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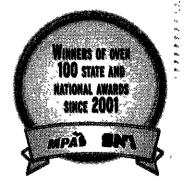
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Parents and children explore their way through the human body exhibits during the open house for the fifth birthday party celebration of the Exploration Station at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton.

# Happy birthday to good health

### **Exploration Station celebrates 5th** anniversary with healthy party

Saint Joseph Mercy's Exploration Station celebrated its fifth anniversary this week, and marked the occasion with a birthday-style party on Thursday, More than 50 children helped the museum celebrate the occasion, which featured cake and other refreshments.

Located in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton, the Exploration Station is a popular site for school field trips, and features educational displays, including a larger-than-life human body, which children can walk, crawl and slide through. Other displays allow children to hear their own heart beat, test their muscle strength, and see how germs

It's all part of teaching children how to live healthy, according to Cheryl Phillips, who coordinates the museum's programs.

"Everything is related to human

'We teach about prevention, so we can give children the knowledge they need to grow up and become healthy adults.'

**Cheryl Phillips** Museum program coordinator

health," she said. "We teach about prevention, so we can give children the knowledge they need to grow up and become healthy adults.'

Saint Joseph Mercy Health Center is located at 1600 S. Canton Center. For more information about the Exploration Station, visit www.healthexplorationstation.com.



Justin Miller, 31/2, and his mother, Elissa, watch the heart above them light up with Justin's heartbeat.

### Talent show lets students shine on stage

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

It's just what Brad and Stephanie Naberhaus needed as the morning of their first talent show dawned - a storm that would eventually drop about a foot of snow on the area.

Nobody could have blamed the Naberhauses, who now run Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems, Inc. in Plymouth Township, for being nervous about how the day would go.

They needn't have worried. The sixth annual "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent show, which features all the talents of the clinic's special-needs students, went off with nary a hitch,

despite the best efforts of Mother Nature.

"We were so nervous, because people were starting to call to ask if we were still having it," Stephanie Naberhaus said. "Everyone puts in so much time, makes plans, and grandparents were coming. We had to have it on that day, because it would have been too difficult to reschedule. We decided to have it, because everyone looks forward to it."

For the first five years, the show was run by Stephanie's parents, former clinic directors Lorraine and Don Zaksek. The idea, of course, is to allow the kids to shine and to show they can go on to



JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Barbara Wilson's 6-year-old daughter, Kira, runs to her with a gift of a rose at the 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' talent show.

# District requires **MEAPS**

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton 11th-graders will be required to take the MEAP tests in order to graduate and receive their high school diplo-

The Board of Education passed the new policy Tuesday night in order to comply with state Adequate Yearly Progress regulations and the federal No Child Left Behind Act, designed to make schools more accountable for improved test scores.

The new policy was necessary after the district failed to meet AYP at Canton High School because the district failed to get 95 percent of the students to participate in the MEAP test. School officials said Canton's participation was above 94 percent, but not high enough to keep from getting flagged for non-compliance.

"It all goes back to the years when parents and students began to exempt themselves from testing, particularly at the high school level," said Barbara Church, assistant, superintendent of instructional services. "Students stopped taking the tests because they felt it wasn't relevant.

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# Mom headed to prison for infant son's death

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

Jennifer Avery of Canton was sentenced to 17 to 30 years in prison in connection with the drowning death of her 11-month-old son, Bryan.

Wayne Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway sentenced Avery Jan. 25 in Wayne County Circuit Court. The first 17 years of the sentence are mandatory.

Avery pleaded guilty last year to second-degree murder in her son's drowning death.

The infant died in October, 2003. Avery was arrested after making a 9-1-1 call to Canton Police and telling them that her son had slipped in the bathtub and was not breathing. He was transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

She confessed to the intentional drowning while being interviewed by police.

Because of concerns about Avery's mental health, she was evaluated for mental competency at the Ypsilanti Forensics Center, and later at another mental health center. Both examiners deemed her fit to stand trial.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said that murder cases involving children are tough on both family members and police. Police officers must try their best to detach themselves emotionally so they can focus on the facts.

Certain factors make investigating children's deaths particularly urgent, he said.

"Whenever there's a death of anybody, timeliness is an issue," Pomorski said. "With a child, (investigation) should be even more expedient."

Some factors unique in children's deaths include their quicker healing time, losing body temperature more quickly and last but not least, their defenselessness, according to Pomorski.

Talking to witnesses is just one thing an investigator should do when probing a child's death.

"Sometimes we can't rely on witnesses - we have to rely on the facts of the case," Pomorski said.

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# PCA preview night S

Plymouth Christian Academy will be holding a special evening for parents of prospective students to come learn about what the school has to offer. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday February 7.

PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Road just south of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, is a nondenominational Christian school serving students in preschool through 12th

The school offers a college preparatory program, athletics, and fine arts. Historically, 99 percent of its graduates attend college.

For more information about the event, call (734) 459-3505, or visit www.plymouthchristian.org.

### Mystery Zone

Eighth-grade students at Pioneer Middle School host the second-annual Mystery Zone Thursday, Feb. 10.

This dessert theatre will showcase the acting, dancing, singing and writing talents of the Pioneer eighth-graders. In addition to being a culminating activity for their mystery unit, students hope to raise money to refurbish Pioneer's 30-year-old

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at Pioneer Middle School. A silent auction featuring donations from local businesses and parents will also be held.

The Educational Excellence Foundation will handle the money raised from the Mystery Zone until there is enough to begin refurbishing the stage.

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### **Spotlight Players**

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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, \$16 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 is also holding auditions for Bye Bye Birdie 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.

### Parenting help

Parents looking for help to better understand their children are invited to attend a class called 'Nurturing the Clever Child" to be held 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 1 at the Miller Elementary media center. The school is located at 43721 Hanford Road in Canton.

Discussions are hands-on in a very supportive environment. Topics include identification, motivation, discipline, communication, perfectionism, stress management, peer relationships, and more. Parents will enhance their ability to connect with their children and support them socially and emotionally.

This is a seven-week guided discussion. Marie Brucker will be the lead facilitator of the class. She has been an educa-

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tional consultant for more than 24 years, and has led more than 30 parenting sessions. She is also on the executive board of the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education.

For more information, or to register for the class, call Brucker at (810) 227-5379, or via e-mail at m.brucker@comcast.net

### Mom-to-mom sale

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring/Summer Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Plymouth VFW. 1426 S. Mill, North of Ann Arbor Road.

The event features department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to size 7, maternity clothing, toys and baby gear. There will also be a bake sale.

Admission is \$1 for adults, no strollers please.

### Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for businesses to participate in the twice-annual Consumer Expo (formerly known as the Business Expo), to take place Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park.

The Expo will feature nearly 50 local businesses that will demonstrate their products and services to each other and to the general public. The event is a great way to let the community know what your business offers, as well as a great opportunity to network. Businesses are invited to participate by renting booth

For more information and applications for booth space, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

### Blues artist performs

Native Detroiter 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 Yorks 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 please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

### 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 tension 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,

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

simple, yet effective method of

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

### Bible class

In an effort to attract new members, Power Of The Word Center Of Canton will be holding Bible teachings on Sunday afternoons beginning at 1 p.m. at Walker-Winter Elementary School, which is located at 39932 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Call (313) 935-7729 or (313) 657-8441.

### Festival of cultures

Students, teachers and parents from Bentlev Elementary School will host the third annual Festival of Cultures on Feb. 1 with a musical performance at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. The theater is located at 🥣 50400 Cherry Hill. Call the school at (734) 397-6361 or the theater at (734) 394-5300.

### 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.

### Retiree luncheon

Telephone retirees from SBC, Ameritech & Michigan Bell are invited to a February luncheon at Archie's Fine Dining at 30471 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Livonia.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 14. Participants will meet in the Sun Room.

Call (586) 268-1613.

### 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, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m. to 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 ಟ Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine.

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# Out of band's shadow

### Winter Guard team building a reputation all its own

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Mention the words "winter guard" to most people and they don't know what you're talking about.

But if the Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard program continues to grow at this rate, it won't be long before the perception changes.

The PCEP Winter Guard, the flagwaving, rifle-totin' winterized arm of the PCEP marching band, has nearly doubled in size in the two years since Jennifer Leseth took over.

"People don't know what it is, but when they see it, they like it," said Leseth, hired two years ago to coach the team. "I think we've done a good job recruiting."

She's got a right to think so. Two years ago, in Leseth's first season, the Winter Guard fielded one group of performers featuring just 20 stu-

This year, Leseth is balancing two groups with nearly 40 total students. She attributes the increased participation to the group's education of the dle schoolers.

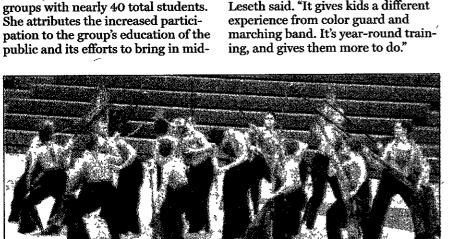
'We tried to get into the middle schools to expand our student base," Leseth said. "We also did a community performance, which we'll do again."

Winter Guard is the winter version of the fall's color guard. Team members twirl flags, rifles and sabres. The group performs to recorded music, incorporating dance and music into a choreographed routine.

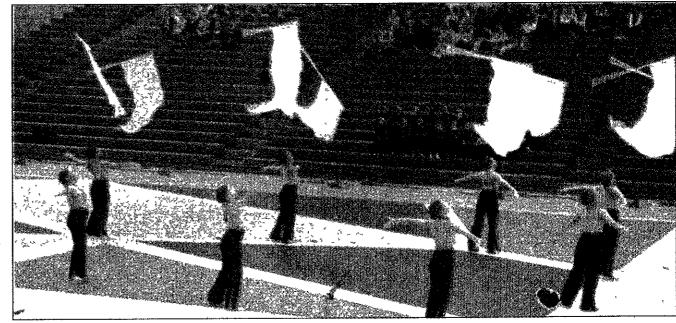
Last year, the team captured gold in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit State Championship and finished third in the Winter Guard **International Regional Competition** in Chesterton, Ind.

Unlike the color guard, which is an integral part of the marching band's success, Winter Guard performs indoors at various competitions between January and April.

"The big difference is color guard is more about pageantry, but Winter Guard is more about difficulty," Leseth said. "It gives kids a different experience from color guard and



The Plymouth Canton Winter Guard includes students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.



Flags played a prominent role in the performance by the Plymouth Canton Winter Guard at the national championships last year. The Winter Guard has grown from 20 to 37 members this year.

Winter Guard will perform in four local competitions, plus national performances in New York and Ohio.

To get ready for the competitions, Winter Guard members practice twice a week for three hours and for some six or seven hours every weekend. The payoff for all that practice is the competition, which Leseth said is an opportunity for the kids to perform in front of people."

"They work for months on the show, and you don't get that many chances" to perform it, Leseth said. "For the kids, it's about performing, but they're passionate about what they do. I think most of them would do it even if they never performed.

"The performance is icing on the cake," she added.

Salem High School senior Brittany Weiss is in her third year on Winter Guard. She did it as a freshman, but there was no team her sophomore season. She's worked under Leseth the last two seasons.

She said the work ethic team members have established will take them a long way, not only in competition, but in life.

"You get to meet a lot of people," said Weiss, a Canton resident. "You learn time management, you learn to be organized. It teaches you a lot of

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### Talent show, clinic top events

The Plymouth Canton Music Boosters (PCMB), the parent organization for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) Marching Band and Winter Guard are eagerly awaiting the weekend of Feb. 4-5.

That's when they invite the Plymouth-Canton community to join them in what they say is shaping up to be a fun weekend and a great kick-off to next fall's band programs and marching band season.

"Variety Is," P-CEP's talent show of the year, features students gifted in all areas of the performing arts. The show, organized and directed by band students, starts at 7:30 p.m. in Salem High School's Logan Auditorium Friday and Saturday.

In conjunction with the Saturday performance, the band holds its 2005 "Sport of the Arts Auction," to benefit the PCMB programs, particularly the PCEP Winter Guard. The auction preview and bidding begins at 6 p.m. Over 50 local merchants, restaurants, golf courses, hotels and the PCMB have shown their support by donating more than 65 very wonderful items.

Also on Saturday, Winter Guard

hosts a free clinic in the Salem High School Gym from 2:30-5 p.m. All male and female middle school and high school students in grades 7, 8, and 9 are invited to attend. A junior guard will be formed for anyone interested in participating.

"We want to get people used to what winter guard is," said coach Jennifer Leseth. "We're trying to get into the middle school, get kids interested. We did a community performance last year, and we'd like to do one again."

The junior guard will practice one evening per week during February and March and have one performance for parents. In April, junior guard students will be ready to participate in the P-CEP fall color guard workshops and auditions.

Anyone interested in attending the Feb. 5 clinic should obtain a form from their middle school office or information rack or any of the high school offices or media centers. The form is also available at the PCMB Web site www.pcmb.net. Students may also indicate their interest by sending an e-mail to pembguard@aol.com or calling (734) 582-5666.



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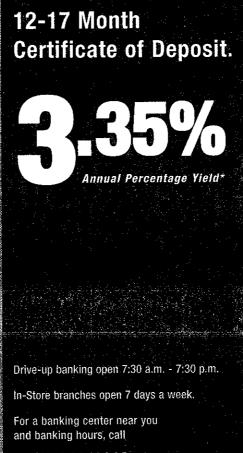
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### **DEATHS**

John W. Andrews, 73, died Jan. 24. Martha L. Armstrong, 92, of Livonia, died Jan. 17. Catherine Maxine Arnold, 80, of Clarkston, died Jan. 25.

Martha M. Brown, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 31. Wallace H. Brown, 92, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 6.

James Smith Clark III, 42, of Canton, died Jan. 24. Muriel Clayton died Jan. 24.

Donald G. Ferguson, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 14.

Patricia Ann Gibbs, 79, of Lake Orion, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 22.

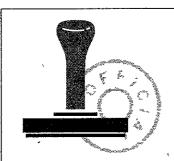
James A. Gilmore, 91, of Bloomfield Township, died Jan. 19. Eldon Gregory, 90, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth and Northville, died Jan. 23.

Donna J. Harless, 75, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23. Edna L. Harp, 75, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 15.

Doug L. Humer, 57, of Auburn Hills, died Dec. 28.

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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.

Jerry D. Johnson, 65, of Winter Haven, Fla., died Dec . 28.

Grace R. Lemerise, 83, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 3. Kay W. Libke, 69, of Plymouth, died

Ronald L. McCandless, 66, of Livonia, died Jan. 21. Helen D. MacDonald, 78, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 25.

Robert Thomas Nichols died Jan.

Harold E. Paulus, 90, of Troy, died

Floyd E. Ramsey, 81, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 6 Frederick Rozich died Jan. 23. King Ruhly, 86, of Birmingham, died Jan. 22.

John R. Schettenheim, 85. of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23. Margaret E. Stallard, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 18. Donald E. Stapleton, 77, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 10. Alice M. Story, 86, of Livonia, died

Mable Vincent, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.

Madlyne R. Walter, 91, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 14. James H. Woodall, 82, of Rochester, died Jan. 2.

Walter B. Zetterlund, 75, of West Bloomfield, died Jan. 15. Atsuko Zmich, 59, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.

# Buffalo Wild Wings coming to town, expects to capitalize from IKEA

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Yet another party is hailing the coming of IKEA.

The fact that the Swedish furniture retailer is coming to town is one of the main reasons Buffalo Wild Wings will open on Ford Road this spring.

Franchise operator Kent Ward, who owns 14 Buffalo Wild Wings franchises in Chicago, Louisiana and Michigan, said he feels the coming of IKEA will only help his business. He said his newest venture is tentatively set to open in May.

"We're just looking forward to coming to Canton," Ward said.

The IKEA store, which is expected to be a regional draw, may entice people to come to

Buffalo Wild Wings, too. "I think (IKEA) is going to

bring a lot of people to the area from a wide range," Ward said. Founded in 1982 in New York

with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., Buffalo Wild Wings has more than 300 locations in 31 states. Two new Michigan locations - Ferndale and Bay City- are expected to open in March.

Locally, Buffalo Wild Wings sites are in Westland, Novi, Howell, Southgate, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

The restaurant's specialty is chicken wings, hence the name. The wings are served with a variety of sauces, ranging from mild to spicy.

"The main reason people come is for the dining experience - good, reasonably priced food in a fun setting," Ward said. Other reasons people visit include sports viewing.

The Canton location will have seven big-screen televisions (three of which will be high-definition) and 35 27-inch televi-

Buffalo Wild Wings will open in the vacated Cooker store on the north side of Ford between Haggerty and Lilley, within the same mile as the IKEA store. Of the 9,000 square feet, 7,800 has been leased by Buffalo Wild Wings, and the remaining 1,200 feet will be leased to Carvel Ice Cream, according to Ward.

Another Wings location that took over a closed restaurant's spot is Westland's, which opened in the former Fire Academy brewpub's spot on Wayne south of Warren.

# Local lawmakers to chair State House committees

**BY KURT KUBAN** STAFF WRITER

Local state representatives Phil LaJoy and John Stewart are hoping to exert a little more clout in Lansing during the new legislative session. Both men were appointed chairs of important State House committees last week by new House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Novi.

LaJoy, R-Canton, who is in his second term, will head the Transportation Committee, a position he says he sought out because of traffic issues facing his hometown, particularly along Ford Road.

Stewart, R-Plymouth, was appointed chair of the Higher **Education Subcommittee of** the House Appropriations Committee. Stewart, who will also be vice chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee of Appropriations, was elected to the House in 2000, and was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. His district includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton Township east of I-275.

LaJoy said he will try to use his appointment to help Canton work with the Michigan Department of Transportation on issues facing Ford Road and I-275, especially now that retail giant IKEA is coming to town. He said one of his goals is to see some of the recommendations made by MDOT's Ford Road Task Force come to fruition.

"The fact that IKEA will be on Ford Road is definitely a challenge," he said. "We really need to give it a lot of thought. I want to sit down with the Canton Township folks and MDOT to see what we can do and what we can't do. We need to prioritize what we need along Ford Road."

But Canton won't be LaJoy's only focus, he said. He understands the committee represents the entire state.





### 'I personally think we need to fix roads where people are, not build new roads in undeveloped areas.'

Phil LaJoy state representative

To that end, he said his focus will be to fix the roads that need fixing, not on building new roads in outlying areas.

"I personally think we need to fix roads where people are, not build new roads in undeveloped areas," LaJoy said.

Stewart said the goal for his committee, which has some six members of both parties, is to re-establish the value of higher education. The legislators will determine appropriations for the state's 15 major public universities, as well as appropriations and scholarships for such smaller schools as Madonna University.

"It's been disheartening," Stewart said of the recent budget cuts in higher education. "We have taken a hit of 15 to 16 percent in the last two years," and are now cutting the substance of educa-"We're more aware than '

ever that universities can and should generate jobs," Stewart said, citing research and development for the auto industry and other fields.

Retention and student graduation are key issues for Stewart, as is holding the line on tuition.

"We go over each university budget with a fine-toothed comb. We're not empire building," he said, adding the emphasis should be on students and their instruction.

Tuition control will require cooperation among Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Stewart's Senate counterpart and himself, he said.

Stewart noted his district is close to four major universities, the Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and EMU. His district has a high percentage of high school graduates going on to those schools.

He hopes to bring in Ford Motor Co. President James Padilla to testify as to what skills college graduates will need for the coming decades. "We need to train and educate our students differently, to be leaner and more agile," Stewart said.

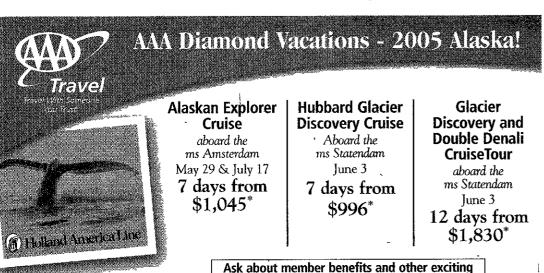
Stewart also hopes to bring in Philip Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, which owns the Observer ♂ Eccentric Newspapers. Stewart also plans to ask his uncle, Jack Shingleton, a former Michigan State University trustee and placement official, to testify, along with former Michigan Gov. William Milliken and others.

His major goal is to make people aware "about the wonderful experience one can have getting a well-rounded undergraduate education in Michigan. We have a little bit of everything here."

Stewart will also work with Lt. Gov. John Cherry, whose commission recently released its report on higher education and economic growth.

"I welcome it, I support it," Stewart said of the report.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.



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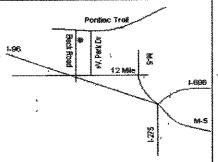


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### TALENT

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lead successful lives.

That's pretty much the gist of the talent show, hosted by Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Some two dozen students danced, sang or told jokes to entertain a thrilled audience of parents, family members and friends.

The show also featured dancing and tumbling, choreographed for the fifth straight year by Joanne Zavisa and volunteers from her Canton dance school, Joanne's Dance Extension. Her students have made helping the SLSMS a priority.

"When they sign up every August the first thing they ask is, 'Are we doing the talent show?" Zavisa said of her students, who spent some 30 hours working on the show. "They would be upset if we didn't come back. They love what they do."

Naberhaus was also quick to point out the show couldn't go on without the help of businesses such as Kroger, C&M Printing, Screened Images, Vanessa's Flowers and the Gap Kids, which provides the clothing to be modeled in the event's fashion

That kind of support is integral to the show's success, according to the Naberhauses.

"It's nice because it's become a community effort," Stephanie Naberhaus said. "Everybody makes the donations, and it helps us make the day special for everybody."

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### **MEAP**

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During the time when we didn't have to show that 95 percent of the students took the test, it wasn't a problem."

"In essence the policy states that in order to graduate, a student must attempt all portions of the MEAP," said Church.

Juniors at all three high schools – Canton, Salem and Plymouth – will be taking the MEAP tests during a twoweek period beginning March 14.

"We had a high percentage of kids already participating, but the board making it a graduation requirement will help us exceed 95 percent," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education.

While waiting to pick up her daughter, Sarah, at Salem Friday afternoon, Elizabeth Bugosh of Canton Township said there's really no harm in requiring the MEAP tests for students.

"I don't see anything wrong in students taking the test because many of them are preparing for college or some kind of technical school, and it's helps them be more prepared," said Bugosh.

Jason Bagley, 18 and a senior at Salem, has already taken the MEAP tests. He favors the idea of requiring the MEAPs

for graduation.

"I have friends who skipped the MEAP and ACT and SAT, and when they went to college they would flunk out because they had no idea what they were doing," said Bagley, who lives in Canton Township. "I think they make kids more ready for college because it helps you find out about subjects you don't know as well and then you can take classes to help."

The Michigan Department of Education plans to eliminate the MEAP tests next year in favor of the ACT. School officials said when that happens, the ACT will be required for all seniors to graduate.

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Children attempt to spell out, 'Thanks, Moms and Dads' during the talent show at Geneva Presbyterian Church last weekend.

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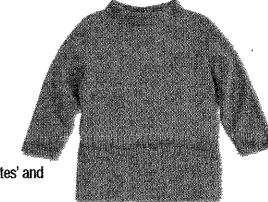


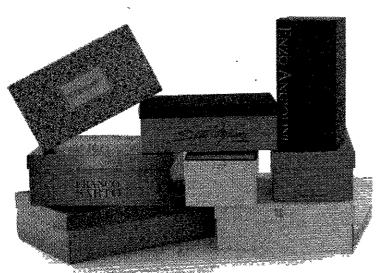
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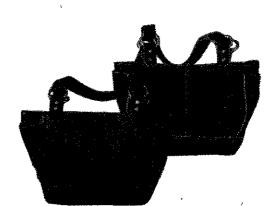
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# **Apathy about Detroit's** crisis can't last forever

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he one thing on which virtually everyone in Michigan agrees is that the state's largest and most famous city is in an appalling mess.

But what they disagree violently on is who is to blame. They argue over who can fix it, how to fix it or even whether the city can be saved at all.

For many, the state of Detroit was symbolized perfectly by what happened last weekend when Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a very

lied about it, he said, even though he had

spent several days lying about it, as had other

city officials. When one TV reporter followed

security guard acted like a thug and smashed

Washington police then said they would no

longer protect the mayor on his visits because

of his incessant nonstop nightclub hopping

into the wee hours, something the mayor

denied, saying he never went "clubbing" at

All that would have been embarrassing

had it happened to the mayor of Palm Beach

dufing an economic boom. But Detroit is in

dreadful shape, with unemployment rising

Earlier this month, the mayor had

bus service was being cut back.

past 14 percent and a budget deficit spiraling

announced that nearly a thousand jobs were

Now, those who need to a bus to get to

work in the wee hours are out of luck. That's

no minor inconvenience in the once-mighty

Motor City, where, ironically, something like

a third of the residents have no access to cars.

And that's just the tip of the rusting ruin.

Fifty years ago, Detroit was a bustling

industrial metropolis with two million peo-

ple. Now, it has barely 910,000, and is

have been rejected by the voters.

The public schools are in even more

appalling shape - the mayor himself refuses

to put his kids in them - and they are likely

to get worse now that further reform efforts

Legally, the city has to balance its budget.

being eliminated, and the already inadequate

the mayor to Washington to ask about it, a

his face into the wall, live on television.

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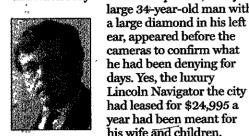
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gant and had intended to

send it back. He had never

his wife and children.

days. Yes, the luxury



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out of control.

shrinking fast.

draconian cuts he announced may not be enough. Legislators and others are beginning to whisper the dreaded word receivership. Some think the state could end up having to take over the city within the next few years, and send in a special master to run it. Highland Park, a desperately impoverished enclave city surrounded by Detroit, lost control of its own affairs years ago. large 34-year-old man with

Even more startling, many - perhaps millions - of Michiganders don't care. That includes many who live in Hillsdale or Traverse City, but also well-off suburbanites who live a short hop from the city's famous border, Eight Mile Road.

But with this year's deficit running anywhere

from \$230 million to \$380 million, even the

Many say the city brought its problems on itself (by which they usually mean, the blacks destroyed it after the whites moved out) and actually believe that what happens in Detroit is totally irrelevant to them and their lives.

For many, Detroit's problems are easy to ignore. Fewer people live in the city than at any time since World War I. Detroit is now home to only 9 percent of the state's population. Most of those who live there are black; most who don't are white. The state and the city exist in almost separate worlds.

But those who say the city doesn't matter, or who think they can get by ignoring it, are dead wrong, said Freman Hendrix, who is attempting to unseat Mayor Kilpatrick in this fall's election. "How can the rest of the state feel secure if their major city isn't functioning?" said Hendrix, a financial expert and a former deputy mayor under the business-oriented Dennis Archer.

It is hard to see how anyone can think Michigan can continue to be economically competitive if its main city, its sports and entertainment capital, looks like something out of the Third World, with desperate poverty and services and gated communities only for the rich.

Sooner or later, Michigan - and Detroiters themselves - will have to face some tough decisions about what kind of state, city and society they want to be. Urban experts like David Rusk think the solution for Detroit is obvious; some form of metropolitan government with the surrounding suburbs it gave

So far, neither the city nor the suburbs have been willing to consider that, preferring to bash each other instead. It would be nice if a statesman with a vision emerged sometime soon. There may not be that much time left.

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# State needs to look at school financing, educational reform

was very pleased to read Philip Power's column in the Farmington Observer on Jan. 13. I'm encouraged to see that people outside the educational community are finally catching on to the need to reform school

As a parent of two kids in Farmington Public Schools, I have become acutely aware of the lack of funding in a very well-run district. Late last summer, the district and a few parents formed the Parent



Gross

Legislative Advocacy Network (PLAN). We had not even had our first meeting when the state Legislature announced that they would be cutting the 20J funding to our district and

others. We wrote letters, spread the word, and went to Lansing. As you know, the Legislature decided not to take away 20J funding.

Since that time, our core group has met on a regular basis and on Jan. 12 we hosted a forum in conjunction with Farmington Public Schools. The theme was making it through the maze of school funding, to educate the citizens on school funding and its terminology.

As I have become much more informed about how schools are funded, I have come to realize that most people in this area do not realize that they are living in a donor district in a donor county. People think that their taxes stay locally and do not realize that, aside from our hold harmless funds, our property taxes go to Lansing and into the School Aid Fund.

People also do not realize that the Headlee Amendment, in conjunction with Proposal A, limits the total amount of funds that can be collected from property taxes. People assume that as property is sold and the cap comes off the taxable value, the

district or city is collecting more taxes. This is not the case. While I do believe that living in Oakland County we have the responsibility to help fund other districts in the state, I do not think that it should come at the expense of our kids' education.

When Proposal A was passed 11 years ago, most people only looked at it as property tax relief and did not realize the extent it would change the way schools are funded. Now, the state controls the revenue and the local districts can only control the expenditures. And, to some extent, the districts do not even have control of all their expenditures. They must fund the ever growing and out of control pension and health care costs.

I read Tom Watkins' "Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21st Century" in December. While it does raise a number of good questions with hard answers, I have to ask: do fewer, but larger, districts make sense?

Detroit is an example of a district that is too large with too many layers of administrators. Educators there can "pass the buck" up or down the ladder and not take responsibility. It would make more sense to me to break this district apart into several districts with 15,000 students per district. You could still keep several of the district services consolidated, such as transportation, purchasing or payroll, to save on costs. They could also keep services like special education and vocational programs consolidated that other current intermediate school districts provide.

I do agree with you that there are probably too many small districts with less then 2,000 kids that have too much administrative overhead.

But those districts do not have the many layers of administrators that larger districts have. Consolidating a small district into another could add additional layers of administrators, and this would certainly bring out parents in opposition that want to keep their local control. People do not like change, and

sometimes smaller is better. It would be interesting to see how small, well-funded districts compare to others with No Child Left Behind and Education, Yes.

I hope that the state Board of Education does ask the governor and Legislature to do a thorough adequacy and equity study. Proposal A has closed the gap in school funding, but we have to remember that, due to factors unique to each district, it does not cost the same amount of money to educate students in different areas of the state. I think that the state has to look at what exactly an "adequate education" is. Districts have an everexpanding curriculum. Fifty years ago, most students did not go on to college. Now the expectation is that all students should continue their education with at least a two- or four-year degree.

If parents in a district want more than what the state deems as adequate, they should have the ability to raise these additional funds to cover the costs, especially at a time when funding has not kept pace with inflation for at least three years.

I became interested and involved with these issues as I realized that my school board has so little control with school

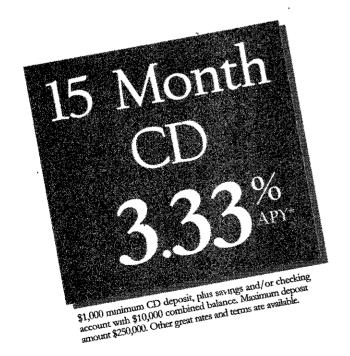
I thought that class sizes in my elementary school were too big. Now to keep class sizes where they are (which is too big), many districts have to cut programs, add fees to play sports and find alternative ways to bring more funds into schools. The more I have learned about the issues, the bigger I realize the problem

I have only touched upon some of the issues that surround school funding. Issues such as unfunded mandates just add to the mess. I am not convinced that raising taxes is the right answer but, at the same time, not having an increase in school funding for the last three years has put even well-funded districts in peril.

Nancy Gross lives in Farmington Hills. Her children attend Farmington Public Schools.

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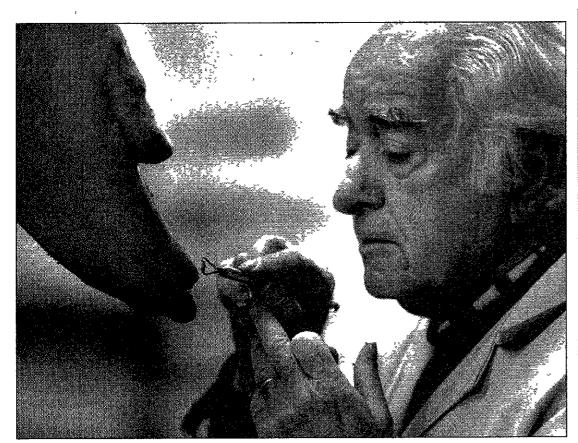
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Joseph DeLauro, 89 and a 37-year-Canton resident, has been a professional artist for more than 60 years. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Yale in 1941 - the same year the attack of Pearl Harbor rocked headlines and pushed the United States into World War II.

# The hands of creation

Artist's sculptures grace library, earn national recognition

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

To describe Joseph DeLauro, a 37-year-Canton resident, as a longtime artist is an understatement.

DeLauro, 89, has been a professional artist for more than 60 years. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Yale in 1941 - the same year the attack of Pearl Harbor rocked headlines and pushed the United States into World War II.

Locally, people can see his work at the Canton Public Library - where sculptures entitled "Storytime" and "Storyteller" are on display. Another of his works - a plastic sculpture called "Spirit of the Lakes" - is currently on display at the National Sculpture Society's Juried Exhibition in New York City. His was one of only 52 works, out of 568 submitted, chosen for the exhibition.

Although he has worked with many materials, DeLauro's favorite medium is marble.

"The grade is fine and you get nice detail in the finish," said DeLauro, who has also worked in limestone, concrete, wood, bronze, plastic and glass.

DeLauro and his wife, Dorothy Ann, have been married for 60 years. They have three children.

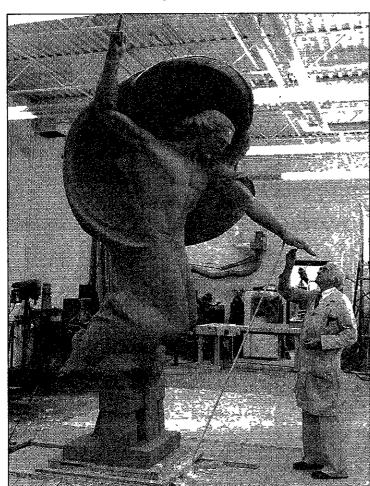
His daughter, Kathleen Kargula of Northville, said that though her father urged her to "study the masters" of art, she chose to look no farther than her own home.

"I think the master I most enjoyed studying was him," Kargula said. "He pointed out the beauty in most everything. The simplest things to the most complex - beauty in

nature and God's work." Kargula said she has always been equally impressed with his exhibition etiquette.

"When we would go to a show where his art was being exhibited, I would marvel at how gracious and at ease he was with people,

"I admired how many peo-



People can view some of the works of Canton artist Joseph DeLauro at the Canton Public Library.

ple would come up to him,"

she said. The National Sculpture Society Park Avenue Atrium Exhibition runs through April

In between sculpting, DeLauro also had an active career, serving as a professor of art at Marygrove College, the University of Detroit and the University of Windsor. where he also founded and headed the fine arts department.

He holds a master's of fine arts from the University of Iowa.

He has exhibited his work at the Detroit Institute of Arts, among numerous other places, since 1940.

To learn more about the show, visit www.nationalsculpture.org. To see more of DeLauro's work, visit his Web site at www.jndelauro.com.



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### Mettetal remembered as giving, caring

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Nancy Pride remembers that while growing up in Plymouth Township, her mother — Olive Jeanne Mettetal -

was a firm. disciplinari-"Some of

my brothers and sisters tried to test her, but it didn't do any Olive Mettetal good," said

Pride, 61, who now lives in Wayne. "Being the oldest, I learned to follow

what she said. I figured she had more years than I did, and was wiser than I was. But, she was always fair."

Olive Mettetal, known by most as Jeanne, died Jan. 10 from kidney failure. A memorial service was held last weekend at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

"She was a very caring and giving person, and was involved in helping several relatives financially so they could go to college," said Pride. "She also helped raise three grandchildren when their mother died."

Many know the Mettetal name in reference to Mettetal Airport, at the corner of Lilley and Joy in Canton Township. Jeanne sometimes worked there with her husband, Bob, whose dad opened the facility in 1939. He eventually sold the airport to a private owner, before it was purchased by the state.

Bob was a senior at Plymouth High School when he met Jeanne, a freshman, in the library.

"The first time I ever saw her was a pair of eyes looking at me over a book," he said. "That started it for me."

The couple was married for 63 years.

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# Judge Kelly wants tougher bond recovery plan

BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT

Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly says the court needs to do a better job collecting forfeited bonds when defendants skip out on their court dates.

"The court will enforce bonds." Kelly said. "The court hasn't been very strict enforcing this in the past."

- Implementation of a criminal bond forfeiture program is one of several objectives for 2005 outlined in an interview with Kelly. The chief judge also wants to see action on the Court Tower initiative for a new courthouse, an upgrade for the court's computer software, better service by the Friend of Court and pay increases for court employees.

Kelly, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Notre Dame Law School, oversees the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan. The 3rd Circuit has nearly 800 employees, including 66 judges. She has been a judge for six years and is entering her fourth year as chief judge.

Also known as Wayne County Circuit Court, the 3rd Circuit handles all criminal, civil and family court cases for the county. In 1997, the state legislature combined Recorders Court with the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court to create the current

The court is divided into three separate divisions, all in Detroit: The Family Division, the Criminal Division and the Civil Division.

The Family Division handles all matters involving juveniles,

as well as all cases pertaining to domestic relationships. The Criminal Division handles felony cases, high misdemeanor crimes and all criminal appeals from district courts throughout Wayne County. The Civil Division hears civil cases where the dollar amount of the controversy exceeds \$25,000. the largest and busiest court in the State of

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money.

When a defendant is released on bond, they are expected to show up for their court date. Unfortunately, some people never come back for their court appearance. This automatically forfeits the defendants bail and the money is supposed to be turned over to the court. The 3rd Judicial Circuit Court has not kept up in collecting forfeited bonds.

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money. The plan that Wayne County will be using was modeled after a program used in Oakland County. She said that Wayne County officials have worked very closely with Oakland County to create the bond forfeiture pro-

In Oakland County, the prosecutor's office maintains a weekly computer list of those who didn't show for court dates. They allow no-shows three weeks and then issue an order for forfeiture of bond. **Assistant Oakland County** Prosecutor Edward Cibor said the program has netted the county hundreds of the thousands of dollars for the county general fund over the years.



Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly

She added that the implementation of the plan, which began in the Criminal Division at the end of this month, will increase court revenue by an estimated \$2 million per year.

'We need to be proactive in collecting money," Kelly said. Another matter that Kelly feels strongly about is the Court Tower initiative that is under a feasibility study by Wayne County Executive

Robert Ficano. The study, which started nine months ago, examines the possibility of a new courthouse that would contain all divisions of the court under one roof.

Ficano's office said the county is looking at the plans, specs, financials, and the intergovernmental agreement between the county and the 3rd Circuit Court that was considered in 2001 for a location near the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

But at present Ficano is studying a different approach a correctional facility that would include facilities for the

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Mary Beth Kelly Third Circuit Court chief judge

court and the prosecutor's office.

The objective is to provide a single location for detention, the courts, and prosecutors, alleviating the pressure on local outcounty lockups. A regional complex would eliminate early detention due to overcrowding and provide one location for processing. Ficano's study committee is assessing the feasibility of the plan with no new taxes.

Additionally, the site considered in 2001 is owned by the Greektown Casino and would be utilized as their permanent

Currently, the three divisions of the court are in three separate buildings. Only two are in downtown Detroit and are within walking distance of one another.

The Criminal Division is at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on St. Antoine and the Civil Division is in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building on Woodward Avenue. The Family Division court is split, the domestic relationship cases are heard at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building and the invenile cases are heard at the Lincoln Hall of Justice on East Forest and the I-75 freeway.

Kelly would prefer that all of her divisions be under one roof instead of being spread through three different build-

"Mr. Ficano is looking into the feasibility of this," Kelly said. "This study has been done before - on and off over the last 10 years.

Along with a new courthouse, Kelly said another objective for 2005 is new software for the court's computer system. The current software does not allow the three divisions to communicate with one another.

Kelly said that the cost for the software was \$1.2 million. But she adds, "Our request is supported. There's hope."

Friend of the Court, which is the child support wing of the

Family Division, is another area that Kelly looks to improve upon. Friend of the Court handles cases involving child custody, divorce, child and spousal support and parental visitation scheduling. Recently, they opened a new call center to handle the nearly 1,200 phone calls a day that

Kelly also wants to develop a program for Friend of the Court that would establish paternity sooner. This, in turn, would speed up the child support process.

This year, Kelly would like to provide a pay hike of three percent to court employees. She said that it has been five years since the employees have received a raise in pay.



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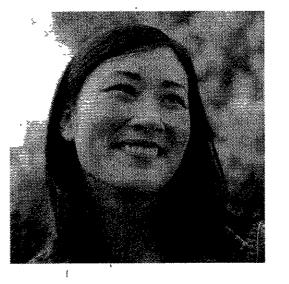
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# Seniors lead PCA to homecoming

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Big stages are built for big perform-

The stage for Friday night's Canton Agape-Plymouth Christian basketball game was definitely big — the multithousand-seat Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

The big performers turned out to be a

### PREP BASKETBALL

trio of PCA seniors and a sophomore, who led the Eagles to a hard-fought 54-46 victory in the annual PCA homecoming game played at EMU.

Seniors Aaron Ciborowski, Stephen Sumner and Mike McCord, and sophomore Matt Saagman combined for 44 points and 28 rebounds to help send the large contingent of PCA alumni home with a smile.

The win improved the Eagles' overall record to 5-7 while the Wolverines slipped to 6-5.

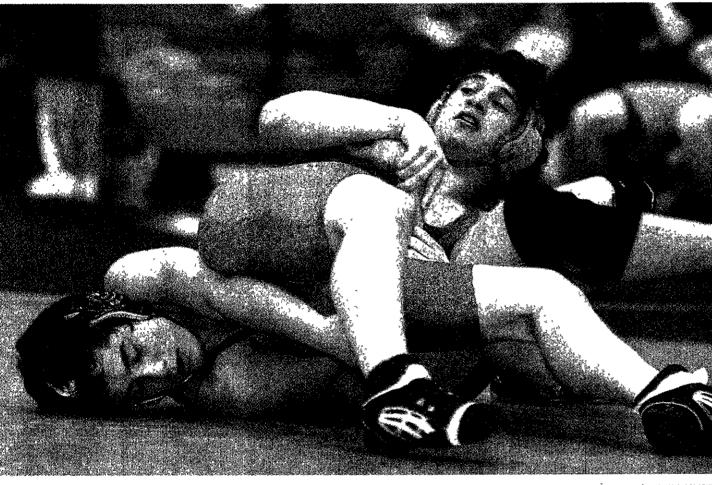
It was a great team win for us tonight," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "It's always nice to win on homecoming because it's usually our biggest crowd of the year and we get to play in a Division I atmosphere here at Eastern. Agape is our sister school, so there's no animosity between the two teams. But the kids get up for them because their school is similar in size to ours so there's a natural

Gabe Molnar and Bryan Horning had strong games for the Wolverines, netting 17 and 14 points, respectively.

It may have been the large crowd, the unfamiliar surroundings or just plain old early-game jitters — whatever the cause, both teams came out tight, combining for just 13 first-quarter points (Agape

Both teams' offenses got into more of a

PLEASE SEE HOMECOMING. B4



Canton wrestler Alex Freitag gets the upper-hand over Plymouth opponent Brandon Garcia in the 152-pound match of Thursday night's cross-campus

# Major decision

### Canton wrestlers pin Wildcats, 49-18

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's resurgent wrestling program flexed its muscles Thursday night and applied a full nelson to Plymouth's up-and-coming squad.

The Chiefs captured 10 of the 14 matches and upended the Wildcats, 49-18, before a loud and enthusiastic crowd in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Canton set a new school record with its 19th victory of the sea-

The dual meet was the inaugural showdown between the two P-CEP schools.

"I was excited to see the kids get the record and to beat Plymouth like we

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# **Churchill 1st** mat loss

showdown. Freitag won, 21-4, to help the Chiefs to a 49-18 triumph.

See complete results on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT

Not in our house. That was the statement Salem's wrestling team made to Livonia Churchill Thursday night as the visiting Chargers were looking to add to their 13-0 dual-meet record.

The Rocks protected their home turf, upending Churchill, 33-28, to improve to 15-5 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers are now 2-1 in the

"Every match was important for us tonight, but there were a few that stood out," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Nick Steiger won in overtime at 112. That was a very big win. Jake Bennett had a big pin at 145 and Jeremy Henderson's win over (Joe)

Bargerstock at 189 was important." Woochuk also pointed to the 130pound match, which featured two wrestlers with flawless records: Salem's Ryan Stump, who usually wrestles at 125, and Churchill's Justin Smith. Stump won, 7-4, in a tense match that proved to be a momentum-seizer for the surging Rocks.

Fittingly, the match came down to the finale, which pitted Salem's Ryan Olson against Churchill's Dave Rush at 140. Olson won going away, 9-1, to seal the Rocks' most significant victory of the season.

"It was a nice win, but it will be even better if we can do it in February," Woochuk said, looking ahead to the Class A district tournament, where the two teams will

square off again. Salem's final dual meet of the season is set for Thursday when it travels to Walled Lake Central to take on the Vikings. The opening match is set to commence at 6:30 p.m.

# Salem hands | Shocker: Romulus routs Tigers by 37

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK CORRESPONDENT

Romulus had an answer for everything Belleville wanted to know - and his name was Jerret Smith.

Smith did just about anything he wanted Friday night, scoring 31 points to help Romulus hand second-ranked Belleville its first loss of the season by a shocking 80-43 score in a Mega Conference battle between Red Division

"I don't know who's overrated," Coach Nate Oats of the Eagles said, "but it sure as heck isn't Jerret Smith."

"I told Jerret after the game," Tigers' coach Mike Krogel said, I think we've

seen the true Jerret Smith.'

"We had absolutely no answer for him. And all their other guys were just knocking down threes like it was nothing. He was a man possessed."

"Jerret was obviously on top of his game," Oats said. "We had a little talk recently and you could see he had an attitude about him in this game. You could see he was going to get it going in practice this week. About Wednesday you could really see it."

About a minute into the game you

could see it. Smith drove right to the basket early and often to set the tone for the game. He made 11-of-14 shots and was easily responsible for another dozen Romulus

baskets. And when he didn't drive, he'd pop out for a three-point shot that usually went down.

He had nine points in the first quarter and 19 by the half. The total was 26 after three periods.

Dante Williams added 12 points for the Eagles (10-2, 5-0 Mega Red) while sophomore center Devin Searcy scored

The Tigers (10-1, 4-1) were led by junior Leon Freeman's 13 points but were unable to get anyone else to double fig-

Romulus was up by 10 after the first period ended, 24-14, and swelled the

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# **Plymouth's Haskins** is 'set' for success

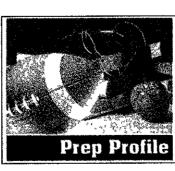
BY ED WRIGHT

As the volleyball descended rapidly toward the open space on the Plymouth side of the court Monday night, the Walled Lake Western players on the opposite side of the net were in high-five mode, ready to celebrate another point in the Western Lakes Activities Association showdown that was unfolding in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

No one could have blamed the Warriors for assuming the point was theirs.

After all, the closest Plymouth player was 10 feet away and the ball was just a few feet off the ground.

Unfortunately for Western, the closest Wildcat was Sarah Haskins, who dove head-first for the spinning, white sphere. Incredibly, as Haskins slid across the floor, she managed to get her fist under the ball just before it hit the hardwood. The ball popped straight up off Haskins' fist and to a waiting



teammate who pushed it over the net.

The point — to the disbelief of all six Warriors and to the delight of Haskins' teammates was still up for grabs.

Plymouth eventually lost the point, but Haskins - the team's junior setter and one of its captains — had won the admiration of everyone who witnessed the all-out, hustling

"That was just one example of what Sarah means to this team," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "She is our quarterback on the court. In most cases, she decides where

PLEASE SEE HASKINS, 84



Plymouth volleyball player Sarah Haskins serves important roles as the Wildcats' setter and as one of the team's captains.

### **Boys swim listing**

The Observer sports staff plans to launch its inaugural listing for the area's best boys swim times for the Thursday. Feb. 3, edition. Coaches from the fol-

lowing schools are urged to report their season individual and relay bests by 11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Union, Redford Thurston and Redford Catholic Central.

You can fax updates to sports department at (734) 591-7279; or send a regular e-mail - no attachments please - to your area individual sports editor including:

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Please list your times by the order of events.

### Wildcat fund-raiser

The Plymouth High School Athletic Department invites members of the Plymouth-Canton community to participate in its second. annual PHS Athletic Department Spring Fund raiser.

All funds raised will help defray the costs for students to participate in high school athletics.

The event will be held. March 12 at the VFW Hall in Plymouth.

Businesses or individuals that would like to 🚟 donate gift certificates or items to be raffled off should contact Barb : Swanson at (734) 454-9867 or

Baswanz@aol.com. Donations can also be mailed to: Plymouth High School, Athletic Department, 8400 Beck Rd., Canton, MI 48187:

GCYBSA signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association (GCYBSA) will hold its initial registration from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at

Canton's Summit on the Park. The · GCYB-SA, which is replacing

the dissolved Canton **Community Junior** Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T Ball, baseball, and softball teams for youths between the ages of 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:

# ton spikers even WLAA record

Canton's volleyball team balanged its Western Lakes Activities Association ledger Wednesday night with a Wadnesday night with a service points with no serving thrilling five-game victory over faults. Alexander is currently Westland John Glenn: 23-25, 25-20, 12-25, 25-20 and 15-8.

The Chiefs are now 10-8-3 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA, John Glenn dropped to 11-6-3 and 3-3 in the league.

"It was a hard-fought, wellplayed match," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "We won it by playing superior defense. Our offense was out of synch for much of the match, but we passed incredibly well."

Perrin praised the play of senior Christie Daniels, who was nearly flawless, recording no errors on 34 passes, and a 2.6 serve-receive average.

Christie was nearly perfect the entire match on defense," Perrin said. "Lisa Western and Marie Martin also played well. They both had their best blocking games of the year and they kept Glenn from getting good looks all night."

**SWIM RESULTS** 

Salem 142, Westland John Glenn 37

Thursday, Jan. 27 at Salem High School

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs),

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 2:01.26; 2. Pat Sautural (S), 2:02.72; 3. Kevin

200 IM: 1. Stan Chen (\$), 2:27.61; 2. Nick Leone (\$), 2:29.57; 3. Perry Johnson (JG),

50 freestyle: 1. Cory Price (S), 24.35; 2. Jon Wejroch (JG), 25.30; 3. Jason Williams (S),

**Qiving:** 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 184.95; 2. Jon Whitt (JG), 175.90; 3. Neal Murray (S),

100 butterfly: 1, Billy Horgan (S), 1:03,98; 2. Jon Kline (S), 1:04.43; 3. Jon Wejroch (JG),

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 54.60; 2. David Xia (S), 58.76; 3. Jon Whitt (S),

500 freestyle: 1. Steve Moore (S), 5:46.54; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 5:47.26; 3. Chris

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Mike Higgs, Penn Chou, Nick Dixon), 1:33:27; 2. Salem (Nick Leone, Billy Horgan, John Kline, David Xia), 1:43.63; 3. John Glenn

100 backstroke: 1. John Babb (S), 1:12.08; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:12.12; 3. Doug Fransioli (S),

100 breaststroke: 1. Eric Martin (S), 1:16.41; 2. Rick Strahan (S), 1:20.26; 3. Nate Spala

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Mike Higgs, Pat Sautural, Nick Dixon),

3:26,83; 2. Salem (Cory Price, Jason Williams, Adam Clark, James Crabill), 4:01.31; 3. John

1:46 38; 2. Salem (Penn Chou, John Kline, Bill Horgan, Dave Maryanski), 1:58.39; 3. John

Glenn (Jon Wejroch, Jon Whitt, Perry Johnson, Matt Espy), 2:02.30.

(Matt Espy, Jon Whitt, Jon Wejroch, Perry Johnson), 1:46.40.

Glegn (Matt Espy, Denis Knight, Kevin Chapelle, Kaan Billuc), 4:44.78.

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The Chiefs also received a stellar effort from Sarah Alexander, who recorded 19 service points with no serving \* serving at a 98.5 percent clip.

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Canton trailed 21-14 in the opening game before Laura McKendry strung together nine straight service points to give the Chiefs a 23-21 lead. The Rockets responded, though, by scoring the next four points to secure an early lead.

"We had seven hitting errors in the first game," Perrin said. "We felt that if we could cut down on the unforced errors, we were the stronger team.

In addition to Daniels, Perrin credited the defensive play of Andrea Johnson and Molly Conlon.

"Glenn's best player, Jennifer Schwartz, was very impressive all night, but Christie dug three consecutive bombs by Schwartz in the fourth game that really set the tone for the remainder of the match."

Daniels finished with 18 digs. Other top performers for the winners were Johnson (10 kills, 27 digs), McKendry (15 kills, 13 service points, 14 digs), Western (five kills, six blocks), Alexander (18 digs) and Stephanie Price (29 assists, 17

### Plymouth ousts Pats

The Wildcats defeated Livonia Franklin, 25-17, 21-25, 25-23 and 25-22 Wednesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association match. Plymouth is now 13-5-1 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA.

Jeanine Moise led the Plymouth charge with 18 kills, 19 digs and four blocks.

Sarah Haskins also played well, recording 28 assists and

### Agape bumps Calvary

The Wolverines rebounded from an opening-game loss to upend Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, 22-25, 25-16, 25-22 and 25-21 Thursday night in a non-league contest. The victory improved Agape's overall record to 2-6.

"We're starting to play better as a team," said Agape coach Justine Pummill. "We did a nice job of passing and communicating tonight, and we're serving a lot better. We didn't have a lot of aces, but we put the ball in play."

Katie Lambert shined in a setting role for the Wolverines, Pummill noted.

"Katie was very accurate with her sets tonight," she said.

Agape standouts included A.J. Creps (nine kills), Ashley Paul (eight service points, five aces) and Erin Allen (six aces).

### PCA sweeps Agape

The Eagles knocked off the Wolverines, 25-5, 25-16 and 25-16, Friday night in a match played at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation

"It was a total team effort," said PCA coach Missy Henry.

# Calille's hot hand leads Canton cagers

Senior guard David Calille scored a career-high 19 points to lead Canton to a 55-44 victory over visiting Northville Friday night in a Western **Lakes Activities Association** Western Division match-up.

The victory improved the Chiefs record to 7-6 overall, 3-4 in the WLAA and 2-2 in the Western Division. Northville slipped to 5-8 overall and 2-5 in the conference.

Nine of Calille's points were the result of three triples.

"Dave's always been a good shooter, but he was in one of those zones tonight," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, referring to Calille's hot hand. "We set up a play for him early in the game and he scored off it, so it seemed to get him going. Hopefully, he keeps it going because it would give us another weapon."

Senior center Kevin Thornton was dominant in the paint for the Chiefs, netting 11 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocks. Sophomores Ryan Waidmann (seven points) and Steve Paye (six points and eight rebounds) provided Canton with a lot of depth.

"Kevin blocked eight shots, but he altered several more," Pave said.

Canton led 13-9 after one quarter, 23-16 at the half and

41-26 with eight minutes left. "For the first time in a long time we played four consistent quarters and didn't have a scoring drought," said Paye.

"Defensively, we shut down the kids we thought could hurt us. We took care of the ball tonight, too. We only had 10 turnovers, which is good for us."

Chris Lorente led the Mustangs with 14 points. J.D. Gerblick twined eight.

WAYNE 67, PLYMOUTH **56:** Senior Gene Nix was one rebound short of doubling up a double-double in Wayne's Western Lakes Activities Association matchup with the

Wildcats. The 6-foot-7 center finished with 22 points and 19 boards while leading his team to their seventh win after a slow start.

Danny Walsh added 10 points. The Zebras (7-6 overall, 6-1 WLAA) used a 20-5 third quarter to distance themselves from Plymouth (7-6, 3-4) come away with the win.

"In the third quarter," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "we did a better job of taking care of the ball and attaching their press.

The Wildcats clawed their way back to within eight in the fourth quarter, but poor shooting let the Zebras pull away again.

"In the third quarter we started forcing things, and when we got good shots, we did not bury them," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "Then we got back in rhythm. We showed some character coming back. We didn't quit, and that's a positive sign. We got good shots, but we didn't bury them."

Plymouth's D.J. Coleman led all scorers with his season-high 30 points and came up with six steals, but the Wildcats couldn't recover from a 19-for-37 performance from the charity stripe.

Jim Wilbur added eight points, while Josh LeDuc blocked six shots.

FRANKLIN 60, SALEM 33: Livonia Franklin outscored the Rocks 33-13 in the second half to pull away and notch another WLAA victory.

Junior Andre Bell led the way for the Patriots (9-3 overall, 5-2 WLAA) with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Mitch Jelonek added 11 points.

The Patriots struggled against the struggling Rocks (1-12, 1-6) in the first half but came out strong in the second.

"Our execution wasn't there in the first half," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said, "but we had a pretty productive second half."

Despite nearly doubling up Salem, Keberly thought his team was flat.

"Salem outhustled us, and out-executed us," Keberly said. "They were just not able to score. We can't play like this on Tuesday (at Walled Lake Central) and expect to win."

Junior Billy Leddy led Salem with nine points.

"They just dismantled us in the second half," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the Patriots. "We had 24 turnovers. They had 12 steals, a total of 36 giveaways. They did a great job defensively.

JOHN GLENN 54. W.L. NORTHERN 51: WLAA coleader Westland John Glenn (6-7, 6-1) rallied to erase a fourpoint halftime deficit Friday to escape stingy Walled Lake Northern (1-12, 1-6)

Brandon Pratt (15 points), Barry Eberhardt (13) and Alex McMillian (12) led the way for the Rockets. The Knights' Nick Bortz led all scorers with 20 points and Joel Darin added 12 for the Vikings (1-12, 1-6).

Each team earned eight points at the charity stripe, Glenn on 19 attempts and Northern on 13.

# Canton gymnasts overcome Eagles

A no-fall performance on the balance beam served as the catalyst for the Canton gymnastics team in its 141.95-133.00 victory over Hartland Wednesday night at Plymouth High School. The victory improved the Chiefs' dual-meet record to 4-2.

"The key to the meet was that we had six good performances on the beam routines," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Of the six, we had four nines and an 8.85. Chelsea Selden's (9.05) and Hillary Bracht's (9.3) performances on the beam were personal

The Chiefs welcomed the return of Megan Chappo, who finished

fourth on the bars. "Everyone is progressing well," Cunningham said.

Canton 141.95, Hartland 133.00 Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Plymouth H.S. (results for Canton gymnasts) Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley, 9.30; 2. Jessie Murray,

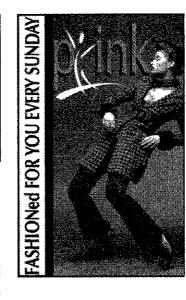
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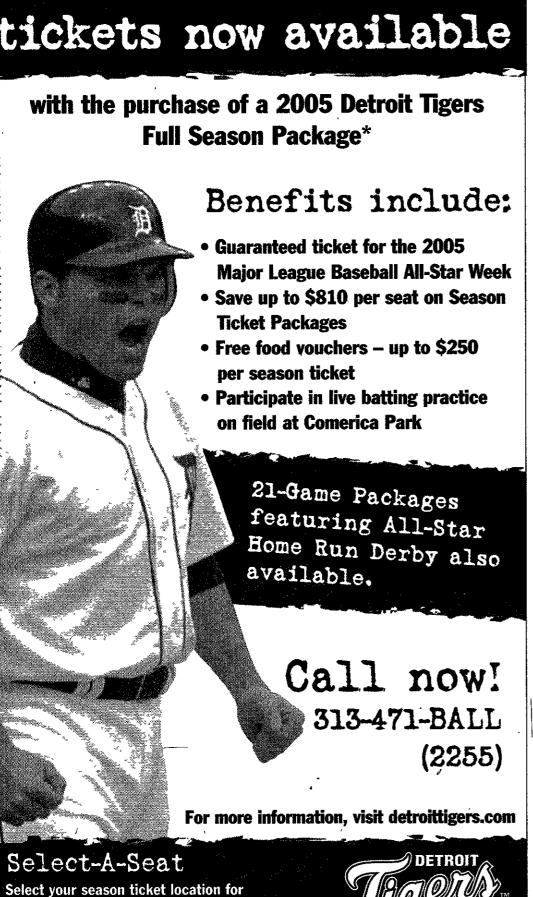
8.55; 4. Megan Chappo, 8.45; 5. Mina Pirzadeh, Beam: 1. Hillary Bracht, 9.30; 2. Kara Ahern, 9.15;

Mina Pirzadeh, 9.10; 4. Chelsea Selden, 9.05; 5. Alyssa Kelley, 8.85. Floor: 1. Alyssa Kelley, 9.55; 2. Jessie Murray

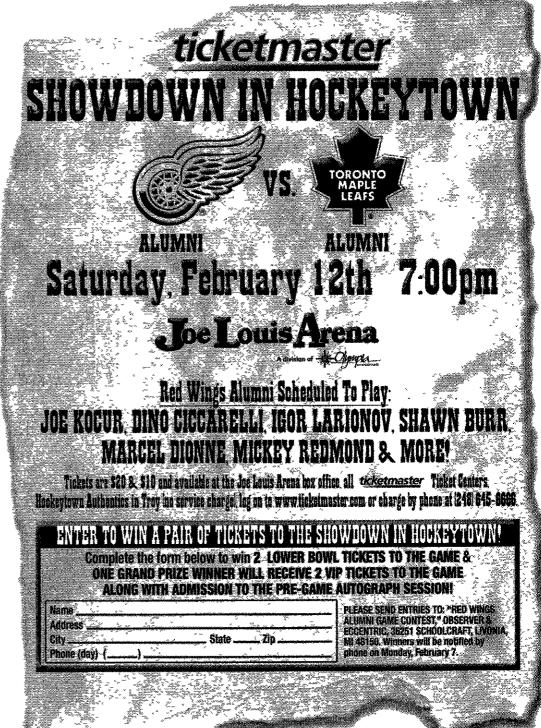
8.95; 4. Kaitlyn Burns, 8.85. All-around: 1. Alyssa Kelley, 36.25; 2. Jessie

Murray, 35.50; 3. Mina Pirzadeh, 34.50; 5. Hillary Bracht, 33.75; 6. Kaitlyn Burns, 33.15.





2005 All-Star game



### **WRESTLERS**

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did," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We weren't quite as relentless as I would like us to be, but we still did well."

Canton led 5-3 after the first two matches. Chief Jay Fleischmann opened the proceedings with a 16-1 technical fall triumph over Richard Martin at 125. The Wildcats bounced back in the 130pound match when Steve Korpus edged Canton's Pete Bonneau, 8-5.

However, the Chiefs gained a strangle-hold on the match from that point on as they won the next seven contests — two

by pins, two by major decisions match will begin at 6 p.m. and one on a technical fall to take a commanding 37-3 lead with five matches left. Corey Phillips (135), Ryan Webb (140), P.J. Caram (189), Ryan Schnettler (103) and Sam Santilli (112) recorded pins for the Chiefs.

Next week will be a busy one for the Chiefs, who host Livonia Franklin on Tuesday and Walled Lake Western on Thursday. Both matches are set to commence at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, Canton travels to the **Battle Creek Central** Invitational.

Plymouth returns to the mats Thursday when it hosts Livonia Franklin. The opening

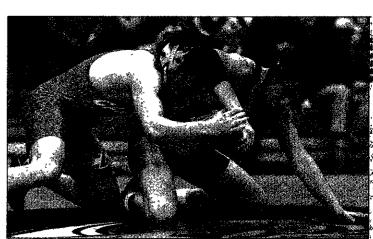
**CANTON 49** PLYMOUTH 18 Thursday, Jan. 27 at Plymouth

125 pounds: Jay Fleischmann (C) won by technical fall (16-1) over Richard Martin; 130: Steve Korpus (P) decisioned Pete Bonneau, 8-5; 135: Corey Phillips (C) won by major decision over Ali Youseff; 140: Ryan Webb (C) pinned Jon Hagar in 3:49; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by technical fall over Rosiek; 152: Alex Freitag (C) won by technical fall (21-4) over Brandon Garcia: 160: Marwan Faraj (C) decisioned Ramin Pakray, 8-3; 171: Alex Ambera (C) decisioned Vincent Darolfi. 11-5; 189: P.J. Caram (C) pinned Taylor Fox in 5:14: 215: Danny Jammoul (P) decisioned Tom Bonnell, 6-4; HWT: Shawn Bailey (P) pinned Donnie Laramie in 39 seconds: 103: Rvan Schnettler (C) pinned Steve D'Annunzo in 4:54; 112: Sam Santilli (C) pinned Amir Pakray in 1:53; 119: Ben Kosmalski (P) won by injury default over Nick Poole.

**SALEM 33 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 28** Jan. 27 at Salem

145 pounds: Jake Bennett (S) pinned Jameson Murray, 1:45; 152: Josh Kelly (LC) won by major decision over Val Gui, 9-1; 160: Ben Adams (LC) won by major dec. over Kevin Mylnek, 19-5; 171: Manuel Schubert (LC) won by void; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) dec. Joe Bargerstock, 6-4; 215: Hafeez Oureshi (LC) p. Alex Smith, 0:45; 275: Pat Draheim (LC) p. Steve Kaptur, 0:39; 103: Alex Fowler (LC) dec. Jeremy Stankewitz, 5-2; 112: Nick Steiger (S) dec. Tim Hecksel, 12-10; 119: Matt Keffler (S) won by major dec. over Greg Roberts, 14-5; 125: Cory Mervyn (S) p. J.P. Gaffke, 1:03; 130: Ryan Stump (S) dec. Justin Smith, 7-4; 135: Scott Fysh (S) won by major dec. over Eric Brace, 9-0: 140: Rvan Olson won by major dec. over Dave Rush, 9-1.

Dual meet records: Salem, 15-5 overall, 3-1 Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division: Churchill, 13-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA-Lakes



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Canton's Marwan Faraj and Plymouth's Ramin Pakray battle for position during: the early stages of Thursday night's 160-pound match. Faraj eventually won, 82 53

### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL Tuesday, Feb. 1 Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem, 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m. Bethesda at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 3 Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at Northvile, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Southfield Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m. **BOYS SWIMMING** Monday, Jan. 31 Plymouth at Redford CC

at Livonia Community Center, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Feb. 1 Northville at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2

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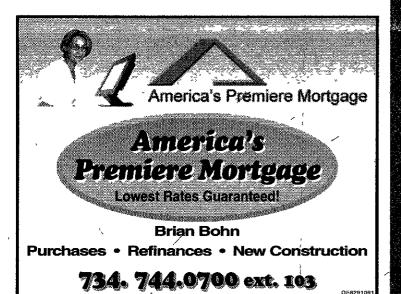
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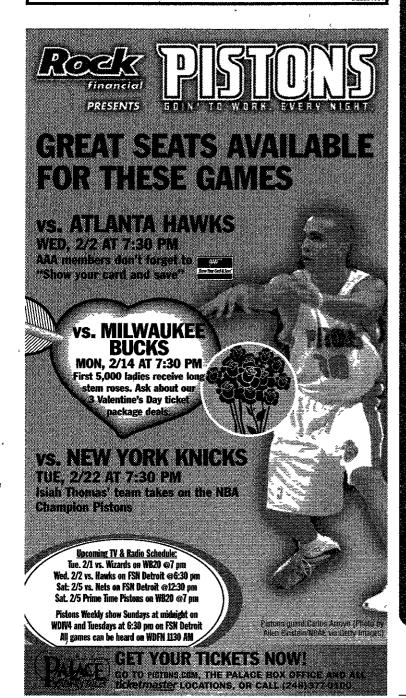
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margin out to 40-23 at halftime. It was 57-35 through three quarters and the Eagles were up by 22 points or better throughout the fourth period.

"There was one point in the fourth quarter, with about three minutes left," Krogel said, "where Jerret lobbed that long pass (for an easy basket by Searcy). We just stood around watching. That bothered me.

Bothered him to the point where he pulled his starters and put in the reserves, trailing 73-38. "It was devastating. It was an eye-opener, for

"We had distractions all week. People close to us know we've had (internal) problems. We deserved what we got.

"And that's not to take anything away from Romulus. Without the distractions, they proba-

bly would have still beaten us by 20." Belleville's best quarter was the first, when it scored 14 points.

"In our last three games we'd had 28, 24 and 22 turnovers," Oats said. "I told our kids if they would take care of our turnovers and go to the rim, we'd win going away.

"Sometime late in the first half, Jerret told me,

Smith drew a foul and scored his first point of the game on a free throw 57 seconds into the

contest. He made a driving layup with 5:54 left and added another solitary free throw a halfminute later.

He hit a triple at 5:03 and added another basket, driving to the glass for a layup, to make it 19-6 with 3:32 left in the opening period.

In the second quarter Smith made three baskets, one a three-pointer, and three free throws for 10 points.

"I'm disappointed in myself and I'm disappointed in my team," Krogel said. "But we'll get

"I thought all along we were due for a whipping. We got one.

"If we don't learn from this, we won't learn from anything."

The teams will play again on the last game of the regular season, Feb. 25. There's a decent chance first place, or a share of first place, will be on the line for the rematch at Romulus.

"I was 1-6 versus Belleville coming into this game," Oats said. "You obviously aren't going to think it's going to be easy going against the No. 2 team in the state. But I felt as confident coming into this game as I ever have against Belleville."

Having Jerret Smith, the answer man, on your side would be enough to take care of most ques-

"I'd say," Krogel said, "that Romulus and the University of Michigan feel a whole lot better about Jerret Smith today."

### **HOMECOMING**

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rhythm in the second quarter thanks to some stunning outside shooting. Molnar hit a pair of mid-range jumpers and a long three for Agape and senior guard Jordan Johnston swished a pair of treys for PCA in the opening minutes of the second period to set the tone for the rest of the half, which ended in favor of Agape, 23-21. Molnar scored nine points in the quarter — all from the perimeter.

Whatever changes Taylor made at the half worked because the Eagles put together an 8-0 run to open the third quarter to grab a lead they would never relinquish. Ciborowski started the run with a strong inside move. Sumner then drained a three

and Saagman added a baseline drive and a free throw.

'We made a few adjustments at the half that seemed to help," Taylor said. "We were driving too much and not passing enough in the first half. Plus, we weren't flashing to the high point. We moved the ball better in the second half and took the ball inside more.

"Matt Saagman did a nice job of finding the seams in their match-up zone. Aaron had one of his better games this year, too. And Stephen Sumner may not have scored a lot, but he makes his presence felt in other ways."

PCA's biggest lead of the second half was 46-34 with 3:50 to go when Ciborowski converted a layup. Agape cut its deficit to 52-46 on a pair of Jack Anleitner free throws with 16.2 seconds left, but that's as close as the

Wolverines could get. Molnar rimmed out a pair of threes within a 20-second span in the final minute.

Ciborowski paced the Eagles with 17 points and 14 rebounds. Sumner added 11 points while Saagman chipped in with 10. McCord tallied six points and nine rebounds.

The Wolverines' biggest inside threat, senior Derek Leathers, scored just one point, but he pulled down a teamhigh nine boards. Bryan Horning had five steals for Agape and Anleitner had four swipes.

PCA hit 20-of-43 shots from the field (46.5 percent) and 11of-19 free throws (57.8 percent). Agape connected on 16of-49 field goals (32.6 percent) and 9-of-13 shots from the charity stripe (69 percent).

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### **Smooth skaters**

The Canton Crush Squirt A hockey team won the Detroit Regional Silver Sticks Tournament Dec. 1-5 in St. Clair Shores. The tournament featured the best Squirt A teams from throughout southeastern Michigan. The Crush upended Kensington Valley, 2-1, in the title game. Team members are Jack Bergmann, Ben Crabill, Michael Curtis, Ryan Cusin, Gage Fasbender, Connor Gaffney, Brendon Kearney, Jacob Pacholski, Pearce Vance, Reede Burnett, Matt Cox, Nick Daigneau, Lucas Salinas, Nate Tustian and Brett Young. The team is coached by Ken Gaffney and Frank Vellucci.



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"Earlier in the season, I asked Sarah to become a little more vocal, and she has definitely improved on that. She's a good leader for this team."

### **EARLY SPIKER**

It didn't take long for Haskins' volleyball skills to blossom after she was introduced to the sport seven years ago in her hometown of Franklin, Tenn. Once her mom registered the athletic fourthgrader for a volleyball club at a local recreation center, the 9year-old's passion for the sport was born.

"I liked volleyball right away," she said. "I like the pace of the game. It's always intense. In basketball, if your team is down by more than 10 points, it's hard to come back because the other team can hold the ball. But in volleyball, you can be down a lot and still battle back and win.

Like the quarterback of the football team, volleyball setters are often the biggest difference-makers when it comes to

winning and losing. Haskins doesn't mind the extra respon-

In fact, she thrives on it.

"I like having the pressure on my shoulders," she said. "I don't really look at it as pressure, though. I like being able to make the decisions about who the ball is going to. My teammates and I have played together so long that they know where I'm going to set the ball just by reading the position of my body."

### **NO EXCUSES**

Haskins said she has never used the fact that Plymouth won't have seniors until the 2005-06 school year as an excuse when the team strug-"To tell you the truth, I've

never thought of us as not having seniors," she said. "It almost feels like I'm a senior because I've been a part of the first class to go through Plymouth. I love being a part of this first class because we're the ones who get to set the tradition, the trends and the records for the following classes to match."

Once Plymouth's season ends sometime in March, Haskins' volleyball focus turns to the Crusaders, a local AAU

travel team that is made up of several top players from the area. The team practices two to three times a week and competes in tournaments on weekends beginning in April, she

"We pretty much just travel around Michigan," Haskins added, "but we did go to Chicago last year for the nationals."

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Haskins said she finds it easier to maintain — or even improve — her shining 3.5 grade-point average during volleyball season, even though it's the time of year when her agenda is packed.

"I actually get better grades when I'm participating in sports because I know when I get home from practice I don't have much time, so I have to get my homework done." she said. "I've learned how to manage my time better because of volleyball."

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# Opportunistic Chief icers outlast Redford

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Opportunity knocked several times for Redford Unified's hockey team Wednesday night in its non-league game at Canton, but the Chiefs continuously slammed the door shut on their Mega Conference visi-

The defining moment in Canton's 4-2 victory at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton came in the opening minute of the third period when a 45-second two-man advantage for Redford was snuffed out by the Chiefs' three-man penalty-killing unit.

"That was the turning point of the game," said Redford coach Larry Singer, whose team trailed just 3-2 at the time. "Not only were we unable to score, but we didn't even get a shot off. That was a great opportunity to tie it up and we didn't take advantage of it."

Canton improved to 10-4-1 with the victory while Redford dropped to 6-7.

"It was a strange game for us," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "We played hard, but we played sloppy. We started off well, but then we had a couple of defensive lapses that really hurt us. Give Redford a lot of credit. They're young, but they play extremely hard and they stayed in the game against us right to the end."

The Chiefs outshot their

opponents 30-14 and seemed on the verge of breaking the game open on several occasions. However, Redford goalies Nick Kinney, who played the first half of the game, and Chris Donahue, who played the second, turned back a number of sizzling shots.

"I was impressed by Canton—they are a very skilled team," Singer said. "I thought we turned the momentum around in the second period when we played with a more physical style. We got hurt when we started playing the puck defensively, and not the body."

The way the game started, it looked as though the score-board may blow a fuse before the night was over. The Chiefs scored 23 seconds into the contest when Andy Barylski pounced on a rebound off the stick of Kinney and flipped it into the back of the net to make it 1-0. Reece McCabe, who fired the shot Kinney deflected towards Barylski, was credited with the assist.

Undaunted, Redford knotted the game at 1-1 48 seconds later when Tom Anderson lit the lamp after taking a pass from Justin Blalock.

Canton snatched the lead back for good five minutes into the second period when Garett Hyman punched in a powerplay goal to make it 2-1. Ben Laurin and Bryan Wioncek assisted on the go-ahead tally.

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Canton's Mike Kondratek looks for a passing lane during the Chiefs' 4-2 victory over Redford Unified Wednesday night. Redford's Justin Herbst is blocking Kondratek's path to the net.

Kondratek — the fastest skater on the Arctic Edge ice
Wednesday night — expanded
Canton's advantage to 3-1 with
5:29 left in the period when he deposited the puck into the back of the net from the doorstep. Jon Sudia assisted.

The resilient Redford squad cut its deficit in half just over a minute later when captain Brandon Baity scooped a shot past Canton goalie Tony Hylko from just outside the crease. Nick Fischback and Robert Lippe were credited with helpers on the goal.

Redford threatened to tie the game with 1:26 left in the sec-

ond period, but Hylko denied Jason Hendrickson on a shot from point-blank range.

Kondratek added an insurance goal for Canton when he wristed a shot into the net with 9:04 to play.

The third period was slowed down by eight penalties — five on Canton and three on Redford.

"I thought Bryan Wioncek, Mike Kondratek and Reece McCabe played outstanding games for us tonight," Behen said. "They all did a great job."

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Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive **United State Figure Skating** pairs ice-dancing championship two weeks ago in Portland, Ore.; 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko; 2002 Olympic and World medalist Timothy Goebel; 2005 U.S. national champion Johnny Weir; 2005 U.S. pairs champions Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash; and five-time U.S. National Champions Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow.

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# Last-minute goal gives 'Cat icers win

Plymouth's hockey team slipped by Walled Lake Central, 4-3, Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 7-8 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Vikings dropped to 0-7 in the confer-

"It was kind of a sloppy game for us," said Wildcat coach Mike Kaput. "We had 16 penalties and all three of their goals were on power plays. Central had 14 penalties, so the refs were blowing their whistles a lot.

"I thought Christian Blick played a good game in goal for us tonight."

Brandon Winowiecki scored the game-winner with 22 seconds left in the game when he fired a shot from the blue line past Viking net-minder Jim -Johnson. Johnson was screened on the play by a pair of Wildcat skaters who rushed towards the net just prior to Winowiecki's winner, which was assisted by Barile and John Knoerl.

Mike Barile had a stellar effort for Plymouth, tallying a goal and an assist.

Barile opened the scoring with a first-period goal that was assisted by Justin Michalek and Mike Manner. Nick Rosochacki made it 2-0 a few minutes later when he lit the lamp. He was assisted by Billy Gauthier and Cote Brown. The Vikings surged in front, 3-2, with three unanswered goals in the second period from Anthony White, Bard Murphy and Colin Angelosante.

Jason O'Guinn knotted the score at 3-3 early in the third.

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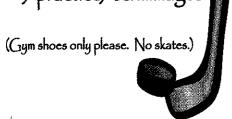
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### Ocelots' Williams snares 24 rebounds in triumph

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Ben Wallace, eat your heart out.

Schoolcraft College center Courtney Williams, a 6-foot-9 transfer from Oakland University, hauled down a sea-

son-high 24 rebounds as the Ocelots downed host Oakland Community College in a men's basketball game at the Highland Lakes campus gym, 70-56.

Williams and Martin Samarco also scored 15 points apiece to pace Schoolcraft, now 19-2 overall.

Marcus Moore added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Chris Gandy dished out six assists.

Julius Barnett led OCC (9-11) with 17 points. Walt Williams added 11.

Schoolcraft overcame poor shooting and 18 turnovers to pull away in the second half

after leading by just three points at intermission, 30-27.

The Ocelots were only 23-of-59 from the floor (39 percent) and 16-of-29 from the free throw line (55 percent), while OCC was 22-of-68 from the field (32 percent) and 6-of-13 from the line (46 percent).

INDIANA TECH 100, MADONNA 75: Madonna (6-16, 1-5) earned exclusive rights to last place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a loss Wednesday to WHAC foe Indiana Tech (15-6, 3-2) in Fort Wayne.

MU's Noel Emenhiser kept up his torrid scoring pace by dropping 36 points on 12-for-27 shooting and tied for the lead on his team with five boards and four assists, but no other Crusader could reach double-digit

JuJuan Cooley led the host Warriors with 25 points and five steals, while Chris Goings added 14 points and Luke McKenna stayed atop the WHAC rebounding leaders with 14

The Crusaders couldn't overcome 26 percent (8-for-30) shooting in the first half and trailed at the break 43-25.

# Lady Ocelots pick up easy win, 65-42

STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 22, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball got derailed by a snowstorm. Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots temporarily lost power, so to speak.

"Yeah, we only scored 27 points in the first half, and that's a power outage for us," joked Schoolcraft head coach Karen Lafata.

She could laugh because the Lady Ocelots cranked it up again in the second half and easily defeated Oakland Community College 65-42. The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 15-3 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. OCC dropped to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in the MCCAA.

"They (Lady Raiders) slowed the tempo down on us," Lafata explained. "The game was real choppy and we couldn't get into the flow."

In the opening half, Schoolcraft connected on just

The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 15-3 overall and 7-0 in the **Michigan Community College** Athletic Association, OCC dropped to 9-9 overall and 4-

12 of 30 field-goal tries but managed to lead 27-20. Although OCC made just four of 23 attempts, the Lady Raiders hit 12 of 14 foul shots compared to just two-of-five for the Lady Ocelots.

3 in the MCCAA.

But the play picked up after the intermission, and Schoolcraft scored 38 points to easily clinch the win.

"That was more typical for us," said Lafata, noting that her team hit 14 of 27 field-goal attempts in the second half.

Schoolcraft's offense is averaging about 80 points per game, the coach said.

On Wednesday, despite the slow start, four players scored at least 10 points for the Lady Ocelots.

Sophomore forward Ashley Gibson led Schoolcraft with 17 points, including three triples. Gibson chipped in with four

Freshman forward Charlese Greer tallied 14 points along with nine rebounds. Scoring 10 points each were freshman forward Amantha Combs (Belleville) and sophomore center Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn).

Lafata noted strong play off the bench from freshman guard and Walled Lake Western graduate Tracey Winkler, who scored five points and contributed three steals.

MADONNA 68. INDIANA TECH 55: Proficient shooting from the floor sparked Madonna University to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday night over

visiting Indiana Institute of Technology. The Lady Crusaders hit 26 of 54 field-goal

however, shot .303 from the floor (20-66). Madonna outscored the Lady Warriots 32-

25 in the first half and built on that lead in Top contributors for the Lady Crusaders (11-11 overall, 4-2 in the WHAC) were center

Sarah Thomson (18 points, 11 rebounds), guard Jackie Pingston (15 points@six rebounds), guard Lydia Prusinowski (12 points) and forward Martina Franklin (11 points, 10 rebounds). For Indiana Tech (10-12 overall, 4-2 in the

WHAC), guard DeNisha Gray scored 18 points while forward Alicia Harrison chipped in with

MADONNA 63, CONCORDIA 54: MU had to wait two days to take on - and defeat - host Concordia University, with the Jan. 22 game postponed until Jan. 24 due to heavy snow.

After a bit of a slow start last Monday, the Lady Crusaders went on to defeat the Cardinals 63-54 in a WHAC matchup. Trailing 32-27 at halftime, Madonna simply

shot better from the floor after the intermission. The Lady Crusaders connected on 11 of 26 field-goal attempts in the second haif, compared to a nine-for-30 clip by Concordia (2-16, 0-6 in the WHAC).

Sparking Madonna with 17 points was Pingston while Maureen McCormick (12 points) and Prusinowski (11 points) helped the cause on the offensive end.

In the rebounding department, the Lady Crusaders received 12 boards from Franklin and 11 from Thomson.

For the Cardinals, Richel Gerstenberger

tallied 13 points

# Whalers blank Saginaw as goalie Nie stands out

Plymouth Whaler All-Star goaltender Ryan Nie stopped all 33 shots he faced en route to a decisive 5-0 victory over the Saginaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game Friday night at Compuware Sports Arena. Plymouth improved to 21-19-4-3 and reclaimed sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division. John Mitchell scored his 18th-and 19th goals of the season and added three assists

for a five-point night and John Vigilante added his 16th goal of the season and a trio of assists.

Steve Ward also scored two goals for the Whalers, giving him three on the season.

Nie, the only Whaler on the OHL All-Star team, earned his second shutout of the season.

Plymouth was in control throughout, striking first at 12:22 of the first period, when Vigilante split two defenders and scored.

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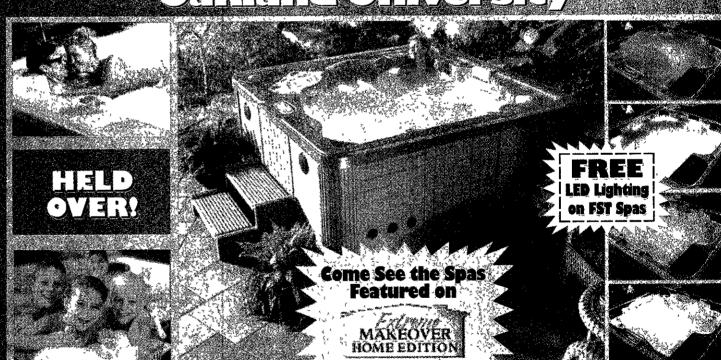
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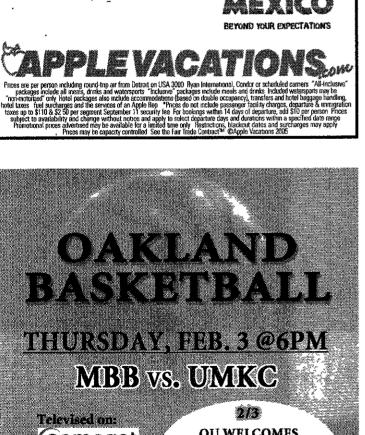
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# be used by guy

My boyfriend and I have been dating for only a few months and I think he's using me. I did something with him that I regret and don't know what to do. I thought he'd like me more, but he told everyone and is now a jerk. Too much too soon in Canton,

You should never do something with someone for him or her to like you more. First off, you will not feel good about yourself for doing it, and secondly you set yourself up to be used. To be in a serious relationship you should both be affectionate for the right reasons. This guy doesn't sound like he deserves you, because he has violated your trust and your privacy. You need to pick your chin up, break up with him and start to heal. If he truly cares about you, he will give you time to work through your feeling and let go of the regret. If he doesn't, then move on and make sure your next boyfriend is with you for the right reasons!

My life has been really hard so far. I've gotten into drugs and alcohol and quit the sports teams that I played on for three years. Oh ... and my grades have been horrible. Is it too late for me to turn my life around? Life's too short in Redford, 17

It is never too late to turn your life around. Actually, you have already started by admitting your problems and seeking help. You should talk with your parent(s) about finding a therapist to work with you on your substance abuse problem. Once you start to feel more confident about the changes you're making, you can take up a different sport or start looking into college and university sports programs. As you feel better, I bet your grades will come back up. Just keep strong, believe in yourself and remember ... it's never too late.

Dear Jen, I have a very weird problem. I have to always talk and can't stand the sound of silence. I've even not gone on dates because I don't think I would be able to talk the whole time. Is this normal? Silence is Golden in Livonia, 16

Well, it's normal for you ...

for the meantime. It sounds as though you are dealing with some insecurity. Sometimes when people are afraid of silence they are uncomfortable with themselves in some way. There may be some issues that you are trying to ignore by keeping them bottled up. By talking all the time, you never have to think about them. You should buy a notebook and start journaling. Journaling will help you work through these problems and work on being silent. Start being conscious about silent moments when with friends and if you feel the need to just talk ... count to 10 first, silently! You can work through

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

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# Taking the First Step



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Valerie Harris (right) comforts a domestic violence survivor in the Activity Room of the First Step shelter. The room provides a place where individual families can have some space

Although Valerie

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### Domestic violence survivors move ahead with lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER



hen it rains, the roof leaks in the kitchen and several places throughout the shelter, but Patti doesn't mind because she's safe from harm. Until seeking refuge at First Step, she suffered mental and physical abuse at the

hands of her partner for many years. In the last two months, she's become less anxious. She's not constantly anticipating some-

thing bad is about to happen. "It's a big difference to be out of that and to be strong," said Patti. "It's been wonderful. When I was having down days the advocates noticed my spirits were down. They talked to me, showed me they cared. They hugged me. Those hugs meant a lot to me. They meant I'm not alone. I'm grateful this place exists."



Associate Director Amy Youngquist says First Step is helping more women and children and providing more services for each.

shoes. "We had 38 families during the holiday," said Harris. "People are staying longer. We're trying to find safe housing, trying to establish income. It's getting harder to

do because of the economy." The phone never stops ringing at First Step. Volunteers and staff answer 400 to 500 calls a month from women in need of shelter, legal

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### Charity dance became event over last 15 years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Brian Duggan can't believe it's been 15 years since he started the charity dance to gaise money for First Step, a nonprofit agency providing services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It's certainly become more work to coordinate the food including hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and pizza, a Casino Night, music by Steve King & The Dittlies, and entertainment by actors impersonating Madonna, Karen Carpenter and Cher. Nevertheless, Duggan feels it's more important now than ever to host the event 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and available by

calling (734) 591-1900.

"Throughout the 15 years, I've met a lot of people who have been battered and it turns my stomach when a woman or a child gets abused," said Duggan. "We've sent letters to everyone and have added a raffle, car raffle, slot car racing. Every table gets a bottle of champagne. All

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# Mindworks: **Program targets** learning problems

BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT

When she was in first grade, Becky Nall noticed that her daughter, Emily, was having trouble reading. The teachers "brushed her off" and told Nall that some kids just take longer to learn to read than others.

In third grade, she was told, "Emily has a disability and just has to live with it." The school advised her that Emily would have to repeat the same grade next year. Nall would not accept

That's when Nall, who lives in Novi, took her daughter to Mindworks in Ann Arbor. This year, Emily is in fifth grade and got an A in reading.

Mindworks is not a tutoring program — it doesn't help kids with their schoolwork. It works to correct the underlying problem that's causing the difficulties

in school. The Mindworks program is an option to help those with dyslexia and ADD/ADHD. For people with these learning disabilities, school can be a nightmare and their future is limited unless they receive some type of specialized

help. When Emily was tested at Mindworks, she was found to have a phonological processing problem. She took in information differently than other people.

"It was a sequencing problem," Nall said. "She couldn't pull words apart and this affected her reading."

According to Terry Dunivin, CEO of Mindworks, many kids in school today are diagnosed with ADD/ADHD when they really have a different type of learning

disability. "There are 30 learning issues



Rebecca Nall watches her daughter, Emily, 11, work on some school work. Emily has improved her reading skills and is now reading at grade level after completing a special program at MindWorks for children with learning problems.

similar to ADD/ADHD," Dunivin said. "Ritalin is used too much."

Dr. Jill Robinson, coordinator of the master's program in learning disabilities at Madonna University, echoes this sentiment

about using medication. "Pills don't teach skills,"

Robinson said. With proper diagnosis and treatment, many learning disabilities can be overcome without medication.

Dunivin said that the Mindworks method gets to the underlying problem of the disability, while many schools just teach kids "how to cope with it."

Robinson said that "programs such as this provide a great option above and beyond what public schools offer."

She added that "public schools have a great challenge to educate all students."

According to Robinson, the makeup of special education classrooms has changed drastically and "it's hard for special education teachers to meet the

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Livonia, MI 48150.

# Show your love for your teen on Feb. 14

📕 alentine's Day gives us a special time to think of love. Love can be expressed in many ways. This column doesn't involve suggestions for material gifts but rather includes reminders of ways you can truly express your love for your teen. Here are some ideas:

■ Use plenty of positive words and phrases each day with your teen. Banish putdowns from your vocabulary.

■ Make an extra effort to set a good example at home and in public. Use words like "I'm sorry," "please," and "thank you.

■ Use non-violent forms of discipline.Rewards and restrictions are at the heart of adolescent discipline.

When you ask questions, don't pry too much. Use openended questions like, "Is there something we should talk about?"

■ Listen with your eyes: body language says a lot about how your adolescent feels.

■ Acknowledge your adolescent's feelings. Help name and sort out feelings. Then move. forward in figuring out an issue or problem.

■ Denying how a teen feels even if you disagree with how the feeling is expressed - is a sure way to shut down a conversation.

■ Mark family game nights on your calendar so the entire family can be together. Put a different family member's name under each plate at dinner, and have that person choose which game will be played that evening. Sounds



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Alice McCarthy

Your teens need your steady support and encouragement to discover their strengths. They need you to believe in them as they learn to believe in themselves.

"corny." Invite your teen's best friends. You will be surprised how much fun it is to play a game together.

One of the best ways to familiarize your child with good food choices is to encourage cooking with you. Let him or her get involved in the entire process, from planning the menus to shopping for ingredients to the actual food preparation and its serving. This experience is important for after high school independence and college.

■ Your early adolescent's health depends significantly on the care and guidance you offer during this time. By taking your teen to the doctor regularly, keeping him or her safe from accidents, providing a nutritious diet, and encouraging exercise, you help protect and strengthen his or her body.

■ Regardless of whether you actively try to pass on your values and beliefs to your teen, he or she is bound to absorb some of them just by living with you. Your teen will notice how disciplined you are in your work, how deeply you hold your beliefs and whether you practice what you preach.

■ Mental health issues, especially depression and the warning signs of suicide, are subjects parents need to learn about and be able to discuss with teens.

■ Pre-teens and teens can face tough issues like failure in school, stealing, and gang membership. Alcoholism and drug use among peers and family members, and eating disorders are also issues kids face. Risky behaviors, date rape, and sexually transmitted diseases-including HIV/AIDSare all topics that parents need to be able to discuss openly.

Just because your adolescent is in high school please don't think you can neglect the importance of a strong school connection. Know your teen's counselor, teachers and principal. Find a way to volunteer at school, offering your talents and ideas for all students. Your teen will be proud of your volunteerism even if you are ignored as you pass in the hall!

■ Your teens need your steady support and encouragement to discover their strengths. They need you to believe in them as they learn to believe in themselves. Loving your adolescent, spending time

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness by Dr. Edward Hallowell (Ballentine, 2002, \$22.95) Dr. Hallowell is a psychiatrist who is known for his work in ADHD and dyslexia. He is also the author of Driven to Distraction and recently Delivered from Distraction. He can be contacted through his web site at www.DrHallowell.com.

with him or her, listening to and praising accomplishments are all part of this process.

This copy was modified and extended from a set of tips supplied by the American Academy of Pediatrics (2004). We will discuss these tips more thoroughly in future columns.

If you missed previously columns, you can access them www.hometownlife.com/Livon

ia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of

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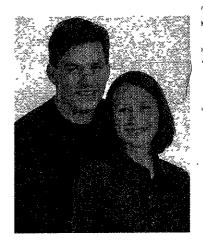
### **WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

### Honecker-Sample

Richard and Elaine Honecker announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Honecker, to Christopher Douglas Sample, the son of John and Carol Sample of Canton.

The couple will reside in Los Angeles.

A Sept. 26, 2006 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

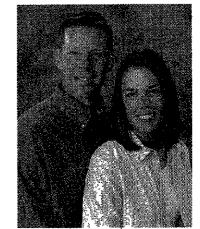


### Stafford-Peterson

**Sharon Cabreros of Canton** announces the engagement of her daughter, former Canton resident Kimberly Anne Stafford of Portage, to Clark Allen Petersen of Portage, the son of Sheri and George Peterson of Champaign, Ill.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of Cabreros and the late William Stafford, attended Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed at The Moors Golf Club.

The prospective groom, originally from Champlain, attended Centennial High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is the general manager at



### The Moors Golf Club. An Oct. 8, 2005 wedding is planned at Yarrow Golf Resort in Augusta, Mich.

### Brown-Mai

Bill Brown of Ossineke and Mickey Wiedbrawk of Pensacola, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter. Kamie Sue Brown, to Matthew Carl Mai, the son of Richard and Susan Mai of Northville.

The bride-to-be was graduated from Salem High School in 1994 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. She works at Salon Awesome in Plymouth.

The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Lutheran High Northwest and a 1992 graduate of Madonna University. He currently works

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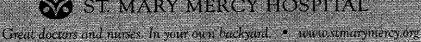
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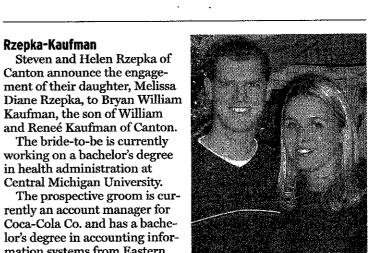
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### LeBlanc

Francis and Deloris (nee Ricklefs) LeBlanc of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 29 with a luncheon at St. Aidans Hall. They were married Jan. 29. 1945, at St. Gregory Parish in Detroit.

Francis is from the Upper Peninsula and Deloris is from South Dakota.

Thay have lived in this area 63 years.

Francis has been retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. 23½ years and enjoys working on the computer.

Deloris worked for Xcello's in 1945 and has since been a fulltime homemaker. She enjoys crocheting and reading.

The couple has six children, Francis of Tulsa, Okla., Bernard of Venice, Fla., Eugene of Farmington, Michael of Livonia, Marilyn of Livonia, and Joseph of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

### MINDWORKS

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individual needs of each stu-

dent. Robinson said that organizations like Mindworks are a "viable option for parents."

Dunivin said the difference between Mindworks and other learning systems is the method involved.

"We change the way kids learn," Dunivin said. "We strengthen learning skills."

Mindworks doesn't use schoolwork to help its students — it uses a series of activities and games that help develop the memory.

We improve the process of learning through a series of exercises that doesn't include homework," Dunivin said. "The last thing these kids want to do is schoolwork, especially if they're having real trouble."

The program at Mindworks lasts three to four months, with many parents seeing results within weeks.

Kathy Sultana of Canton has already seen "significant" changes in her son, Tyler, even though he's been in the program only since mid-November.

"His teachers have seen a complete turnaround," Sultana said. "He actively participates in class."

Sultana said that Tyler had been having problems in school since first grade. He always had a hard time - his mind would wander.

Luckily, Tyler managed to get good grades, but it was always a battle for him to get his homework done. His problem was reading; he couldn't stay focused long enough.

Sultana took Tyler to Mindworks for testing to see if anything could be done for him. The test results determined that he has ADD - he has sequencing problems.

At Mindworks, Sultana said that Tyler is involved with an exercise called interactive metronome. Tyler listens on headphones to a series of beeps and he has to signal every time he hears one. It works with Tyler's memory and makes him pay

Sultana said, "It's so simple it's bizarre that it works."

Mindworks programs are designed to get to the root of the problem. In Tyler's case, the program has helped his attention span so that he can move forward in school.

If students don't advance academically, they're apt to fall behind, become frustrated with the entire educational process and drop out. Dunivin said that 75 percent of kids who don't read at their grade level never will. He added that nearly half the kids with learning disabilities drop out

To keep kids from reaching the point of quitting school, Dunivin stresses early intervention.

"Third, fourth and fifth grades are the most important grades for learning in school," Dunivin said. "These are the grades that count."

Mindworks not only helps kids get better grades, it also reinforces their self-esteem. Many kids who are labeled learning disabled feel ashamed of their situation.

Emily Nall felt this way. "She felt she was dumb," her

mother said. "It affected her selfesteem big time — she had a real hard time." After 20 weeks at Mindworks,

she no longer feels dumb. She's getting good grades and is talking. about going to college to be a veterinarian.

Tyler is also doing well in the self-esteem department. His mother said that there has been a big change.

"Tyler plays hockey and his coach told him that he wished the kids on the team had half the confidence that he does," Sultana said.

Dunivin stresses that Mindworks isn't for everyone.

"There are kids that we can't help," he said. "In these cases, we let the parents know that our program just isn't for them."

But for the kids who do attend, Dunivin says that 90 percent improve their school grades within three to four months.

For more information on Mindworks, call (734) 929-6635 or go online at www.mindworkslearning.com.

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information and counseling. The good news is more family members are picking up the phone. Amy Youngquist believes that's because "society is starting to recognize this is truly a crime." By the end of the year they'll have helped nearly 7,000 people.

"We're helping more people and providing more for each," said Youngquist, associate director of the nonprofit agency based in Plymouth with an outreach office in Redford. "When they're calling the shelter it's like the last resort. They have no where to stay. We accept anyone that needs to be safe, not just Wayne County."

The most dangerous time is after a woman leaves home for the shelter. It's also the most emotional. It's at this time they and their children, some as young as 2 days, need not only clothing and diapers, but counseling. First Step programs immediately begin to help them regain stability and selfesteem. For the children, play sessions and art therapy may help them express what they've gone through.

"Children are frightened, confused. We may see behavioral problems," said Harris. "Some have problems in school. Some have problems

communicating their needs. Sometimes women come in with more than four children, with six, seven, eight. It's hard to find housing for them. Landlords won't rent to large families."

Extended stays mean more people living in the building that's expanded over the 16 years First Step has owned it. A leaky roof is just one of the problems. Harris says because the building is so old "we have to turn the heat up high - that means increasing energy costs."

"Things pop up daily," said Youngquist. "We're looking for a committee to build a new building, looking for people with skills."

### **ADVOCACY**

First Step doesn't charge for their services or programs that include sending a children's advocate into schools starting in third grade as a measure of prevention. It costs around \$2 million a year to provide meals, clothing, transportation, formulas, and counseling for the survivors of domestic violence. Federal funding as well as private donations and fund-raisers such as the Feb. 11 charity dance help women and chil-

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dren move on with their lives. "It's the support of staff and volunteers that keep us going," said Youngquist. "This is an old & building. We need skilled labor and financial donations, and we always need volunteers, skilled labor to do tiling and repairs, those who can make a longer commitment, work on the crisis line four hours a week after training. There are lots of ways in which they can help. We welcome men and women, elders, foster grand-

"The dance brings in additional money to help. A lot of stuff we get for the holidays, clothing, shoes carry us through the year but paper products, diapers, are needed all year long. All funding is tied ' to something. A leaky roof is not included, that's where fund raising is so essential to us."

parents."

First Step is able to provide services because of fund-raisers like the 15th annual charity  $^{2+}$ dance 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Burton Manor, Livonia. Tickets are \$35 in advance and available by calling (734) 591-1900.

To volunteer at First Step, call (734) 416-1111.

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a cash prize. We'll also have a raffle for everything from a flat screen TV to nights on the town. It's only \$10 and on the back is a coupon for a buy one get one dinner free at E.G. Nicks, Leather Bottle or Giulio's. Out of 15 years, I don't remember someone saying they didn't have a good time."

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking priced proposals from qualified firms to provide all of the following services:

- Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
- A Residential Recycling Program A Residential Composting Program
- Servicing of Stationary Recycling Container(s)
- Related Solid Waste Services as Described in the Request for Proposal

These services shall be provided for a minimum of two (2) years but may be extended over a multi-year period not to exceed a five (5) year term. The Charter Township of Plymouth currently services approximately 8200 units for solid waste, recycling and compost collection, and has an estimated population of approximately 28,000 persons. The following represents the appropriate loads of waste for 2002, 2003 and 2004:

YEAR	AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE MONTHLY SOLID WASTE VOLUME IN TONS	AVERAGE MONTHLY RECYCLE VOLUMES IN TONS	AVERAGE MONTHLY COMPOST VOLUMES IN TONS
2002	8116	717	168	264
2003	8161	739	173	268
2004	8213	741	173	297

All proposals shall be made on the Proposal Forms and in accordance with Instructions to Proponents furnished by the Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department. Each proposal shall be sealed and plainly marked. Copies of the proposal forms and instructions may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Proposals must be delivered to and be on file with:

Office of the Township Clerk **Charter Township of Plymouth** 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170

on or before March 28, 2005, 3:00 PM.

ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The envelope containing the Proposal must be sealed and plainly marked "Proposal for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling and Composting."

Proposals will be publicly opened and available for review at 3:05 PM on March 28, 2005 in the Clerk's Office Meeting Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Questions should be directed to Susan Vignoe, at 734-453-8131 ext. 33 (Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department).

Proposals must be submitted with a bid bond of \$180,000.00 executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for receipt of proposals.

The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all Contract Documents. A Pre-Proposal Meeting for all interested parties has been scheduled

for February 9, 2005 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Plymouth Township Board Meeting Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road. Questions/concerns regarding this document will be addressed at the Pre-Proposal Meeting.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Proposal, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the Township.

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auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services be Charter Township of Canton by w calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

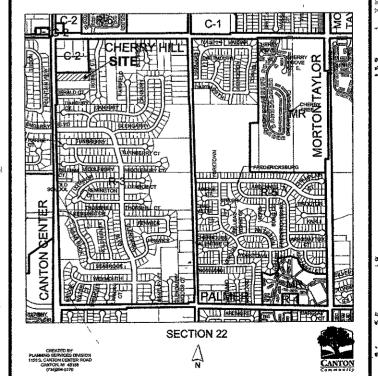
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 21, 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

MORRIS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 086 99 0002 001 FROM R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO 0-1 OFFICE. Property is located east of Canton Center and south of Cherry Hill Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 17, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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# Young actor makes good in Hollywood

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

John Yono left Livonia for Los Angeles a little more than a year ago, but he already has wrapped shooting on several films including *There Can't Be Nothing*, premiered at Universal Studios in June, and *Clique*, an independent horror tale from Clarity Pictures.

Even though Yono stars in the teen slasher film and plays a supporting role in the drama about a love triangle, he's not letting success go to his head. Yono avoids late night Hollywood parties in favor of sleep. He says it's important to look good and be healthy in this city.

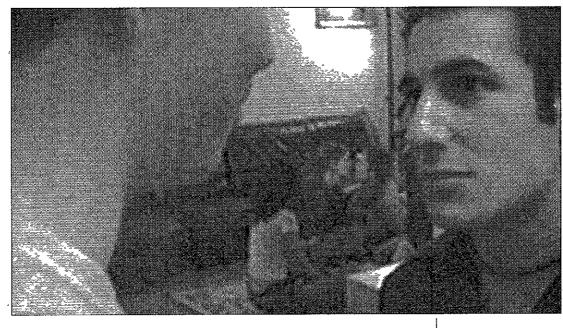
"It's a whole different world out there, from cars to clothes," said Yono, 23. "You rarely see a Ford there. You stop at a light and you're surrounded by BMWs, Audis, Ferraris. It's all about how you look. It's very fast. I've become immune to it."

He does occasionally have doubts about making it on the West Coast but not enough to lure him back home with his father, John, mother Cindy, four brothers and a sister. Yono loves his family but has dreamed of a career on the stage since his senior year at Churchill High School.

It was then he began thinking about becoming an actor.

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This still is from the film "There Can't Be Nothing, which premiered at Universal Pictures last June. Livonia native John Yono (right) played a supporting role in the drama about a love triangle.

At the time he was playing drums in the hard core band, Elements of Aggression.

Yono didn't care for the lifestyle that included drugs. He took a theater class with James Hartman at Schoolcraft College and was hooked. For the next few years, Yono honed his acting skills in productions with the Plymouth Theatre Guild (now Spotlight Players) and the Farmington Players while saving his money for the big move. "When I was around

family and friends I always had the biggest mouth of the group," said Yono. "I was the one who wanted to entertain and make everyone laugh.

"I took acting classes at John Casablancas, a talent agency in Plymouth, and played a fan in the Billy Crystal film \*61. After seeing what the set was like with thousand of lights — everyone watches you. I thought that was what I want to do. I got a lot more serious."

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agent at The Talent Shop in Bingham Farms after hearing about the promoters while studying acting at Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea. It wasn't long before he landed a part in a commercial for Belle Tire, then headed off to Hollywood where actors seem to be everywhere, including serving coffee at Starbucks.

He doesn't let the competition intimidate him.

Yono continues to drop off resumes and head shots to Hollywood studios in search of actors. He is presently working on a demo reel of films he's appeared in to add to his presentation.

"You've gotta do what you've gotta do," said Yono. "I prepared by working jobs in warehouses, everything to a stage hand and saved my money. My parents are very supportive.

. "I live with two roommates in Glendale. When I have to, I do catering at celebrity events like the movie premiere of *The Bourne Supremacy* (Universal Pictures), MTV awards."

Side jobs keep Yono going financially so he can pursue an acting career.

"I feel so happy being on the set," said Yono, "even though it's a very long day."

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### Star Struck (Jan. 30 -Feb. 2) By Dennis Fairchild

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're surrounded by back-seat drivers who cannot understand the emotional or professional conflicts you are experiencing. Simply clear the air and make a complete break. With your ruling planet Mars changing signs next week, you'll be better off letting go rather than letting off steam, Ram.

### TAÚRUS (April 21-May 21)

Batten down the hatches, Bull! With your ruling planet Yenus changing signs Wednesday, pay less attention to other's opinions and more to your own. The answers you seek are within reach, but you have been looking in all the wrong places recently. Let go of tunnel-vision; feed your head.

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

With your ruling planet Mercury entering your element today, there may be a great deal more opposition than you expected this week, but don't even think of backing down because this is a battle that needs to be fought. Be bold and brave, Twin, and you should be the last one standing.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

There are few who have not experienced some kind of disappointment or financial loss recently, or paid dearly for counting too many chickens waaay before hatch-time.

Exercise your right to terminate any unsatisfactory arrangement – be it business or personal. Your best is yet to come, Crab!

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

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve, Lion. The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble or flash that smile. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash and flash, but a fresh injection of class and ideas.

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

You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than happenstance, Virgo. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up and allow others to share the load now. You've paid your dues and done your time, kiddo!

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

With Mercury and (soon)

Venus entering
your element
and aspecting
mighty Mars,
you'll have to
do something
distasteful this

week, something you would prefer to avoid but know you can't. Get it over with as quickly as possible, Balancer, but make sure you do a good job so that you don't have to go back and do it again.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

With the Moon in your sign now, the worst thing you can do is fret about what you believe you ought to have done. Certain individuals have chosen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands. It's time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Should you allow your principles to interfere with your ambitions and desires or should you ignore them? There is no easy answer to this predicament, but your instincts are likely to be correct now, Archer. By staying true to your ideals, you remain true to yourself.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Keep your wits to ensure that new financial arrangements are not designed to give others more control or authority. Experience has taught you that the dividing line between dreams and reality is determined by self-belief. With Mars entering your sign next week, it's time to get your priorities in order!

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

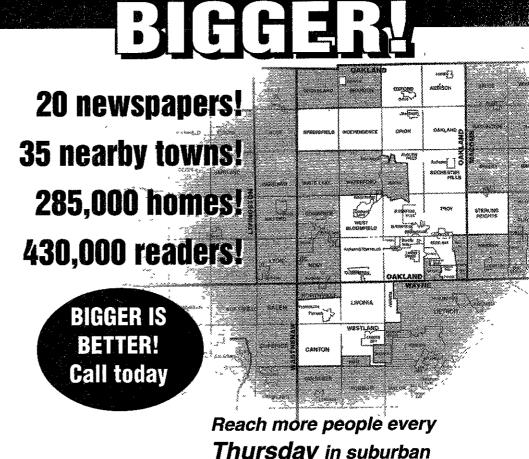
There are two points to be remembered when dealing with personal matters now, WaterBearer. First, it is much easier to be critical than to be correct. Second, the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves. For best results, be open-minded rather than full of yourself as Mercury enters your sign.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Home and domestic matters are highlighted now, and it'll be a wise Fish who pays attention and stays well within the perimeters that loved ones try to impose. It is difficult being detached when you feel hurt or disillusioned, but you can and must pull through.

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





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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.

Madonna blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the University Center/Residence Hall Classrooms at Madonna University, located at 14221 Levan Road. The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the office of student services at (734) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are also welcome. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and may donate every eight weeks, or not more than five times a year. The Red Cross will distribute all donated blood to the 75 area hospitals in southeastern Michigan.

**Genealogical Society meets** 

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. The beginners' class starts at 6 and is taught by society member Margaret Bowland. For more information, call (517) 223-3216 or (810) 227-7745.

Mercy auction benefit

Mercy High School in Farmington Hills announces its 26th-annual auction, "Still Rockin' at 60" to be held Saturday, Feb. 26. The event starts at 6 p.m. with a silent auction emceed by WDIV's Steve Garagiola. The live auction starts at 9 p.m. Proceeds raised from the auction will benefit Mercy's educational programs. For auction reservations or other information, call Erin Carlesimo, (248) 476-8020, Ext. 1253.

Men's health day

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and men's health day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Men can receive a prostate screening, learn about medical, health and fitness information, nutrition and more. Prostate screening consists of a blood test, total cholesterol check, à prostate exam and a blood pressure check. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register, call (734) 655-8963. St. Mary Mercy is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Gardening workshop

Mia Mahalo sponsors the latest in its workshop series, "A Guide to Growing Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables Naturally," from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. With Spring just around the corner, its time once again to start thinking about your garden - and health. Edie Saunders, owner of Two Women and a Hoe and MSU certified Advanced Master Gardner, will host a workshop on organic gardening for novice to advanced gardeners. The workshop will focus on "The Organic Way" or W.W.M.N.D. (what would mother-nature do); looking after the soil and how to improve it; "Let's select and grow"; and a garden that everyone can safely enjoy. Admission is \$10 per person. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 546-1900. **Black History art exhibit** 

Madonna University Art Department presents the exhibit "Individual Idioms, Interwoven Identity" in celebration of Black History Month. The exhibit will feature contrasting mediums such as paint, fiber, ceramics, collage, found objects, installation

and video by Detroit area artists, including: Peter Williams, Richard Lewis, Chris Turner, Loretta Oliver, Elizabeth Youngblood and Ross Sawyer. The exhibit is on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, contact Christina Hill, gallery curator, Madonna University art department, at christinahill49@vahoo.com.

**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! For more information or to RSVP, 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. For directions and more information, call (734) 459-4664.

Support session Hospice of Michigan hosts "Blues, Blahs 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 and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1. For more information about the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact

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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 further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

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 iuried show. For more information, email 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 smallgroup 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

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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 for further information. 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 informa-

tion. American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 1.0.0.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 for further information.

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 & 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.

# TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Icy blast

Sculptors representing colleges throughout the state braved what some called "brutal" weather—with blowing snow and starkly falling temperatures — to take part in competitions during the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.



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Age 92, January 25, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Joseph W. Brimble. Loving mother of Roxana (Donald) Hoffman, Mary (Jerry) Ellis, and Kathryn (Bruce) Finck. Devoted grandmother of Stacey and William Johnston, William and Victoria Hoffman, Andrew Ellis, Evan and Emily Ellis, Erik Finck and Sondra Finck. Great grandmother of Sara, Sean, and Samuel Johnston. Dear sister of Audrey Weldon. Loving grandmother of the late Stephanie Hope Ellis. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2005, at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, beginning at 2:00 pm. Memorials may be sent to the Stephanie Hope Ellis College Scholarship Fund, C/O Temple Isreal, 5725 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48323 or to a charity of your choice

# in Memory Or

KAY W. LIBKE Age 69, of Plymouth, died January 27 2005. She was born November 22, 1935, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1993, from Livonia. She was the secretary at Loiselle & Associates in Plymouth, for many years. She was also the secretary of the Dearborn Power Squadron. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Donald; her children. Cheryl (Louis) Molnar and Mark (Holly) Libke; her grandchildren, Shannon (Dave) Budd, Kevin Molnar, David Molnar, Blake Libke, and Cole Libke; her great-grandchildren, Evan and Ethan Budd; and her sister, Carol (Ed) Baugh. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Sunday, January 30, 1pm. Visitation Sunday 11am until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

JAMES SMITH CLARK III Canton, Michigan. Age 42 passed

away on Monday, January 24, 2005. He was born the son of James and Jill (Thompson) Clark Jr. on September 28, 1962 in Detroit, MI. Jim had lived in the area since 1985 until recently moving to Canton. He had been a salesman for several area car dealerships and was known for his easy smile and happy-go-lucky atti-tude. His family includes his former wife, Ann Bommarito; his three children: Amanda, Andrew and Alyssa; his loving companion, Vicki Malek, and her three children, Rachel, Alyssa and Kaila; his parents, James Smith Clark Jr. and Jill (Bob) Emmons; one sister, Betsy, (Jeff) Rousch; nephews and niece: Tom, AJ and Nicole Rousch; as well as a host of loving family. Jim's family received friends at the Nie Lifestory Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Rd. on Saturday, January 29, 2005 from 11:00 am until the time of the memorial service at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an educational fund for his children, with contributions made payable to the family. Please visit Jim's personal webpage at Lifestorynet .com to leave a memory, sign the guest book or read his life story.

### ALICE M. STORY

Age 86. of Livonia, Michigan. Died Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, MI. Beloved wife of the late Virgil Orvil Story. Dear step-mother of Virgil (Barbara) Story of Ypsilanti and stepgrandmother of many. She was preceded in death by two sisters. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and collecting bells, she had nearly a hundred. She loved children and babysat for numerous infants and toddlers. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions to Trinity Episcopal Church would be appreciated by the Story family. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, MI. (734) 697-4500



JIMMY D. WHITE

Age 71, of Florida formerly of Livonia, Michigan passed away on January 26, 2005 in Summerfield Florida. He was born on August 3, 1933 in Peoria, Illinois, He is survived by wife, Joan White of Florida (formerly of Livonia), daughters, Sally White of Farmington Hills, MI and Penny White of Rochester Hills, MI. He is preceded in death by son, Jimmy Dean White, Jr. Mr. White was a retired tool and die maker. He moved to Summerfield, Florida from Livonia, Michigan. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. in Wayne, Michigan. He enjoyed traveling, golf, and he coached boys baseball and girls softball. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was a loving husband and father. Visitation at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 Main, Plymouth, on Sunday, January 30, 2005, from 3-9, and funeral from the funeral home on Monday, January 31, 2005 at 11 AM, burial will be in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, Michigan.



### ROBERT THOMAS NICOLS

Passed away January 15, 2005 at his Aspen home surrounded by his wife and six children. He is survived by his wife Melody Nicols; children Michael Nicols, Robert Nicols, Susan Endlicher, Jacqueline Allwardt, Ionathan Nicols and Jay Nicols; and grandchildren Amy Nicols, Matthew Nicols, Blake Nicols, Christopher Nicols, Libby Nicols, Tate Allwardt and Keaton Allwardt. Robert is also survived by innumerable dear family and friends in Aspen, Chicago, throughout Michigan, Florida, California and Minnesota. Robert was an avid polo player and aviator. He enjoyed skiing, boating, automobiles and most recently golf. Born of US immigrants, his father from Greece and his mother from Ireland, Robert lived the American dream. Robert built his fortune from and was solely responsible for revolutionizing the marketing and distribution of wine nationwide, utilizing cutting edge advertising and promotional techniques which are the universal standards used today. He conceived and built six magnificent homes, three in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and three homes in Aspen. Basalt and Carbondale, Colorado. He enjoyed talking to people from all walks of life and was genuinely interested in their well-being. More than anything, Robert loved his wife, children and grandchildren and deeply cared for his family and friends around the country. He was a truly wonderful man and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. There will be several masses said across the country honoring Robert in addition to an Open House Celebration of his life on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, Six to Eight O'clock in the evening, in the Main Ballroom of the Detroit Athletic Club. Friends and former colleagues who knew and loved Robert and would like to reminisce are encouraged to attend in support of his family. In lieu of flowers, please make dona-tions to the Roaring Fork Hospice (970-945-3434)

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### Be careful. shoveling

t's said that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, I'd argue that here in Michigan, we have a third: snow.

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful. However, it carr also pose some risks to our health.

If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smôke, or if you're generally an inactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.

Dress warmly and in lay-Drink water to avoid dehy-

dration Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles

as you lift the snow. If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.

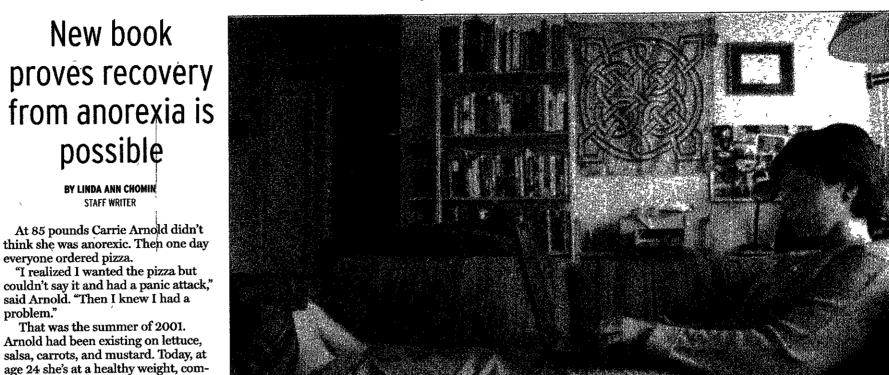
Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand. Take care of your health before it's ionningggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit

Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at 87, his days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

# **Running on empty**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carrie Arnold wrote much of her book stretched out on her sofa.

"An eating disorder isn't just cured when you stop behaviors. If you don't love yourself and find ways of dealing with life it's always a possibility to go back."

This fall Arnold relapsed. It was one of the scariest parts of her entire ordeal. Arnold ended up in the ER at University of Michigan Hospital where a doctor said her potassium level was so low she could have died from cardiac arrest.

Setbacks aren't necessarily a negative, according to Dr. Susan Gottlieb who wrote the forward for Arnold's

book. Gottlieb is Arnold's therapist. "It's an opportunity to learn how to use your tools to cope," said Gottlieb

who specializes in treating eating disorders in a private practice in Farmington Hills. "It's not about food. Food becomes the tool to deal with your emotions whether it be anxiety, depression, stress. It's a way not to deal with the issue.

"People can recover. It depends on how long they've had the disorder. The quicker you catch it the better the chances for a full recovery."

Arnold reached a point where she

"wanted to be better more than she wanted to be sick."

"I realized I was in recovery for sure during my third hospitalization at Beaumont," said Arnold. "I was munching on cold fish nuggets on the ninth floor and looking down at the traffic passing by on Woodward. I was eating Tater Tots, peas and fish nuggets, an anorexic's worst nightmare because of all the fat, and realized people driving by had not a clue I existed or that mean doctors made me

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University of Michigan and talking

Arnold's weight had been normal throughout high school in West

Bloomfield, but began dropping during her junior year at Hope College. It

was during this time she had to give up an internship at Centers for

was starving herself to death. Three

a Diary of Anorexia and Recovery."

In the next several weeks she'll

in Royal Oak and West Bloomfield

excessive use of laxatives and over-

speak at William Beaumont Hospital

High School about her four-year battle

with anorexia, bingeing and purging,

"It's hard to think you're anorexic

because images in the media are skele-

tal, but that's not typical. You can be

average weight and be anorexic. It's

about how you feel about yourself and

cope with your emotions," said Arnold.

Disease Control in Atlanta because she

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story in the book "Running on Empty,

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# Eating disorders damage young bodies ANOREXIA

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Patrizia Jesue's clients are getting younger and younger, some as young as 8. They come to her Bloomfield Hills practice afraid to eat.

A registered dietitian, Jesue develops a meal plan and makes sure they see a psychologist or therapist to help them conquer their disorder before it damages their bodies. Jesue's seen young adults developing signs of kidney failure or wearing a full set of dentures because of purging, or breaking bones because of osteoporosis.

It's important to reach young girls before this happens. On March 18, she'll be at Dunckel Middle School in Farmington Hills talking with sixth-through eighthgrade students about eating disorders. Earlier in the month, she'll be at Beaumont Hospital. For information on the March 2 event, call (248) 898-9700, visit www.geocities.com/jesuerd or send email to jesuerd@yahoo.com.

"It's not usually bulimia but anorexia. They're not purging or throwing up," said Jesue. "I help them gain weight and get them to understand what a healthy body weight is. I help them overcome their fear of food. They might be afraid of foods with fat. Now with the fear of carbs, they won't eat bread or pasta. They believe if they eat these foods they will get fat. They have a distorted belief about these foods."

Jesue teaches them the basics of healthy eating. She doesn't tell them not to eat potato chips or drink pop, but do it in moderation.

"Low carbohydrate is a huge problem now," said Jesue. "Everybody is focused on low carb. That's really a frustrating part of my practice. There's no medical basis behind it. They need carbohydrates. They're young and growing.

So what should a parent do when they realize their child is suddenly cutting out foods they once enjoyed, counting calories and losing weight?

'Don't emphasize dieting, instead healthy eating. Allow your child to have anything they want in moderation. My advice for parents is to look at their eating behaviors as role models to their children.'

Dr. Susan Gottlieb therapist

"Don't émphasize dieting, instead healthy eating," said Dr. Susan Gottlieb, a therapist specializing in eating disorders in a private practice in Farmington Hills. "Allow your child to have anything they want in moderation. My advice for parents is to look at their eating behaviors as role models to their children. If a child sees a parent is afraid of food themself or

can't go a day without exercising, or constantly talking about food, those are unhealthy eating behaviors. There's no such thing as good or bad food. It's how much you have of them."

Gottlieb has one final but crucial tip for parents of children with eating disorders.

"The sooner you catch this disease the better the chance of recovery," said Gottlieb. "Even if resistant to going it doesn't mean they won't get better. It's a tough road.

"Gently confront the person. Seek professional help with a person who specializes in eating disorders to evaluate the extent and rule out any disease that may present itself. Make sure there's not a physical reason for the disorder like a thyroid problem. And don't wait. It's a killer disease. Osteoporosis can't be reversed. That's why you want to catch it as quickly as possible."

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eat. I thought, this is kind of stupid. It dawned on me how self-defeating this was."

Arnold began writing about her experiences as part of a senior project at Hope College. Her adviser came to her after and said "you need to write this whole story." She'd been keeping journals for 10 years so the process went quickly.

Writing was therapy for Arnold as was working at the Build-A-Bear Workshop and making herself a Recovery

"Part of getting better is learning to have fun, giving myself permission," said Arnold.

Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio says "there's a lot of pressure on ages 6 through 60 to do better, choose the right direction, be productive." That's part of the problem along with media portrayals of thin, beautiful young

"They feel we have all these choices," said Sackeyfio, a psychiatrist and neurologist at Beaumont Hospital where he treated Arnold. "The brighter ones get caught up in this illness. They think, we have a host of things to be good at and people expect me to. We're setting people up for the anxiety."

Sackeyfio believes Arnold's book proves recovery is possible. That's important because he's seeing younger people, more males in his private practice with Gottlieb in Farmington Hills.

"I'm almost always hopeful," said Sackeyfio.

Eating disorders are treatable. Sackeyfio, a medical doctor and director of Beaumont's Eating Disorders program, and a panel of doctors, nurses social workers and therapists will explore options during Feb. 28 and March 2 sessions at the hospitals. Arnold speaks on March 2. For information, call (248) 898-9700.

Running on Empty is available on the Amazon and Barnes & Noble Web sites, and through First Page



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carrie Arnold with her Recovery Beam Arnold named the bear Lee Ann after 39 Lee Ann Womack. Anytime she feels like reverting to old eating behaviors. she plays the CD with 'I Hope You Dance' to give her strength.

'The brighter ones get caught: up in this illness. They think,\*\* we have a host of things to be good at and people expect me to."

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Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio Beaumont physician

Publications in Livonia.

In addition to the speaking sessions, Arnold appears at book signings 2 p.m. Saturday Feb. 19, at Border's in Birmingham, and Sunday, Februan 20. at Border's in downtown Ann Arbor. From 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, she is the fea tured author at Mugs Coffee Shop in Commerce Township. For more information, call First Page at (734) 525-1900 or and (800) 343-3034.

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### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

### FEBRUARY

Menopause and heart disease

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And Your Life 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 (for ages 16 and up), at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, Hubbard and Five Mile. Deadline for registration is Jan. 31. Activity number is 1541.471. Fee is \$25 for a pass holder, \$30 resident, \$35 non-resident. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

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Cholesterol screening In an effort to educate community members about the importance of maintaining healthy cholesterol levels, the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is teaming up with Kroger to offer cholesterol screening clinics. More than 64 million Americans suffer from some form of cardiovascular disease,

which remains the number one killer in America, according to the American Heart Association. High blood cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. A total cholesterol level higher than 240 can double a person's risk for heart disease and stroke. Clinics will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at several locations including Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 1771 Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti; Thursday, Feb. 10, 2010 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti; Saturday, Feb. 12, 400 S. Maple Road, Ann Arbor; Monday, Feb. 14, 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor; and Friday, Feb. 18, 3200 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti. Cost is \$10 each and will provide Total and HDL cholesterol levels. People younger than 18 must bring parent or guardian. For more heart disease and cholesterol information, visit www.americanheart.org.

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Upon completion of a screening evaluation, eligible volunteers will be advised of upcoming studies and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of research projects to be conducted over the next 1-3 years.

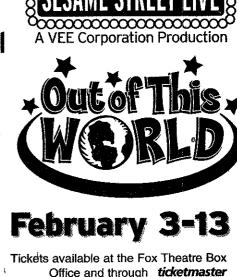
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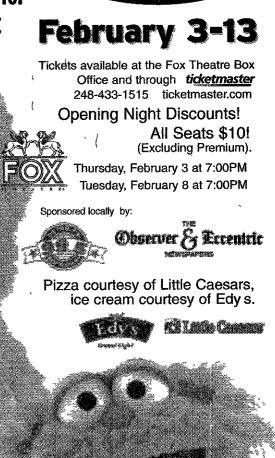
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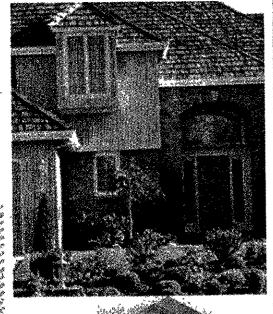
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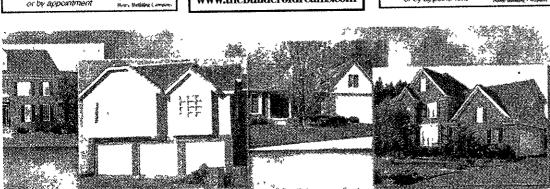
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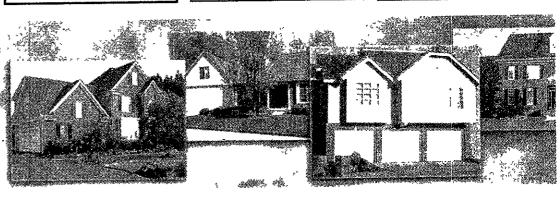
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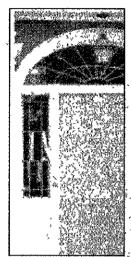
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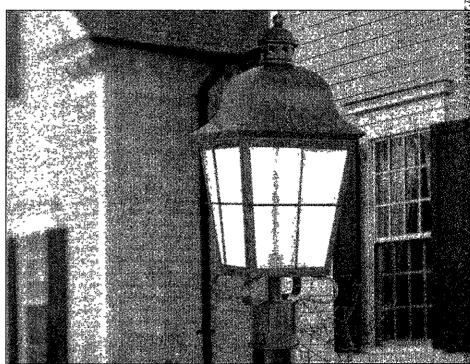
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■ Many times the people who end up buying your house will have done so because they have friends and family who live in your area. Therefore, from a marketing point of view, you want your neighbors, even your nosy ones, to know that your home is for sale. Good Realtors realize this and will send mailings into your area promoting that your home is for sale. The law of supply and demand.

What the law of supply and demand says in this case is that the more buyers that you have interested in your house, the more likely it is that

Sooner or later, your neighbors will probably figure out that you are selling your house.

you will get the offer that you want. Conversely, the fewer buyers that you have, the less likely that you will get close to your asking price. It's therefore critical that your home be exposed as much as possible to potential buyers.

You need to determine what is most important to you. If you want to sell it discreetly, then you probably shouldn't have a sign. However, by selling it without a sign you are handicapping your Realtor. This means that it could take longer to sell your home, at less favorable terms and for far less money.

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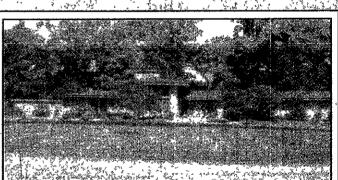
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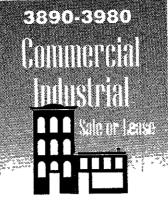




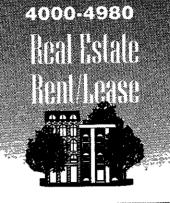


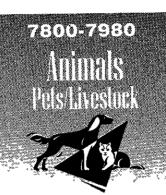






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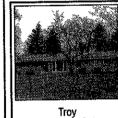
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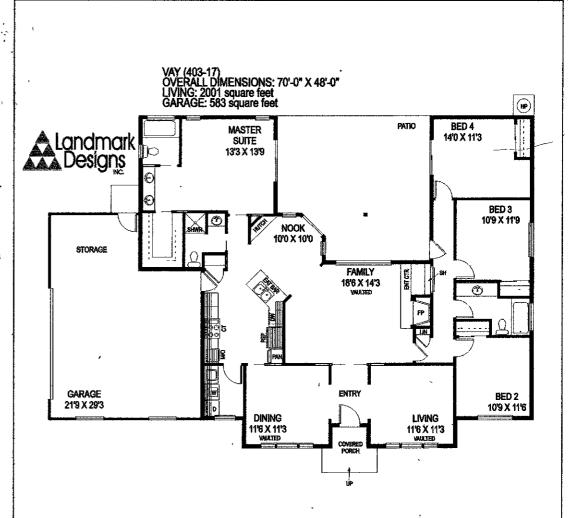
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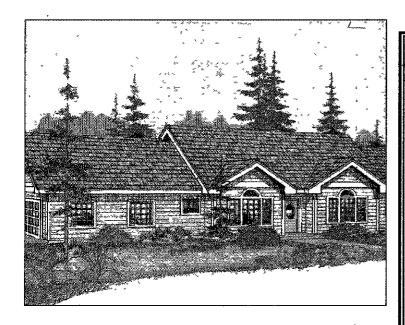
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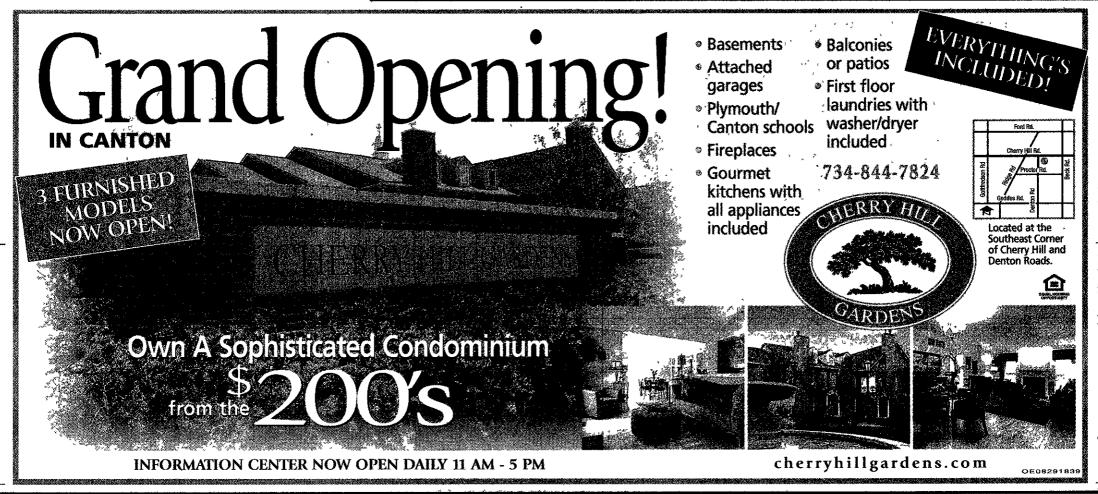
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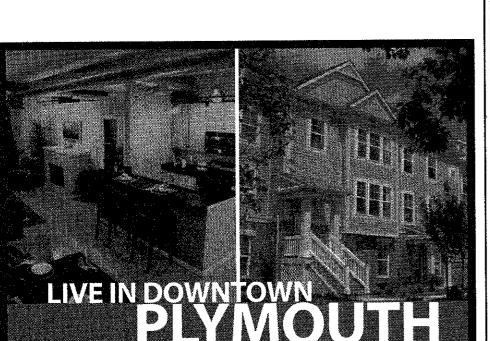




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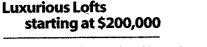
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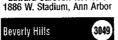
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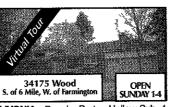
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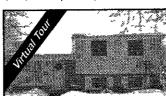
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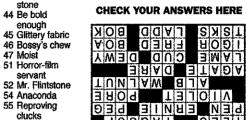
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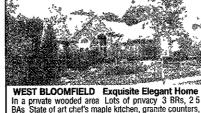


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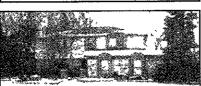


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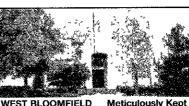
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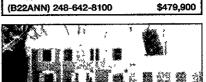


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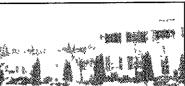
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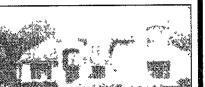
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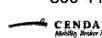
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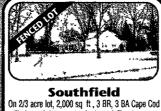
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# Builders show off products and progress during show

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We recently attended the annual International Builders Show presented by the National Association of Home Builders.

We were among more than 100,000 attendees from around the world who converged on Orlando, Fla., for a peek at the latest in building products, technology and allied services.

Billed as the world's largest building industry event, it featured some 1,600 exhibitors who came out to showcase their wares in more than 1.5 million square feet of exhibit

Appliances, plumbing fixtures, lighting, cabinets, counters, decking, windows, doors, siding, roofing, fireplaces, building materials and tools are just a small sampling of the more than 300 product and service categories represented.

Chances are if it has to do with building, it could be found at this event.

Missing from this year's show, however, was the obvious leap in new product development and technology that had been featured at the exhibition event for the last several years.

As far as we are concerned, that's a good thing. We suspect that manufacturers are offering builders and consumers a bit of a breather, an opportunity to catch up with the major advancements that have been made over the last several years.

Rather than launching a new product, manufacturer focus has shifted to making a good product better. They want it to look better, last longer, be easier to install (for both the builder and consumer), and require less maintenance — all with an eye toward comfort and convenience.

### **HEALTH, ENERGY**

No less visible this year is the emphasis toward the production of "green" building materials designed to reduce demand on natural resources and as a means of improving indoor air quality and family health.

Building products are getting better in this regard.

Arsenic has been replaced by a less toxic compound as the active ingredient in pressuretreated lumber, and a leading insulation manufacturer has omitted formaldehyde from the product and in turn added a compound to prevent the growth of toxic mold.

Speaking of mold, it's no secret that it thrives on moisture - the same moisture that is produced from cooking, bathing, doing laundry or just Ventilation fan manufacturers have come to the rescue with products that move more air yet make less noise. They are more attractive than ever and some models contain space heaters and energy-efficient fluorescent lighting.

To further combat indoor air quality and mold problems, comfort system manufacturers are turning out systems that "sanitize" indoor air, using electronic and ultraviolet air cleaning systems.

Dehumidification systems and central vacuum systems are gaining momentum as effective ways to improve indoor air quality.

Super energy-efficient building materials and products that reduce demand on natural resources and improve home comfort, lower utility bills and help save the Earth generated lots of interest at the show.

A new generation of expanding foam sealants, super caulks, radiant barriers, insulated foundation systems, windows, doors and insulation are contributing to the most energy-efficient homes in the history of construction.

Helping fuel the energy-efficient trend are appliances that use less water and power and that carry the Energy Star label.

### AUTOMATION

Home automation systems

are hot. They control lighting, heating and air conditioning, home entertainment and secu-

A couple of products that no "hip" home should be without are a combination oven-refrigerator and a refrigerator with a built-in computer.

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### **SECURITY**

Home safety and security products continue to be big at the builders show. They are less complex, more affordable and easier to use.

Windows with unbreakable glass, exterior doors with multi-point locking systems, keyless door locks, and remote controlled lighting, and security-minded home automation systems are a sampling of this steadily growing category.

Home automation systems aren't just for controlling lighting and entertainment anymore.

These state-of-the-art systems now permit homeowners to control interior and exterior lighting and monitor their home by using strategically placed video cameras via the Internet from virtually anywhere in the world.

Now, in addition to notifying a contracted security monitoring company, a "smart" security system can digitally record unexpected activity and immediately fire you off an e-mail with an embedded video attachment.

Some systems will also detect smoke and fire and notify local authorities or call you on your cell phone. Still other systems will detect plumbing leaks and running water and allow you to adjust the thermostat.

### MATERIALS

Composite building materials have been the rage for the last several years. What's different now is that manufacturers are perfecting the process and

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turning out products that look more realistic, last longer and require less maintenance.

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# Customize your bathroom, make it a place for your comfort

(NUI)—Today, bathrooms are just as much about style as the rest of the house. It should also be a place that expresses your individuality and sense of style for increased comfort and enjoyment. Start small and coordinate smaller items or buy one luxury item that showcases your personal style. Depending upon your budget and creativity, you can easily impact the look and feel of your bathroom in one or two simple steps.

Unique faucetry: An inexpensive place to incorporate your signature style is through faucetry. Upgrading your sink and tub faucets is an easy way to add drama. Faucets provide the exclamation point for the bathroom with styles ranging from traditional classic designs to contemporary high-arc spouts that really make a statement. Unlike traditional faucets with a small round nozzle, today's choices allow water to cascade into

your sink and tub for a luxurious accent.

Single focal point: When too many objects compete for attention in a room, the design can become confused. Select one strong element as the room's focal point and arrange the rest of your bathroom, including lighting, to enhance its best advantage. Don't be afraid to make a bold statement about your personality. For example, the Jacuzzi Morphosis tub will

convey your love of European design. Its graceful arch and chromatherapy lighting create the perfect centerpiece for a room.

Artwork: Bathrooms are among the most important rooms in the house and can easily be personalized with artwork and color. When selecting artwork for your walls, keep in mind the room's color scheme. Select artwork that you will enjoy every day, especially while lin-

gering in a nice bath. Frame pieces well to protect them against the light, water and steam present every day in a bathroom.

When it comes to customiz-

when it comes to customizing your bathroom, follow your design instinct rather than the current decorating trend. Incorporate elements that suit your personality and your bathroom will serve as a comfortable place that reflects who you are. For more information about which bath

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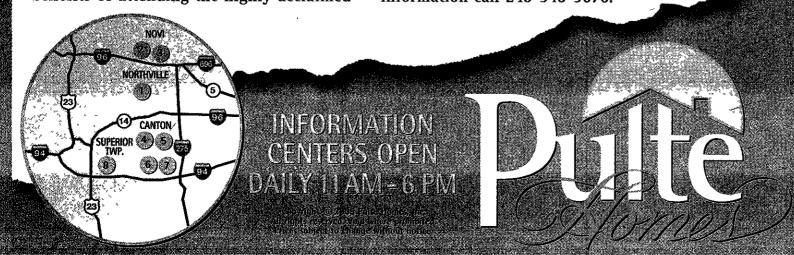
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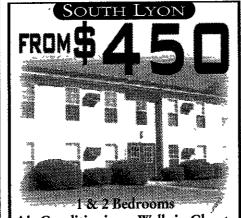
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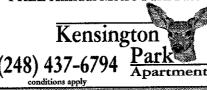
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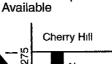
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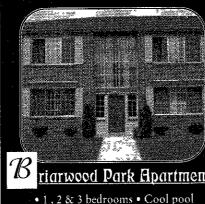
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you'll come to understand more than you ever knew about the relationship between mentality, attitude and money. Grab a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate; pull out your favorite highlighter; and sit in your favorite chair.

You'll not put this book down until about halfway through. Meanwhile, you'll be treated to an engaging discussion about effective steps to earn more money. Read for concepts rather than insight into specific gender, and you'll gain the most perspective.

The principle behind the book is that women (read: people) who don't make as much money as they'd like, because they make self-limiting career choices and decisions. They may choose a field that's so glutted that earnings go down (the arts) or that has minimal risk (therapy). They avoid dangerous fields (construction). They skirt "dirty work" (sanitation). Farrell demonstrates how to up the ante by

incorporating a new skill in your work, such as:

- marketing your own artwork, - teaching and investing, or
- placing your skill in an industry wheremost of the personality types are polar opposites, such as serving as a therapist in the military or a linguist in national security.

The last tactic he defines as "seeking what you love to do in a field that represents what you hate to do."

Nonetheless, the book is filled with some of the best perspective and career advice you'll ever find if you're underpaid (or fear that you are). There's no wrong college major. "The challenge of creating a high-pay formula," Farrell states, "is finding what you enjoy that generates high pay. It is discovering what's a plus to you that might be a trade-off to someone else." He cautions that if your objective is to find fulfillment, have flexibility and remain safe, chances are excellent that you won't find the formula.

"If you're still saying to yourself," he quips, "'I've already chosen a field,' remember, you aren't dead yet." What about looking for non-hazardous jobs in a field known for putting people at risk? How about a job on which you can't close the door at 5:00? Unhealthy? Pride in a career you can't stop thinking about can "strengthen the immune system."

Farrell writes about changing subfields, such as a general nurse shifting to nurse anesthetist or replacing the lifestyle-

alluring small business with a "regular" job in your field. Become informed about risktaking. Think about emotional risk, as in sales, which would require you to have less power (be rejected) and more money. Consider traveling as part of your job, relocating overseas when others in your company might not, or moving temporarily to a disaster area.

Review the conditions of your job. Would you work evenings, weekends or two shifts to learn more? Would you take an assignment that would reduce time from family to afford better health care for a child? Would you work in a field where the opposite sex dominates?

Farrell's perspective on stay-at-homedads is well-reasoned and sensitive, although he sounds like a leftover 60s liberal. He points out that a full 23 percent of women earn more than their husbands and "that 70 percent of men (versus 63 percent of women) would forfeit money if they could have more family time. Men, they are a-changin." This trend might appeal to women who want to throw themselves into their careers to increase their salary, and men who would enjoy staying home. In a world where most families need two incomes, this sounds a

If discrimination - gender, ethnicity, age, religious - is stalling your career, read what the author writes about the problem. Then, if the shoe fits - that you may not have considered all of the possible reasons for your lower salary - here is your chance THE STARTLING TRUTH BEHIND THE PAY GAP AND WHAT WOMEN CAN DO ABOUT IT Warren Farrell, Ph.D.

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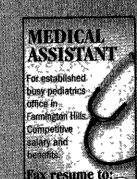
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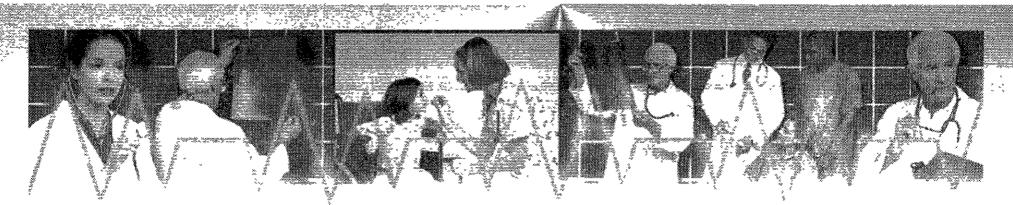
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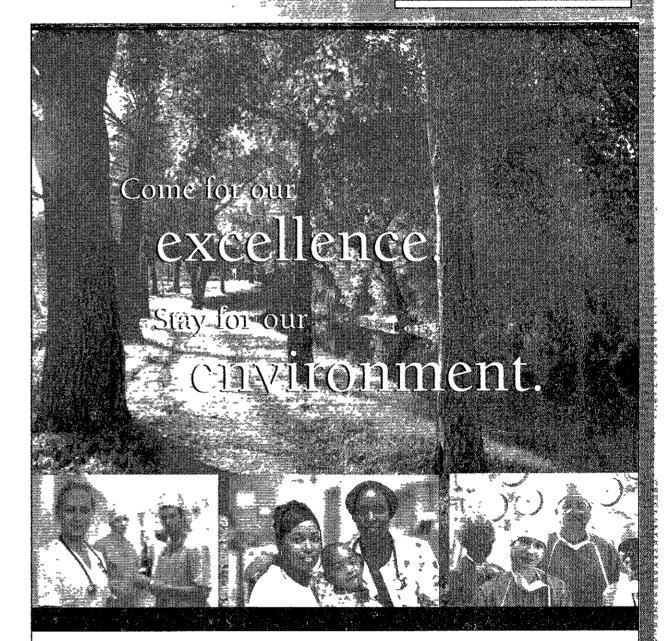
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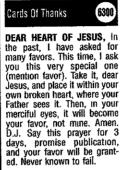
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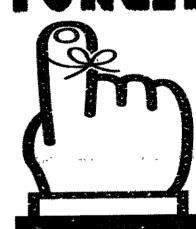
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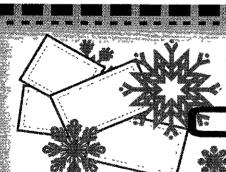


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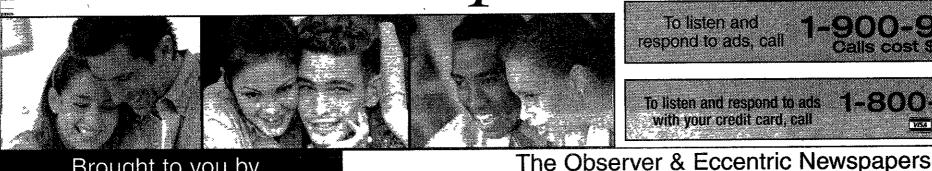
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Native American male, 28, 6', brown/brown, Scorpio, smoker, seeks a spontaneous, level-headed woman, 20-40, smoker, to chat with, \$568061

**LUST FOR LIFE!** Sweet SWM, 36, 5'6", 130lbs, brownish/blue, smoker, enjoys fast cars, boats, adventure, into bar scene. Seeking sweet SWF. 25-41. N/S, for possible relationship. 27437557

SEE FOR YOURSELF Employed SWM, 39, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/brown, attractive and fun, enjoys biking, the beach, movies road trips more Seeking SF 20-45, for friendship and possibly more. 2573191

**EVERYONE LOVES A COOK** SWM, 46, professional chef, eats healthy, likes to get away to romantic bed and breakfasts on the weekends, ISO SF, 35-48, for relationship. 2555727

**HOLY COW!** SWM, 23, 6'2", 170lbs, blond/blue, Leo, smoker, no kids, homeowner, owns a construction company, loves camping, four-wheeling, and bonfires. Seeking WF, 20-25. 2588991 I WILL CHERISH YOU

Good-looking, attractive, tall SWM, 30, smoker, great job, seeks single woman, 18-45, kids ok Get in touch! ☎575553 **GET IN TOUCH** 

SBM, 34, 5'7", 180lbs, slim build, N/S, likes shows, trying new things. Seeking SBF, 19-37, N/S, w/good head on her shoulders. **☆**572848 LOOKING FOR LOVE?

SBM, 25, 5'9", smoker, seeks woman, 20-46. N/S, with sense of humor, with whom to have fun. LONELY IN BOYAL OAK Male, 39, 5'11", 160lbs, part-time

clerk, blond/blue, Taurus, enjoys movies, dining out, and music. Seeking friendship or relationship woman, 20-38, children ok. **☎**568215 NO BAGGAGE

SWM, 32, Virgo, N/S, loves to travel, watch sports, and dine out. Seeking WF, 23-42, for friendship and dating. 2568293 LOVE ME TENDER

SWM, 38, N/S, likes sporting events, movies, dinner dates, looking for SWF, 32-45, who knows how to treat a guy right. 2573879 BE COOL

ai drinker, no kids, seeks SWF, 24-25. who is honest and will enjoy being around me. 2574817 **GET AT ME** SBM, 25, 6', smoker, likes to chill

Fit SBM, 33, 5'10", N/S, occasion-

at home with a good movie, enjoys writing poetry, seeks large, lovely 34 smoker who and plays no games. \$\pi 575283 LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! SBM, 23, light complexion, brown eyes, black braids, a few tattoos.

bowling, movies, clubbing, possi-ble relationship. \$\pi 578950\$ CALL ME! SWM, 20, light smoker, wants to meet a SF, 18-40, to spend some

smoker, seeks woman, 18-38, fo

time with and get to know. **☎**581325 ARE WE A GOOD MATCH? SWM, 50, artist/musician/tennis

pro, looking for a kind, witty

SW/AF, 18-55, sensitive, intelli-

gent, uninhibited, who likes out-

doors, animals, \$579089

### TALL STRONG, AND SOLID Patient SWPM, 47, hoping to meet thin, stender SBPF, 22-44, for friendship or more. Let's talk! **22:582171**

**VERY OPEN-MINDED** SWM, 38, 5'7", 165lbs, single father, athletic build, Scorpio, N/S, light drinker, loves archery. Seeking WF, 22-52, N/S, for friendship, possible romance.

**☎**570408

SEEKING ART LOVER Good-looking SM, 46, 5'8", 155lbs, college graduate, outgoing, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive SF, who enjoys concerts, movies, dining out, art, theater symphony, long walks, and romance. 2331159

LET'S HAVE FUN SWM, 38, muscular build, 5'8", 170lbs, hardworking, enjoys life, outdoors, working out, movies, romantic evenings at home. Seeking attractive, physically fit WF. 25-45. for fun and laughs, leading to LTR. 25452643

SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER SBM, 34, works in sales, loves bowling, going to shows, seeking a nice SBF, 26-34, no dependents, who is established, outgoing. **25**533322

SEARCHING FOR YOU SBM, 5'11", 200lbs, medium build, great sense of humor, likes movies and going out. Would like to meet a fit female, 3045-, with similar interests. 13:531157

WAITING Nice-looking BM, 34, one chid, tooking for female, 26-35. Give me a call. 2533025 LOOK NO FURTHER

Affectionate, strong, gentle, kind, well-educated SBM, 42 5'5", 140lbs, shaved head, mustache/ goatee, seeks SWPF, a woman of substance and social grace, to share a little romance, happiness and new adventures. 2412524

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WiWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easy going, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor Looking for LTR, with the right perindoor/outdoor. son. 2265340

**UNFINISHED DREAMS** 

SWM, 19, 6'3", 185lbs, brown/ brown, smoker, loves working on

cars and listening to rap music. Seeking WF, 18-25, for friendship, possible romance. \$2567024 **GOT HUMOR?** Very outgoing DBM, 55, 6'1", 230lbs, brown complexion, easy-going, smoker, seeks BF, 48-55,

COMMITTED SBCM, 37, 5'8", 140lbs, slim muscular build, seeks pretty honest and mature SF, 27-40, for friendship possibly more. ☎575938

medium to average build, fo

friendship maybe more. 22906509

LOVEABLE LEO Outgoing SBM, 2 5'10", smoker athletic, seeks SBF, 20-29, smoker, who wants to make the most out of life. Get back to met

**☎**571328 CARPE DIEM SBM, 18, 5'8", Sagittarius, N/S, seeks SBF, 20-21, N/S, who respects herself and understands the value of life. 2571617

ECLECTIC DWM, 54, HPTW, fit, degreed, financially and emotionally stable varied interests including travel. music, sports, intelligent conversa tion, NPR, art and more. Seeking beautiful, independent SW/HF, 44-54, w/similar interests, for friendship. #575306

ARE YOU MY GIRL? SBM, 22, 6', nice complexion, enjoys movies, hanging with friends, bowling, more. Seeking funny, intelligent SF to share the good times with. #2576253

HOLLA' AT ME SM, 19, looking for respectful girl, 18-20, nice personality, with a good head on her shoulders. **☎**578668

**MORE THAN A DATE!** Your heart's desire, SWM, 45, positive outlook, neat, clean, eeks SWF, friend, lover, companion, for dating and possible LTR. SEEKING SINCERE ONLY

Seeking female, 30-50. Must be beautiful, down-to-earth, independent, and sincere, Seeking sincere relationship. Race open. #220090 **VERY EASYGOING** 

SBM, 36, enjoys music, movies, dining, picnics, breakfasts. Seeking full-figured WF to get to know. 27424900

SEARCHING FOR AN ANGEL Serious, honest, warm-hearted, fun-loving, sincere, well-educated SWM, 52, 5'6", 160lbs, with good job, financially secure, seeks attractive, intelligent, sweet lady, 35-48, with good morals, for pos ble long-term relationship. H/W proportionate. 2134345 CALL TO ACTIVATE

Humorous, wonderful, caring understanding SWM, 40s, 5'10", brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, looking to share friendship and companionship with attractive SWF. 22434500

**ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN** DWM, 59, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engineer, financially secure, enjoys the smaller thing in life: local theater, cooking and roadtrips. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR. 22533085

WELL-CONNECTED SWM, 49, 6'2", athletic build, N/S, with 2 dogs, works in energy management, loves art galleries. Seeking woman, 40-54, for friendship, possible romance. 2554995

YOU KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD? Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. \$\pi 50046

LOVE IS LOOKING Sharp, supportive SWM, 45, good listener, can make you feel special and appreciated, seeks special SWF, age open. 2278661

SHALL WE DANCE... our lives together? Adventurous yet humorous, daring yet caring, active yet easygoing DJM, 63, 6', 195lbs, ISO honest, independent, pretty, slender SJPF for LTR.

SEEKING

FEMALE COMPANION Retired WM, 65, N/S, financially, secure, seeks attractive, fit, slender woman, 50-60, for friendship, fun, and companionship Will answer all. 12 117637

LOTS OF LAUGHS SWM, 40s, sensible and qualified, seeks SWF with grins and giggles, for companionship and more. #225254

CHURGOER SBM, 48, 6'3", 265lbs, glasses,

fast food restaurant manager, N/S, enjoys chess, checkers, bowling, and playing basketball. Seeking woman, 42-60, full-figured a+, for friendship, possible romance-SEEKING SURVIVOR PARTNER

SWM, 44, black/brown, fit, roman-

tic, honest, communicative, spiritu-

al, attractive, Immunity Challenge survivor. Seeking SF, 32-44, passionate, confident, enlightened, who enjoys travel, fine dining, sports, and theater. To enjoy life: TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT Lonely SBM, 51, 6'2", 195lbs, Capricorn, smoker, enjoys family:

loves children and dancing. **☎**547574 MUST LIKE CHILDREN WM, 5'6", 150lbs, very outgoing, enjoys spend a lot of time with my daughter. Looking for very attrac-tive female, 18-24, who loves camping, the outdoors and more.

activities, seeks SWF, 35-47, who

DO YOU BELIEVE... in thoughtfulness, understanding,

sincerity, everyday warmth, couparamount to a long-term, monogamous, romantic relationship?" SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs, seeks slim, trim, romantic woman for LTR **\$538958** SINCERE AND LOVING

Retired, 72-year-young SWPM' likes classy, educated grandmothers, 62-68, 5'3"-5'8". Likes family, church, gardening, conversation, winter sun areas. ISO romance. leading to loving committed LTR: MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC Tall, athletic SWM, 44, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, never married.

no dependents, college-educated,

clean-cut, good sense of humor

outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. 22587540 SELF-SUFFICIENT SENIOR etired SWM, 72, 5'11", N/S, has a taste for all different kinds of culsine, would like to meet SWF, 60-73, N/S, who loves the outdoors

**☆**455402

LOOKING FOR YOU SWM, 49, 5'5", 115lbs, blue eye, Gemini, smoker, seeks a sweet woman, 18-35, for dating, If this sounds good, call. \$2567644

I WILL NEVER...

you for granted. SWM, 53, 5'9", 185ibs, salt-n-pepper hair, N/S, dye setter, seeks WF, 48-53; N/S, for LTR. \$586818 TAKE A CHANCE

Fit, communicative, humorous, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 45, 5'8", no dependents, enjoys in/out doors. Seeking fit, educated, emotionally available SWF. 2130291 SEEKING SLENDER LADY . " SBM, 45, 5'8", 180lbs, muscular, build, smoker, father, seeks very attractive, slender SF, 30-46, for

friendship, possible marriage,

THIS IS DIFFERENT SWM, 55, romantic, lots of fun. respectful gent, friendly and entertaining, is looking for a lady just like you. \$348055 JUST GET OUT OF THE HOUSE

SWM, 48, 6'2", strong 190lbs, N/S,

secure, with cats, open to anything

anywhere. Seeking SW/AF, 30+, 150lbs-, N/S, potential LTR.

N/D. Leo. no kids, financially

**2**205507 FIRST MATE NEEDED DWM, 42, 5'11", 180lbs, attractive, employed, Great Lakes fisherman, new to the city, seeks attractive, employed SF, 30-47, H/W proportionate. 2258629

**HOW FAR IS HEAVEN?** Separated male, youthful 60, 5'10", 190lbs, light brown/dark brown, enjoys collecting movies, rock-n-roll, dancing. ISO feminine: SWF, 50s-60, to share the good things in life. 259150

**NEW DATE UPDATE** Sentimental, self-assured SWM, 40s, enjoys family and friends, can laugh and cry, can cook and clean, seeks fun, smiley face SWF, 37-53. 2240388

FROM FRIEND-MATE SWM, 51, non-smoker, animal/ nature lover, enjoys music, movies, playing sports. Seeking woman, non-smoker, vegetarian a+, who loves dogs. No e-mail

LIVE TO THE FULLEST! SWM, 55, 6'3", 225lbs, Aries, N/S, SOH, financially secure, enjoys the outdoors, golf, scuba diving. Seeking slender SWF, 42-60, N/S,

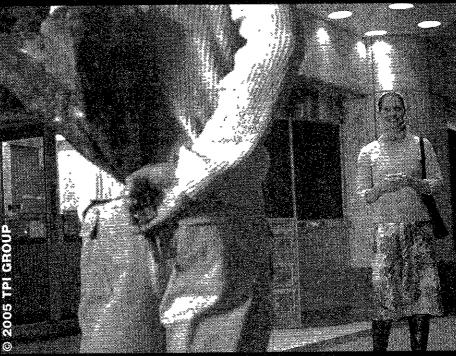
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### Avanti NewsFeatures

By Anne Fracassa **Avanti NewsFeatures** 

It was only a matter of time. All the automakers are doing it.

Jumping in the pool with a mid-size premium 'Volvo is no different. With its introduction of the

XC90 just two years ago, the potential of successful sales is just around the corner. Not much has changed for this year - just minor tweaking. And the tweaking is good. Yes, it is.

There are the new flat blade windshield wipers in front that evenly distribute the blade's edge to the front windows. And a hydrophilic surface on the side mirrors and side glass areas that virtually quickly drain the rain drops off the glass. Finally, there are new exterior colors available and the allimportant new technology of a standard tire pressure warning system.

That's a very valuable tool for most people who actually take care of their cars. With the cost of a vehicle climbing higher every year, it's important for maintenance to be a priority. With the tire pressure warning system, your tires will always be properly inflated (if you pay attention, of course), which will extend the life of not only your tires, but also other major components that have to work harder when your tires aren't perfect.

Safety and value are at the core of the XC90. Volvo is one of the premier automakers that actively places new technology on its vehicles in a hurry. I'm talking about Roll Stability Control, inflatable side curtains for all three rows of seats, an integrated sliding center booster seat of kids, seat belts with pretentioners in all seating positions and a Dolby surround sound stereo system with a 305watt Alpine amplifier and 12 speakers placed strategically around the cabin.



2005 Volvo XC90 - Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle. Power: 2.5-liter inline 5-cylinder engine. Mileage: 15 mpg city, 20 mpg highway. Where built: Gottenburg, Sweden. Price as tested: \$45,725.

All this doesn't come cheap. Base price is \$34,840. But we're talking about a premium vehicle here. With all-wheel-drive, you'll push that up to \$41,015. It is, by the way, the largest vehicle in the Volvo lineup.

You'll be able to stick 93 cubic feet of cargo in the XC90. With the second and third rows and the front passenger seat folded flat, you'll realize almost 10 feet of cargo length. Not even a pickup can boast that fact.

There are forward-facing third-row seats available as an option on the Versatility Package, which will increase your passenger seating to seven. With the package, you'll also get separate controls for the rear air conditioning and stereo system. The third row of seats fold flat to the floor, which doesn't force you to remove a heavy seat to carry more

I mentioned the integrated child booster seat. Located in the middle of the second row of seats, it can be slid forward so the kid can actually see the road and his/her parents and talk easily to them.

The base XC90 is powered by a 2.5-liter inline five-cylinder turbo-charged engine that delivers 208 horsepower. The XC90 T6 all-wheel drive model has a 2.9-liter inline six-cylinder engine that provides 268 horsepower. Both offerings can tow up to 5,000 pounds.

With the all-wheel-drive model and under normal driving conditions, 95 percent of the engine's power is given to the front wheels. If a slippery situation is detected and the front wheels lose traction, a clutch in the rear differential switches and sends 65 percent of the power to the rear wheels. It keeps you safe without any effort on your part.

Oh, almost forgot. Standard equipment list now includes the nifty HomeLink garage door transmitter system.

Standard on the premium package are a power glass moon roof, leather seating surfaces all around, power passenger seat, six-CD in-dash changer, auto dimming rearview mirror, leather gearshift knob and a pesky cargo security cover. It just got in the way of stuff I was loading. It's a valuable tool to hide your securities, however.

The option list includes metallic paint treatment, the integrated child seat, rear seat controls; DVD-based navigation system (cool technology on this baby), cargo net, rear parking assist, Bi-Xenon headlamps (to drive oncoming traffic crazy), a wood steering wheel and an interior air quality system.

This is a neat SUV with a host of technology built in. You've got to check it out.

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## Sweet Valentine's Gifts for Guys and Girls



White. You probably fall into as divided categories as red and blue (re: states). Some love that chubby cherub called Cupid, while

others would like to turn that arrow right back on him, and not in a loving way. Whichever side of the Valentine's coin you're partial to, may I suggest doing away with all the pressure and expectations and just enjoy the day for what it is? A day to indulge loved ones, potential loved ones, and most of all yourself, with some much needed pampering. We could all use the break, no?

Let this guide help you find fun, sweet and thoughtful gifts without the stress of hunting down fun, sweet and thoughtful gifts. No pressure is what Kelly's Klicks is all about. Enjoy.



Dooney & Bourke red ostrich satchel, borrow it

### For the Ladies

Whilst we lurve the chocolates and flowers, many of us also love the fashion even more. We can't help it - it's genetic (or so I like to theorize). So for those fashionistas now@bagborroworsteal.com in your life, try an innovative gift this

holiday: A membership to the Bag Borrow or Steal handbag club at bagborroworsteal.com. Memberships start at just \$19.95/month and let that special lady borrow top designer handbags for as long as she wants. When she wants to trade in that Marc Jacobs for the latest Gucci bag, she just sends it back in and is sent her next fix. Note: Men, you will make your woman very happy with this gift. And when she's happy, you're happy, right?

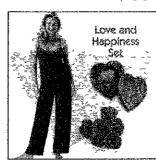
Another win-win? Lip Balm of the Month club at lipmedic.com. For \$65, your one and only will be sent the latest and greatest glosses monthly. Pucker up.



Lip balm of the month club, \$65 @ lipmedic.com

Another sweet idea that's great for all ages is a Pajama Gram from pajamagram.com. Indeed, you can send her a cute pair of PJs, a sexy nightie, or a cuddly robe, and have it delivered with a free keepsake organza hatbox, lavender bath tea, a 'Do

Not Disturb' sign, and a personalized gift card. Prices start at \$39.95.



\$82.95 @ pajamagram.com

### For the Gents

Despite the front they sometimes put up, men like to be pampered too, metrosexual or non-metro. A great way

to show you adore him and his fabulous face is by giving an aMENity shaving and grooming set from getamenity.com. Gift sets range from \$39-\$89 and come with a cute old-fashioned shaving brush and



aMENity starter shaving kit, \$39 @ amenity.com

some very fresh smelling cream, lotion, aftershave, moisturizer, and cleanser. Best of all, proceeds for some products benefit Men **Against Breast** Cancer charity, and we can't think of anvthing more lov-

ing than that.

But for the man who's more cocktails than coattails, a Dirty Martini Gift Set might be right

up his alley. This naughty little gift from shop.com includes four "swerve" martini glasses in your choice of clear or blue stem, a playful Position of the Day book, and a stainless

steel Swank



Men's accessories box, \$110 @ redenvelope.com

Martini shaker kit, all for \$94.

Looking for something slightly tamer? Check out redenvelope.com. From a cool red leather flask (\$25-\$35) and elegant initial cufflinks (\$90) to a sweet double locket key chain (\$30) and handsome men's accessories box (\$110), you're sure to find a heartload of wonderful gifts for the day we hate to love.

Kellu Lee runs the online stule magazine BussBuss.com and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories. Got an online shopping question? Ask kelly@bussbuss.com!

# pink list

### **BLISS Bridal show**

Plan your wedding in a day at BLISS! Bridal Fest. The event features wedding experts, the latest trends, prizes, strolling hors d'oeuvres, wine tastings, live fashion shows and more, noon-4 p.m. Jan. 30 at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Observer/Eccentric readers get two free tickets - mention code "PINK" when reserving by phone or enter the code on the Website. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Call 888-BLISS-11 or visit www.blissbridalfest.com.

### **Bridal Boot Camp**

Get in shape for your wedding with this one-day intensive workshop presented by personal trainer Jennifer Gray, 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Royal Park Hotel, Rochester. Brides consult with experts and get a personalized fitness evaluation, nutrition and skin care consultations, hair and makeup demos, fashion advice, dance lessons, wedding planning guidance and menu tips, along with numerous fitness classes. Leave with an easy-to-follow plan created just for you. \$500 includes all personal consultations, meals and services. For details, call 248-761-2321 or visit www.getaway4brides.com.

### Brides-To-Be, Inc.

Browse hundreds of bridal exhibits and view a fabulous fashion show. Plus, enter to win more than \$100,000 in free gifts. and prizes including spectacular ClubMed honeymoons and Demetrios bridal gowns, noon, Sunday, Feb. 6, Sheraton Novi. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call 586-228-2700 or visit www.bridestobeshows.net.

### Damsels in De-Stress

Once upon a time there was a lady who yearned to relax and unwind. Sound like your kind of fairy tale? Macomb Family Services invites you to Damsels in De-Stress, an evening of primping, pampering and indulgence. Stroll through the Best Western-Concorde Inn from 5-10 p.m. Feb. 11 and enjoy shopping, fragrances, spa services, makeovers, fashion and entertainment by Robin Smith from Born to Shop. \$50 includes dinner, chocolate fountain, valet parking and coat check, with proceeds benefitting senior programs at Macomb Family Services. Call 248-226-3440 or 586-254-5660, ext. 239 to reserve your spot.

### **Fashion Show Benefit**

Portofino Salon & Spa will be "giving their hearts to St. Jude's" this Valentine's Day and hoping the public will do the same by attending its Spring Fashion Show Preview at the Hilton Hotel in Troy to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 7 p.m. Feb. 9

The evening will include an energypacked Spring preview of hair colors and styles with fashion, dancing and singing, along with hors d'oeuvres, a free cocktail, after-show dancing with D.J. Joe Caradonna, and a silent auction. The latest hair care and skin care products will be available for purchase. Pick up tickets, \$60, at Portofino Salon & Spa, 2559 Livernois, Troy or online at www.salonportofino.com.

### Fur Caravan

Stay warm these winter months in a stylish fur from the season's best looks Feb. 2-8, Neiman Marcus, Somerset. Call 248-643-3300 for more information.

### The Great Bra Giveaway

Sick of wearing uncomfortable undergarments? Squirm no more. European designer Victor Herbert has designed a brand new bra for Jockey using 3-D laser body scans of more than 5,000 women. Pick up a free sample as Marshall Field's and Jockey host The Great Bra Giveaway, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 9 at Oakland Mall, Troy; 4-7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Somerset, Troy; and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 11 at Twelve Oaks. Guests will receive a free, newly designed Jockey bra with each complimentary fitting from a Jockey professional.

### Tuesday Night Beauty Bar

Indulge in martinis and manicures at the Franklin Grille/Spa's Beauty Bar 6-10 p.m. every Tuesday night. Grab your girlfriends and pick up a martini at the Franklin Grille, then hop across the street to the Franklin Spa, 32751 Franklin Rd., for a mini manicure, tweeze or chair massage. The cost is \$19 for one drink and one spa service. Reserve your spot today by calling 248-

 $Post\ events\ relating\ to\ style,\ including\ trunk$ shows, grand openings, sales, fashion shows and gift-with-purchase promotions to The PINK List. mail pink@homecomm.net; fax 248-901-2553; or mail information to: Pink, The Observer Offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

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### editor's note



ell, it's the end of January. Have you kept your resolutions? No? Well, you're not alone. PINK started out the new year announcing all our editorial plans for 2005, and already they are "so last season" due to a big change for PINK ...

You are holding in your well manicured little hands the very last weekly issue of your beloved PINK. Starting in February, PINK will transition to a monthly publication, in order to offer a more traditional, magazine-style format. The first monthly edition will appear in your Sunday Observer & Eccentric on Feb. 20, and subsequent issues will be published each month after that.

Never fear, each issue will continue to contain PINK's signature features, including Kelly's.Klicks, (our online shopping column) PINK Picks (our style hot list) Tried 'n' True (beauty product and service reviews), The PINK List, (our guide to style events around town) and StyleScopes. In addition, PINK will feature fashion and retail news from Metro Detroit and beyond.

But don't fret if that's simply not enough PINK! A "PINK Page" will appear every Sunday in the Community Life section of your Observer & Eccentric, offering your weekly fix of PINK Picks, the PINK List and other fun features. So keep thinking PINK.

And as for resolutions ... there's nothing wrong with tweaking them along the way, provided you keep your eyes on the ultimate goal. In our case ... being fabulous in every way. Thanks for reading.

> Wensdy White, **Editor**

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### On the Cover

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Make your plans for romance with a little help from PINK.

Jessica Perreca of Novi looks great in a dress from Shapes.

Treas Charow, a clothing designers and owner of Shapes in Royal Oak, is a big supporter of the local fashion scene. She attended the soiree in an asymmetrical blouse from her own store.

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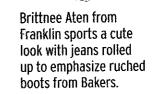
raque Model Management in Ferndale threw their annual holiday bash at the bosco in Ferndale to celebrate another successful year booking local talent. According to Agency Director

Mary Mullen, the party was a chance for everyone to relax and unwind after a busy year. Traque books print, runway, on camera and editorial models for such clients as DOC, Chrysler Jeep, Toyota, HOUR Media and, of course, PINK!

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# 10 great ways to spend V-day with your sweetie

By k & Wensdy White

ive Cupid's energy a chance to find its mark with these fresh ways to spend Valentine's Day with the one you love. Just remember, February 14th falls on a Monday this year, so you might want to plan your date the preceding weekend. Here are some of PINK's suggestions for a fun and fabulous night.

### 1) Take it higher

Get a new perspective on love by planning drinks and apps at Coach Insignia, the newly-opened restaurant at the top of the Ren Cen in downtown Detroit. Drink in the big city lights with a glass of bubbly, and toast your relationship to new heights. Afterwards, you just might get lucky — if you stop by Motor City Casino and take a chance on love, that is. Bet on red together; or seek out the Queen of Hearts. Just promise to put your winnings toward more romance.

### 2) Cross the border

Be a jet-setter and add some international flair to your date this year. If you haven't crossed the Ambassador in a while, hop over the bridge to Windsor for some Canadian fun. Start out at the Bern Fondue and Wine Bar, where you can break bread together and share an intimate meal. What's could be more romantic than ending dinner with chocolate-dipped strawberries? Then, head to one of Windsor's nightclubs. Dare to check out the Wild Orchid, which caters to couples with "modern burlesque" or, cozy up for some Latin dancing at The Zebra Room's Miami Style Saturdays.

### 3) Reserve decadence

If splurging on a gourmet meal is on your agenda, book your reservations early as tables all over town are bound to fill up fast. A can't-go-wrong choice for fine dining is Tribute in Farmington Hills. The restaurant is usually closed on Mondays, but will open Feb. 14 with a special menu created just for Valentine's Day. Your

sweetie will feel simply adored sitting in a cozy booth gazing into your thoughtful eyes over a delicious meal and glass of top-notch wine.

### 4) Hit the hills

Get snow-bunny with your honey and head to one of southeastern
Michigan's local hills for a slope-styled date. Mt. Holly, Pine Knob and Alpine all have night skiing hours which will get you out of the house and doing something different. Best of all, aprés-ski you'll get the chance to snuggle close in the lodge and warm up by the fire with an Irish coffee. Besides, how fun to shop for pink

and red ski wear before you go!

### 5) Get Lucky

If you're a casual couple looking to celebrate the lighter side of Valentine's Day, check out Lucky's in Novi's Fountainwalk. The new funspot offers an arcade, bar and super-cool scene. Slap some money on a Lucky's card and try your skills at virtual surfing, snow boarding and dancing. Or, shoot hoops and Skee-ball and turn in your tickets for silly gifts for each other. Have a cocktail while you're playing, or wait until you're done and head over to Lucky's lounge where you can cuddle on the couches and make time to chat.

### 6) Chill out

Plan a date at home with the help of www.thelobsterguy.com. Order a Romantic Dinner for Two for \$169.99 (includes shipping) and turn your own dinner table in to a 5-star restaurant. Direct from the Ferry Wharf Fish Market in Rhode Island, this dinner of lobster, shrimp cocktail and soup is romantic, elegant and easy to prepare — simply open the box delivered direct to your door and set it up. The package even includes a lead crystal candle holder and candle. Call I-866-788-0004 for details. Or, get "carried"

away" locally with gourmet take-out from Cucina Leone or Papa Joe's, both in Birmingham.

### 7) Pamper and relax

There's no better way to indulge your sweetie — and yourself — than by booking a decadent massage for two. Many

local spas offer couples massage packages, but why not make your reservations at a place named after Cupid's very own mom? Venus Day Spa at 14 and Haggerty in Commerce Twp. offers a Couples Massage for \$180, that combines Swedish and Deep Tissue techniques with scented hot towel wraps. For the month of February, couples will be greeted with a bottle of champagne.

### 8) Make it "Dirty"

If you're an open-minded, creative couple then you've probably already penned Detroit's annual Dirty Show at the Tangent Gallery on your calendar for Feb. 11-13. Founded by Jerry Vile, the former publisher of Detroit's Orbit Magazine, the

exhibit features erotic art from the area's most talented artists. But be forewarned, the Dirty Show is not for the faint of heart. There's no PG or PC art to be found at this edgy show.

### 9) Bend the rules

They say 'the couple that works out together, stays together' — right? Well, hop on the Zen bus and get ready for some asanas. Sign up for Partner Yoga at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 at Yoga Now in Keego Harbor. You'll both feel blissful as you celebrate each other's health — and try out positions you didn't know existed. Call 248-683-0086 for more details.

### 10) Express your love

Write your dearest a true love letter. Better than a store-bought Valentine on the 14th, a bona-fide handwritten lettre d'amour says serious romance: Keep it sweet or light-it-up lusty — a note of love slipped into his briefcase or delivered to her office will set the tone for your next rendezvous. Or, present the letter in person with a box of chocolates, like champagne truffles from Gayle's in Royal Oak, or hand dipped heart-shaped treats from Chocolates by Renee in Northville.







### "Suits, Cars and Seminars" gives women jackets for jobs

AUBURN HILLS - Metro Detroiters showed their generosity by donating 820 articles of clothing, including 534 suits, to Jackets for Jobs Inc. as part of the Chrysler Group Women's Forum "Suits, Cars and Seminars" event at the North American International Auto Show. The Women's Forum also presented the local charity with \$25,000 to support activities that will prepare economically disadvantaged women to enter the work force.

"Hundreds of area women will get a fresh start in 2005 as a result of the generosity of the Metro Detroit community," said Chris Alaniz, Chrysler **Group Director of Materials** Engineering and Chair of the Chrysler Group Women's Forum.

In addition, three Jackets for Jobs clients received makeovers to complete their new look. Beauty First provided hair styling and manicures, while Parisian did the makeup and assisted with accessories. Both stores are located in the Village of Rochester Hills.

To go along with the suits and cars, the Chrysler Group Women's Forum offered seminars throughout the day Feb. 19 on topics that included new vehicle design trends, understanding vehicle financing and maintaining your vehicle.

"This has been a wonderful partner-



The Chrysler Group Women's Forum presented Jackets for Jobs, Inc., with \$25,000 during "Suits, Cars and Seminars." Pictured are (from left) Betty Henderson and Alison Vaughn of Jackets for Jobs; Chris Alaniz and Christine MacKenzie of Chrysler Group Women's Forum; and Brian Glowiak, DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund.

ship between Jackets for Jobs and the Chrysler Group Women's Forum," said Alison Vaughn, Jackets for Jobs Founder. "It's inspiring to see Chrysler Group and the community work together to help make a difference so low-income women can enter the work force."

For more information about Jackets for Jobs, visit the organization's Web site at www.jacketsforjobs.org or call 313-579-9160.

# The life of an auto show model: Remonda Palmer Sheffield

By Maureen McDonaid & PINK Correspondent

porting wool felt jacket, silk sweater and tweed trousers. Remonda Palmer-Sheffield stood on a rotating platform reciting the attributes of a Toyota Camry Solara.

"It's so affordable," she gushes as a group of adoring men engage her in questions about engine performance, mileage, trunk capacity and warranty. "Is there anything else you want to know?"

Palmer-Sheffield, 34, of West Bloomfield, is

one of 175 product specialists recently placed at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit by Productions Plus, a Bingham Farms talent agency specializing in car exhibitions. She worked six-hour days under bright lights, booming microphones and threeinch patent-leather shoes.

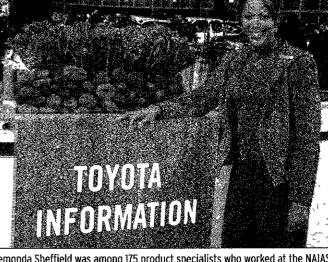
"At least I'm able to wear comfortable clothing," she says. In the past decade the auto show models have morphed from ravishing women in glittery ball gowns or svelte leather hot pants to everyday people who trumpet value and experience, not just sirens of chrome.

Toyota spends a full week each year educating us on new products and service. They call it kaizen -- continuous learning," Palmer-Sheffield says. Agency members travel to Paris, New York and Milan to study the latest fashions and develop wardrobes that fit the individuals and the car lines they represent. Glamour is great — as long as it doesn't outshine the autos.

"It takes a great deal of talent and stamina to work with the public for six to eight continuous hours," says Margery Krevsky, CEO and president of Productions Plus. "People want personality and competence."

Product specialists help personalize the vehicles as they move about the crowd answering questions, taming children who might become aggressive toward vehicles or fending off admirers. Specialists work as a team to help each other cope with difficult people. They are selected because they can work with a vast number of people who hail from around the Midwest.

If the image of the ditzy brained blonde with great cleavage persists, Palmer-Sheffield begs to differ. She juggles the role of a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, mother of a threeyear-old daughter and auto show model,



Remonda Sheffield was among 175 product specialists who worked at the NAIAS.

working at least six out of a possible 72 auto shows staged across the country.

Among the auto show veterans, comedian Tim Allen once worked as a product specialist for Cadillac. Katherine du Ross captured the eye of Henry Ford II as she draped herself on a Ford product in the late 1960s. She later became his wife.

Just how important is the show? David Sowerby, chief market analyst at Loomis Sayles & Company said the 800,000 visitors in 2005 represented an economic impact of \$580 million, a 5 percent gain over 2004. The black-tie charity preview was a sell-out event for 17,500 individuals who raised \$7 million for children's charities.

How does an individual become the talent that earns a place on a rotating platform? Palmer-Sheffield says several other flight attendants encouraged her to apply because their flexible hours lend themselves easily to show dates. She already had people skills, an ability to stand for long hours and weather questions with a smile.

Productions Plus maintains a data base of more than 5,000 product specialists who can work the auto show circuit, training in dealerships or presenting products at department stores. Individuals send portfolios to the website, www.productionsplus.com. Periodically the agency hosts job fairs in cities around America. A background in modeling and product presentations is helpful.

"Once you get on board, the good thing is that car companies often invite you back year after year because they like seasoned people. Some members of the team have been here 14 years," she said. What's the best perk? "A private room in a nice hotel. At the end of the day greeting thousands upon thousands of people you want to rest your feet in privacy." w with it

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# How to shine on Cupid Monday

ith the biggest 'date-day' of the year fast approaching, let's get you ready for the big snuggle with a few tips that will make you look and feel as rosy as the dozen you expect by noon on V-Day!

Choose a lingerie set that's feminine and sexy, yet comfortable under your flowy, layered top of choice. Try the DKNY Enticing Twinkle cami and bikini set (\$64 at barenecessities.com) which is done in just-girlyenough-but-still-cool stretch lace that'll give support and a bit-o-coverage-on-yee-burn. Then, book a bikini wax to get tidy.

Bikini waxing several days ahead will allow for any irritation to go down, but try Tend Skin (\$20 at Sephora) to ensure you stay smooth afterward. A good mani/pedi is in order to keep dry, winter hands and feet out of the question. Have your toes painted in a deep berry and your fingers in a gold-spiked pink.

Choose a sweet, vibrant shade for cheeks that is sheer in texture like Tarte Cheek  ${\bf Stain}$  in Flush (\$26 at Sephora) and balance it out with a not-too-gooey lipgloss like Dessert's Deliciously Kissable Plumping Lip Fragrance Gloss (\$21 at Todd's Room) in Bunny or Sunny (the yummy flavors of Tahitian vanilla and peach will keep you delectable all evening). Balance all this sheer, juicy colour with perfectly even skin. A quick stop into Todd's Room in Birmingham to pick out a pair of gorgeous and supremely affordable earrings will set the look off and help you shine as you enjoy the charm and kitsch this holiday is all about.

But, before you answer the doorbell and saunter off to Tribute, you'll want to smell like the classy gal you are without permeating the whole room. Choose a fragrance that is more subtle than some of the in-your-face winter scents we covet in the deep freeze months. Try Fresh's new Sake Eau de Parfum (\$50 at Ruby's Balm).

The countdown to Cupid Monday is on! If, by chance, you are appalled at the date choices this year, call your gal-pals and head out for your own modern S.O.S (Securely Out Solo) evening feeling fantastic because we ALL deserve to celebrate love!

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### Can you give me a brief history of Roy Orbison's life?

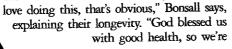
—Kristi K., Colorado

Born in Vernon, Texas (pop. 11,660), on April 23, 1936, Orbison remains one of the most influential men in rock music history. During the 1960s, he celebrated a four-year run of hits, including Crying, Pretty Paper, Blue Bayou and Dream Baby, which made him the top-selling act in the nation. Rock'n' Roll Hall of Famer Roy Orbison A few years later, the

His biggest hit was 1964's Oh, Pretty Woman. However, he found as much tragedy as fame. His first wife, Claudette, died in a motorcycle accident in 1966, and two of their three sons perished in a fire two years later. The singer died of heart failure at age 52 during a comeback with the Traveling Wilburys in 1988. Orbison is survived by his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1969, and their sons, Roy Jr. and Alex, as well as son Wesley, whom he had with Claudette. Barbara now devotes her days to keeping the music of Orbison alive. Upcoming projects include three new DVD releases and a duets project.

### What are the Oak Ridge Boys doing now? —Ralph L., Kentucky

Individually the four members of The Oak Ridge Boys have their own interests: Joe Bonsall is a writer, whose most recent books are An Inconvenient Christmas, a children's story, and The Oak Ridge Boys: An American Journey, an anecdotal history of the group since the 1970s. William Lee Golden paints, while Duane Allen is a music producer. Richard Sterban is part-owner of a minor league baseball team. But as The Oak Ridge Boys, they're singing, just as they have been for decades, performing about 170 shows a year across the country. Their most recent album is called The Journey. "We





feeling good-and singing good! But we also have the opportunity to make new music, and that keeps you excited."

### One of my favorite Western-comedy movies is 1974's My Name Is Nobody, starring Henry Fonda and Terence Hill. Did Terence Hill star in any other movies?

-Debbie R., New Mexico

He most certainly did. Born Mario Girotti in Venice, Italy, Hill has a slew of European-made films to his credit, in addition to two Hollywood films, March or Die and Mister Billion. He began acting at age 12 and had 25 films to his credit by 1963, when he landed a role opposite Burt

Lancaster in The Leopard.

Italian-made films known as "spaghetti Westerns" became popular, and he got a role in one, God Forgives, I Don't. After changing his name to a more American-sounding one, Hill went on to star in Ace High, Boot Hill and the comedic Western They Call Me Trinity and its sequel, Trinity Is My Name. "Cowboys have an adventurous side to their personality," Hill says of the Western's appeal. "That's what I look for in every character I play, since the times of Trinity." Hill, who has a TV series in Italy and also works as a film producer, lives with his wife, Lori, in Massachusetts.



A poster for My Name is Nobody

### Can you tell me about the great character actor J.K. Simmons of TV's Oz?

---Dave F., Missouri

Jonathan Kimble Simmons, born in Detroit on Jan. 9, 1955, has been lucky enough to split his career between quality television and films. Besides Oz, his TV series credits include Law & Order-his recurring character Dr. Emil Skoda has appeared on several of the series' spin-offs-and The D.A. He's also starred in commercials for Norelco razors and provided the voice of the yellow M&M. But his films (Spider-Man, Spider-Man 2 and The Ladykillers) have especially distinguished him. The University of Montana graduate is married to Oz actress Michelle Schumacher.

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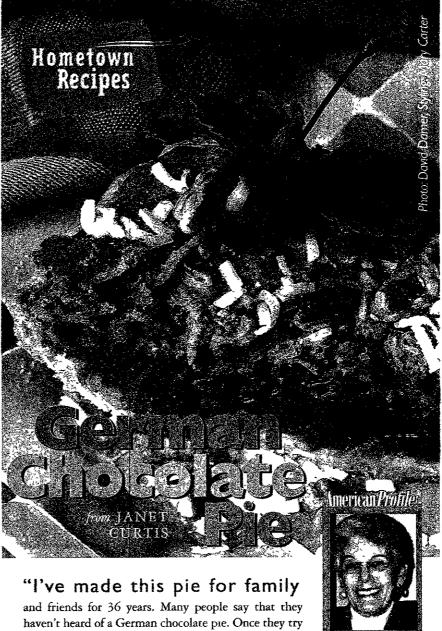
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### German Chocolate Pie

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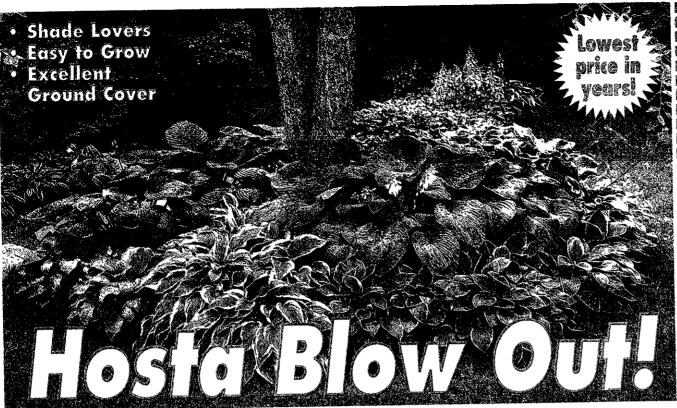
Topping: I and I/3 cup shredded 1/2 cup chopped pecans Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In microwave, melt chocolate and butter on a low setting in a medium-size microwave-safe bowl. Stir several times during melting process to prevent burning. When chocolate is melted, stir in sugar, salt, vanilla, cornstarch and eggs until well blended. Stir in evaporated milk until smooth. Pour into pie shell. Mix coconut and pecans together. Sprinkle them evenly over the chocolate mixture. Use a knife to cut through the coconut into the chocolate mixture in several places. Bake 45 to 50 minutes, or until center is set.

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### Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

The pie center puffs slightly and the top begins to crack when it is done. If the crust becomes too brown, place a piece of foil over the top of the entire pie for the final 15 minutes of baking. A dollup of whipped cream can be added if desired.

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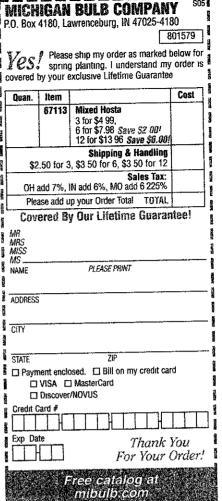


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ILLINOIS—Charles R. Walgreen, born near Galesburg (pop. 33,706) in 1873, bought the Chicago drugstore where he worked as a pharmacist in 1901 and launched the Walgreens chain. As a young man, he started his career at Horton's Drugstore in Dixon (pop. 15,941) where he worked for \$4 a week.

INDIANA—Danner's Hardware in Vevay (pop. 1,735), the state's oldest business in its original location, still sells seed in bulk and nails by the pound. Opened in 1838 by Ulysses P. Schenck, the store was purchased by A. V. Danner, the current owner's grandfather, in 1897.

IOWA—One mile east of Arcadia (pop. 443) is the Missouri-Mississippi Drainage Divide, at an elevation of 1,429 feet, where water runs west to the Missouri or east to the Mississippi.

KANSAS—In 1985, Lynette Woodard of Wichita became the first female basketball player to sign with the Harlem Globetrotters.

MICHIGAN—Saginaw (pop. 61,799) dentist Val Kolpakov smiles about his toothpaste collection, one of the largest in the world. His 1,000 varieties, some dating to the late 1800s, include a Scotch whiskey-flavored paste and a Dr. West's Hopalong Cassidy paste.

MINNESOTA—Pink-and-white lady's slippers (Cypripedium reginae), the state flower, bloom along Highway 11, a state wildflower route between Baudette (pop 1,104) and Greenbush (pop. 784). Located along the route, Williams (pop. 210) hosts a Wildflower Route Celebration, usually the third Saturday in June, to mark the lady's slipper blooming season from mid-June to early July.

# Did You Know...

MISSOURI—The ruins of a 1905 European-style castle overlook the Lake of the Ozarks in Ha Ha Tonka State Park near Camdenton (pop. 2,779). Built by Robert McClure Snyder and his sons, the castle was gutted by fire in 1942. The state purchased the property in 1978 and opened it as a state park.

NEBRASKA—The state's 1932 Capitol is in Lincoln, not Omaha. Thanks to our readers for catching our mistake.

NORTH DAKOTA—A sevenstory observation tower at the Pembina State Museum in Pembina (pop. 642) offers 360-degree views of the Red River Valley's farms and geological features. Inside the museum, exhibits cover the region's first people, fur traders and military personnel stationed at frontier forts.

OHIO—The Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives in Galion (pop. 11,341) charts the history of the nation's first paved coast-to-coast highway, which was planned in 1913.

SOUTH DAKOTA—A chandelier made of American Indian spears and hand-painted ceramic tiles decorates the lobby in the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City (pop. 59,607). Built in 1928 by Chicago & Northwestern Railroad President Alex Carlton Johnson, the hotel blends Indian design elements with Tudor architecture.

WISCONSIN—In 1929, the state adopted the nation's first rural zoning law, which authorized county boards to determine areas for agriculture, forestry and recreation. The law was a response to mismanagement of lands by lumber companies.

# **Nade** in America

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### When C.M. Bishop III

talks about the family business-Pendleton Woolen Mills-it isn't the vibrant wool blankets he mentions first or the soft plaid shirts. Instead, he talks about the Golden Rule that has guided the company for five generations: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

"We live where we work," says Bishop III. 52, president of the Portland, Ore.based company. "We are not anonymous. We are not removed."

In accordance to that rule, family ties are respected and revered, employees and sup-

pliers are a valued part of Pendleton mills, circa 1910 the Pendleton team, and customers can count on quality, Bishop III says.

Those same principles have guided the woolen products and clothing manufacturer since 1909 when the third-generation Bishop brothers-Clarence, Roy and Chauncy—bought a wool-cleaning mill in Pendleton, Ore. (pop. 16,354).

Yet the fabric of the family business was literally woven decades earlier when Fannie Kay, who learned the art of weaving from her father, Oregon pioneer Thomas Kay, married retail expert C.P. Bishop in 1876. Within 20 years, the Bishops began producing the ceremonial robes and colorful Indian blankets that have since become a symbol of American culture worldwide. But it was weaver Joe Rawnsley, who captured the American Indian culture in wool

in the early 1900s and solidified Pendleton as a premier wool products manufacturer.

Rawnsley lived with native tribes in northeast Oregon and the American Southwest to learn about their traditions and rituals. He then incorporated important cultural symbols and

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B.H. Bishop and son Charles inspect fleece at Pendleton Woolen Mill in Washougal, Wash.

colors into bold blanket designs that are still popular today. American Indians purchase 50 percent of the jacquard-pattern trade blankets sold by the company annually.

Though the blankets are a cornerstone of the family business, the Pendleton product line has expanded

over the decades to include menswear, women's clothing and home products such as pillows, rugs, bed skirts and baby blankets. These products are sold online, in catalogs, and in 69 Pendleton-owned shops, affiliate stores and 1,000 specialty shops across America.

Sewn into the seams of the Pendleton blankets and other signature items is a blue and gold tag that declares that the product is "Warranted to be a Pendleton."

"We are only putting the Pendleton name on a product that is 100 percent virgin wool," says C.M. Bishop Jr., 79, the father of Bishop III, who started working for the company as a child, opening fleece-filled sacks that had arrived by rail car.

The Bishop family oversees all aspects of business operations, including the company headquarters in Portland, the mills in Pendleton and Washougal, Wash. (pop. 8,595), and three other manufacturing and distribution centers across America.

The mills are filled with wool processing, dying, weaving and qualitycontrol equipment that monitors everything from the condition of the fleece to color consistency. But it's the company's 950 employees and fine fleece producers around the world that protect the Pendleton reputation.

"There is no sense in producing a product if we can't do it properly," says

Fred Parrish, who has worked for the company for 35 years.

Like Parrish, 15 percent of all Pendleton employees have been with the company for 25 years or more. Many had parents or grandparents who worked for the company.

Some of Pendelton's suppliers also are descended from families who sold fleece to the Bishops a century ago. And loyal customers keep coming back, too, for the woolen products woven by the Bishop family for five generations.

"There are Indian elders who remember dealing with my great-grandfather," Bishop III says with pride. "So much in this society is disposable these days. Pendleton is built to last."

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**Bad math**—The IRS examines all returns for mathematical errors, so take out those calculators and double-check your arithmetic. Better yet, use tax software to do the calculations for you. And be careful when transferring figures from one schedule to another. Simple math errors can slow down your return and may lead to penalties.

Incorrect or missing Social Security Numbers—According to the U.S. government, your Social Security Number (SSN) is your identity, so carefully print your SSN at the top of each page. If there are any name changes, contact the Social Security Administration to make corrections. For more information, log on to www.ssa.gov or call (800) 772-1213.

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Misusing the tax tables—Be sure to find the correct column for your filing status, because tax rates are different from one status to another. To manage the small print of the tables, use a piece of paper to "underline" the correct column, and use a magnifying lens to highlight the figures.

Not signing and dating the return—In the rush for timely tax returns, many people simply forget to sign and date their return. An unsigned return won't be processed, and if you miss the April 15th submission deadline, you could trigger late penalties. If filing a joint return, both spouses must sign and date the return.

**Insufficient postage**—Thousands send out tax returns only to find them back in their mailbox a few days later—again, a mistake that could result in late fees. Mail your return with the right postage, and you'll save time and money.

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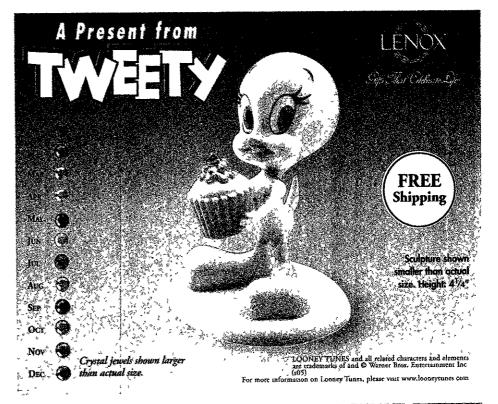
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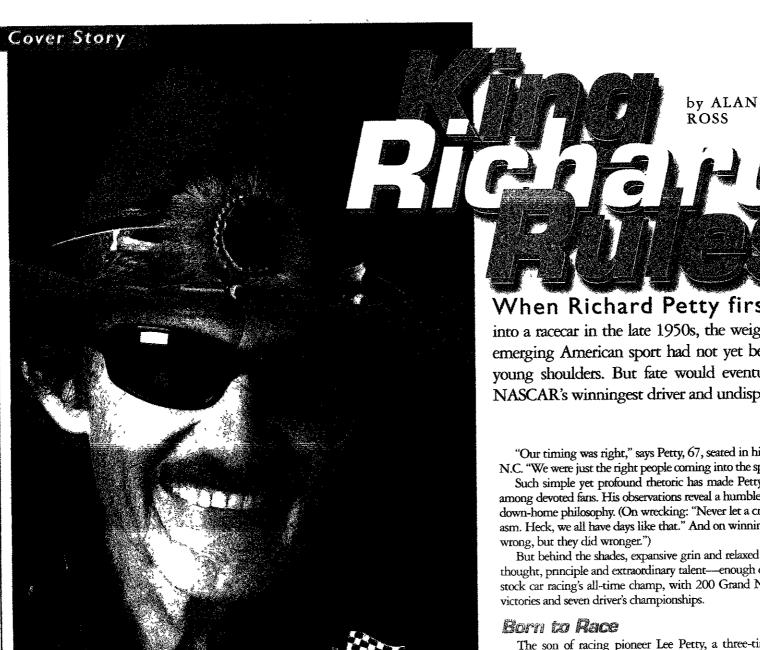
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When Richard Petty first climbed

into a racecar in the late 1950s, the weight of a dynamic, emerging American sport had not yet been thrust on his young shoulders. But fate would eventually tap him as NASCAR's winningest driver and undisputed "King."

"Our timing was right," says Petty, 67, seated in his office in Level Cross, N.C. "We were just the right people coming into the sport at the right time."

Such simple yet profound rheroric has made Petty a folk hero and sage among devoted fans. His observations reveal a humble wisdom and no-frills, down-home philosophy. (On wrecking: "Never let a crash dim your enthusiasm. Heck, we all have days like that." And on winning a race: "I did plenty

But behind the shades, expansive grin and relaxed demeanor is a man of thought, principle and extraordinary talent-enough of the latter to reign as stock car racing's all-time champ, with 200 Grand National/Winston Cup

The son of racing pioneer Lee Petty, a three-time NASCAR Grand National (forerunner of Winston/NEXTEL Cup series) champion, who won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, Petty wasn't just handed the keys to a racecar and given the green flag.

"I started by sweeping the floors, changing oil," says Petty, a life-long resident of Level Cross. "Then I graduated to building cars, building motors, worked on 'em, took 'em to the racetrack. The only thing I hadn't done was drive the car. That was just the next step."

On the track, Petty was a natural, absorbing the art of driving by studying all the greats from his father's day.

"I'd watch Fireball (Roberts), Junior (Johnson), Buck Baker, Tim Flock,"



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From left: Richard Petty commemorates the 20th anniversary of his 1984 Daytona victory, signs autographs for devoted fans, and showcases racecars and memorabilia at his namesake museum.



### "I did plenty wrong, but they did wronger."

-Richard Petty, on winning

Petty recalls. "It wasn't that I knew what to do, I knew what they did. You'd see some and say, I want to drive like him.' But I've seen some, where I said, 'I don't want to drive like that.' You just develop your own style, whatever the circumstances are, with the equipment you got and the ability you have."

Petty's natural ability allowed him to forge ahead on the track. He quickly perfected his own finessetype style of driving, and he wasn't afraid to get in the thick of the action.

"My object was to win," he says. "If I had to run hard I would, if I didn't have to run hard, I didn't. Our strategy was don't see how far you can get ahead, just see if you can win the race."

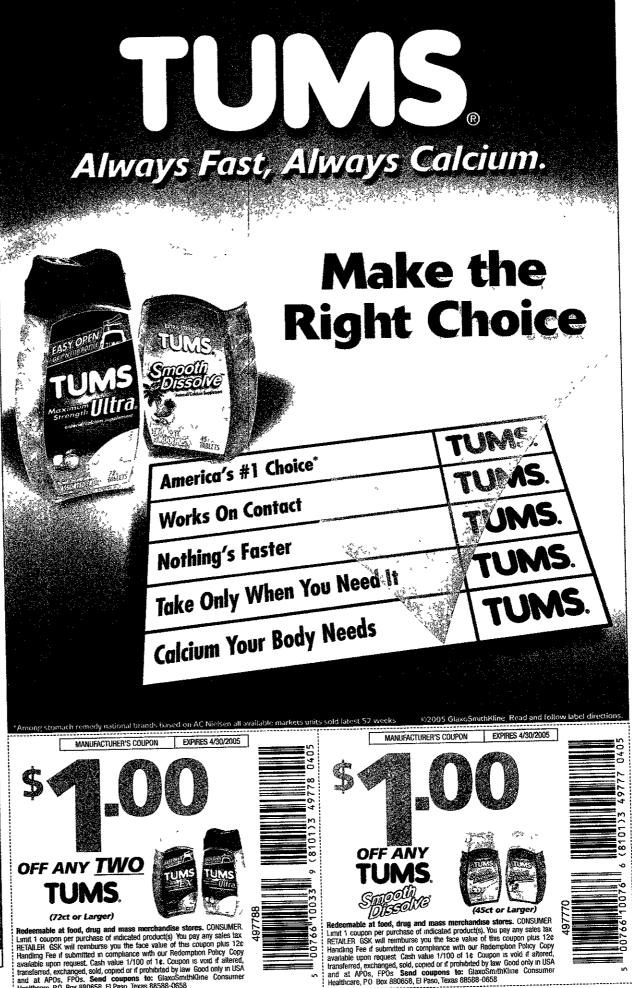
And the wins came for Petty like no other driver in the history of the sport. Within 10 years after his first NASCAR race, a convertible division nonpoints event in Columbia, S.C., in 1958, Petty had attained 75 wins and two driver's championships. It wasn't long before he was dubbed "The King" by a team of reporters on the racing circuit.

"In '67, we just dominated," Petty says of his banner year, in which he entered Victory Lane a record 27 times, including 10 wins in a row. "We had a group of reporters who traveled together,



A youthful Petty poses with his 1967 Plymouth.

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Petty (above) and son Kyle (at right) visit Victory Junction, a camp in Randleman, N.C., for seriously ill children that honors Kyle's son Adam, who died in a racing accident.

who'd go to Charlotte, Raleigh, Richmond, South Carolina. They were out one night and started giving out nicknames. (David) Pearson was "The Silver Fox,' and then one of them said, 'Okay, Richard, you're "King Richard." Once they wrote it two or three times, others just started picking it up."

Petty, the essence of feet-on-the-floor royalty, also is The King to his fans. He's credited with being the first driver to actively promote driver-fan friendliness, consistently going over to the fences after each race to sign autographs and char with adoring admirers.



Petty shares a memory with cousin and crew chief Dale Inman.

"Today's drivers are in great demand for appearances, but I'm not sure that some of them can stand up to what his standards were," says Dale Inman, Petty's cousin, longtime friend and crew chief. "Years ago, when he did spend that kind of time with the fans, he did it because he realized that the fans were what was making the sport go at that time."

### Tracedy and Victory

For the driver who has won everything NASCAR has to offer, including a record seven Daytona 500s, the sport's crown jewel, there are still new worlds to conquer.

"I'd like to win more races as an owner," says Petty, who fields two racing teams and attends most of the races in the NEXTEL Cup series. "I've won as an owner-driver, but since I've been an owner, we haven't won but three or four races. Stuff like that bothers me."

While racing's ups and downs may chafe the legendary driver, they take a backseat these days to charitable projects that Petty generously involves himself with, a major one being the Victory Junction Gang, a camp for seriously ill children in Randleman, N.C. (pop. 3,557).

Victory Junction honors Petty's grandson, Adam, the son of 24-year NASCAR racing veteran Kyle Petty, whose own commitment to charitable causes has been recognized by the racing industry. Adam, a promising young driver and the fourth generation of Pettys to race professionally, was instrumental in starting the camp. He died in a racing accident in 2000 at age 19.

"All the racing people, plus the fans, contributed over 20,000 donations, whether it was a dollar or a million dollars," Petty says proudly. "We got donations from all 50 states."

The camp has been vital in mending the Petty family in the wake of the tragic loss. "I think the camp is the healing process. I think Kyle sees it that way. If we didn't have this, if the camp wasn't there, then I think the loss would have been greater," Petty says. "Now, when we think of Adam, we think of what he helped

generate. We traded Adam for what the camp is and for the many people whose lives he brightened."

The sport that Petty grew up with and helped change, of course, continues to change. Not all of it, however, is to Petty's liking.

"Now, they look at it as show business first and, oh, by the way, there's a race," scoffs Petty. "Hey, come to the race, throw the green flag, let 'em run, throw the checkered flag, let 'em go home. That's what I came to see. I didn't come to see people jumpin' out of the sky, airplanes runnin' at each other, people shootin' at each other, people jumpin' cars."

Despite the changes, King Richard takes them all in stride from a familiar vantage point in Level Cross.

"This is home. I went to school here, I grew up with these people. I'm just one of the neighbors, and I like that," he says. "You're not special here. You move to some other place, you'd get to be special, and it would get to workin' on your mind. Dad always said, 'Don't get above your bringin' up.' It's a happy life for me here."

And for the King of NASCAR, that happiness is emphatically the highlight of his illustrious career.

"I'm still here. Still kickin', still enjoyin' most of it,"
Petty says. "To me, that's what it's all about. Gettin' from
Turn One to Turn Two to Turn Three to the checkered
flag. And I ain't got to the checkered flag yet."

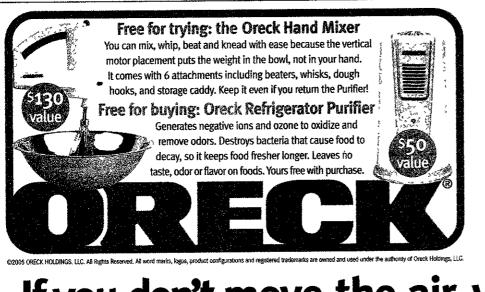
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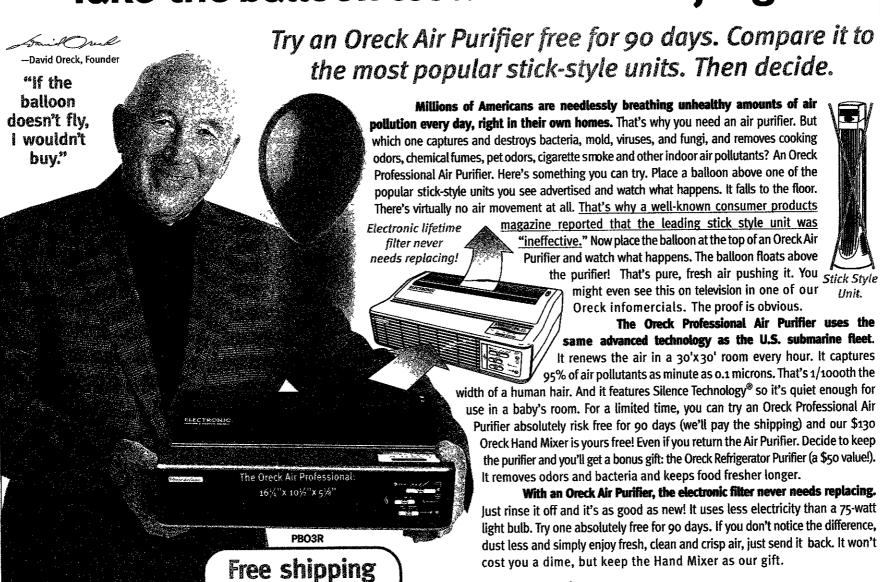
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Wielding a roaring chain saw,

sculptor Bill Covitz bites into a 300-pound slab of ice, sending chunks flying and chips spraying as he roughs out the shape of a winged dragon inside his Waterbury, Conn., workplace, a walk-in freezer chilled to 15 degrees.

As Covitz works, his breath fogs the air, and within minutes ice shavings coat his clothes and pile around him on the slick wooden floor. With painstaking precision, he slices details into the dragon's snout and back, one scale at a time, using chisels, drills and grinders. When he's finished three hours later, Covitz uses a gas torch to clean off the shavings and give the dragon a glassy polished finish before he delivers it to a 40th birthday party celebration.

"I love the presentation and to see people's reactions," says Covitz, 35, of Cheshire, Conn. (pop. 28,543).

Covitz is no ice-sculpting amateur. In fact, he's among the nation's elite. He won the 2004 National Ice Carving Association Championship



(NICA) last February in Bensenville, Ill. (pop. 20,703), and he'll try to retain the title during this year's competition Feb. 12-13.

"Bill is always very creative and has a talent for making his carvings look like they're actually moving," says Alice Connelly, NICA's executive director.

While he's talented, Covitz's abilities are recently discovered. He trained with chef knives, not chain saws, as a 1991 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. (pop. 20,857). While working as a chef at high-end restaurants, including Cordillera Lodge near Vail, Colo. (pop. 4,531), he became fascinated with ice sculpting. Five years ago, he followed his heart and swapped chopping boards for chopping blocks and launched Ice Matters, a company that supplies ice sculptures for weddings, bar mitzvahs, corporate parties, business open houses and winter festivals.

"At first everyone doubted that I could make a living," Covitz says. Fortunately, demand for Covitz's ice art has snowballed, and now his wife, Jennifer, handles office duties while he creates sculptures in the shapes of castles, company logos, swans, fire engines, flying monkeys and even frozen 8-foot-long serving tables and bars.

In his studio, Covitz dresses for work in ski pants, stocking cap, insulated boots and gloves before turning giant slabs of ice into elegant works of art with noisy power tools.

"The job is very physical, very backbreaking," he says. His assistant, Dan Martin, 35, of Southbury, Conn. (pop. 18,567), helps wrestle and shrinkwrap the finished carvings and transport them, bundled in moving blankets and sometimes a refrigerated truck, to locations throughout Connecticut and New York.

To avoid meltdowns during the nine-hour-long outdoor national contest, contestants work under tents as they carve individual pieces and pack them away in dry ice. When the sun goes down, they assemble the sculptures and perform the finishing touches before a crowd of awestruck spectators.

Judges award points for attention to detail, proportion, technical skill, creativity and the overall impression of the sculpture. Last year, Connelly watched throughout the day as Covitz chiseled parts, not knowing exactly what he was creating until the 13-foot-tall statue of the Cat in the Hat-with a tipsy fishbowl on one finger, a birthday cake crowning his hat and a platter teetering on his toe-came to life.

"It was amazing-all those details and even birthday candles on the cake," she says. "That's why he won."

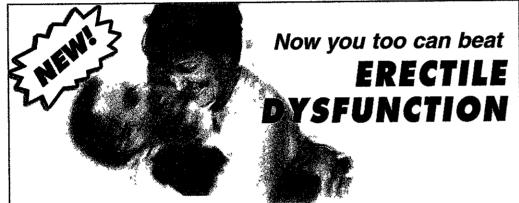
As for the fact that his masterpiece melted into a puddle six hours later, Covitz wasn't disheartened. He just started dreaming up a new idea, maybe one even cooler than the whimsical cat that he carved during last year's competition.

"I try to outdo myself and see how far I can push it," he says. "I compete for the love of it, the artist end of it."

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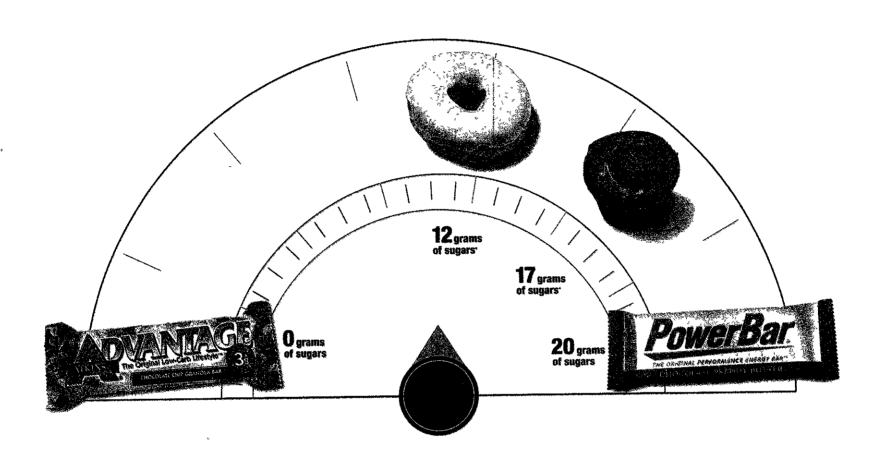


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