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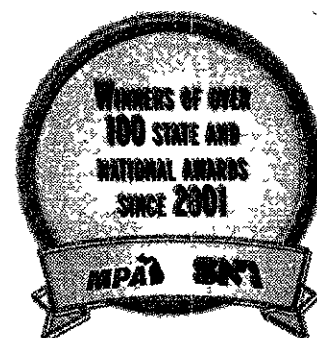
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# CANTON Observer



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The Parafidy Saxophone Brothers, comprised of (from left) Salem senior Chris Aten, Salem junior Al Moran, Salem senior Kevin Bonsall and Canton senior Joe Girard, perform while decked out in togas during the Variety Is talent show last weekend.



Solo vocalist Morgen Hare, a Salem junior, entertains an appreciative audience at Variety Is last weekend.

## Teenage Talent

Variety show provides stage for high schoolers

STORY BY DIANE HANSON | CORRESPONDENT

From ballet to break dancing, accordions to xylophones, comedy to poetic rap, the annual production of "Variety Is," showcasing talented students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, displayed it all for more than 1,600 appreciative fans during Friday and Saturday night performances at the Salem High School auditorium last weekend.

"The students are in charge of this," said Gerry Olexsey, president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, hosts of the event. "The only thing we parents do is sell tickets and supply some extras, but they do the entire production from start to finish. We work for them."

And most appreciative of that fact were

the student chairpersons of this year's extravaganza, Salem senior Shelly Dwenger and Canton seniors Jennie Jansen and Kavita Srivastava. The trio had plenty of kudos for parents and student helpers alike.

"It took a lot of hard work and dedication from everyone," Dwenger said. "We had 20 acts altogether and started right after the Christmas break with advertising."

"About two weeks before the show, we started auditioning," Jansen added. "Then a week before, we began the dress rehearsals. The hardest part of the whole process was the actual nights of the show,

PLEASE SEE VARIETY, A4

## More books after all?

District 'cautiously optimistic' about governor's budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school district officials aren't preparing for a windfall of cash despite the announcement by Gov. Jennifer Granholm she wants to increase the public school foundation grant by \$175 per student.

While school districts across Michigan currently receive a minimum \$6,700 per student, Plymouth-Canton Schools' bottom line is \$7,025 per pupil.

Patricia Brand, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, had budgeted no increase in state funding when she told the Board of Education last month she's projecting an \$11.8 million shortfall in 2005-06.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "I believe the governor and legislators understand that through three years of freezes and two mid-year cuts, and with rising expenses, it's very tough."

"I certainly wouldn't use the term windfall," Ryan said, "but any additional revenue has a positive effect on the budget."

Brand said the additional \$175 per student

**'I certainly wouldn't use the term windfall.'**

Jim Ryan  
school superintendent

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A5

## Consumer Expo 2005: New name, same objective

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's No. 1 annual business fair is getting a name makeover.

Goodbye Business Expo. Hello Consumer Expo 2005.

This is the fourth year for the free event, from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at Summit on the Park in Canton.

"We're trying to draw more of the public in," explained organizer Cheryl Gniewek of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Former chamber board member and chiropractor Tom Gerou said that "business Expo" didn't sound quite right. While 200-250 showed last year, "There hasn't been as great a turnout as we'd like."

Residents and business owners who attend the Expo have a crack at more than 40 door prizes.

They can also check out a range of Canton businesses, as there are 50 exhibitors. They include banks, massage therapists, outdoor suppliers, car dealers, mortgage firms, gour-

met food firms and day care businesses.

"It's an effective way to market your business," said Gerou, a chamber member since 1988. His display typically involves a trifold display board on a table with photos, handouts including refrigerator magnets and pamphlets and offers for screenings.

First dibs on Expo tables go to chamber members, but some non-chamber members also participate, Gniewek said.

In past years, a jeweler has offered jewelry as a door prize.

"One of our members is

donating Piston tickets," Gniewek said.

Traditionally, some participating massage therapists have offered chair massages at the Expo.

During the event, an announcer speaking over the sound system awards door prizes every two to three minutes.

Unconventional businesses that are participating include Two Sisters Gourmet, which pre-packages ingredients for gourmet meals.

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

### A Touch of India

Woodcarver Kamlesh Chhaniyara, a native of Gujarat in western India, spent nearly three days carving this elephant out of Burmese teakwood at the Swaminarayan Temple on Canton Center recently. Chhaniyara was one of several artisans who came to Canton to help provide a protective touch to the temple's entrance. In Indian culture, elephants symbolize a multitude of different things, most notably the god Ganesha, who has an elephant head on a man's body. The placement of elephant sculptures near doorways symbolizes the way Ganesha helps remove obstacles for worshippers.

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## Chinese New Year Celebration

Celebrate the Chinese New Year at the Canton Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 17.

This year the annual event features traditional clothing from ancient China through modern times. A collection of traditional outfits worn by princesses and kings of the Qin Dynasty will be modeled and local dancers will perform an interpretation of various forms of dress. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with a 15-minute intermission for refreshments.

Registration begins on February 10 by calling (734) 397-0999 or in person at the library. Last year the library's Chinese New Year program filled quickly, so you will want to register early.

This program is part of the library's Connect With Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. These free informative programs highlight the diverse cultures found in Canton.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road.

## Euchre, anybody?

The Exchange Club of Canton will hold its second annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway.

Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships and the prevention of child abuse. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, raffles and more. There will also be

championship prizes for the top three players.

Tickets for the event, which runs from 4-10 p.m., are \$50, which includes food and an open bar. For more information, call Richard Piwko at (734) 981-1149, Jon LaFever at (734) 394-5482, or David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts its second-annual Euchre Party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Masonic Temple, 760 Penniman in Plymouth.

Prizes will be awarded, refreshments will be served and the evening includes a 50/50 raffle. There's a \$10 entry fee, and space is limited to the first 100 people.

Reservations can be made via e-mail at dtorzy@hotmail.com or by calling (734) 453-9904 during the day or (734) 282-2340 in the evenings.

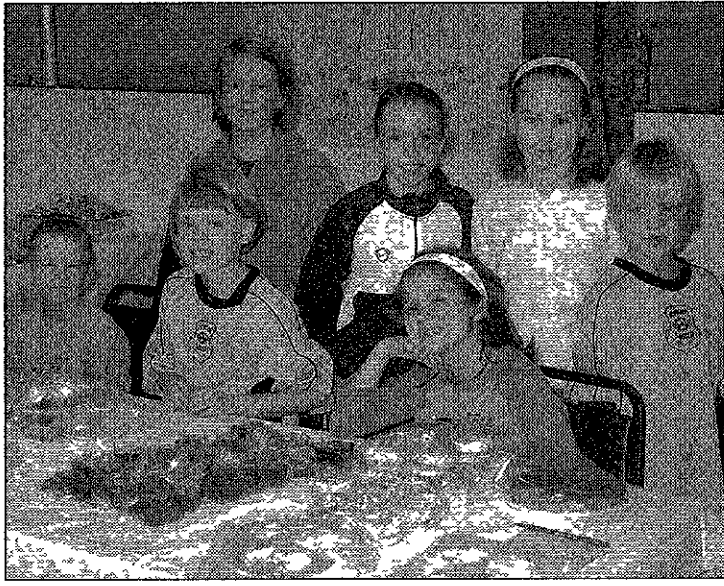
## LaJoy visit

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with residents of his district on Monday, Feb. 14 at Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road. He will be there from 3:30-5 p.m.

LaJoy will discuss state government concerns and other issues. No appointment is necessary.

## Scholarship deadline extended

The Canton Community Foundation scholarship



## Tornados trump tsunami

Members of the Tornados soccer team recently set up shop at High Velocity Sports in Canton, and sold baked goods to help victims of the tsunami that devastated parts of Asia in December. The team, which plays in the Plymouth recreation league, raised \$691, and presented the check to the Red Cross in Livonia last week. Pictured are (front, from left) Nolan Kerwin, Madison Kielty, and Faith Goodwin. In the back are Kelly Kerwin, Colleen Coleman, Bridget Kerwin, and Sarah Trapp. Most of the girls attend Allen Elementary in Plymouth.

application deadline has been moved back to Feb. 25. The organization is offering more than 30 scholarships this year, including four new ones. In total they will be giving out more than \$30,000 to high school seniors and students already enrolled in college.

For a complete list of the scholarships being offered, please visit the group's Web site at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org), or call (734) 495-1200.

## Open forum

The Canton Homeowner's Advisory Council, an organization of homeowners and homeowner associations who come together to discuss resident and neighborhood issues, is holding an Open Forum Night on Feb. 14. Bring all your questions and concerns, and the group will try to provide answers.

The Homeowner's Advisory Council meets the second Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Fire Station No. 1 meeting room. Contact President Charles Mott at (734) 397-5495 for more information.

## Kids' luncheon theater

Parents have an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon with their children at Canton's Village Theater, located at

Cherry Hill and Ridge Road.

This event combines a light lunch with the thrill of a live stage production. The event starts at 12:30 p.m. in the Biltmore Studio of the theater with a hot dog lunch, complete with a bunny cookie and a surprise for everyone.

Then participants head into the theater for a presentation by the Giant Puppets: Bits-N-Pieces called "A Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit." The reserved seats are limited to the first 30 participants.

The \$16 cost includes lunch and a reserved seat ticket. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information please contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

## Sean O'Leary Play Festival

Sean O'Leary and a professional troupe of actors from West Virginia will visit the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to perform the Sean O'Leary Play Festival. *Pound*, the first show of the festival, is O'Leary's third play. Ezra Pound was America's greatest poet, a literary critic, fascist and a politically controversial figure. This new drama questions whether words are as powerful as actions, revenge is just, and sanity is possible. *Pound* will be performed Feb. 17-19 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.

The second play of the festival is *Rain in the Hollows*, which focuses on a journalist who returns to his native West Virginia hollow to confront his larger-than-life brother whose legendary deeds are accompanied by a maddening disregard for rules, laws, or the consequences for his struggling family. *Rain in the Hollows* will be performed at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Feb. 24-26 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

O'Leary began his play

writing career in 1999 with his first play "Wine to Blood," and has gone on to win more than a dozen awards for his plays, including a back to back win for "Rain in the Hollows" and "Pound."

Tickets for "Pound" are on sale now for \$12 for the Thursday-Saturday performances and \$10 for the Sunday performances. Tickets may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, or at The Village Theater ticket office, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## Student workshops

D&M Studios will be offering all-day student paint workshops during winter break. The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14 through Friday, Feb. 18. They are open for students 6 and older.

The cost is \$30 for each four hour session. Each workshop will be exploring a different theme. Artists need to bring a lunch.

D&M will hold two special workshops in February. On Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 3-5 p.m., there will be a ceramic workshop for students 6 and up.

From 3-5 p.m. on Feb. 17, the studio will hold a cartooning workshop. The cost for both workshops is \$20.

From 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 28 the studio will hold a workshop called "What it takes to build a competitive college portfolio."

The class is open to all high school students. Reservations are required, because space is limited. Portfolios will be looked at.

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# Turning the page

## Store owner helps customers hit the books

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**Business:** Old Village Bookshop  
**Address:** 950 Starkweather in Plymouth  
**Phone:** (734) 459-8550  
**On the Web:** www.oldvillage-bookshop.com  
**Established:** January 2000 by current owner; had been in business previously  
**Description:** New and used books, including Internet sales  
**# of employees:** Owner; two part-timers

**'I just really enjoy coming here and I'm glad they have this store available to us.'**

— Roni McCrumb of Northville

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

When the recent snowstorm hit, some local folks were all set with their reading material. They'd visited the Old Village Bookshop on Starkweather in Plymouth.

"They rushed in, got to have something good to read before the weather hits," said Lori Jouppi of Canton, an employee of the bookstore. "Here and the grocery store, I think."

The store, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, is full of new and used books, many paperbacks, sorted into such categories as mysteries and romance.

J. Karen Kelchak of Canton bought the store in January 2000. It had been at that site and on Mill in Plymouth in a different form, and Kelchak said she hopes to "have transformed it."

"I'm avid reader," Kelchak said, pausing from sending a title to Italy. She decided in 1976 she wanted to buy an independent book store within driving distance of home. She'd worked previously as a paralegal.

"It was just something that really fell into place," she said of her ownership. She hasn't written the great American novel just yet, another dream, but enjoys her busy days at the book store. "It's exciting and it's fun."

The front of the store has books for exchange; for \$1.75, a customer can trade in a newer paperback and walk out with one. Customers are avid readers, with some reading six-seven books a week.

"Romance pays my bills," said Kelchak, agreeing that mostly women read those titles. Jouppi, who has worked at the Old Village Bookshop about a year, has found mysteries are also popular. Customers run the gamut, Jouppi said, from students to seniors, professionals to home-makers.

"It really is so varied," said Jouppi, who worked for a chain store in Livonia and found it easier to identify the typical book customer there.

The back of the building is the Internet store, with the Web site www.oldvillagebookshop.com used to list titles for customers.

"My other love was computers," said Kelchak, who also uses other sites for her business and has found customers appreciate the convenience of being able to buy books online. She started putting titles online in January 2002, has about 4,800 and said that accounts for about 25 percent of her business.

"It's evolving, it's ever-changing," she said of the store's offerings, which include some rental books. The store originally carried mostly romances and mysteries, but now offers



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J. Karen Kelchak, owner of the Old Village Bookshop in Plymouth, takes a breather in her shop with her two cats who roam the shop floors.



It's wall to wall reading material, including some rare and hard to find works of literature at the Old Village Bookshop.

more and caters to a changing clientele.

No bookstore would be complete without a cat, and Kelchak and her colleagues have two, Franny and Zooey, named for the J.D. Salinger book.

Kelchak doesn't buy books, as she gets plenty and ends up donating the majority. "There's always that gem at the bottom," she added.

The new book business is different from used books, Kelchak said, and she didn't see much change when the

downtown Plymouth bookstore closed last year.

"I found it a shame they closed," she said.

Kelchak likes to see as many bookstores as possible, citing Liberty Street in Ann Arbor as a place where people can browse for books.

"Business is very good, considering the economy," Kelchak said of her own establishment. "It's a nice little hometown bookstore," Jouppi said.

She's found some customers come in on certain days, and may buy as much as \$20 worth

of books. One young man buys westerns for an older relative, along with books for himself.

Roni McCrumb of Northville was browsing at the store recently. A customer for at least 12 years, she seeks romances, mysteries, intrigue and more.

"They're helpful, it's economical," McCrumb said. "I just really enjoy coming here and I'm glad they have this store available to us."

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# Valentine's Day event to raise funds for disadvantaged

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Steven Watson, who owns Canton Foot Specialist on Ford Road, will be holding a fund-raiser for the fledgling Athletes Who Care Foundation, a non-profit organization he founded in 2003 to assist the disabled and disadvantaged.

Watson, who lives in Grosse Ile, is a longtime podiatric surgeon. One of his sons, Ryan, was born with Down syn-

drome, which is a genetic condition that can include cognitive disability and other developmental problems. In addition, Watson has treated patients for years with disabilities, who have to wait as long as two years to receive benefits to help pay for surgical procedures.

The AWC Foundation provides support to individuals in need of assistance caring for children with disabilities or health challenges. A family can qualify for assistance if there is

a need to help a disabled child maintain healthier life.

The group also provides assistance to disabled adults who do not qualify for benefits, and helps disadvantaged individuals acquire housing for themselves.

The charity gets its name because of the interest of several players from the Detroit Red Wings hockey team to help. Also, former middleweight kickboxing champ Kevin Foreman is the vice president of development for

the foundation.

The foundation will hold its very first fund-raiser Monday at the Kicker's Entertainment Complex in Livonia. The event will include both professional and amateur comedians, a silent auction, a reverse raffle and special guests.

For more information about the Valentine's Day event at Kicker's, or to buy tickets, call (734) 981-7800. For more information about the AWC Foundation (734) 751-4330.

## Calling former O&E All-Stars

Since 1985, the *Observer & Eccentric* has honored outstanding students through its Academic All-Star program.

This year marks the *Observer's* 20th year of honoring local students and we'd like to hear from our former Academic All-Stars. If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at [mklemic@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:mklemic@oe.homecomm.net) or mail to 805 E. Maple,

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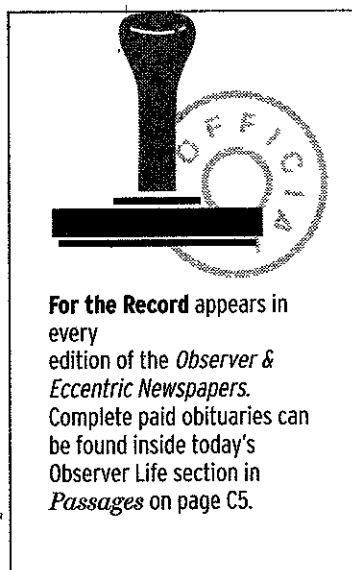
**C**  
Ingrid V. Carney, of Fort Pierce, Fla., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 17.

Patrick J. Chandler, 61, of Auburn Hills, died Feb. 1.  
Mary M. Cirrincione, 88, of Independence Twp., died Feb. 5.

**D**  
Margaret Evelyn Davidsen (nee Cripps), 87, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 5.  
Jeanette A. Dorvee, 76, of Redford Twp., died Feb. 5.  
Mildred C. Dunnigan, 86, of Shelby Twp., died Feb. 6.

**G**  
Stephen M. Galida, 36, Coshocton, Ohio, died Feb. 6.

**H**  
Charles W. Heil, 67, died Feb. 10.  
Doris Marion Hirzel died Feb. 8.



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

**J**  
Jessica Lynn Johnson, 22, of Plymouth, died Feb. 7.

**L**  
Mary A. Lenzion, 80, of Rochester

Hills, died Feb. 4.

**M**  
Helen F. Martens, 82, died Feb. 6.  
Amelia Dolores (Ruppersberg) McKee, 90, of Troy, died Feb. 7.  
Minnie Myers, 94, died Feb. 2.

**P**  
Esther J. Parrott, 73, of Westland, died Feb. 5.

**S**  
Helen R. Smith, 100, of Rochester, died Feb. 1.

**V**  
Phillips Buick Van Dusen, 76, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Feb. 4.  
Kenneth E. VanderVen, of Livonia, died Jan. 31.

**W**  
John Hazen Wilson, 83, of Plymouth, died Feb. 6.  
Lena E. Wing, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 1.



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

P-CEP Marching Band members release the power during their Variety Is finale performance of 'The Trainman Cometh' last weekend at Salem High School Auditorium.

## VARIETY

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just trying to get bands and performers on and off and getting everything to run smoothly backstage."

Said Srivastava: "Friday night was the first time everything was put together. Everyone had separate dress rehearsals until the actual night of the performance."

And the performances integrated vocal and instrumental soloists and groups; dance productions, including the P-CEP Guard; and musical presentations by the Symphony Band and the Wind Ensemble, along

with a rafter-rattling grand finale performance each night by the nearly 200-member Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band, performing its state and national award-winning production of last season's competition show, *The Train Man Cometh*.

The event nets some \$5,000 to \$6,000 each year for the large P-CEP Marching Band and Guard program.

This year's Variety Is extravaganza showcased some impressive talent, according to attendees who were entertained between acts with the comedic antics of the student emcees.

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# Van Buren amends budget to deal with mounting financial crisis

BY RUSS HAMMOND  
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Mounting financial problems in the Van Buren Public Schools have caused the school board to amend the 2004-2005 budget.

At a recent school board meeting, Business Director Randy Hagg said the district's general fund budget had a deficit of \$1 million, and had to be amended. The board agreed to numerous changes to the general budget, with more increases in funding than decreases. However, the increases were not sufficient

enough to balance the budget that was set at the beginning of the school year. If there are cuts in state funding, the deficit will increase to \$1.5 million.

The biggest increase in the general fund was state aid, which was \$227,000. The amount was derived from tax adjustments throughout the year. The Special Education Discretionary fund was increased to \$195,308. The tax collection funds from Belleville were increased to \$37,909 and tax collection from Ypsilanti increased to \$44,927. Altogether, general fund

increases added up to \$852,169. Decreases to the general fund took a bit of a bite out of the increases.

There were only three funds that decreased. State Foundation Special Education decreased by \$155,429. Title I funding was down by \$123,184 and the At Risk fund decreased by \$54,879.

The total decreases for the general fund were \$333,402. With all of the math done, the general fund has a net increase of \$518,767.

Hagg said currently the district is spending \$4.7 million for special education. The

approved transportation costs for special education is \$1.4 million.

According to Hagg, some children are coming from districts with less special education money than Van Buren, and the state compensates up to 28 percent to help offset special education funding not available to the district.

The state's budget problems are an ongoing concern for all public school districts. The state is short nearly \$400 million.

This shortage will continue to hamper many local school districts, including Van Buren,

Hagg said. There is also the issue of early spring borrowing from the state, so that the Van Buren schools can continue operating through the end of the 2004-2005 school year.

In addition, Hagg reminded the school board that all union contracts expired on June 30, 2004 and that there are new textbook needs.

Even with the amended budget, Hagg said the district is facing a number of financial problems for the 2005-2006 school year.

There is an expected double-digit health care increase. Hagg said that it's anticipated

the amount will be 10 percent, which translates to \$600,000 of additional costs. There may be a one percent increase in retirement funding, which is an additional \$300,000.

The expired contracts throughout the district are being looked at as a one-percent increase of \$375,000. Contractual step increases will be nearly \$700,000.

Hagg also pointed out that the building infrastructure throughout the district needs attention.

He said that the roof at Belleville High needs over \$1 million in repairs.

## Board chief: School district has no jobs privatization plan

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board President Frederick Weaver made it perfectly clear Monday evening. Exercising his privilege as board president, Weaver said the board in not planning to vote on privatization.

"There is no existing privatization plan, and the Board of Education does not presently intend to formally consider or take a vote on any privatization issue," he said, reading from a prepared statement.

Weaver acknowledged that board members were aware of fliers that had been left at businesses in the community and had "received numerous e-mails from district employees who have been unnecessarily alarmed about their jobs."

Weaver took the unusual action of speaking on behalf of the board to address rumors about privatizing services that have been circulating in the district for several weeks. They started after MEA Local 4 members learned that the district had been gathering information about privatizing.

The union has been working

without a contract since last July and had planned to protest at the meeting. That protest, however, was called off last Wednesday, when it was announced that the union and district were returning to the bargaining table in hopes of working out a new contract.

Superintendent Greg Baracy confirmed that the district did investigate privatization to "be prepared to answer any and all questions on where we can contain costs."

A third year of no increases in state school aid, Wayne-Westland now faces cutting \$7.5 million to balance its 2005-06 budget. According to Baracy, school officials are looking at all areas of the budget to find ways to trim costs.

Weaver also spoke about the district's money problems, calling it a "significant financial hardship brought on by the state funding crisis." He added that Wayne-Westland is "currently operating in deficit spending."

"The Board of Education will seek to contain costs at all levels in order not to compromise its educational mission," he said. "No member of this board

can speak to what may come our way in the future, however, we can say with confidence that we are not planning to vote on privatization at this time."

Board Vice President Cindy Schofield and trustee Steve Becher also addressed the issue later in the meeting.

Becher, a former teacher, expressed hope that a contract, fair and equitable to both sides could be negotiated.

"It's too bad we had so much turmoil over outsourcing," he added.

Schofield said she appreciate the concerns expressed in an estimated 30 e-mails she received. She stressed that she "doesn't take lightly" her responsibilities as a school board member nor do her colleagues and urged the e-mail writers to contact state officials.

"I trust you will write as passionately to the governor and legislators as you did to us to ask them to solve the problem," she said. "But we know that by working together, we can solve this and continue to be a success."

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## Wayne-Westland election attracts only incumbents

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

As it now stands, two Wayne-Westland school board members will be unopposed in the May 3 school election.

Incumbent board member Ed Turner and relative newcomer Steve Becher were the only candidates to file petitions by 4 p.m. Tuesday for the election.

Turner, a Westland resident, is seeking his third four-year term on the board. First elected in 1997, he has served as board secretary and most recently board president.

"With the condition of the state's finances, I didn't want to jump ship," Turner said. "I'm going to be a kids-first, parents-second and staff-and-administration-third candidate. The kids have got to come first."

Becher was elected to the board in June 2004 to fill the remaining one year of a

term that had been held by the late Mathew McCusker. Becher is seeking his first four-year term on the board.

The Wayne resident spent his entire 26-year career teaching in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. In his first bid for a full term, he stressed his knowledge of the school district, experiences in the classroom at Madison Elementary and Marshall Middle schools, and his educational background.

The two candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the election, which is being conducted by the cities of Wayne and Westland under last year's election consolidation act.

Residents interested in running and who missed Tuesday's filing deadline can still campaign as write-in candidates.

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would generate \$3.2 million. However, she's preparing for something less than that.

"My guess is they'll start there, but not end there," said Brand. "The lobbyists for school districts in Lansing are hearing more like \$125. That's probably more like reality."

At a per pupil increase of \$125, Brand said the district would receive an additional \$2.2 million.

"Of that \$2.2 million, we'll use about \$1.7 million for the projected increase in the state-mandated retirement rate," Brand said. "Health care is expected to go up another \$1.7 million."

"And, that still doesn't include other increased expenditures like utility costs and any negotiated compensation with our employee unions," she said.

"The increase helps minimize a horribly dismal situation to somewhat dismal."

Granholt's proposal also includes another \$50 per student for every student who completes a college-prep curriculum.

Even with an increase in funding, Ryan said he expects to make additional cuts in the budget.

"We'll continue to work with the board to make those cuts and budget adjustments as we look at our long-range forecast," Ryan said.

"That's always the challenge, how much do you cut?"

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# Granholt, Legislature need to do something – anything

Whatever you think about the dramatic proposals Gov. Jennifer Granholt put forth in her State of the State speech, perhaps the most politically significant thing about them is that she has — for the first time — committed her administration to a major stand on the state's future.

The Democratic governor offered a complex package that includes asking the voters this fall to approve a \$2 billion bond proposal aimed at creating 72,000 jobs. She also announced, among other things, a massive \$800 million set of public works projects that she said would create another 36,000 jobs.

She also announced significant reforms in the state's controversial Single Business Tax, though she stopped short of doing what many expected her to do — get rid of it, period.

And she added a few other proposals, including a new \$4,000 merit scholarship for successful college juniors.

Republicans, as expected, denounced her plans as, in the words of Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, "debt today and debt tomorrow." Democrats, who don't control either house of the Legislature, were somewhere between cautiously supportive and wildly enthusiastic that their governor at last was behaving like both a governor and a Democrat.

Whatever one thinks of her ideas, the governor has, for the first time since her election in 2002, put forth an agenda. Though much has been made of her status as Michigan's first woman governor, the dirty little secret she is widely regarded as the weakest chief executive Michigan has had since the 1940s.

Though widely expected to win by a landslide, she barely prevailed over a weak opponent, and has behaved with considerable timidity ever since. Last year, a Republican leader told me with a tight little smile that his party didn't really mind very much having Jennifer Granholt as governor. Sure, she might nominate a few judges they didn't like but, as they saw it, she had no agenda, and since the GOP had large majorities in both houses of the Legislature, they felt they could get what they wanted through, perhaps with a little bit of trimming at the margins.

But in fact, what has happened since she took the oath more than two years ago largely has been political drift, in which the lawmakers'



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chief preoccupation has been to try to finesse a state budget that seems to be perpetually out of balance by \$1 billion a year.

Twenty-two years ago, a new governor named Jim Blanchard took office facing a fiscal crisis that was as bad or worse, and spent his political capital temporarily raising the state income tax. That solved the crisis, and the tax was lowered again as promised, but Democrats lost the state Senate as a result.

Eight years later, Republican John Engler took over and began slashing, burning and cutting programs that had been seen as sacrosanct. There was much screaming, but he prevailed and was re-elected twice by landslides.

But Granholt has proposed nothing of the sort, and both parties have shrunk from tackling the core issue. Instead, it's been all about the death of a thousand cuts. Those who understand higher education are openly worried that the whittling-down process will soon seriously damage the university system, and with it Michigan's future ability to compete.

While both parties will privately admit the state's budget system is massively and structurally flawed, nobody has had the courage to tackle reforming it. Nor will anyone say the words that everyone believes, but regards as politically fatal: You get what you pay for.

Right now, Michigan isn't getting anywhere. The state is drifting downward economically; tied with Alaska for the nation's worst unemployment rate.

But will the governor's proposals, which sound like a combination of Silicon Valley and Franklin Roosevelt, work? Do they have a chance of being enacted by the Republican Legislature? Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics* and a respected political handicapper, says it is dicey.

"She told the Republicans not to just pass the 'good stuff' — the parts they liked — and send it to her, but I think that's exactly what they will do, and dare her to veto it," said the pundit, himself a former state senator.

History suggests that the odds of getting the voters to approve a new spending scheme in a special off-off-year election are not good.

Yet there is a risk for the GOP, too. If the Michigan Legislature refuses to enact any of her agenda, the governor will certainly run next year against the "do-nothing Republicans" who, she will say, played politics while Michigan's economy burned.

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# Michigan's political leaders need to put state above party

Politics is fun. Government is work.

Anyone watching Gov. Jennifer Granholt's State of the State address could see that politics is alive and well. Government doesn't have a chance.

In the words of state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, Michigan is a leaking boat, the proverbial Titanic after running smack into the iceberg. Officially, the state is tied with Alaska for the nation's highest unemployment rate.

The state struggles every year with its depleted treasury to maintain its constitutionally mandated balanced budget and vital services. Every year, the state kicks its financial problems down the road to municipal governments, school districts and state universities.

While the rest of the nation's economy seems to be on the rise, Michigan remains stuck.

Sen. Toy and Sen. Michael Bishop, R-Rochester, came to the *Observer* on Monday to present some of their proposals for investing in the life sciences and other technology to get Michigan back on track. Bishop has a bill to provide tax credits to reduce loss risk for "angel investors" who will provide funding for innovative ideas. Toy is proposing a package of ideas to support a "development pipeline" that would bring together public and private investment.

On the same day the governor was getting a chill from the Republicans in the legislature, President Bush was at the Detroit Economic Club to tout his new budget, which includes some deep Medicaid cuts that will only exacerbate the state's problems.

He told assembled business leaders that the time for debate over his budget should be over. Opponents are equally sure the real debate hasn't even begun.

Granholt came out swinging Tuesday night with a bold proposal to launch a \$2 billion bond issue to pay for various programs to encourage high tech development in the state. She also proposed expansive public works projects to provide employment and improve the state's infrastructure. And she ventured into the treacherous waters of school consolidation and changes in the Merit Scholarship. These were bold gestures from a governor who hasn't been a well spring of original ideas in her first two years.

If you watched the speech, you know that a part of the audience rose regularly to give the governor a round of applause. A larger part of the audience didn't. They fiddled with their fingers, or gave a tepid little tea-party hand tap or squirmed miserably.

Everyone rose when reminded that Michigan is the greatest state in the union, when lauding our military and when deploring Hollywood sex



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and violence. Otherwise, it was definitely an organized Republican snub.

Apparently some Republicans have also felt snubbed. Sen. Toy said Monday that in two years she has never been invited to Gov. Granholt's office.

"Engler used to call us in quite a bit, both sides of the aisle, and I have yet to be called into Gov. Granholt's office to ask what my position is on an issue," Toy said. "We have to be inclusive, we have to work together. I hear her talk it, but I don't see her walk it."

On Tuesday, the state got to see the GOP neither walk the walk or talk the talk.

In offering a "rebuttal" to the governor, a decidedly sour-faced Sen. Ken Sikkema, the Republican majority leader, and this year's Speaker Craig DeRoche could find nothing but doom and gloom and hard times (high taxes) for the state's "job providers." It was also obvious that they were already looking ahead to next year's gubernatorial race and a governor who's even more vulnerable if they do nothing. (And since the bond proposal requires a two-thirds majority to get it on the ballot, you can forget that idea.)

Meanwhile, we still have the nation's highest unemployment rate; many more have long since given up looking for work; many who once depended on Medicaid to supplement inadequate or non-existent health insurance are doing without; our local governments, schools and universities are struggling to find more ways to cut on top of cuts, which adds to the unemployment problem; high tech industries are going to other states; and the state's infrastructure problems grow worse.

Politics is how things get done. It is necessary to debate ideas, pare away at the details, compromise.

Maybe Sens. Bishop and Toy have some good ideas.

Maybe the governor has some good ideas.

But now is the time to get down to the business of government and work through those ideas.

The devil, of course, is in the details, as presented Thursday in Granholt's budget proposal. This is the time to debate those details, discuss the practical merits and demerits of those proposals without automatically rejecting them because there's an election two years away and it's just possible for the GOP to win control of everything.

Michigan can't wait through two more years of inaction and bickering because we have a Republican legislature and a Democratic governor. It's time both parties talked the talk and walked the walk.

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Denise Necker, owner for the past 13 years, has credited their family-friendly atmosphere and an array of flower and planting services for the flower shop's continued success. In 2004, the shop was voted the "Best of Redford" in an *Observer* reader's poll.

In addition to fresh cut flowers and arrangements that mark life's milestones, Floyd's offers personalized planting services each spring. With Valentine's Day fast approaching, the Floyd's staff is working to fill orders faster than ever - it's the holiday that requires the quickest turnaround of all.

Floyd's Flowers is at 25096 Five Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph in Redford Township. Call (313) 535-4934.

#### FAMILY-STYLE

Passers-by can tell by the sign. It's no secret that Livonia's Leather Bottle has changed ownership. Now called **G. Subu Leather Bottle**, the restaurant is under the guidance of father-and-son team George and Johnny Subu.

If their names sound familiar to local residents, it's no coincidence. George Subu served as co-owner of Sandtraps - formerly on Five Mile in Livonia.

"We are a family-owned business," Subu said. "A lot of people in Livonia know us." He called Livonia a "great, established community," and mentioned the restaurant as easily accessible, particularly with its proximity to Farmington. Subu said he looks forward to serving his former customers and drawing in new ones.

The menu ranges from the

Leather Bottle's famous pizza and pasta, to seafood, steaks and other specials. Prices range from \$10-\$15 for most dinner entrees. The space offers banquet facilities and will host live music on week-ends. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, and noon to midnight on Sunday.

G Subu Leather Bottle is located at 20300 Farmington Road, just south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 474-2420.

#### BRONZING STARS

Sister-brother team Leslie and Mike Osman are already earning praise as the new owners of **All Exposed Tanning & Nails in Westland**.

Lori Priest, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, said she believes the new owners will be quite successful in this venture.

"I'm such a people person," said Leslie Osman. "I love working with the public."

She said she's always willing to answer questions or share advice on how to tan safely. After all, she said "we tan to look good."

The salon offers nine tanning units, and sells single visits or packages of five, seven or 10 for \$6-\$40. All Exposed also runs promotions. Currently first-timers can tan for \$4. And those who purchase unlimited tanning at \$49 a month earn a second month free. Nail services such as manicures and pedicures range from \$15 to \$35. Bridal and student discounts are available, as are gift certificates.

Hours have been extended to 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. week-days, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. All Exposed Tanning & Nails is located at 38409 Joy Road, facing Hix Road, in Westland.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to [scasola@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:scasola@oe.homecomm.net) or call (734) 953-2054.

# Neighbors protest planned day care center

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

A school and day care facility in the neighborhood will only boost traffic and we don't need it, say some homeowners along Warren between Beck and Ridge.

"A park there would be beautiful for North Canton," said Theresa Hale of King's Mill Drive.

"Soybeans," suggested Steve Kolpacke, of the same street.

They were among a dozen residents who showed up Monday for the Canton Township Planning Commission meeting where commissioners were asked to rezone the seven-acre vacant parcel on the south side of Warren, from rural agricultural designation to single family residential.

The land is surrounded by subdivisions to the north and east, vacant Plymouth-Canton schools land to the south, and All Saints Catholic School to the west.

Planning commissioners unanimously approved the request. But Community Planner Jeff Goulet and planning commissioners stressed on Monday they were only approving the rezoning request and not approving the day care center at this time.

"In approving R-2 (residential zoning) in no way do we approve the school," said Planning Commissioner Ronald Lieberman.

The zoning change clears the way for Legacy Development, who plans to build a school and day-care facility, to approach the planning commission in the future and ask for special use zoning. That request is allowed under the township's master zoning plan which specifies schools and day care facilities can be allowed in residential districts.

Legacy Development representative Jeffrey Dobson Jr. told planning commissioners and residents that if the school-day care wins all needed township approvals, the

#### Community Planner Jeff

Goulet and planning commissioners stressed on Monday they were only approving the rezoning request and not approving the day care center at this time.

facility would likely open in two years at the earliest.

He stressed that schools and day care centers are allowed in residential zoned areas, under the township's master plan.

"We anticipate about 300 students," Dobson said, from kindergarten through fifth grade. He told planning commissioners the facility would seek to accommodate about 100 day-care students. Hours of operation would be 7 a.m. to

6 p.m.

"It will mirror parents' schedules," he said.

Michael Andro of Royal Pointe subdivision said, "I believe the master plan does say R-2 residential. I think basically that's what people expect."

In a letter to the planning commission, he said the facility would create a noise and lighting burden for existing residents.

Dr. Rob Rout of Wadebridge Drive was just one of the nearby residents that told planning commissioners the morning traffic is already increased by nearby All Saints Catholic School. "Every time I try to make a left turn onto Warren it takes at least 15 minutes to get out," he said.

Goulet said if special use approval for a day care is sought, planners would conduct a study to determine if additional turn lanes should be built, to accommodate traffic.

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## 35th District Court looks within for its new administrator

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

### The 35th District Court serves Canton Township.

Plymouth's 35th District Court will have a new court administrator by the end of the month.

Debra Kubitskey, who has been a probation officer at the court since 1993, will assume the duties Feb. 28.

"It's a goal that I've been working on for some time," said Kubitskey, 37, from South Lyon. "It's a good opportunity for me to move forward with a new challenge."

Kubitskey has a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan University. She was one of 80 people who applied for the position, which became available in October.

"I think promoting from within boosts

morale," said Kubitskey. "Since I've been working in the probation field, I've developed good communication and human resource skills. My first responsibility will be to learn the job, but as I become more familiar changes will come."

Court controller Pam Avdoulos, who has been interim court administrator since Kerry Erdman left for health reasons in July, said the three finalists for the position were current 35th District Court employees.

"The three were extensively interviewed, two with a panel and another with an outside assessment firm," Avdoulos said. "The final interview was with (Chief) Judge (John) MacDonald."

"I think the interview process proved we had the best candidates in house," she said. "Debra is really well educated in public administration, is a great people person and is very well organized."

MacDonald has worked extensively with Kubitskey the past 15 years.

"She merits being the best candidate," said MacDonald. "She knows the system, has good educational credentials and is a good fit for the job." Kubitskey's annual salary will be \$63,000.

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## Kindness rewarded as couple wins Buddy's dinner

Donna and Leonard Perry of Livonia were the first recipients of a home-delivered Buddy's dinner in the *Observer & Eccentric* and Buddy's Random Acts of Pizza Award.

Robert Jacobs, president of Buddy's Pizza, and Wesley Pikula, vice president, delivered pizza and all the trimmings.

The Perrys were nominated by their granddaughter, Elizabeth Bugg.

Described as "the most caring, and unselfish people I know," Bugg said, "although her and my grandfather's health, are ailing, she always manages to come through for those who need her."

Ever since my Mom died six years ago, she takes care

of four of my younger siblings, on the weekends, so that my stepfather can go to work. All eight of my mom's children have lived with her at one point or another in the last six years. I just really think that she deserves a break."

Tell us about your great neighbor, the new family down the street or someone

you think deserves a home-delivered pizza dinner courtesy of Buddy's Pizza.

Send nominations by e-mail only to: Ken Abramczyk at [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net).

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**NEW CONCEPTS AND NEW DRUGS**

You may consider it odd, now when drugs used commonly in arthritis are coming under criticism, that I should devote a column to new drugs. However, the explosion in ingenious ways to use technology has changed medicine too dramatically to ignore.

The gains created for molecular biology have reached practical application. By the term "molecular biology," I mean the ability of scientists to track the activities of drugs and potential new drugs at the level of the individual cell. Technology is so sophisticated that it is possible to see how a molecule of a drug attaches to the cell wall surface, and then follow the series of reactions that drug initiates within the cell and the cell nucleus.

From such research has come arthritis drugs such as Enbrel, Remicade, Humira, and Kineret all of whom block proteins from attaching to joint cells. Blocking these proteins aborts a cascade of cell reactions that otherwise would lead to inflammation.

The advantage of these drugs is their specificity. They are unlikely to cause side effects such as gastritis, hepatitis, and possibly heart attacks and strokes, associated with other arthritis drugs. These new medications are targeted for particular sites and avoid the non-specific effects that cause risk in other drugs.

The disadvantage of these new medications is their cost, and that they are administered by I.V. infusion or injection. However, the gain in safety by their use and the promise of relief of arthritis is great enough to bring these drugs forward at this time.

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## State senators propose life science investment package

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, is supporting a package of bills she says will help Michigan compete in a fast changing economic environment.



Toy



Bishop

"Budget deficits and unemployment problems we've had are all symptoms of a bigger problem," Toy said. "The rest of the country has changed and Michigan hasn't kept up with those needs."

Toy and state Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, discussed their ideas for supporting investment in new technology Monday, before Gov. Jennifer Granholm presented her proposal in Tuesday's State of the State address to seek voter support for a \$2 billion bond program to invest in new technologies.

Bishop is sponsoring a bill to provide equity loss tax credits for "angel investors." The bill would encourage investment in innovative businesses by guaranteeing up to \$50,000 in tax credits against losses. The total program is capped at \$10 million, with the first claims not accepted until 2008.

"Michigan is way behind in seed funds for venture capital," Bishop said. "We also faced the reality that the manufacturing base was decimated in this state. Michigan needs to step up and do something different. We want to be more than a flyover state between Silicon Valley and

Silicon Alley."

Bishop said the angel investors fund is designed to tell investors that the state is willing to invest in innovative companies.

"We want to create a fund that will not only keep companies here but invite more in," he said. "We'll never be able to keep up with California and Massachusetts but at the same time a journey of 1000 miles begins with one step."

Toy is offering several supporting ideas that aren't yet to the formal bill stage. She proposes creating a life science product development pipeline, working with Michigan companies.

Under the proposal, a Life Sciences Seed Fund would be created for commercializing drugs, diagnostics and medical devices, capitalized with up to \$50 million in revenue bonds.

### INVESTING

The fund would invest 10 percent in a life science project, the company bringing the new product would put up 10 percent and other private sector investors would provide the other 80 percent. Initially, bond payments would be subsidized from the existing life science corridor appropriation, about \$4 million a year.

Investments in firms doing embryonic stem cell research would be prohibited.

"We need the vision and expediency because we are behind," said Toy.

She said the old days of high paying assembly line jobs are a thing of the past and new industries will require a higher level of education.

A final portion of Toy's package includes an income tax credit for individuals and small and mid-size companies who invest in job training.

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## Bouchard finds support for Senate bid

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Michael Bouchard tested the waters before deciding to take on Sen. Debbie Stabenow in the mid-term elections, which are still two years off, and found them to be agreeable.

The response from family members and others he asked was "very positive," he said.

Bouchard, 48, currently serves as Oakland County sheriff and has been an elected official since his first term on the Beverly Hills village council in 1986. He served in the state House and state Senate until 1999 when he was appointed Oakland County sheriff. He was elected to the post in 2000 and has been re-elected twice since then.

Now, he's looking at the U.S. Senate and filed to run against Stabenow last week.

He said if people were going to talk about the most pressing issues of the day they'd be talking about his strengths. The pressing issue of the day, he said, is security.

"It's about job security, job creation," Bouchard said. "I was a small business owner and I know where government can help: By getting out of the way."

He said he's done consider-



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is making a bid for the U.S. Senate.

able work to promote family security by pushing for the creation of a sex offender registry and the launching of an Internet crime unit. When seen in total, combining his career as a law enforcement officer as well as his experience as a member of the state Senate, he said people will see the choice is simple.

"When you look at my experience and the changes I've made, people will conclude that I get results," Bouchard said.

If elected, he said he'd try to end some of the "blind partisanship" he said is plaguing Washington, D.C., today. He said Michigan's incumbent Sens. Carl Levin and Stabenow are a part of that problem, preventing votes on several judgeships. He said the nominees should be voted on, either way, just as long as they get a vote.

"The delay is holding up the system and justice delayed is justice denied," he said. "People

are tired of that."

Bouchard also said he'd make the budget a priority if he's sent to Washington. He said he'd examine government activities closely. If it's necessary, he says he'd work to make it as efficient as possible. If it isn't, he said it should be stopped.

Bill Ballenger, publisher of the Lansing-based Inside Michigan Politics, said Bouchard is a viable candidate, but there is more than one race on the horizon before anyone trades body blows with Stabenow.

"First we need to see how he fares in the Republican primary and who he's going to face in that race," he said. "Then will the national Republican party see Stabenow as vulnerable? Will they send money? Will (President) George W. Bush campaign for him?"

He said comparing their resumes isn't going to tell you who voters are going to smile on in 2006. That Bouchard was both a legislator and sheriff or that Stabenow has been a long-time legislator isn't going to matter all that much in the voting booth.

"People don't make decisions that way," Ballenger said. "They look at name identification and personality."

## Michigan Humane Society planning Telethon

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the studios of WXYZ Channel 7 will air the Ninth Annual Michigan Humane Society Telethon from 6 a.m. through 11 p.m.

For the second year, the Telethon will air on Channel 7 with several two-minute segments scheduled during breaks in regular program-

ming. Radio partner will be Magic 105.1 FM.

Telethon 2005 will again be hosted by Channel 7 meteorologist and animal lover, Dave Rexroth.

Tune in and watch during your favorite Channel 7 shows such as Good Morning America, The View, Oprah, the Channel 7 Action News

and others.

In conjunction with the Telethon, the Michigan Humane Society's three shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills will hold special adoption hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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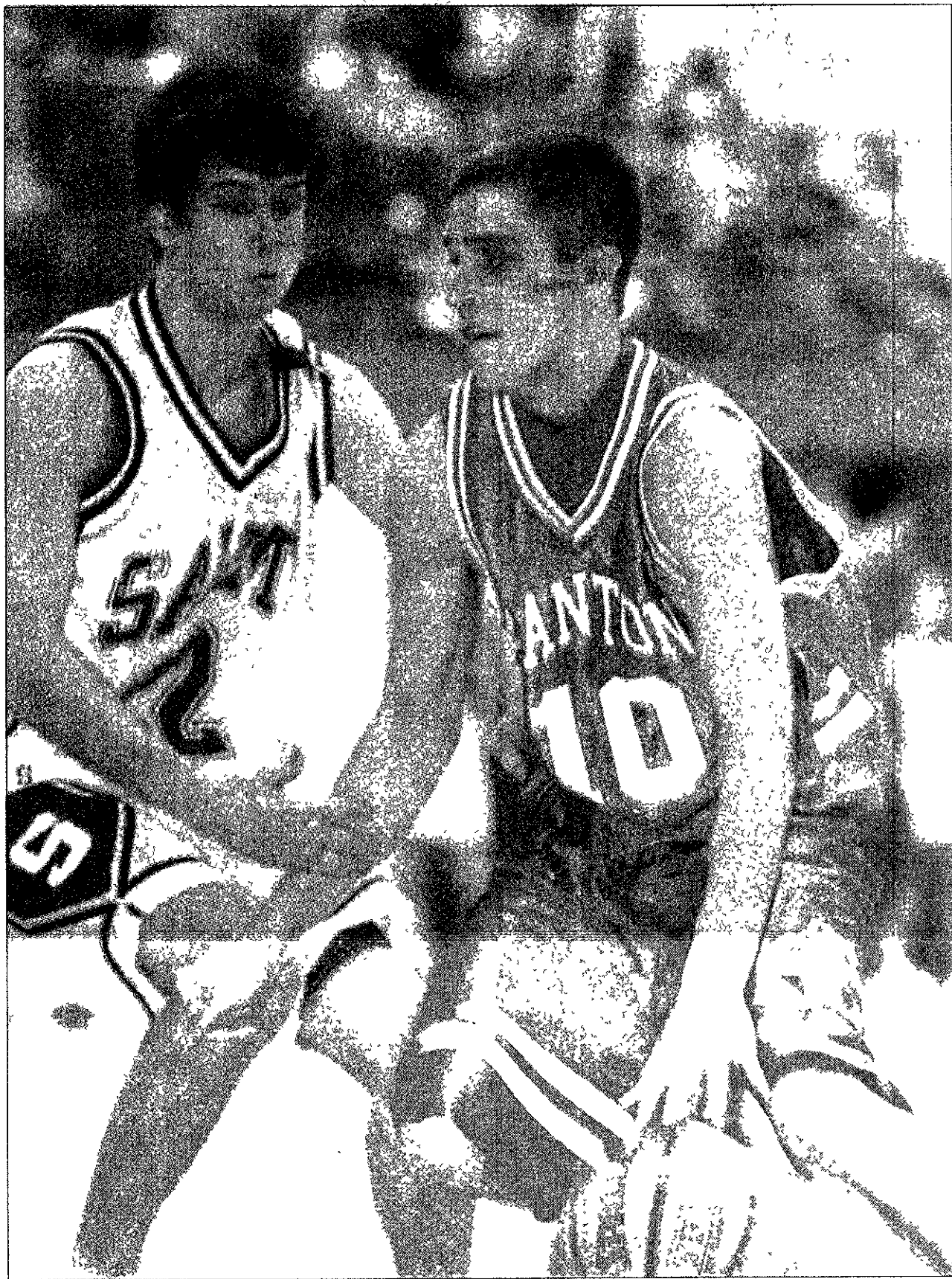
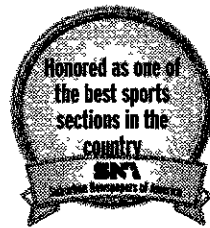
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Canton senior guard David Calille drove to the basket against Salem's Jon Pomorski during the third quarter of Friday night's game. Calille finished with a game-high 12 points to lead the Chiefs to a 48-27 victory.

## Red streak

Strong defense keys  
Canton's 5th straight  
win, 48-27, over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team proved during Friday night's annual showdown against Salem that it can play a pretty solid game of "paint-ball."

The taller, more physical Chiefs dominated in the paint in front of the basket and rolled to a 48-27 victory in the Salem gymnasium.

Canton, which improved to 11-6 overall and 7-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, will carry a five-game winning streak into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association conference playoffs (see related story on page B3). The struggling Rocks dropped their ninth-straight game and slipped to 1-16 overall and 1-10 in the league.

Offensively, Canton converted a number of second-shot opportunities when front-court players Kevin Thornton and Andre Bridges grabbed offensive rebounds and deposited them into the basket. On the defensive end, the 6-foot-8, long-armed Thornton made life difficult for any Salem player who ventured into the paint with the basketball. He blocked four shots and altered many others.

At times Friday night, it appeared as if both teams had given up scoring for Lent. Combined, the Chiefs and Rocks hit just 31 percent of their shots from the field, but that low number was due to tough, gritty defense more than anything else.

"I thought the key to the game was that we played solid defensively for four quarters tonight," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Offensively, we were a little sporadic, but we shot well enough to win."

Paye said his team knew it would be in trouble if it took the one-win Rocks too lightly.

"The kids knew that they had to get up for this one because we knew Salem was going to be ready to play," he said. "Plus, all we had to do was remind them about Tuesday night's game against Stevenson. They had been struggling, but we only led them by one point at the half."

"I thought Andy Cortellini came up big for us tonight. He made some big shots. Andre Bridges came off the bench and played well inside."

Salem coach Bob Brodie said his team wasn't able to accomplish its No. 1 goal heading into the game — limiting the bigger Chiefs to just one shot per trip down the court.

PLEASE SEE **STREAK, B3**

## HV Alliance earn indoor soccer title

The Canton-based HV Alliance captured the National Indoor Soccer Men's Championship last weekend at the High Velocity Sports facility in Canton. The tournament attracted several of the top indoor soccer teams from across the country in the following divisions: U-10 and U-15 boys; Open Women; and Open Men.

The Alliance squad included Bryan Finnerty, the owner of HVS and a former professional indoor soccer goalie for the Detroit Rockers; Andrew Crawford, the general manager of HVS and a 10-year pro; Rodrigo Gonzalez, HVS facility manager and a former Rocker; Johnney Demergis, the HVS assistant soccer director; and several other former Rockers, including Jaman Tripoli and Jason Willan. The Alliance finished unbeaten, but it faced many tough games, including the final against Baltimore, MD-based MD Sports Unlimited. HVS overcame a three-goal deficit to win 7-6 in overtime.

"It was so much fun to play with those guys again," said Finnerty. "We are all a little bit older and slower than our pro playing days, so to see the experience of quality veteran players win games over speed and youth was unbelievable. We all feel like kids again."

Over 150 fans showed up throughout the tournament to support the Alliance, whose roster includes several trainers for the Canton Soccer Club.

Other division winners were:

■ U-10 boys Division I — Michigan Future Stars (Centerline, MI);

■ U-10 boys Division II — The Gators (Watauga, TX);

■ U-15 boys — Joey's Unknowns/Kingdom (Holland, MI); and

■ Women's Open — Michigan Celtic F.C. (Sterling Heights, MI).

## Fast-starting Rocks toppled by Pats

Canton edges Rockets. See Page B2.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Nate Turco has learned plenty of moves on the wrestling mats tagging along with his older brother Nick.

But it was the sophomore Nate who took the lead this time with a pin as he jumped-started unbeaten Livonia Franklin to a come-from-behind 40-22 victory Thursday night over Salem.

The Patriots rallied from a 16-0 deficit

to run their overall season record to 18-0 in a match of divisional champions in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I was a little worried when we got down because Salem is always a hard program to wrestle," Nick Turco said.

After Lakes Division co-champion Salem took the first four matches, 140-pounder Nate Turco's pin of Ryan Olson in 4:29 ignited the Patriots.

Dave Watkins followed with a dramatic win for Franklin at 145 with a take-down of Jake Bennett in the final two seconds, good enough for a 4-2 decision

and catapult the Western Division champions.

Senior heavyweight Nick Turco's pin of Steve Kaptur in 2:16 stretched Franklin's advantage to 31-22 and 103-pounder Jesse Gardocki's 19-3 technical fall of Salem's Jeremy Stankewitz sealed the team dual win.

The Turco brothers have been in Franklin's wrestling program for two years after moving here from West Bloomfield when Nate was a freshman and Nick was a junior.

Franklin coach Dave Chiola figured his team would face an early deficit after the blind draw started in Salem's favor

PLEASE SEE **WRESTLING, B2**

## Rowley shines on the blue line

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In one corner, there were tap-dance shoes. In the other, hockey skates.

In the middle was Amanda Rowley, a talented 12-year-old who had to choose which of the two extremely contrasting activities — dancing or hockey — she was going to dedicate a large portion of the next six years of her life to.

Following a short debate, Rowley chose the blue line over the chorus line, and she hasn't had any regrets since.

"I used to go with my parents to my brothers' mini-mite hockey practices," said Rowley, recalling how her hockey career was born six years ago. "My mom said, 'As long as you're here, you might as well try it, too. I did, and I liked it right away. There wasn't enough time to do both (dancing and hockey), so I had to choose one or the other."



Prep Profile

PLEASE SEE **ROWLEY, B5**



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

A senior defenseman, Salem student Amanda Rowley has been an instrumental part of the 2004-05 Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team's successful season.

## Sidelines

### Hoop events

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a pair of basketball-related events on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

At 9:30 a.m., a free hoop-shoot competition will be held. Winners in each of the age divisions will advance to regional competition in the statewide tournament.

Following the hoop shoot, a three-on-three basketball tournament will be held for third-through eighth-graders. The cost per team is \$42.

### Salem tennis

Unofficial conditioning workouts for the Salem boys tennis team are being held on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the upper-commons area of Salem High School. The season begins March 14.

All interested players should attend conditioning and stop by the athletic office to pick up medical, eligibility and physical forms, which must be turned in by March 14.

### Chiefs win

The Canton freshmen volleyball team was crowned the silver division champion at the Northville High School Freshmen Tournament held Saturday, Feb. 5. The ninth-grade Chiefs defeated Plymouth in the semi-finals and Westland John Glenn in the final round match.

### Canton boosters

There will be a Canton Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

Parents of current Canton football players and parents of current eighth-graders who will be freshmen at Canton in the fall are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kathy Powers at KMPowers6@aol.com.

### Clarification

An article in Thursday's *Observer* stated that Canton gymnasts Alyssa Kelley and Kara Ahern finished 17th and 19th, respectively, in the Division 1 all-around competition at the Canton Invitational, which was held Feb. 5.

The gymnasts' final places were misleading because they only competed in three of the four events.

### Volleyball tryout

The Madonna University women's volleyball program will hold an open tryout from 10 a.m. until noon, Sunday, Feb. 20, at the school's gym.

The tryout is open to all eligible senior high school volleyball players, and also those with remaining college eligibility.

For more information, call MU assistant coach Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612; or e-mail him at bgmccclain@aol.com.



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## STREAK

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"The key to the game — especially in the second half — was their offensive rebounding," Brodie said. "They killed us on the glass. We stressed before the game that we needed to box out, and we didn't do it well enough."

"Offensively, we tried to slow the game down and give them fewer opportunities to score. I thought we did OK early on, but then we shot ourselves in the foot too much in the second half."

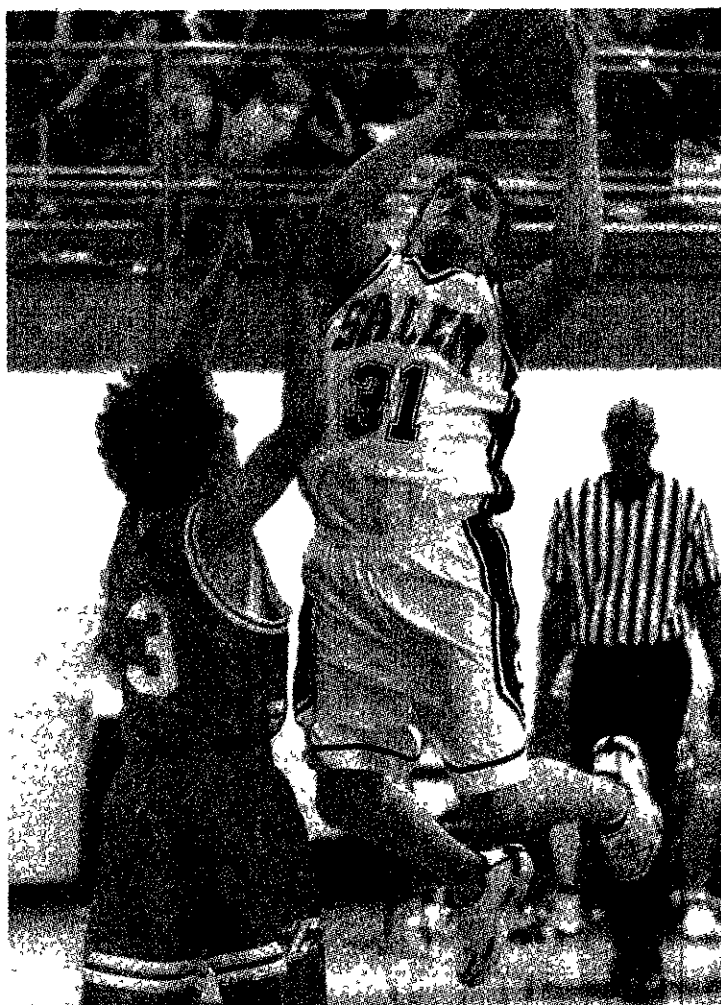
The way the game started, it looked as if both teams may break the 80-point barrier. Canton drained its first three shots — a triple and a baseline jumper from Cortellini, and a three from David Calille — and Salem's Billy Leddy swished a long trey on the Rocks' first possession.

However, defense soon took over and — as it turned out — the 80-point barrier wasn't broken by both teams combined.

Canton led 17-8 after one quarter and 29-12 at the half. The Chiefs extended their lead to 41-20 with eight minutes left and sustained the 20-point cushion for most of the fourth quarter.

Calille paced a balanced Canton scoring ledger with 12 points. Cortellini contributed 11, Bridges had 10 and Thornton finished with nine. Leddy led the Rocks with 11 and Dave Cardenas chipped in with six.

Thornton was the game's top rebounder, hauling in 11. Steve Paye grabbed seven boards and Bridges snared five. Leddy and Rory Kind both had five rebounds for Salem.



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Salem's Kevin Bradley elevates for a shot against Canton's Andy Cortellini Friday night.

## Canton, Plymouth cruise into playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A pair of local teams will be carrying hot hands into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association conference playoffs.

Fourth-seeded Canton (11-6) will take a five-game winning streak into its Tuesday night showdown at Walled Lake Western, the conference's fourth-seeded team. Plymouth (10-7), the seventh-seeded squad, will host No. 2 seed Westland John Glenn Tuesday. The Wildcats have won two straight and three of their last four contests. Both games will tip off at 7 p.m.

Western Division teams will host all first-round games, unless two Lakes Division teams meet. If that happens, the highest-seeded team hosts the game. The Lakes Division teams will host the second-round games.

The winner of the Canton-Walled Lake Western game

The championship game will be played Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Walled Lake Central.

will face off against the winner of Tuesday night's Northville-Wayne battle. If Plymouth upends John Glenn, it will play the winner of the Walled Lake Central-Livonia Franklin match-up.

The championship game will be played Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Walled Lake Central.

Western edged Canton, 57-52, when the two teams squared off on Jan. 7. Plymouth defeated the Rockets, 43-42, on Jan. 11.

## Wildcats surprise Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's gymnasium is quickly turning into a dangerous destination for high-ranking, visiting Western Lakes Activities Association basketball teams.

The Wildcats knocked off Walled Lake Central, 48-47, at home on Friday night in a down-to-the-wire thriller. The Vikings (12-5 overall and 8-3 in the WLAA) finished second in the regular-season conference standings. Earlier this season, Plymouth ousted Westland John Glenn, the WLAA's third-best team, at home.

"I have been told this season by other coaches that Walled Lake Central is the best team in the league, and I told the kids that tonight before the game," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose team improved to 10-7 overall and 6-5 in the WLAA. "They knew they had to bring their 'A' game if they were going to win tonight, and they did."

"It was a total team effort. The kids are finally buying into the team concept, and it's paying off for them."

The visiting Vikings led 16-14 after one quarter and 30-23 at the half.

"We scored right before halftime, so we were feeling good heading into the second half," Van Wagoner said. "In the third quarter, we went out and got after it and outscored them 18-10. We had five different kids score in the third quarter, which was nice to see."

Plymouth led 41-40 after three quarters. Led by D.J. Coleman, the Wildcats then went on a 7-0 run to secure a 48-40 lead. However, Central scored the final seven points and had two opportunities in the final minute to grab the lead, but the Vikings' efforts were thwarted by the Wildcats.

Coleman led all scorers with 15 points. Josh Le Duc netted 13 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks; A.J. Daye

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tallied eight points; and Jim Wilbur had seven. Brad Burkhardt paced the Vikings with 11 points.

Canton Agape 63, Taylor Baptist Park 52: With Friday night's homecoming victory, the Wolverines became the first team in school history to win a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference division title. Agape improved its record to 11-5 overall and 8-0 in the MIAC's Red Division, Baptist Park slipped to 11-7 and 6-3.

"Baptist Park only had seven players, so we pressed them the entire game and tried to wear them down," said Agape Christian coach Keith Anleitner. "We scored 17 bunches off the press. It seemed like we just had too much team speed for them."

Agape led 15-7 after the first quarter and 33-20 at the half. The Wolverines padded their lead to 49-32 with eight minutes left to play. The Wolverines' 11-point win could have been much more one-sided had they shot better than 50 percent (18-of-36) from the free-throw line.

Bryan Horning led the winners with 18 points, seven steals and four assists. Also playing well for Agape were Jack Anleitner (13 points, five steals and three assists), Derek Leathers (12 points and nine rebounds) and Gabe Molnar (10 points). Halston Hodges led Baptist Park with 18 points and Jonathan Slevin twined 13.

Birmingham Roeper 36, Plymouth Christian 29: The Roughriders led 18-12 at the half before holding off a late PCA rally to improve to 11-4 overall and 5-3 in the MIAC Blue Division. PCA fell to 7-9 and 1-7. Stephen Sumfitt paced the Eagles with 14 points, despite sitting out most of the first half due to foul trouble. Aaron Ciborowski had a huge game as well for PCA, netting 12 points, 15 rebounds and six steals. Perry Keydel led the winners with nine points. PCA held the Roughriders' leading scorer, Edg Zinser, to just six points. He lit up the Eagles for 31 the first time the two teams met earlier this season.

The Eagles host Oakland Christian on Tuesday night. Belleville 64, Ypsilanti 51: The Tigers were led by the inside-outside duo of Isaac Kindell (15 points) and Leon Freeman (10 points and 25 rebounds) to up their record to 15-1 overall and 7-1 in the Mega Red Division. The best Braves dropped to 4-3 in the league.

Ypsilanti led 11-8 after one quarter, but Belleville rebounded to take a 24-23 lead at the intermission. Belleville led just 39-37 after three quarters, but outscored Ypsi 25-14 over the final eight minutes to seal the win. The Tigers shot 80 percent from the free-throw line (24-of-30) for the game and they connected on 14-of-18 fourth-quarter free throws. "Isaac Kindell opened the fourth quarter with a three and then we got a three from Leon Freeman and a couple of free throws, so that gave us some breathing room," said Belleville coach Mike Kroegel. "Leon had a great night rebounding. He probably had four or five offensive rebounds and 20 on the defensive end."

## GYMNASTICS RESULTS

Canton 144.20, Walled Lake 125.30

Wednesday at Plymouth High School

VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.35; 2. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Kate Staley (C), 8.80; 4. Heather Wagner (C), 8.60; 5. Kara Ahern (C), 8.40; 6. Kelly McKay (WL), 8.20.

BARS: 1. Megan Chappo (C), 9.15;

2. Kate Staley (C), 9.00; 3. Kara Ahern (C), 8.95; 4. Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.85; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 8.55; 6. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 8.40.

BEAM: 1. Megan Chappo (C), 9.35; 2. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 9.25; 3. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Kelly McKay (WL), 9.00; 5. Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.45;

6. Stephanie Sanders (WL), 8.15.

FLOOR: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.45; 2. Kara Ahern (C), 9.20; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 9.05; 4. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.95; 5. Kate Staley (C), 8.80; 6. Kelly McKay (WL), 8.60.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.10; 2. Kate Staley (C), 35.60; 3. Hillary Bracht (C), 34.70.

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## women seeking men

### ONE OF A KIND

SF, 38, blonde/blue, 5'6", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long walks, cycling, music, especially Rod Stewart. Seeking Macomb man, 35-50, to share happiness. **♣404691**

### GAME-FREE

SBF, 37, 5'9", N/S, works out, enjoys leisurely walks and laughter, seeks man, 35-50, with sense of humor and sense of fashion. **♣592847**

### SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF, 42, 5'2", 170lbs, compassionate, hard-working, enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance, scenic drives, movies, fishing, playing pool, reading. ISO active SM, who's up for a little adventure once and a while. Friendship/LTR. **♣580735**

### LOYAL

SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **♣5956732**

### AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DWF, 45, N/S, has 4 grown children, enjoys theater, movies, dancing, would like to meet SWM, 40-60, for friendship, romance, possible LTR. **♣595540**

### MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, likes travel, fine dining, shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, slow dancing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals. **♣601692**

### VERY ROMANTIC

45-yr-old, SJPF, N/smoker, N/ drinker, social worker/masters degree, who loves music, dancing, singing and sports. Over weight but charming, parent of one, looking for SWPM, 45-65, who is honest, romantic, and sensual. **♣559964**

### MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE

I am a 5'2", brunette, dark eyes, early 60s, searching for a tall, financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. **♣578564**

### MR. RIGHT

Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun, let's share life together. **♣443339**

### SEEKING MY OTHER HALF

WF interested in meet a WM, 60-65, who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy. **♣599813**

### NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA

SBPF, 40ish, 5'8", nurse, with children, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. **♣245545**

### SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN

SBF, 36, Cancer, N/S, works full-time in healthcare, single mother, loves to cook. Seeking down-to-earth, spontaneous BM, 34-48, N/S, for dating. **♣594909**

### MUST BE RESPECTFUL

Very attractive BF, financially/emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. **♣595277**

### SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

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

### CAN YOU CANOE?

Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and professional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR. **♣575003**

### FOR YOUR LOVE

SBF, 37, N/S, likes to travel, see plays and movies, seeks committed, respectful, honest SBM, 40-47, N/S, who is interested in finding long-term love. **♣593559**

### SEEKING TALL GENTLEMAN

SWF, 62, 5'2", dark hair, dark eyes, N/S, likes travel, casinos, dining, antiques, movies. Seeking WM, 60-70. **♣578566**

### GREAT PERSONALITY

Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'1", 106lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly drives. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56. **♣962309**

### FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 42, one child, looking for affectionate, outgoing SWM, 34-44, N/S, with good sense of humor and can make me laugh. I love sports, pool, concerts, long walks, more. **♣579622**

### WORTHWHILE

Tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, extroverted SFF, 58, who enjoys music, theatre, art, and nature. Seeking fit, cultural, educated man w/sense of humor. **♣543917**

### LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 175lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **♣276032**

### VERY OUTGOING

Catholic DWF, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, w/upbeat personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. **♣455079**

### ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **♣465764**

### SINGLE FATHER WELCOME

WF, 38, 5'4", 108lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 37-52, who is fit and secure. **♣579528**

### LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **♣229089**

### PRECIOUS ONE

SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend. **♣230588**

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D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male NS-Non-smoker ND-Non Drinker N/D- No Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

### CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me: 26, 4'9", 155lbs. brown-completed, employed. You: 5'9"-6'4", 190lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. **♣271252**

### A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM. **♣286633**

### SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF, 57", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. **♣529129**

### LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL...

In a SBM, 38-50, 6'+, 190+. Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more. **♣531635**

### GET IT TOGETHER

SBF, 28, 5'5", N/S, plus-sized, brown/brown, would love to spend some time with a nice SBM, 30-40, N/S, who has his life together. **♣543576**

### TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 33, seeks SBM, 30-35, for friendship, possible LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. **♣568333**

### SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **♣589875**

### 58 YEARS

Old Entrepreneur  
Pretty SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80. **♣592074**

### READY TO FALL IN LOVE

How sweet are you? Seeking fun and laughter with genuine honest man, emotionally/financially secure, over 40. In return, you will enjoy the best. DWF, 40s, petite, dark brown/hazel. **♣963784**

### GET TO KNOW THIS...

petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. **♣402995**

### STRIKING...

blue-eyed blond! Slim, sensual, romantic, fun, caring, seeking romantic, fit, fun-loving male. 47-57. Friendship, LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, music, hugs, laughter, quiet times. Let's get to know each other! **♣262332**

### FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY

Light-complexioned SBF, 25, 5'5", 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect. **♣112932**

### WHERE ARE YOU?

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

### ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure, independent SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **♣217475**

### BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports-oriented SBF, 39, two daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45. **♣223080**

### HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **♣401088**

### CALL ME...

if you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner. Interests in home life, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/the above. **♣416289**

### GET TO KNOW ME!

SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **♣431382**

### MAKE ME LAUGH

SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. **♣460269**

### CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. **♣574342**

### SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING

DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times. **♣576279**

### FRIENDSHIP FIRST

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

### MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. **♣530353**

### LOVES TO DANCE

Tall brunette, very attractive, 5'9", tall black/green, looking for an available WM, 53-70, 5'10+, who loves to dance also. **♣531151**

### SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. **♣548938**

### SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF, 18, 5'6", blonde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes concerts, movies, hanging with friends. Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship. **♣562708**

### NO NONSENSE

Nice-looking, active, no-nonsense gal, seeks good-looking, active, no-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or Hispanic. DWF/F, young 43, athletic. Companionship and fun desired. **♣448655**

### VERY SPICY

BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. **♣752243**

### EDUCATED AND POSITIVE

SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, good conversation, trivia, genealogy, restaurants, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60. **♣260061**

### ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49, H/W proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, dining out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM, 45-60, with similar interests, for dating, possibly more. **♣134441**

### LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM

Warm professional, who enjoys dancing, theater, classical and big band music, movies, books, travel, dining out, seeks tall, attractive, educated gentleman w/good build, for LTR. **♣373895**

### SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. **♣290167**

### A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **♣432793**

### EBONY SEES IVORY

DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. **♣455323**

### LOVING AND CARING

Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **♣421896**

### LIBRA

DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking WM/AM, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. **♣253857**

### LONESOME

Senior WF, retired, 54", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! **♣449585**

### RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. **♣115795**

### FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

Cute, sexy SBF, 41, N/S, will try anything once, loves movies, plays, dancing, holding hands, cuddling. Seeking attractive, sexy BM, 31-50, N/S, with similar interests. **♣113224**

### DARK EBONY

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

### SOMEONE SPECIAL

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

### SHALL WE?

DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. **♣254969**

### WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good sense of humor. **♣257065**

### ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **♣263684**

### SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **♣271793**

### NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF, 50s, with herpes, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. **♣405796**

### RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **♣408635**

### ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No games! **♣417236**

### AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF, 45, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cooking, roller skating, dancing. Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship, dating, possible LTR build on honesty, trust, respect. **♣425305**

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. **♣418068**

### TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **♣444748**

### ROMANTIC LADY

Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **♣449484**

### men seeking women

### EVENINGS AT HOME

Respectful SM, 39, 5'11", slim build, N/S, delivery man, likes to watch movies, eat dinner, go dancing, seeks SBF, 23-35, N/S, for LTR. **♣527179**

### 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. **♣554995**

### LIFE'S A CABARET

Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. **♣480718**

### LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

WWWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **♣265340**

### LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Honest, humorous, compassionate SWM, 52, 6', 200lbs, brown/blue, homeowner, N/S, seeks a lady, 45-53, petite-medium build, H/W proportionate, for friendship and dating. **♣598136**

### ISO SOMEONE SINCERE



ROWLEY

FROM PAGE B1

“The biggest reason I picked hockey over dancing was that when I danced, I would practice and practice, but that’s pretty much all you did. There was one recital a year and that’s the only time you could really put your practice to use. With hockey, there’s a lot of practicing, but then you get to play a couple of games every week.”

GREAT CHOICE

Judging by her on-ice accomplishments the past six years, Rowley’s decision has turned out to be a good one. She was a strong skater on several AA and AAA youth travel teams before joining the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins two years ago. She quickly established herself as a slick-skating, dependable defenseman who sacrifices the glory that accompanies scoring goals for solid play in front of the Penguins’ net.

PCS coach Lori Callahan said the combination of Rowley’s leadership skills and hockey skills make her an ideal captain.

“Amanda is very conscientious and she takes her responsibility of being a captain very seriously,” Callahan said. “She always puts the team first. As a defenseman, she doesn’t get to score much, but that doesn’t bother her because she is very unselfish. She’ll skate the puck up end-to-end sometimes, but she always makes sure she hustles back to the other end to help the goalie.”

‘A’ IN CHEMISTRY

Rowley credited team chemistry as one major reason why the Penguins have flourished during the 2004-05 season. As of Friday, the team was 14-5-1 and in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High

School Hockey League. Last year, PCS notched just eight wins.

“Everyone on this year’s team seems to have bonded better than last year, both on and off the ice,” said Rowley. “We have a good mix of players and coaches, and everyone gets along, which helps.”

Rowley said the team received a huge confidence boost when it battled top-rated Grosse Pointe South to the wire in an early-season game.

“We were tied with South, 2-2, after two periods, which no one expected,” she said. “We ended up losing, 4-2, but it was a confidence builder for us because we played so well. I think we believed in ourselves more after that game.”

HONORABLE STUDENT

Rowley’s academic efforts at Salem have been hat-trick caliber. She currently owns a lofty 3.8 grade-point average and is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Her NHS membership requires several hours of volunteer work, which she thoroughly enjoys.

“There is a lot of community service involved, which I like,” Rowley said. “We help out with Special Olympics, the Cancer Walk and with the American Heart Association fund-raisers. It makes you feel good to help out charities like that.”

Rowley will attend college at Grand Valley State University, where she will pursue a degree in physical therapy. She also plans to continue her hockey career, even if it’s only on a rec-league level.

“I have a friend who attends Grand Valley now and she plays in a women’s league once a week, so I would like to do that if I can fit it in with my school work,” she said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED USE OF THE 2005 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on February 22, 2005.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant, Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2005 funding allocation for the township will be approximately \$117,000.00

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upon completion of the public hearing, will determine the use of the 2005 funds.

Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2005 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170 postmarked by February 24, 2005.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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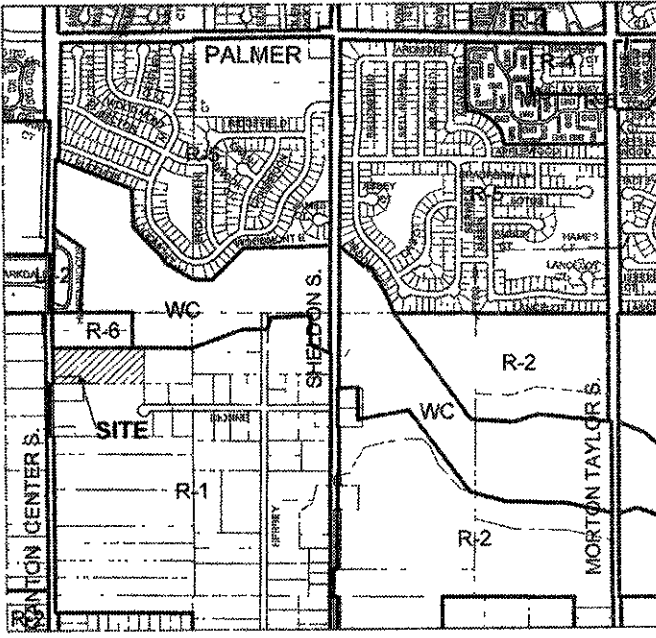
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PLANNING COMMISSION  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, March 7, 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:

**SINGH REZONING** - CONSIDER REUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 107 99 0003 002 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 107 99 0003 001 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Palmer and east of Canton Center Road.



SECTION 27

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Salem 120, Livonia Churchill 63  
Thursday, Feb. 10 at Salem

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs), 1:46.46; 2. Churchill (Patrick Brunsch, Patrick Hays, Spencer Maby, Billy Jones), 1:57.08; 3. Salem (Jim Crabill, Eric Martin, Billy Horgan, Jason Williams), 1:58.73.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Andrew Randall (LC), 1:59.61; 2. Matt Underhill (S), 2:00.18; 3. Matt Sautural (S), 2:01.46.

**200 IM:** 1. Greg Scully (LC), 2:12.71; 2. Penn Chou (S), 2:14.79; 3. Spencer Maby (LC), 2:24.35.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Nick Dixon (S), 23.80; 2. Cory Price (S), 24.78; 3. Billy Horgan (S), 25.40.

**Diving:** 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 241.85; 2. Chuck Elstone (LC), 183.85; 3. Neal Murray (S), 126.35.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Pat Sautural (S), 58.54; 2. Spencer Maby (LC), 1:01.86; 3. John Kline (S), 1:03.13.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Mike Higgs (S), 51.98; 2. Nick Leone (S), 55.56; 3. Billy Jones (LC), 59.72.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Andrew Randall (LC), 5:17.01; 2. Stan Chen (S), 5:37.09; 3. Steve Moore (LC), 5:49.48.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs, Penn Chou), 1:33.43; 2. Salem (Jason Williams, Billy Horgan, Pat Sautural, Cory Price), 1:39.98; 3. Churchill (Greg Scully, Mark Gordon, Andrew Randall, Erik Foulds), 1:41.12.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 59.13; 2. Greg Scully (LC), 59.57; 3. James Crabill (S), 1:10.44.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Nick Dixon (S), 1:07.28; 2. Mark Gordon (LC), 1:13.96; 3. Eric Martin (S), 1:14.25.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Pat Sautural, Matt Underhill, Nick Leone, Penn Chou), 3:38.62; 2. Churchill (Greg Scully, Erik Foulds, Andrew Randall, Mark Gordon), 3:47.87; 3. Salem (Cory Price, John Kline, Adam Clark, Stan Chen), 3:53.76.

**DUAL MEET RECORDS:** Salem (5-5).

Canton 140, Plymouth 43  
Wednesday at Salem

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (David Conzelman, Dan Anthony, Nick Landis, John Faraoni), 1:54.21; 2. Canton (Russell McBain, Kevin Karlinski, Joe Spillane, Nathan Larimore), 2:05.01; 3. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Justin Huey, Sorin Oprican, Casey Molloy), 2:05.35.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:59.51; 2. Jack Distel (P), 2:03.09; 3. Alex Marinica (C), 2:04.61.

**200 IM:** 1. Matt Carlson (C), 2:07.57; 2. Derek Schmitt (C), 2:23.69; 3. Sorin Oprican (P), 2:33.64.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Shogo Uno (C), 23.71; 2. Chris Marinica (C), 25.71; 3. Nathan Phillips (C), 25.96.

**Diving:** 1. Kevin Cafarelli (C), 193.70; 2. Justin Magill (P), 179.45; 3. Robert Matar (P), 116.45.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Nick Landis (C), 1:01.25; 2. Ben Eberlein (C), 1:02.20; 3. Derek Schmitt (C), 1:05.56.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Jon Templeton (C), 54.43; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 58.23; 3. Kevin Karlinski

(C), 59.40.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Ross Schwartz (C), 5:31.53; 2. Alex Marinica (C), 5:40.83; 3. Michael Conger (P), 5:48.35.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Matt Carlson, Nick Landis, Derek Schmitt, Ben Eberlein), 1:39.56; 2. Canton (Ross Schwartz, Jarod Cheves, Nathan Larimore, Greg Calabrese), 1:44.69; 3. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Casey Molloy, Michael Conger, Justin Magill), 1:50.10.

**100 backstroke:** 1. John Faraoni (C), 1:01.99; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:02.26; 3. David Conzelman (C), 1:03.95.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Dan Anthony (C), 1:12.92; 2. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:13.67; 3. Iman Haghoole (C), 1:19.94.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Chris Marinica, Nick Landis, Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton), 3:37.08; 2. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Ross Schwartz, Alex Marinica, David Conzelman), 3:52.31.

**Dual meet records:** Canton 5-2 overall (3-1 in WLAA).

Canton 102.5, Saline 80.5  
Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Saline

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Nathan Phillips, Dan Anthony, Shogo Uno, Chris Marinica), 1:52.64; 2. Canton (David Conzelman, Kevin Karlinski, Ben Eberlein, Greg Calabrese), 1:55.12; 3. Saline (George Lippert, Andrew DeVries, Brian Kung, Chris Reid), 1:56.65.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Kyle Begley (S), 1:52.69; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 1:55.09; 3. Nick Landis (C), 1:55.94.

**200 IM:** 1. Daniel Warner (S), 2:01.43; 2. Shogo Uno (C), 2:16.10; 3. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:17.13.

**50 freestyle:** 1. John Faraoni (C), 23.83; 2. Noah Whitener (S), 24.00; 3. Jon Templeton (C), 24.73.

**Diving:** 1. Kevin Cafarelli (C), 221.00; 2. Andrew DeVries (S), 170.35; 3. Peter Draegich (S), 151.25.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Shogo Uno (C), 56.10; 2. John Faraoni (C), 58.07; 3. Noah Whitener (S), 58.25.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Kyle Begley (S), 50.83; 2. George Lippert (S), 54.38; 3. Derek Schmitt (C), 54.46.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Nick Landis (C), 5:10.73; 2. Stephen Furey (S), 5:16.88; 3. Robert Blaesser (C), 5:24.83.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Derek Schmitt, Matt Carlson, Jon Templeton, John Faraoni), 1:37.76; 2. Saline (Noah Whitener, Chris Reid, Mike DeVries, Stephen Furey), 1:38.17; 3. Canton (Chris Marinica, Ben Eberlein, Nick Landis, Robert Blaesser), 1:43.35.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:02.69; 2. (tie) Justin Duong (S) and David Conzelman (C), 1:04.52.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Daniel Warner (S), 1:01.49; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 1:07.58; 3. John DePaul (S), 1:07.67.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Saline (Kyle Begley, Stephen Furey, Mike DeVries, Daniel Warner), 3:31.87; 2. Canton (John Faraoni, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno, Matt Carlson), 3:35.77; 3. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Derek Schmitt, Nick Landis, Ben Eberlein), 3:45.61.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: the agenda's and minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township website [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org).

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 2/18/05 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following:

1991 Lincoln	Town Car	1LNCM82W6MY662766
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1996 Chevrolet	Tahoe	1GNKE13RXTJ390224

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable 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 should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or 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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Get on the ball.  
Read today's **SPORTS** coverage!

Reminder  
Legal Notice  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
2004 Winter Taxes  
Due by February 14, 2005

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2004 and payable through February 14, 2005 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at the Township Hall Monday, February 14th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. After hours payments can be placed in 24 hr **DROP BOX** located in parking lot adjacent to Building #1 or **DROP BOX** adjacent to entryway. Standard Federal Bank offices will also accept payment for your convenience through February 14, 2005.

RON EDWARDS  
Treasurer  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PARDON US WHILE  
WE TOOT OUR OWN HORN.

We grabbed our horn because we’ve just received the results of the 2004 Suburban Newspapers of America’s (SNA) annual competition.

Our staff received nine awards for excellence in journalism in 2004. What makes this even more exciting is that of the 2,246 entries, *we brought home more awards than any other non-daily newspaper in the state.*

And here they are:

**Best Lifestyle Section**  
Susan Steinmueller - Second Place, Birmingham Eccentric

**Best Entertainment Section**  
Third Place - Filter, Keely Schramm, Nicole Stafford, Lana Mini, Stephanie Tardy, Megan Pennefather, Randy Masters, Dan Dean

**Best Editorial Writing** Second Place - Troy Eccentric  
“Stop Recall, Insure Freedom, Don’t Mess With Charter”

**Best Column Writing**  
Third Place - Sandy Armbruster, Troy Eccentric

**Best Editorial Page Cartoon**  
Second Place, Geof Brooks “Budget Cartoon.”

**Best Opinion Column**  
First Place - Brad Kadrach, Plymouth Community Editor

**Best Sports Writing**  
First Place, Jim Toth, Troy/Rochester Special Editor Sports  
“Court Ruling.”

**Best Sports Writing**  
Second Place - Ed Wright, Plymouth/Canton Special Editor/Sports “Aluminum Bat Usage Spurs Debate.”

**Journalist of the Year**  
Third Place - Kurt Kuban, Canton Community Editor



## SC survives Henry Ford; MU earns 2nd win in row

Schoolcraft College avenged one of its three men's basketball losses this season Wednesday night with an 88-82 homecourt victory over Henry Ford Community College.

The game was close throughout. It was 38-all at the half.

With the Ocelots (23-3) only up two with a minute to play, 5-foot-3 point-guard Geno Safford (Wayne Memorial) came up with a key steal and a layup to give Schoolcraft a four-point cushion.

Courtney Williams then scored and was fouled, converting the three-point play with a free throw to seal the win.

Martin Samarco (Belleville) paced the Ocelots with 19 points and seven assists. Kevin Massiah added 17, while Ty Scott chipped in with 15. Williams, a 6-foot-9 transfer from Oakland University, finished with 14 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists. Safford ended up with 10 points.

Kenny Gupton led Henry Ford (14-6, 7-2) and all scorers with 23 points. Cedric Bird

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added 16.

Schoolcraft hit 19-of-27 free throws, while Henry Ford was 8-of-13.

The game did not count in the Eastern Conference standings because Schoolcraft is on probation by both the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

**MADONNA 98, DAVENPORT 67:** For a change, it was a breather Wednesday for host Madonna University (8-18), which cruised to a non-conference victory over Davenport (record unavailable) as six players scored in double figures for the victorious Crusaders.

Noel Emenhiser, the school's all-time leading scorer, finished with 15 points. Others in double figures for MU included Joe Kofahl (14), Charlie Henry (12), Danny Lezotte (12), Jordan Napier (11) and Andrey Douthard (10).

Mike McKeever had a team-high six assists. Henry also had four assists and three steals.

MU shot a blistering 56.2 percent from the floor (41-of-73) and outrebounded Davenport, 42-28.

James Allen had 15 points for Davenport, which trailed 42-24 at the half. Cameron Dampier and Thomas Poe added 14 and 13, respectively.

## Woehlke remembered for his love of game

They say that love means nothing in tennis, but we just talk about bowling and with Valentine's Day here, love is a very important item as far as bowlers are concerned.



Ten Pin Alley  
Al Harrison

It is a fact that 75 percent of all sanctioned league bowlers bowl in mixed leagues in the greater Detroit area. And what that means that quite often it is a matter of couples who bowl together stay together.

There are countless stories of "love on the lanes" where some happily married couples first met while bowling.

It is also very apparent that most people who go bowling do so because the love this game. Some love it for the competition, some others love it because it is an outlet to take out their anger on the pins, or just that good feeling when you knock 'em all down.

A real love story is about two wonderful people who met,

married and became inseparable for over 60 years.

Jarvis and Ida Woehlke of Dearborn were just such a couple until Jarv passed away on Feb. 4 from cancer at the age of 91.

Known as "The Mechanic," Jarv loved to bowl and he excelled at the sport so much that he set a record that may not be equaled or broken. He bowled two sanctioned 300 games in the same season at the age of 86.

Jarv did that and a whole lot more over the years. He had won eight medals in senior olympics bowling, he won the overall championship of the Greater Detroit Old Timers Tournament at age 76.

Woehlke was always a tough competitor, but he will be remembered more than that as a real gentleman.

When he was just a little kid, he would walk to school every day, and quite often an elderly man would stop his car and drop him off.

That's how he became friends with Mr. Henry Ford.

Sure enough, he went to work at the Ford plant when he grew up, but the job was much too mundane for him and he then pursued a career with the Dearborn Fire

Department from which he retired.

Jarv had a lot of friends and I am proud to say I was one of them.

He often helped other bowlers to improve their game and make them better. Overall, his credentials are worthy of Detroit Hall of Fame selection; and sometime in the future he should be voted in.

Jarv was a champion in every way, bowling was his life and he was just as good as ever in his last outing two weeks earlier where he strung out nine strikes in a row and won all the jackpots in his Friday morning Mayflower Seniors League.

Woehlke left an indelible mark on the greater Detroit bowling scene, he will be long remembered and very much missed.

■ The Mayflower Senior Leagues 50-50 tournament is now history, and it was so successful that it was decided to become an annual event.

Thanks to the following donors of door prizes: Entertainment Books, Taylor Lanes, Outback Steak House, Red Robin restaurants, DiLaura Brothers, Olive Garden restaurants, Sandy's By the Beach, The Timber Wolf

and Dun-Rite Bowling Supply.

Howard Davis of Redford did not win this event, but two days later he scored his second career 300 game, only nine years after his first one.

■ Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland had a great father-and-son performance in the Tuesday Junior Classic as Bob Hansen, Jr. bowled a 300 game with a 681 series. His son, Bob Hansen III, rolled 279 and 728 the same night.

Others top scorers included: Keith Hoisington (277/678), Gary Brudna (276/715), Rich Trullard (268/731), Tony Grote (279/733) and Ryan Jacek (248-279-234/756).

■ The Greater Detroit Bowling Association Senior Tournament is coming right up on Saturday Feb. 19 and 26 at Sterling Lanes.

This is a team event and you can form a team from your league if your regular team cannot all make it. Entry fee is \$15 per man, must be age 55 or older. For more information, call the GDBA office at (toll free 888) 753-6350.

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

## Davenport cools off MU in non-league encounter

Despite 23 points by Sarah Thomson, the Madonna University women's basketball team could not get past visiting Davenport University Wednesday night.

The Crusaders lost 67-57 in the non-league game.

Davenport took a 34-28 lead at halftime, largely on the strength of hot shooting from the floor.

The Rams hit 16 of 31 field-goal tries before intermission, a .516 pace.

Karen Rugless tallied 26 points to lead Davenport while Jennifer Rausch and Shannon Callaghan collected 19 and 16 points, respectively.

Madonna only connected on 24 of 65 attempts from the floor (.369), shortcircuiting any rally chances.

Thomson pretty much was the only player hitting the mark for the Crusaders.

She made 11 of 15 field-goal

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tries in the game, and also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Jackie Pingston and Stephanie Childs each scored 12 points while Lydia Prusinowski pulled down six rebounds.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 2, HENRY FORD 0 (forfeit):** In an MCAA-Eastern Conference game scheduled Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots (17-5, 10-2) won by forfeit because Henry Ford Community College (0-12, 0-10) does not have enough players to field a squad.

**MADONNA 81, AQUINAS 66:** All five starters scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (14-11, 7-2) won its fifth straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game over host Aquinas College (18-8, 5-4) in Grand Rapids.

Pingston led the Crusaders with a game-high 24 points, including 4-of-7 from three-point range. Redford Union's Martina Franklin added 17, while Prusinowski had 13.

Childs and Thomson contributed 12 and 10, respectively.

Jackie Braspeninx led Aquinas, which trailed 38-29 at the half, with 22 points. Whitney Marsh added 13.

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## MSU's new president plots the future

**A**t Michigan State University, nearly 60 percent of the East Lansing school's transfer students come from community colleges, according to Lou Anna Simon, the university's new president. These basic courses are the most cost-effective for MSU to offer, but with one million credit hours per year, "it's not a problem for us at all," said Simon of the financial impact.

"The issue is how to maintain the integrity of the degree," she noted. "Right now, there's no reverse transfer for an MSU student to go back to a community college and get an associate's degree."

Although one wonders how often that scenario unfolds, there is a definite movement to get more students graduating from Michigan universities. At just 22 percent, the state's undergrad rate is well below the national average.

More science and tech grads are needed to shift Michigan from a manufacturing to high-tech economy, according to the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth. Chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, the Cherry Commission in December concluded that the state needs to double its number of college graduates.

"The goal is right if Michigan is to prosper," said Simon, but she questioned the additional expense. "Can we afford it? It's going to require higher education being a priority. People don't have a good understanding of what higher education really costs. We need to make it simple for people."

Simon is more focused on the university she's been in charge of since Jan. 1 of this year. She took over the helm of the 150-year-old institution when Peter McPherson ended his 11-year reign, becoming its 20th - and first female - CEO. But this Indiana native, born in 1947, is in no way a new face on campus.

She came to MSU as a grad student in 1970 and earned a doctorate in philosophy, administration and higher education four years later. Simon became a member of the faculty and assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research, and then served as provost and vice president for academic affairs in 1993.

Simon actually ran MSU when McPherson was in Iraq helping to rebuild that country's economy in 2003. Ten years prior, she was the faculty favorite for the president's position but the Board of Trustees made a last-minute move and picked McPherson.

But now she's in charge of the 45,000-student institution, founded in 1855 as the nation's first land grant university. Would its founding fathers recognize the current MSU?

"I don't think they'd be surprised at the evolution of intellectual fabric," said Simon. "Be good, but have the courage to take a different path. We have to balance our down-home attitude with playing in this league."

Simon will continue to champion MSU's study-abroad program and actually hopes to get more graduates involved.

But a problem of today is money, or a lack thereof. Even with tuition increases, the university has increased by 5,000 students since the 1990s. To grow more will demand additional residence halls and infrastructure, issues that will require fair treatment in the governor's next budget proposal.

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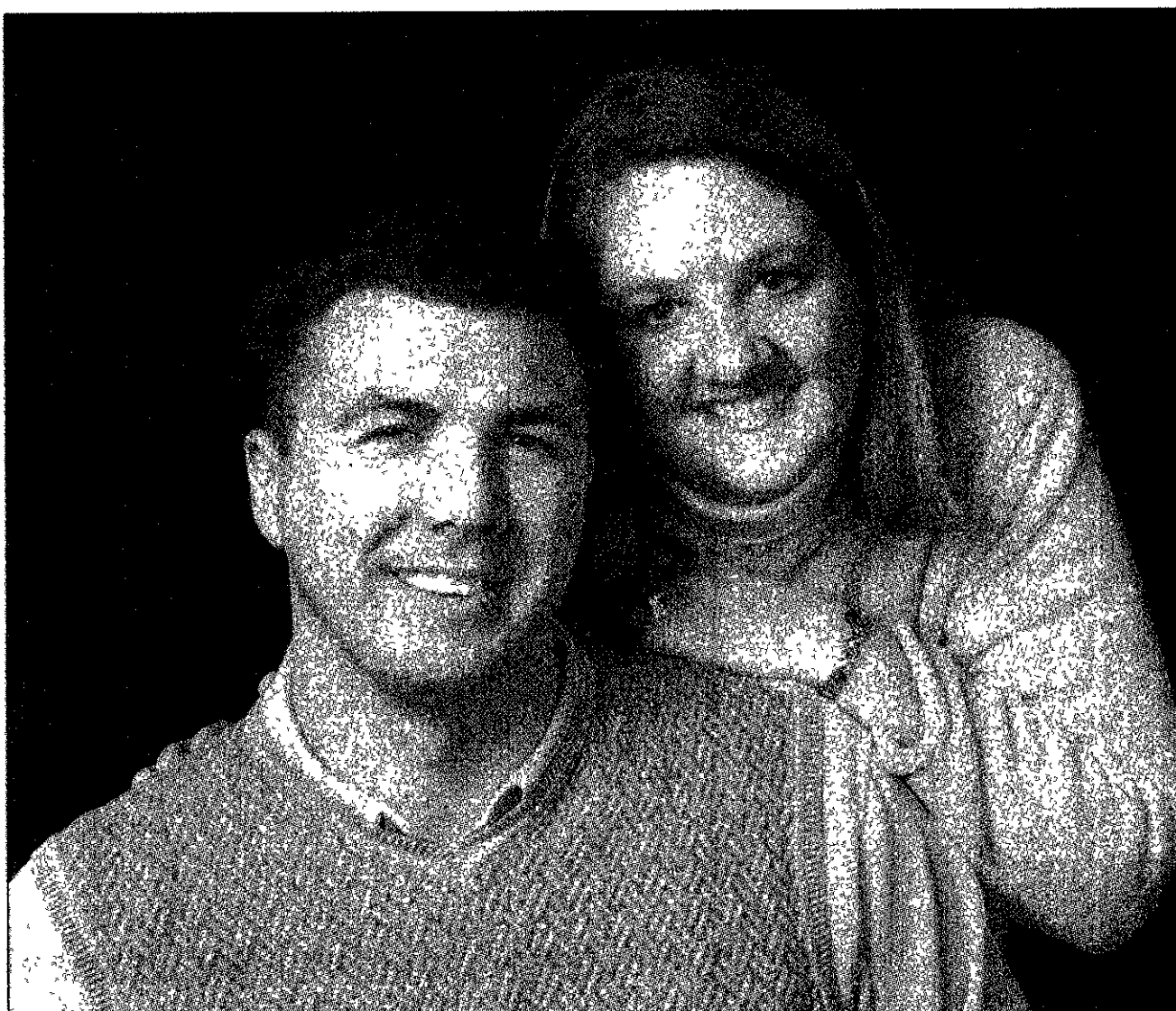
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Tim and Cheryl Phillips won first place in the Observer's Magic Moments contest. The Canton couple received dinner for two at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Farmington Hills or Dearborn Heights, a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford, two tickets to Phantom of the Opera at Masonic Temple, and a singing valentine by a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

# Magic Moments

## Readers share their love stories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Some men bring women flowers on a first date.

Tim Phillips brought guppies. The gesture impressed Cheryl McInerney so much she ended up marrying him last September.

Their first date didn't come about overnight.

McInerney was attending a conference in Chicago as part of her job as coordinator for St. Joseph Mercy's Health Exploration Station in Canton when she first learned from her roommate about Phillips, a park planner at Kensington Metropark. The

roommate's husband went to school with Phillips. She passed McInerney's phone number on to him along with a Web site to find out more about her.

A couple of weeks later he called. They finally met three months later when he came to the door bearing fish. It was a Magic Moment that touched McInerney's heart as well as judges for the Observer Newspapers' annual contest.

"I had a tough time at the pet store," said Phillips of Canton. "I could have bought larger ones that ate hers."

Fortunately, the guppies were compatible. McInerney wrote:

"I thought it was sweet that he brought me fish - that was definitely a first and showed that not only was he creative, but also he really paid attention when we had talked on the phone. It was then she had mentioned that some of her fish had died.

## TOUGH FOR OUR JUDGES

The Phillips story was just one of several entries which made it difficult for judges to choose only one winner of the prize package including a \$60 dinner for two at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Farmington Hills or Dearborn Heights, a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford, two tickets to *Phantom of the Opera* at Masonic Temple on Wednesday, March 2, and a singing valentine by a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Margaret and Edwin Haaack's Magic Moment happened in 1945 when they met at a Halloween party thrown by a group of girlfriends.

Edwin had just returned home from serving in Italy with the U.S. Air Force. It was love at first sight for the couple. He invited her to

walk over to his parents' house to pick up some records. After that, he didn't call her for two weeks. She lost 18 pounds, couldn't eat or sleep. Finally, he called and they've been together ever since marrying in October of 1946.

They've lived in the same Livonia home for 49 of the 58 years they've been married.

Josephine Capra will be celebrating her 65th wedding anniversary in July. The 84-year old Westland woman met her husband in 1936. She wrote, it 'was a turning point in my life.' He came into her parents' house dressed in a three-piece light tan suit. He was a handsome sight next to her four brothers in bib overalls.

Scott Lodge's Magic Moment was a long time coming. He told us about meeting Pam in 1970 at a Coast Guard Auxiliary

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## Book hooks the secrets of Internet dating success

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When Jake Slivensky of Plymouth walked through bookstores with an eye toward writing a book of his own, he detected a dearth of titles dealing with online dating in this age of chat room meetings and Internet dating.

Since over the last five years or so Slivensky has experienced some personal success in that area, he decided it was a niche he could fill.

Thus was born *The ABC's of Online Chatting and Dating: Thriving in the Social Internet*.

"I've had a lot of success with online dating," said Slivensky, who has met "maybe 50" people on the Internet the last five years. "The book basically walks you through the steps of finding people, meeting people and presenting a profile that gives you the best chance at results. Along with that, I have all the do's and don'ts and the warn-

ings. Those are a necessity to have and know."

The book, a "how to" about online dating, takes readers through steps such as successfully finding a place to chat, making and keeping Internet "buddies," using online "lingo" and the importance of profiles.

Profiles are the bits of information that describe people, and frequently include a picture. They are, according to Slivensky, one of the keys to success, and one of the Internet dating places most fraught with danger.

"The profile is a huge part of it. The effectiveness of pictures on a profile can directly correlate to how well you do," the author said. "Fake profiles are the biggest danger. I hate to say it, but people post profiles and pictures of someone else, trying to lure people into traps."

"In the beginning, I came across a lot of that, and the book includes author tales, as well. I was new to it, I didn't

see the warning signs I should have, and I fell right into it."

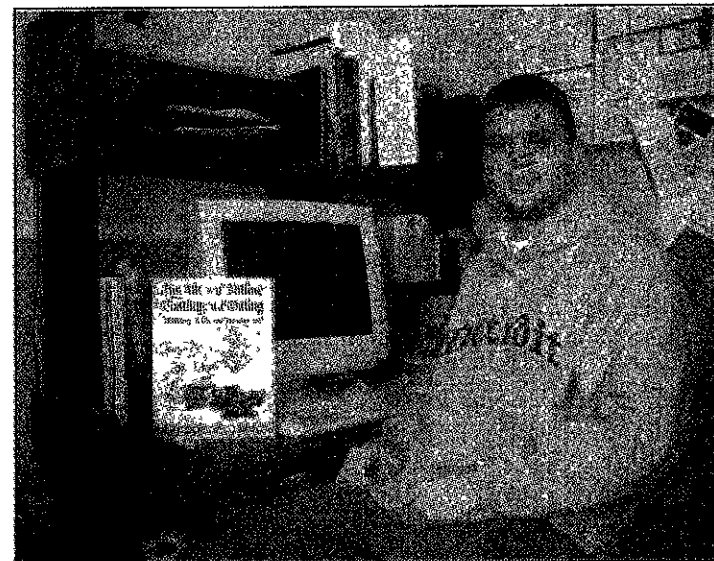
Slivensky said he got into computer dating some five years ago, after graduating from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tenn., and moved to Mississippi to take a job as an environmental engineer.

Alone and with few friends, Slivensky gave the Internet a try. He quickly learned that patience is definitely a virtue.

"You have to be smart about your searches and where you look," he said. "You have to have patience, because it's not going to come overnight."

But it happens. Slivensky, who said he has met dozens of people online, is now in a relationship with a woman he met online. That relationship has lasted seven months.

Much of the success is simple common sense; for instance, being able to detect when a profile is fake. More and more people are finding



Plymouth resident Jacob Slivensky used his experience with the Internet as the basis for his book, "The ABC's of Online Chatting and Dating."

relationships online, including people who might have shied away from it before.

"Nowadays it's pretty common to find people who have tried it, people who two years ago wouldn't have looked at a computer," Slivensky said.

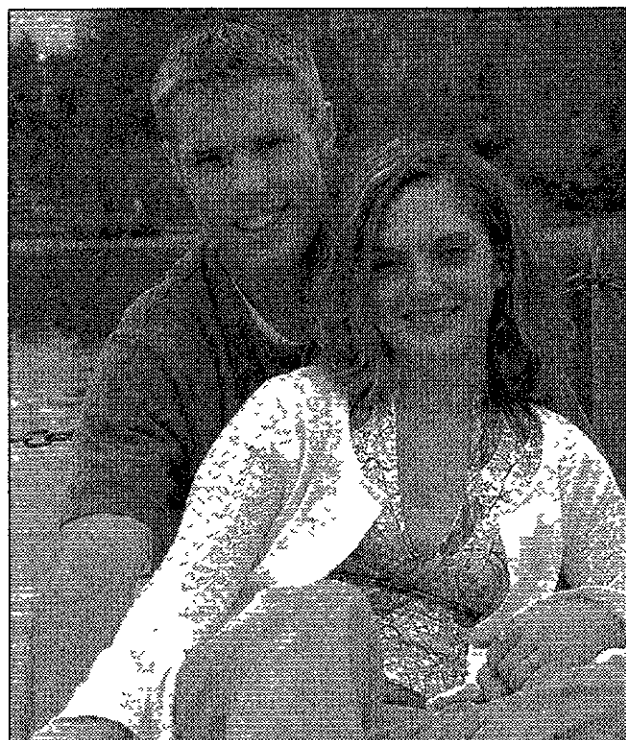
When considering his book, Slivensky decided not to seek an agent, but rather to publish the book himself, ironically online. The book, published by authorhouse.com, is now available on Amazon.com and on Barnes & Noble's Web site.

"I did a lot of research and decided to go with print-on-demand rather than an agent," Slivensky said. "I keep full rights and control of the book, I didn't have to sign it over to anyone. The marketing efforts I want to place on my book, I have total control over that, as well."

Jake Slivensky's book, 'The ABC's of Online Chatting and Dating: Thriving in the Social Internet,' can be found at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com).

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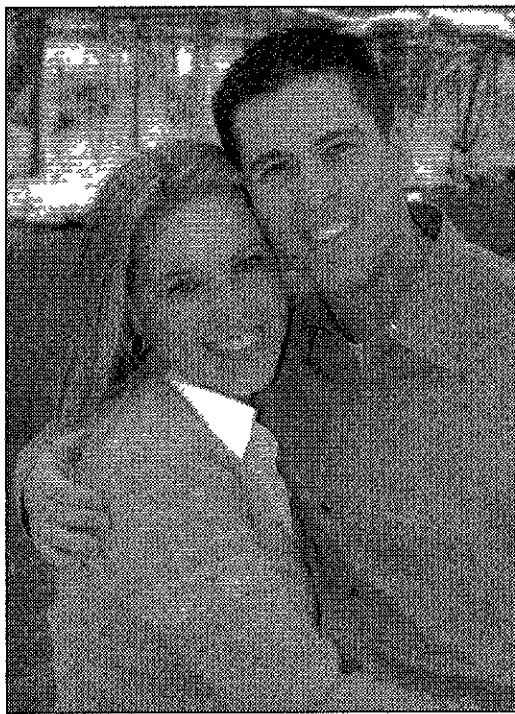
**Babcock-Kellman**

Robert and Cindy Babcock of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa, to, Ryan Kellman, of Sterling, Va.

Theresa is an undergraduate student at U of M Dearborn. She will be attending law school in Washington D.C.

Her fiancé, Ryan, is the son of Janet Hoffman of Auburn, Wa. and Keith Kellman of Ann Arbor. He is a graduate of Michigan Institute of Aeronautics. He works for Independence Airline/Dulles Airport.

Ryan and Theresa are planning a July wedding at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth.

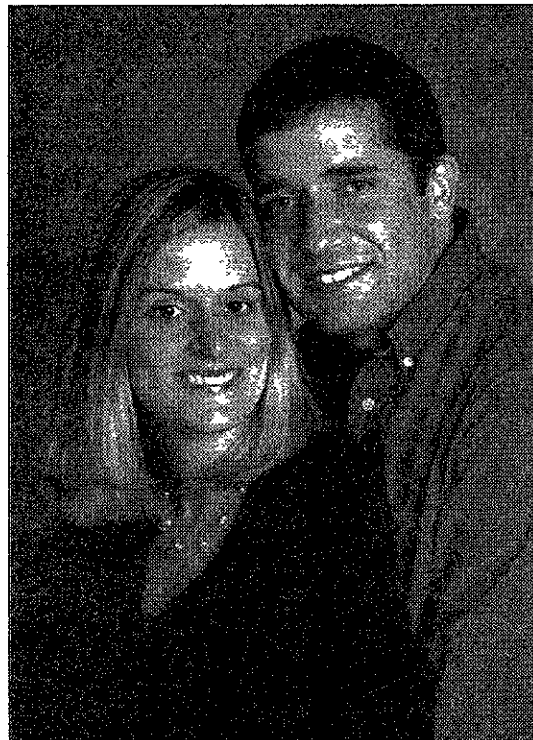
**Cook-Howard**

Cliff and Connie Cook of Spring Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Suzanne, of Farmington Hills, to Aaron Christopher Howard, of Livonia.

Jill is a graduate of Radford University. She is a teacher.

Her fiancé, Aaron, is the son of Don and Pam Howard, of Plymouth. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He works for Power Play International.

Aaron and Jill are planning a July wedding at Northville Presbyterian Church.

**Conway-Vanairsdale**

Mr. and Mrs. James Conway of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry, to Brian Vanairsdale.

Kerry is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 2001 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as an elementary teacher in the Redford Union school district.

Her fiancé, Brian, is the son of Michael and Susan Vanairsdale of Peachtree City, Ga. He is a 1995 graduate of McIntosh High School in Peachtree City and a 2000 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga. He is employed as an engineer with Ford Motor Company.

Brian and Kerry are planning a spring wedding.

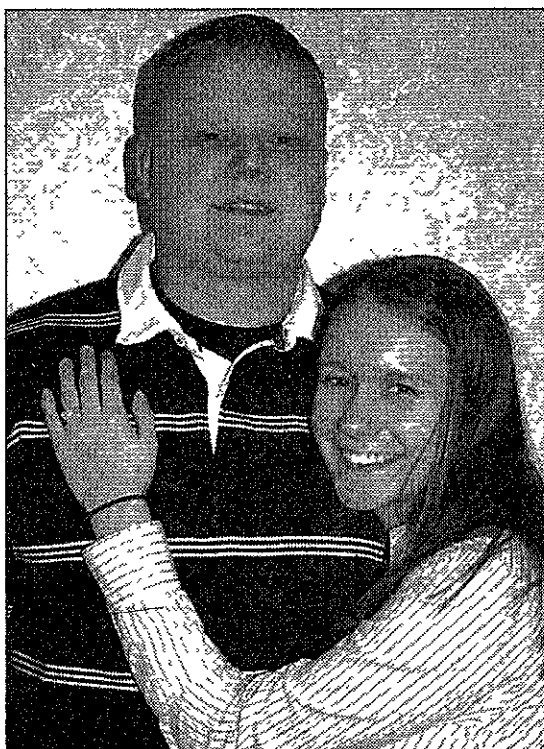
**Spohn-Link**

Douglas and Donna Spohn of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Charlotte, of Canton to James Gregory Link of Canton.

Alison is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in business management and Spanish. She is the head manager of a Wendy's franchise restaurant.

Her fiancé, Jim, is the son of Gregory and Mary Link of Canton. He is a 1998 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 2002 graduate of Kettering University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is currently employed at Visteon.

Jim and Alison are planning an April 2006 wedding at St. John's Conference Center and Chapel in Plymouth.

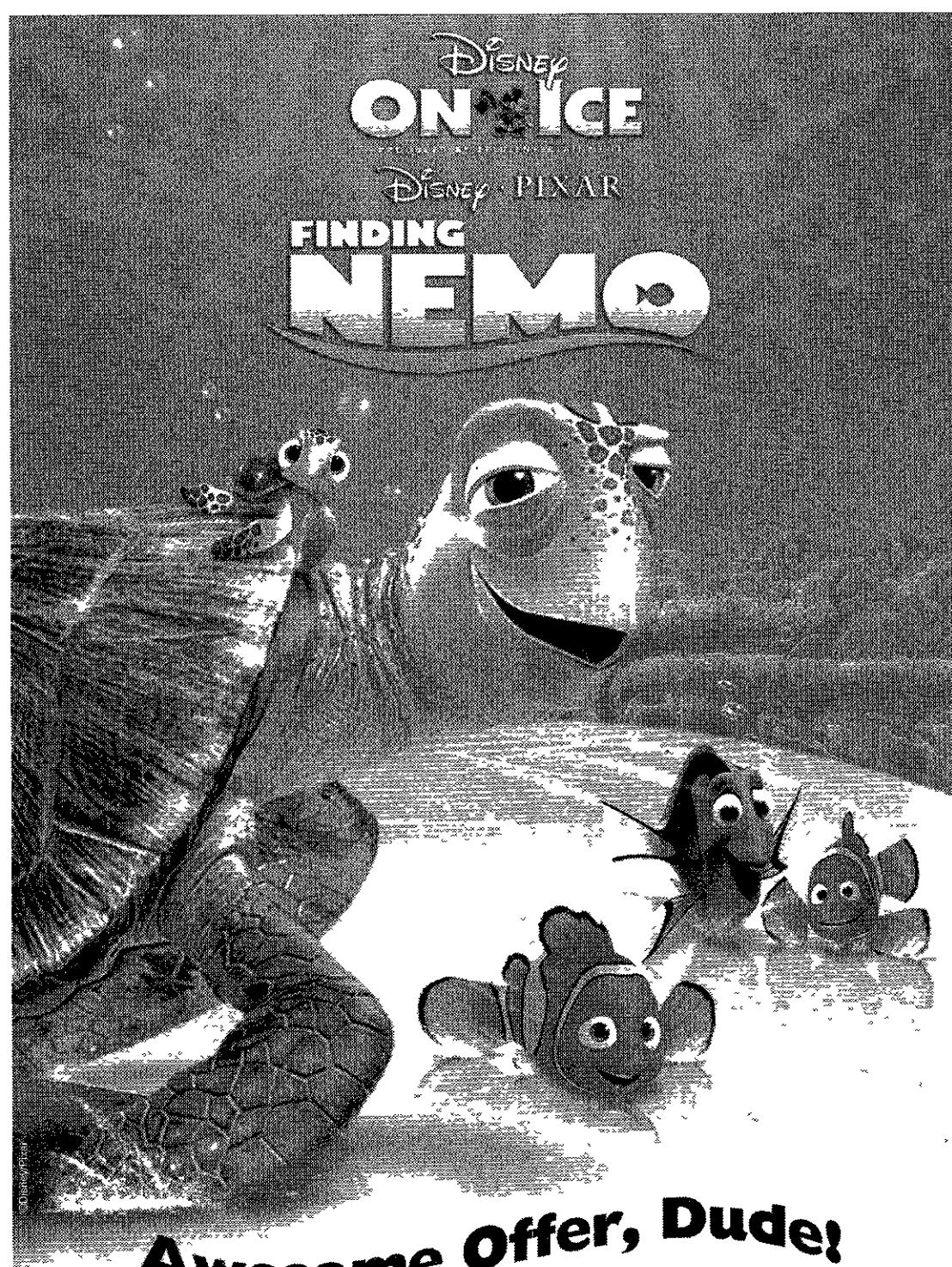
**Stemp-Hanson**

Jennifer and Stephen Stemp of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle L. Stemp, to Eric B. Hanson, the son of Bart and Diane Hanson of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights and is studying elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is to be attended by Julie Landelius, Samantha Smolen, Lora Montgomery, Lisa Hanson, Leah Hanson and flower girl Anna Hanson.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and works as a master mechanic for Firestone in Canton. He is to be attended by Ken Kirwan, Jeff Hanson, Scott Hanson, Stephen Stemp, Kenneth Stemp and ring bearer Dylan Hanson.

A July 1, 2005 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, with Father George Williams officiating. Following their honeymoon, the couple plans to reside in Garden City.



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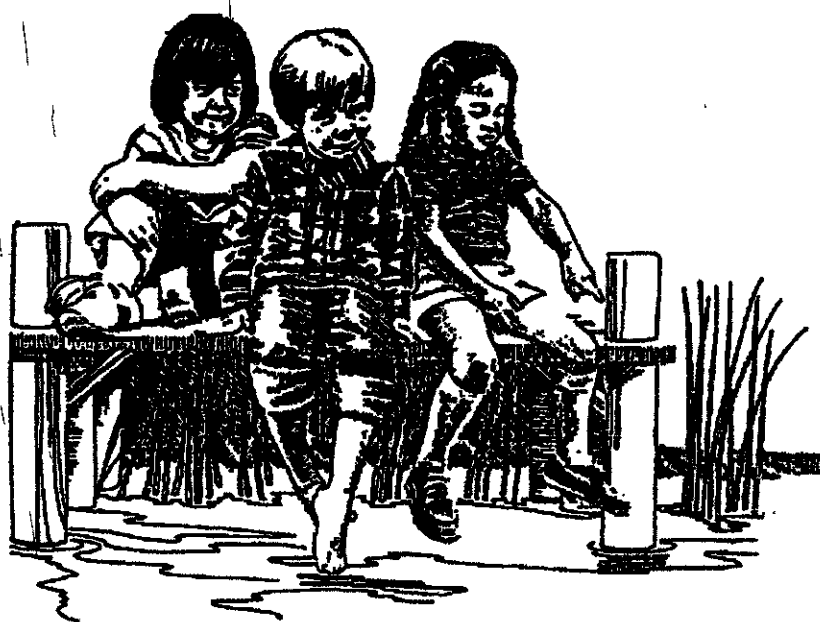
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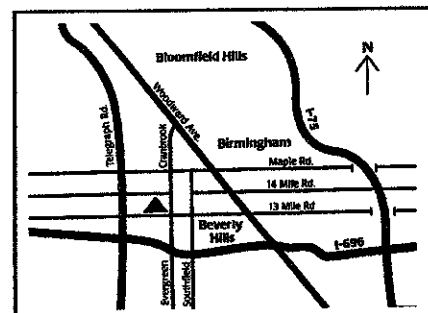
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## MAGIC MOMENTS

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Conference in Bay City and then marrying her 30 years later after finding her address and phone number through Yahoo's People Search while surfing the net.

Lodge ended up moving to Livonia after leaving the Coast Guard in 1998. Both of their marriages were ending. He wrote, "Pam and I both believe that everything happens for a reason and that we were meant to be together from the start."

## LOVE OFTEN COMPUTES

Computers and winter brought

several couples together. It was a cold January day when Edward Cieslak was going on his first date with Donna and wanted to impress her so he washed the car. When they came out of a Greektown restaurant the doors had frozen shut and Donna had to climb in a short skirt through the hatchback. The two still laugh about it after 25 years of marriage and raising their children in Westland.

Judges chuckled as well when reading Livonia resident Kim Colleran's letter about the first meeting with her sweetheart (now husband).

It was a country club brunch, and he made her smile and laugh which she hadn't done in many years. He invited her out for a second date,

this time at his house with her children. She went not because she "particularly liked him a lot, but because I had nothing else to do and he was a really nice guy. The kids fell in love with him." Her love for him grew when he helped her chauffeur the kids to birthday parties all over town. She went home that night and couldn't sleep. She knew she had found a soul mate. Six weeks after they met he asked her to marry him.

Lynn Halton of Farmington Hills told of falling in love with her sweetie at the Sugar Bowl. She'd known Jerry Balogh since 1983, her junior year at the University of Michigan but never expected anything would happen between them. They both went to the Sugar Bowl

in New Orleans, separately with friends but ended up together after she called him at his hotel. On New Year's Eve they walked around the romantic city hand-in-hand and have been together ever since.

## DOGGONE LOVE

Writers told of meeting on blind dates, in the emergency room, and on a dog walk. A golden retriever and beagle brought Cheryl and David Clancy together. Cheryl thought she would be walking alone with Gypsy at the Paws with a Cause benefit in June 2000 at Kensington Park, but met up with "fellow goldens."

As they were on the trail, she looked up to see a beagle wearing a

colorful baseball cap coming toward her. David was on the end of the leash. All four ended up in the dog look-a-like contest. "David came in third place, but Gypsy made a friend." Back at the picnic tables she kept walking over to David and Elvis, the beagle. Cheryl retrieved her several times before the owners exchanged phone numbers. David eventually proposed while they were taking their dogs for a walk. They were married in September 2001.

Elvis is now 11. Gypsy died after their son was born in January of 2003. Cheryl writes, "I like to think she stayed alive over 14 years to be sure that I found someone to take care of me."

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## Parent notification laws won't stop teen sex

United States researchers reported recently that laws aimed at forcing teens to get their parents' permission before getting contraception will do nothing to scare youngsters off having sex and may in fact increase rates of teen pregnancy.

And trying to frighten teenagers about the risks of pregnancy is equally ineffective, a second study found.

The researchers said their findings support the argument that teens need to get good information about contraceptives, including condoms, and argue against current federal policies pushing abstinence-only education.

"The research published in January 2005 shows abstinence-only does significant disservice to American youth by increasing the risk of pregnancy and disease," said Cynthia Dailard, an analyst at the nonprofit Alan Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health think tank.

A study of 1,500 girls under the age of 18 who used family planning clinics, which provide contraceptive and pregnancy services, showed the parents of 60 percent of them knew the young women were using the clinics, said the Institute's Rachel Jones.

But close to 20 percent of the girls said if they had to get permission to use contraceptives from their parents, they would do without, Jones and colleagues report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In the second study, Dr. Peter Bearman, who directs the Columbia University Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, found that fear of pregnancy did little to keep a girl from having sex, and those with positive attitudes about contraception were much less likely to become pregnant.

"Policymakers often have concerns that talking positively about contraception encourages young people to have sex," Bearman said in the journal *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

"There's a lot of research to show that's just not true," said Bearman.

"Even those adolescents who most actively believe they are not going to have sex before marriage, for instance those who take virginity pledges, 80 percent of them will eventually have sex before marriage."

Parents need to be informed about the kinds of information related to human sexuality provided in school health classes. In Michigan, there is an opportunity to serve on districtwide committees related to school-based HIV and sex education programs. Please call your interme-



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

diate school district to locate a health coordinator, or go to [www.Michigan.gov/mde](http://www.Michigan.gov/mde), click on K-12 curriculum, then health education. Scroll down to Professional Development.

The law states that public schools in Michigan are required to offer health education.

The law does not explicitly state the grades or duration of the health course.

The exception to this is the law requiring that HIV prevention education be offered at every building level, elementary school, middle school, and high school. HIV prevention education is most effective within the context of a health course where general health skills, such as refusal, assertiveness, negotiation, goal setting, and decision making skills are being taught.

It is, of course, unwise to deny health education to high school students, just at the time of their development when they are most at risk for the behaviors that seriously impact immediate and lifelong wellness, such as alcohol and other drug use, tobacco use, physical inactivity, poor nutrition choices, sexual activity leading to communicable disease or pregnancy, and injuries caused by violence or accidents, including car accidents.

It is also well-documented that students who are healthy do better in school. Several studies have documented the link between good health and attendance or school performance.

Here is another opportunity to keep the channels of conversation open with your teen about important issues. Inquire about what is being taught; better still, be sure that what you believe should be taught is included in the health teaching. Serve on that committee!

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at [www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp](http://www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp). Type "Alice R. McCarthy" in "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns.

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## LIBRARY PICKS

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

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## NON-FICTION

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# Corporate communicator turns to words of love

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wanted the right words to tell your special someone exactly how you feel?

Just in time for Valentine's Day, local author Harold Sieloff, writing under the pseudonym H. Thomas Saylor, will be your Cyrano in his book of love verses, "I Need You to Know."

After a career in corporate communication, Sieloff is expanding his communication skills in new directions. The Northville writer took a buyout from Ford Motor Co. two years ago and formed Threedot Publications. In addition to continuing as a corporate communications consultant, his self-published book offers consultation on personal communication.

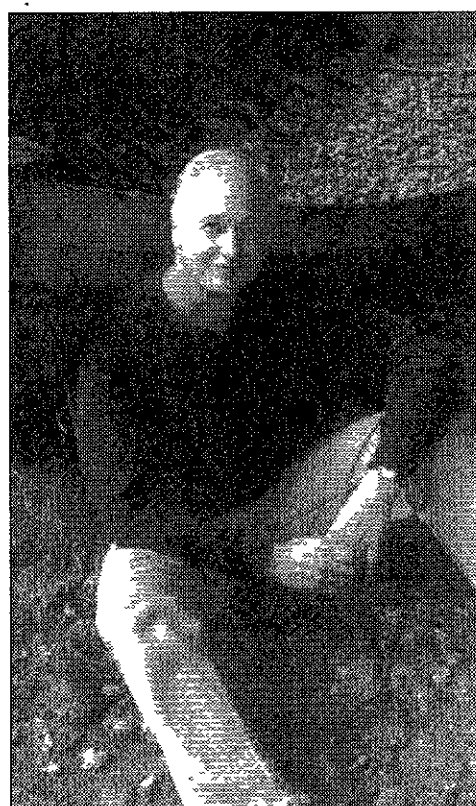
"I've written a number of things over the years and got some encouragement from friends to pull it together and see if it looked like anything," he said. "Initially it was written for use as greeting cards. But I thought with a little packaging and support it could be a little more than a greeting card."

Sieloff, 55 in March, said it was time to move in a new direction. Three of his four children are grown, with the youngest a junior at Lutheran Westland. His wife, Gail, wanted to return to work, as well. She represents Mayfair Realty in Livonia and manages Tradewind Spas in Utica. She is also the volleyball coach at Lutheran Westland and was named *Observer & Eccentric's* volleyball coach of the year last year.

She is also the inspiration for many of Sieloff's verses.

"You look around and watch relationships, those that are successful and those that aren't. One thing I observe to be true is that one's that work well are the ones where people talk to each other," he said. "And in this busy world we're in, sometimes your days are gone before you know it and you find you're only communicating on special days and holidays. I was hoping to create something that would work for special occasions but also have a shelf life throughout the year and encourage people to communicate on a daily basis."

Sieloff said he has also been inspired by the relationships he sees around him, both those that work and those that don't. He said he was especially moved by a woman who lives at the Lutheran Ministries Home on Plymouth Road in Livonia who will be 89 this February. She lost her husband to



Harold Sieloff, who writes under the pen name H. Thomas Saylor, wrote a book titled 'I Need You to Know.'

illness over 40 years ago, yet she never remarried and keeps his picture on her night stand.

He said a Redford couples strength following the death of son to drugs was another inspiration.

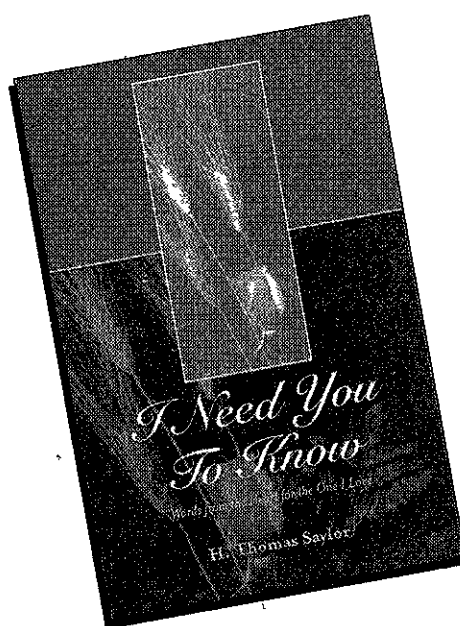
These real life examples highlight Sieloff's principal themes on the different kinds of love - commitment, friendship and the physical aspects of a relationship.

The special quality of a relationship is captured in *Becoming One*:

*First there was you,  
And then there was me.  
One day a meeting ...  
And then there were we  
Then you became you and I became me  
And soon there was one  
Forever to be!*

Or during this chilly season a winter memory in *My Winter Love*:

*A fresh dusting of white snow covered the ground  
As children's laughter stirred memories of long ago,  
We walked among the angels hand in*



hand,  
And there on the edge of the frozen lake we embraced ...

*Never to let go, my winter love and I,  
Never to let go.*

In addition to the brief verses, Sieloff includes journal pages to capture special moments together and a check list to test your commitment to your relationship.

Following the theme of love, Sieloff is working on a romance novel, *Three Days in December*.

"I jot ideas down from what I see. The story has been churning in my head for a number of years," he said.

The Saylor pseudonym was to separate his romantic efforts from his work as a corporate communications writer. He is also working on a book on corporate communications under his own name.

"One of the reasons I did this book was I wanted to learn about the publishing business. This project gave me an opportunity to learn about the business," he said.

He found it wasn't easy getting the attention of a major publisher with his first work. But he found another way to realize his dream. "I set realistic goals for what this book could do. Breaking even is my initial goal and to reach the minds and hearts of those who do read my book," he said.

"I Need You to Know" is available on-line at [www.hthomassaylor.com](http://www.hthomassaylor.com) or through Amazon.com. Sieloff said he is also working with local merchants to sell his book at stores in Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward Reader's Cove, a reading pro-



## Star Struck

(Feb. 13 - Feb. 16)  
By Dennis Fairchild

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Thinking Cap-time with Mercury in Pisces on Valentine's Day may make you anxious to please for a couple of weeks, Ram. The best way to make it work is to overlook a discretion which has scant significance in your life as a whole. A new responsibility may be inconvenient but will bring long-term benefits.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Once again, your budget appears to be a problem at the moment, but the Moon in your sign over the coming days should put the matter in the correct perspective and make it easier to handle. Be true to yourself, Bull! Don't exaggerate the importance of a difference of opinion: it matters less than you think.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Due to circumstances beyond your control, Twins, your life seems to be undergoing a series of enforced changes now - but they are all for the good! For far too long you have been hampered by a need for reassurance. Now it's time to prove that you are prepared to go waaaaay out on a limb.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You might not like what I'm going to say, but you must now confide in partners, for it would seem that they have been a shade too impulsive lately. However, the important thing to remember is that you are perfectly entitled to go to any lengths to safeguard what you have achieved or accumulated over the years!

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Leo is symbolized by the mighty, prowling beast of the jungle. Therefore, not only do you like to be kept in the picture forest, but also want to know all the ins and outs and whys and wherefores. However, the best results will now be achieved through taking things on trust, not Ego. Swallow your pride, but don't hide.

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Wake up, kiddo! Whatever you feel to be your due is about to be handed to you over the coming days! However, you still appear to be physically under par, and changing to such a degree

that no one really knows how to treat you. Therefore, ensure that you do not sell yourself short this week. You desire it all.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

The astro-efforts you've made over the past few weeks have not been in vain, even though you may not have received much in the way of praise, Balancer. What happens this week will more than make up for what you've missed. Others will look at you with envy for change... which is what you're waiting for.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You won't have to work hard to make this a week to remember as good things will happen no matter where you go or what you do. But if you do make an effort, they won't just be good things, they'll be bigger and better things! It's merely a question of how much excitement you can stand, Scorp!

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Things may not be a barrel of chuckles at the moment but they shouldn't be a punishment either. Walk a mile in the shoes of someone who appears to be disruptive or hypercritical, and you'll have a much better chance of getting to the root of the problem. Don't hide in the shadows, but think twice before speaking, Sadge.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

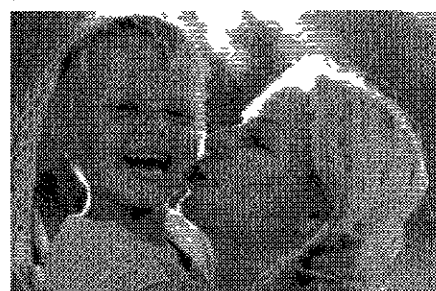
While in one area of your life, anything that can go wrong will go wrong, in another you will enjoy success, SeaGoat. Social and romantic activities are under marvelous influences at the mo'. But when considering financial matters, bear in mind: "The least said, the soonest mended." Got it?

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Someone once observed that conscience is a mother-in-law whose visit never ends and, for reasons best known to yourself, you feel that you have blotted the diary. (This birthday, please lighten up, okay?) The only solution is to distance yourself from situations that are churning up old-and-done-emotions.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Whatever trials you may have faced, the next few weeks will bring more opportunities than you know what to do with, Fish! Current astro-aspects urge you to thing big and act big - this is not a time for second thoughts or being quiet. Life is what you make of it - so make of it whatever and everything you can!



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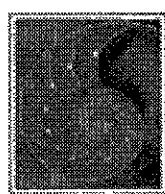
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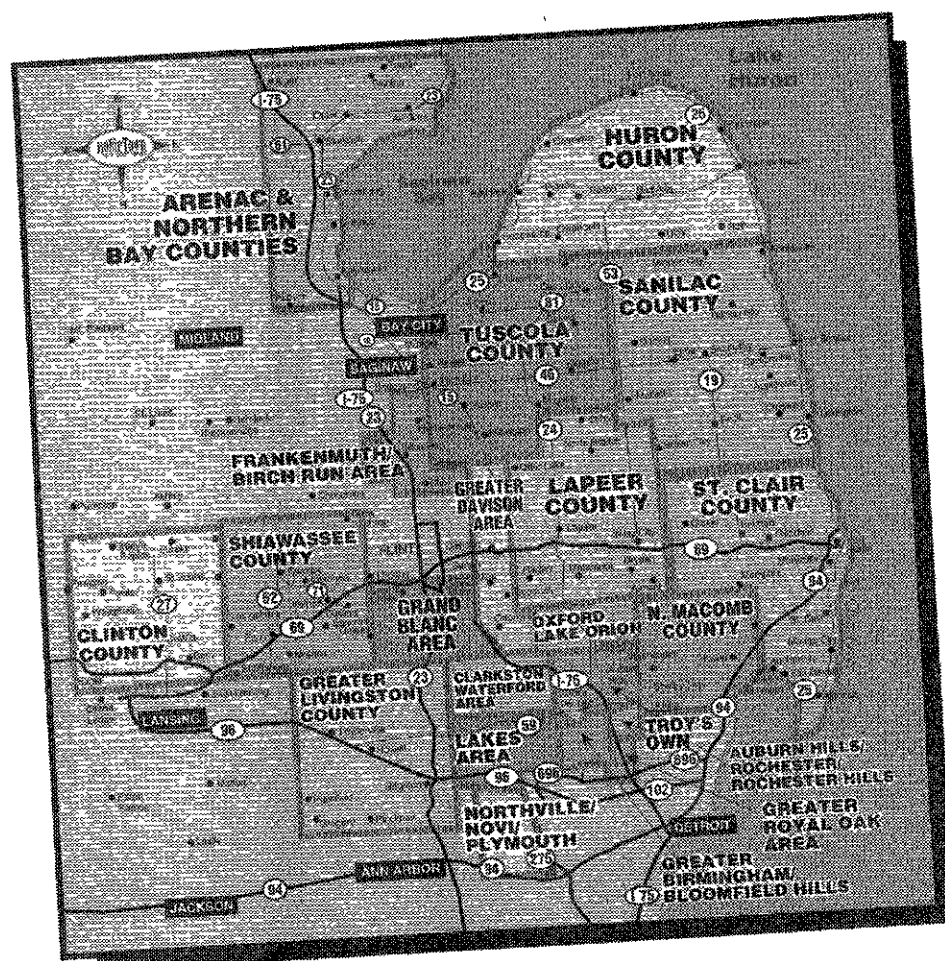
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AROUND TOWN

Super summer for kids

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

Lenten retreat

Madonna University will hold the 2005 Lenten Retreat from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 5. This year's theme will be "The Holy Eucharist, the New and Everlasting Covenant." The day-long event for alumni, friends, students and their families will be held in the Residence Hall and Chapel on the Livonia campus (14221 Levan Road). Activities will include: Morning Prayer, Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament; lunch; three Lenten conferences; time for confessions; and the Rosary and Stations of the Cross led by students, and Mass. The cost of the retreat, which is open to the public, is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Students, faculty and staff are \$10. Reservations are required for meal purposes. For additional information, contact Madonna University's Campus Ministry Office at (734) 432-5419.

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.

Vegas night

St. Mel's Men's Club hosts a Las Vegas Night from 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Feb. 19. The evening will feature black jack, two craps tables, roulette, Big Six and dice games, with hot food available. Proceeds go to the Men's Club. St. Mel's is located at 7506 Inkster in Dearborn Heights. For details, call (313) 275-0684.

Jewish renewal festival

Four nationally recognized leaders of the Jewish Renewal movement lead a day of spirituality, learning and music from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 6 at the Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow. Registration is \$50 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is March 2. More information is available on the Web at www.pardeshannah.org or by calling (734) 213-8374.

Genealogical society

Guest speaker Sue Daniels will talk about "Michigan's One-Room Schoolhouses" when the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. The meeting and classes are open to the public and are offered free of charge. For more information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Women's Economic Club

Named "2004 Newsmaker of the Year" by Crain's Detroit Business, Edsel B. Ford II will be honored at a noon luncheon Feb. 16 sponsored by the Women's Economic Club and the Detroit Economic Club. Tickets for the luncheon, to be held at Cobo Conference Center, are \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. For more information or reservations visit the WEC Web site at www.womenseconomicclub.org or call (313) 578-3230.

Tsunami benefit concert

St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Ann Arbor hosts a concert for tsunami survivors at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26. The concert will feature Lucia and William Campbell (soprano and trumpet), the choir and Schola of St. Thomas, the Dogoveto Sisters, Donald Fishel on the flute and Diane Winder on the cello. A free-will offering will be taken, with proceeds going to flood relief and Catholic social services. St. Thomas is located at 517 Elizabeth St. in Ann Arbor.



Bronze poms

The Salem High School junior varsity Rockettes placed third in the 14th-annual Pom/Dance Championships held recently at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Rockettes overcame a driving snow storm to put forth their outstanding effort.

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor in late February and will be displayed from Feb. 22-May 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White, with the theme of "wild and wacky" silhouettes, featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burns Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners; the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event, with the black and white style reflected throughout this year's décor. For more information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. III.

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, a 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 Gardener, 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 christinahill149@yahoo.com.

St. Damian cath 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.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for 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 juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvanddyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

DAR

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

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

# Bodyguarding for Afghan president keeps dream alive

BY KAREN SMITH  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Nick Stumpf, a bodyguard for Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, has almost been killed twice in the past few months.

But instead of developing nightmares, the 28-year-old former Clarkston resident thanks God every night for keeping him alive and giving him his dream job.

"I make great money, and I do what I love to do," he said while visiting his mom, Lynda, last week at his childhood home on Snow Apple.

The action — including being shot at by terrorists' rockets while in a helicopter with Karzai and being rocked by an exploding car bomb — is what attracts him.

"You're trying to keep a guy alive who everyone wants to kill," he said.

Stumpf dreamed of being in the military since he was in the sixth grade at what was then Clarkston Junior High.

"I think he dressed half his life in fatigues," said Lynda, remembering how Nick would lie in the ditch in front of their home, waiting to "ambush" his older sister and her dates.

When Nick saw a photo of military divers, the avid swimmer — who spent many summer days at Deer Lake and Lake Angelus — decided he wanted to become a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance.

"He never veered from it," Lynda said. "He has a focus like none other."

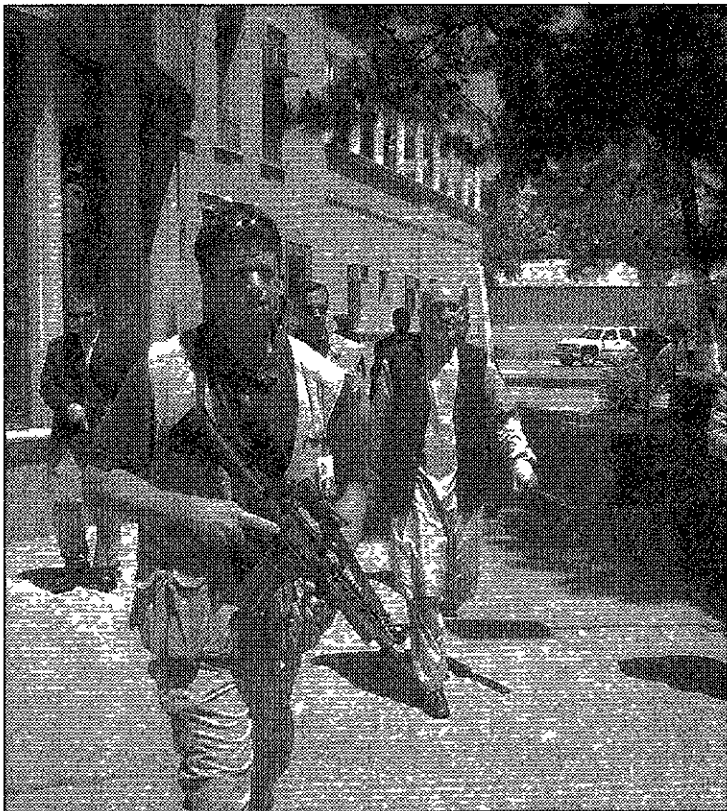
Nick — who lived with his father, Robert, in Arizona for high school — joined the Marines after graduating in 1994. About a year and a half later, he passed the rigorous requirements — including a six-mile ocean swim — for being accepted into the Marine Recon, a special force like the Navy Seals and Green Beret.

He served in northern Kuwait and southern Iraq when the U.S. bombed Saddam Hussein for not allowing U.N. inspectors in.

With his four-year enlistment over, along with a six-month extended stay, Stumpf returned briefly to civilian life "to try something new." He trained to become an underwater welder and worked on oil rigs. But the jobs were sporadic and he missed the military.

So he re-enlisted, this time in the Army, with the goal of becoming a Green Beret.

However, he "blew out" his back during a parachute jump



Nick Stumpf (foreground) and other bodyguards armed with assault rifles protect President Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan.

as a member of the 18th Airborne Corp doing long-range surveillance. "I still take cortisone shots," he said of the injury, which led to a medical discharge.

He enrolled at Scottsdale Community College and Arizona State University, thinking of getting a degree so he could go into the CIA or the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Then 9/11 happened. "It was killing me," he said, of his friends in the service who were starting to deploy. "I had to get back into it. That's what really switched it around."

A friend, a Green Beret in Afghanistan, told him about the job guarding Karzai and the palace in Kabul. He applied to the U.S. firm that contracts with the State Department for that service.

The requirements included having been in the special forces, along with passing an extensive psychological evaluation and secret clearance. "Every time I took a test, they faxed it off to Washington D.C.," he said.

He made the cut — and later successfully trained to be Karzai's bodyguard. "There were 20 of us," he said, adding seven applicants were cut. "Those were special forces guys they were cutting. Green Berets got cut."

Stumpf has been guarding Karzai since early 2004.

He said the Afghanistan president is a good guy who

loves children and has been treated unfairly by the media. But "he's stubborn," Stumpf said. "He kind of reminds me of my grandfather (Don Hayes, who owned the Clarkston Cafe)."

The helicopter attack took place just before the Oct. 9 Afghanistan election when Karzai was campaigning on the Pakistan border.

"We pretty much thought we were dead," he said, when the rockets shot at them just as the helicopter started to land. "We were 35 feet off the ground. Somehow the pilot pulled it out," he said of the "slingshot" maneuver.

"I was like, 'Holy crap.' The only thing going through his mind, he said, was getting his seatbelt back on. "You just react. It's weird."

Stumpf also was jolted by a car bomb in September when it exploded directly behind the palace. "Three of our guys were killed," he said.

While it may be her son's dream job, it sometimes keeps Lynda awake at nights. "Even my sisters (Cheri, 31, and Colleen, 25) have a really hard time with it," Stumpf said.

But Stumpf prays nightly, thanking God for keeping him safe and giving him his job.

"I couldn't say I did it myself," he said of how his career has played out — and of his narrow escapes.

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**CHARLES W. HEIL**  
Age 67, February 10, 2005. Husband of Rose Marie for 45 1/2 years. Dad of Charles (Deborah) Heil, Jr., Katherine (Mark) Tuttle, Karen (Patrick) Donahue, and Constance Colenso. Papa of Andy, Matt, and Mike Tuttle, Ben and Sean Colenso, Charley and Robby Heil. Visitation Saturday 3:00 until 9:00 pm, at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In-state Monday 9:30 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 am. Scripture Service Sunday 5:00 pm.

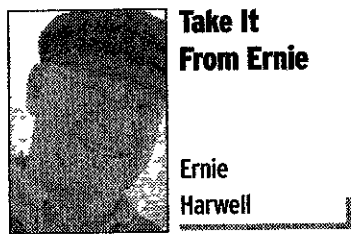
**Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One**

**DORIS MARION HIRZEL**  
February 8, 2005. Dear mother of Darlene Button, Thomas, Jr., Michael (Joan) and Linda Campbell. Grandmother of Heather, Tommy, Denny, Jon, Chris, Dana and Cory. Sister of Clinton and James Chapman. Funeral Tuesday 1p.m. from the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home 42600 Ford Rd. (West of Lilley Rd.). Family will receive visitors Monday 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

**MAY YOU Find Comfort in Family Friends**

**HELEN F. MARTENS**  
Age 82, February 6, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth C. Martens. Loving mother of Karen L. (Robert) Cowen, Gloria Martens, and the late Kenneth C. Martens, Jr. Devoted grandmother of 9 and great-grandmother of 12. Visitation will be held on Sunday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, from 2 pm until the time of the service at 4 pm. Memorials to Hospice Foundation of Martin and St. Lucie Counties, 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997





## Use kids' car seats

It wasn't all that long ago when a lot of our young kids freely roamed the car or sat in the front seat while we drove them from place to place.

While more people now recognize how important it is to use child safety seats, we still have some work to do educating folks on the proper use of child safety devices.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 73 percent of child safety restraints are misused. The most common errors were loose harness straps around the child and loose seat belts attached to the child restraint. They also determined that four out of five kids who've outgrown safety seats aren't in booster seats as they should be.

We all want our kids and grandkids to be safe while they're riding in the car. So let's all make a special effort to ensure we're doing everything possible to protect them.

And after you secure your little angel in a car or booster seat, make sure to strap yourself in with a seat belt. You're setting a good example and, once you make it a habit, you won't even realize you're doing it.

Take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg gone.

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

# Without words

## Stroke patient learns to speak again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Philip Gach renewed his driver's license last July. It might not seem like a major accomplishment, but for Gach it meant everything just to be able to answer the examiner's questions.

More than a year earlier, a stroke had left the 68-year-old Birmingham resident unable to communicate. Gach had been talking on the phone at work when all of a sudden he couldn't hear. A friend drove him to Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield where they transferred him to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. About a half an hour after his wife, Shirley, arrived, Gach couldn't speak.

"He looked at me with great fright in his eyes," said Shirley Gach, who was at her husband's side through 40 days in intensive care, seven surgeries and two bacterial infections. Gach finally came home in a wheelchair in Nov. 20, 2003, with a permanent shunt to relieve fluid on his brain. Gach doesn't remember anything for the seven months following his stroke and relies on his wife to tell the story of what he went through to be able to communicate again.

"More than a month after his surgery, a speech therapist evaluated him," said Shirley. "He was barely responsive at that point. She was asking him to make vowel sounds without success, but he could sing. Speaking was another thing even



Philip Gach sings 'Blowin' in the Wind' with Debbie Gombert, a music therapist at the University of Michigan Residential Aphasia Program in Ann Arbor.

though he understood commands to squeeze your hand."

### GETTING HELP

Shirley didn't know where to look for help for the aphasia, a language impairment caused by stroke, brain injury or cancer. A family member went on the Internet and found the University of Michigan Residential

Aphasia Program. Within a month, Gach's communication skills were being evaluated by the Ann Arbor staff.

Established in 1947 to assist World War II veterans who'd sustained brain injuries in combat, RAP designs individualized therapy programs that vary in length. Three months of speech therapy at Beaumont helped Gach to speak in sentences, read and write but he still had a long way to go. Aphasia affects patients differently depending on the severity of brain damage. Some are unable to comprehend words, others can't speak, read or write.

Four months after determining his communication level, Gach and Shirley checked into a hotel in Ann Arbor. Five days a week for six weeks, Gach attended therapy sessions. On weekends, they went home to save on costs. The program cost \$24,000 and was not covered by insurance. "It was just like going to school with individual and group therapy, music therapy. We even had homework every night,"

said Gach, who kept a journal of his challenges on computer. He hopes to eventually return to work. Two years before the stroke, he had been in Europe directing procurement operations for Lear Corp. At the time of the stroke, he was working as a purchasing manager for a Novi business.

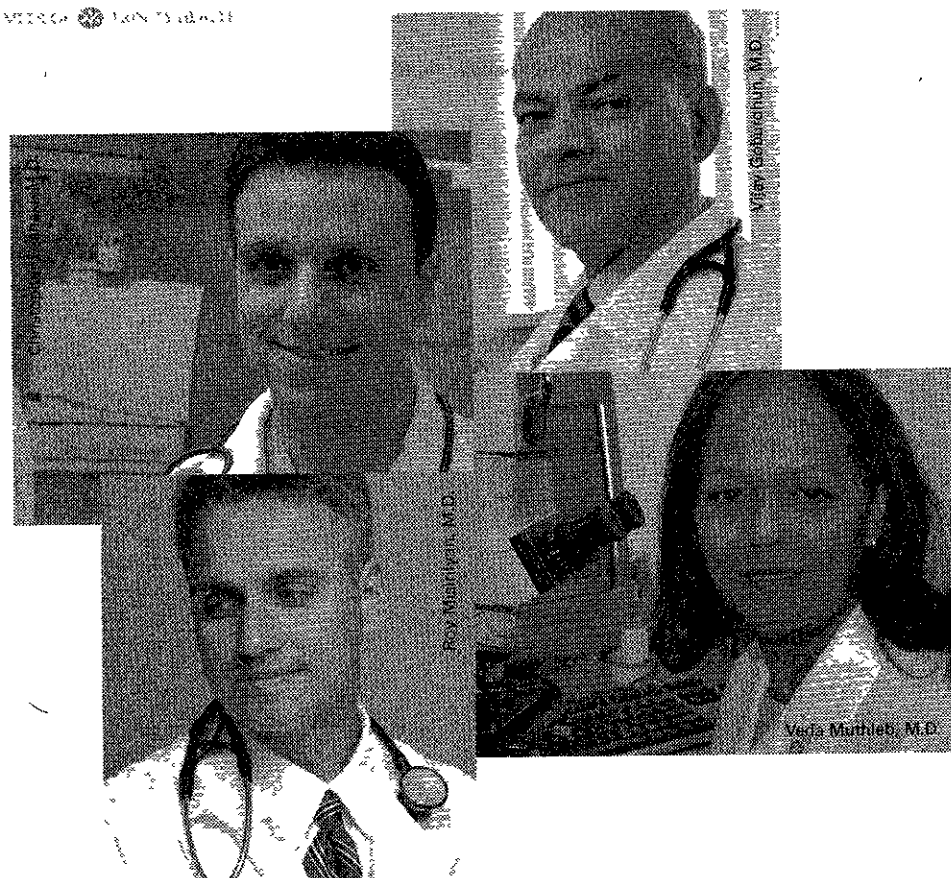
### CHALLENGES

"It's being able to find the word. The biggest part is the words won't come. You can go around," Gach gestures as he struggles to find the appropriate words. RAP programs help clients regain skills and develop new ways of communicating when necessary.

"It's frustrating," said Gach. "You can see it but can't find it."

"It wasn't just speaking but comprehension, word retrieval," added Shirley. "Every week we went out to dinner on Wednesday night with the group so they could practice their communication skills."

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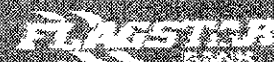
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# Doctor recommends celebrating Valentine's Day all year round

Chocolate, wine and romance aren't just the quickest ways to your true love's heart. A University of Michigan Health System cardiologist says these Valentine's Day traditions are also the way to a healthy heart.

"The spirit of Valentine's Day with intimacy, a little wine, some chocolate, bringing home flowers or sweets is a tradition we should follow throughout the year. It's one day of celebration that we should continue on a daily basis," said Dr. Melvyn Rubenfire, director of Preventive Cardiology.

"Don't feel guilty if you bring home a box of chocolates for your sweetheart as part of your Valentine's Day celebration this year.

"Chocolate has good antioxidants that are cardiac or vascular protective," said Rubenfire.

These antioxidants, also known as flavonoids, are also found in fruits, vegetables, tea, and red and white wine, and they reduce the risk of blood clots and heart disease.

The amount of flavonoids in a particular chocolate depends on processing. White chocolate has the fewest flavonoids, while dark chocolate has the most. Rubenfire says it isn't clear whether milk or dark chocolate is better for you, "but there are benefits to chocolate that go beyond their good taste." Oddly, in addition to

protecting the heart, chocolate also may alleviate coughing.

A recent study in England found that cocoa, the main ingredient in chocolate, contains the flavonoid theobromide, and that theobromide was nearly three times more effective in stopping persistent coughs than codeine.

While there are many potential benefits from eating chocolate there is a limit to how much we should eat. Rubenfire notes that chocolate is relatively high in fat and dark chocolate is high in saturated fat. Still, it isn't as dangerous as palm and coconut oils found in some sweets.

"Just like most foods, eating chocolate in moderation can have benefits but it's full of calories from fats and sugars so we've got to be very careful not to eat too much," said Rubenfire.

As you cozy up to your loved one with a glass of wine or champagne this Valentine's Day, take heart. Wine and other alcoholic beverages can also have benefits for your cardiovascular health.

"Wine and other spirits are actually associated with a better long-term prognosis in adults. Longevity is increased with moderate use of alcoholic beverages of all types," said Rubenfire.

In particular, wine seems a good choice because of its high

antioxidant content. "Moderate use of wine is pretty well demonstrated to be healthy for us, and of course makes us feel good," he said.

Alcoholic beverages increase the amount of the "good" cholesterol, or high-density lipoproteins - HDL cholesterol - in the blood.

"All alcohol produces them to a similar degree. As you raise the levels of HDL cholesterol, the risk of heart attacks and strokes can decrease," says Rubenfire.

Still, drinking alcoholic beverages should be done in moderation. To reap the benefits, limit your intake to an average of one serving per day for women and two per day for men. Drinking to excess can counteract the positive effects of alcohol and actually increase the risk of accidental deaths, alcoholism, liver disease (including cirrhosis), obesity, stroke, some cancers, high blood pressure, heart muscle disease, fetal alcohol syndrome, irregular heart beat, and even sudden death.

According to a study published by the American Heart Association, drinking an average of three or more alcoholic beverages per day over the long-term is associated with these increased risks. Alcohol use should not be viewed as a way to prevent or treat heart and vascular disease and

**'It's very important to realize that support systems and social relationships are very important to our wellness.'**

Dr. Melvyn Rubenfire  
U-M cardiologist



Shirley Gach has been at husband Philip's side ever since he suffered a stroke in April 2003.

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"It's an extraordinary program. Phil's comprehension, sentence formulation improved. He was able to explain things better. He was having progression of thought and was able to follow directions. He was better at explaining because he was keeping a journal."

Shirley sat in on 90 percent of the sessions. Family members and caregivers are an important part of the program. The two still travel to Ann Arbor once a week to take part in the Language Enrichment Group. The ongoing program allows Gach to practice communication skills with patients from as far away as Fenton, Lansing, Jackson, and Toledo.

### FAMILY MATTERS

"The program is also for caregivers," said Joanne Pierson, associate director of

RAP. "We want to help spouses learn new ways of communication. We do conversational coaching to understand you may need to speak more slowly, rephrase a question, give them time to respond."

"We're such a verbal society. They need to learn other ways whether it's a pocket communicator to point to what they need, learning to have a pencil and paper so they can draw. We teach them to use gestures, to signal dialing a phone."

In Gach's case, singing brought much success.

"There are clients who can't say anything but can sing songs. The music helps them to get their words out," said Mimi Block, head of clinical services. "Success with music therapy is common for people with aphasia. Singing enables them to say words or phrases."

For more information, call (734) 764-8440 or visit [www.aphasiahelp.com](http://www.aphasiahelp.com). [lhomin@oe.hometownlife.com](mailto:lhomin@oe.hometownlife.com) | (734) 953-2145

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### FEBRUARY

#### Chemical sensitivity support

The group for the chemically sensitive, their families and friends meets 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Good Food Company West, 42615 Ford, at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley, Canton. We will have a Valentine celebration, bring your favorite cassettes or CDs. For a free newsletter, call (248) 349-4972 or (734) 973-1727.

The chemically sensitive are people who are made uncomfortable or ill by exposure to such things as perfume, pesticides, smoke, new building materials, paint, chemical fumes, etc.

#### 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 locations including 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](http://www.americanheart.org).

#### Classes

Strengthen Your Bones Naturally 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, and 23, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann how to protect your bones by identifying various bone robbers like nicotine, inactivity, caffeine, etc. Cost is \$64, seniors \$51.20, includes workbook. Register by calling (734) 462-4448.

#### Lecture

Control the aging process naturally, learn secrets about hormones and health that every woman needs to know. Learn the causes of hormonal

imbalance, PMS, menopause and osteoporosis and the safe, natural alternatives to Botox, Fosamax and HRT at a workshop for women and men of all ages with Dr. Carol Fisher, DC, nutrition expert 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at the Alfred Noble Library, Livonia. No charge. Register early. No charge. Call (734) 425-8588.

#### Blood drive

Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

#### Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer will give the free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Carl Sandburg Library on Seven Mile in Livonia. Seating is limited. To register, call (248) 426-0201.

#### Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce. Room 225 of the McDowell Center, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

## Meningitis immunization helps prevent disease

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, especially when it could mean the difference between life and death for graduating high school seniors bound for college. Bacterial meningitis strikes swiftly and suddenly, leaving its victims with limb amputations or dead in as little as two hours.

Annually, approximately 2,400 to 3,000 Americans fall victim to bacterial meningitis, about 10 percent die from it. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Meningitis immunizations are effective at preventing this disease that is six times more likely to plague college freshmen living in dorms. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan urges parents and high schools to book vaccinations now before students graduate.

The State of Michigan mandates that high

schools and colleges inform students and parents about bacterial meningitis, also known as meningococcal meningitis, and the preventative vaccine.

"Awareness is key to prevention," said Kay Renny, manager of Community Programs at Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is one of a handful of locations for students to get the vaccine either by appointment at its Oak Park office, at their school or at a "shot party" at home.

"We believe this immunization is important," said Renny. "While meningitis is rare, its effects are deadly."

To learn more, visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org). To schedule an appointment or a clinic at your school, call (248) 967-8751.

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The University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center (CPFR) is recruiting and screening individuals diagnosed with FMS to become part of a research candidate pool. Prior to enrollment in the pool, individuals with FMS will be asked to attend a screening appointment.

Potential research candidates should be between 18-45 years of age and have been previously diagnosed with FMS.

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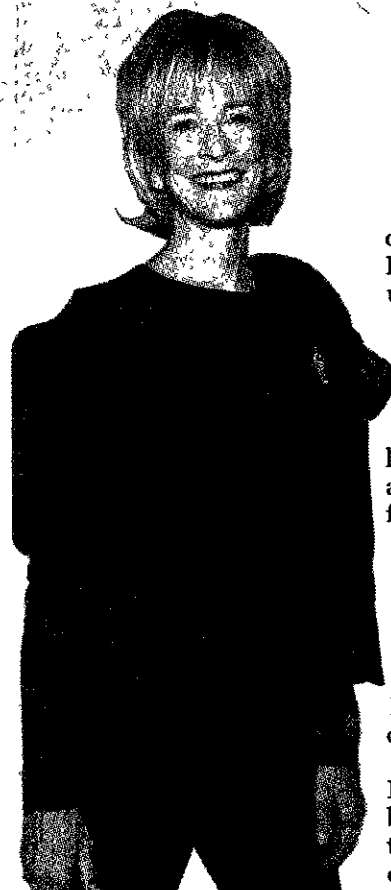
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## Designer beams with passion for fashion

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY  
PINK CORRESPONDENT

With the silhouette, aura and poise of a model, fashion designer Dana Buchman is known for creating luxurious and elegant clothing full of beautifully tailored suits and dresses. Recognized for 18 years of elegant creations, Buchman emphasizes that fashion is about the "new" and the "now" — and her collections strike a perfect balance between cutting edge style and function.

The glowing blonde, born in Memphis, Tenn., now resides in New York's TriBeCa and works in the midst of 7th Avenue's hustle-bustle.

Married for over 20 years, Buchman and husband, Tom, a New York judge, have two teenage daughters, Charlotte and Annie Rose.

Buchman recently visited Saks Fifth Avenue for a fashion show and benefactor reception. After the event, the designer mingled with guests who experienced her charm for themselves. Everywhere she ventured, she was a breath of fresh air as she enthused, "Fashion is about the pure joy of being a woman — it's all about letting go!"

PINK had the pleasure of a "one-to-one" chat with the design diva and here's what she had to say about fashion, family and more:

**How does your Southern background play into your work?**  
It has given me awareness of diversity — different lifestyles, attitudes and a variety of climates. For example, Troy is very different from Tennessee, which is again different from New York. Women are on the move — they travel, own businesses, do charity work — it's about living the life of the consumer and understanding her needs.

**Many artists say they knew from childhood that were meant to pursue their talent. Was this the case for you?**  
Yes. As a child, I loved to play 'dress-up' and I loved to sew and make things. I come from an artistic family — in fact, my brother is a sculptor.

**How do you strike a balance between style and function?**  
Designing is about function. As I design, I imagine what women want and what feels great. And fashion is about the 'new.' A blend of material, color and fabric creates excitement — tweed with denim, satin with twill, leather with silk.

**In what clothing do you feel great?**  
I love sweaters! Knitted tops are a great foundation for someone who's active. They're so comfortable — and I'm always reaching and stretching at work.

**What tips do you have for today's women leading "on the go" demanding lives?**  
Treat yourself to some form of luxury — something that makes you feel good or that you can simply look at and admire. We all experience some sadness in life, and nice things help to make us feel better. And mix and match with your own aesthetic sense.

**Dana Buchman Days**  
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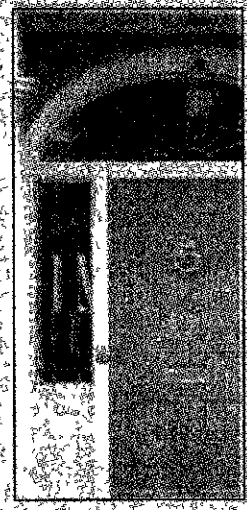
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## Why vinyl siding on home? Count the ways

(MS) — Vinyl siding is fast becoming the exterior cladding of choice for homeowners across the country. This growing interest is a result of design innovation and advanced technology, according to Bob Garrett, brand manager, LP Vinyl, a major producer of vinyl siding.

"Vinyl siding gives consumers the features and benefits they want when choosing materials for their homes," said Garrett. Here he outlines the key reasons, using his company's products as example.

### COLOR AND TEXTURE

A broad range of colors meets every architectural and design need. The LP Norman Rockwell Vinyl Siding Collection is one of the longest color lines on the market, with options that range from deep darks to neutrals to white. High quality pigments and new technology such as the LP ChromaLock process resist the damaging rays of the sun and provide an attractive look for years to come. Cedar-grained texture, in a solid color or a hand-stained look, replicates real wood siding.

### DESIGN VERSATILITY

A variety of styles also is available. The

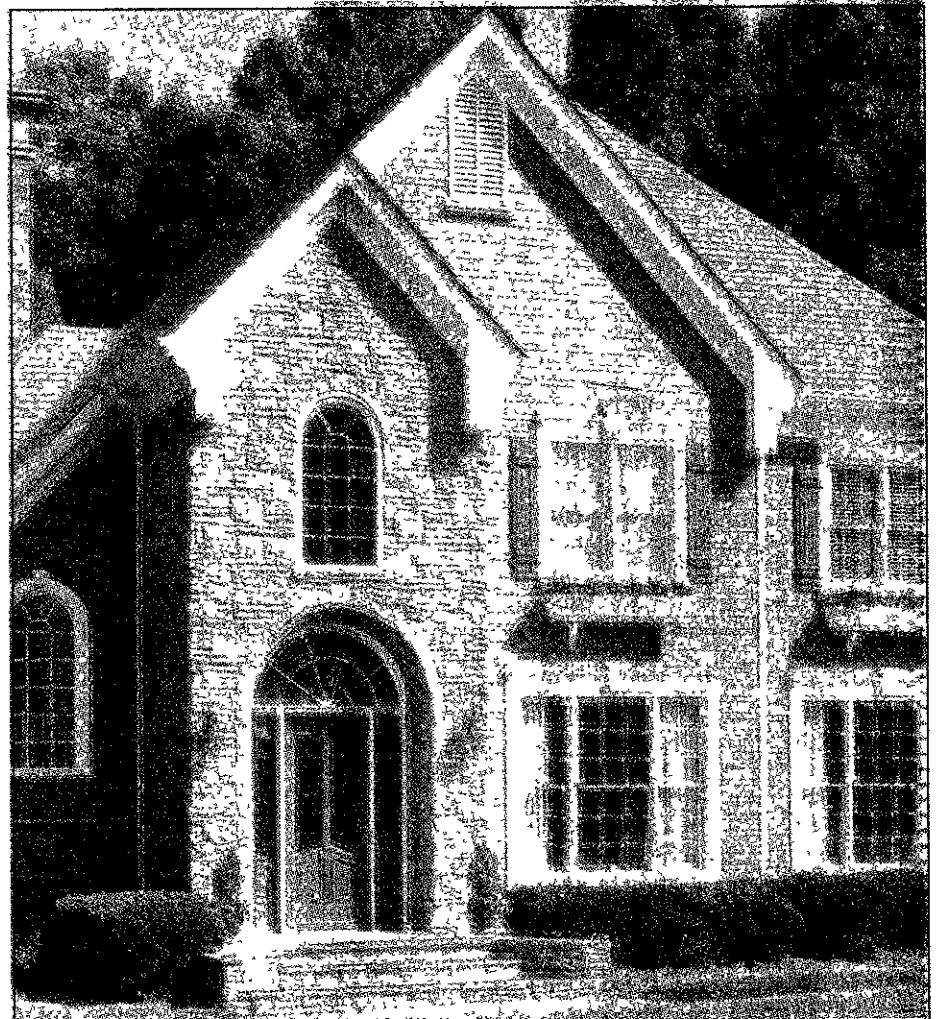
most popular is the traditional clapboard style, says Garrett, but you also have a choice of a Dutchlap look, the square format of perfection shingles, scalloped edges for accent and a board and batten like Maxim Board and Batten, new from LP. A wide selection of soffits and decorative accessories add the finishing details to each installation.

### EASY CARE

Vinyl siding is engineered for quality and durability. A variety of thicknesses, reinforcements around the nail hem and locking systems combine to add strength. LP products are designed to resist impacts in cold temperatures and are rated to stand up to winds as high as 201 miles per hour, depending upon the product.

It's also inherently easy to care for, said Garrett. Unlike wood, vinyl siding will not peel or crack and never needs painting. A spray with the garden hose, as needed, will suffice to retain its appearance.

For more information on the various LP vinyl siding collections, call (888) 820-0325 or visit [www.lpvinyllp.com](http://www.lpvinyllp.com).



This home features LP Shingle vinyl siding with the low-gloss, woodgrain texture of real cedar shingles. The square format along with the second story window boxes and contrasting shutters lend the look of a country cottage to the exterior.

## Sell your house before you buy a new one and save

I own a house, should I find and buy a new one or list my house first?

Many sellers are faced with this very same question. I recently had a client who was afraid to list her property until she found her ideal house. She was concerned that if she listed her condo and someone bought her place she may not have the time to find the perfect new house for her and her husband.

What should you do? You want to move, however, you are afraid that if you sell your home before you find another one, you may be forced into a home that you may not completely like.



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Usually selling takes a great deal more time than buying. In many parts, it averages about 90 days from the time of listing your property to the time it is sold. After it's sold, it usually takes anywhere from a month to 45 days to close. Then in your purchase agreement you note how long after close you will

have a right to stay at your home before you must leave. You may request 30 to 60 days occupancy.

The buying process should not take long. You can see what is out there very quickly. You can pretty much look at all that is out there that meet your criteria in one weekend. In the case of the concerned lady, her condo sold the following weekend after listing it and she bought a house two weeks later.

The problem with buying a new home before you list your property is that you would then be pressured to accept a much lower offer for your home. You

may be forced into a position where you would be paying a double mortgage or have to take out a bridge loan.

If you would like a to buy a house and you still own your home, you could give a contingent offer that states that you will buy the house when your home sells. Homeowners rarely like getting contingent offers and you usually have 70 hours to pay up if someone else gives a competing offer. Buyers who lose a home that they have been become emotionally attached to are rarely happy campers.

Let's say you don't find that "perfect" home after you just

sold your house, and you are running out of days that you may occupy your now sold home. If worst comes to worst you may consider renting for the interim. Moving twice is certainly not an ideal, however, it beats the risk of paying two mortgages.

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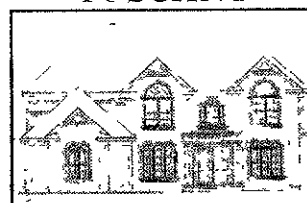
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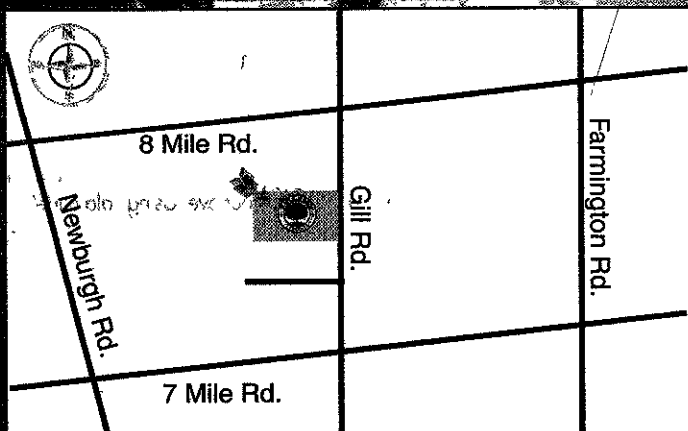


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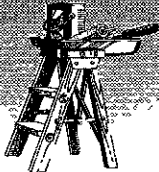


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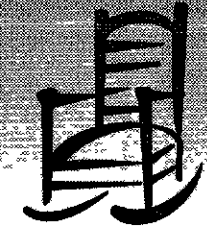
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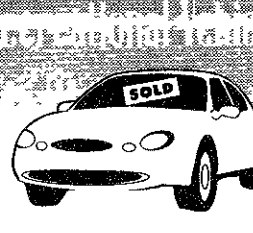
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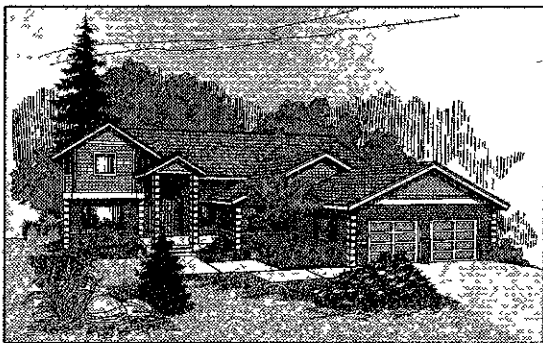
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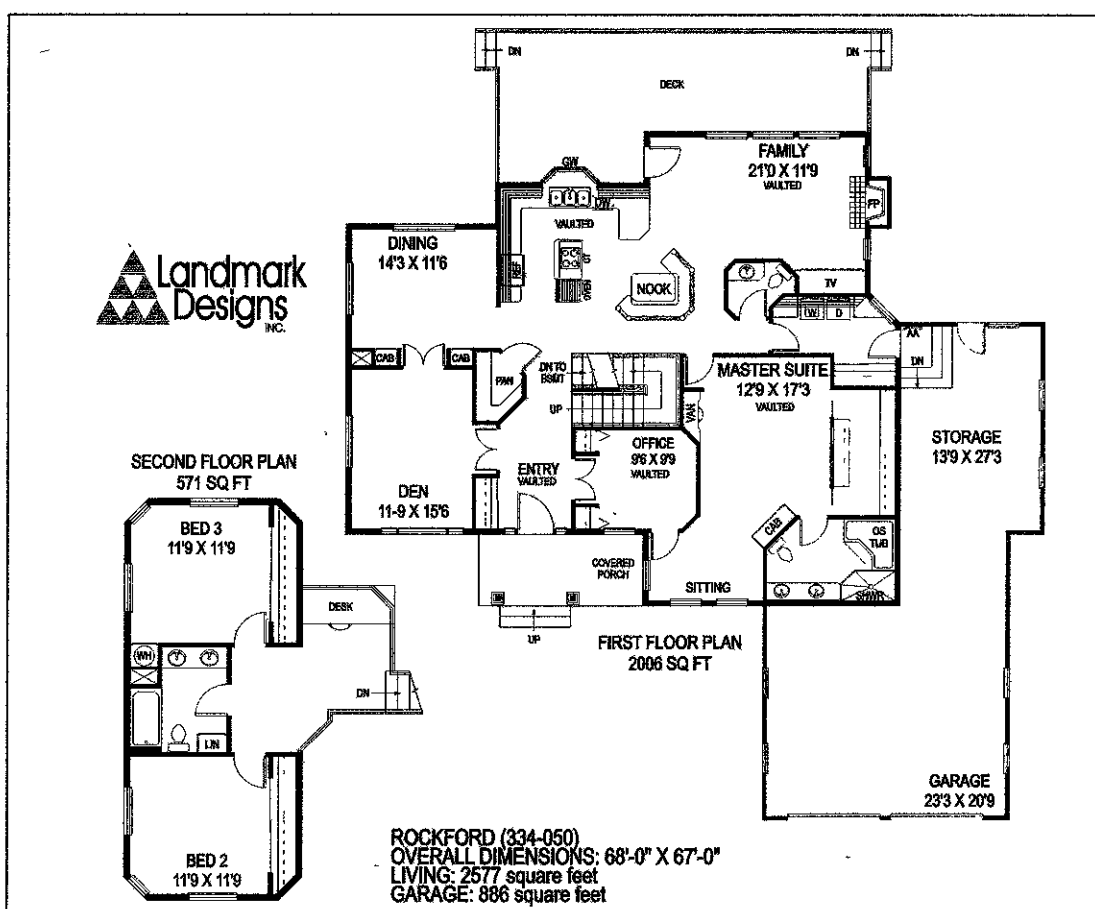


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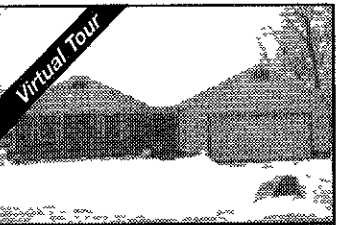
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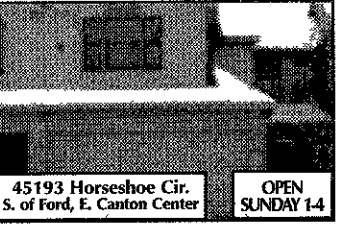
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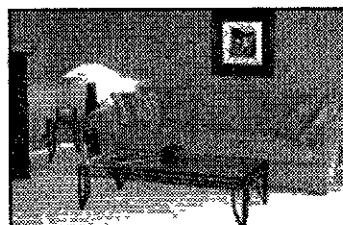
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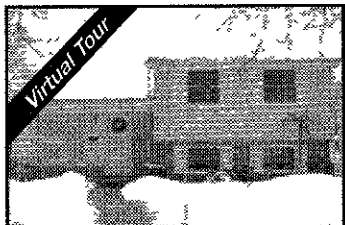
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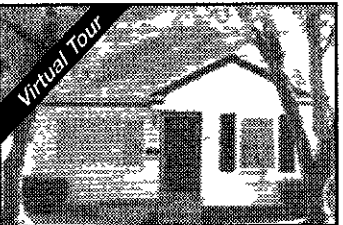
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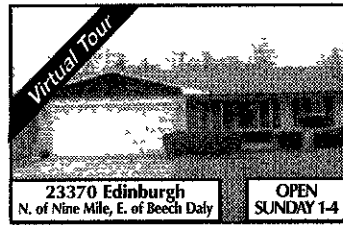
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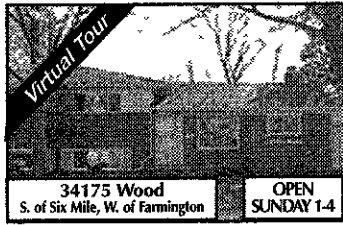
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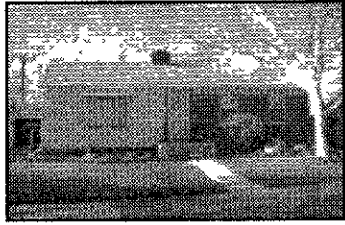
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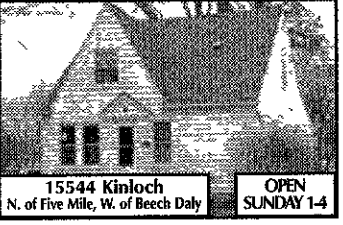
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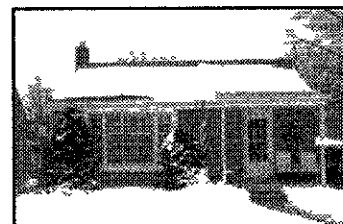
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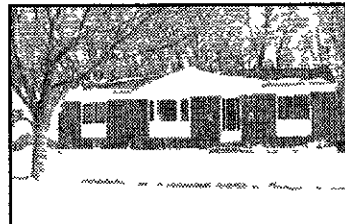
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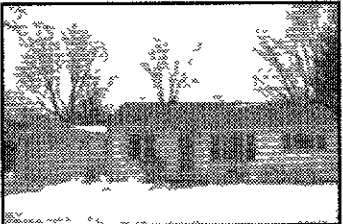
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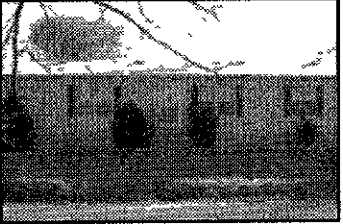
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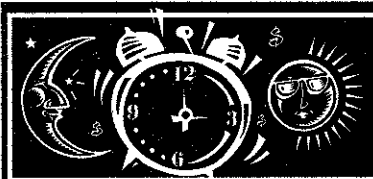
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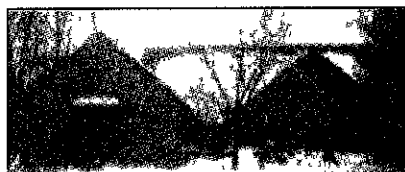
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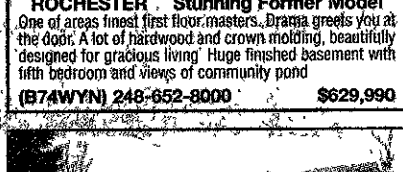
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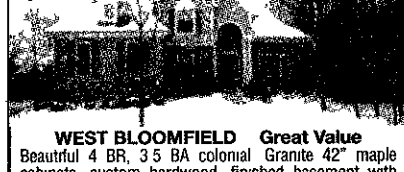
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# Builders see smart homes as wise decisions for homeowners

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

New homes with a mind of their own may seem futuristic to homeowners but not to the nation's home builders.

According to a survey of more than 1,000 home builders, the reality of the "smart home" is here and now.

A majority of builders – nearly two in three – say they already construct homes with an eye on "smart home" technology as it exists now and how it may yet evolve. The idea of ordering your oven to preheat as you sit in an office or turning on lights and adjusting thermostats as you're stuck in traffic will be commonplace, along with dozens if not hundreds of other in-home possibilities.

The survey, by home center retailer

Lowe's, is a sign that high-tech homes are going mainstream in the housing sector.

According to David Steed, senior vice president of merchandising for Lowe's, that builders have warmed to creation of homes in sync with laptops or programmed for household functions is evidence that homeowners best be aware of more than bricks and mortar as they build their next home or undertake a major home renovation.

"Builders are keenly aware of how their business is changing and being driven by technology considerations," says Steed. "It's not a trend as much as it is simply the way home building is going."

Yet homeowners aren't in the dark about the enlightened possibilities. Some 51 percent of builders say their

customers ask for the technology now.

And the pace of smart home technology seems poised to rapidly gain greater steam. The majority of builders see smart homes as having already arrived or just a few years away from catching on across the housing spectrum. Only 14 percent think the concept is five or more years away from widespread acceptance.

Right now, smart home technology centers on preparing a home to accept – or be ready to accept – various technologies.

## FUNCTION JUNCTION

Scott Goodelle, of Pass and Seymour, a supplier of what is described as high function junction boxes that bundle phone, broadcast and Internet technology through one spot in the house, says houses today

offer "structured wiring," meaning that builders run high-capacity cables throughout the home to link rooms, appliances and entertainment devices. He suggests builders include additional wiring capacity during construction or remodeling so the home is ready to adapt as technologies and needs change.

Just how and when those changes occur is anyone's guess. Steed of Lowe's says that while beefed-up wiring in a home seems simple, having it centralized with easy access for upgrades and adaptations is the linchpin that will allow a home to change along with technology.

Although the cost to adequately wire a home – Goodelle pegs cable costs at a nickel per foot – adds incrementally to construction costs, home-

owners would do well to take a long term view that their home will be in a state of readiness as technology becomes available. A so-called smart home can also be viewed as a plus by potential buyers during resale. One-quarter of builders say homeowner perception that the added cost isn't worth it may be a significant barrier to smart home technology.

For their part, builders think homeowners will gravitate to smart homes over time. One-third of builders say the concept will take off as consumers see smart home technology featured in show or display homes.

The survey was taken among attendees at the International Builder Show in Orlando, Fla.

## Whirlpool: Nice to come home to

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Style-oriented Europeans have transformed a distinctly American invention into a work of relaxation art.

Sleek cars? Trendy handbags? Designer clothes? Nope. How about a whirlpool bath?

Bath- and spa-maker Jacuzzi has teamed with Ferrari designer Pininfarina to create a whirlpool bath that is expected to make a splash among high end tubs once it reaches the U.S. market in March.

The new appliance, dubbed Morphosis, elevates the premium whirlpool experience beyond the notion of warm water swirling in a tub. "This will be a statement piece in a bathroom," said Betsy Sikes of Charlotte, N.C.

Sikes has sold jetted spas and tubs for more than 20 years for Hughes Kitchen and Bath Supply, and sees this as a "whirlpool tub people will focus on in their bath design, not the other way around."

Today's whirlpool and spa experience is intended to be intensely personal for har-

ried, tapped-out users who see spas as an escape if not outright therapy.

Sikes uses terms such as "hydromassage" and "chromatherapy" to describe what her customers seek in upscale tubs.

Hydrotherapy in premium models such as the Morphosis involves multiple well-placed jets of water heated to a constant temperature to gently pummel aches and pains into submission.

Chromatherapy derives from a centuries-old practice that colors hold properties to soothe the stressed.

Each model of this high-tech tub uses multicolor fiber optic lights in the jets and LED lights in the arch to merge water and light into a soothing experience.

Jacuzzi president Kent Baker doesn't separate the physical functions of Morphosis from the esthetics of the Pininfarina design. Both, he says, complement each other.

"How often would you take guests into the master bathroom to show them a tub?" said Baker. "We see consumers getting emotional

about the design, and that is part of the overall spa experience."

Pininfarina is an Italian studio best known for its design of Ferrari, Alfa Romeo and Peugeot sport cars.

"Jacuzzi knows how to move water, but Pininfarina was really the best choice for design when it comes to an upscale model like this," said Baker.

The sleek acrylic design is featured in white with chrome fixtures. There are three models available in oval shapes or to fit in corners. Retail prices are expected to be in the \$19,000 to \$22,000 range.

Sikes said many customers "won't bat an eye" at the cost because many will "see this as an investment piece."

Style, she said, "is more important than ever."

For others, a functional spa experience is worth it at the end of the day.

"My customers want a sanctuary, a place where they go lock the door in the bathroom and just sit in the tub and relax," said Sikes. "There is an emotional attachment." On the Web: www.jacuzzi.com.

## It's still a great time to buy

(NAPSI) – According to a recently released survey by the National Association of Realtors, first time homebuyers currently account for 40 percent of all homes purchased. This significant portion of home purchasers has helped fuel record levels of home sales over the past several years and economic conditions indicate future first time homebuyers will remain a substantial percentage of the overall market.

On average, first time homebuyers are relatively young and financially stable. As cited in the NAR survey, the typical homebuyer is 32, has a household income of \$52,500 and makes a down payment of 3 percent on a home costing \$139,000. With current mortgage rates still hovering at near historic low levels, those in the market for their first home will still be enticed by the advantages of home ownership.

As one might predict, the majority of first time homebuyers seek the expert guidance of real estate professionals when beginning the search process. ERA Real Estate, one of the world's largest residential real estate franchises, is one company that provides customized services to meet the needs of those purchasing a home for the first time.

The ERA Answers book, for example, is a free resource guide available to first time buyers without obligation in a print version at ERA offices and online at www.ERA.com. The book addresses more than 90 of the most frequently asked questions about buying and selling a home and has been specifically designed to help consumers feel more comfortable and confident about their home buying and selling decisions.

On the company's Web site ERA.com, My

ERA.com offers first time homebuyers convenient and useful features such as My Virtual Assistant, which allows visitors to save and access their local office/agent profiles and track and record activities such as title searches and utility information. Create A Room is another feature of My ERA.com that can be used to design a virtual room layout for moving or redecorating purposes. For the especially tech-savvy homebuyer, ERA.com Mobile allows complete access to ERA.com home listings from wireless tools, including cell phones and personal digital assistants.

Through ERA Mortgage, there is a range of flexible mortgage options specifically designed to meet the needs of first time homebuyers such as 100% financing. ERA's Web site also features an "Affordability Calculator" to help those in the market for their first home determine exactly what their financing needs may be. And ERA's range of "Select Consumer Services" offers discounts on many goods and services first time buyers may need such as insurance, security alarms, moving and home warranties.

As a result of these and other products and services, ERA Real Estate was recently ranked the recipient of the 2004 J.D. Power and Associates Award for "Highest Overall Satisfaction for First Time Home Buyers Among National Full Service Real Estate Firms." The award resulted from a 2004 Home Buyer/Seller Satisfaction Study, based on responses from 4,977 homebuyers and sellers. The study was conducted on behalf of Cendant Corporation by J.D. Power and Associates.

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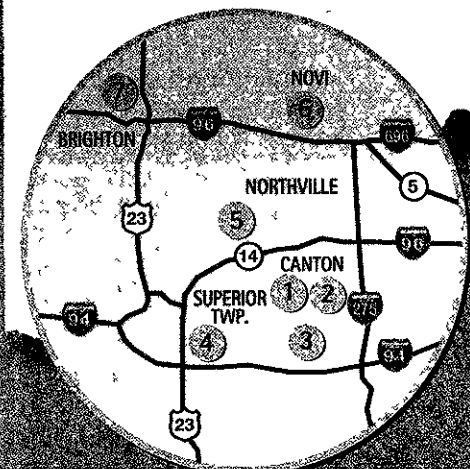
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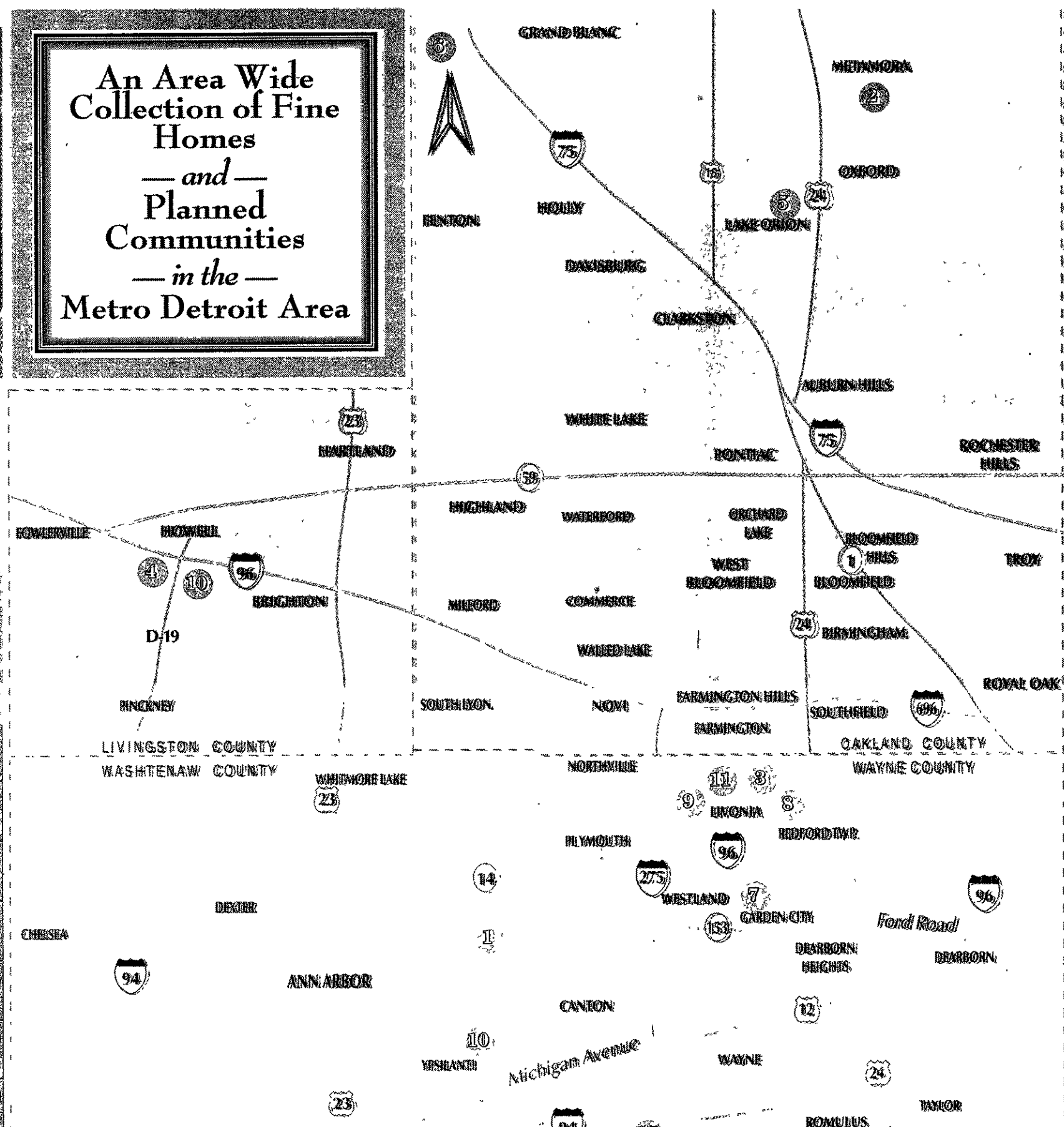


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**WORKWISE**  
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Employers have long been saying that employees are their most important asset. When the shrinking labor pool begins to

register with companies with sagging HR practices, we should begin to see increased attention to effective Employee Assistance Programs (EAP).

Claremont Partners, a privately-held EAP firm established in Alameda, Calif., in 1991, has 16 employees. The firm believes that "utilization inflation," or inflating numbers to justify use, is causing companies to overpay for behaviorally-based EAP services.

Such services are needed for depression alone. The Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine reports that "workers lose as much as 20 percent of their productivity when depressed because of poor concentration, memory lapses, indecisiveness, fatigue, apathy and lack of self-confidence." Joel Miller, acting director of the Policy Research Institute of NAMI, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, adds that in any one year, 11 million Americans aged 18 to 64 experience major depression or bipolar disorder. "Depressed workers have 1.5 to 3.2 more sick days per month than other employees," he notes.

"Lost productivity caused by depression costs employers an average of \$182 to \$395 per worker per month, or 45 percent to 98

percent of treatment costs."

## STRATEGY

Claremont recommends a "pay for performance" model, guaranteeing "that employers pay only for services provided and ensures that employees receive the assistance they need," according to a white paper. The paper advocates changing the perspective of EAP programs as a simple benefits expense to "a workplace strategy" founded upon "a performance-based pricing structure." Of course, the higher the utilization, the higher the fee, but these fees, the paper states, lead to a favorable impact productivity, morale and other such factors in the workplace.

D'Ann Whitehead, senior consultant at the San Francisco office of the \$702 million global consulting firm Watson Wyatt, headquartered in Washington, D.C., consults with organizations in employee assistance and behavioral health. A former clinician, she fully supports EAP services used as a workplace strategy -- "as a benefit to take care of employees." She encourages employers to do more than simply pay for the service. They "have a responsibility for fully maximizing the program to contribute to productivity and the success of the overall business by helping people off work or out of work." She says that this was the original intention of EAP when it began about two decades ago to correct the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on employees. Employer perspective has changed to accommodate the vision of its role relevant to workforce strategy.

## 'WAY BEYOND UTILIZATION'

"This is way beyond utilization," she comments. "It has to do with improving the health and productivity of the workforce." She advocates that employer and provider partner, mutually responsible for:

- defining measures and selecting a program with care;
- assuring the provider's presence on site to promote the program, assist during accidents and deaths and conduct surveys involving the employer and employees; and
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What role is there for employees?

Partnering, too. Chuck Hector, who directs Sales and Marketing at the \$26 million VMC Behavioral Health Care Services in Gurnee, Ill., points out that not all employees view EAP services favorably. Those who remember them from the 1980's may still believe that this benefit is "for crazy people."

Hector suggests familiarizing yourself with the company's EAP program before you need it. "Sit, listen and understand the benefit," he says, "to see how your participation will have a positive impact on your employer." He also points out that you can link a co-worker -- not an employee, if you're a manager, because of privacy laws -- with the program by reminding the person that the services are available.

On a personal level, Chuck Taylor, executive vice president of Workplace Services at the \$1.1 billion Value Options, an EAP provider headquartered in Norfolk, Va., advises:



D'Ann Whitehead Proper Utilization of Employee Assistance Programs (EAP), has to do with improving the Health and Productivity of the workforce.

- tackling a small problem before it escalates.
- "keeping appointments and following through with the plan of action . . . (even if) there are no quick fixes;" and
- "remembering that the EAP counseling is goal-oriented and solution-focused."

"The important thing," he adds, "is that you decide, along with the counselor, about the action plan that is right for you."

In other words, EAP as a workforce strategy is nothing less than a three-way partnership.

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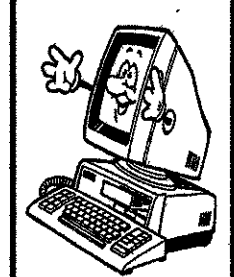
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Panera, LLC has immediate need for customer service oriented CDL "Class A" Drivers for our Livonia, MI facility. Well maintained "refree" fleet, lift gates for "rolling bakery cabinet" deliveries. Starting rate is \$13/hour (\$5 increase after 90 days), local routes-no overnights, includes bonus/benefit package. Please apply within 48 hours at 32713 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 106, Livonia, MI 48150

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We offer our Drivers:  
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Must Have Class A CDL w/HazMat

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CDL-A with 2+ yrs. experience. Local dedicated runs, home nightly. Great pay! Waterford area. Call: Mon-Fri., 9-4: 734-637-4060.

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Exp. preferred. Chauffeurs, CDL, Good police & driving record. Apply: Ross Towage Southfield, 248-356-6011, 248-353-5364

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**FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN**  
Field Service Technician with Electro-Mechanical background to install and service high-speed packaging equipment. Must have computer experience, intensive factory training, installing and debugging complete systems prior to shipment. Limited travel in North America during one-year training period. Heavy travel required in North America and overseas after training. Must be a self-starter. Must have valid driver's license and be eligible for a passport. Full benefit package including 401K. Resumes only to: DIAMOND SYSTEMS Human Resources 23400 Haggerty Road Farmington Hills, MI 48335 www.diamondsystem.com EOE

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**FIELD TECHNICIAN**  
Mr. Green Lawn Care is now hiring for 2005 Season. Start approx. 3-15-05. Must be certified through Dept of Agriculture-Commissioned based wages. Taking applications Mon, Feb 14 & Mon, Feb 21, 9am-5pm at 8551 Ronda Dr., Canton (TGI Industrial Bldg.) (734) 453-1219

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The City of Livonia is seeking qualified applicants for the FULL-TIME PERMANENT employment.

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Possess normal visual functions and acuity in each eye of 20/100 or better, correctable to 20/20 with eyeglasses. At the TIME OF APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE CITY OF LIVONIA VISUAL ACUITY FORM FROM A PHYSICIAN, OPTOMETRIST OR OPHTHALMOLOGIST GIVING THE APPLICANT'S VISUAL ACUITY IN EACH EYE CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED. (Eye examination must be within 6 months from the closing date of this announcement. Be free from any physical defects, chronic diseases, organic or functional conditions or mental and emotional instabilities which may tend to impair the efficient performance of duties or which might endanger the lives of others or the individual employee. Possess and maintain a valid motor vehicle operator's or a basic commercial driver's license and have an acceptable driving record. At the time of certification to the department for final interview and hiring consideration, candidates must possess:

1. A current State of Michigan Paramedic License or National Registry EMT - Paramedic, and be currently ACLS certified.
2. A State of Michigan Firefighter II certificate or equivalent certification in a state that has reciprocity.

NOTE: Candidates are required to submit original degrees/transcripts, licenses and certifications by the closing of the announcement.

Apply no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 25, 2005

**HOUSEKEEPER**  
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**Experience Preferred**  
Please apply in person at: 14600 Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170

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### LARGE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING FIRM NEEDS:

- Landscaping Estimators
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Part-time for Westland Apts. Leasing/ Customer service exp. preferred. Must be reliable. 734-425-0052

### LEASING AGENT

Full time for The Kensington of Beverly Hills. Customer service exp. required. Great company & great benefits. EOE. Fax resume to: 248-644-3010

### LEASING AGENT

Wynchase Townhomes is seeking to fill immediate FULL TIME position in Canton area. Must be able to work weekends. We offer competitive wages, commissions, health, and dental insurance. EEO. Fax resumes to: 734-844-3963 or call 734-844-2400 for more information

### LEASING CONSULTANT

Full time, for Canton apt. community. Experience required. Great opportunity for right person. Please call (734) 397-1080

### LEASING CONSULTANT

Part-time. Exp. only for Luxury Novi Apt. Community. Weekends a must, 18-24/hrs approx. Fax resume to: (248) 449-6341

### LEASING CONSULTANT

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### LEASING POSITION

For Apt. community in Westland. Full time, benefits available. 401K exp. preferred. Call 734-459-6600 Ask for Martha

### LIGHT ASSEMBLY

Day shift only. Starting salary \$8/hr. Great benefits. Apply in person @ 19414 Gerald St., Northville, MI 48167. For info please call 248-449-3620 EOE

### LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

Now Hiring \$340-\$425/week  
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All shifts available at companies in Novi, Belleville, Livonia & Taylor  
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Fantastic Opportunity! Growing progressive mortgage co. in Birmingham. We're overwhelmed with leads!  
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### LOAN OFFICERS

Excellent pay plan. 3 locations offering FHA, VA, conventional, non-conforming, etc. High tech office environment with 40 plus investors. Health, Life, Dental and 401K, avail. Experienced only. Call Chris at (734) 432-0404 ext. 101.

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For lumberyard. Must have good work history. Bldg materials exp. plus \$12-16 to start. Apply in person 8-4 11940 Merriman, Livonia 734-513-5777 - Casey

## Help Wanted-General 5000

### MACHINE SHOP

5 yr. minimum exp. with Bridgeport, Lathe & Welding. Brake Shear, some driving & shop maintenance.  
Fax resume: (734) 453-5041  
Attn: Jeff, or mail to: William P. Young Co., 41575 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170

### MAILING LIST PROCESSOR

Permanent part time position. Mailing industry experience desired, but willing to train the right candidate. Accurate typing skills and proficiency, with current versions of MS Excel and Word required. Access/database experience a plus. High organizational skills and ability to understand USPS postal regulations necessary. Fax resume 248-356-5636; email jobs@grigg.com

### MAINTENANCE

Assistant Tech needed for Novi Apt. Community. At least 3 yrs exp. in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, apt. prep. Able to work independently, have reliable transportation, & avail. on-call. Fax resume to: (248) 449-6341

### MAINTENANCE

Drakeshire Apartments is hiring for all Maintenance Positions. Please fax brief resume or qualifications and salary requirements to: 248-477-2524 No phone calls please.

### MAINTENANCE

Leading industrial manufacturer seeks an experienced individual who is HVAC certified for general maintenance work. Ideal candidate is a self-starter able to multi-task and needs little supervision. Duties include troubleshooting and repairs of rooftop HVAC units, completing electrical, pipe fitting and sheet metal repairs. Candidate must also be able to perform preventative maintenance on systems and machines, and be able to coordinate outside contractors. We offer a clean, smoke-free, state-of-the-art work environment, competitive wages and generous compensation package. Only experienced HVAC certified individuals need apply. Send resume to: HR 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or fax to: (734) 207-5531 or e-mail to: hr@dieb.com EOE

### MAINTENANCE - PART TIME

Wholesale Gift Mart in Northville seeks energetic person for general building maintenance. 14 hours/week with occasional additional hours. Call 248-348-7890

### MAINTENANCE TECH

Needed Experience preferred Westland apartment community, immediate opening, must have experience in HVAC, plumbing, electrical & prep. Must be available for on-call work. Overtime & benefits included. (734) 455-7100

### MAINTENANCE TECH

A licensed senior assisted living facility in the Novi area is seeking a full-time maintenance tech for live-in position. Must have previous maintenance experience and possess own tools. Fax resumes to: 248-735-1501 or call 248-735-1500 for more information.

### MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Full-time, experienced, for Dearborn Hts. area apt. community. Great opportunity for right person. Please call 313-562-3988 or fax resume to 313-274-1927.

### Management:

Become a part of a fast growing - supermarket retailer. Busch's is seeking management candidates for numerous areas of our business including grocery, deli, meat, seafood, floral and guest services. We offer competitive wages and benefits including health insurance plans, vacation, sick/personal time, management training, continuing education/tuition reimbursement, and a 401K with company match. At Busch's, we consider ourselves to be in the hospitality business and some of the most important things our managers do is ensure that our high guest service, superior facilities, and product quality standards are met. Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel, outstanding communication skills and the passion for dealing with associates and guests is required. A Bachelor degree or equivalent experience is preferred. Please send resumes to: Busch's/HR 565 E. Michigan Ave. Saline, MI 48176 Email to: jobs@buschs.com Fax to: (734) 944-4327 For a list of our locations and more information, visit us online at www.buschs.com or call (734) 214-8322.

## Help Wanted-General 5000

### MANUFACTURING

Leading manufacturer of nitrogen gas springs is seeking bright, energetic individuals for full and part-time positions in our Assembly Department. Candidates must be dependable, conscientious individuals who can demonstrate a strong work ethic and a positive attitude. Must have a high school diploma and a desire to learn. Send resume to: HR 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Plymouth, MI 48170 or fax to: (734) 207-5531 or e-mail to: hr@dado.net EOE

### MAZAK/MAZATROL PROGRAMMER

Expert Machinist. Top pay. Great working conditions. Buckingham Tool Corp. (734) 591-2333

### MECHANIC

Busy local transmission shop hiring licensed R & R Techs with engine repair capability. Exp. motivation & diagnostic ability required. Excellent pay/benefits avail. Call Rick (734) 525-9700

### MECHANIC

Must be certified part or full-time. Great opportunity call now (313) 937-2277

### MECHANICS

Full time, no exp. Req'd. We train, M/F, age 17-34. Good pay, excellent benefits, educational and travel opportunities. Call (734) 729-0450, AN ARMY OF ONE, U.S. Army

### MEDICAL COORDINATOR & DIRECT CARE PERSONNEL

Full time medical coordinator needed for home for adult with developmental disabilities & part time direct care staff needed for afternoon & weekend shifts. 734-422-1020.

### MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Part time position available @ Livonia based Credit Union. Will work Mondays 11:45am-4:30pm Thurs 11:45am-5:15pm Fridays 9:00am-5:30pm Qualified applicants must: possess excellent verbal communication skills, ability to work independently and handle multiple tasks. Experience in sales is preferred. Fax resume with salary requirements to: 734-522-8296, or e-mail. CSTennett@cscu.org

### MILL HAND

3-5 yrs exp. on Proto-Trak. Full benefits. Wixom area. Fax resume 248-360-8634

### MILL HAND/LATHE HAND

Experienced only. Great benefits Livonia / Plymouth area. 734-591-2333

### MINUTES CLERK

is accepting applications for a full-time Minutes Clerk at the Clerk/Treas. Office until Nov. 22/28/05. Employment App. (Gen. employees), the job description and a detailed announcement available at www.gardencitymi.org or by contacting the Personnel Office at 6000 Middlebelt Rd., G.C. MI, phone: 734-793-1640. Apps. must be submitted in person to the Pers Office

### MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR

First National Bank is seeking a Mortgage Originator to meet with potential borrowers to discuss available mortgage programs, complete required disclosures and originate residential mortgages. Calls on realtors, builders and other sources for leads and referrals. Must have previous origination and sales experience. Competitive compensation, plus benefits. Apply in person at any branch locally or Equal Opportunity Employer First National Bank 101 E. Grand River Howell, MI 48843

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Great clientele, beautiful atmosphere, located in Novi. Call 248-349-9925

### NETWORK DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

DenteMax is hiring Network Development Specialist. Several full time positions available. Hourly wage without bonus opportunities. Eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and paid holidays/vacation after 90 days. Email resume or letter summarizing qualifications to: openings@dentemax.com Please incl. your work history and specify network development

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Will train. (888) 415-1483

### OFFICE CLEANING

Birmingham Mon-Fri, 6-9pm \$8.50 - \$9.50/hr. Call (248) 449-4880

### Office/Leasing Assistant

for retirement community in Westland. Pleasant, hard working, organized and bright. Full time, benefits available. 734-729-3590 Equal Opportunity Employer

### Full Time Sales Assistant

Based out of our Livonia office, this position provides support to our sales reps. Good potential for career growth. High school diploma or equivalent required, with 6 months to one year general office experience. Excellent customer service, communication and computer skills are essential, with ability to accurately type 35-40 wpm. We offer a great work environment plus excellent benefits.

Please submit resume to: (preferred) email: employment@oe.homecomm.net The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150 fax: 734-953-2057

Please reference job code: SA 06221684

## Help Wanted-General 5000

### ORDER PULLERS

Major distributor of hair/mail products in Farmington Hills is seeking individuals to work 11am-7:45pm. Call Now: 248-477-0513 ARCADIA

### OWNER OPERATORS

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After school hours. Must be at least 12 yrs. old. Trans. provided in Garden City, Redford & Westland. 734-421-5345

### PET RESORT HELP WANTED

Canton area. 734-397-8899

### PHYSICIAN OFFICE POSITIONS

•Secretary- credentialing experience preferred  
•Reception Supervisor- Experience Preferred  
•Receptionist- Fax resume 248-553-7543 Attention Sally

### PLUMBER/ with master license

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### Pollution Control

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Downriver company has several positions in our pollution control dept.  
• No Experience Necessary  
• Must Have Own Transportation  
• Start now  
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• Management  
Call Monday and Tuesday only 10am -4pm 313-382-6022

### Probation Officer 35th District Court

The 35th District Court, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is accepting resumes for the position of Probation Officer.

### Job Description:

Applicant will be responsible for interviewing and writing pre-sentence reports for same day sentencing. Responsibilities include, but are not limited, issuing terms of probation, scheduling court-ordered programs, and monitoring caseload. Applicant will process probation violation petitions and file necessary paperwork.

### Employment Qualifications:

- Must have a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or related fields.
- Current certification in one of the following: Fundamentals of Alcohol & other Drug Problems (FAODP), Assessment Referral (ARMS) or Certified Criminal Justice Professional (CCJP).
- Must be proficient in word processing programs and must have good written and verbal communication and interviewing skills

### Please submit resumes to:

35th District Court  
Attn: Alan Ingrody  
660 Plymouth Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

### Resumes must be received by February 25, 2005

No phone calls please.

### PROPERTY MANAGER

Experienced on-site Community Assoc. Manager needed for large condo/ HOA Community in SW Oakland Co. Excellent communication skills and experience in all aspects of Property Management a must. Must be organized and have maintenance and computer experience. Fax/mail: HR 734-973-0001 3131 Professional Dr., Ann Arbor, 48104

### PROPERTY MANAGER

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## Help Wanted-General 5000

### QUALITY CONTROL ASSISTANT

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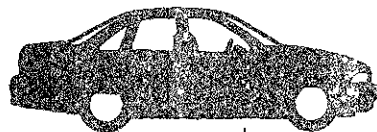
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### Avanti NewsFeatures

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Avanti NewsFeatures

This substantial luxury vehicle has a lot going for it: comfort, styling, power, technologically savvy and has great functionality.

The 2005 Cadillac Escalade ESV is extremely roomy inside and can accommodate the largest of individuals without a problem. There are plenty of people-hauling and cargo-hauling capabilities as well.

There are a lot of new features on this Escalade ESV this year, including the fact that's 22 inches longer than Escalade, which results in 20 more inches of interior length. That gives you more room to stretch, and more room to stuff all your worldly belongings in the cargo area.

The new features are just refinements, like a brand new premium instrument cluster that bring out the gauges even more through the use of bright chrome around them. Instrumentation is also refined through better placement of items and larger graphics. There's also new walnut trim throughout.

On the outside, you'll find a bright chrome exhaust tip, touch-screen navigation with a 6 1/2-inch screen, a new cooling system that's more powerful and OnStar that can be operated hands-free. There's also a new color that's named Riptide, which is teal blue metallic.

The OnStar system is first rate, as usual. This is the sixth generation of OnStar and now has more digitalization. The hands-free recognition capabilities are a little better this year, too. At one point in the week, the OnStar was engaged by accident and kept asking me questions over and over. Finally, after about seven questions, it asked me if I wanted it disengaged. Thankfully, I responded affirmatively. Glad that was over...



2005 Escalade. Vehicle class: Luxury half-ton eight passenger sport utility. Power: 6.0 liter V8. Fuel Economy: 13 mpg city/17 mpg highway.

There's also an active personal calling feature that lets you receive and make hands-free, voice-activated calls. This year, Cadillac lets you have the OnStar Virtual Advisor for 12 months without charge. The Advisor provides three-day weather forecasts and traffic reports within your choice of five, 10 or 15 miles of your location. You can also receive information on up to 10 selected stocks -- all at the touch of a button.

Powered by a Vortec high-output 6.0-liter V8 that delivers 345 horsepower, the Escalade ESV has enough power to climb steep grades with ease or pull up to a two-horse trailer.

Stuff on the ESV you'll appreciate are all-wheel-drive, StabiliTrak with road sensing suspension, rear parking assist, XM Satellite radio, a stunning analog clock and rear seat DVD system for the kiddies -- or your bored passengers.

There's no mistaking the Escalade in its styling cues. From its aggressive front end with its signature Cadillac badging and high-intensity headlamps to its rectangular parking lamps and turn signals in the rear, this vehicle is very, very classy.

The interior appointments are all smooth and flow effortlessly around the driver and passengers. Full leather seating with heated seats up front are a blessing on frigid days. You can even opt for heated seats in the second-row seating stations. The third-row bench

seat, of course, can be flipped, folded or completely removed. Second and third row seats flip down to allow you to have a flat, level surface for loading large items like a grandfather clock or something like that.

There are two distinctive models to choose from in the ESV line. Upgrade to the Platinum Edition and you get better interior materials including pleated door panels and walnut accenting on the steering wheel, console, door pulls, window switches and interior trim.

This premium package also provides you with cooled and heated front-row and second-row seats, cooled upholders in front and embroidered floor mats for the ultimate in luxury.

For your maximum convenience, you'll find a Bose sound system with six-CD changer and in speakers throughout the cabin, XM Satellite radio and two 7-inch DVD screens -- on in the second row and another in the third row. It comes with four wireless headphones for mom and dad's pleasure. The DVD-based navigation system is also standard.

The Cadillac Escalade ESV is certainly a premium luxury vehicle that makes a true statement on the road.

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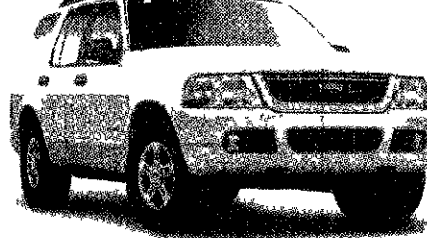
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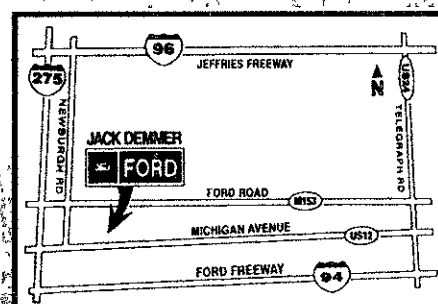
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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
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Needed for optometry practice in Livonia. Qualified candidates will possess two years of medical office experience with insurance knowledge. Must have excellent phone skills and attention to detail. Please fax or mail your resume & salary requirements: Vision Institute of Michigan, Attn: Madeline, 44650 Delco Blvd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313 Fax 586-254-3515

## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Needed on Tues. & Thurs. from 9am till 6pm Small office in Bingham Farms Great work environment Fax resumes to: 248-926-8077

## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

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## Medical Technician/Technologist

VPA Laboratory in Farmington Hills, Michigan is currently looking for MT/MLT's for expanding state-of-the-art laboratory. Excellent pay, good benefits, great working environment, and the latest technology. Must have good computer skills, strong Hematology/Chemistry background and be ASCP registered or eligible. Full time afternoon shifts available. Fax resume to: 248-324-0790

## Help Wanted-Medical (5060)

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## University of Michigan Health System

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**COOKS & WAIT STAFF**  
**EXPERIENCED ONLY**  
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Day Shift/Health Ins./401K  
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Full-time with fine dining experience. **SERVICES**  
Part-time. AM & PM available

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EXPERIENCED  
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DYC 313-824-1200 ext 276

## Help Wanted-Medical (5060)

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**LOVING MOTHER** Of 2 will babysit in her Romulus home, days or evenings, reasonable rates. Call Loretta 734-721-7973

## LOVING MOTHER

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## COMMISSION SALES

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## E-BAY SALES COORDINATOR

Data entry & customer service, \$10/hr. Part time. Send resume 248-476-4990

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**Inside Sales w/Telemarketing** Skills Salary + commission. Exciting new local corp. call: 313-562-0208 fax resume: 313-562-0489

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## OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Looking for full time real estate agents (if unlicensed, we can recommend schools). Incomparable training. North-west Livonia location. Serious inquiries only. Call Tim Reilly: (734) 591-0333

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Are you articulate, confident, aggressive? Have you been successful? If you answered 'yes' to all of these, I'm looking for you! We are a franchise of a Fortune 500 company with an exclusive market & product. Average sale 20K. We supply all leads. Our average rep earns 50-75K, our top rep earns 125-200K. If you meet all of the above criteria, please call Mark @ 248-723-7727

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7100

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7160

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## Household Goods

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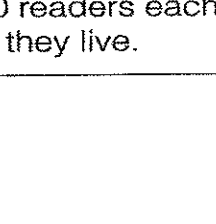
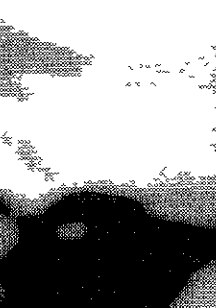
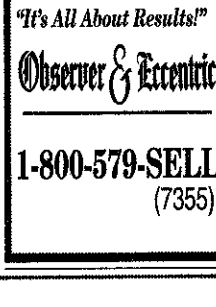
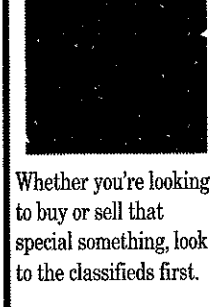
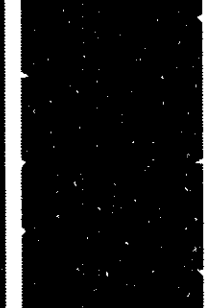
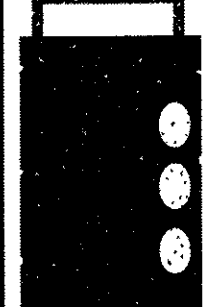
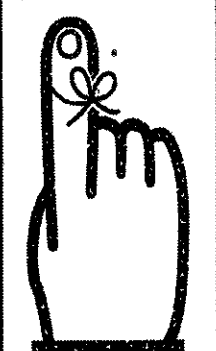
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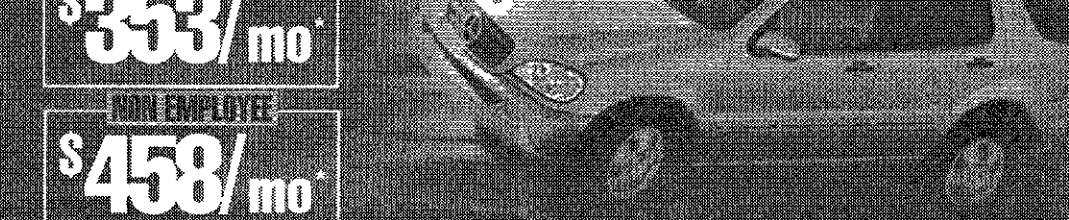
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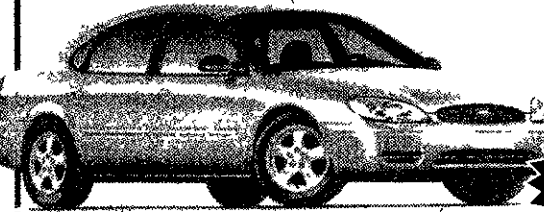
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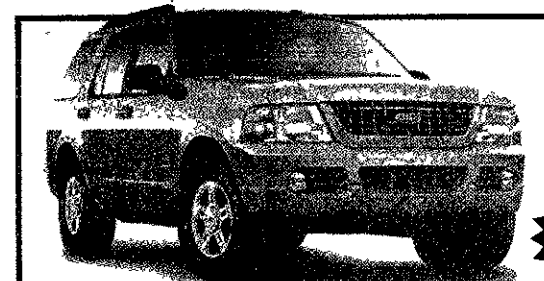
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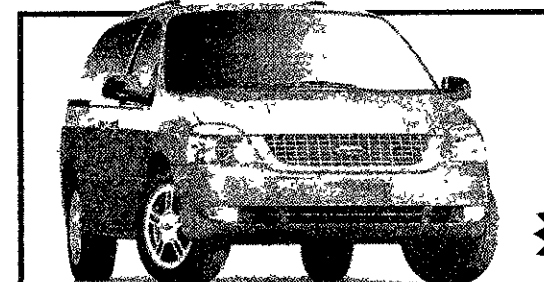
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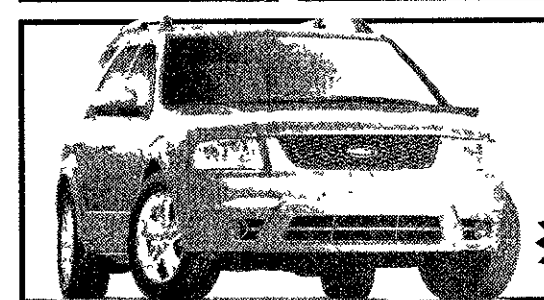
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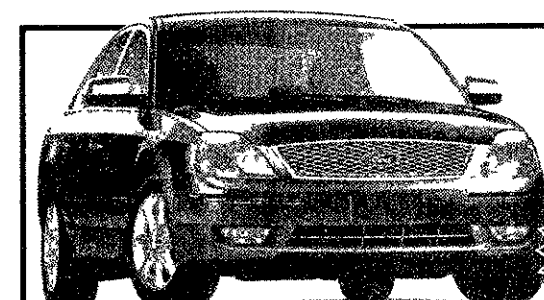
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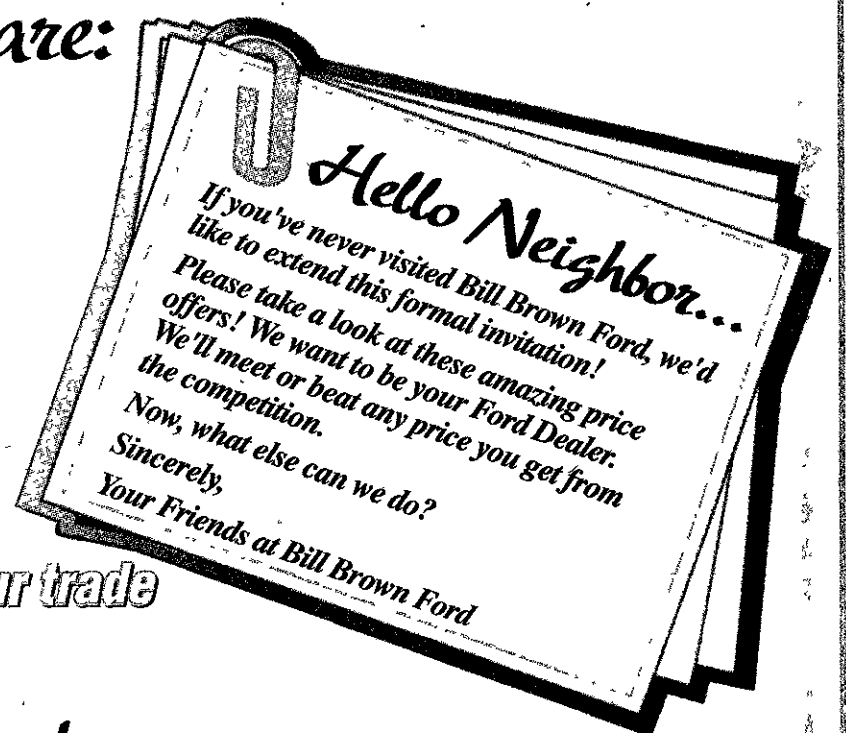
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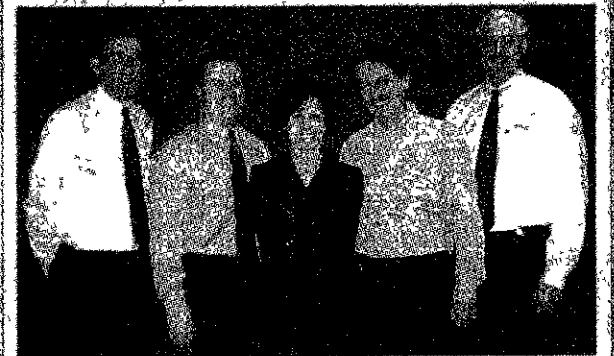
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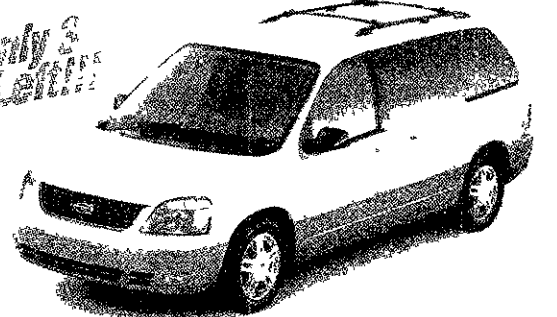
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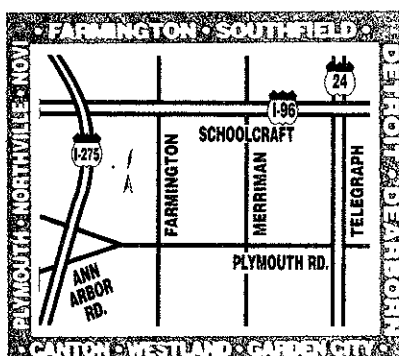
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