, 991 N Mill in Plymouth on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call (734) 459-4664.

## Support session

Hospice of Michigan hosts "Blues, Blihs and Blizzards" to help people grieving the loss of a loved one during the winter months when days are long and opportunities for staying busy are limited. This session will address the effects of grief and winter depression. The program is free. The session is set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Hospice of Michigan Ann Arbor office, 2090 S. Main in Ann Arbor. To register, call Rev. Nancy Doty, (734) 769-4212.

## Re-Max scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan, with more than 65 offices and 1,325 associates, presents its third-annual "American Dream" scholarship program, open to high school seniors in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties. The scholarship program - \$500 to each of 20 student recipients - was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary three years ago. Because the program was so successful in its inaugural year, RE/MAX decided to offer the scholarship contest for a second time last year, and again this year, making it the third annual program. To apply, students must provide a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them and the role that higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality

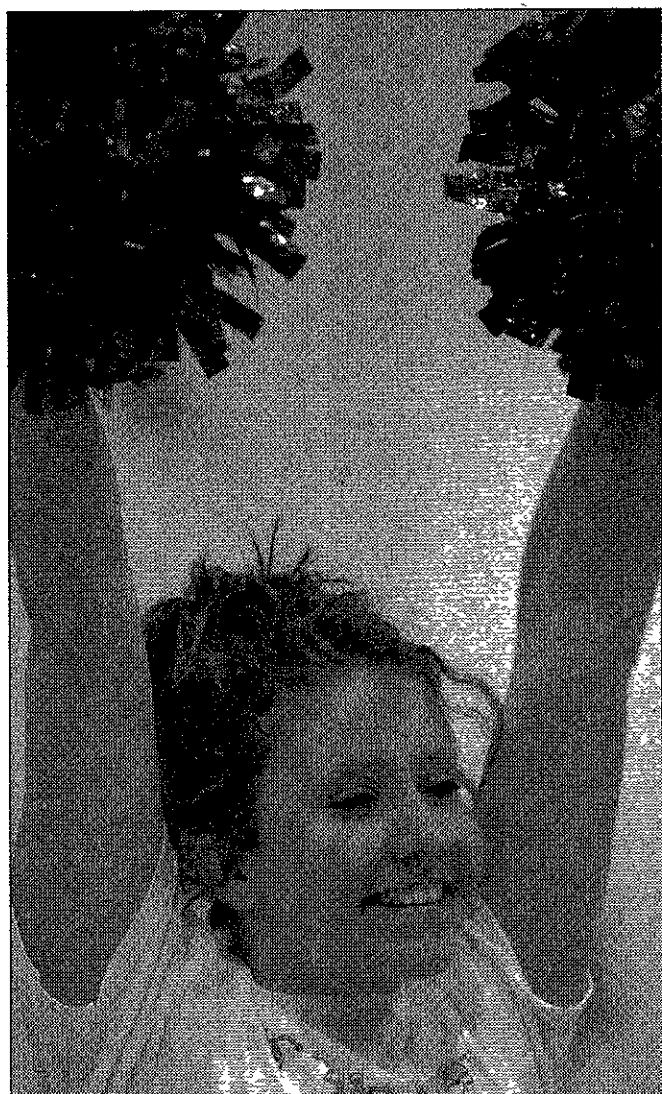


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## Presidential pompons

Laura Schulz of Plymouth practices with the Mid-American Pom Pon All Star team on Monday night before leaving for Washington to perform during the presidential inaugural parade.

ty and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1. For more information about the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at 248.440.0404 x202, check on-line at www.manyhouses.com or visit any local RE/MAX office.

## Poetry contest

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded in the group's poetry contest. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19921, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Deadline for entry is Jan. 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free of charge.

## Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

## Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. Call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

## Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

## CLUBS

## Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth

A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455-9565.

## Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

## Moms Club

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

## DAR

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

## German/American Club of Plymouth

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

## American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324.

## Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

## Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

## Mothers &amp; More

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

## LIBRARY PICKS

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

## FICTION

1. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
2. "Chainfire," Terry Goodkind
3. "State of Fear," Michael Crichton
4. "By Order of the President," W.E.B. Griffin
5. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom

## NON-FICTION

1. "Witness," Amber Frey
2. "Collapse," Jared Diamond
3. "America (The Book)," Jon Stewart
4. "Chronicles: Volume I," Bob Dylan
5. "His Excellency: George Washington," Joseph J. Ellis

## NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS

1. "Honeysuckle House," Andrea Cheng
2. "The Elf of Union Square," Jan Carr
3. "The Blue Roan Child," Jamieson Findlay
4. "Sign of the Qin," L.G. Bass
5. "Chasing Vermeer," Blue, Balliett

## CLASS REUNIONS

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

## REUNIONS

## Clawson High School

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.

## Cooley High School

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.

## Detroit Redford

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact

Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

## Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991  
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

## Highland Park

Class of 1950  
Class of Jan./June, 1950 is planning a 55-year reunion in September 2005. For more information contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263-8179 or Fred Kashouty at (586) 294-7512.

## Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit

Class of 1963  
Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-5416

## Lowrey High School

Classes of 1964-1965  
A reunion is planned for Aug. 5, 2005, at Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Charlene Hackett (734) 246-1110 or chhackettmi@mindspring.com.

## Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965 1966

A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

## Seaholm High School

Class of 1965  
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 23, 2005, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. For more information http://seaholmclassof65.reunionannouncements.com/ Or send information to Diane Peters-Morgan, 981 Treneer, Yakima, WA 98908 or call 760-902-8855.

## St. Florian School

St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail gkowalsk@ameritech.net.

## Winship Elementary

Class of 1958  
Winship Elementary School in Detroit is planning a reunion for June 11, 2005. E-mail at winship58@comcast.net.

## Alterra collects for children's Book Drive

Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills, a memory care residence located at 27950 Drake Road, will be a donation site for books in honor of the Book Blitz Month of January.

All donated books will be given to the Motor City Kids Book Drive to help underprivileged children in the Detroit area learn to read.

The literacy rate in Wayne County is only 52 percent, which means that almost half the residents cannot read.

The focus of the book drive is to get the proper books into the hands of children, from babies to teenagers. Please do not donate coloring or picture books, but books that provide the opportunity for children to learn to read. Slightly used

books are acceptable, but no torn or missing pages, or pages that contain pen, pencil or crayon markings.

Donations can be made during the month of January at Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills. For more information on the book drive please contact Tracy Pascavis, Community Sales Representative at Alterra Clare Bridge, at (248) 489-9362.

Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills offers assistance with personal care and hygiene, three meals and snacks each day, laundry, housekeeping, medication management and life enrichment programs. Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills accommodates 60 residents.



## Messages

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PAUL CAMERON  
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Age 45, died January 19, 2005. Dear father of Paul Cameron, Jr. and William Boardman Babcock. Son of Paul W., MD and Janet Babcock. Brother of Barbara Fox (Randy), Nancy Butler, Brian W. Babcock (Melissa), Julie Chimento (Tony), Christopher A. Babcock and Sarah Muteralli (Dan). Family will receive friends Sunday, January 23, from 2-8 PM with Scripture Service Sunday 7 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (between Maple and Big Beaver). Funeral Mass Monday 10 AM at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 A.M. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

GEORGE "TOM"  
KAZEN JR.

Age 56, passed January 20, 2005. Beloved husband for 35 years of Carol. Dear father of Elizabeth (Robert) Schornack and Claire Kazen (Dan Aquino). Loving grandfather of Hunter Thomas, Beloved son of Eileen Kazen and the late George Sr. Fond brother of Theresa Browne and the late Timothy Kazen. Adored uncle of Lisa, Rick, Jackie, Allison. In State Thursday, January 27th, 10am at St. Valentines Catholic Church, 25881 Dow, Redford until time of Mass at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Claire Kazen Educational Fund, in care of the family.

## JOSEPH A. OLKOWSKI

December 22, 2004, age 89. Resident of Garden City for 48 years. Formerly of Altoona, PA. World War II Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Helen. Dear father of Barbara (Chuck) Benninger and Kathy (Dr. Mark) Menestrina. Grandfather of C.J., Jaclyn, Beth, Hillary and Natalie. Brother of Anastasia Roman and the late Wanda Rawa, Theresa Zola and Ted. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mass was held December 28th at St. Raphael Catholic Church of Garden City and burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials suggested to St. Raphael Church or American Heart Association.

## JAMES M. O'TOOLE

January 20, 2005. Age 85 of Westland. Beloved husband of Beatrice. Dear father of Patricia (Kenneth) Christinson, Sharon (Ben) Ferguson, Susan (Bill) Pregitzer, Kathy (Barry) Faber, Roseann (Butch) Hutcherson, Brenda O'Toole and Jennifer (Brian) Niemi. Grandfather of 8 boys and 9 girls. Great grandfather of 3 boys and 3 girls. Funeral Monday 10 am at the UHT Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 1-9 PM. Memorials would be appreciated to Arbor Hospice. Mr. O'Toole was a decorated WWII veteran with the 82nd Airborne Division in most of the campaigns of WWII. He retired from Detroit Diesel after 34 faithful years. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

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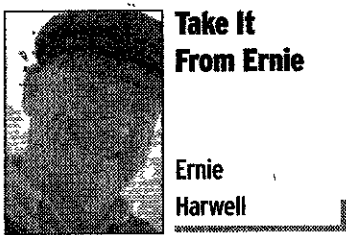
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## Service first

### Community hospitals strive to improve patient stays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Quesadillas, grilled Alaskan salmon, chili made from Red Wings player Chris Chelios' recipe. Sounds like the menu of a trendy restaurant. It's not. The dishes are among an extensive listing of appetizers and entrees offered to patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, one of many community hospitals which are expanding services to make a patient's stay as pleasant as possible. Throughout the four inpatient sites of the Oakwood Healthcare system, staff work to provide care specifically tailored to each patient.

Today's hospitals must take into account cultural diversity and religious beliefs while treating not only the body, but mind and spirit. Oakwood's hospitals provide interpreters, meals and religious support teams to remove disparity in care of Arab-American patients. At Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, bloodless medicine and surgery is designed for patients, in particular Jehovah Witnesses whose religious beliefs prohibit transfusions. Blood conservation technology such as cell saver machines have benefited all patients.

"Health care is moving more to consumerism," said Jerry Fitzgerald, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare. "More patients have to pay more out of their pockets so in this era of consumerism we want to make our organization their number one choice."

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A patient's well-being is No. 1 in the kitchen at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia as well. Craig Brown, director of food service, and Lisa Martin, director of patient services, provide comfort foods served by hostesses who are assigned to specific floors so a patient sees a familiar face for all three meals.

Room service is just one of the ways in which health care has changed dramatically since Christine Stromp-Hamba became a nurse 30 years ago. The demands are greater than ever to deliver comforting words and smiles along with medication. Stromp-Hamba, a clinical nurse manager, is especially proud of Oakwood Healthcare staff that huddle a couple of times during each shift to re-emphasize the importance of communicating with patients and physicians.

"Health care was different. Nurses and doctors provided care. Patients did what they were told. Now we make sure everyone is part of the care," Stromp-Hamba said. "It's not unusual for staff to stop what they're doing and walk someone to their destination. We want to make sure the patients' visitors are taken care of as well."

At Oakwood Annapolis, Crittenton and St. Mary Mercy, patient visitors could mean dogs and cats. Critically ill and end of life patients feel better when a pet visits.

"The pet is the person's family," said Cheryl Fairbrother, coordinator for cancer services, including the Peaceful Journey Program, at St. Mary Mercy, "and it's good for the animal who goes through grieving."

Teddy bears also provide comfort in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy. The bears are donated through



Red Wings player Chris Chelios serves a bowl of his chili to Leo Simonds at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Community hospitals are expanding their menus and services to make patient stays as pleasant as possible.

the Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. in Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

"We give Teddy bears to kids to try to show them through the bear what we're going to do," said Michelle Moccia, R.N., interim director of the center. "We ask the Teddy bear the same questions. Sometimes the child talks through the Teddy bear because they're scared. We also give them to elderly patients. It gives them something to hold on to and comfort them. We do whatever we can. We ask can we call a neighbor to let your dog out. We try to individualize care."

Sometimes it's as simple as giving a patient a warm blanket.

"In an emergency, we have a blanket warmer," Moccia said. "It's amazing how they react when you get a blanket and tuck them in. It's the touch, the voice, asking them what they need to heal mind, body and spirit. Our mission is to offer coordinated, compas-

sionate care, every time for everyone. We try to live by that."

The motto at Garden City Hospital is "Give 'Em the Pickle." The program is based on one by Bob Farrell, former owner of Farrell's restaurant. All staff wear a small plastic pickle to illustrate their commitment.

"We wanted people to be aware a smile could ease anxiety," said Linda McCarthy, vice president administration, chief nursing officer. "We tell staff to give them the simple things. If they request someone to talk with them, sit with them. Leave the room by saying, 'Is there anything else I can do for you?' In our patient discharge survey, the satisfaction level rose from 93 to 96 percent."

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## Tips for keeping on track with fitness

As 2005 kicks off, many people are looking toward the new year as a time to make a renewed commitment for personal improvement. Topping the list again this year, according to [www.mygoals.com](http://www.mygoals.com), are resolutions related to health and fitness, including exercise, general fitness and weight loss. To help in the success of fitness-related goals, here are a few tips from the Jewish Community Center where the Fitness Club features a complete with cardio theater as well as spinning, yoga and other specialty workout classes.

For more information, call club director Aaron Tolchin at (248) 432-5575. To set up an appointment for a fitness eval-

uation, call the center's Health & Wellness Program coordinator Nancy Tashman at (248) 432-5481.

■ **Do your homework.** Consider a professional fitness evaluation to determine your baseline physical condition with regard to body fat, cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, strength and endurance.

■ **Make a plan.** Consider this your own personal "business" plan. Be sure to include your goals with specific information on what will be the key to your success given your own fitness level and health status.

■ **Be realistic.** Keep your goals at an attainable level. This helps to avoid frustra-

tion and disappointment. Remember, this is all about you and what works for your own personal success.

■ **Make it about a new way of life.** Many see diet and exercise resolutions as programs with a beginning and an end. The key to long-term success is about making your plan work with your lifestyle and your schedule on an ongoing basis.

■ **Be good to yourself.** How about a nice, relaxing professional massage for hitting that certain milestone? The key is to remember that you have control over your success - you can do this.

## Surgeon urges diabetics to have feet checked

Podiatric surgeon Joseph Silver is urging all diabetic patients to make sure their physicians check their feet during every office visit for signs of ulcerations that if left untreated can lead to infection and ultimately result in lower limb amputations.

"It's a simple exam that takes two minutes to determine if the patient is at risk for foot ulcers," said Silver, a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons who practices in Westland. "And the easiest way to remember to get your feet checked is to remove your shoes and socks in the examining room before the doctor comes in."

Most diabetic patients are

vulnerable to foot ulcerations caused by poor blood circulation in the lower extremities and neuropathy that inhibits nerve sensation.

"Ulcers are the leading cause of foot amputations among people with diabetes and they are preventable in most cases if doctors routinely check their patients' feet," said Silver. "It's so tragic when I encounter someone who undergoes an amputation that could have been prevented by regular, two-minute foot exams."

It is estimated that more than 86,000 lower extremity amputations are performed in the U. S. every year on patients with diabetes. More than 70 percent of them are caused by

foot ulcerations that deteriorate to deep tissue infection, tissue necrosis and gangrene.

In foot exams performed by primary care physicians or podiatrists, patients should be checked for nerve sensation, skin irregularities (corns, calluses, punctures, and areas of redness), swelling, drainage, and foot deformities that cause unnatural pressure points that are prone to ulceration. In cases of deformities such as bunions and hammertoes, diabetic patients should consult a podiatric surgeon to determine the best treatment option to reduce risk for ulceration, infection or amputation.

Individuals considered at high risk for foot ulcers should

have their feet checked every two to three months, but all diabetic patients should be checked at least twice a year, according to Silver.

"It doesn't take long for infection to worsen and ulcers to occur without the patient being aware that anything is wrong," he said. "Diabetes carries an enormous health care burden, but being diligent about foot care is a prudent and simple way to avoid one crippling complication of this disease."

ACFAS offers a free brochure, "Diabetic Foot Problems and Treatments," which is available by calling toll-free (888) THE-FEET, or on the Web at [www.acfas.org](http://www.acfas.org).

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### JANUARY

##### Blood Drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at the Bova VFW Post 9885, 6440 North Hix, between Ford and Warren roads, Westland. Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are encouraged. Call the post at (734) 728-3231, or blood drive chairman Larry Tebor at (734) 377-8329 or (734) 261-2807 and leave your name, telephone number and time desired. All donors will be placed in a drawing to win 3 free games of bowling at Vision Lanes in Westland.

##### Influenza symposium

Pandemic Influenza: Could History Repeat Itself?, a daylong symposium brings many of the world's foremost flu experts 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, in the Lydia Mendelssohn room at the Michigan League, 911 North University on University of Michigan's central campus. The program also will be available live and archived via Webcast. Visit [www.mipreparedness.org](http://www.mipreparedness.org) after Jan. 17 for details. The symposium is free and open to the public; no registration required. For more information, send e-mail to [prepared@umich.edu](mailto:prepared@umich.edu). Participants to discuss the emergence of avian influenza, international and domestic monitoring efforts, influenza immunization development and delivery, and our current state of preparedness to meet the challenge of the next flu pandemic. Among the speakers are Dr. Ed Thompson, deputy director of public health services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; J. Malik Peiris, microbiology professor at the University of Hong Kong and chief of virology at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, and Dr. Keiji Fukuda, epidemiology and surveillance section, influenza branch, national Center for Infectious

Diseases, CDC.

##### Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 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 adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

##### Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the Angela Hospice Care Center. All groups are free-of-charge and open to the community. For more information, call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464-7810.

##### Weight loss lecture

"Overcoming Barriers to Weight Loss" is an empowering lecture designed to teach participants how to remove barriers that prevent reaching fitness and weight loss goals 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at The Place: Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center in Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. Monica Pagels, MS, exercise physiologist, will talk about why weight control is so difficult, including motivation, adherence, schedule conflicts, and financial as well as physical limitations. Afterward, Pagels will conduct a question and answer session. Cost is \$10, which may be applied to the cost of an exercise program at TRACC. To register, call (248) 473-5600 or send e-mail to

[mpagels@botsford.org](mailto:mpagels@botsford.org).

##### Free supper lectures

Shirish Gadgeel, M.D. tells about advancements in treating lung cancer 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Weisber Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. To RSVP, call (248) 538-6514 or send e-mail to [khardy@dmcc.org](mailto:khardy@dmcc.org).

##### Red Cross blood drives

7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the University of Michigan Health Center, 1051 North Canton Center Road, Canton. Walk-ins are available. Appointments can be made by calling (800) GIVE-LIFE. To donate blood, you must be age 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds, and be in general good health.

##### Birthday celebration

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station in Canton will celebrate its fifth birthday with cake and balloons. The event is open to the public and admission is free. The Health Exploration Station is located in the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road.

The fourth Thursday of each month, individuals and families can explore what schools, scout troops and community groups have identified as their field trip destination of choice - free of charge. For more information, call (734) 398-7518.

##### Fitness fair

Be Healthy, Get Fit, Have Fun Fair, a family event sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. No charge. Event includes informative sessions, exhibits and interactive

demonstrations of nutrition, exercise, healthy life choices, rest and relaxation. Food, prizes and fun-filled activities for all ages are included. For more information, call (248) 473-1800.

##### Self-defense seminar

For women ages 16 and up 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, seminar focuses on the proper way to execute basic strikes, evasive movement methods and defense to four of the most common types of street attacks. Students are encouraged to wear loose, comfortable clothing, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. No charge. Preregistration required, call (248) 937-3314. Space is limited.

##### Tai Chi

Classes from the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter begin soon at four locations, Summit on the Park, Canton, (734) 394-5460; St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, (734) 655-8947; Miss Helen's Westland Dance, (734) 261-3744, and Guardian Martial Arts, Garden City, (734) 266-0565. All instructors have been trained and certified by the Arthritis Foundation. For more information about schedules and fees, call the site nearest you. Tai Chi classes from the Arthritis Foundation are appropriate for anyone seeking a joint-safe exercise program. Participants learn a series of slow, graceful, flowing movements adapted from Sun-style tai chi.

##### Red Cross safety courses

Begin in January, and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation), Infant/Child CPR, CPR/AED review for professional rescuers, CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates, nurse assistant training, and baby-sitter training at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five Mile, call (734) 542-0442 or visit [www.semredcross.org](http://www.semredcross.org). Costs vary.

## These hospital volunteers ease patients' suffering

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes all it takes to make someone feel better is to listen. Knowing that, hospital staff are enlisting volunteers to help patients and their families.

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, students volunteer to pass communications from emergency patients to family members in the waiting room.

"It helps keep the communication going," said Michelle Moccia, interim director of the emergency center at St. Mary Mercy. "The volunteers are excellent. Sometimes they may do simple things such as getting a cart ready for us. It's their presence."

As coordinator for cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Cheryl Fairbrother knows that just being there is frequently all someone needs at the end of life. Fairbrother oversees a number of programs, including No One Dies Alone. Volunteers are trained to be compassionate companions, to notice signs and symptoms of an impending death so they can be there for the patient and family.

"We have a compassionate companion class to train people from the community," Fairbrother said. "We have a caring cart of comedy videos, journals, quilts for patients to make it more homey, candy and food, and cameras. Families come together maybe for the first time in years. The

cameras capture moments they won't have again."

At Botsford Hospital in Farmington, high school volunteers interview critically ill patients and then write their stories, which are read by staff. The information helps staff learn more about the patient, who may be hospitalized for a long period of time.

"It gives us talking points with a patient," said Kim Guesman, director of nursing services. "We're striving to be the best community hospital, to listen to our patients, to learn about them as a person, not just a body in a bed."

Hospital staff are volunteering their time as well to make patient stays a little warmer.

"We're just starting to make quilts and blankets," Guesman said. "A quilt club (of hospital employees) made blankets that I took to orphanages in Lithuania when I went there with my church this summer. Then I found out nurses in the cardiac step down unit made more than 50 blankets and donated them to oncology and the emergency department to distribute, so we're starting a program called Blankets of Love."

"We want to expand throughout the hospital these two programs. We will call for volunteers to get donations of quilts or blankets and let nurses determine who needs that extra comfort."

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Farmington, patients stay in touch by receiving e-mail. Communication with family and friends, in whatever form, speeds along patient recovery. Several of the hospitals, including Crittenton and St. Mary Mercy, allow family members of critically ill patients to spend the night.

"It's just some of the little things we're trying to do to make it more homey or comfortable," said Kim Guesman, director of nursing services at Botsford Hospital. "We want patients to know we really care about them. Sometimes it's easy to lose sight of what we do because of all of the technology."

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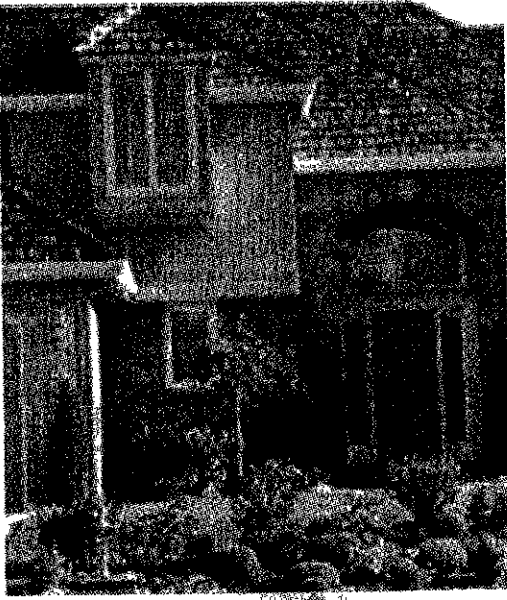


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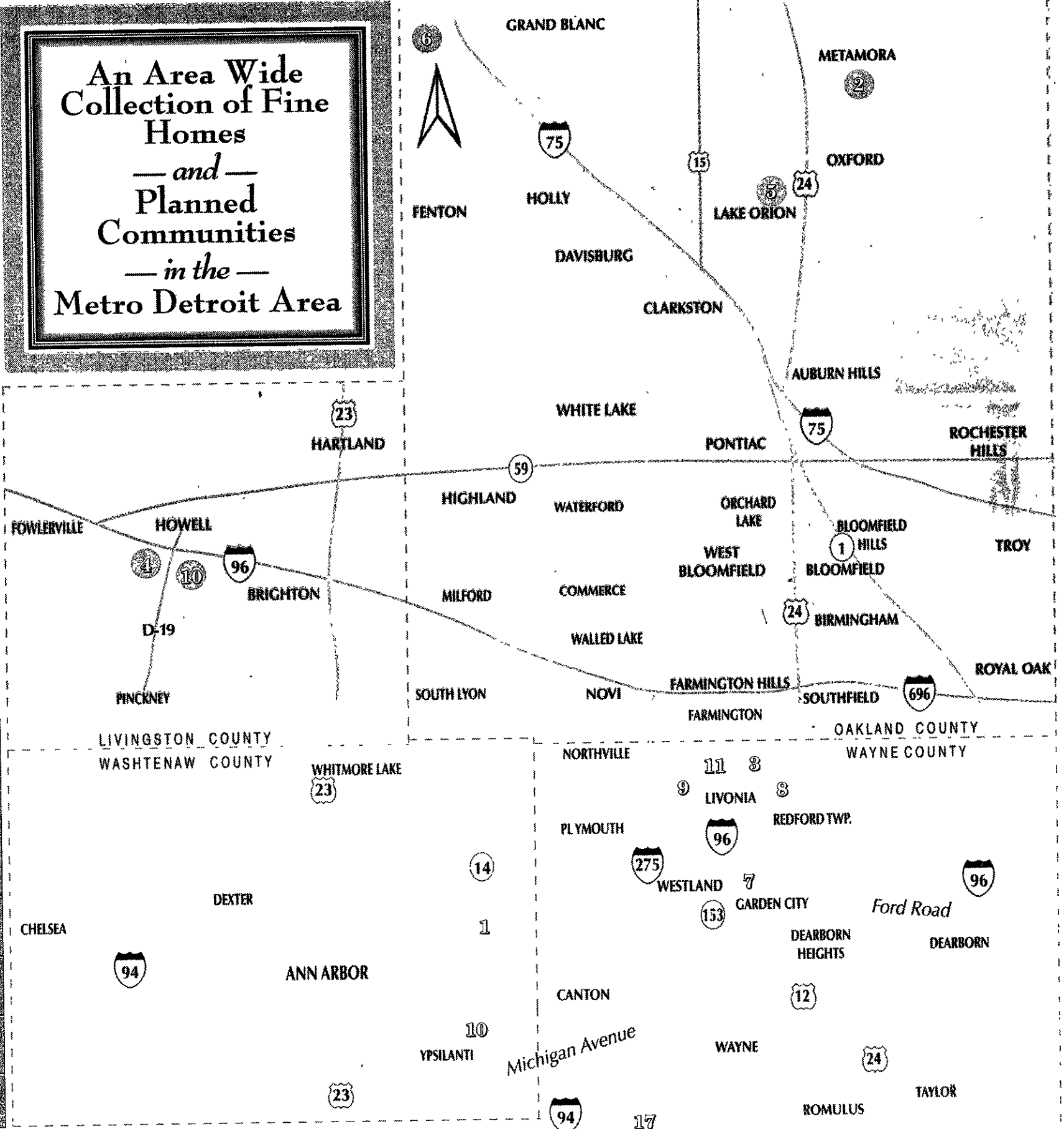


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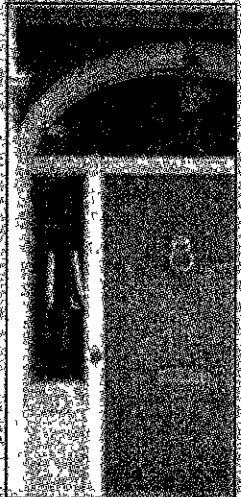
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## Protect your home from ice damage

(MS) - You may not know what ice dams are, but they cost the public millions of dollars each year.

Ice dams form when warmth from inside a home causes snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes, blocking gutters and drains.

Since water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it seeps into the home under the shingles, often causing extensive damage to the roof decking and a home's interior - particularly ceilings, walls, carpets and flooring.

Fortunately, there are things that you can do to protect your home.

"If your house is susceptible to ice dams, the best time to take action is in the fall," said Bill Mullaney, senior vice president of customer service and claims for MetLife Auto & Home.

"During the early spring, we routinely see hundreds of claims caused by ice dams. An ounce of prevention during the warmer months can help keep things from snowballing out of control during the cooler ones."

Following are some tips to consider during the fall:

- Keep all gutters and downspouts clear. Be sure that sticks and debris are removed from your home's gutters and downspouts. During the winter, periodically check their condition, removing any snow or icicles that accumulate.

- Give your roof an overcoat. The most effective way to eliminate ice dams

is to stop snowmelt by making the roof colder. This can be achieved by insulating the floor of the attic and under the roof, and by blocking all crevices where warm air from the interior can rise into the attic.

- Identify water entry points within the home. You may wish to contact a contractor to find these entry points and take the appropriate actions to create a waterproof barrier.

Once winter has arrived, there are still ways to prevent an ice dam or to minimize the effects if one has already occurred. After a snowfall, consider the following:

- If possible, keep snow off the roof with a snow rake. Use a roof rake or push broom to reduce the amount of snow that could melt. Don't climb on the roof to clear the snow, as serious injury may result. Also, be cautious of electrical wires.

- To melt the ice, bring new life to an old set of legs. Placing old nylon stockings filled with snowmelt over an ice dam is an effective way to melt the dam and create a channel for the water to run off. Be certain to lay the stockings perpendicular to the gutter near the edge of the roof.

In an emergency situation, where water is seeping into the house, notify a professional contractor at once.

Although other temporary solutions do exist, it's a good idea to leave the work to



Don't let ice dams ruin your home. Prevent problems by taking action during the warmer months.

the professionals.

In the meantime, it's possible to capture entering water before it causes significant damage by placing a bucket under the leak.

For additional information on how to forestall future problems, MetLife Auto

& Home offers a free brochure, *Protecting Your Home Against Damage From Freezing Weather*. To receive the brochure, call (800) MET-LIFE.

Access more tips on surviving freezing weather at [www.metlife.com](http://www.metlife.com) by entering "freezing" in the search box.

## New Web site helps you reduce your energy bills

(NUI) - As gasoline, natural gas and heating-oil bills skyrocket and overall energy prices go up and down like a roller coaster, what's a frustrated consumer to do?

If you want to take greater control of your energy bills, a great place to start is the Alliance to Save Energy's new consumer Web site, [www.ase.org/consumers](http://www.ase.org/consumers).

Everything you need to know about reducing your energy bills is there.

Most of the content on the site is new and has been developed and organized to meet the needs of consumers, said Alliance Communications and Marketing Director Rozanne Weissman.

Here's a rundown of what you can find on the new Alliance consumer site:

- Tips on lowering your energy bills, including seasonal tips for summer and winter, tips for the home office and targeted tips for consumers in various states.

- Advice on remodeling your home to maximize energy efficiency - including information on home energy ratings, financing possibilities, smart investments and a link to finding a good contractor.

- An animated version of the Alliance's popular free consumer booklet, "PowerSmart: Easy Tips to Save Money and the Planet," along with ordering information for single, bulk and customized printed booklets and a downloadable flyer for use at trade shows and fairs.

- A variety of home energy tools from the Alliance, Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency that demonstrate how you might save the most money, plus a home energy audit that can be done together with children as a learning tool.

- Help with shopping for energy-efficient products. The Alliance shopping section, organized by product category, makes getting information and shopping for energy-efficient products easier for consumers.

It links to appropriate consumer information on the Web sites of government agencies and of retailers and manufacturers that have made a commitment to energy efficiency through their work with the Alliance.

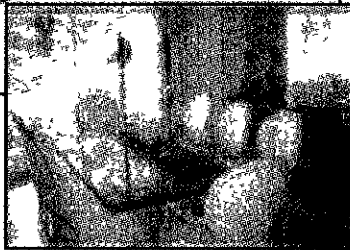
- A Multimedia Screening Room. The Alliance brings together its offerings in a screening room for use by media, consumers and schools.

- Resources for kids. The Alliance's kids page helps teach children how to save energy.

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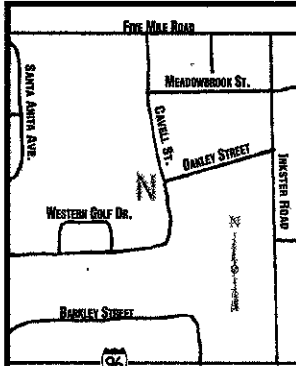
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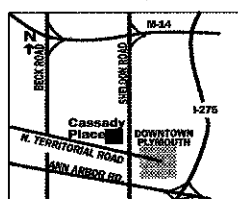
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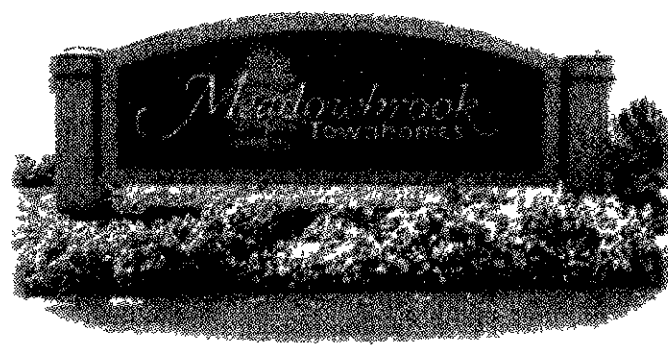
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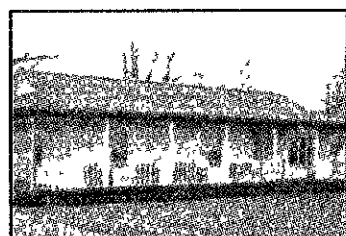
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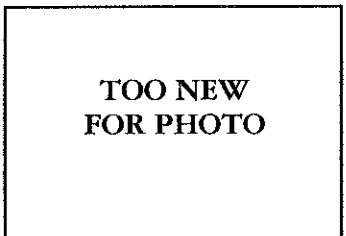
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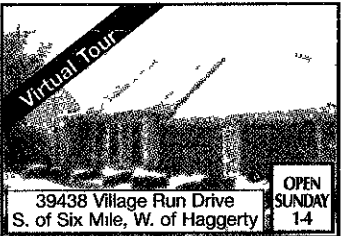
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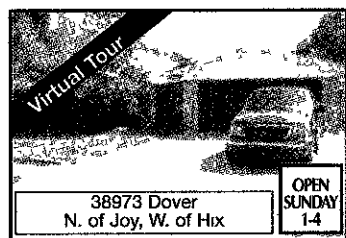
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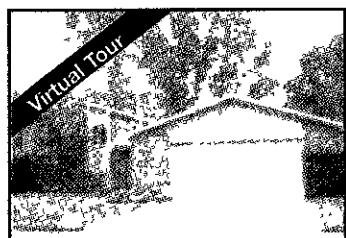
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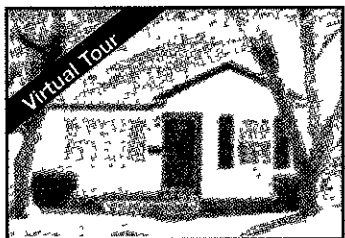
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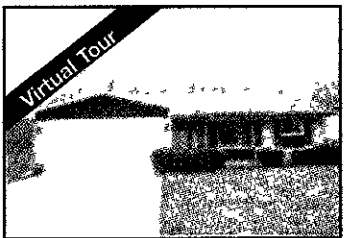
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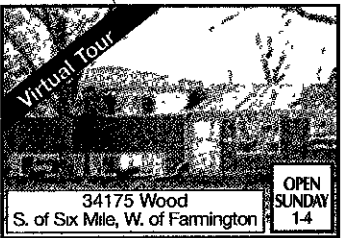
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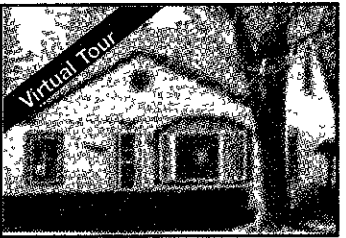
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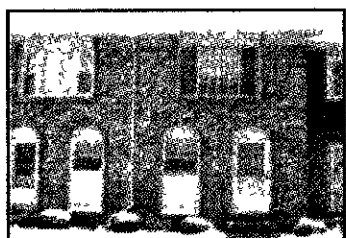
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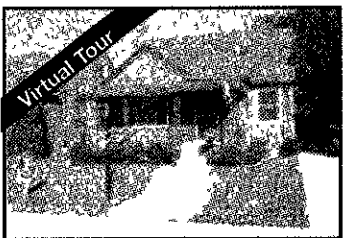
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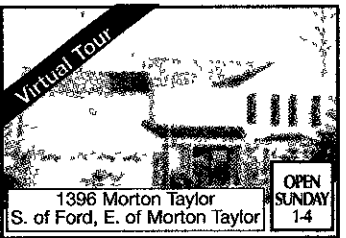
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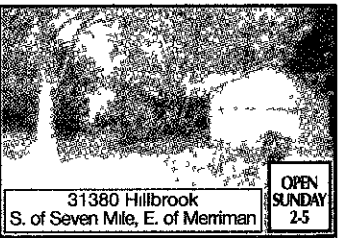
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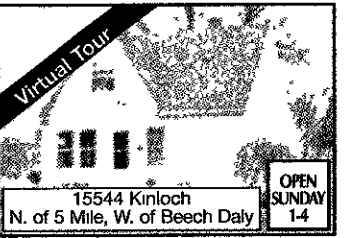
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**LIVONIA - UPPER**  
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2 Bdrm w/ balcony, carport, pool. BRAND NEW FURNACE & C/A. Newer carpet, paint & hot water heater. \$124,900  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
Spacious 2510 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, 3 bath ranch condo w/fabulous pond view. Family room w/lrg gas fireplace. First floor laundry. Finished walk-out lower level to patio. New roof & C/A. Near shopping & restaurants. One year warranty. Immediate occupancy. \$234,900 (LA62EB)  
Ed Barter  
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## Condos 3720

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**WEST BLOOMFIELD CONDO**  
Must Sell. 2300 sq. ft. townhouse w/ finished daylight basement. Near shopping. W. Bloomfield Schools \$228,800  
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**NOVI**  
Stunning 2 bdrm., 2.5 bath townhouse condo w/ custom lighting, window treatments & hardwood floors on entire first floor. 2 way fireplace between great room & hearth kitchen w/ island & 42" maple cabinets. Luxurious master suite w/ jet tub & shower. Bsm., deck, 2 car attached garage. \$259,900 (YE418)  
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**NOVI**  
Over 1,500 sq. ft. in this immaculate 3 bdrm condo w/ 2 full & 2 half baths; gas fireplace, finished bsmt. 1 car garage, all appliances. \$182,500  
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**NOVI TOWNHOUSE**  
3 Bdrms, 2.5 baths, many updates, gas fireplace, all appliances stay. Finished bsmt w/ storage \$151,900 (07BA5)  
CENTURY 21 ROW  
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**NOVI**  
Dynamic 1st floor master CONDO  
with soaring ceiling in living room. Ceramic tiled foyer, large kitchen w/ upgraded cabinets. Library w/ Pergo floors & French doors. Golf community home! \$214,900.  
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**OAKLAND TWP.**  
New, 2 bdrm., 2 bath, all appliances, attached garage, Pool, Clubhouse and More! Call (248) 431-2558

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**OSCODA**  
Lake Huron frontage, mouth of Ausable River. Manufactured home on deeded lake-front lot. Sugar sand beach. Gated community. Ausable/Huron Condominium campground. Excellent condition. Excellent location. Brand new furnace, stove, carpeting, furnishings, Florida room. Large deck. Boat well included. \$94,500. (517) 223-4277

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## JUST LISTED!

**SOUTHFIELD**  
Large 2 bdrm., 3.5 bath end unit townhouse condo w/ finished bsmt. 2 car attached garage. Private courtyard. Great location in complex. \$175,000 (SH250AM)  
AL MALISOW  
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Furnished quartershare (13 wks per year). 2 bdrm., 2 bath condo on 18th green of Legends Golf Course. Fireplace, 3 decks, all appliances. Beachclub. Near chairlifts. \$30,000 (SH583EB)  
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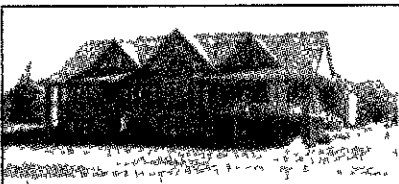
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**CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005**  
New const. on approx 1 acre lot offers 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, 4 car att gar & full w/o bsmt. Foyer opens to formal DR & library, open staircase to lower level, LR w/FF, mstr ste w/jetted tub, Granite in kit plus much more.  
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**ROCHESTER Executive Colonial**  
Impressive with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage and walk-out basement. Two story great room with fireplace. Jack & Jill bedrooms. Gorgeous ceramic tile in kitchen and breakfast nook. Deck overlooking pond.  
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**HIGHLAND Golfers Paradise**  
Near Milford stunning 1.5 story contemp, designed by Lubin of Bloomfield Hills. Located at 12th green, wall of windows, soaring ceilings, 8 ft doors, huge finished w/o, curved walls, Amish cabs, theater rm/full bar.  
(B34GLE) 248-363-1200 \$1,400,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Upper Long Lake**  
Breathtaking views, custom built 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home, beautifully maintained. Finished basement with walkout, canal w/access to Upper Long Lake, all sports. Tons of storage. This home shows extremely well.  
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS Architects Private Home**  
Over an acre of nature w/streams. Soaring ceilings, open floor plan, large cooks kitchen w/spacious eat-in area, LR/DR w/frplc & library w/built-ins. Separate Jacuzzi room & finished basement w/built ins.  
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**CANTON Oversized Interior Lot**  
Offers this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has a great architectural design w/open floor plan w/soaring ceilings, hardwood floors & spacious rooms. Gourmet kit w/marble cabs opens to FR + 3 car att gar & bsmt.  
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**ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction**  
4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial backing to trees. Loaded with hardwood, maple cabinets, ceramic, granite and stainless steel appliances. Master bath with jetted tub and walk-in closet. Rochester schools.  
(B43MYS) 248-524-1600 \$419,000



**ROSE TWP./HOLLY Custom**  
20 room home on approx 8.2 acres, defines comfort & luxury 6 bedrooms, 7.3 baths. All on private 20 acres, 60' deep spring-fed lake, heated barn for the boys, horses welcome. Call to make your appointment today.  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Pine Lk Front**  
Nestled on almost 1 acre deep treed lot with "Monet" inspired backyard retreat. Lush gardens, pond, Estate-size GR w/frplc. Formal living room and dining room with coed ceilings. Gourmet cust kit. Hwdw fr. V.O.  
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**HUNTINGTON WOODS Attention To Detail**  
Throughout this 4 BR, 2.1 BA Cape Cod w/ a "grand" master suite. Andersen windows, newer roof, baths, kit & doors. Deck off FR, wood floors, sprinkler system & profess. Indsgp, fin bsmt & 2 car att gar w/workshop.  
(B37HUM) 248-642-8100 \$485,000



**PLYMOUTH Custom Build Dream House**  
Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, 2 fireplaces, finished walk-out, family room, library, master suite w/jetted tub, dual staircases w/2 story foyer.  
(B74FOX) 734-455-5600 \$575,000



**ROCHESTER HILLS Luxurious, Spacious**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with 4 car garage. Nicely landscaped court lot. Great room w/cathedral ceilings, gas frplc. Large kit w/white cabs & nook w/frplc. Doors to patio. MBR w/Jacuzzi tub. Finished bsmt.  
(B14PET) 248-524-1600 \$447,000



**COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting**  
Custom 5 BR, 4 BA home w/breathtaking backyard view. Well set up for has needs optional FF master w/leath ceiling, trplc & bath. Finished w/o w/2nd kit, BR, den & bath. Quick access I-96 & mall. Walled Lk. Schls.  
(B83CLA) 248-363-1200 \$549,900



**MILFORD Welcome To Royalty Home**  
This home has it all, sits on a wooded 3.63 acre lot. Two story foyer and GR w/2 beautiful spiral staircases, FF MBR, 4 add'l BR on second floor with Jack & Jill baths, two study rooms, fin w/o bsmt w/kit. Lib & toy rm.  
(B56TAL) 248-626-8800 \$1,999,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning Euro Townhome**  
Profess. designed interior, builders model w/100K extras. 3 story, 3 BR, 3.5 BA brick townhouse w/2 MBR sts both w/won bath & WIC. FF MBR w/marble fr, jetted spa tub, granite kit & hwdw frs. Fin bsmt & 2.5 car gar.  
(B90GAT) 248-642-8100 \$444,000



**PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful**  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/3 car garage, basement, family room w/gas fireplace, library, cherry kitchen w/island & granite counters, doorwall to deck, 1st floor laundry & so much more.  
(B60WIL) 734-455-5600 \$419,900



**OXFORD Country Club Living**  
Paint Creek golf course views and lake frontage. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 5 car garage, water gardens, first floor master suite with luxury bath. Dramatic finished walk out.  
(B99SAI) 248-652-8000 \$1,600,000



**WHITE LAKE Enjoy The Thrill**  
Of this 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 1994 built home on approx 1 acre. Custom design, flooring, kitchen and upgrades during construction. 2 furnaces, 2 hot water heaters, 2nd kit in LL. Start at leaded entry & follow your dream.  
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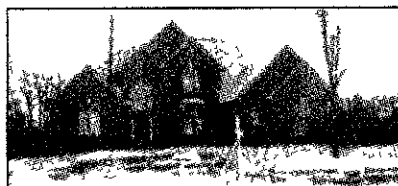
**WEST BLOOMFIELD Shows Like A Model Home**  
Come home to this spacious 1993-built colonial w/open floor plan 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, family room, living room, dining room, library, FF laundry MBR w/Jacuzzi & WIC. Oversized BR's. Full bsmt. 2 frplcs, 3 car gar.  
(B86TOR) 248-626-8800 \$512,000



**FARMINGTON HILLS Fabulous**  
3 BR, 3.5 BA contemporary w/foyer opening to bridged GR w/marble fireplace and soaring ceilings. Kitchen w/Sub Zero, den, finished basement w/BR, BA and kitchen. Recessed lights T/O, 2 decks and 2 car garage.  
(B57HID) 248-642-8100 \$439,900



**NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial**  
With open floor plan, 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors, formal LR & DR, family room w/fireplace, professionally finished basement, spacious master suite has glamour bath, 3 car attached garage, 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths.  
(B61RED) 734-455-5600 \$472,300



**OAKLAND Top Of The Line**  
Upgrades throughout. Gourmet kitchen, cherry cabinets, granite countertops, double oven, fireplace in hearth area, FF master suite w/private deck. Great room fireplace, walk out lower level. Special landscaped lot.  
(B04WOO) 248-652-8000 \$599,900



**COMMERCE Desirable Location**  
Large lot with highest elevation in Bridge Pointe sub, wooded views from 2 story windows, finished walkout has 2nd kitchen, full bath & 5th BR, customized details in every room including staircase & granite fireplace.  
(B62BAY) 248-363-1200 \$489,000



**BLOOMFIELD Absolutely Stunning**  
Renovation in '03. Beautiful landscaping '04, state of the art kitchen opens to family room. LR and DR w/cove moldings & bay windows. Library w/custom built-in MBR suite w/sitting area/office, finished LL w/half bath.  
(B00BRA) 248-642-8100 \$1,750,000



**NORTHVILLE Discover A Perfect Oasis**  
Amazing woodland lot w/creek shelters. Newly crafted home that gracefully blends historic w/contemporary in soothing comfort & style designed for the way you live. Beautiful stone, wood & granite. In heart of town.  
(BHG) 248-349-5600 \$849,900



**PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus**  
Premium lot w/perfect floor plan 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, open dual staircase, basement, huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space, elegant custom awnings.  
(B77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$479,000



**ROCHESTER HILLS Elegant**  
4 bedroom home w/cherry cabinets and granite counters t/o Kitchen w/center island, stainless appls, granite backsplash, professionally finished bsmt w/kit, bath & sauna, master bath w/marble fr & whirlpool tub.  
(B78HED) 248-652-8000 \$639,900



**CLARKSTON Village Of Clarkston**  
Waterfront on the Mill Pond Louisiana style home 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, hrdwd frs, upgrades & updated mahogany front door open fr plan, designer roof, new kit '03, 2nd flr, laundry views.  
(B75GLE) 248-363-1200 \$439,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Spectacular**  
Lakefront custom built home on approx. 2.71 acres. Stunning kit w/island & solarium window. Wonderful MBR ste w/marble bath, private lib & fin LL w/o w/ull kit, BR's & more. Wrap around deck & 3 car garage.  
(B00ROC) 248-642-8100 \$1,699,000



**NORTHVILLE Incredible Value**  
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq ftg built by Mccoen. Upgrades marble, granite, cust cherry cabs, 2-story enclosed porch, spiral staircase w/BR, BA and frplc, sitting rm + BA. Finished LL w/kit, BA & BR.  
(B02MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,149,900



**BIRMINGHAM Contemporary Beauty**  
With classic lines. Two-story full brick colonial with dramatic pillared entrance. Built in 2001 on a quiet in-town street. Dramatic entrance, Brazilian cherry wood floors, custom kitchen. Richly appointed.  
(B55CAT) 248-524-1600 \$799,900



**ROCHESTER Timeless Tradition**  
Nestled in good location of Paint Creek. Lovely colonial entryways, custom upgrades, including gas log fireplace in library & master suite, lots of hardwood and a charming garden pond. Sidewalks, swim & tennis community.  
(B67HOL) 248-652-8000 \$429,999



**COMMERCE Gorgeous Location**  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom ranch w/all the extras & fabulous vaulted ceilings & 2-way stone fireplace. FF master ste & laundry, formal DR, finished w/o LL w/media rm. Wooded cul-de-sac location w/wrap around deck.  
(B06WOO) 248-363-1200 \$422,500



**NOVI Beautiful Custom**  
Private estate home on approx. 1 acre lot w/custom amenities T/O. Extensive use of marble, 7 BR's, 5 full baths, 2 half baths & 2 MBR suites. Fin LL w/ull kit w/2nd kit. Grounds, 18 acre commons & small lake.  
(B22VAS) 248-642-8100 \$999,000



**NORTHVILLE Waterfront Estate**  
Exquisite "Monarque" model on Mystic Lake in Stonewater. Custom T/O. No expense spared. Full fin LL w/ull BA and media room. Designer landscaping. Immaculate condition. Pre-approved buyers.  
(B40MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,039,900



**CLARKSTON Cutting Edge Design**  
Executed with quality materials, handcrafted to exacting standards makes this Thomas Sebold & Assoc. custom home a cut above. Two additional elevations move-in ready & 5 lots remaining. Country club style amenities.  
(B13PEN) 248-524-1600 \$509,000



**ROCHESTER HILLS 2 Acres In Historic Area**  
Pond, white bay gourmet kitchen, dual gas fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, library built-ins, 2nd bedroom with private bath, 1st floor master with 2 walk-in closets, large shower/tub. Whole house filtration system, warr.  
(B90MIL) 248-652-8000 \$589,000



**ORCHARD LAKE Perfectly Private**  
Great for entertaining. Contemporary nestled in woods, overlooks ravine, open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings. FF MBR, his & her walk-in closets, trayed ceiling. Custom kit w/island, Jenn-air gas cooktop & ovens, hwdw fr.  
(B06DEE) 248-626-8800 \$760,000



**BEVERLY HILLS Newer Construction**  
Custom 4 bedroom, 4 bath home w/all the modern amenities w/ite feel of a country estate. Kitchen w/granite, hwdw frs, MBR suite w/jetted tub, fireplace & sitting area. Part fin bsmt w/bath & exercise room.  
(B00BEV) 248-642-8100 \$799,000



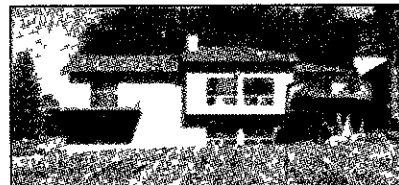
**WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value**  
Beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Granite, 42" maple cabinets, custom hardwood floors, finished basement with bedroom, bath, kitchen & wooded cul-de-sac lot. 3 car garage. Great lot with plenty of room to play.  
(B24MER) 248-349-5600 \$619,900



**CLARKSTON Remarkable Sub**  
With only seven lots, five of them walk-outs 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, ceramic foyer, kitchen, lav and FF. Gourmet kitchen with SS appliances. Master BR with jetted tub. Four car gar 2-story FR w/gas FP.  
(B24HID) 248-524-1600 \$549,900



**OAKLAND TWP. Stunning Custom Home**  
In secluded sub. Many features including arched entryways, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with granite, cherry cabinets, crown molding and wainscot. French doors and walk out basement.  
(B47WOO) 248-652-8000 \$740,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Lakefront On Cass Lake**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom ranch w/all the extras & fabulous view of Cass Lk. all sports lake. A must see. Great for entertaining, entry level has open floor plan 3 car garage, cathedral ceilings & skylights W Bloom Schls.  
(B96ISL) 248-626-8800 \$699,900



**BLOOMFIELD TWP. Fabulous**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA Cape Cod w/FF MBR ste, newer kit w/SS appls & LR w/open staircase. French doors to FR, fin bsmt w/wire room & nice laundry area. Circular drive, 2 tier paver patio & lg gazebo. Fin bsmt w/frplc.  
(B00IND) 248-642-8100 \$729,000



**NOVI Spectacular Custom Home**  
Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious BRs, 4.5 BAs. Master suite w/fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/Viking stove, Sub Zero fng. Walkout LL w/heated floors, sauna & full granite kitchen. Awesome.  
(B55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$999,900



**OAKLAND TWP. Custom Home**  
Stunning on almost 3/4 acre wooded lot. Gourmet kitchen with granite, stainless appliances. Two-story great room with soaring windows. Library with doorwall to deck. Master suite w/gas FP, WIC & marble bath.  
(B36WOO) 248-524-1600 \$689,900



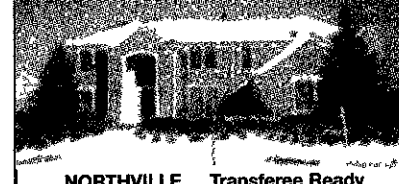
**OAKLAND Oakland Twp.**  
Quality built, FF master bedroom, hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings. Dramatic entry, Jack & Jill bath, gourmet cherry kit & large w/o bsmt. Professionally landscaped & only minutes from town & school.  
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Or are you? Clinical psychologist Thomas Demaria, administrative director of Behavioral Health Services for South Nassau Communities Hospital in New York, has consulted with companies of all sizes and the government, including probation departments. He thinks that the man may have some form of depression, including Bipolar Disorder, and, perhaps, "a psychiatric personality disorder (e.g. anti-social, borderline personality disorder or narcissistic personality disorders).

"Or he may have developed this pattern of relating," Demaria continues, "to cover up for his insecurities and because he's been reinforced over time for his 'bullying behavior.'" The anger in his loud voice, Demaria indicates, may be prompted by a fear of not being heard.

Psychotherapist and researcher Mary Waller in Milwaukee offers different perspective. "These are often the

characteristics of functional Asperger's Syndrome people," she says. "They do not pick up on nonverbal clues, do not learn by watching, have little knowledge of or regard for other people's feelings, just blurt out whatever they want to, and are often combative and aggressive."

## YOURS

Such behaviors reflecting instability, according to Demaria, and don't change easily. Refusing to be intimidated can, ultimately, lead to changed behavior.

"The individual displaying these behaviors obtains what he or she wants in a situation," he points out. He mentions the possibility of not allowing you and other co-workers to be "baited." However, the person may react at first by intensifying his behavior. To counteract the situation,

Demaria advises:

- establishing a climate of respect and understanding so that he knows you are listening and "will help meet his needs" (a requirement for setting limits on his behavior);
- not responding to the provocations;
- reinforcing his positive interactions; and
- not caving in.

The last, he states, is particularly difficult as the threat level increases and people fear violence.

## STRATEGIES

You have multiple options. When the person stops bellowing at a listener, stand up to address the listener with, "I'm sorry you were spoken to that way. I believe he meant to say thus-and-so." Imagine the

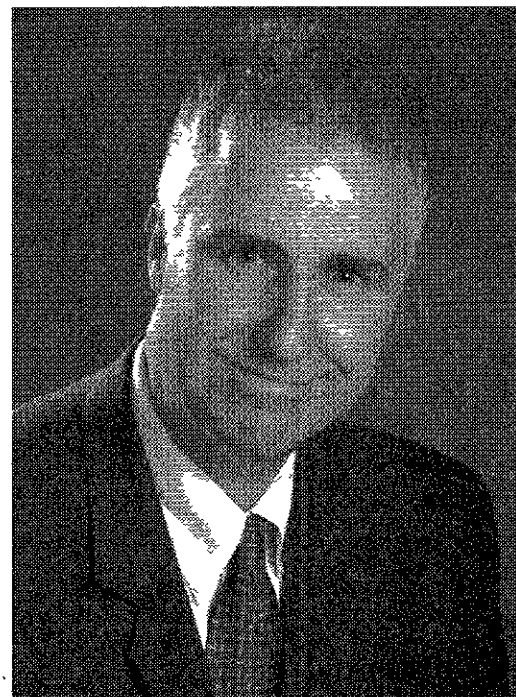
effect of the repetition. The person will eventually stop to get you to stop repeating yourself!

Demaria offers another. Remain calm and appear sincerely interested in finding common ground. He suggests first stating, "You certainly have a right to feel that way," then encouraging the person to directly and calmly express the reasons for being upset." Most importantly, he adds, "Find things you agree with and then use this as a basis to form a new alliance with the angry person."

Waller mentions that co-workers can team to improve the situation. "The important thing is to interrupt the dysfunctional behavior with something altogether different," she says. "That might mean that everybody's briefed to simply say to him as he escalates his abusive behavior, 'That's not appropriate in this office,' and just get on with their work. It's important that everybody stay neutral and calm, as they are only stating a fact, not trying to start a fight. Each individual might need to practice saying that phrase over and over again," for easy retrieval and calm delivery.

Another tactic she suggests is pointing out the inappropriateness of negative personal comments, such as, "It's inappropriate to make any personal comments about co-workers here." The bottom line is that there are different things you can do individually and as a team to override the aberrant behavior instead of remaining silent to alert him to his incivility.

Can the situation deteriorate further? Authors Robert Turknott and Carolyn



Thomas Demaria, a clinical psychologist, is the administrative director of Behavioral Health Services for South Nassau Communities Hospital in New York.

Turknott, in "Decent People, Decent Company" (Davies-Black, forthcoming, February, \$24.95) would seem to think so. They maintain that change can complicate the situation. Be on the alert.

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**CHIMNEY SWEEP**  
\$700-1000+ per wk. No exp. necessary, will train. Truck & ladder required. 734-416-0800

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For Plymouth housekeeping co. \$10/hr. Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Car req. 734-455-4570

**CLEANING PERSON**  
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**CLERICAL ADMINISTRATORS**  
Immediate need for administrators with excellent skills and "go get it" attitudes. Data entry and general clerical duties. Excellent verbal and written communication skills as well as customer service experience. Able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment. Proficient with MS Excel. Benefits after 30 days. Send resume, salary requirements referencing job code ADMINOE via. E-mail: dthr@archway.com Fax: 734-713-2683 Mail to: Archway Marketing Services P.O. Box 808 Wayne, MI 48184

**CLERK** Entenmann's Livonia Thrift Store. Part time, 15-18 hrs. per week. Must work weekends; cash register exp required; stock shelves; some lifting involved. HS diploma required. Fax work experience or resume to: (734) 464-8050

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to program, set-up & operate. Over 30 CNC machines in a growing, modern machine shop located in Walled Lake, BCI, Delta, vision, 401K & overtime. Looking for experienced or Operators for both shifts. Fax: 248-669-6399 or email to: meidemiller@epma.chinimg.com

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**PART TIME PHOTO CLERK**

Do you have photo-journalism experience? This part time position is based out of our Livonia and Birmingham offices. The successful candidate will have one to two years experience in photo reproduction, digital imaging, color-correcting and scanning images. Knowledge of Photoshop and Quark are also necessary. Excellent communication skills and ability to work within assigned deadlines are essential. High school diploma or equivalent required, some college preferred. Flexible schedule of 32 hours per week, including some nights and weekends. Must have own transportation. We offer excellent benefits and a great work environment. **Please submit resume to:**

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## FANTASTIC

opportunity with a prestigious Howell stamping facility! Action Associates is working with Oghara America Corporation. We are looking for a career minded individuals with production experience and material handling skills. Lifting up to 50 lbs. Up to \$10.50/hr. depending on shift. After hire \$\$\$ pay increase w/ excellent benefit package. Drug screen & criminal background required. EOE Call 619-227-4868 Ext.110

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Qualified candidates need 2-3 years experience operating flexographic die cutting machinery, flat bed die cutting, and/or material slitting and laminating machinery. Candidates must have a high school diploma, high desire to learn, great attention to detail, quality focused, and be very dependable. Must have a solid understanding of QS-9000, statistical process control (SPC), and experience in automotive industry. Experience in CAD and PLC machinery a big plus.

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**FLORAL DESIGNER**  
Experienced Part-time, 15 - 20 hrs/wk. Irish Rose Florist, Livonia. (248) 478-5144

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**FORK LIFT OPERATOR**  
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**GENERAL LABORER**  
for chemical manufacturing facility in Wixom. Must have own transportation. Send resume to Jerry 248-960-9119

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Inside/outside Counter sales sheet metal, experience only (313) 215-3893, leave message (800) 682-1537

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We are looking for a highly energetic individual with a great personality to join the housekeeping/leasing team at our Westland apartment community. Applications can be filled at Hawthorne Club. (734) 522-3364.

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## HVAC INSTALLER

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## HVAC Installers, Ducters

For Farmington Hills heating & cooling company. 2 yrs exp. FAX RESUME: 248-615-3707, Attn: Pete. OR APPLY IN PERSON: Randazzo Heating & Cooling, 24711 Halsted Rd.

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## Lawn & Tree Care Technicians

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## LEASING CONSULTANT

Large Troy apartment community has immediate opening for a full time Leasing Consultant. Sales or previous leasing experience is desired. Ability to work well with the public, a positive attitude and reliability are musts. We offer salary with commission. Must be available to work Saturdays and Sundays. Fax resume to: (248) 643-5501 or mail to: Leasing Director 1911 Golfview Dr Troy, MI 48064

## LEASING CONSULTANT

Watsonwood Independent and Assisted Living Facilities in Canton area are seeking EXPERIENCED Leasing Consultants to fill Full Time positions working with seniors. Must be able to work some weekends and have good computer skills. We offer competitive wages and commissions along with medical and dental benefits. EOE. Please apply in person at 2000 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 or fax 734-344-3060 for more information.

## LIGHT MANUFACTURING

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## Loan Officer/Receptionist

For Birmingham Mortgage Co. Call: 248-203-9933 or resume to: chris@mmc-loans.com

## MECHANIC

Good driving record. Must weld. Own tools. No medical. Romulus. Leave Message (734) 326-8905

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All phases auto & truck. Certification helpful. 313-532-5210

## MACHINE OPERATOR

Growing manufacturing firm is looking for a reliable, mature individual to fill the position of Machine Operator. Duties will include loading and unloading various CNC production machines. Previous experience in CNC machine tool environment and other production processes is required. Manual lathe and mill operating skills are also required. Company offers competitive salaries and excellent benefits. Send resume to: Ilmor Engineering 43939 Plymouth Oaks Boulevard Plymouth, MI 48170 or fax to (734) 456-3691

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Person wanted for Senior Citizen apt. community to perform a variety of duties incl. prepping apts, work orders & exteriors Apt & utilities provided. Apply in person Mon-Fri, 1-5, FREEDOM SQUARE APTS 34848 Freedom Rd, Farmington Hills, MI

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Full-time, experienced, for Canton apt community Great opportunity for right person. Please call 734-397-1080.

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**CIVIL ENGINEERING CAD/TECH**  
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**MEDICAL TELEPHONE RECEPTIONIST**  
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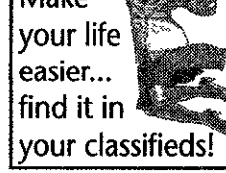
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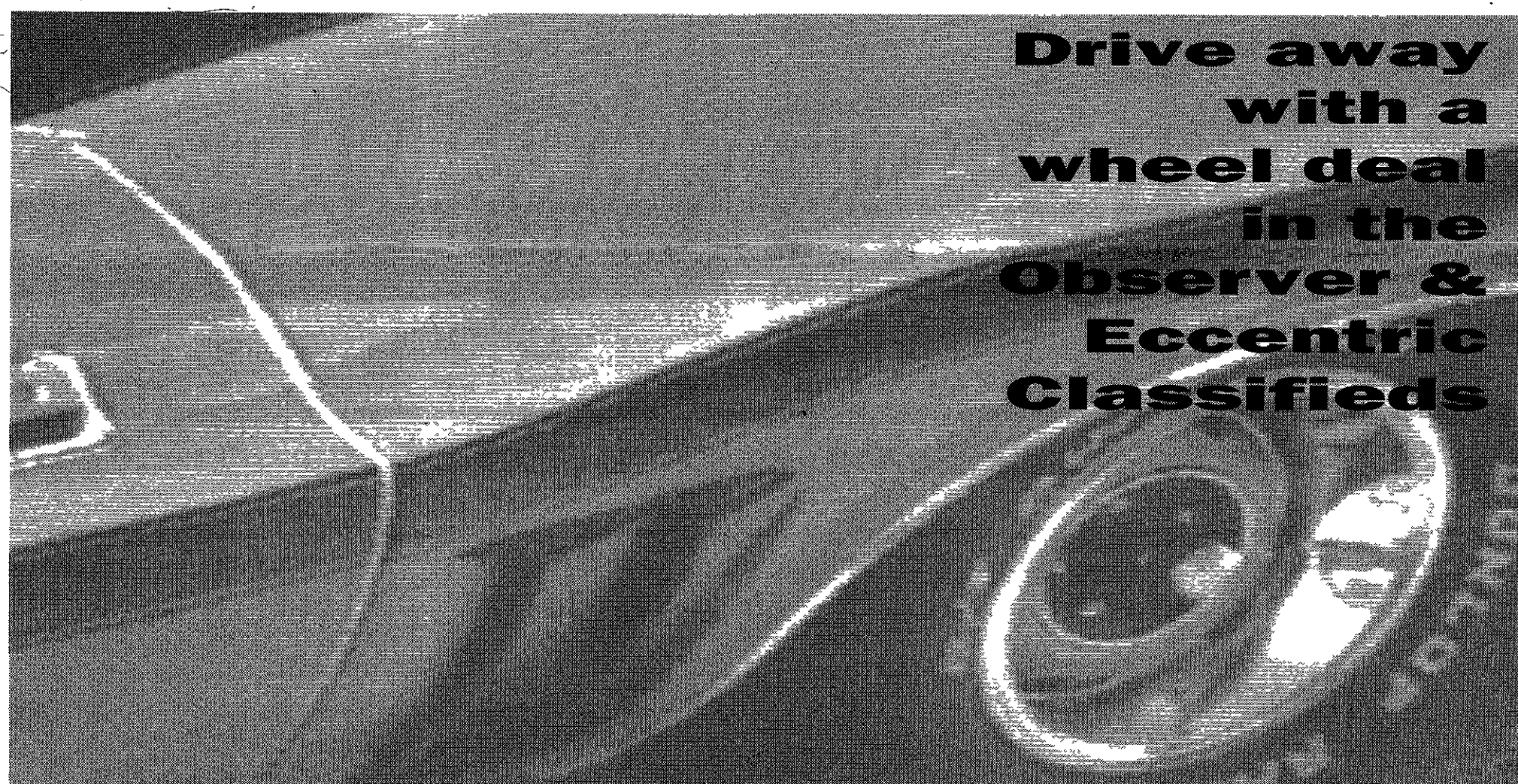
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Automakers let everything shine this year, from the newest and technologically best they could muster, dozens of automobiles and trucks were introduced for the first time. Everyone outdid one another, that's for certain.

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The National Auto Dealers Association has offered some tips that anyone can use to make new car buying easy and a little bit of fun at the same time. Let me pass along some of those tips.

#### Do your homework.

Before you set foot in any new car dealership, do your homework. Determine the type of vehicle that best fits your needs, your wants and especially your lifestyle. Check out NADAguides.com. There you'll find a comprehensive New Car Information Center to help you to choose your ideal ride. It includes a side-by-side comparison tool to let you compare up to four different vehicles on your wish list at the same time. It's a lot easier than visiting a bunch of manufacturer's websites, which can be time-consuming and sometimes a hassle to negotiate.

At that website, you'll also be able to research safety information, read expert reviews and build and price a vehicle by choosing the make, model, color and options that you'd like to place on that vehicle.



Anne Fracassa



The new 2006 Lincoln Zephyr can be seen at Detroit's North American International Auto Show.

#### Check your wallet.

Make a decision on exactly how much you want to spend on a new car or truck and then stick to that monetary amount. If you plan to finance, find out exactly how much you can afford to spend every month. The NADA website can actually help you with that, as well. It has a host of vehicle pricing resources to help you do the math and also has a credit check service area to determine what type of credit you have and what type of loan you could qualify for. Don't forget to factor in any down payments or your trade-in allowance if you have a vehicle you plan to trade. The website will also tell you how much that older vehicle is worth.

Look for any current offers that are allowed by the manufacturers -- like incentives and rebates. Keep in mind that some dealers also have their own incentive programs. Find everything you can to reduce the car's overall purchase price. Be sure to determine the price of the exact features and options you want in advance, because many options and add-ons will increase the amount of money you'll be spending on that vehicle.

#### Get a quote.

Get a price quote from a local dealer. The most convenient way to get that quote is to submit a new car purchase request online at the NADA website. Your official request will be routed to a local dealer in your area who can provide you with a quick and easy price quote over the phone or through your email. Be sure to ask the dealer if the vehicle you're interested in buying is available at the dealership ahead of time. If that dealership doesn't have the car in inventory, they can locate a car at another dealership for you.

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This is really important. Do not purchase a vehicle you haven't take for a test drive. No amount of time

you spend online researching a vehicle can take the place of experiencing an actual, physical test drive. From comfort to back seat room to headroom, all that has to be taken into account before you purchase a vehicle. You can test drive any new vehicle at a local dealership. You could also ask a friend or family member who has the car you're interested in to take their car for a ride. You can also rent a vehicle with similar options and take a day or two to spend some quality time examining and evaluating the vehicle before you make your final decision. A test drive is very, very important, so take the time and do it right.

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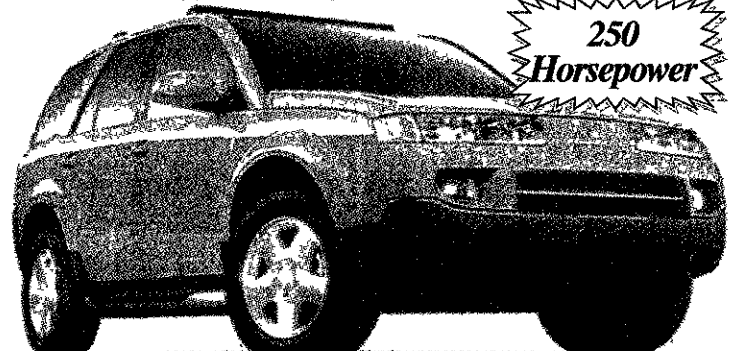
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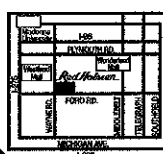
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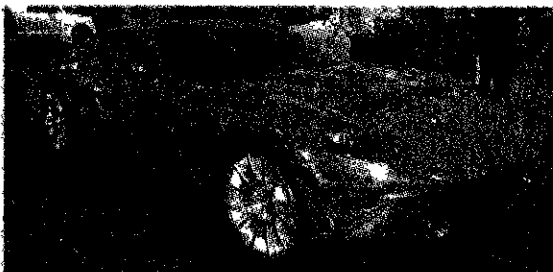
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Chrysler's 300M is this year's Car of the Year.  
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The GMC Graphyte concept vehicle is a refined SUV.  
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Ford's Shelby GR-1 concept is a rear drive coupe powered by a 605 horsepower, V-10 engine. See page F5



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The Ford GT got a lot of attention at this year's North America International Auto Show.

## Popular designs make a comeback

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

The names are meant to pull at the nostalgic strings of the auto buying public but similarities between new versions of old nameplates tend to end there.

Bill Cook, of Bill Cook Imports in Farmington, served as chairman of this year's North American International Auto Show and said there is a trend toward automakers capitalizing on the retro trend in either name or design.

"The Porsche brand holds a certain emotional connection for people in terms of the sports car image. That can take on a retro feel with cars like the Boxster but really it's all emotional. These new cars are so highly engineered and contain the most modern advances that they are not comparable to the models from 20 or 30 years ago," Cook said.

And with names like Charger, Mustang, Fairlane, Zephyr and GTO the 2005 North American International Auto Show is a showplace for automotive resurrections.

Beginning alphabetically with the Charger, Dodge burst back into the four-door sedan market with a car that looks nothing like its predecessor but promises to perform as well at stop lights and hall a family of four in comfort.

Yeah, it's a Charger  
The new Charger, introduced at the show but available next year comes standard with a 250-horsepower High Output V-6 or an optional 340-Horsepower HEMI.

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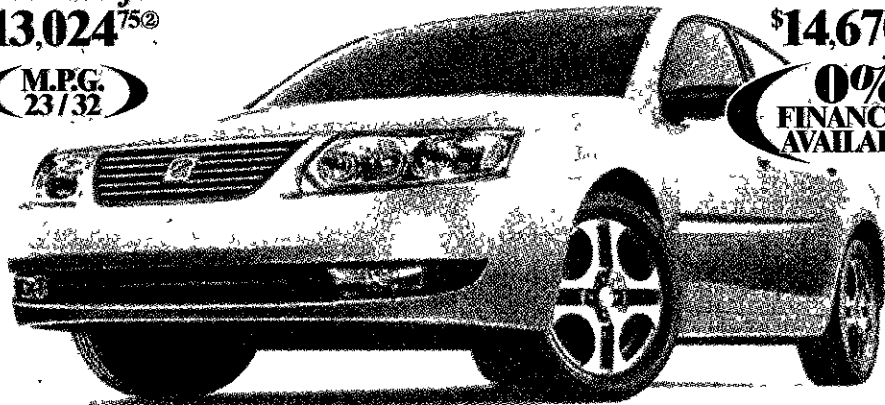


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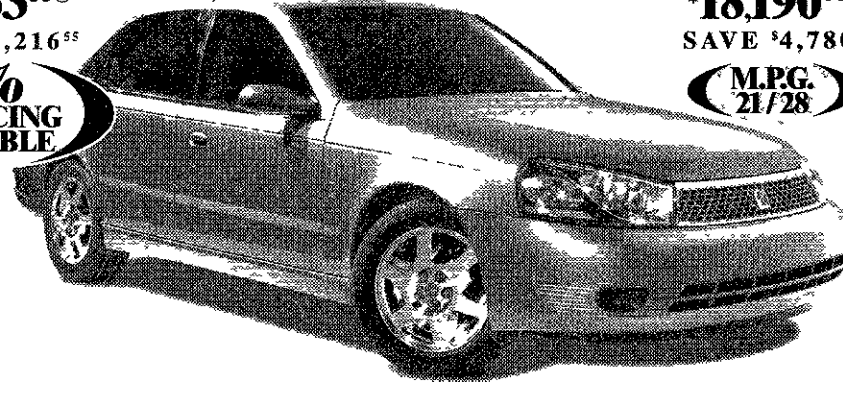
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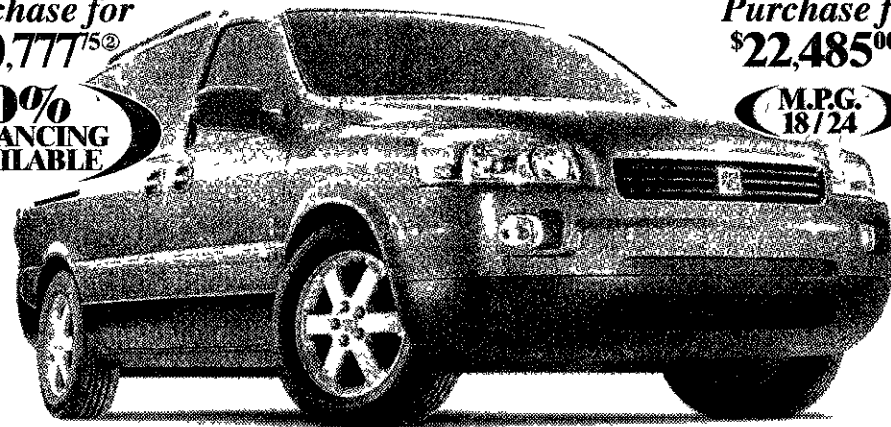
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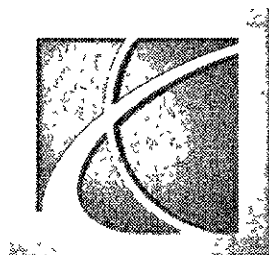
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Chrysler's 300M received this year's Car of the Year Award at the North American International Auto Show.

# Car of the Year: People just love Chrysler's 300M

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

Chrysler's wildly successful 300M should be getting a swelled head. The company's re-entry into the large, rear-wheel-drive market segment was told again how wonderful it is by receiving the North American International Auto Show's Car of the Year Award.

"The Chrysler Group is honored and proud of this award," said Eric Ridenour, Executive Vice President, Product Development. "We believe the Chrysler 300M fully represents our operating philosophy of disciplined pizzazz."

Birmingham's Gordon Rinschler knows a little about the operating philosophy and spent years as the man in charge of

mini van and the Pacifica platforms.

"With the 300M and now with its little brother the Charger I think the company is really hitting on something," Rinschler said.

The NAIAS Car of the Year Award is in addition to being selected *Motor Trend* magazine's Car of the Year as well as top distinctions from *Maxim*, *Money*, *Automobile*, *Car and Driver* and *Advertising Age*.

Fully loaded, the 300M is powered by Chrysler's famed HEMI engine which signifies that the pistons have hemispherical rather than flat design.

It was a favorite among muscle car enthusiasts beginning in the 1950s and ending in the early 1970s.

The new engine is able to boast much of the same horsepower and torque ratings as the old at 340 and 390.

The NAIAS award isn't just another compliment though. For dealers it can add a little extra push on the showroom floor.

"We've seen an increase since the announcement. People just love this car," said Dave Galdes of Livonia Chrysler-Jeep.

At this point, Chrysler's problem isn't making people love the 300M, it's providing enough of them to go around.

"The car is just selling fantastic. We don't have enough of them and that's a good problem to have," Galdes said.

That love is also tearing drivers away from old flames.

"We see a lot of import buyers coming in for 300Ms. People driving Cadillac's, and Audi's want the horsepower and performance this car has," Galdes said.

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## Many European automakers plan slew of new models

BY DAVID RUNK  
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Following a year that saw their U.S. sales drop 4 percent overall, many European automakers are introducing a slew of new models in 2005 as part of an effort to reverse the slide and revive their brands.

They're using the North American International Auto Show to showcase new vehicles ranging from the new Volkswagen Jetta and the Land Rover Sport to the second-generation Mercedes-Benz M-Class and Porsche's new 911 Cabriolet.

The European automakers didn't have many new models on the market last year, and the aging lineup contributed to the sales decline, said Jeff Schuster, executive director of global forecasts for J.D. Power and Associates.

The introductions are a must if the European automakers hope to reverse the trend, Schuster said.

Audi is planning to revamp its U.S. offerings with five models in the next seven months. And Volkswagen this month has been showing off its Jetta - the first of nine new models in the next 18 months - as it works to return to its performance-car roots and revive sales.

Len Hunt, executive vice president of Volkswagen of America, said the automaker's customers want "dynamic German-engineered driving experience with European flair."

Land Rover, which is part of Ford Motor Co.'s Premier Automotive Group, showed off its new Range Rover Sport and 2006 Range Rover, which will soon join its Land Rover LR3 sport utility vehicle in dealer showrooms.

The Ford Premiere division's Volvo, which saw U.S. sales up 3 percent in 2004, and Jaguar, which was down 16 percent, both are planning new models in the coming years to try to strengthen the brands. Those include the C30, which will be Volvo's smallest car and is expected to be introduced in late 2006.

Other automakers, such as BMW, are in a better position going into the year after its U.S. sales rose 7 percent.

BMW Group chairman Helmut Panke said the company plans to continue to bring a broad range of products to market. And Tom Purves, who leads the automaker's North American operations, said making new models available played a key role in the company's 13-year streak of sales increases in the United States.

Mercedes-Benz showed off its new M-Class, one of four new Mercedes models this year. Its U.S. sales were up 1 percent in 2004, but the gain came as the division of DaimlerChrysler AG suffered from weaker sales in Western Europe.

Audi chairman Martin Winterkorn said 2004 was a year where the company faced tough competition for its cars in the

PLEASE SEE EUROPEAN, F4

## Product launches generate excitement

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER



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Mercedes M-Class is one of the new vehicles being introduced by European automakers.

The North American International Auto Show generates more industry excitement, and new vehicle launches, than any other show on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

This year's show featured everything from a new world class SUV offered by Mercedes, a genuine supercar from Ferrari, to Pontiac division's first SUV, the Torrent.

"We're very excited about both the G-6 and the Torrent," said Jim Druce of Red Holman Pontiac in Westland.

"This is an excellent SUV and one I think will be a hit."

The G-6 is a new Pontiac passenger car and will come in a four-place hardtop and

retractable convertible version.

The G-6 is powered by 3.5 liter, 200 horsepower V-6 engine.

The Torrent represents an entirely new direction for Pontiac. It's the largest of the midsize multipurpose vehicles in its class with a 112-inch wheelbase.

The Torrent is based on the same platform as Chevy's Equinox.

Chevy is adding a new twist to it's Impala by offering the first ever front drive V-8 in the historic nameplate.

Ferrari's Superamerica convertible coupe was a crowd pleaser with its pivoting, retractable hard top.

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## COMEBACK

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For the diehard Mopar fanatic who feels the new four-door Charger strays too far from its muscle car roots the stats tell a different story.

"We're dying for this car to get here," said Joe Himmelsbach of Crestwood Dodge in Garden City. "We really need a full sized four-door and people already want this car."

The 5.7 liter Hemi V-8 is rated at 340-horsepower with an impressive 390-foot-pounds of torque. Squeezed into a 2,000-pound car that equates to a 0-60 mph time of six seconds.

Besides having two more doors than the original street machine Charger, the '06 also boasts a host of technological features.

Borrowing from a Cadillac concept in the mid-eighties, the new Charger attacks fuel economy by using only the cylinders it needs to get the job done.

**LIL GTO**

Introduced last year but with new life this year is Pontiac's GTO.

Departing strongly from the look of the original large, two-door Tempest-based 1964 version, the new GTO is a short, low two door more closely resembling a Sunfire than a mid-sized car.

But like the original the GTO is about muscle.

New to the GTO this year is a 400-horsepower engine with an equal 400-foot-pounds of torque.

One interesting aspect of the new generation GTO is that a buyer would need to step to some very pricey foreign offerings from Italy or Germany to be able to purchase a car with true dual exhaust.

"Anyone who has ever heard a classic GTO knows that distinctive 'sound,'" said Lynn Myers, Pontiac-GMC general manager. "It's very much a part of the character of both the GTO and Pontiac, so we knew we had to recreate that same feeling in the modern version."

Mechanically, the exhaust system on the GTO consists of two completely independent exhaust paths that run from the manifolds to the outlet pipes, ensuring there is no mixture of exhaust gases. However, creating the necessary "voice" of the vehicle required much more than simple mechanics.

Dealers like Jim Druce of Red Holman Pontiac in Westland are glad the new GTO looks nothing like the original.

"You would get a few guys in here who remember the original and they'd buy one but it would end there. This is really a flag ship kind of car for us and not something meant to be sold in mass quantities. I think the 400-horsepower offering certainly deserves some respect and the car is well received by the public," he said.

## LEGENDS RESURRECTED

Already on the streets but shown at Cobo in several trim levels including full-race is the next generation Ford Mustang.

With it's fast back and rear window styling the car is an obvious resurrection of the over popular original.

With its road rally lights, blackout grille and reconfigured tail lights, the Mustang is even more reminiscent of the race/street versions converted for Ford in the 1960s by motor sports legend Carol Shelby.

"This is a car the public has loved for years and the new design is really striking a cord with the public," said Mike Schriebe of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

The Ford Shelby GR-1 concept is retro primarily in name but with its aluminum body and 6.4 liter, 605-horsepower V-10 power plant it better represents the future of high performance for Ford.

Ford unveiled its supercar, the GT. Heavily inspired by the original Ferrari-eating GT-40 of 1966, the new GT powered by Ford's mid-mounted MOD 5.4-liter supercharged V8 the GT boasts 550 horsepower and 500 pound-feet of torque.

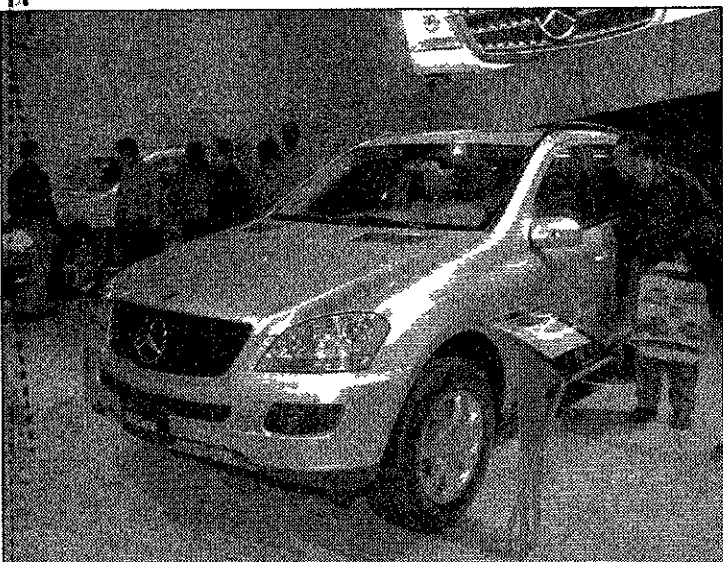
Ford also resurrected an old nameplate with a new Lincoln Zepher on display at Cobo.

Other than a Mercury version from the mid seventies that the company would rather forget, the new Zepher is Lincoln's mid-sized luxury sedan.

The Zephyr's interior sports real wood, brushed metal trim and leather and is powered by a 210-horsepower, 3.0-liter V6 engine. All-wheel drive will be available a year after launch.

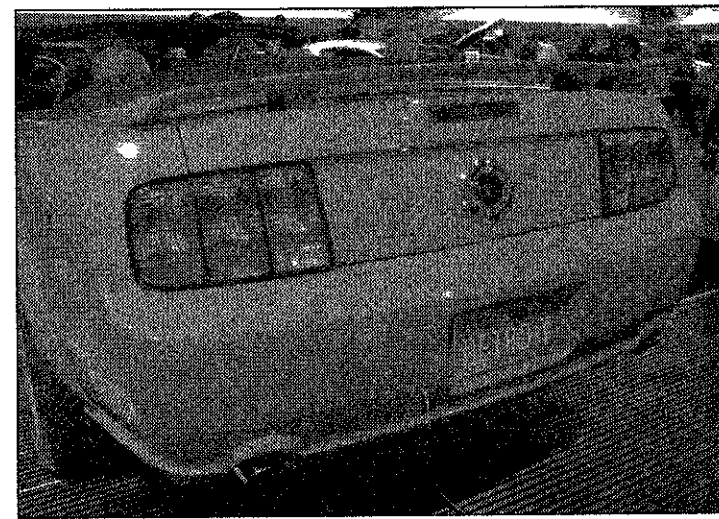
"The Zephyr shows luxury in a smaller package than our traditional Lincolns and will attract a new generation of customers," said Greg Smith, Ford executive vice president and president of North and South America operations.

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The rear of the new Mustang is reminiscent of the '60s era Shelby Mustang GT 350 and 500.



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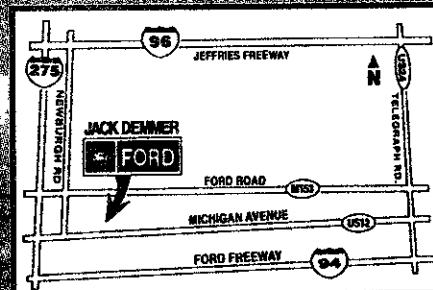
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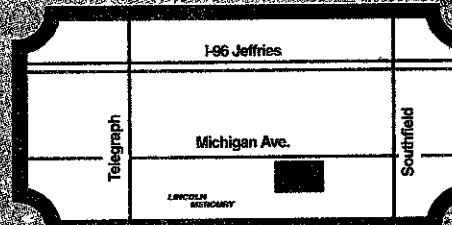
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DaimlerChrysler's Smart brand represents a completely new concept in personal transportation for the American market.

# High gasoline prices fuel interest in hybrids

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

North America.

For the romantic car enthusiast it's a land of long, open roads where size matters and horsepower rules supreme.

But for the realist it's a place where high gas prices and congested streets and freeways are more the rule, not the exception.

Automakers at this year's North American International Auto Show seem to be understanding the realist's point of view as several manufacturers

are either launching, preparing to launch or celebrated the success of various alternatives to the traditional internal combustion gasoline engine.

## AND THE WINNER IS

Ford will likely capture the most attention for hybrid products since its Escape hybrid SUV was voted NAIAS Truck of the year.

The Escape is the company's entry-level SUV and represents the company's first hybrid vehicle.

In addition to being a clean

running vehicle, the Escape hybrid earned a federal distinction for highest fuel economy averaging 36 mpg city and 31 mpg on the highway in two-wheel-drive mode.

"My great-grandfather's vision was to provide affordable transportation for the world. I want to expand that vision for the 21st century and provide transportation that is affordable in every sense of the word - socially and environmentally, as well as economically," said Ford Motor Company Chairman

**'My great-grandfather's vision was to provide affordable transportation for the world. I want to expand that vision for the 21st century and provide transportation that is affordable in every sense of the word - socially and environmentally, as well as economically. That means vehicles that are safe, clean and energy efficient.'**

Bill Ford  
Ford Motor Co. chairman and CEO

and CEO Bill Ford. "That means vehicles that are safe, clean and energy efficient."

The Mercury Mariner hybrid will be ready for customers later this year. Ford Motor Company's hybrid commitment expands to five models on the road in three years. The company will build three more hybrid-electric vehicles in the next three years - The Ford Fusion, Mercury Milan and Mazda Tribute.

## NOT TO BE OUTDONE

General Motors showed off its hybrid brain power in the new Sequel.

A cross between mini van, wagon and passenger car, the Sequel is comparable in size to the Cadillac SRX.

Powered by a fuel cell module, the Sequel is capable of a 0 to 60 mph time of 10 seconds.

"The system design has evolved and the components are becoming simpler, which

is helping drive down the cost of technology and bringing us one step closer to reality," said Daniel O'Connell, head of GM Fuel Cell Product Engineering.

## THE SMART SET

DaimlerChrysler's Smart brand made its first appearance at the NAIAS this year.

The small, uniquely shaped vehicles are not hybrids per say but do represent a completely new concept in personal transportation for the American market.

Already a hit in Europe where gas prices are high and driving and parking space is limited, Smart offers a line-up of small eight-foot-long compacts powered by three-cylinder engines.

Smart vehicles represent an entry into the Mercedes Benz line-up. The company's Fortwo is a two passenger, turbo-assisted coupe with a top speed of 84 mph and aver-

age fuel economy of 50 mpg.

"We think the trend in North America will soon be less is more," said Mark Ramsey, product manager for Smart. "It's not always about how fast you go but about how you feel driving."

Smart cars feature flexible body panels and offer owners a variety of color options and design configurations.

Ramsey said the company is also very proud of its turbo diesel Fortwo CDI with an average 60 mpg.

"This is really a small, high tech diesel and something we think will help to dispel the American concept that diesels are dirty and slow," Ramsey said.

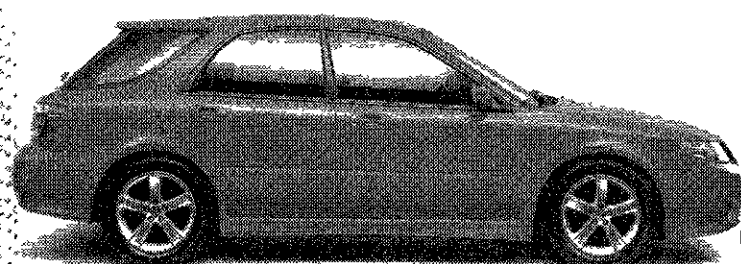
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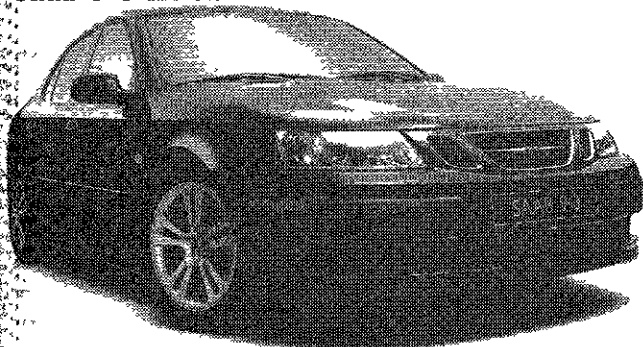
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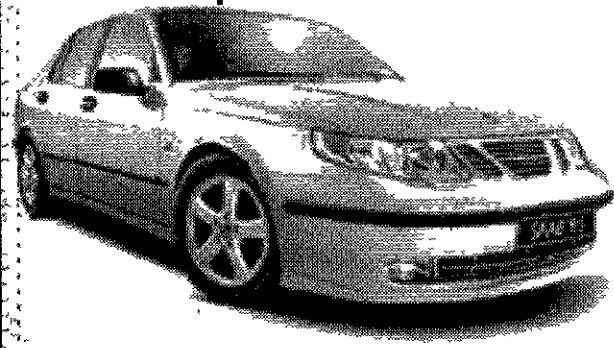
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North American market from SUVs and pickup trucks. But he says its new lineup is the most comprehensive overhaul in its history.

Even with new models coming to market, some such as German luxury automaker Porsche AG say they aren't focusing wholly on sales. Last year, the company said its North

American sales rose 11 percent to more than 33,000 - breaking a record set in 1986 - as its U.S. sales jumped about 10 percent.

"We will not push Porsches into the market by means of discounts. ... A Porsche must and will always remain a scarce asset in great demand," said chief executive Wendelin Wiedeking.





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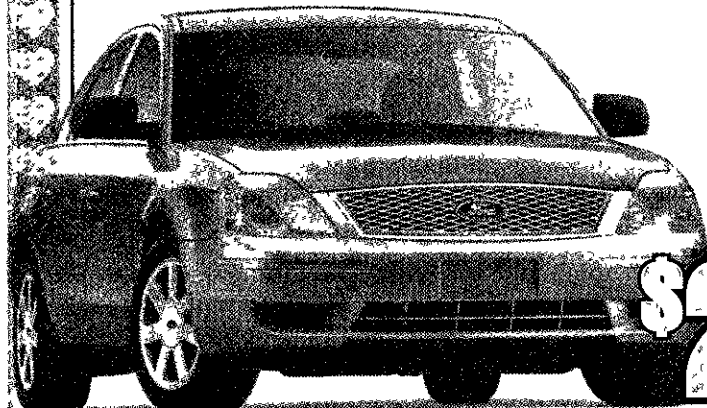
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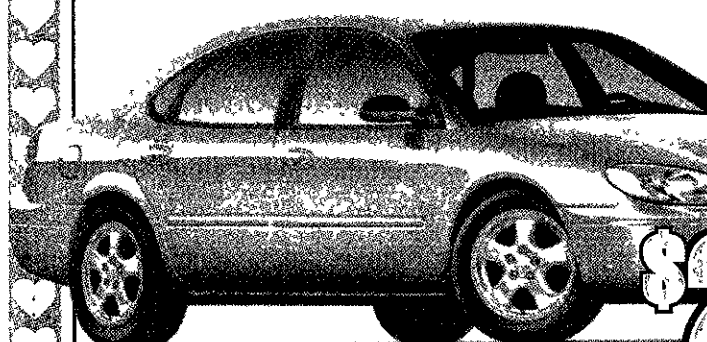
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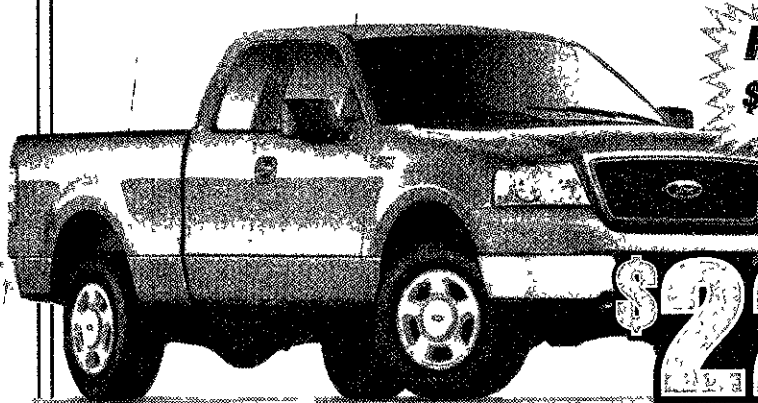
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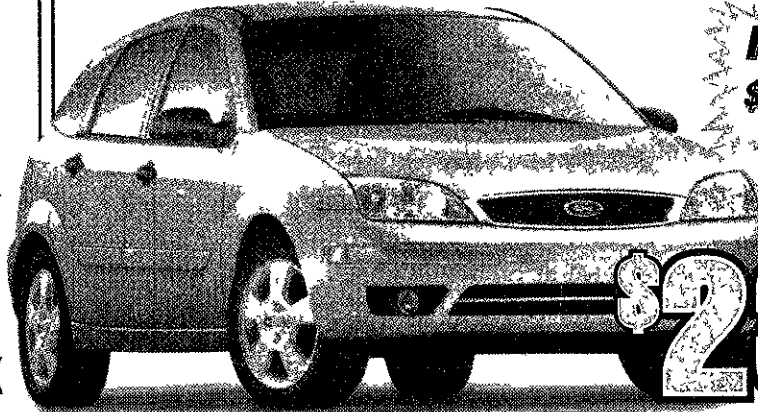
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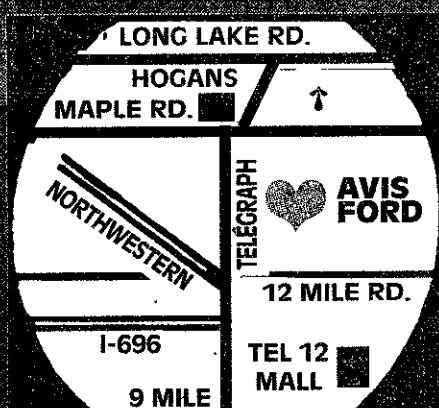


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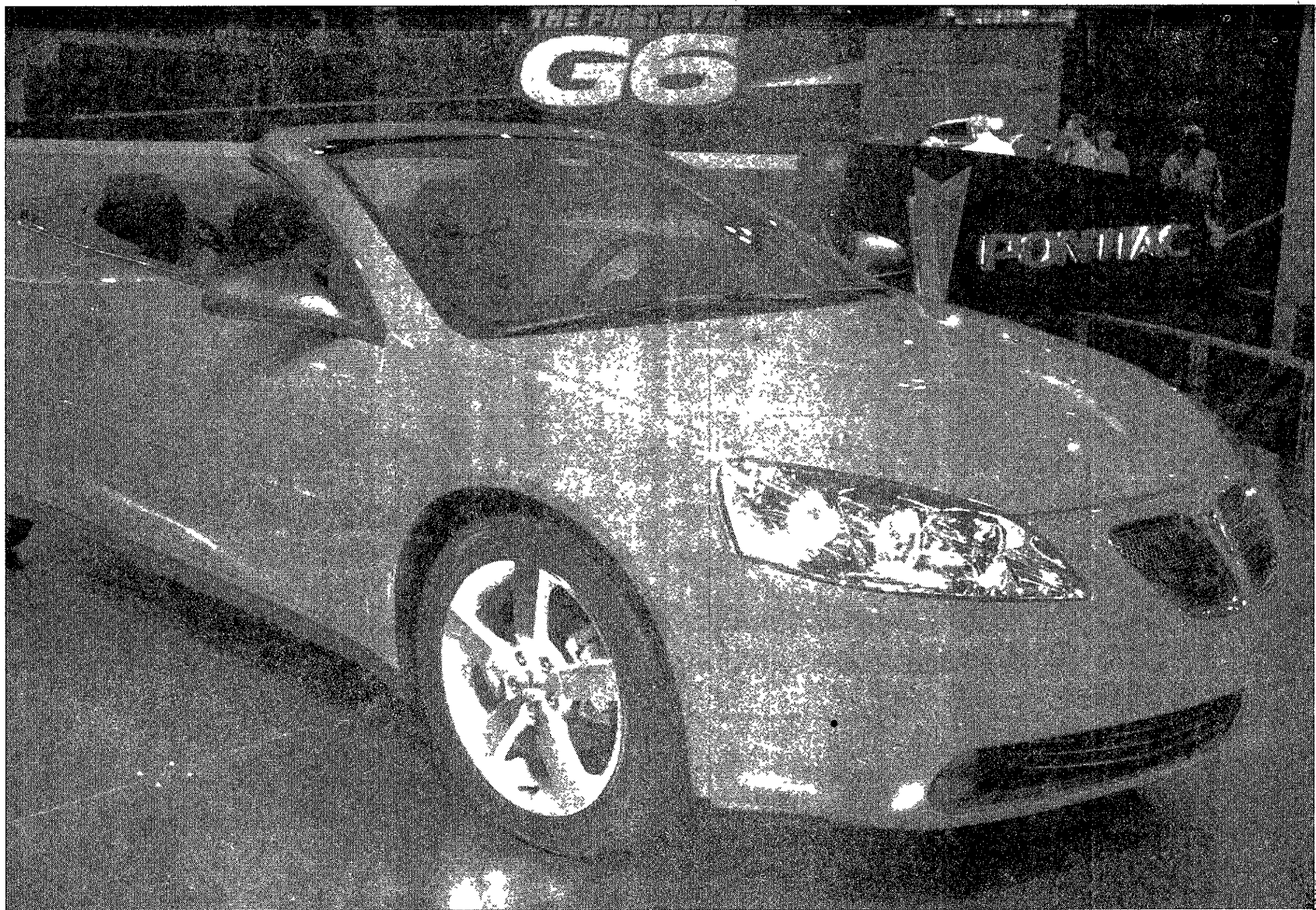


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The Pontiac G6 is built in Orion Township. It's one of the new models the Big Three hope will fuel their success in 2005.

## Top automakers pledge U.S. sales growth from new vehicles

BY JOHN PORRETTO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The world's top automakers used one of the industry's biggest stages in recent days to roll out their latest cars and trucks, at the same time pledging to use the fresh offerings to attract greater numbers of new customers and expand their businesses.

Here's the rub: The math doesn't add up.

Many analysts and top automotive executives say the U.S. market in 2005 is likely to be flat, maybe even down a bit, from a solid sales year in 2004. However, growth was a common theme among automakers, particularly Asians and Europeans, during media preview week for the North American International Auto Show.

But across-the-board growth is highly unlikely.

Many observers predict Asian brands such as Toyota and Honda will continue their assault on Detroit's Big Three in 2005. Asked Monday if General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, can grow its business in the United States this year after watching it fall 1.4 percent in 2004, Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said, "We can. We're going to try."

That said, much of the buzz around this week's show was the continued onslaught of new products from Asian and European automakers, some of which will compete in categories dominated for years by American brands.

A bright spot for Detroit's Big Three was good reviews for several important products introduced in Detroit.

Chris Ceraso, an analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston, in particular liked the looks of Saturn's Aura "concept" car, which the GM brand says provides a peek at its upcoming replacement for the L-Series mid-size sedan. The car is expected to join Saturn's revamped lineup in 2006, sharing the underpinnings of other midsize models such as the Pontiac G6 and Saab 9-3.

Ceraso also was bullish on Ford Motor Co.'s new Ford Fusion midsize sedan, an important car for the company that fits between the Focus and new Five-Hundred flagship sedan. It will compete against models such as the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, the top-selling cars in America last year.

Another Big Three vehicle that attracted attention was Chrysler's new Dodge Charger, a high-performance

sedan that takes its name from a muscle car of the '60s. The Charger, part of a product offensive at the U.S.-based division of DaimlerChrysler AG that includes 25 new or redesigned vehicles by the end of 2006, is scheduled to go on sale this summer.

"I think the Charger will do well," said Jesse Toprak, senior analyst for Edmunds.com, an independent company that provides online automotive information. "It still has a loyal following from way back when."

Much of the media attention at the show surrounded the Asians and Europeans. Honda Motor Co., for example, unveiled its first pickup, the Ridgeline, which is clearly aimed at the midsize truck market that for years was Detroit's domain.

Hoping to revive demand for its flagship Avalon sedan, whose North American sales were off 28 percent last year, Toyota Motor Corp. debuted a redesigned version in Detroit. Toyota also plans to increase the number of gas-electric hybrid vehicles it allocates for the United States, expanding its lead in that category.

While the winners and losers among the automakers will emerge as the year unfolds, Toprak said a certain winner is the American consumer. He

said buyers can expect to find continued rebates and financing offers on many models in the ultra-competitive marketplace, and the choices will be broader than ever.

"Many automakers are going for more limited production runs to capture those specialized segments," he said. "That means more new models. It used to be compact cars, mid-

size cars, trucks and SUVs. Now some vehicles are hard to categorize. But with all the new products, the consensus is it's a great time to be a consumer."

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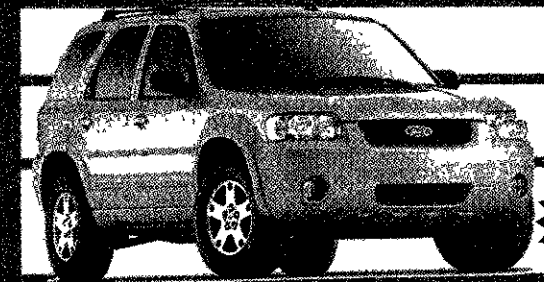
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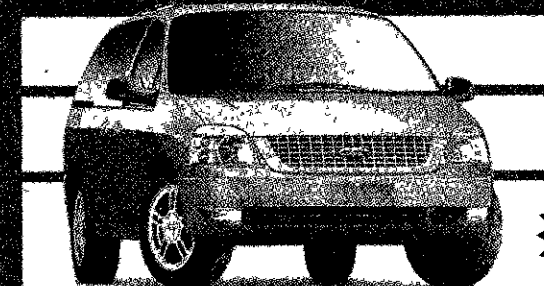
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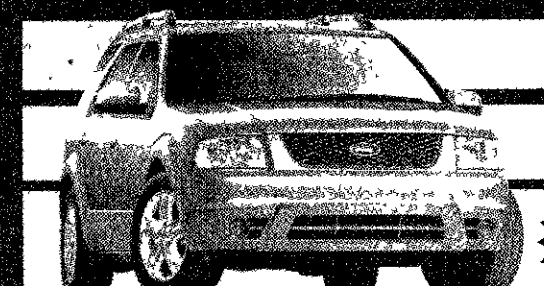
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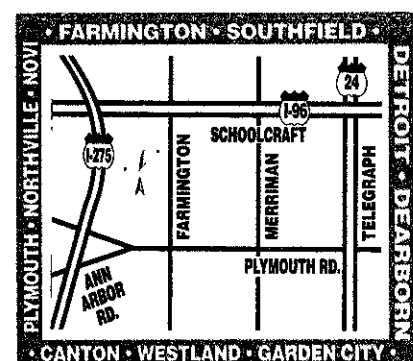
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*stylish storage solutions*

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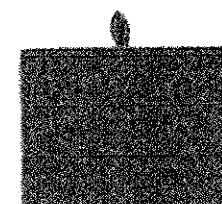
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Reso-who? Where to start on this trek to getting your life in shape? With your closets.

Here, some stylish solutions for getting everything in fashionable order.

Check out **PotteryBarn.com** for crisp and clean storage totes and boxes. Store photos and all those holiday decorations, ornaments and more in fun, red Trim Storage Boxes (\$9-\$20). Canvas Utility Totes are also great for throwing in everything from shoes to magazines to books and receipts (\$10-\$40). They collapse flat when not in use and have a machine-washable cover and a label holder to note contents so you'll never be left wondering what the heck is in that mystery box.

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Good luck and may it be a beautiful and smartly organized 2005!

Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine **BussBuss.com** and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories. Got an online shopping question? Ask [kelly@bussbuss.com](mailto:kelly@bussbuss.com)!



## Artrageous 2005

Fanclub Arts Foundation will present Artrageous 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road. Artrageous will feature live entertainment, local art, delectable food, a live auction and jewelry, handbags and art for sale. A live fashion show will showcase clothing from Dolce Moda, along with "wearable art" created by students. Tickets are \$100, benefiting the Fanclub Arts Foundation. For tickets or information, call 248-584-4150.

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## Fashion Show Benefit

Portofino Salon & Spa will be "giving their hearts to St. Jude's" this Valentine's Day and is hoping the public will do the same by attending its Spring Fashion Show Preview at the Hilton Detroit/Troy hotel in Troy to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 7 p.m. Feb. 9. The evening will include an energy-packed Spring preview of hair colors and styles with fashion, dancing and singing, along with hors d'oeuvres, one free cocktail, after-show dancing with D.J. Joe Caradonna, and a silent auction. The latest hair care and skin care products will be on sale. Tickets, \$60 can be purchased at Portofino Salon & Spa, 2559 Livernois, Troy or online at [www.salonportofino.com](http://www.salonportofino.com).

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Sales, sales, sales  
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## On the Cover

Teri Hatcher looks fabulous in a metallic stretch Donna Karan gown as she clutches her Golden Globe award in the press room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Hatcher won for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series for her role as Susan Mayer in *Desperate Housewives*. For more fashion from the 62nd Annual Golden Globes, see Page 7.

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Katja Knupfer, an attorney from Bloomfield, wears a unique dress from an Indian wedding, complete with themed touches like delicate gold bangles and a bindhi on her forehead.

# GLAM

*Glitter and glitz were in high*

**E**ach year, the North American Charity Preview gala. The price — a sneak peek at the sphere of champagne and glamour. nothing is too fancy to wear to the p in full evening gowns. Auto industry e dance as people come from around Motor City. Best of all, the gala raises has contributed more than \$51 million Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan c The NAIAS closes today at 7 p.m.



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Heather and John George of Lovio George Inc. enjoy a taste of champagne.

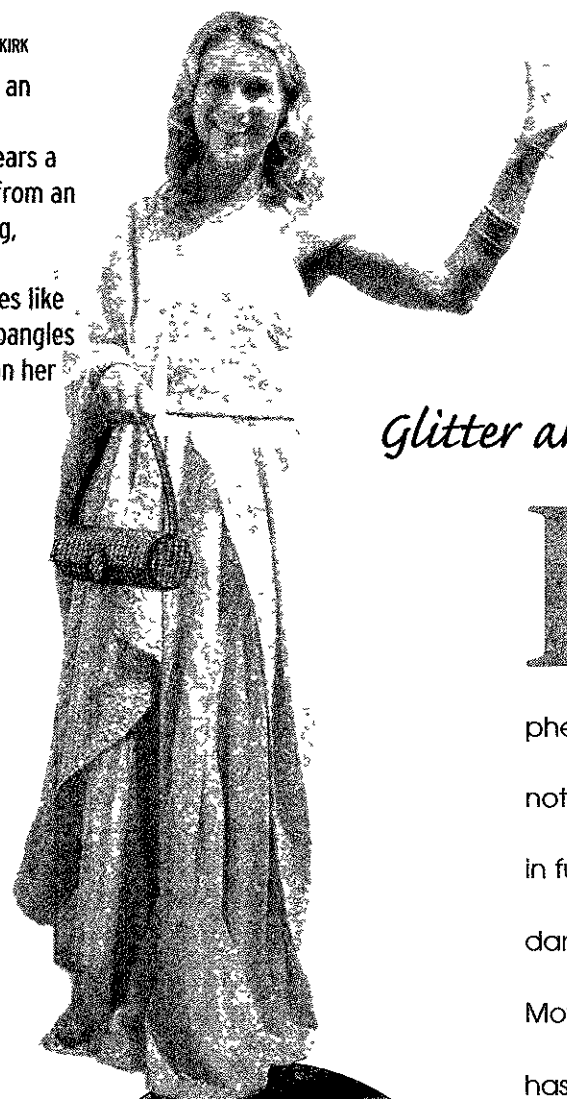


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From left, John Davis, CFO of Wayne State University, enjoys the show with his wife, Lizzie, and Kiko and Don Davis, CEO of First Independence Bank.



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Actor Jeff Daniels and Governor Jennifer Granholm pause backstage.



Bill Ford Jr. and NAIAS laughs as the gala gets



# OROUS GALA

## *gear at the auto show charity kick-off*

International Auto Show rolls into Detroit with a fabulous  
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xcutives, suppliers and insiders make up the bulk of atten-  
ne world to celebrate all things auto in the heart of the  
money for good causes. Since its inception in 1976, the event  
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Karen Neuman sings the national anthem to open the NAIAS gala.

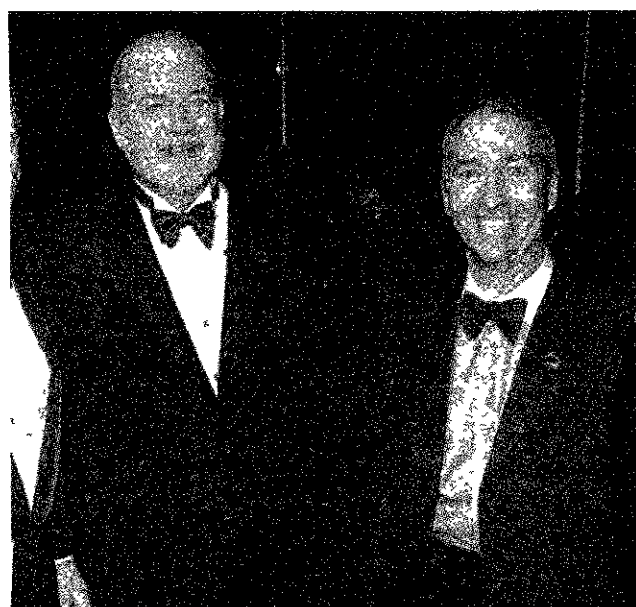


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, Co-Chairs Bill Cook and Richard Genthe share some  
ts under way.



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Legendary Motown Singer Martha Reeves  
with a bomb sniffing dog who also got into  
the fashionable spirit of the night.



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Lear Company's Lisa Fraser looks fabulous in a metallic fuchsia tea-length gown with a flared skirt, while her husband Roger complements her in a traditional tux.



# pink picks

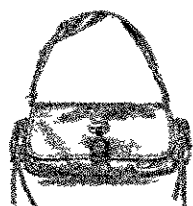
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*The Bachlorette* with Jen Scheft

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*Baby I'm Back* by Baby Bash

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Glogg

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## Use It!

Rechargeable batteries for all your personal gadgets

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Book a couple's spa day for Valentine's Day

## Experience It!

Fanclub Arts Foundation Artrageous! 2005 at the American Center 1/29 at 7.30 p.m.

## Bridal Boot Camp

For a healthy happily ever after

Planning a wedding but freaking out because you don't feel — or look — ready to walk down the aisle? Get a jump-start on whipping yourself into shape with an all-day Bridal Boot Camp presented by Personal Trainer Jennifer Gray.

Gray has called in a team of pros to meet at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester on Feb. 5 and offer complete mind and body makeovers for all who sign up for the \$500 workshop. The event includes personalized fitness evaluations, nutrition and skin care consultations, hair and makeup demos, fashion advice, dance lessons, wedding planning guidance and menu tips, along with numerous fitness classes.

Brides-to-be will arrive at 6 a.m. sharp, and leave at 9:30 p.m. armed with a wedding prep plan created just for them.

Gray, who holds a degree in Exercise Science from Oakland University, trains one-on-one with clients throughout the metro area but decided to bring her talents to a wider audience by creating Bridal Boot Camp.

"Everyone cannot afford to seek a con-

sultation with a fitness expert, a nutritionist or stylist so I gathered them together for one day," she said.

Gray will evaluate each bride-to-be and provide workout and nutritional recommendations customized for their wedding day goals. Throughout the day, she will also lead classes in cardio circuit, bosu ball, fit ball, band and toning. Noted dietician Gail Posner will present information on deciphering labels and meal planning.

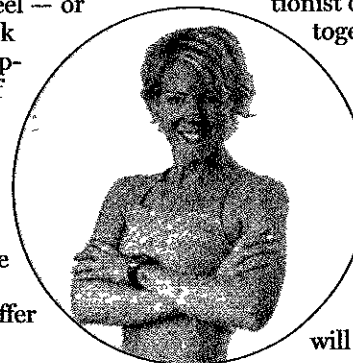
Skin care expert Margo Kohler from Margo's European Day Spa will give

skin care dos and don'ts, while London Hair Company and Todd's Room step in with make-up and hair instructions.

The beauty boot camp will continue with a presentation on the latest hair trends for the big day by Keith Harris — stylist to stars like Shania Twain, Penelope Cruz and Pamela Anderson.

Brides will also receive practical advice on relaxing before and during the wedding, along with dance lessons.

For more information on Bridal Boot Camp, call 248-761-2321 or visit [www.getaway4brides.com](http://www.getaway4brides.com).



Trainer Jennifer Gray will whip you in shape for your wedding at her Bridal Boot Camp.

## Come on Sista, Find Your Sole!

Trod on over to downtown Northville's newest boutique

By k. Photo by J.L. Von Buskirk

The far West Side just got a little more groovy with the recent opening of Sole Sisters on North Center Street in downtown Northville. Look for the single purple door and step through to discover a superior selection of very wearable and eclectic footwear from hard-to-find brands like Biviell, LaCoste and S. Edelman (formerly Sam & Libby), as well as faves including BCBG Girls and Franco Sarto.

This is the first franchise for Sole Sisters, opened by new owners Lauren and Bob Beras, who branched off from the original, which has graced the corner of Fourth and Washington in Royal Oak for nearly two years.

Count on Sole Sisters to offer not-so-run-of-the mill handbags like those by a local Livonia designer made from vintage records, and jewelry by the likes of Kitty Delux and Love Linkz. Owner Lauren is hoping to add the fun, sporty and uber-

hip PUMA line to round out her selection very soon.

Sole Sisters' wise array of merchandise all seems lovingly at home in its new cozy space, which features exposed brick mixed with corrugated sheet metal walls in a 178-year-old building smack in the middle of Northville's Historic District. The shop will perfectly suit Sole Sisters' signature Shoe Parties, which any customer can book to provide a soiree-style shopping experience with wine and cheese and a bonus 10 percent discount!

Service is stellar, selection is varied and ambiance is funky-boutique-meets-vintage-apartment chic. Saunter into Sole Sisters Northville and discover your new fave footwear boutique that'll have you enjoying the spirit of shopping beyond the same-old found at the mall.

Sole Sisters Women's Shoes and Accessories is located at 142 North Center Street, Northville. Call 248-348-9270.



Check out Sole Sisters, Northville, where the boots are on sale, and the handbags are divine.

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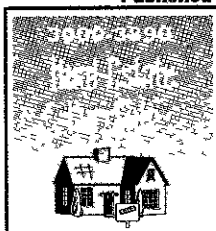
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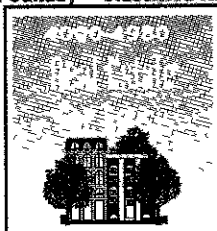
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# Sexy 'Desperate Housewives' rule the Golden Globes red carpet

By Samantha Critchell ■ AP Fashion Editor

The stars pulled out their party clothes for the Golden Globes Sunday night, with on-screen boxer Hilary Swank looking like a bronze goddess in a simple-yet-slinky Calvin Klein gown, and all the Desperate Housewives in sexy dresses instead of twin sets and jeans.

Among the ABC series' fashionable stars were Teri Hatcher in a multi-metallic stretch Donna Karan gown with a very low back, braid detailing and hand-cut embroidery, and Felicity Huffman in a formfitting, bronze-beaded gown with a deep V-neck.

Co-star Eva Longoria said she wanted to "do pretty" in a black, cocktail-length dress by Oscar de la Renta with the designer's signature pouffy skirt, since she spends so much time in "va va voom" outfits on her show. And Marcia Cross wore one of the night's biggest trends: a fishtail train.

Cate Blanchett kept the train of her lilac Jean-Paul Gaultier gown under control by holding the end in her hand. The dress, with its floral appliques and asymmetrical shape, fit the carefree mood of the Globes.

"This event is a lot more playful than a lot of the other awards. It's loose and lighthearted, and the dresses reflect that," said designer Monique Lhuillier, who made Diane Lane's jade chiffon gown with jade organic stone clusters at the neckline.

Lhuillier said silk chiffon, soft colors and metallics were popular.

Nicole Kidman, however, went bright in a Gucci dress with a blue peacock feather detail on her shoulder, and Charlize Theron wore a structured dark teal gown by John Galiano for Christian Dior that played up her new short dark hair.

"The dress is such an amazing color," said Shane Paish, makeup artist for Dior. "I didn't want to do anything too strong. I wanted to keep her looking like herself," he said, which was done with dewy skin and peachy colors.

Emmy Rossum, who plays Christine in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, wore a sophisticated Ralph Lauren with tiers of tulle but also looked her age — 18 — thanks to loose hair, delicate Harry Winston drop earrings and the light color of the dress. Meanwhile, Natalie Portman picked up on one of spring's major fashion trends — bohemian chic — in a billowing tank dress with a black beaded cummerbund.

The O.C. star Mischa Barton went for sexy in a halter gown with matching cutouts at her hips; both her dress and makeup was bare.

"The dress is really sexy and we decided to do something a little bit more grown up," makeup artist Nick Barose said. He used pale lilac colors, and a lot of mascara and eyeliner to create dramatic eyes.

"She looked foxy and grownup," he said.

Jennifer Garner, with wavy hair held back with a 12-carat diamond crescent by Harry Winston, had on a siren-red, scoop-neck vintage Valentino that showed off her slim and well-toned back.



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Marcia Cross, Nicolette Sheridan, Felicity Huffman, Teri Hatcher and Eva Longoria represented the glamazon side of Desperate Housewives backstage at the 62nd Annual Golden Globe Awards.

Many gowns had draping and delicate details that will translate well to clothes for average women, said Glamour editor in chief Cindi Leive.

Leive particularly liked Halle Berry's one-shoulder, nude-color gown. "She really looks great. That looks like a dress that'll be knocked off and in the mall in three and a half days."

Swank's gown came to a gathered V in the back. She wore a pony tail, simple Chopard conical diamond drop earrings and sheer makeup.

"We didn't go overboard. ... She looks like a bronze goddess who has the most beautiful skin and who just walked off the beach," described Dior makeup artist Pati Dubroff, who worked with Swank. The only strong makeup was her mascara, which is complemented by praline-colored lip gloss, Dubroff said.

Kate Hudson wore a chocolate brown gown by Versace with a sweetheart strapless neckline and a keyhole cutout on the bodice.

Mariska Hargitay preferred pink. She wore an asymmetrical, dusty-rose satin gown by Vera Wang.

A good black dress always looks great, and among the standouts was Renee Zellweger in a strapless Carolina Herrera dress reminiscent of the 1950s.

Julianna Margulies wore a long, black skirt with a layer of beaded tulle and a white wrap top. "I saw the skirt and I fell in love with it," she said. "It was about trying to find the shirt. I feel glamorous."

Star Jones Reynolds used the word "glamazon" several times as she offered fashion commentary for E! on the red carpet. It's how she described Minnie Driver in a silver, V-neck gown with floral embroidery by Randolph Duke.

TV Guide Channel's Joan and Melissa Rivers, Jones Reynolds' on-air rivals, wore black. The elder Rivers' strapless gown featured fur around the bust and white embroidery on the bodice, while her daughter's gown had a bustier top and jeweled straps.

Most of the red carpet's bling came from dangling earrings, but Jones Reynolds wore a \$7 million diamond brooch from Chopard that was sewn directly onto her sea-foam goddess gown by Kevan Hall.

For men, the most popular look was pairing a regular tie with a tux; it was worn by Leonardo DiCaprio, Orlando Bloom, Ewan McGregor and Denis Leary, whose purple Hugo Boss tie matched the purple gown worn by his wife, screenwriter Ann Lembeck. Jamie Foxx, meanwhile, skipped the tie altogether and wore his midnight-blue shirt open at the collar, and fashion rebel Johnny Depp wore a blue suit and pink tie.

"This is men saying, 'This isn't the Oscars, we're trying to keep this in perspective,'" said Glamour's Leive. "It's the evening version of men wearing their shirts untucked during the day."

Associated Press writer Beth Harris contributed to this report.



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