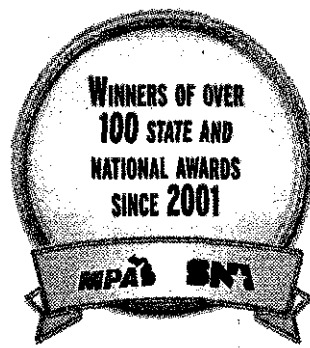


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## IKEA pulling out of deal

### Canton hopes for answer in dispute

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township officials were left stunned Thursday, after IKEA officials announced they were calling off plans to build a superstore on Ford Road at Haggerty.

The Swedish furniture giant backed

out of the deal to buy the old Super Kmart site because of a dispute about shared parking spaces with an adjacent property owner.

According to IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth, negotiators for LBS Partners LLC, which owns the ABC Warehouse property to the west, waited until the last minute to raise the amount they were asking for a shared easement. Without that agreement, Roth said it didn't make sense to close on the 19 acres it had agreed to purchase from another party.

"We are seriously disappointed. We would like to think we can still get something worked out, but at this point we have terminated the purchasing agreement," Roth said. "We need to have a certain amount of parking spaces for a store of this size. If we can't use that parking lot (in front of ABC Warehouse), we can't justify building at the site."

The original announcement from IKEA last fall said there would be



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Here's what Canton IKEA would have looked like.

## Hooah!

### Young Marine recruits learn importance of 'Corps' values

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

The very first graduation ceremony of the Canton Young Marines, which took place Monday at Summit on the Park, featured all the pageantry you might expect from a military event. There was a color guard, a bagpipe player, and plenty of reverence for the American flag.

None of that was lost on the 10 pint-sized graduating recruits that were being honored in front of a large group of family and friends. The event marked the culmination of 26 hours of drill instruction over the course of 13 weeks, in which they performed some physical training, but mostly learned about the history of the U.S. Marine Corps and the importance of inner values and respecting others.

The Young Marines is a national organization sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. It is open to children from age 8 to high school seniors. The only requirement is that the recruits be in good standing at school.

According to

Commander Charles Volker, a retired Marine who helped organize the unit. The Young Marines is not a recruiting tool for the Marine Corps. Rather, he said, it teaches kids to be respectful of others and to have confidence in themselves. It also teaches them to lead a drug-free lifestyle, he said.

This program gives the kids confidence. It builds up their morale," said Volker, one of five former Marines who acted as drill instructors for the group. "We make them go home and clean the dishes for their moms, and make sure they say 'sir' and 'ma'am' when talking to adults. It's a great program. We're really proud of this group."

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JOSEPH FARAONI

Jason Braun, 14, stands at attention during the National Anthem at the Young Marines graduation ceremony Monday at Summit on the Park. He received special recognition and graduated with the rank of private first class.

## Robotics team off to regionals

BY RUSS HAMMOND  
CORRESPONDENT

A big box of parts. No directions. Seventy kids who like to take things apart and put them back together. This is all part of being on the Plymouth-Canton Robotics team.

And right now, they're knee-deep in a major robot construction project. Soon their robot, Carlson X, will be ready for the First Robotics Great Lakes Regional competition at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, March 11-12. If they do well there, they'll be invited to go to the national competition in Atlanta April 14-16.

The team is completely run by the students and divided into four sections: electrical, mechanical, software and pneumatics.

"The kids work really well," said Jay Obsniuk, robotics instructor at Salem High School and the faculty advisor for the team. "The kids do all of the work, the adults just advise."

Obsniuk added that the robotics club has been "a great learning experience" for the team. Members get a first-hand look at what engineering is all about.

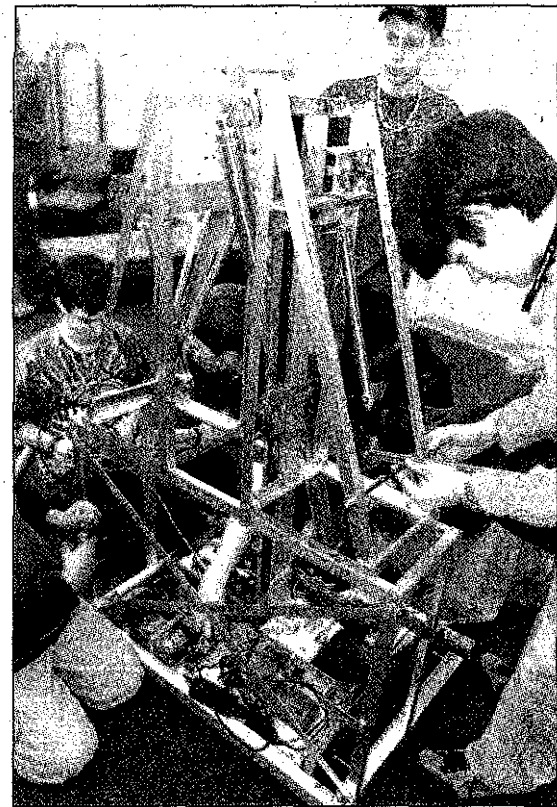
Past members have gone on to study engineering in college.

"A lot of kids went into engineering who probably wouldn't have," he said.

According to Obsniuk, the kids on the team put in nearly 40 hours a week working on the robot.

"They come in six, sometimes seven days a week," he said. "Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the

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Members of the Plymouth-Canton Robotics team tend to the robot they will be entering in an upcoming regional competition.

## Foundation hosts March fund-raiser for schools

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 200 Plymouth-Canton performing arts students will perform for An Evening of Excellence, a Plymouth-Canton Schools fund-raiser by the district's Educational Excellence Foundation.

The March 4 event at the Village at Cherry Hill in Canton Township will feature two middle school groups and eight others from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It's going to be a showcase of the excellence that's in our school dis-

trict," said Carole Kody, EEP executive director. "The EEF will be making a \$500 donation to each of the 10 performing groups."

"The entire event is the showcase the excellence in our schools, and our way of giving back to the performing arts in our district," added Kody. "It's a chance to get dressed up (cocktail attire) and show our support."

Kody said the sale of \$100 tickets will be limited to 250, and will include a strolling dinner performance by the ten groups and a champagne reception afterwards.

The EEF is also selling \$50 tickets for those who want to view the performances and attend the afterglow. Only 400 total tickets for the event will be sold.

"My initial goal is to make \$10,000," said Kody. "It's our first time, so we're hoping for a lot."

Superintendent Jim Ryan will be the master of ceremonies.

"People always say prove that you're doing good things in the schools," Ryan said. "I don't think, for us, that's hard. Many of these groups already compete on local, state and national levels."

"Many of our athletic teams do so well, and our students compete at the top levels academically," he said.

The EEF funded more than \$28,000 in grants to teachers during 2004, in addition to providing financial support to the Summer Elementary Academy and Middle School Academy.

Tickets for An Evening of Excellence can only be purchased in advance by calling the Board of Education office at (734) 416-3299, or going in person to 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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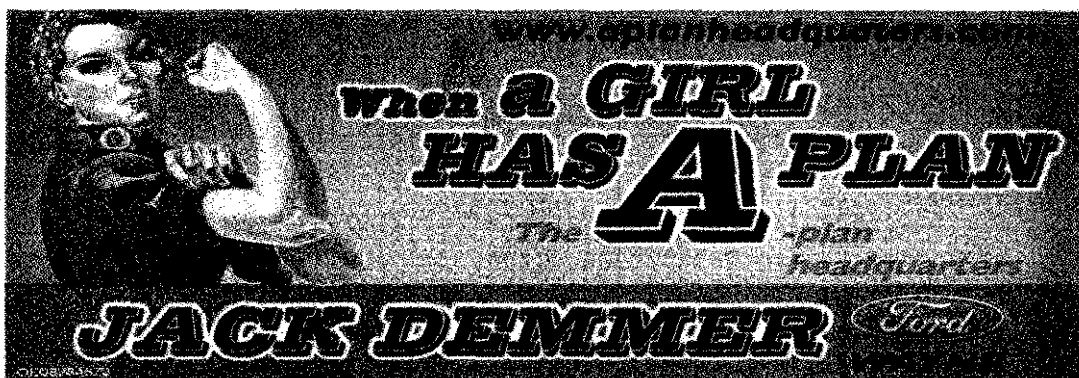
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# Smoothin' the rough spots

## Zamboni driver keeps skaters off thin ice

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Ron Baase has never laced up a pair of ice skates, but he calls the Plymouth Cultural Center ice rink his home.

For the past seven years, Baase has been a fixture driving the Zamboni around the Cultural Center rink for 10 minutes each hour, after skating practice, hockey games and open skates.

"I don't skate, and never had before in my life," said Baase, recognizing the irony. "I still don't skate, and don't get out and try."

However, Baase said he does enjoy getting out on the Zamboni, cleaning and resurfacing the ice at the Cultural Center. It started as a part-time second job to earn extra money. But, several years later Baase gave up his trade as an autom-



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Ron Baase, rink manager at the Plymouth Cultural Center, watches carefully as he resurfaces the ice using the center's Zamboni.

can be very difficult. "When I first got on I was scared to death," remembered Baase. "If you take your foot off the gas (propane), it just stops. When you're out driving and shaving the ice, it slides. If you're turning and hit the gas, you start swerving and lose control."

"When they told me it was a \$60,000 machine, I thought it was a Cadillac and was worried about wrecking it," he said. "Now, I don't think twice about it."

On Wednesday, Baase and the Plymouth Cultural Center were hosts to the STAR (Serving the American Rinks) regional program for Zamboni drivers and rink operators. It's a non-profit organization started by USA Hockey and the U.S. Figure Skating Federation to bring more uniformity in training Zamboni drivers.

Director Dave Wescott said there's a lot more to know than just stepping on the pedal and taking off down the ice.

"It's hard to see over the front of the machine, especially when you're close to the boards on the first lap," said Wescott. "The driver is looking down, and that's why it's important that no one else be on the ice."

"And, there are a lot of levers to be aware of in controlling and clearing the ice," he said. "While it's fun to be out there driving around, keep in mind it's a dangerous piece of equipment."

Baase, who was in charge of the ice at the Palace of Auburn Hills when the Detroit Vipers played there, said he'd love to have a chance at riding on the surface at Joe Louis Arena, where Stanley Cups have been won.

"They say we have one of the best sheets of ice in Wayne County, except for the Joe, which is like God compared to us," Baase said.

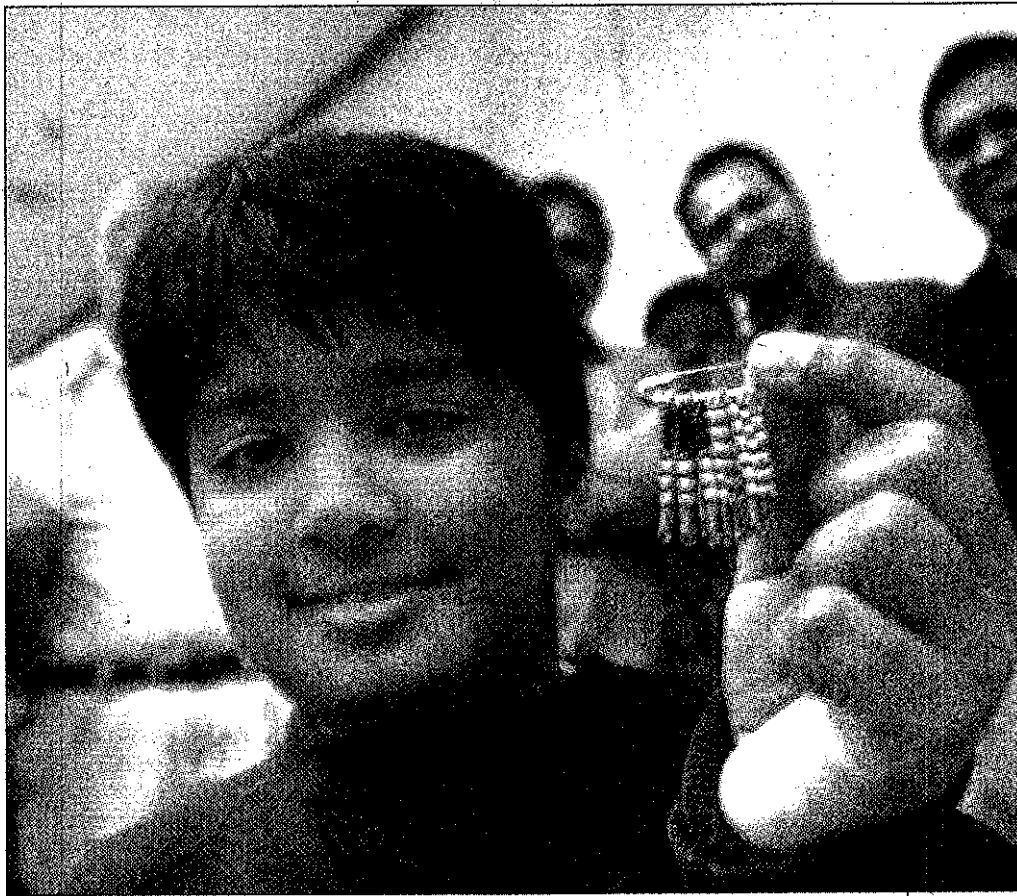
But, from experience, Baase knows working the larger venues are more like grunt work, as he calls it. And, when all is said and done, Baase admits his heart remains at the Plymouth Cultural Center. And, it has

nothing to do with the fact he soon will have a brand new Zamboni to drive.

"Even when I was in charge of the ice at the Palace, I always loved to come back here," said Baase. "I get to know our customers by name. It's like family."

"I got into this profession because it's fun, and that's the way I like it," he said.

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## Gift from America

Bruce Patel, 11, plays an American flag pin offered for donations at a fund-raiser held by the Canton's Hindu Temple at Summit on the Park Tuesday to aid victims of the Dec. 26 1 r mi According to Mina Jaura, one of the event's organizers, the group raised "a couple hundred dollars" at the fund-raiser, which was attended by Canton Township trustees Todd LaJoy and Melissa McLaughlin. "This wasn't so much as fund-raiser as much as an event to connect the community," said Jaura, who noted the temple has raised about \$11,000 to date, and is continuing the effort into the future. She said most of the money will go directly to India to help the victims rebuild their lives. Some of the money will also be donated to the Red Cross and United Way to help in other countries affected by the tragic tsunami.



Ron Baase talks about his time maintaining the ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center and how after all the years, he still doesn't skate.

tive technician to become a full-time rink manager.

"It's a blast, I love it," said Baase, who resides in Garden City. "After the first few months it got tiring. But, when we started giving the Zamboni rides to kids, it got me excited again. Putting the little kids on your lap and letting them steer. That put the fun back in it."

While it looks quite easy, Baase said driving the Zamboni is a tough job.

"It's got studded tires, but it still slides," said Baase. "And, while you're driving you have to turn on the water that cleans the ice, and making sure you're laying the right amount of ice-making water so it doesn't puddle."

"You need to make sure it's smooth so the puck doesn't go flying or a figure skater doesn't trip in the ruts," he added.

The Zamboni carries up to 250 gallons of water, and Baase has to determine how much to lay on the ice, depending on the temperature and condition of the ice. At most times, Baase is shaving off an eighth of an inch of ice surface and replacing it with fresh water that will freeze as a new top layer.

You get 10 minutes, and they expect the ice to be instant," said Baase.

Compared to a car, looking over the front of the Zamboni

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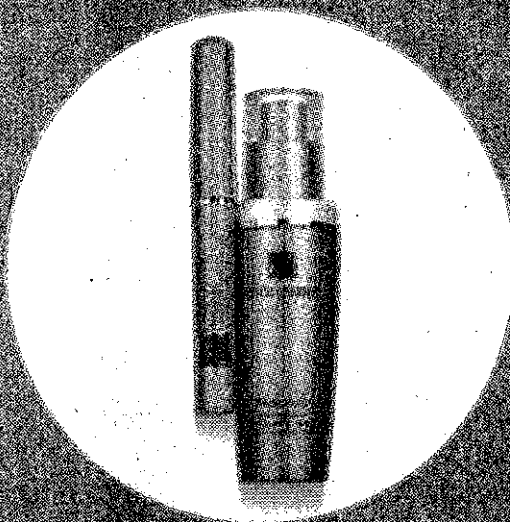


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same on Sundays."

The only other adults involved with the project besides Obsniuk are several engineers from Visteon. They give suggestions and crash courses in many aspects of engineering and fabricating.

Visteon is also the team sponsor. They paid the \$5,000 entry fee for the robotics competition and also provide space at their Helm Street facility in Plymouth so the kids have somewhere to work on Carlson X.

"Hacksaw and drill everything," said Brian Graham, a mechanical engineer at Visteon. "We keep things moving forward and organized."

Keeping things moving is also the job of Joe Jagadics, 17, president of the Robotics Club. He goes to middle schools in Canton and uses Legos to get the kids



Salem freshman Sean Delaney (left) and Salem sophomore Matt Korzeniowski discuss how to fine-tune the team's robot.

interested in engineering. Jagadics is planning to become an engineer.

"I'm interested in engineering, in general, but I also like robotics," he said.

Most of his team leaders are also interested in an engineering or technical career. Salem senior

Walter Graf will be attending the University of Michigan this fall to major in engineering. He's also the vice-president of the robotics club.

John Palgut, a junior, is the software team leader. He's a serious computer guy.

"I like computers. I want to be

involved with them for a living," he said.

Working on Carlson X, Palgut is getting a taste of the real world of computers.

"It's fun," he said. "But it can also be annoying at times."

Besides the team leaders, there were also nearly a dozen team members present.

Mayur Patel, a freshman and member of the mechanical team, worked on assembling the frame on the 120 pound robot.

"I heard about the robotics club through a friend and thought it sounded pretty cool," Patel said.

According to Jagadics, once the robot is finished, it will be packed into a hand-built crate and shipped to New Jersey to make sure it meets all of the proper specifications set up by First Computer. Then it will be shipped to Ypsilanti for the Great Lakes Regional Competition.

The competition in Ypsilanti will test the robot's abilities. A short segment of the competition will have the robot run on its own without human control.

DEATHS

Mildred "Millie" Adams, of Farmington, died Feb. 13. John A. Augspurger, 39, of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., died Feb. 11.

Mary Elizabeth Baldie (nee Roshirt), of Livonia, died Feb. 6. Arlene J. Balog-Gould-Tylutki, 54, of Monroe, died Feb. 17. Martha Louise Berels, 48, of Bloomfield Township, died Feb. 13.

Robert L. Coffey, 85, of Southfield, died Feb. 15. Nathan Stephen Cooper, 57, of Redford, died Feb. 3.

Luciana nettling, 77, of Canton, died Feb. 15.

Mike Grabis, 89, died Feb. 5.

Daniel Lee Johnson, 82, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 12.

Nelson Karney, 79, died Feb. 13.

Marion T. Lamb, 85, of Plymouth Township, died Feb. 15. Robert E. Lindsay, 90, died Feb. 9. Amy L. Lyzenga (Nichols), 39, died Feb. 13.

Sister Mary Jarlath Madigan, 88, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 16. Thomas L. Matheson, 52, of Redford, died Feb. 11.

Marie Nichols, 86, of Mancelona, died Feb. 11.

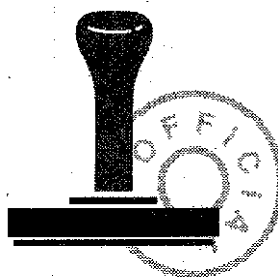
Donald N. Paddon, 83, died Feb. 17.

Robert V. Radway, 77, died Feb. 11. Marion Reimann, 88, died Feb. 15.

Betty J. Stanford, 78, of Northville, died Feb. 18.

Archie M. Sturdy, 79, died Feb. 6. Ann M. Svalva, of Lockeford, Calif., died Feb. 11.

Arbie Otto Thalacker, 98, of Birmingham/Bloomfield, died Feb. 14.



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Gary Edward Vignary, 56, of Livonia, died Feb. 16.

CANTON COP CALLS

Vandals

Thousands of dollars in lumber was reported stolen from two township construction sites Feb. 10-11.

In the first incident, 882 2-by-4-inch boards and 90 plywood sheets, all valued at nearly \$4,000, were reported stolen from a construction site at Woodlands of Chatterton Village at Ormskirk Street south of Chatterton.

The victims told police that the thieves must have used a large truck to haul away the heavy lumber load. The theft was reported at 10:40 a.m. on Feb. 10. In the second incident, 130 plywood sheets valued at \$1,850 turned up missing Feb. 11 from a construction site on Dunhill Way.

Home invasion

Two money orders totaling \$175 were discovered stolen Feb. 9 from a trailer home on Annapolis.

The homeowner, 26, told police he left two days earlier and returned at 9:30 a.m. to find that money orders earlier placed on an entertainment center in the living room were gone. A small glass window in the front door was broken out, which allowed a thief to reach in and unlock the door, the police report stated. Police have no witnesses.

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JOE PRYON

From right, Austin Mach, 12, Jason Braun, 14 and Daniel Wetter, 14, recite the Young Marine creed along with fellow recruits during the graduation ceremony.

## MARINES

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John Santomauro, Canton Township's director of public safety, said he was honored to be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. He served as a platoon sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He said the Young Marines is a great organization, because the graduates learn the same kind of values taught in the real Marines.

"The defining moment of my life was my time in the Marine Corps. Maybe all these kids won't go on to become Marines, but they have developed core values, which carry with you all your life," he said.

Canton resident Michael Murray, a Marine, who is currently on active duty, also attended the ceremony and was impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by kids who graduated.

"They have learned the importance of courage, honor, and commitment. The important step is for them to take it out of this arena and practice it in the schools and at home," he said.

That is already happening with at least one of the Young Marines - Daniel Wetter - according to his mother, Carolyn Wetter. She said she has seen a big difference in her 14-year-old son, who is an eighth-grader at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, since he began the program.

"He has been more confident in himself, and more respectful to us. And his teachers have even noticed it," she said.

The program was a great

learning experience, according to Amanda Tripp, a 10-year-old Livonia resident, who joined with her brother Matthew, because she likes military history.

"I think the most important thing we learned was self-encouragement, and not to give up," she said.

Volker, a Canton resident, said the next Young Marines class will probably begin in March. He said this is the only chapter in Southeast Michigan, so he is trying to draw recruits from the entire area.

"I'm hoping to build this big enough to have, 40 to 50 graduates during a session," he said.

For more information about the Young Marines, contact Volker at (734) 981-5059.

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# Approaching tax deadline keeps business thriving

## Tax time

Liberty Tax Service recently opened in Livonia, just in time to provide help in tax preparation services. Owner Donald Luschas said tax services are the primary focus now through that ever-present deadline, April 15.

Typically, services are charged per tax form. But Luschas, of Novi, hopes to attract new customers to his business with a special offer. Senior citizens may come in and have their taxes done for free, and other customers will be charged a flat rate of \$50. The offer is available through March 20.

"We offer the best services around, and we're very friendly," said Luschas.

In addition, the business is licensed to handle first and second mortgages, long-term investments, life insurance and annuities. Liberty also participates in Toys 4 Tots and a cell phone donation program supporting soldiers.

It is located at 31098 Five Mile, on the northeast corner at Merriman. The number is (734) 427-1099.

## High fashion, low prices

Attention shoppers: Loehmann's Inc. will celebrate the opening of its newest Michigan location - in Northville - at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16.

Area shoppers can expect to find designer names including Donna Karan, Max Studio,

Anne Klein, Nicole Miller, Ralph Lauren, Kenneth Cole and more, at a savings of up to 65 percent, when compared to department stores. And the Northville location will offer a large selection of designer shoes at discounted prices.

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Loehmann's Back Room features deep discounts on American and European designs.

The off-price, designer fashion retailer operates two other stores in the state - in West Bloomfield and Troy. This new location boasts 20,000 square feet of space in Village Square of Northville.

Loehmann's new location is 17615 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Northville.

## Accent on community

Redford-based Advertising Accents will celebrate 20 years in business on March 17.

Owners Tom and Sandy Krause started out in the advertising specialty business with what they refer to as "hard good giveaways." Think logo coffeemugs and logo merchandise. Since then, the business has expanded to include silk screen services and embroidery. They create logos and all sorts of signage.

## Tony Roma's closes at Laurel Park

A revolving door of restaurants at a spot in Laurel Park Place Mall continued when Tony Roma's shut its doors suddenly Monday.

The 33-year-old restaurant chain lists 280 locations in 27 countries and specializes in baby back ribs. According to its Web site, the Livonia location facing Six Mile was the only Tony Roma's in Michigan.

"We are trying to learn if it's a chainwide failure or a local store problem," said Livonia

Mayor Jack Engbretonson.

"There's been a lot of turnover at that site with all kinds of different restaurants through the years, which is amazing because Max & Erma's is right across the hallway and they are thriving."

The closing caught some employees by surprise when some of them reported for work last week and noticed the doors were shut. A number of them called Livonia City Hall looking for an explanation.

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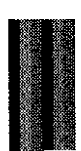
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"We're a one-stop shop," said Tom Krause.

Longtime Redford residents, the Krauses have wmppletely remodeled their 4,000-square-foot space, which is situated on five lots along Plymouth Road. Advertising Accents employs 18 people, and about to enter its second generation of ownership, under Matthew Krause,

son of Tom and Sandy Krause. Tom Krause said he believes the secret to a good business lies in giving back to the community.

"Nice things happen to nice people," he added. "We try to treat everyone fair and square."

ADVERTISING ACCENTS IS LOCATED AT 2817 PLYMOUTH ROAD IN REDFORD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, DIAL (313) 937-3890.

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@oehomecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054.

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**State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth**, represents a district that includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and the east part of Canton. On Thursday, the state Senate rejected Gov. Granholm's executive order to reduce state spending by \$227.1 million, including cuts to higher education.

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IKEA

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about 1,100 parking spaces. Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said IKEA's announcement was shocking and "right out of the blue." He spent Thursday afternoon and evening acting as a facilitator, trying to repair the relations between IKEA officials and LBS principal partner Daniel Stem. IKEA attorney Bryan Amann, who is vacationing in Aruba, also made many calls trying to save the deal. Yack said even Wayne County officials called his office to offer help.

"I've been going back and forth, trying to defuse the situation and get both sides talking again," Yack said. "The problem is we're on the sidelines, because this is a dispute between two private parties." But certainly we'll use our office to try bring the parties together. Yack said his office was flooded with calls from residents who were upset about the news, some of whom expressed anger at ABC Warehouse. However, Yack stressed that ABC Warehouse is only a tenant of the property and has nothing to do with negotiations between Stern and IKEA. Yack also fended Stem.

"The township has dealt with Mr. Stern on other projects and we have found him to be a tough businessman. He's got to protect his interests, just like IKEA has to protect its interests," Yack said.

Stern did not return calls for this story, but was quoted in other media reports as saying he did not raise his asking price with IKEA, something Roth denied.

"Obviously there is a difference of opinion," Roth said. In January, IKEA and the township agreed to create a planned development district for the former Super Kmart site. IKEA had agreed to build a two-story 306,000-square-foot store. IKEA was hoping to open the store sometime in early 2006.

Canton officials said the store would've been a destination location, attracting customers from not only metro Detroit, but also from other areas of Michigan, northern Ohio and even Ontario. Currently, the closest IKEA store is in Illinois. The retailer has a total of 22 stores in the United States, and did \$1.7 billion in sales from those locations last year.

The Canton store was expected to employ 300 workers, and 500 union construction workers to build the massive store, which was supposed to generate about \$1 million in annual property taxes and about \$5 million in state sales taxes. It was also expected to pump up the local economy, bringing in about \$13 million for local stores, gas stations and hotels.

Roth said IKEA is still trying to find a location in the metro Detroit market.

Melissa McLaughlin, a township trustee and member of the planning commission, said she was also shocked by the news, but wasn't giving up hope something could be worked out. She said the IKEA store would've meant so much for the community.

"This would have been a huge regional attraction, and would have meant a great deal to our community. It would've spawned development, provided jobs and tax dollars. Just the

"We would like to think we can still get something worked out, but at this point we have terminated the purchasing agreement."

Joseph Roth  
IKEA spokesman

flush of new economic activity it would have brought in would've meant so much," she said.

"I'm not giving up on this."

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Patterson: Trips 'did not' influence state House votes

BY DAVID AGUILAR  
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, said a March 2001 trip to Palm Beach, Fla., sponsored by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, was above-board and did not in any way influence the way he voted as former House majority floor leader.

"I did go on the trip," Patterson said. We talked, about legislation... the (published) implication that it was anything more than that is

highly offensive."

Patterson was responding to a series of articles detailing such trips recently printed by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Patterson said he joined fellow state legislators John Cherry and Kwame Kilpatrick as guests of the association regarded by some as one of Lansing's more influential lobbying groups.

The trio stayed at the Ritz-Carlton. All expenses were paid for by the association, Patterson said, adding he also accepts campaign contribu-

tions from the group.

But, he said, the trip did not influence his legislative voting, citing a 99 percent voting record.

He said associations often invite legislators to lunches and banquets as guests, with no expectation their attendance will be parlayed into access or preferential treatment.

"The question of access is an important one," Patterson said. "I feel my oath is the thing that controls me... If someone tries to tell me how to vote I'll say,

"get out of my face; don't ever tell me how to vote."

Patterson said he's also bound by a personal code of conduct. "I only have an obligation to conduct myself legally and ethically," he said.

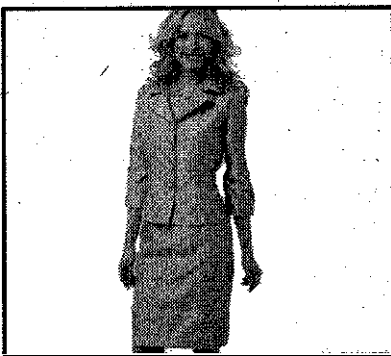
He said implying legislators can be so easily influenced further tarnishes an already scrutinized profession and makes more difficult the task of attracting quality legislators.

Patterson said he likely won't attend similar trips in the future; daguilar@ht.homecomm.net | (248) 349-1700

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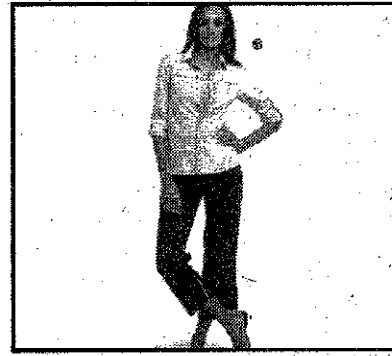
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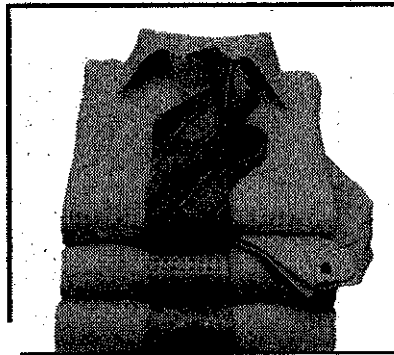
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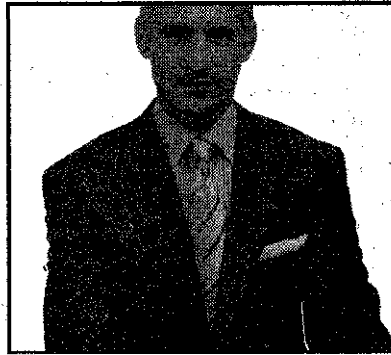
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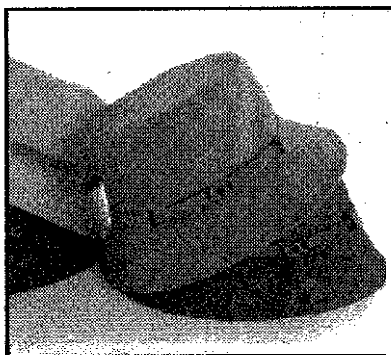
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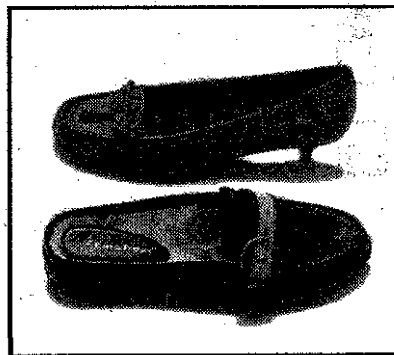
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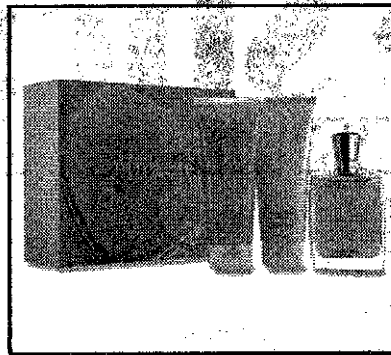
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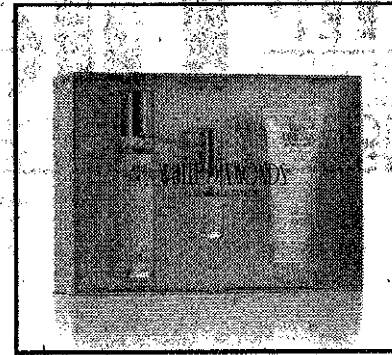
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## Chiefs earn first district mat title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team executed hundreds of successful moves during Wednesday night's Division 1, District 122 team tournament in the Phase III gymnasium.

But the Chiefs' most memorable hold may have been the one they collectively applied to the championship trophy minutes after their 41-22 victory over Salem in the final match.

Canton (23-9) earned the school's first-ever district team wrestling title in impressive fashion: by upending Livonia Churchill, the sixth-ranked team in the state, and the Rocks, who had defeated the Chiefs handily earlier in the season. "I'm excited for the kids," said Canton

coach Casey Randolph, gesturing toward his team as it posed for a photo with the popular trophy. "Winning this is the result of a lot of hard work and believing in each other."

"When I took over as coach three years ago, I recruited a lot of kids, including football players who had never wrestled before, and I told them how wrestling would help them for football. Well, they fell in love with wrestling and discovered what a great sport it is. This is a super group of kids. They decided before the season started that they were going to leave their own legacy at Canton. First, they set the school record for wins, and now this."

Salem's Greg Vercelotti said Canton deserved the trophy more than his team.

"They work harder than us," emphasized Wochuk. "They wanted it more."

Canton moves on to Wednesday's Regional event at Temperance-Bedford High School, where it will take on the host Mules (30-3) in the semis. If the Chiefs win, they will face either Belleville or Saline in the finals. The semi-final match is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with the finals slated for 7 p.m.

If an intensity-o-meter had been available for the Canton-Churchill match, it likely would have malfunctioned due to overwork. While both teams were pumped, it was the Chargers who jumped out to a 19-3 lead behind their talented line-up of upper-weight performers. After Canton's Alex Amberg gave his team a 3-0 lead with a 4-1 victory at 160 pounds, Churchill reeled off

four straight victories from defending state champion Manuel Schubert (171), Joe Bargerstock (189), Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275).

Canton's R. Schnettler and Churchill's run helped the Chiefs regain the momentum with a dominating 17-1 victory at 103. Alex Fowler won at 112 for the Chargers, but Canton put a chokehold on the victory by taking the next six matches to grab a 34-22 lead. Jay Fleischmann (119), Pete Bonneau (125), Corey Phillips (130), Ryan Webb (135), Alex Freitag (140) and Konrad Konsitzke (145) all won during the streak.

"I thought Corey Phillips' win at 130 was the pivotal match for us," Randolph

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### All tied up

Nem's Nath Werc battles Northville's Ken Papich for a loose puck during Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The Rocks scored with 1.9 seconds left to forge a 3-3 tie on Senior Night. Please see page B5 for the game story.

## Giant-beaters

### Canton cagers knock off No. 1-seeded Wayne, 65-49

Plymouth rally falls short. Page B2.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
CORRESPONDENT

Somebody, it might have been Yogi Berra, once said, "A little adversity isn't always a bad thing."

That seems to be what's happening at Canton these days as the Chiefs recorded their seventh straight victory, reaching the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball finals Friday night with a 65-49

thrashing of regular season champion Wayne.

Canton is scheduled to play for the WLAA tourney championship Wednesday night at Walled Lake Central.

The Chiefs are on the verge of reaching the pinnacle of their season about a month after things looked the bleakest.

That was when starting forward Julian Smith dropped the bomb that he was leaving Canton to go to a New York prep school so he could enter Iowa on a football scholarship in the fall.

The Chiefs, 6-5 at the time, lost their next game to drop to

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B2

## Whalers calm the Storm, 3-1

Ryan Nie turned away 17 shots to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 3-1 victory over the Guelph Storm Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

The victory improved the Whalers record to 24-23-5-3. The Storm, which has now lost four consecutive games this season to Plymouth, slipped to 17-27-9-1. Entering the night, the Whalers were tied with Sault Ste. Marie for first place in the OHL's West Division with Windsor just two points back.

Guelph grabbed a 1-0 lead at

the 4:48 mark of the first period when Matt D'Agostini scored off assists from Ryan Kitchen and Andy Hyvarinen.

Plymouth found the net twice in the second period when Cory Tanaka and John Vigilante both tallied short-handed goals. Tim Sestito and Mike Knight assisted on Tanaka's goal while John Mitchell picked up a helper on Vigilante's lamp-lighter.

Plymouth received an insurance goal at 5:46 of the third period when Sestito beat Storm goalie Danny Taylor. Jonas Fiedler and Tanaka assisted.

Taylor stopped 26 Plymouth shots.

## Stitchlines

### Fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton Salem Penguins, the girls hockey team that consists of players from all three P-CEP high schools, will be holding a fund-raiser at Cold Stone Creamery in Canton from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. A percentage of the sales will go directly to the team. Cold Stone Creamery is located at Cherry Hill and is in Cherry Hill Village in Canton. A coupon can be picked up from any player; by e-mailing jcallahan@comcast.net; and they will be available at Cold Stone Creamery on Feb. 24, when the team's players and coaches will be serving ice cream.

### Pollack excels

Brittin Pollack, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and a current Michigan State University cheerleader, teamed up with fellow MSU cheerleader Christopher Stearns to place seventh in the Partner Stunt College Division at the USA Collegiate Nationals held Feb. 7 in Las Vegas, Nev. Pollack, who is from Canton, is a sophomore majoring in hospitality business. Stearns, from Redford, is a senior majoring in finance.

### Junior golf

The Top 50 Jr. Tour presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section has opened registration for boy and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 for play during its upcoming 2005 season. The Top 50 Jr. Tour offers players tournament experiences plus the opportunity to earn funds for college.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. Ten qualifiers and 10 tournaments comprise the 2005 schedule. The top 40 players at each qualifier will play in that qualifier's tournament for free. In addition, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament will be exempt from qualifying in the following week's tournament and play for free.

Among the tournament sites for the upcoming season are: Oakland University Golf Club, Ann Arbor Country Club, Tam O'Shanter Country Club and many other prestigious courses throughout Michigan. Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-9900 or visit: www.Top50JrTour.com.

### Salem clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 16, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches, a T-shirt, snack and drink.

The fee for the clinic, which is for players between the ages of 10 and 15, is \$25. Contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

## Move to Michigan works out well for athletic Fox

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

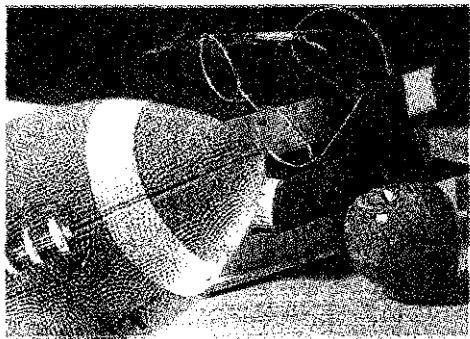
When Taylor Fox's family moved to Canton from the farming community of Batavia, Ill. four years ago, the seventh-grader was not a happy camper.

"It was tough leaving all my good friends," said Fox, currently a junior at Plymouth High School.

But Fox dealt with the life-altering transition like he handles even the slightest adversities on the football field and wrestling mat — he worked hard to turn the situation into positive.

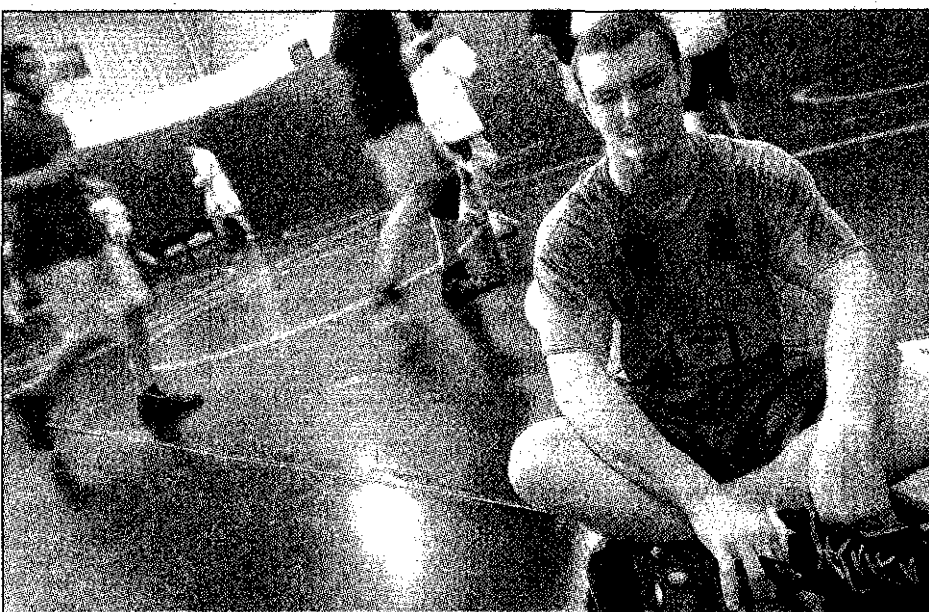
"It was hard at first, but I learned to adjust and meet new friends," he said. "Now I love it here. I have met a lot of new friends, I love the school, and I still see my old friends at least every other month or so. Things have worked out great for me."

Batavia High School's loss has turned out to be a huge gain for Plymouth, which inherited a talented two-sport performer and stellar student when Fox's



### Prep Profile

dad received a job transfer back in 2001. Fox was a two-way starter at offensive tackle and defensive end for the Wildcats' football team last fall and he currently owns a stellar 35-8 record for the school's wrestling team, which won its second consecutive district title Wednesday night.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth High School student-athlete Taylor Fox has made a mark on the football field, on the wrestling mat and in the classroom for the Wildcats. The junior has built a lofty 35-9 record so far this season for the Plymouth wrestling team and has compiled a 36 grade-point average.

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500 before embarking on their current winning streak.

"It was a surprise," Canton coach Charlie Paye said of Smith's decision. "He told us the last time we played Wayne (a 42-39 Zebras' victory on Jan. 21). We really didn't expect it. Nobody on the team expected it."

But Paye told his team state officials were not going to stop the season so Canton could cope.

"The kids really didn't have time to think about it," he said. "We had to play."

And play the Chiefs did. Their sharpest, most crisp basketball of the season.

Canton missed its first shot of Friday night's game — then dropped in its next five en route to a 17-15 first quarter lead. The Chiefs made four three-point shots in a row in the opening period, one more in the second and three more in the second half.

Canton (13-6) held a 26-17 lead until Wayne rallied in the final three minutes of the first half, making four consecutive shots to trim the Chiefs' lead to 28-25 entering the second half. Guard J. Houdek opened the second half by nailing a three from the left wing and David Calille made the first of four fast-break layups to expand Canton's lead to 33-25 — then got ready for Wayne's inevitable run.

The Zebras (12-7) got consecutive hits from Jay Williams and Danny Walsh (a three) to pulled up to 33-30 with 4:15 left in the third quarter.

Canton closed the quarter 12-5 and Wayne never got closer



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kevin Thornton rejects a shot attempt by Wayne Memorial's Jay Butler during the second quarter of Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament semifinal game in the Zebras' gym.

than six points again.

"That's two years in a row they've led it to us — 16 points," coach Wayne Woodard of host Wayne said. "They played a pretty good game."

"They deserved to win. They came in here and took it to us. We're no longer king of the hill."

The Chiefs have a lot going for them right now.

"Our goals were to win our division and win the conference," Paye said, "and we didn't get either of those two. Now we've got a chance to win the tournament."

"And if we play like this the rest of the year, we're going to be tough to beat. A team is going to have to play really good to beat us."

Their ball movement against the Zebras was beyond excellent. They played both zone and man-to-man against Wayne and did a good job either way.

"Maybe we depended on

Julian too much," Paye said. "He was good down low and maybe our kids just stood around and watched him too much. Like sometimes we stand around and watch Andy (Cortellini) with the ball. But we're sharing the ball more now."

Paye starts two players with size — 6-foot-8 Kevin Thornton and 6-3 Andre Bridges. He rotates suable sophomores Ryan Waidman and Steve Paye with very little noticeable difference in efficiency.

"We've had other kids step up since Julian left," Paye said, "especially our three guards (Calille, Houdek and Andy Cortellini)."

"We've moved Jason to the point on occasion to take some of the pressure off Andy and he's hit seven threes in the last two games. Calille has taken over and played really excellent basketball."

"We told Kevin he had to neutralize Gene Nix (on Friday night) and Kevin did a great job there."

The 6-7 Nix had 10 points — eight in the first quarter and two in the second — while Thornton was scoring nine, including four when he rebounded and laid in two missed free throws.

Calille led the Chiefs with 19 points. Cortellini had 17 and Houdek scored 10.

Walsh scored 18 for Wayne, while DeVaughn Hill also had 10 for the Zebras.

"This was the first game this year Rodrick Walker didn't score a point," Woodard said. "And Nix outscored Thornton, 23-8, the last time we played."

"Their guards played better than our guards. Cortellini really makes them go. He's hard to pin down."

'Cats comeback bid falls short

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAR WRITER

With just under three minutes remaining in Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament semifinal basketball game between Plymouth and Walled Lake Central, a few fans on both sides of the court put on their coats and filed out of the Central gym with the Vikings leading by 13.

Bad decision. What they missed were over two minutes of the wildest, most-intense basketball action to unfold in the WLAA this season.

Central survived, 48-46, but not before withstanding a frantic, last-ditch comeback effort by the Wildcats, who frustrated their hosts with an in-your-face full-court press.

The victory propelled the Vikings into Wednesday night's WLAA championship showdown against Canton, which advanced by heating Wayne Memorial, 65-49 (see related story). Plymouth will take on the Zebras in the consolation game at 5:30 p.m. Both games will be played at Central.

"The first three quarters went exactly the way we wanted them to go," said Central coach Denny Butcher, whose team clamped down on defense and led 27-17 through three. "But Plymouth really came after us in the fourth quarter and they beat us a lot with dribble penetration. They were very aggressive and they took it to us."

We knew coming in this was going to be a very difficult game. They beat us last week (48-47 at Plymouth) and they beat the number-two seed (Westland John Glenn) to get this far, so they're a very good team. They don't do anything tricky, but they come at you."

PREP BASKETBALL

Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said he wouldn't have been more proud of his players — even if they had pulled out a dramatic win.

"The kids showed a lot of character like they have all year," he said. "This team never quits. I'm happy with the way we came back, but at the same time I'm disappointed we're not playing in the championship game Wednesday night. I think we're good enough to be there."

Van Wagoner said he thought the Vikings played with more purpose Friday night than they did during the Wildcats' one-point win on Feb. 11.

"It looked like they played with a lot more intensity," he said. "They blocked a ton of shots tonight. The first time we played them, we were able to get to the basket a lot easier."

The Vikings led 42-29 when Brad Guldman completed a three-point play with 2:51 remaining. From then on it was pretty much all Plymouth, which reeled off a 10-1 run to trim its deficit to 43-39 with 1:39 to play. Junior forward Jim Wilbur instigated the rally when he drained two three-point shots eight seconds apart.

Central built a 48-43 lead with 30 seconds left on a pair of Aaron Hakula free throws. However, Wilbur hit 1-of-2 free throws with 21 seconds left to cut the gap to four. A few seconds later, the Wildcats' vice-like, full-court press forced a turnover, which resulted in a pair of Josh Le Duc free throws to make it 48-46 with 15.4 seconds left.

On the ensuing in-bounds play, the ball bounced off the foot of a Viking player and out

of bounds, giving Plymouth one more chance with 13.3 ticks left. The Wildcats got a good look with four seconds to play, but a potential game-tying shot from three feet out bounced off the rim and into the hands of Central's Brad Berkhardt.

Central's David Jackson paced the winners with 14 points. Guldman finished with 11 and Berkhardt netted 10.

Wilbur (14), Le Duc (13) and DJ. Coleman (10) all hit double-figures scoring for Plymouth, which connected on just five of its first 37 shots in the contest.

"Coleman hurt us the first time we played them, so, defensively, we wanted to give him extra attention," Butcher said. "Our goal was to hold him under 12 points, which we accomplished."

Central led 8-6 after one quarter and 16-13 at the intermission. After scoring just 17 points the first three quarters combined, the Wildcats put 29 on the board in the final eight minutes.

Plymouth was hampered by foul trouble all night. Le Duc sat out the final 5:34 of the third quarter after getting whistled for his fourth foul, and starting forward A.J. Davey missed a large chunk of the final quarter after fouling out with just over five minutes to play.

The Vikings hit 19-of-58 field goals (32 percent) and half of their free throws (9-of-18). Plymouth connected on just 22 percent of its field goals (13-of-58), but was solid from the line (17-of-26).

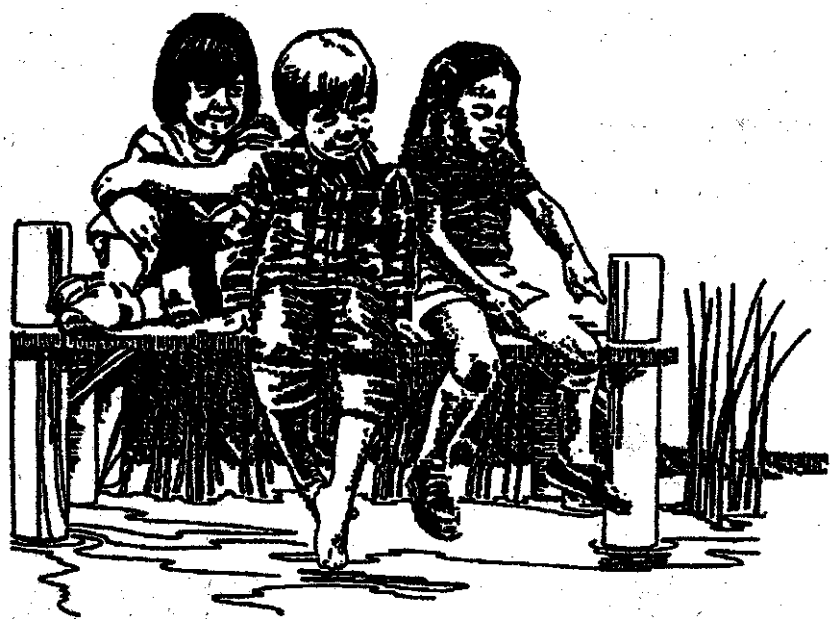
Both teams yanked down 39 rebounds. Davey led the Wildcats with nine while Justin Goltz and Andrew Ueck grabbed eight boards a piece for the winners.

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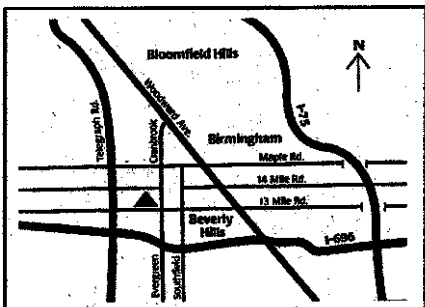
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the Tigers were Josh Samarco (20), Anne Partee (12), Tommie Clark (12) and Carlos Clark (10).

Partee also did a nice job of distributing the ball as he finished with eight assists.

T.J. Thompson led the Flyers with 17 points. Juwuan Hearn and Nate Brown both netted 13.

The Tigers surged to a 21-13 lead after one quarter and 44-23 halftime advantage. Belleville owned a 68-47 lead with eight minutes left.

Belleville has a big week coming up with a home game

against Detroit by Friday's much-anticipated rematch at Romulus. The Eagles handed the Tigers their lone setback this season in January.

Canton Agape 43, Ypsi Calvary Christian 32. The Wolves improved to 13-5 with a comfortable win over Calvary. Bryan Horning led the winners with 13 points, eight rebounds and five steals. Gabe Moinar chipped in with 10 points and Derek Leathers contributed nine points and 13 rebounds.

Harold Engle led Calvary with 16 points. "They packed their defense in on us and we didn't shoot well tonight," said Agape forward Kevin Anleitner. "We played good

Agape led 11-10 after one quarter. 19-18 at the half and 30-25 with eight minutes remaining.

WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL  
Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Detroit Northwestern at Belleville, 7 p.m.  
Franklin Road at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m.  
Zoe Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 23  
WLAA Tournament at W.L. Central  
Plymouth vs. Wayne Memorial (consolation game), 5:30 p.m.  
Canton vs. W.L. Central (championship game), 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 25  
Belleville at Romulus, 7 p.m.  
Taylor Baptist Park at PCA, 7 p.m.  
Taylor Light & Life at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.  
BOYSSWIMMING  
Thursday, Feb. 24  
WLAA prelims at Salem, 2:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 25  
WLAA diving at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 26  
WCA finals at Salem, noon  
PREP HOCKEY  
Tuesday, Feb. 22

Dakota at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 25  
WLAA Cross-over games, TBA  
WRESTLING  
Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Canton at Division 1 Team Regional at Temperance-Bedford, 5:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Division 2 Team Regional at Plymouth High School, 5:30 p.m.  
GYMNASTICS  
Mix, Feb. 21  
Westland John Glenn vs. Canton at Plymouth HS, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 24  
WLAA Mat at Plymouth H.S., TBA  
VOLLEYBALL  
CLASS A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT at NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
First round: (A) Northville vs. (B) Salem, 4 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill vs. (E) Canton, 4 p.m.  
Semifinals: Plymouth vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; South Lyon vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.  
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Tecumseh regional semifinals vs. Livonia Stevenson district champion.)

CLASS D DISTRICT TOURNAMENT at SALINE WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN  
First round: (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, 9 a.m.  
Semifinals: Canton Agape Christian vs. Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner, 10:30 a.m.; Washtenaw Christian vs. A-B winner, noon.  
Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Adrian Lenawee Christian regional semifinals vs. Taylor Light & Life district champion.)  
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.  
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.  
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE  
Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 25  
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 26  
Whalers vs. London (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 27  
Whalers at Erie Otters, 6 p.m.

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## TAYLOR-MADE LEADER

"The biggest thing with Taylor is that his leadership skills are tremendous," said Plymouth wrestling coach Sam Amine. "The other kids on the team have so much respect for him and the way he works. He's one of those kids that gives 110 percent every practice. He never takes it easy. Some kids will coast when they get a big lead, but he is never satisfied. He doesn't give in until he has a victory."

Victories have been the rule rather than the exception throughout Fox's wrestling career at Plymouth, where he compiled a 27-3 record last year at 171 pounds. This year, among the 189-pounder's accomplishments are a third-place finish at the Saginaw Heritage Tournament and a sixth-place showing at the talent-laden Observerland meet three weeks ago.

"Taylor's biggest asset is

probably his strength," said Amine. "When you combine that with his endurance and his work ethic, it's easy to see why he has been so successful."

"For the past few weeks, Taylor hasn't been feeling great. We're not sure what it is, but he still comes to practice every day and works hard, no matter what."

## RELUCTANT START

Fox reluctantly started wrestling in seventh grade at Batavia Middle School after being urged to try the sport by his friends.

"It just didn't look like it was very much fun," he said, reflecting on his mat beginnings. "But after I tried it and was on the team for awhile, I really enjoyed it. When we moved to Michigan at the end of my seventh-grade year, I found out they didn't have middle-school wrestling. But I got right back into it when I came to Plymouth."

"My freshman year, I knew the basics, so I actually had an edge on a lot of the kids on the

team who were wrestling for the first time. I took my share of beatings as a freshman because I was wrestling against older kids, but I won my share of matches, too."

## HISTORY BUFF

Fox's favorite class at Plymouth is also his most challenging.

"It's probably my advanced placement U.S. history class," he said. "It's very hard — there's a ton of reading — but it's very interesting, too."

There was no hesitation in Fox's voice when he was asked who the most influential people have been in his athletic career.

"Without a doubt, my parents," said Fox, whose sister, Kalee, is a sophomore cheerleader at Plymouth. "My parents got me into sports when I was young, and I'm glad they did. They're very supportive of everything I do and they're very involved with the boosters clubs."

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## MAT RESULTS

Class 4 District #122 Meet  
Wednesday at Canton H.S.

Canton 41, Salem 22  
189 pounds: Jeremy Henderson (S) dec. Pat McWhirter, 7-3; 215: P.J. Caram (C) won by major dec. over Alex Smith, 13-2; 275: Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Steve Kaptur, 0:53; 103: Jeremy Stankewitz (S) won by major dec. over Ryan Schnettler, 11-2; 112: Nick Poole (C) won by major dec. over Nick Steiger, 11-0; 119: Matt Keffler (S) dec. Jay Fleischmann, 9-7; 125: Cory M. (S) pinned Pete Bonneau, 1:15; 130: Ryan Stump (S) pinned Jon McCue, 3:44; 135: Corey Phillips (C) dec. Scott Fysh, 6-4; 140: Ryan Webb (C) pinned Ryan Olson, 1:32; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) pinned Jake Bennett, 0:35; 152: Marwan Faraj (C) dec. Val Gui, 9-5; 160: Alex Amberg (C) dec. Kevin Mlynec, 5-2; 172: Kiel Price (C) won by void.

Canton 34, Livonia Churchill 28  
160 pounds: Alex Amberg (C) dec. John Vandenbossche, 4-1; 171: Manuel Schubert (C) won by major dec. over Pat McWhirter, 20-11; 189: Joe Bargerstock (C) dec. P.J. Caram, 13-6; 215: Qureshi Hafeez (C) pinned Tom Bonnell, 0:59; 275: Pat Draheim (C) pinned Donnie Laramie, 0:59; 103: Ryan Schnettler (C) won by technical fall over Adam Rowe, 17-1; 112: Alex Fowler (C) dec. Nick Poole (C), 4-1; 119: Jay Fleischmann (C) won by major dec. over

Tim Hecksel, 13-3; 125: Pete Bonneau (C) pinned Greg Roberts in 1:59; 130: Corey Phillips (C) dec. Justin Smith, 11-5; 135: Ryan Webb (C) pinned Dan Smalls, 1:13; 140: Alex Freitag (C) won by major dec. over Dale Rush, 9-0; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) dec. Josh Kelly, 6-4; 152: Ben Adams (C) won by void.

Salem 57, Livonia Stevenson 21  
160 pounds: Kevin Mlynec (S) pinned Kyle Lis, 4:40; 171: Cody Rize (LS) won by void; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) won by void; 215: Alex Smith (S) dec. Trent Judis, 12-5; 275: Steve Kaptur (S) won by void; 103: Jeremy Stankewitz won by void; 112: Jon Reale (LS) pinned Alex Kemp, 0:35; 119: Matt Keffler (S) pinned Anthony Mainella, 2:14; 125: Ryan Stump (S) won by void; 130: Josh Anson (S) won by void; 135: Scott Fysh (S) pinned Joseph Bacigal, 1:38; 140: Brian Plater (S) pinned Justin Fan, 1:15; 145: Jake Bennett (S) pinned Alex York, 1:37; 152: Adam Kokenakes (LS) dec. Val Gui, 7-5.

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said. "But the most emotional" win for us was Alex Freitag's at 140. Alex usually wrestles at 145, but he committed to the team that he would make 140 for tonight. He not only made weight, but he won 9-0, which was huge?

The cross-campus championship match — which started at 189 — was tight until they strung together five consecutive wins beginning with Phillips' 6-4 win over Scott Fysh at 135. Randolph strategically moved up Phillips from 130 to 135, erasing any chances of a potentially classic match between Salem's Ryan Stump and Phillips.

## 'Cat grapplers win district

The Plymouth High School wrestling team captured its second straight District championship Thursday night when it out-pointed Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 33-28, in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

Details of the match were not available at presstime.

By winning the Division 2 District title, the Wildcats (18-

12) earned a berth in Wednesday's Regional competition, which they will host. Plymouth will square off against Hazel Park (13-17) in the semi-final match.

If it is victorious, Plymouth will battle either Allen Park, Dearborn Divine Child or Carleton Airport (21-14) in the final.

## 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.nlmouthtam.org](http://www.nlmouthtam.org).

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Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (PCCS) CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND JUST IN TIME (JIT) DELIVERY. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids are due to the same address, RE: Custodial JIT Bid, on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 21, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information and/or bid specifications, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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## women seeking men

### ONE OF A KIND

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

### OUTGOING AND FUN

Very attractive SWF, 31, laid-back, w/great personality, short blonde/green-blue, tanned, 4'11", 150lbs, childless, never married, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dining, sports, movies, quiet evenings. Seeking very attractive like-minded male. #476370

### 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. #956732

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

### VERY ROMANTIC

45-year-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

GET TO KNOW THIS...  
petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBF, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. #402895

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

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, 5'6", nurse, with children, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. #245645

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

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. #589409

FOR YOUR LOVE  
SBF, 37, N/S, likes to travel, see plays and movies, seeks committed, respectful, honest SM, 40-47, N/S, who is interested in finding long-term love. #593559

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

MUST LOVE ANIMALS  
SF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, like travel, fine dining, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, slow dancing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals. #601692

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT  
SBPF, 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

SINGLE FATHER WELCOME  
WF, 38, 5'4", 100lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 37-62, who is fit and secure. #579528

IS HE OUT THERE?  
SJF, 43, 5'6", honest, gentle, intelligent, sensitive, stately, likes fine dining, pool, theater, movies. Seeking honest, secure, loving and reliable man to share friendship, good times, talks and maybe more. #601614

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

IT'S ALL GOOD  
Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. #476802

CAN YOU CANOE?  
Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and professional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR. #575003

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, more. #230588

### CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me: 26, 4'9", 155lbs, brown-completed, employed, You: 5'9"-6'4", 150lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. #271252

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 enjoy 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. #588333

SOULMATE SEARCH  
Slim, attractive, 57-year-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

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. #572243

GREAT PERSONALITY  
Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'1", 100lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly drinks. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56, #982309

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY  
Light-completed 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 SBF, 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 BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45, #223080

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

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 SM, #286633

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. #410188

CALL ME...  
if you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner. Interests in homelife, 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

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. #578279

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

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

JOURNEY WITH ME...  
through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! #605996

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

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

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

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

LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM  
Warm professional, who enjoys dancing, theater, classical and big band music, books, travel, dining out, seeks tall, attractive, educated gentleman w/good build, for LTR 63-73. #506895

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 SEEKS 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 N/S/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. #421896

LIBRA  
DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/A/H/M, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. #253857

LONESOME  
Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! #445955

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM  
SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-63, 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, SF, 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 heavyset, for possible relationship. #232593

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 SBF, 43-47, professional/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

SEMI-RETIRED  
SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests. #467917

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE  
SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. #444748

ROMANTIC LADY  
Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes travelling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. #464984

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR  
Attractive W/WF, 64, red/blue, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 65-70, who enjoys meeting new people. #476645

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NICE GENTLEMAN  
SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more. Call me, let's talk! #606930

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

NO BAGGAGE  
SWM, 32, Virgo, N/S, loves to travel, watch sports, and dine out. Seeking WF, 23-42, for friendship and dating. #568293

DETROIT'S WEST SIDE  
SBM, 25, 6'1", 200lbs, Leo, N/S, seeks conversation and friendship with a woman, 23-37. How about coffee? #606783

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
Bilingual SHM, 32, good body, N/S, enjoys the outdoors, dancing, movies. If you are romantic, passionate, affectionate, and love life, call. #590390

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC  
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities seek friendly SF, age/location open. #531308

MAYBE IT'S YOU  
SWM, 52, Aries, N/S, seeks friendship first with SWF, 35-48. Call now. I would like to hear from you. #546509

KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?  
Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. #550046

CUTE & CUDDLY  
Fun, charming, helpful male, 56, Cancer, with wit, wisdom, and warmth, seeks a nice woman, 44-62. #478746

TIME FOR A CHANGE?  
SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music, movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. #611391

EASY ON THE EYES  
Well-maintained SWM, 56, enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart to heart talks, silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. #470377

SEEKING SOULMATE  
SBOM, 42, 5'5", seeks special, loving, devoted Christian female, 55+, slim-medium build, 30-44, with great sense of humor and a warm heart, who enjoys movies, parks, romance, laughter, for life/love. #604659

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL  
Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. #760359

UP FRONT  
SWM, 52, slim, attractive, passionate, good-hearted, financially secure, honest, N/S, with mild herpes, likes travel, dining in/out, and playing pool. ISO W/A/H/F, 35-52, N/S, fit, attractive, fun-loving. #605896

WHAT'S UP, LADIES?  
SWM, 22, 6', 190lbs, short hair, college student, N/S, enjoys clubbing (but not as a way of meeting women), and malls. Seeking BF, 18-40, large build +, N/S, attractive. #505961

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest, caring S/DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. #507073

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

SEEKING ART LOVER  
Good-looking SM, 46, 5'8", 155lbs, college graduate, outgoing, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive SF, who enjoys concerts, movies, dining out, art, theater, symphony, long walks, and romance. #331159

PARTY ALL THE TIME  
SWM, 21, wants to find fun and excitement with a lively woman, 20-40, who knows what she wants out of life. Let's talk about romance. #606752

GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED  
SBM, 27, 6'1", 160lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors, traveling, good conversation, weekend getaways, laughter and more. Seeking outgoing, intelligent, slender SBF, 18-27, for friendship and more. #596577

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP  
DWM, 36, 6', 200lbs, dark brown/dark brown, Italian features, passion for Harley, enjoys weight-lifting, exercising, long walks. Seeking S/DWF, 26-42, for friends first, possibly more. #807724

NEED A SEXY LADY  
SWM, 48, average build, hard-working, loves to have fun, looking for a sincere woman, 45-50, for LTR. Redford area. #604036

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

MUST LOVE CHILDREN  
SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, in search of SF, 28-45, petite, under 130lbs, for friendship, possible LTR. #608072

HOW ABOUT ME LADIES?  
Hard-working, loyal SM, 33, 6'1", 255lbs, seeks appreciative, kind-hearted SWF, 27-35, for quiet times together, cuddling, picnics, BBQs, more. #988622

PRECIOUS AND FEW  
SWM, 25, 6' 3", average build, Cancer, N/S, seeks WF, 18-28, N/S, who is honest, funny, has a great sense of humor, loves to cuddle. #586382



# Trade surplus

## Deal that brought Ward to Whalers was one-sided

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Steve Ward felt shock and elation simultaneously one afternoon last September when he was notified that his hockey career was about to switch lanes.

While at practice preparing for the season-opener a few days away against the Plymouth Whalers, Ward, then a member of the Samia Sting, was called off the ice and notified that he had been traded to the Whalers for forward Jordan Grant and a ninth-round pick in the 2005 Ontario Hockey League draft.

Like a bulldozing, blind-side check, the news caught the 18-year-old defenseman off guard.

"A few days before I was traded to Plymouth, I had a meeting with the (Samia) coach, and he told me that I was going to be a big part of their plans for the upcoming season," said Ward, smiling. "I didn't get a lot of playing time the year before, so that was good news to hear. When I found out I was traded, it was shocking at first. The more I thought about it, though, I

realized that the trade was going to allow me to make a fresh start with a great organization."

It didn't take long for Ward to understand how beneficial the trade was for his career.

"Things couldn't have gone any better than they have," Ward says now, six months later. "I'm playing a ton, including on the power play, and I like my teammates, the coaches and the Plymouth area. It's been an awesome experience."

Whalers general manager and coach Mike Vellucci would second that notion — especially considering Ward has thrived on the blue line for his team.

Ward had been after Steve for almost a year (prior to the trade): Vellucci revealed. "He wasn't playing a lot in Sarnia because he didn't fit their style of defensemen. They like big, tough guys that like to fight, and Steve isn't that big (5-foot-11, 180 pounds) and he's more of a skills guy, which is what we like. He is a great skater with a great shot."

"I really like his offensive ability. He's been a big part of

our power play this year, and he will be next year as well. To tell you the truth, I don't think we'd be where we are right now without him."

Heading into this weekend's games, Ward had compiled five goals, nine assists and 44 penalty minutes in 53 games. The numbers aren't flashy, but they're solid — much like the dependable Ward.

"Steve has really fit in with the team nicely," Vellucci said. "He gets along with all of his teammates, he's polite and he works hard. Since he didn't play a lot last year, this is really his rookie year, too, so he's gotten a lot better as the season has gone on."

Ward was originally selected by Sarnia in the fourth round (70th overall) of the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft. After playing six games with the Sting in 2002-03, Ward netted three goals and eight assists in 43 games last season.

"I'm a puck-moving defenseman," Ward said, describing his style. "I like to think in the kind of player who makes a play and gets the puck into the offensive zone quickly."

The well-spoken teenager

said he'll never take the perks that go along with his current position for granted.

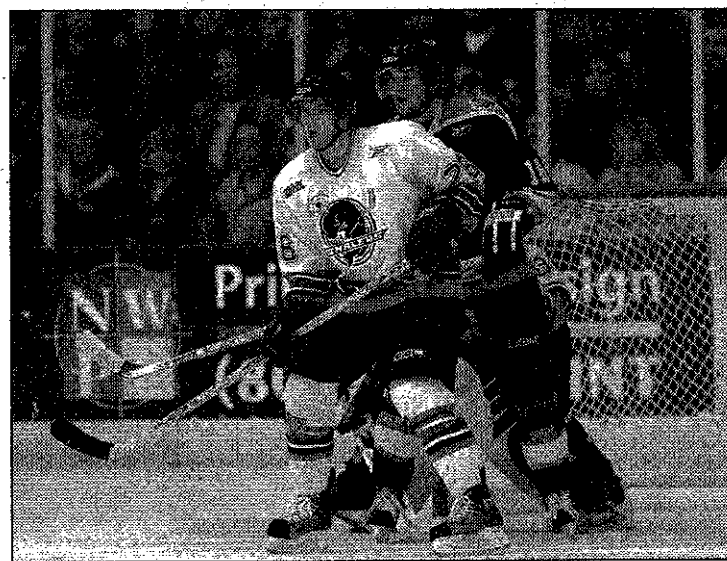
"It's neat — and kind of strange in a way — when a kid asks me for my autograph because it wasn't that long ago that I was asking players for their autograph," Ward said. "Even though I play and practice day in and day out, it's still very exciting for me. I realize how fortunate I am to be in the position I am."

Moving away from the comforts of home was difficult, but only temporarily, Ward said.

"It's tough moving away from your family and your friends, but you get used to it after a while," he said. "I've met a lot of new friends and I live with a great family in Plymouth, so that helps."

"When I moved away from my family for the first time, I was a boy, but when I went back home for the summer, I was a man because living independently made me a much more responsible person. I take care of myself now better than if I never would have left home to play (in the OHL)."

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Steve Ward (26) as a defenseman for the Plymouth Whalers in a trade last September. Ward is one of the team leaders in minutes played and has had notched 4 goals in nine

# Rock icers earn dramatic draw

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When does a tie feel like a win?

When you're down 3-0 on Senior Night — like Salem's hockey team was Friday night — and you battle back to knot the game at 3-3 with a last-second goal.

The Rocks' final regular-season home game ended in dramatic fashion when Adam Gillikin's second goal of the night with 19 seconds left capped a tenacious rally.

The draw left Salem with a 9-11-3 record heading into Friday night's Western Lakes

Activities Association crossover game.

"It was a good game," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "We had a nice crowd for Senior Night. Our seniors really played hard. It wasn't a win, but it felt like it after trailing 3-0. And it probably felt like a loss for Northville."

Following a scoreless first period, the Mustangs tallied a pair of second-period markers.

Dino Barnebie scored first with 13:28 left, and Don McKinnon made it 2-0 just 9.5 seconds before the second intermission.

Northville's cushion grew to

3-0 with 6:52 left in the game when Joe Vitale lit the lamp, but the Rocks didn't give up.

A Craigen Bauldry shot found the back of the net with 4:45 remaining, and the comeback was on.

"That goal really got everybody going," Feiler said. "Everybody on the bench got up and started to make some noise."

Salem's deficit was cut to 3-2 with 2:27 remaining on Gillikin's first goal, which was assisted by David Carey and Brooks Belhart.

We pulled our goalie with 49 seconds left and got the puck into their zone, but they

iced it three or four times," said Feiler, describing the scenario that led to the tying goal. "During the last few seconds, we put a lot of pressure on their goalie, but he made three or four nice saves. When Adam scored, he didn't have a lot of room because it was jammed up in front of the net, but he made a nice play on it."

Carey assisted on Gillikin's tying goal.

Feiler praised the effort of goalie Brandon DeMars, who made "at least 40 saves" Feiler estimated.

Doug Ozog played strong in net for the Mustangs.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### P-CEP ICER MEETING

The 2005 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Current members, and parents of Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey

players are encouraged to attend.

Nominations for the Executive Board will be taken from the floor and committee selections will be available.

Anyone interested in the present and future high school hockey programs at Canton, Salem and Plymouth High Schools should plan on attending.

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## SOCCER CLINICS

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### Small Stars for 3-4 year olds

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# U.S. Bowling Congress ready to assume command in March

The big transition is well under way as the U.S. Bowling Congress is shaping up and taking on the functions of the American Bowling Congress, the Women's



Ten Pin Alley  
Al Harrison

International Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling. The old familiar ABC Logo with an eagle atop block letters ABC is pretty much gone. It has been replaced by a red, white and blue star with an image of a bowling pin within the star and the new name right below. It's a strikingly clean design and we will see a lot of it soon.

By Aug. 1 of this year, most of the changes will have been made as the ABC, WIBC and YABA will gradually disappear.

The USBC brand promise is: Ensuring the integrity and protecting the future of America's biggest sport for competitive and recreational bowlers.

USBC's mission statement include: The U.S. Bowling Congress, the governing body, provides programs and services, protects the integrity of the sport and enhances the bowling experience.

More information can be found on the Web-site [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

Roger Dalkin, former ABC executive director is now at the helm as chief executive officer of USBC.

By 2006 the names of all tournaments within the USBC will be changing while the formats and traditions will remain the same.

For example, the ABC Championship will become the USBC Open.

The USBC Convention will be March 13 at Baton Rouge, La. with delegates from area associations on hand (this previously was the ABC convention). It coincides with the USBC Open national tournament, which will now be under the new banner, formerly known as the ABC. It will also be tied in with the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

When the last-place team goes up against the first-place team, exactly 24 places apart in the standings, expect the unexpected.

My squad was holding onto a first-place tie in the Mayflower Classic. The opposing team looked like anything but a last place team as its anchorman, Steve Karakula, fired an 803 series, to lead a three-game sweep, and it was bye-bye first place.

Both teams were hitting the 1-3 pocket real good, but Karakula was able to carry his

hits while everyone else was leaving the ten-pin or the seven on seemingly good hits.

If you watch the pro bowlers on TV, that can often be the difference. The pros all can hit the pocket, but the winner is usually the one who can get them all to fall on just one ball.

Round is the shape of a bowling ball, and that is good.

Round is not a good shape for a bowler, and that is something that a lot of us tend to be in our own physical shape. We can think up all kinds of excuses, like not enough time, can't get to the gym, etc. . . .

Now there's that 20-minute workout "Blitz," which is open in Livonia and Canton. It's a good way to get rid of the round and feel better at the same time. There's plenty to gain without all the pain.

The Blitz features a workout circuit for men, especially appealing to the more mature among us who need it most. It is patterned after "Curves,"

which has been serving the women successfully for many years. The exercise machines are a resistance due to the hydraulic action, so a 20-minute circuit session three times per week is recommended.

No sweat suits, no showers, just quick, convenient and reasonably priced.

Phil Hawn of the Livonia location is offering all bowlers a one-week free trial, no obligation, just come in.

He guided me through the circuit, I found it to be quite workable for myself with absolutely none of the soreness the next day. A person can go at his own pace, more resistance or less depending on how fast he goes.

The benefits are good for all muscle groups and it is quite aerobic as well.

"Just show your sanction card and your first week is free," Phil says.

Paul Seymour of the Canton

location extends the same offer to all bowlers.

The health benefits of the Blitz are there for men of all ages. However, it is very suitable for the older guys since it is not stressful or physically demanding like the routines at most conventional gyms and health clubs.

Observer staff writer Linda Ann Chomin wrote all about the Blitz in the Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 edition of the Observer. If you saved the paper, it appeared in Section C.

The Canton Blitz is located at 8577 N. Lilley Road (Call 734-459-1405 for more information.) Meanwhile, the Livonia Blitz is at 18760 Middlebelt Rd. (Call 248-427-9770 or visit [www.timetoblitz.com](http://www.timetoblitz.com) for more information.)

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## Bowling loses an ambassador in passing of icon Dick Weber

BY AL HARRISON  
CORRESPONDENT

Considered by many the greatest bowler of all time, Dick Weber passed away Sunday night at age 75 at his St. Louis, Mo., area home.

Less than 36 hours earlier, Weber had gotten a standing ovation when he was introduced at the opening ceremonies of the 102nd American Bowling Congress Championships at the River Convention Center in Baton

Rouge, La. Weber captured 26 Professional Bowling Association titles over six decades. He was voted National Bowler of the year in 1961-63-65 by the Bowling Writers Association of America and was voted one of the three all-time great bowlers at the end of the 20th century.

He was inducted in the ABC Hall of Fame in 1970 and the PBA Hall of Fame in 1975.

Weber also established a world wide following for anchoring the famous Budweiser teams and with a half century association with the AMF bowling ball company, which sent him all around the world.

He was scheduled to compete in his 58th consecutive ABC Tournament on March 12.

Beyond his stunning accomplishment on the lanes, Weber was bowling's greatest ambassador. He promoted the sport on an airplane, on a beach and through numerous appearances on the David Letterman shows.

During his lengthy career, Weber set many records, some of which may never be broken.


He never refused an autograph or invitation to appear at various bowling functions. In the past three years, bowling has lost three of its greatest ever — Earl Anthony, Joe Norris and now Dick Weber.

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## Books help us learn to live in peace

The book caught my eye as I perused the shelves downstairs at the Plymouth District Library. Robert Schoen's *What I Wish My Christian Friends Knew About Judaism* (Loyola Press, Chicago, 2004) was well worth my time the few days it took to read.

The book also drew rave reviews from Publishers *Weekly* which, in its starred review, says, "Written in a breezy, conversational style and laced with humor, this primer on Judaism delivers precisely what the title indicates. ... What is truly remarkable about this compendium is its thoroughness and lucidity. Schoen manages to touch briefly on practically all aspects of Judaism. ..."

Some of the book wasn't new to me. I knew a bit about keeping kosher, having worked as a high schooler in the restaurant at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Even so, Schoen's descriptions of Jewish dietary laws shed a great deal of new light for me.

Schoen's background is interesting. You might expect a rabbi to have penned such a book, but Schoen is definitely a layperson. He's both an optometrist and an accomplished musician (parts of the book deal with music used for Jewish services and the role of the cantor).

Much of my childhood knowledge of Judaism came from Sydney Taylor's stellar "All of a Kind Family" books in which five young Jewish girls, joined by a brother, grow up in a loving home in early 20th century New York.

Those books are great for teaching grade schoolers, especially girls, about Judaism. Together with books such as Schoen's, there's a wealth of information for those of all ages.

Schoen's book got me to thinking about Islam and Hinduism, two other dominant world religions about which I know less than Judaism or my own faith, Christianity. I e-mailed the good librarians at the Plymouth library. Their recommendations are:

**On Islam:**  
*Responses to 101 Questions on Islam* by John Renard, Paulist Press, New York, 1998;

Islam, *the Straight Path* by John Esposito, Oxford University Press, New York, Oxford, 1998 (this author is considered an expert, says librarian Sue Patterson);

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Islam* by Yahya Emerick, Alpha, Indianapolis, 2002 (donated to the library by an Islamic group);

Islam, *A Short History* by Karen Armstrong, Modern Library, New York, 2000 (a very well-regarded writer on religion).

**On Hinduism:**  
*Responses to 101 Questions on Hinduism* by John Renard, Paulist Press, New York, 1999;

*Hinduism, A Very Short Introduction* by Kim Knott (e-book)

Schoen's book, which includes sections on the Holocaust and Middle East conflict, ends with a plea for understanding and tolerance among the of all faiths. His excellent book concludes that we're all in this together, and need to learn to share our planet peacefully.

Certainly, learning about each other's beliefs and traditions is an important part of that. If you're unsure of where to start, why not check with your public library, just like I did?

You'll end up learning a thing or two, and enjoying yourself at the same time.

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## Local movie makers sold on metro Detroit area

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Five years after graduating from Churchill High School in Livonia, Thomasita Hatfield was on her way to study special effects makeup in L.A. when former classmate Todd Brunswick called.

Three children and a name change later, Tommy Brunswick and husband Todd are preparing for the world premiere of *Mr. Jingles*, their third horror film on Feb. 24, at Emagine Theatre in Novi.

Like a growing number of filmmakers from Canton, Westland, Garden City, and West Bloomfield, the Brunswicks would like to make pictures in Hollywood someday, but for now they're inspired by sights and sounds in the community. Local filmmakers are content to write, direct, produce, and act in their love stories, comedies and horror flicks right here. *Mr. Jingles* was shot in Livonia, Canton and the Maple Grove Cemetery in Westland. For information about the premiere, call (734) 844-0300.

"We're Hollywood outsiders," said Todd Brunswick, a 35-year-old Canton resident who made his first films for a Livonia auto supplier. Both have taken odd jobs to make ends meet during nearly five years in the film industry. "It's totally unglamorous. Ninety-five percent is business. The fun part is making the movies."

Shooting *Mr. Jingles* took only eight days compared to nine months of planning, casting and securing investors for the slasher movie about a killer clown. Their first two films, *Biker Zombies* and *Lurking Terror*, taught them production shortcuts. Efficiency is an important selling point when trying to attract investors for a Crossbow 5 Entertainment film. They're hoping past connections they've made in the industry will lead to larger projects. *Mr. Jingles* cost under \$100,000 and was privately funded. Right now they're looking for investors for upcoming films *The Dumping Ground*, *Writer's Block* and *Corpse & Carnage*. The good news is the horror segment of the industry has grown 23 percent in the last year according to American Film Market statistics.

### PASSION

"It's very tedious hard work," said Tommy Brunswick. "To stick with it it's kind of crazy. It's that passion or vision, you can't stop it."

Sam Khaleghi and Rocky Black come from different worlds yet have the same desire to bring creations to the screen. Ever since Khaleghi of West Bloomfield and Black (Westland) met at the premiere for Eminem's *8 Mile*, the two have been on the same wavelength when it comes to movie making. Both have acted in, written and produced everything from horror to the comedy *Approaching Midnight* to the romantic drama *In Love with Lust*, directed by Darren Brown of Detroit. Locations were local - LaBasha Restaurant, Harrison High School and Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills as well as homes in Bloomfield Hills and Westland.

"We're trying to expand the local community of filmmakers," said Khaleghi, a 21-year-old public relations student at University of Michigan-Dearborn. "We said let's keep it here. All the resources are here, the actors, directors."

"You're seeing more independent films made here because it's cheaper to make," added Black, who played a supporting role in *8 Mile*. "We're working on making this spot the next Hollywood. We have the big city, the forest, the river, everything we need here."

### ODD JOBS

Both realize that making Detroit the next Hollywood isn't going to happen overnight. Like the Brunswicks, they work odd jobs. Black likes to say he grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in Ypsilanti. After earning a basketball scholarship to Schoolcraft College, he had to drop out to support his first child and wife. He still works full time and on the side acts in commercials and manages a music artist.

Khaleghi took acting classes at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills after acting in musicals at West Bloomfield High School. He works in Novi at a clothing store. In the past, he's waited tables and worked as a paid intern for Paramount where he learned about marketing film.

He's also acted in commercials for DOC and Toyota.

Sara Stepnicka isn't about to quit her day job as manager of Guillo's restaurant at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Besides keeping food on the table, the position provided her and fiancé Anthony Vallone with a location for the police station scene in *The Mongol King*, a serial killer thriller. Their Vallonicka Films was going to shoot inside the Ypsilanti police department until Sept. 11 happened. It forced them to find another site in addition to Ypsilanti and the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Vallone was studying psychology of film and Stepnicka was in the theater program at Eastern Michigan University. Before long, he was writing the film and both were playing the next targets of the killer. So far, the film was selected for the Smmash Film Festival in Minnesota last October and the Bare Bones International Film Festival in Oklahoma in April 2005. *Mongol King* qualified for Bare Bones because it was shot for less than \$8,000. The film is available for \$14 from [www.themongolking.com](http://www.themongolking.com), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or [customflicks.com](http://customflicks.com).

"We wouldn't have been close to getting it done except for the hundreds of people who helped us," said Vallone, a 30-year-old Garden City resident who together with Stepnicka is giving back to the community. "We're trying to bring another film here and we're trying to start a nonprofit for underprivileged children to be involved with film making. We're finishing up the proposal now."

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Tommy Brunswick (right) and her father, Dr. Rudolph Hatfield, pause between takes of 'Mr. Jingles.' The West Bloomfield physician spent two to four hours in makeup every day to become the killer clown.

## Author captures tales of Cadillac assembly line workers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAR WRITER



Lolita Hernandez writes about workers at the Cadillac Clark Street plant in her new book, 'Autopsy of an Engine.'

Lolita Hernandez planned to work at the Cadillac Motor Car Co. plant on Clark Street in southwest Detroit for only a little while after her psychology degree at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She ended up staying 21 years until the complex completely closed in 1994.

It was a gradual demise for the Cadillac Clark Street assembly line, which was considered the most modern automobile complex in the world when operations began in 1927. Clark Street produced cars jointly with Fleetwood. At its peak in the mid-1970s, nearly 10,000 people worked in the foundry, plating operation, engineering facility, warehouse and waste treatment

center. Although she compares the factory to a black hole, it's obvious Hernandez's love for the assembly line workers is what inspired her to write *Autopsy of an Engine and Other Stories from the Cadillac Plant*.

She says there's a little bit of her and her co-workers in each of the 12 short stories. She'll read some of them, then answers questions, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the Madonna University library in celebration of Women's History Month.

"I started working in the plant out of politics. I was in a left-wing group and wanted to raise the level of consciousness," said Hernandez, who began writing in the 1970s and earned a master of fine arts degree from Vermont Writing School of Norwich University

in 1993 as the plant was in the process of closing down. "Nothing is ever all bad or good. We were a family in a sense. It was good money. Working conditions weren't always real swell, especially back then, but I try to convey how we creatively lived through all that. We had feasts at the plant at holiday time. There was so much warmth and dignity. I don't miss the work. I miss the people. You learn how to swing with the motion of the part or line."

That rhythm comes out in the book as poetic music as Hernandez triples words and creates melodies from the sounds on the line. Although she spent only five years on the line, Hernandez has worked for the auto industry for 32 years. After the line moved to Livonia in 1979, she became a

trades person at Cadillac Engineering; when it closed, she went on to her present job for the UAW-General Motors Center for Human Resources in the plant maintenance program aimed at producing a safer work environment while maintaining quality products.

Along the way she raised two children - Pedro, 27, a graduate of Princeton University who now works as a stand-up comic in Los Angeles, and Demecina Gray, her 20-year-old daughter who's now in her final year of art school at the Art Institute of Chicago.

"People don't know much about working in a factory," said Hernandez, a 57-year-old Detroit resident. "I've had people thank me for telling them

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# Youths become easily hooked on tobacco

**D**r. Joseph R. DiFranza is a family doctor and a professor of family medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He's been studying tobacco and youth access to tobacco for over 20 years. In a 30-month study, even DiFranza was shocked at the results of his Hooked On Nicotine Checklist.

The test was given to 679 seventh grade students. Here are the results.

■ **Students** who answered even one question "yes" were 29 times more likely to fail at their first attempt to quit.

Students who answered even one question "yes" were 44 times more likely to still be smoking at the end of the study.

Students who answered even one question "yes" were 58 times more likely to be smoking daily.

In other words, nicotine addiction isn't defined by how



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

much or for how long a person smokes. Nicotine is an addiction when it is hard for a person to stop.

According to DiFranza, "Youths become hooked, or dependent, on tobacco much more quickly than any one had previously imagined. It also takes much less tobacco to get hooked than we had thought. There does not appear to be any threshold of nicotine intake in terms of cigarettes per day for dependence to start."

DiFranza's study is important. There will be more research, and more hard data on how much - actually, how little - cigarette smoking leads to nicotine addiction. In

part, however, DiFranza has rediscovered what has long been known about another addiction, alcohol.

Have your adolescent take the Hooked On Nicotine Checklist. What you now know and what your teen will learn, could helife-saving.

The Hooked On Nicotine Checklist

1. Have you ever tried to quit, but couldn't?
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4. Do you ever have strong cravings to smoke?
5. Have you ever felt like you really needed a cigarette?
6. Is it hard to keep from smoking in places where you are not supposed to, like school?

When you tried to stop smoking...or, when you haven't used tobacco for a while... did you find it hard to concentrate because you couldn't smoke?...did you feel

more irritable because you couldn't smoke?...did you feel a strong need or urge to smoke?...did you feel nervous, restless or anxious because you couldn't smoke?

Have you inquired about what is being taught in your school's health classes? Share the quiz with your teen's health teacher.

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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3. "Survivor in Death," J.D. Robb
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4. "Witness," Amber Frey
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planning a reunion on Sunday, May 29, in Orchard Lake. Organizers are looking for anyone who attended or worked at the camp from 1940 to 1970. Please contact Fran Gurwin Bell at (248) 706-0738 or e-mail [JFARBell@aol.com](mailto:JFARBell@aol.com).

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## CIGARETTE SALES DROP

The Michigan Department of Treasury reports that 118 percent fewer cigarette packs were sold in July, August, and September of 2004, compared to the same period last year. The Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association recently claimed that state cigarette retailers and wholesalers had experienced a 25 percent drop in the sale of cigarettes since the tax was increased by 75 cents on July first. Clearly the health goals associated with the passage of the tax increase are likely to be achieved using either figure. Further support for this outlook is the fact that the Michigan Tobacco Quit Line reported over 1,000 individuals called for information on how to quit smoking during the month of October. This was a 91 percent increase over the previous October. The Quit Line number is (800) 480-7848. Callers with no insurance can receive nicotine replacement patches and gum if they sign up to receive assistance from Quit Coaches, Prevention Network News, February 2005.1800) 968-4968

# Angela Hospice starts support group for parents in mourning

As anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one knows, death is not easy at any time. There is no getting around grief. The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated. Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice.

"When a child dies, it is often difficult for parents to find the support they need," said Leslie

Feret, a pediatric social worker from Angela Hospice. "We're hoping to provide a safe haven where parents can share their experiences and gain encouragement from others who are also grieving."

Angela Hospice begins a new grief support group called "Heartstrings" for parents who have lost a child due to illness or disease. Taking place the first Thursday of each month, the group will be open to individuals from the community

with a recent or past loss. There is no charge.

Bereavement and pediatric social workers from Angela Hospice will facilitate the group, offering support and information specific to parent and family grief.

"The group will help parents by providing coping skills and discussions on the issues and feelings that they are currently experiencing," said Feret. "We want them to know that they are not alone in what they are

going through."

"Heartstrings" will have its first meeting on Thursday, March 3, but individuals may join at any time. Meetings will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and 1-96 in Livonia from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more information on Angela Hospice's community bereavement services or to register for the group, call Feret at (734) 464-7810 or visit [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org).

## CADILLAC

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about the inner workings many workers don't talk about. It's like a black hole you go in everyday and come out.

"I'll be at University of Michigan-Dearborn March 15, New York on March 5. Something I'm excited about is making presentations to UAW locals. I was at Local 659 in Flint, home of the sit-down strikers that forced GM to recognize the UAW (in 1937). It was emotional and powerful for me to go and talk about a closing. Their plant is closing now. People really identified with the book."

Hernandez fondly captures the stories of workers in the book. Oddly enough, she's not a car buff, but loves the people who make them. It shows in her writing.

"It was sad when the plant was closing," Hernandez said. "It's like seeing someone you're close to die."

*Autopsy of an Engine and Other Stories from the Cadillac Plant* is available at major bookstores and online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for \$14.

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia. For more information about Hernandez's appearance, call (734) 432-5703.

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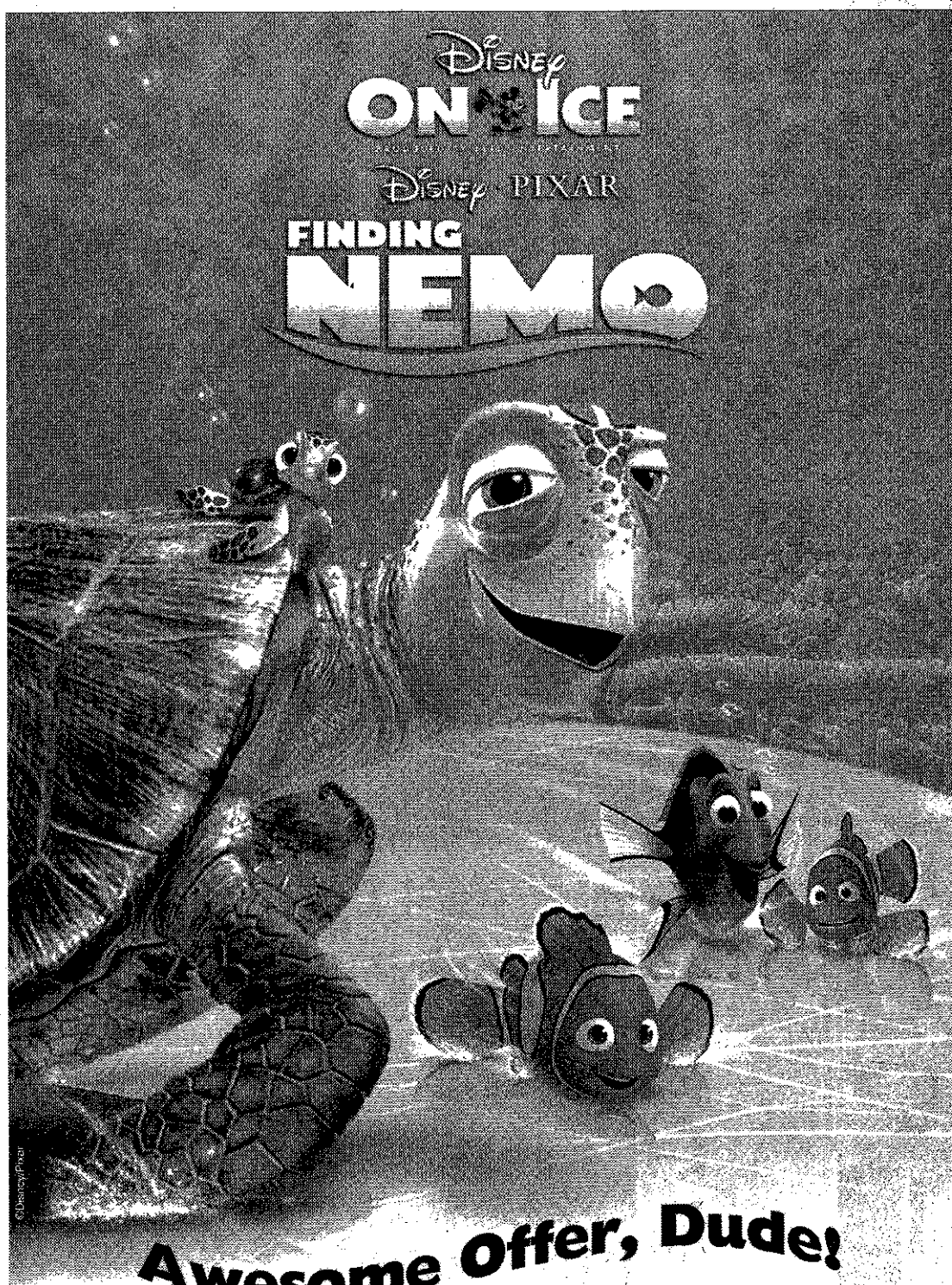
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## ENGAGEMENTS



## Earls-George

Robert and Gail Kuhar of Farmington Hills, and Jim Earls of Chattanooga, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Earls, of Athens, Ga. to Frank George, of Lawrenceville, Ga.

Jamie earned her undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University. She is currently attending graduate school at the University of Georgia pursuing a degree in music therapy.

Her fiancé, Frank, is the son of Ron and Marilyn George of Plymouth Township. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University and received his MBA from Oakland University in Rochester Hills. He is employed with Linpac Material Handling.

Frank and Jamie are planning a July wedding at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

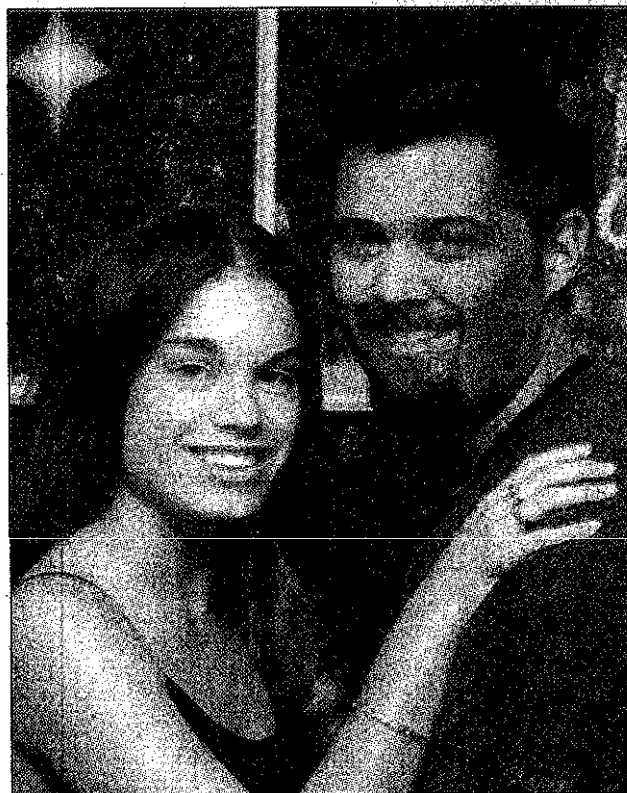
## Dimmitt-Russette

Tom Dimmitt of Westland and Laurie Dimmitt of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie of Plymouth to Paul Russette of Canton.

Lisa is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and earned her Associates Degree in general education from Schoolcraft College. Currently she is attending Eastern Michigan University pursuing a teaching degree for special education for the hearing impaired. She is employed with the Livonia Public School district.

Her fiancé, Paul, is the son of Tom and Cindy Russette of Canton. He is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and a 2003 graduate of Kettering University with a Bachelor's Degree in engineering. He is pursuing a Master's Degree at Lawrence Tech. University. He is employed at Ford Motor Company.

Paul and Lisa are planning a June wedding at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton and will spend their honeymoon at Sandles Resort in Jamaica. They are making their new home in New Boston.



## BIRTH

Jordan Eli Reddick, Daniel and Christee Reddick, of Canton Township announce the birth of their son, Jordan Eli, born Jan. 21, 2005 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Jordan joins big brother, Chandler, 18 months.

His grandparents are Keith and Brenda Schuster of Carleton, and Joe and Connie Reddick of Rougemont, N.C.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Barb Echols of Westland; Melba Collins of Adrian; and Bill and Mavis Bell of Canton.

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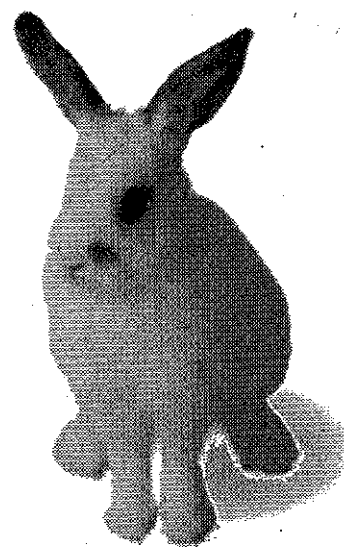
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# Super fun choices

## Summer fair ! owcases kids camps

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
SPR WRITER

Nowadays, children don't necessarily spend their summer playing with other neighborhood youth.

With that reality, choosing the right camp is even more important.

That's why Elaine Sturman is proud to present the annual Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activity Fair.

"Nowadays, children don't live close together anymore and play in the street," she said. "You have to find an environment that is safe, nurturing and fun for them in the summer."

Super Summers for Kids is set for 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center in Beverly Hills.

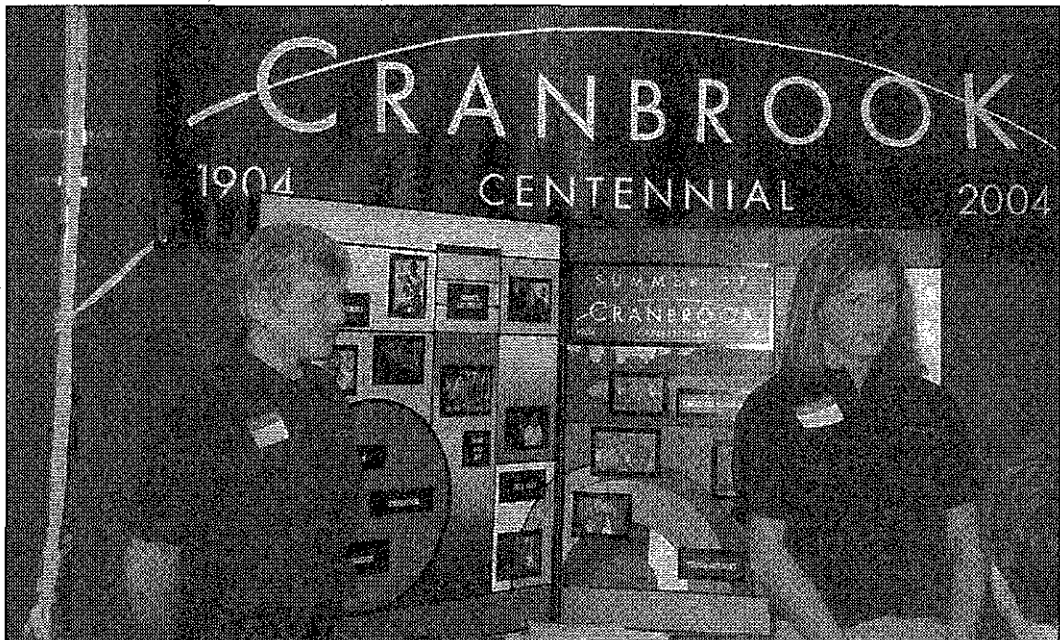
The 16th annual event, which is free, will again feature a variety of day and overnight camps from throughout southeast Michigan and Canada.

"It will showcase over 70 camps," said Sturman. "It's one-stop shopping I provide a venue to talk to program directors, get brochures and see videos and really get a feel for what the program is."

Over 1000 families – or 3,000 to 4,000 people – attend annually, she said. "It's the only camp fair in this area, and by far the biggest."

### DIVERSE INTERESTS

Myrna Katz of West Bloomfield attended the camp fair last year with her daughter and son-in-law. Heidi and



Cranbrook offers many summer programs. It again will have a booth at the camp fair.

### CAMP FAIR

**What:** More than 70 summer camps will have booths.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27

**Where:** BPS Center, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, behind Groves High

**Admission:** Free  
**Information:** (248) 851-7342

Chuck Freedman, and their sons, ages 8 and 9. She said she was impressed.

"It far exceeded my expectations, because we were able to see the whole spectrum of summer activities that are available for the kids," she said. "Being a grandparent, things have changed significantly. I didn't realize there were so many specialized camps."

Her grandsons ended up with a day camp in science and computers for part of the summer.

and then attended a camp in their Walled Lake School District too. "I'm sure she will be looking around again for things for this year," she said of her daughter.

Robin Fenberg of Birmingham said the camp helped her choose the Roper day camp for her daughter, Rachel, 7. The camp offers diverse activities, with campers choosing what they want to do each day.

"She loved it," she said of how her daughter liked the camp. "It's a wonderful event," she added of the fair.

The fair is divided into day and overnight programs. Some camps, such as YMCA, offer both Sturman noted.

Among the camps new to the event this year are those offered by Detroit Waldorf Schools, Interlochen National Music Camp, which had been absent from the fair for awhile, returns but with new programs. "Now they have programs as short as two weeks."

Some camps are known to generations. They include Camp

Maplehurst, situated on 400 acres of rolling hills and wooded land on Torch Lake in northern Michigan. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary year.

Local programs include the Detroit Zoo Summer Safari and Cranbrook Art Academy, among others. Camp Kodiak in Canada has programs for youth with and without learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.

"If you need a week off from your child, Recreation Unlimited in Ohio offers a marvelous program," Sturman said of a camp for children with special needs.

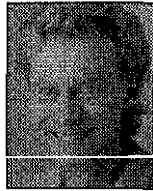
The programs have a variety of price ranges. Several camps offer scholarships.

Teens interested in summer employment at a camp may also pick up applications.

Sturman recommends that parents bring their children, ages 5 to teens, so they can participate in the choice. "Choosing the right camp makes all the difference."

Sturman, of Bloomfield Township, says she comes from a camping family and her three grown children always enjoyed summer camp.

"I have visited many," she added of the camps. "I have talked to all. They all have some kind of accreditation."



## Star Struck

(Feb. 20 - Feb. 23)  
By Dennis Fairchild

### ARIES (March

21-April 20)

If someone in a position of authority makes you the kind of offer you can't refuse this week, it means your star is on the rise at last. However, with the approaching Full Moon aspecting your ruling planet Mars at the same time, you would be wise to get the proposal in writing. There's a bit of fog in the air for Aries now.

**TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**

The time has come to demand straight answers to some vital financial questions, Bull. You've watched from the sidelines as the situation has deteriorated, and the recent Sun sign change says it's up to you to take control. Just make sure you've left yourself an escape route, kiddo!

**GEVNI (May 22-June 21)**

You know what you know and there's an end to it, but sometimes even you have to admit that the facts and figures don't add up. Such a time is now. It will reflect badly on you if you don't change your viewpoint. Think twice, and twice again, Twin. Open your eyes, not your mouth.

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

It's been real up-and-down for you since '05 began. MoonKid, Life is like a game of Chutes and Ladders: Sometimes you get a helpful leg up, other times you get kicked down. The good news is you'll be moving up the ladder this Full Moon week. The challenging news is it may be at a colleague's expense. But don't let that stop you!

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

The Moon in your sign warns that a partner or other intimate appears to be pushing his or her luck, and it's time you soothe up. This is the moment of truth, and unless you state your case clearly and concisely, you're likely to be taken for granted – or for a ride. Stay in the driver's seat... and buckle up!

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

Try not to get involved with anyone or anything outside your normal realm of understanding, kiddo. Far better to risk being considered boring than to

jeopardize your future security. Others may try to influence your decision, but this is a time to march to your own drummer, follow your intuition; learn from the past.

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

Anyone who thinks you're indecisive will be obliged to think again this week, Balancer. You know what you want, you know where to get it and you know that if you apply yourself forcefully, no power on earth can stop you! Spring augurs good income and luck for you. You know what you can do – nothing else matters.

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

Everything points to this being a time of amazing changes and challenges. Scorp. Now is your chance to carve a niche for yourself, demonstrating in the process that you are an expert among mere beginners. Out of every crisis comes the chance to be reborn, so don't cling to status quo.

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

Archers are prepared to suffer many things, but fools aren't one of them. Unfortunately, this week's Full Moon means there will be a lot of them around about and all around you. Therefore, the best thing you can do is to keep your distance and hope they are wise enough to keep theirs. Trust in yourself and be your own best friend.

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

Your star-sign is not one to mince words. Cap, and there will be a number of occasions this week when you'll have to bite your tongue if you want to avoid conflict on the home or work front. In the long run you will get the chance to speak up, but for now it's more important to keep the peace.

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

Remember that even with the best will in the world, you cannot coax or convert those who choose to dwell on the past or on failures and disappointments. Therefore, don't allow anyone's negativity prevent you from enjoying yourself and believing that you were born to win!

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

Take the greatest possible advantage of the peace-loving planet Venus entering your sign soon to get your life back on track again by getting rid of responsibilities that no longer serve a useful purpose. Inner peace can be yours, Fish, once you learn to let go of what is no longer needed.

Dennis Fairchild is a local astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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## AROUND TOWN

## Super summer for kids

The 16th-annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering one-stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27 in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School). More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturman, camp fair organizer. In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented. Admission is free. 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.

**Liturgical music workshop** The Music Committee of the Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will host a workshop on Orthodox liturgical music at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 19 at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Entitled "When the Saints Go Marching In" the workshop will focus on the Trisagion, antiphons, troparia and other processional music sung during the Divine Services and sacraments of the Orthodox Church. The workshop is designed for choir directors, chanters and choral singers at Orthodox churches. Church musicians from other Christian traditions also are welcome. Registration for the workshop will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The workshop itself will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee for the workshop is \$25. The luncheon fee is \$5. To register or obtain further information, contact Janet Damian at (313) 274-1226 or damianj@juno.com.

**Adoption seminar** Adoption Associates, Inc., a statewide agency, is hosting a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala, Bulgaria and The Ukraine) adoption information meeting from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in Farmington Hills. Adoption Associates is located at 26105 Orchard Lake Road. To RSVP or for more information, call (248) 474-0990.

**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](http://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.womensecconomicclub.org](http://www.womensecconomicclub.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.

**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. 111.

**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.

**Genealogical meeting**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a Genealogy Help Session hosted by society member Margaret Bowland. Public is invited, no registration is needed and admission is free. For more information call (517) 546-6307 or (517) 223-3216.

**Republican women meet**

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers include Livonia Clerk Val Vandersloot and city councilwoman Terry Godfroid-Marecki. Cost is \$12, visitors and guests always welcome. For reservations call (248) 474-3525.

**Flea market**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 51st-annual Flea Market from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at 1830 Washtenaw. Art, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, linens, toys, seasonal items furniture and books will be among the items available. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (734) 662-3279.

**Gardening workshop**

Mia Mahalo sponsors the latest in its workshop series. "A Guide to Growing Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables Naturally," from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. With Spring just around the corner, its time once again to start thinking about your garden and health. Edie Saunders, owner of Two Women and a Hoe and MSU certified Advanced Master Gardner, will host a workshop on organic gardening for novice to advanced gardeners. The workshop will focus on "The Organic Way" or WMND (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. Intervolved Identity" in celebration of Black History Month. The exhibit will feature contrasting mediums such as paint, fiber, ceramics, collage, found objects, installation and video by Detroit area artists, including: Peter Williams, Richard Lewis, Chris Turner, Loretta Oliver, Elizabeth Youngblood and Ross Sawyer. The exhibit is on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, contact Christina Hill, gallery curator, Madonna University art department, at christinahill49@yahoo.com.

**St. Damian craft show**

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

**Hospice training**

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill

patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

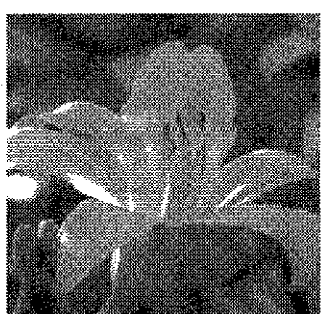
**Grief support**

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](http://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 [djvandyke@peoplepc.com](mailto:djvandyke@peoplepc.com) or call (734) 416-3354.



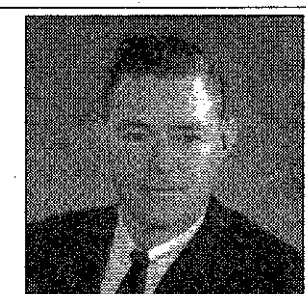
## ROBERT E. LINDSAY

February 9, 2005 Age 90. Beloved husband of the late Shirley, Dear father of Jill (Rick) Collins of AZ, Bobbie Lindsay of Highland Twp. and Mary (Dino) De Angelis of Lake Orion. Grandfather of Devan, Nick, Lindsay, Hillary, Brian and Courtenay (Candelario). Great grandfather of Olivia and Amelia. Step-brother of Patrick (Carol) Lindsay of New Hudson. Mr. Lindsay was a Bus Driver for the City of Detroit and was a custodian at MacGowan Elementary School in the Redford Union School District. He was a United States Navy Veteran having served in WWII. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at St. Joseph Catholic Church (715 N. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion). Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Beaumont Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research. Arrangements entrusted to the Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home.



## SISTER MARY JARLATH MADIGAN, RSM

**Sister of Mercy, Nurse, Anesthetist** (Farmington Hills, MI)-Sister Mary Jarlath Madigan, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 59 years who served at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron for 40 years, died on February 16, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center. She was 88. She was born to James and Josephine (Mullaney) Madigan in Detroit on April 9, 1916 and named Josephine Marie at her baptism in St. Charles Church. She attended Mercy College of Nursing and became a registered nurse in 1937, later specializing in obstetrical nursing and earning certification as a nurse anesthetist in 1939. During World War II, she made a promise to God, "that I would devote my life to serving him in the best way I could if my brother came home safe from the war. I entered the convent... when Joseph was safe." She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1946 and became known as Sister Mary Jarlath. She made profession of perpetual vows on August 16, 1951. Sister Mary Jarlath's first assignment was at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit from 1948 to 1951 where she served as supervisor of obstetrics and of surgery. During these years, she completed work on her bachelor's degree, graduating in 1951 from Mercy College of Detroit. In 1954, Sister Mary Jarlath became one of the first sisters to staff the new Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. For 40 years, she served in the obstetrics, surgery and emergency departments as anesthetist and as supervisor. Her final ten years at Mercy Hospital were spent working closely with patients and families as director of surgical patient support services. Many colleagues at the hospital expressed their sense of loss when Sister Mary Jarlath retired to McAuley Center in 1994. "No human being I've known has worked any harder for others," said Dr. Mahamoud Chafy. "Year after year, she has been a tireless nurse, working seven days a week and on call 24 hours a day. Except for an occasional retreat, this woman has always been there for patients and staff of this hospital." Barbara Tate Cogley, who came to Mercy Hospital as a secretary and eventually became a nurse, cited Sister Mary Jarlath as a major influence and dedicated a poem about nursing to her. Dr. S. C. Walker noted that Sister Mary Jarlath's combined "qualities of compassion, expertise, warmth and sense of humor made her a very special person in the lives of all with whom she worked. Sister Mary Jarlath is survived by her brother, Raymond, several nieces and nephews, many friends and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service was held at McAuley Center on February 17, 2005 at 3 p.m., with a scripture and remembrance until 7 p.m. The Mass Resurrection was celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on February 18, 2005 at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI, 48336-1405, or to Mercy Hospital, Fund Development, 2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron



## DONALD N. PADDON

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at age 83 of liver cancer. Preceded in death by devoted wife of 49 years, Elaine K. Paddon, and parents, Norman and Agnes Paddon of Ontario Canada. Beloved father of sons, James R. of Wayzata, MN and Paul D. of Maui, HI. Sister-in-law, Grace Holland and husband James of Shelby Twp., MI. brother-in-law, Dr. Marvin Zulauf of Portage, MI. nephews and friends. Born in St. Thomas, Ontario Canada he fought in the RCAF and Canadian Infantry. After becoming a U.S. citizen, he served in the U.S. Army as well. Mr. Paddon spent most of his life in Birmingham, Michigan. He moved back to Hilton Head, SC from Aiken, SC in 2004. Mr. Paddon was an employee of General Motors Photographic Division for more than 25 years. The family wishes to express additional thanks to friends John and Wes, both of Hilton Head, for their friendship. Services will be private in Wayzata, MN. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

## MARION REIMANN

Age 88. February 15, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Ralph. Loving mother of Sterling (Carolyn) Reimann and Lucienne (Richard) Brokowski. Also survived by four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A Funeral Service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City, on Friday at 12:00 noon. Memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurses Association.

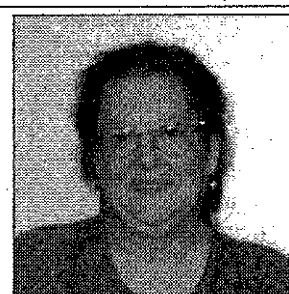


## MARY ELIZABETH BALDIE, NEE ROSHIRT

82. Passed away Sunday February 6 at Woodhaven Nursing Home in Livonia due to complications. Altzheimers Disease. Mary born in Detroit to James and Carrie Roshirt and graduated from Highland Park High School and Junior College. Mary was preceded in death by her husband David, brother Clayton and half-sisters Virginia and Dorothy. She is survived by sister Norma (Bill) Jarratt, sister-in-law Marian Roshirt and 8 nieces and nephews: Tim, Peter and Bill Jarratt, Jim and Paul Roshirt. Kathy Herring, Cynthia Forward and Virginia Allen. Mary was a long-time Livonia resident, member of Rosedale Gardens Pres. Church and Rosedale Gardens Civic Association, active with the Easter Seal Society, former employee of Ford Motor, Schoolcraft College and Holiday Inn Livonia. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens Pres. Church on Saturday April 16 at 11:00 and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit in the family plot. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia or the Altzheimers Society.

## BETTY J. STANFORD

Age 78, of Northville, died February 18, 2005. She was born June 23, 1926, in Emporia, Kansas. She was a resident of Plymouth from 1991 to 2000. She then moved to Houston, Texas, where she lived for two years before returning to Michigan. She earned a Master's Degree in English Literature, as well as a Master's Degree in Industrial Relations, both from New School University in New York. She retired from the St. Joseph Mercy Health Care System, where she worked in Human Resources. After retiring, she continued to work as a consultant. She was also active in the Living In Retirement organization through the University of Michigan. She is survived by her sisters, Patricia (William) Fletcher of Cypress, TX, and Jane Maroon of Buffalo, NY; many nieces and nephews; and many grand-nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph Stanford, Edgar R. Stanford, and Jack Stanford. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Civil Liberties Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734) 453-3333.



## ARLENE J. BALOG-GOULD-TYLUTKI

Age 54. February 17, 2005 of Monroe. Beloved wife of Michael Tylutki. Sister of Catherine. Also survived by two step-children. Funeral Services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Roselawn Memorial Park, 13200 S. Dixie Hwy., LaSalle, MI. Under the direction of the Allure Funeral Home, Monme.



## ARBIE OTTO THALACKER

Was born on January 9, 1907 in Nautoma, Wisconsin and died February 14, 2005 in hospice at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI. He resided in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area since 1936. Arbie began his professional career as an attorney in Marquette, MI and was then hired as in-house counsel for Detrex Corporation, Detroit in 1937. At Detrex he also served as Secretary, General Manager, Executive Vice president, President and Chairman of the Board before retiring at age 80 in 1987. Arbie served as a past president, treasurer and chairman of the grounds committee for the 60 plus years as a member of Orchard Lake Country Club. During the early years at Orchard Lake he is credited with the planting of thousands of trees and statting of the tree nursery at the Club "Arbie's Arboretum". He was also member of the Bar Association in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as a member of Tequesta Country Club, Michigan Senior Golf Association, the Detroit Athletic Club, Recess Club, and POETS. An industrial magazine article likened Arbie to Abraham Lincoln, citing his clear thinking and strong leadership abilities coupled with being a quiet gentleman. He was an avid golfer (shooting his age until he could no longer play at age 94, hole in one at age 84), fly fisherman, hunter, and snow skier. Arbie was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Jeanne Emmett, and his wife of 10 years Marjorie Dickinson and one son, Donald William (Helene Heldenstein of Luxembourg, Europe). He is survived by children Arbie Robert (Deborah) of New York, Richard Emmett (Brenda) of Whitmore Lake, MI, Nancy Odom (Cal) of Brighton, Sue Welcome (C. David) of Bloomfield Hills; stepchildren Thomas Dickinson (Rose), and Lynn O'Neil, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was planned for 12 Noon on Saturday, February 26th at Pine Hill Congregational Church, 4160 Middlebelt Rd., West Bloomfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to Evans Scholars Western Golf Association, One Briar R.J., Golf, Illinois 60029 (college scholarships for golf caddies) or charity of choice.

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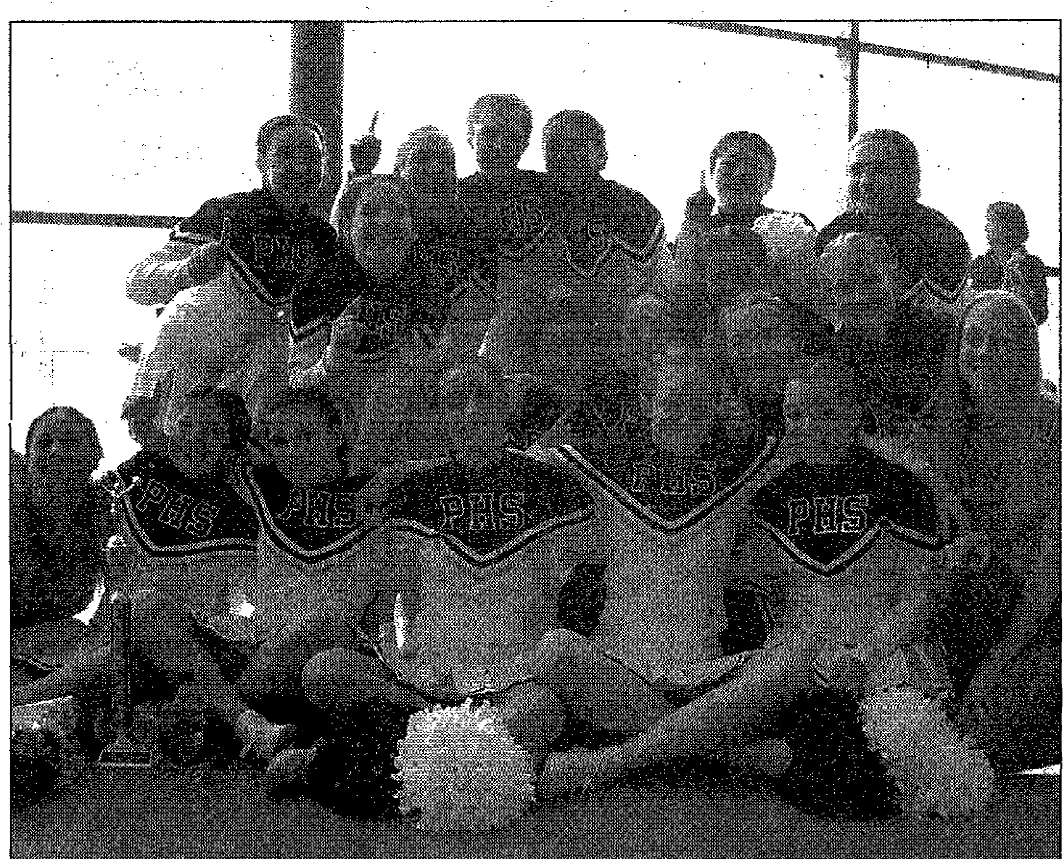
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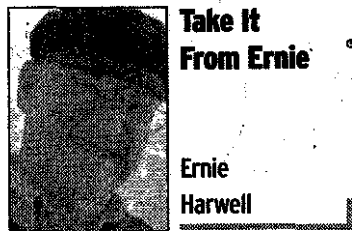
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## JV juggernaut

The Plymouth Saberettes junior varsity pom squad placed first at the Mid-American Pompon 2005 state-wide championship. After regional competitions, the top 12 squads were selected to attend the final event which was held at Eastern Michigan University on Sunday, Feb. 11. This is the first year Plymouth High School has had a JV pom team.





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All of us expect that if we're ever in an accident or develop a serious illness and need blood, it'll be there. Unfortunately, while there's a continuing need for donated blood, only a fraction of people who can give blood actually do.

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I'm not saying that donating blood or organs is for everyone. Certainly some people have good reasons for not doing so. (Religious beliefs come to mind.) But I am saying that we all need to think about how we can "pitch in" to help meet the community's health needs. And donating blood and pledging to be an organ donor are great ways to do that.

For more information about blood and organ donation, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov).

Take care of your health before it's long 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. He appears frequently on television, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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## Creative solutions

### Dietitian offers tips for healthy eating

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Are you a Standup Suzy or Sam? Eating on the run can pack on the pounds just ask registered dietitian Gail Posner. It's just one of the bad habits the registered dietitian regularly tries to curb in clients at her Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling office in West Bloomfield. Over the last 20 years, Posner's identified certain unhealthy eating patterns and problem foods again and again so she decided to name the personalities - Bag or Box Barry or Barb, Fast Frank or Fra, Pity Party. She currently is working on a book about the offenders to help them detect and reduce unnecessary calories. If you're a Stand-up Suzy those two extra crackers every day can add up to six pounds in a year. "Stand-up Suzy may be the number one bad habit," said Gail Posner. "We consume so many extra calories by grazing, walking through the kitchen, grabbing a piece of a few crackers in the cupboard."

Posner provides a creative solution to the problem after evaluating a client's eating practices during an hour-long interview on the first visit. If you're a stand-up eater, sit down. "Move the grabby-type foods - pretzels, dried cherries, a bowl of grapes to an inconvenient location," said Posner. "Keep cereal above the refrigerator. Keep grapes in a covered dish in the back of the fridge, ice cream in the basement freezer."

Don't give up the chocolate just

limit the proportions. Instead of eating a candy bar, try to curb your craving with two Hershey's kisses.

"Chocolate does have health benefits," said Posner. "It's not the enemy in the right amount. I think chocolate is part of life. It includes components that release serotonin for a calming, soothing effect but you only need 1- to 2-tablespoons of chocolate or two Hershey's kisses. Wait 20 minutes, I use the analogy of a headache, you don't take pain reliever or medication and five minutes later take another because it isn't working. It's time. The craving should pass."

Weight loss isn't the only reason Posner's clients come to her. About 20 percent want to eat healthier, the other 40 percent have health issues such as diabetes, arthritis and high cholesterol. All can benefit from controlling portions and exercising. Posner recommends both.

"I'm seeing a more preventive approach," said Posner. "They're not waiting till they're overweight or have a health issue. People are much more aware and interested in nutrition and using a registered dietitian as a trainer. I'm seeing parents concerned with their children's eating habits and clients who in the last couple of years have increasingly grown confused about what to eat. They say, 'I give up. Do I not eat fats, protein.'"

Posner eats six small meals a day, everything from pasta to bread. Downsizing portions is more important than the types of food consumed. In addition, she drinks 64 ounces of



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Gail Posner, registered dietitian with Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, helps individuals modify eating habits, such as replacing sugary drinks with vitamin water, to help them lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

water a day to stay hydrated and fill her up. Posner buys water in the 16-ounce bottle so she knows if she drinks four bottles she'll meet the requirements for the day. She says, forget fad diets that promise fast weight loss. Posner teaches clients the difference between hype and what's nutritionally sound.

Barry Howard, 64, was diagnosed with diabetes in October 2003. The retired chief judge for Oakland County originally went to see Posner on his doctor's advice after a blood test revealed an elevated sugar count. Howard didn't want to eventually have to take medication for diabetes. Posner evaluated not only eating but exercise patterns and the fact that political and bar association events put him at high risk for overeating. Howard doesn't eat the hors d'oeuvres now because if he starts he can't stop. If he's going to have a

drink, he might start with a Bloody Mary then go non-alcoholic for the second drink.

"I've lost 20 pounds," said Howard, 56 of West Bloomfield. "It's an individualized program based on likes and lifestyle. It's easy to follow. It's adaptable. If you have a craving for pizza, you can eat pizza. You just have to limit the amount that you eat."

"I'm reorienting the eating and drinking, controlling portions. Gail gave me simple tips. If you look at the palm of the hand that is the amount of meat you should eat or cut a tennis ball in half. That would be the amount of starches you can have. With salad dressing, choose clear over cloudy. The same with soup."

Today, Howard is eating three meals a day instead of two to provide enough

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## Caring volunteers needed for Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice

St. Joseph Mercy Hospice needs caring volunteers to give three to four daytime hours per week to stay with patients to give family members a much-needed break. St. Joseph Mercy Hospice also needs volunteers for office support during daytime hours.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospice provides a complete training program for new volunteers. Training will begin Tuesday, March 8 at the hospice, 806 Airport Boulevard in Ann Arbor. Pre-registration is required.

To pre-register and to receive an information packet prior to training, or for more information, call (734) 327-3413.

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# Are you a Bag or Box Barry or Barbara?

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Can you spot yourself in one of the unhealthy eating personalities mentioned below? Registered dietician Gail Posner says it's a good beginning.

Once she's identified unhealthy eating patterns and problem foods in clients at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, the next step is easy. She develops an eating plan tailored to their lifestyle. For those who decide to go it alone, she offers the following advice.

Lemonade Larry doesn't realize the calories hidden in sugary drinks. A tall glass of lemonade (12 ounces) can contain 120 to 150 calories. One glass a day instead of water can amount to 12 pounds a year. A bottle of Sunny Delight or Snapple is 240 to 300 calories.

"I encourage clients to switch to a lower sugar, healthier product such as vitamin water which has 1/3 the calories of Sunny Delight," said Posner. "The goal is to get them to switch to water."

Dehydrated Dana confuses thirst and hunger. One of the first questions Posner asks is if she is eating the recommended nine to 11 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Fruits and vegetables are 90 percent water and in addition to supplying vitamins, hydrate the body and provide a satiated feeling.

"They think they're hungry when it's thirst," said Posner. "I train people to distinguish the difference. Before eating an extra snack try a glass of water. Wait five minutes then ask 'Am I still hungry?'"

Fast Frank (or Fran) eats so fast he doesn't realize he's full. If you don't spend at least 20 minutes eating a meal or snack, you're not leaving enough time for the brain to realize you put food in your stomach.

"Chewing sends signals to the brain to indicate satiety or fullness. How many don't chew, but inhale," said Posner. "I teach fast eaters to slow down and take small bites the size of a nickel. Load meals with vegetables. There's more to chew. It will help fill you up."

Patty Party drinks too much alcohol which puts on pounds.

## 'During a party or long dinner some of my clients report having two to four drinks.'

Gail Posner  
registered dietician

A six ounce glass of wine contains 125 calories. A large martini is like drinking two to three drinks or 300 calories. Frozen drinks like daiquiris and margaritas are 300 to 400 calories a serving.

"During a party or long dinner some of my clients report having two to four drinks. That adds up to splurged calories."

Posner says start the evening with a non-alcoholic drink like Perrier or a Virgin Bloody Mary then have an alcohol drink. The third round go back to an alcohol-free drink.

Clean Plate Charlie always empties his plate.

"Don't treat yourself like a garbage can. Listen to your body," said Posner. "Restaurant portions are for 6-ft. football players. Adjust the portion to your height."

Grab and Go Gina doesn't plan ahead. When she gets hungry, she's very hungry. The solution is to plan ahead and have vegetables or a healthy snack with you to tide you over.

"You don't send your kids to school without lunch. Take as good care of your body," said Posner. "Pack dried fruit, peanut butter sticks in the trunk or glovebox."

Bag or Box Barry or Barbara takes a bag of chips or pretzels to the family room or computer, sits down and eats till they hit the bottom.

"The healthy way is to take one serving. Check the label to see what that is. Put the box away," said Posner. "Don't put cereal on the kitchen table. By putting it away you're more likely not to take extra helpings."

"And work snackers - never eat out of a vending machine or doughnuts that appear in the employee lounge. Bring your own healthy snacks."

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## FEBRUARY

### 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. Jacqueline Gold will discuss financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following the divorce, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

**Infant and child immunizations**  
5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia 48154. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. The fee is \$10 per child. For more information, call (734) 655-8950.

The Infant and Child Immunization Clinic will provide all routine infant and childhood immunizations to children under age 18, administered by health care professionals at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Please bring all available immunization records to be updated. Registration is not required.

**Thyroid Cancer Support Group**  
Our support group is free and open to any and all survivors and their families and friends. We meet monthly. The next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 850 Stephenson Highway, Suite 402 (ATI), Troy. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

### Classes

**Strengthen Your Bones Naturally** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 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. Then hire specific vitamins, minerals, and supplements as bone builders. Gather many non-prescription strategies to strengthen bones at any age. Cost is \$64, seniors \$51.20, includes workbook. Register by calling (734) 462-4448.

### Kick off party

The American Diabetes Association is hosting an America's Walk for Diabetes kickoff party 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 in Ann Arbor. The kickoff party is a precursor to the May 14, 2005, America's Walk for Diabetes in Ann Arbor. To RSVP for the party or more information about America's Walk for Diabetes, call Stephanie Rahm at (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6692.

### Oscar Night benefit

Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation's Oscar Night@ America Party 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Star Theatres Southfield and Pistons Hoop City Grille, 25333 W. 12 Mile, Southfield. This is Michigan's only Oscar Night@ party sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Proceeds from this fun and exciting event will benefit children's programs and community outreach initiatives throughout the Oakwood Healthcare System. For tickets or more information, call (313) 586-5346 or visit [www.oakwood.org](http://www.oakwood.org).

### Lupus meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend a free "New Connections" meeting 6-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Annapolis Park Church of Christ, 30355 Annapolis, Westland. The meeting are designed to assist people unfamiliar with lupus and Lupus Alliance to find out how the Alliance is helping people to better understand the disease and what they can do if they or a family member is diagnosed with lupus. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Alliance at (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to [info@milupus.org](mailto:info@milupus.org), or visit the Web site at [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org).

### Grief support workshops

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

### Tai Chi

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

### Red Cross safety courses

Began in January, and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation), Infant/Child CPR, CPR/AED review for professional rescuers, CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates, nurse assistant training, and baby-sitter training at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five Mile, call (734) 542-0442 or

visit [www.semredcross.org](http://www.semredcross.org). Costs vary. Among the offerings is nurse assistant training (\$650) that teaches 90-hours of skill and theory that will enable individuals to provide quality care for residents in long-term care facilities. The program meets State of Michigan requirements and upon completion the participant will take the Michigan Nurse Assistant Aide Competency test for state certification. For more information, call (313) 576-4130.

### Winter classes

Botsford Health Care Continuum offers classes on weight management, childbirth, nutrition, diseases such as diabetes and osteoporosis. Call (248) 477-6100 to register, or visit [www.botsfordsystem.org](http://www.botsfordsystem.org). Fitness classes, including Feldenkrais, Tai Chi and Parkinson's and Fibromyalgia exercise programs, take place at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. For more information, call (248) 473-5600.

### Hospice volunteers needed

Heartland Hospice of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals to provide companionship to clients in their final stage of life and support to their families and caregivers, or provide office support. Heartland Hospice serves patients with a limited life expectancy and their families in the tri-county area. Any time you can give is welcomed and appreciated. To sign up for training or for more information, call Mary or Brianne at (800) 770-9859.

### Divorce Recovery Workshop

Bethany Rochester began a workshop series 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, for 11 weeks, at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 7710 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. No charge. For more information, call Mike at (248) 652-3860.

## UPCOMING

### Life Line screenings

Tuesday, March 1, at the Royal Oak Elks Club No. 1523, 2401 E. 4th Street, Royal Oak. Appointments begin at 9:00 a.m. A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced. Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a

strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone-density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis. Costs ranging from \$109 to \$129. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 697-9721. Pre-registration required.

### Grieving parents support group

The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated. Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice. "Heartstrings" will have its first meeting on Thursday, March 3, but individuals may join at any time. Meetings will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and I-96 in Livonia from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more information on Angela Hospice's community bereavement services or to register for the group, call Feret at (734) 464-7810 or visit [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org).

### Prostrate screening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register, call (734) 655-8963. Men can receive a prostate screening, learn about medical, health and fitness information, nutrition and more. Prostate Screening Day at St. Mary Mercy Hospital consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), Total Cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check. It is suggested that men 45 years and older get tested. PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease. Whether immediate treatment is required or not, symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men. Early screening and early detection can save lives.

### Classes

Vitamins & Minerals to the Rescue 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 and 23, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. What mineral helps you sleep better and what vitamins reduce irritability? Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann the findings about common vitamins and minerals, food sources for each, and the role that vitamins and minerals can play. Cost is \$79, seniors \$63.20, includes workbook. Register at (734) 762-4448.

## HEALTHY

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energy to carry him through the day. He changed his lifestyle as well. He's taking a multivitamin, calcium, folic acid, B-12, and aspirin with his doctor's knowledge.

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What investigation showed is that the integrity of the tibia depends on the strength of the quadriceps and hamstrings. These muscles, when they contract, place a stress on the bone in the area that the muscle tendons anchor. This stress is the incentive for the chemical reactions that keeps remodeling the bone. In turn this constant change maintains the contours and structure of the bone itself.

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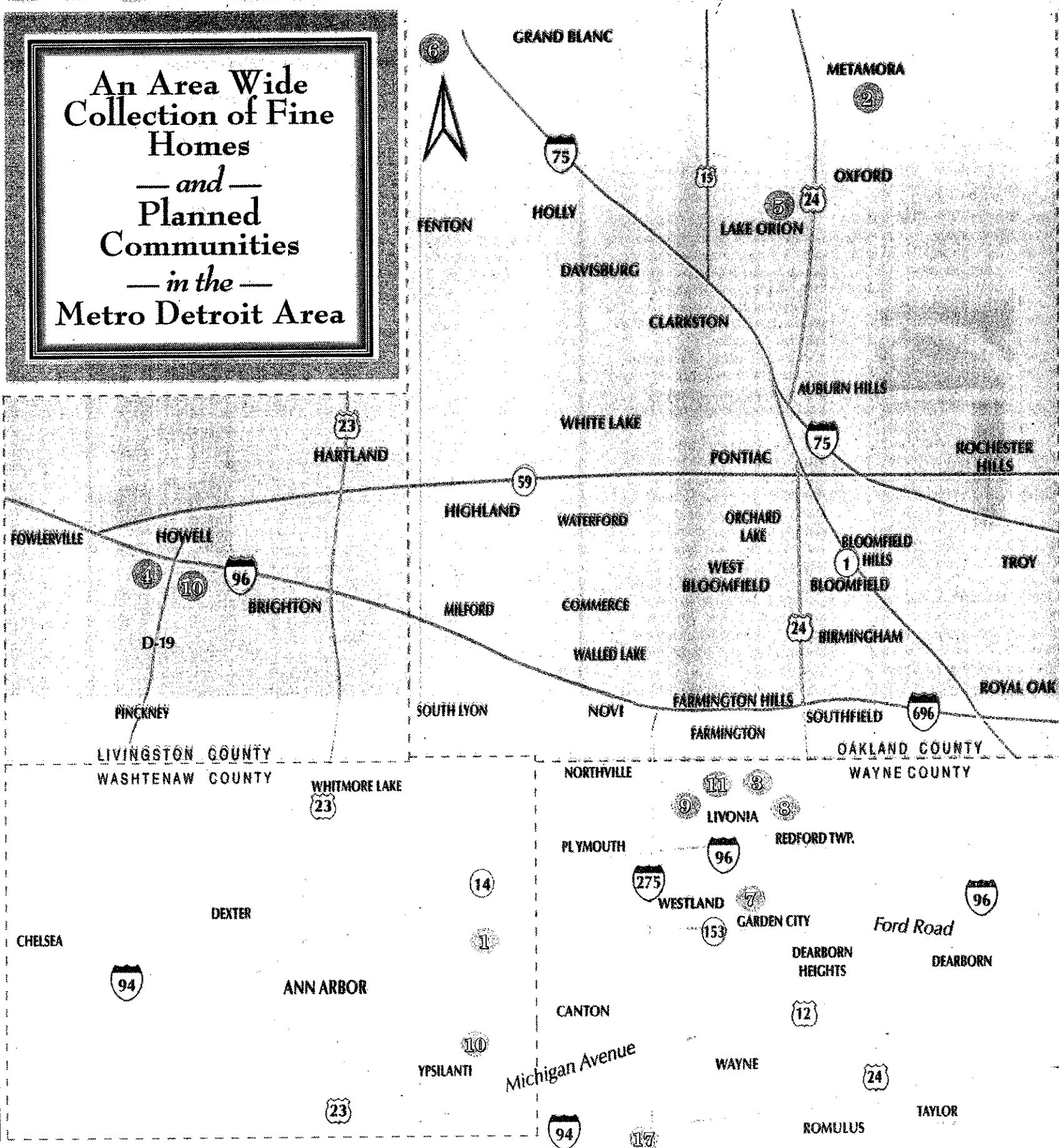


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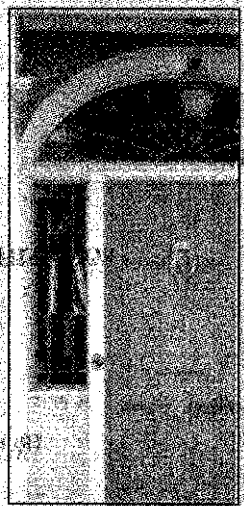
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# Create the right lighting for your kitchen

(MS) — Kitchens have evolved into much more than just places to prepare and enjoy a meal. Today, they serve as the hub of the house, acting as a meeting place, study zone and even a home office. The kitchen is truly a center of family activity.

Such multi-tasking demands versatile lighting in kitchens. Gone are the days when a single 100-watt fixture centered in the kitchen's ceiling was sufficient for lighting needs.

"I see people every day who are saddled with a light in the middle of the kitchen," says Dan Blitzer, consulting director of education for the American Lighting Association. "This means that everywhere around the perimeter, where most of the work is done, it's done in one's own shadow. To make matters worse, the fixture is usually undersized."

Lighting experts agree that you should create a lighting recipe for your kitchen that complements the size and use of the room. You should also determine which lights will be functional and which will be decorative. A lighting professional may be able to create the right mix for your home. Here are some items to consider:

■ **Kitchen table** — The kitchen table is a family focal point. A decorative pendant fixture, operating with a dimmer control, will provide sufficient lighting for this controlled area.

■ **Sink and stove areas** — Recessed downlights assure even illumination. Install them over the stove and sink areas to create adequate task lighting for cooking and cleaning.

When you add new lights over the sink or stove, the whole area comes alive," says Barry Levett, owner and president of House of Lights in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. "Those are the areas where homeowners spend lots of their time."

■ **General room lighting** — Functional fixtures will provide well-diffused general lighting perfect for moving about the room safely, peering inside drawers and cabinets, and performing chores. The latest looks revolve around recessed lights and low voltage, industrial styles, often with a metal finish.

■ **Cabinets and countertops** — Placing lighting above and below cabinets can illuminate countertops for more functional task lighting. These types of lights have gone from optional to necessary with the advent of larger kitchens. Available in slim, energy-efficient designs such as miniature track lighting or low voltage systems, under-cabinet lighting quickly and easily lights up countertops. Halogen is quite popular in these areas, offering consumers a whiter, more accentuating light. It adds drama to the kitchen, electrifying countertops and making food look better.

Similarly, over-cabinet lighting is also popular. It emphasizes tall ceilings and complement cabinets that don't reach the ceiling. Installing lighting fixtures within this area can give a more spacious feel to a smaller kitchen.

■ **Office space** — The kitchen "office" or workspace is the latest trend in need of good lighting. Sometimes these are



Your kitchen lighting scheme should complement the use of the room. Be sure to consider elements like the kitchen table, sink and stove areas, to create the right fit for your home.

desk areas for paying bills or copying recipes. More often than not, however, they include a space for a computer. Remember that the computer itself is still a task, so you need only light the paperwork. While your task lighting here depends upon your cabinet layout and computer location, a fluorescent fixture will work well.

Creating the best lighting design for

your kitchen is just like cooking a great meal. You have to have the right recipe and the proper ingredients. You should also plan your work in advance, and consult with lighting experts to determine the right fixtures for your needs.

For more information or to find a lighting showroom near you, call (800) 274-4484 or visit [www.americanlightingassoc.com](http://www.americanlightingassoc.com).

# Beautiful kitchen makeovers done on a budget

(NAPSI) — Having a brighter, more beautiful kitchen doesn't have to break your budget. The following tips can provide a recipe for inexpensive, kitchen makeover success.

You can update cabinets without replacing them. The easiest update is to refinish or paint them. New knobs and hinges can help pull together a

new look. Replacing just the door is less expensive than replacing the whole cabinet. Or you can remove the doors and go for a "country kitchen" shelving look.

Freshen up your walls with a new coat of paint. A painted or wallpapered border each define your kitchen's look or you might want to add some mold-

ing to give a bland kitchen more detail.

Not ready to replace appliances? You may be able to replace the fronts of some dishwashers and refrigerators to match your cabinets. Or you may be able to paint your appliances with appliance paint.

A color theme is an impor-

tant part of making kitchen elements seem less haphazard. If you're handy with a sewing machine you can start by making curtains in an appealing fabric and use the same fabric to make other accessories. Keep decorative elements and cookware from your tea kettle to your tea towels in the same color theme.

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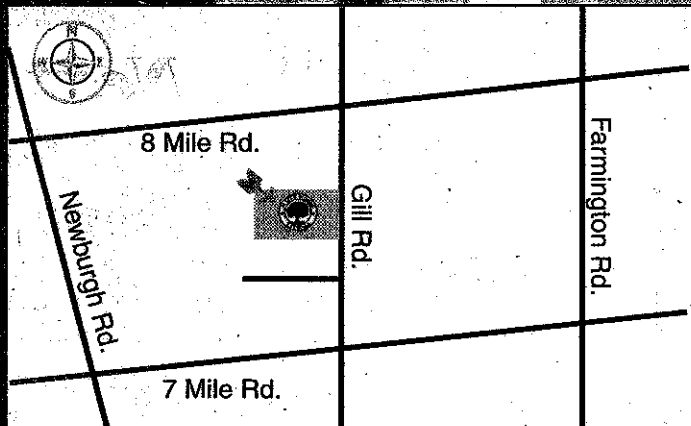


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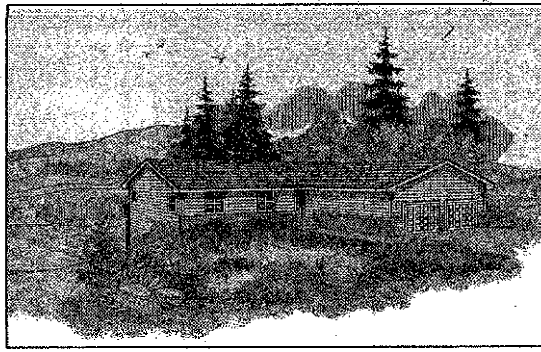
The first floor and finished basement combine to offer 3,372 square feet of living space in the contemporary style Puuri. Suited for a sloping lot, the Puuri offers a family plenty of room to grow.

The brick and wood trim adds to the curb appeal of this attractive home. The two-car garage extends forward from the main structure, creating a recessed entry. Directly to the left of the entry is a stairway to the basement area. A mod-sized home office, perfect for running a small business or for figuring out household accounts, is adjacent to the stairs. The office has closet space and plenty of room for filing cabinets, computer and other necessary equipment. If desired, this room could be turned into an extra bedroom.

Across the hallway is the large master suite. The amenities here include a roomy walk-in closet, private bathroom with spa and linen storage, and a small raised back deck. Separated from the master suite by a full bathroom, is the second bedroom. A large closet and windows on two sides enhance this spacious room.

A built-in pellet stove warms the wmbiued living room-dining room area, where family and friends will want to gather. In warmer weather, take the fun outside. The living room opens to a roomy deck, and when you want to get the barbecue out, a raised deck can be accessed from the dining room.

make any cook happy. Here meals can be prepared and served without the wok missing out on any of the goings-

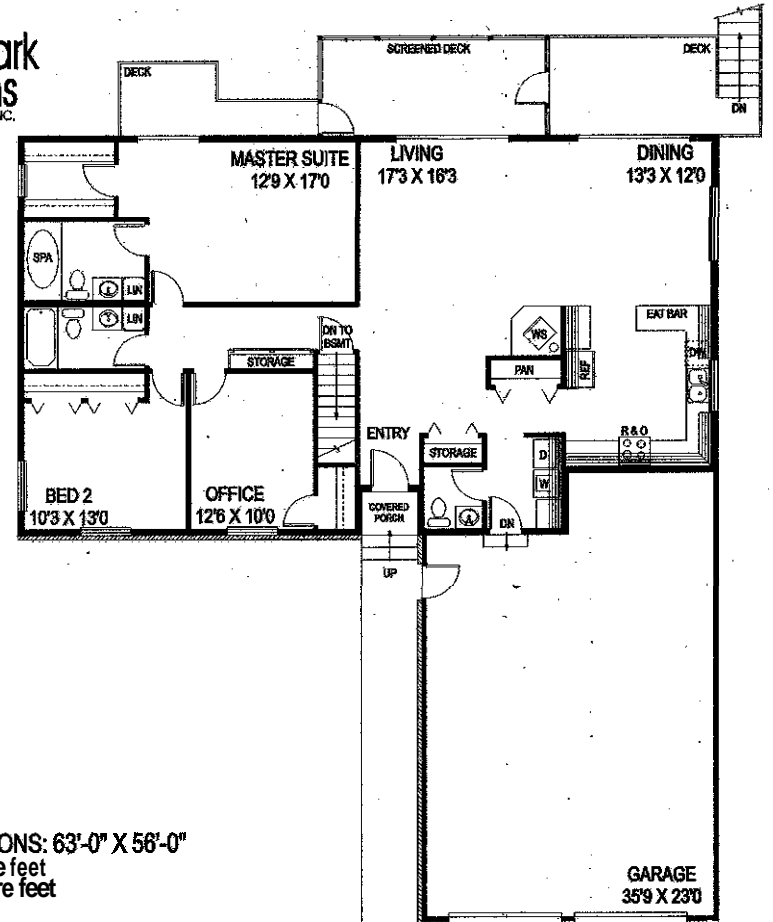


on. All the built-in appliances and lots of pantry space allows meals to be served formally in the dining room or hot snacks taken to the backyard or down to the basement for the kids playing ping-pong.

A utility room and half-bath have been placed near the garage. Groceries can be conveniently brought directly into the kitchen without worrying about the weather. If you decide to have a shop in the garage, any clean up can be done before entering the main part of the house.

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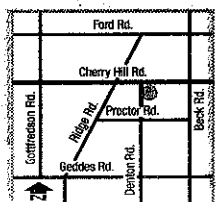
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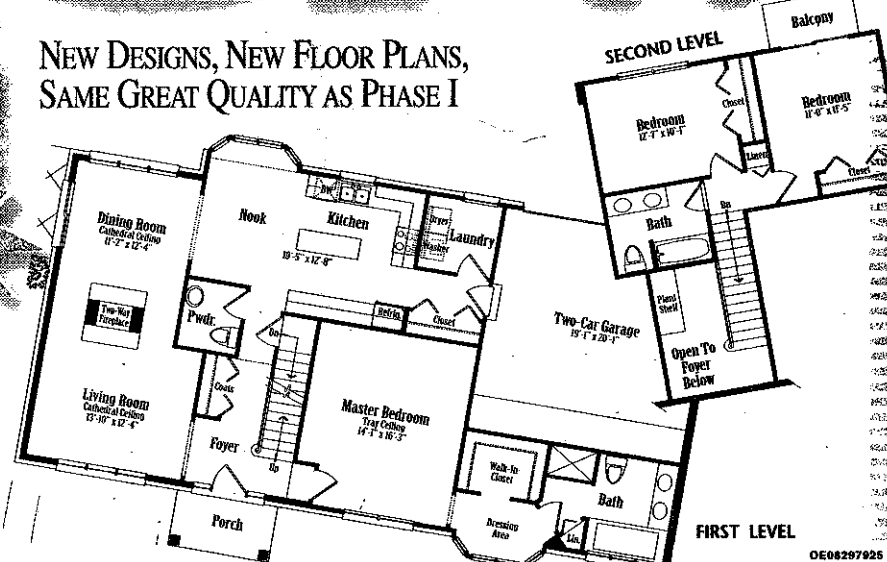
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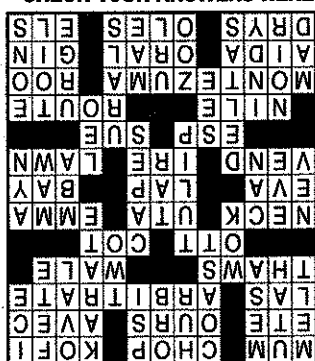
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- 16 Prevent a strike
- 18 Defrosts
- 20 Corduroy rib
- 21 Homer-hitter Mel —
- 23 Camp bed
- 24 Bottle top
- 27 Ms. Hagen of films
- 29 The avenging Mrs. Peel
- 33 NASA excursion
- 34 Drink like Rover
- 35 Howl at the moon
- 36 Hawk
- 38 Dublin's loc.
- 39 Turf
- 40 Sixth sense
- 42 Hire a lawyer
- 44 Pharaoh's river
- 46 Turnpike
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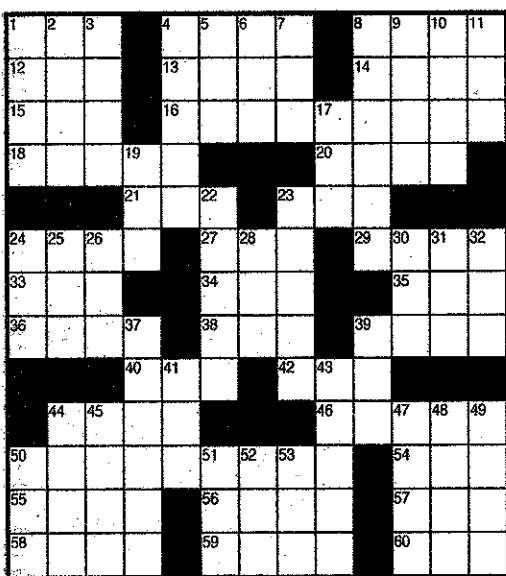
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- 9 Running track
- 10 Honor in style
- 11 Wine cooler
- 17 Low card
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- 25 Time to celebrate
- 26 Paint container
- 28 Pot hole filler
- 30 Business deg.
- 31 Gullet
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- 37 Silt deposits
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- 41 Have a look
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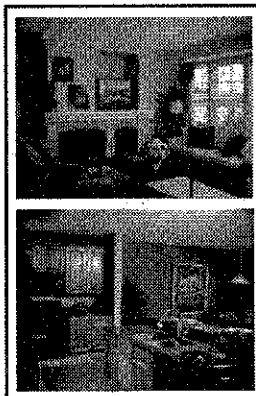


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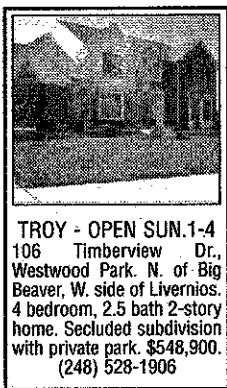
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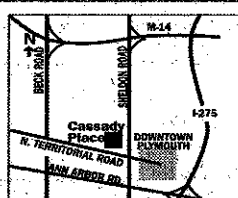
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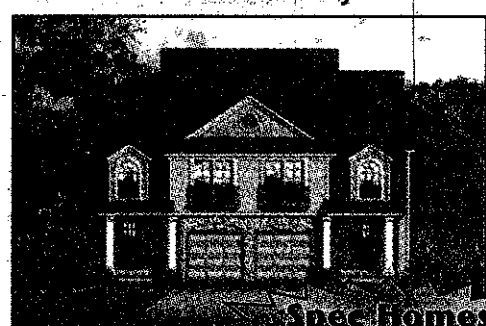


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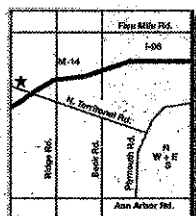
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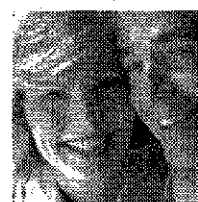
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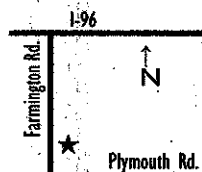
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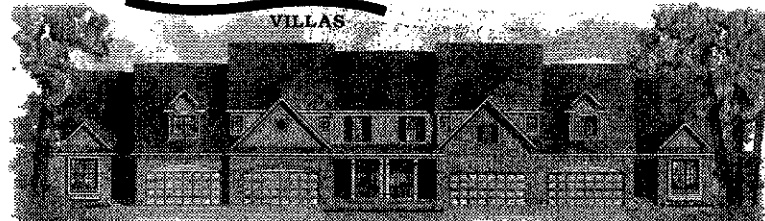
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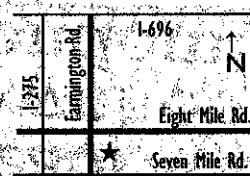
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# Returning From Active Duty, One At A Time



**WORKWISE**  
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It isn't easy to imagine what life is like for a person on active duty. Glimpses of television news or scenes in a movie offer not much more than

reality TV. The amendment to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) signed into law on

December 10, 2004, requires companies to notify citizen-soldiers of their employment rights. A mini-industry of vendors, both legal and HR, has sprung to the aid of companies, but such standardization doesn't tell the whole story. Companies must do more. They must remember that each member of the National Guard or Reserves is an individual. Soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and members of the Coast Guard are first and foremost individuals, returning.

David St. Germain, executive director of the Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a national committee headquartered in Arlington, Va., says that employers tend to follow USERRA or go beyond it.

"A lot of problems we're having result from lack of communication between employer and reservists, and vice-versa, and lack of knowledge of what the law requires," he states.

"We try to gain information from the reservists to find out who the employer is. Then we try open the lid

calling the employer and offering him participation in programs, for managers and business owners." He speaks of reservists who failed to notify employers and "just show up at the plant."

Bryan Zawikowski should know about these returnees as individuals. He is general manager and division director of Lucas Group's Military Division, which places more than 1,000 military veterans in corporations per year. His company has offices throughout the United States and in Berlin.

"Most returning reservists have a job that's still available -- or a similar one," Zawikowski says, "and the company is willing to take them back, but they don't necessarily want to go back. Part of this has to do with improving economic conditions. The grass seems to be greener elsewhere. The bond with fellow employees (in some cases) is gone; so they're returning to a job as opposed to career." He indicates that an employee who left unhappy is most likely not to return. Serving on active duty can create a clean break for them.

"Then again, some can't wait to get back to their companies," he adds.

## CIRCUITOUS ROUTES

There's a great deal of discussion about how

multiple jobs affect the American worker.

But there's less about reservists with jagged service records caused by changing needs of the American military. Jeremy Burkes, currently of Fayetteville, NC, is in transition, finally available to work full-time in industry this month. He's looking for a position in the central U.S. after three

years with the Army Reserve, more than three years with the National Guard during college, then three years of active duty, a three-month break, National Guard for more than a year, active duty for two years, all of this by age 30. Value in his pronounced ability to adapt can't be underestimated by civilian employers, who often have to counter employees resisting change.

Will Mitchell, currently of Denver, Colo., is a Naval Academy graduate who subsequently served in the Marine Corps, then worked in a Fortune 100 company before deployment after 9/11.

He chose not to return to his previous employer, a decision totally unrelated to his feelings about the company Mitchell was worn out, in need of a break. He'd been gone long enough to have forgotten his boss's telephone number, so he used the company Web site to find a number for HR.

HR understood his need for a rest, he recalls. "There was nothing negative. They asked me to send a letter of resignation." Mitchell took that rest and is now seeking an operations management position to capitalize upon on his management experience. (At 32, he's led 60 people



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This all-new 2005 Buick LaCrosse is a replacement for the tried-and-true Regal and Century sedans that graced our roads for so many years. And the replacement is fresh, new and truly refreshing.

The LaCrosse seats up to six adults and is a front-wheel-drive midsize sedan that has a bit of luxury built into it. It's got comfort, it's quiet as a field mouse and can handle just about any road situation you can throw at it.

Powered by a totally responsive 240-horsepower 3.6-liter V6 with variable valve timing mated to a four-speed automatic transmission, the LaCrosse CXS can surprise you with its quick response. The other two models (the CX and CLX) come standard with General Motors' 3800 3.8-liter V6 with a four-speed automatic transmission.

Buick calls it "Quiet Tuning." Throughout the body, powertrain and a suspension that's smooth, yet agile, you can feel hear it turn over when you start it. Road noise is nearly non-existent. Handling is superb in everything from dry roads to snow-covered slushy messes.

The only thing that will make you turn up the stereo is if you've got the heating and cooling on full power.

Otherwise you hear nothing.

Although I immediately installed an aftermarket remote start system on my primary vehicle, I'm pleased to see more and more manufacturers starting to have factory-installed remote starting systems. On LaCrosse, it marks the first time a Buick has such a system. It's something that's totally invaluable, whether it's the dead of winter or the height of summer. You can start the vehicle and warm it up or cool it down before you slide into the comfy seat. Invaluable.

I mentioned the LaCrosse was available in three distinct trim levels -- the well-equipped CX, elegantly appointed CLX and the performance-rated CXS. They're EPA rated 20 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway. Gas prices aren't a concern here.

Quiet as a field mouse, the LaCrosse is. Improvements



2005 Buick LaCrosse. Vehicle type: Midsize sedan. Power: 3.8-liter V6. Mileage: 20 mpg city/29 mpg highway. Where built: Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Price as tested: \$32,750.

have been made obvious by rebound damper bumpers for improved cushioning, returned power steering systems for improved response, stabilizer bars that are larger and an all-new aluminum engine cradle and mounting system for quieter powertrain performance.

The new four-wheel-disc braking system is larger and more durable and are mounted on 16-inch wheels (17-inch wheels are on the CSX). StabiliTrak is standard, giving it maximum traction control in emergency situation or low traction conditions.

It takes the worry out of driving. No matter how and why you depress the brakes, it independently applies a braking force and any corner of the vehicle, which interprets your desired driving and accelerates or decelerates the vehicle. So if you're starting to fishtail, the StabiliTrak applies the outside front brake to straighten out the vehicle. If you're understeering, the rear brake is applied to help turn the vehicle. It's all computer-generated and is connected to the trailer load control system.

The ride of the LaCrosse is smooth, with firm curves and the familiar Buick signature look -- not sporty or flashy in the least. It is elegant, as all of Buick's vehicles. There are chrome accents everywhere and the front fascia is remarkably understated.

On the inside, however, you'll find that luxury appointments are the norm, not the exception. Everything has soft leather throughout, wood grain accenting and a feel of comfort.

The legroom on the LaCrosse is wonderfully refreshing and front and rear hip room is also premium. Five-passen-

ger models have a large center armrest with a deep console and leather shifter, while the six-passenger models have steering-column-mounted shifter and a seatback that can be converted to a center console and armrest.

The standard equipment list is lengthy and includes remote keyless entry, power driver's seat, automatic programmable power door locks with lockout protection, power windows with express-down on the driver's side, six-speaker stereo with CD player, full interior illumination with delayed entry and exit lighting and premium leather seat surfaces on the higher level models.

Stuff you can add includes heated front seats, steering-wheel-mounted audio and climate controls, stereo upgrades, MP3 player, and XM satellite radio.

Safety issues are taken care of with the use of dual-stage front air bags, safety-cage structure and interior engine components that directs impact away from the passengers and driver.

OnStar is available on all models and comes with a one-year subscription. PASSLock theft deterrent system with engine immobilizer is also standard.

You can also opt for the side curtain air bags. The LaCrosse also has a rear parking assist system that tells you when there's an object behind the vehicle. It's extremely sensitive, too.

In one sentence, the Buick LaCrosse is a fine work of art and function.

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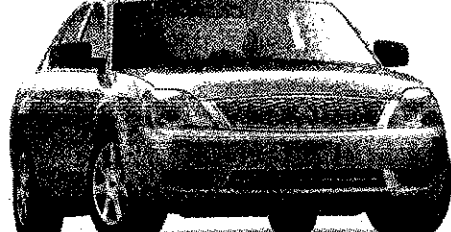


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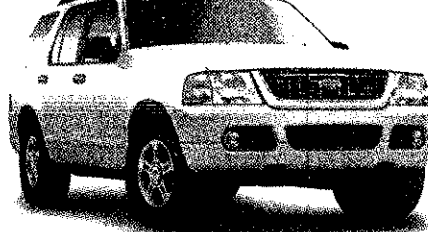


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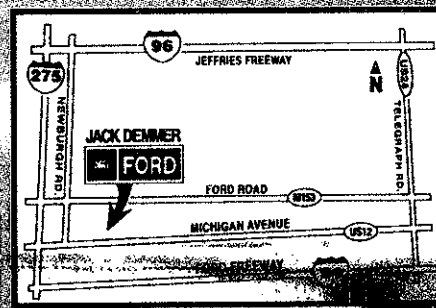
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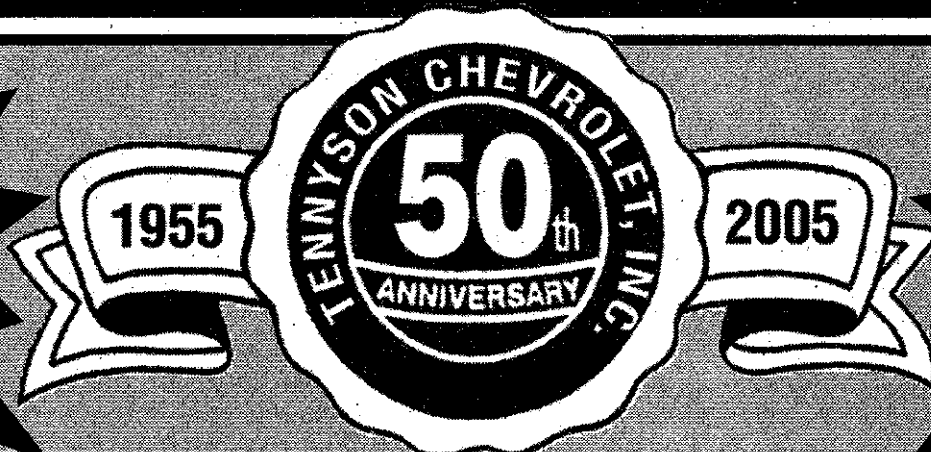
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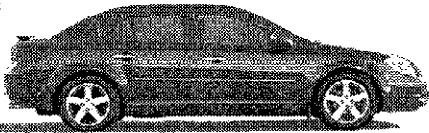


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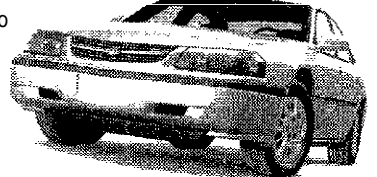
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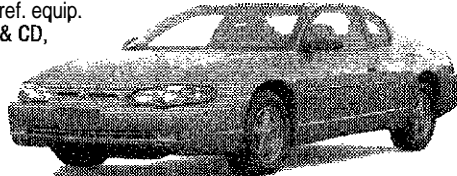
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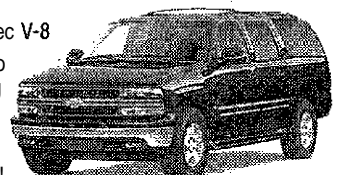
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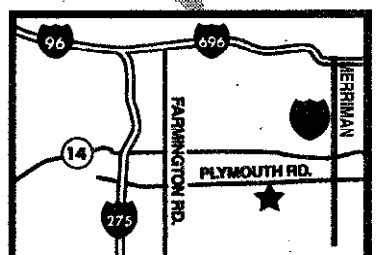
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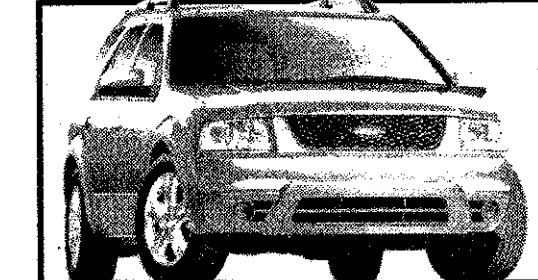


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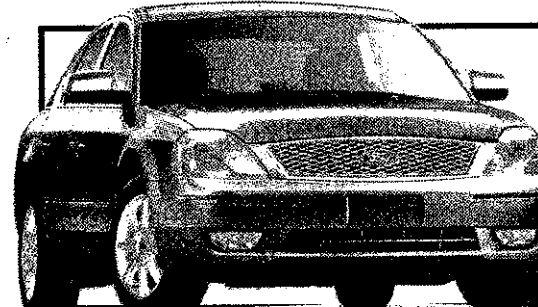


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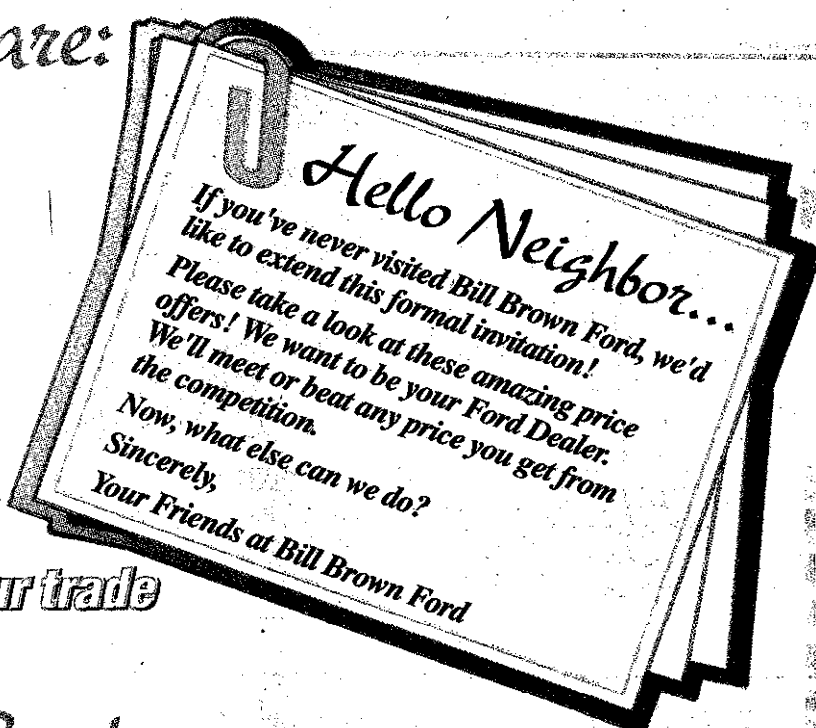


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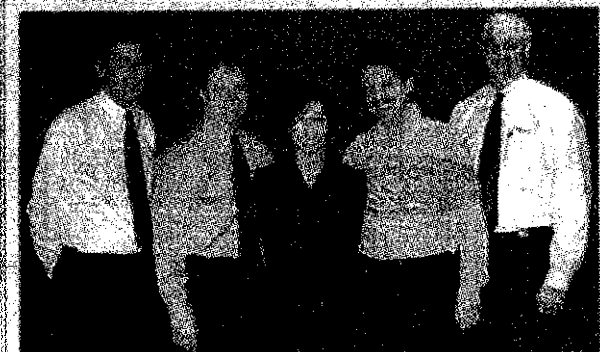
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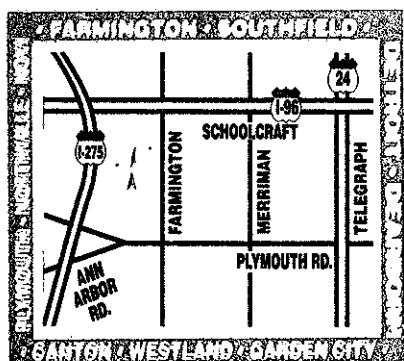
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## Student designs

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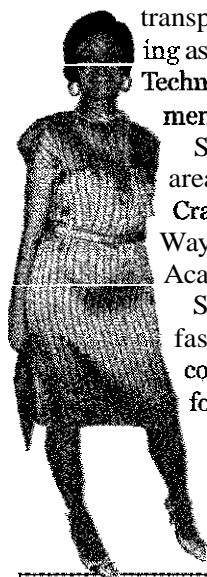
Who knew Detroit had so many budding fashion designers? I recently had the honor of sitting on a panel of judges at Detroit's first-ever student fashion show competition, and wow — was I impressed with the talent in this town. The fashion show was part of Artrageous — a huge fund raising gala for Fanculh Arts Foundation held Jan. 29 at the American Center Building in Southfield.

It was spearheaded by Virginia Sullivan, a transplanted New Yorker who counts working as a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology among her long list of achievements in the fashion world.

Sullivan put out a call to schools in the area with fashion design programs — Cranbrook, College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University and International Academy of Design & Technology.

She asked them to nominate up to 20 fashion design students each, who could enter garments in up to three of four categories.

Then, Sullivan invited yours truly



Amanda Jurban, WSU, Winner: Artrageous Weekend.

## Artrageous impact

Photos by Christopher Jablonski



Meghan Harris, CCS,  
Winner:  
Artrageous Evening.

to judge the contest, along with herself and Susan Howes, Fashion Editor of HOUR Detroit.

Artrageous — which brought together artists, musicians and chefs from the area's finest restaurants — was a great event, but I spent most of it backstage examining racks full of clothing.

Many of the pieces were made from custom patterns. Some featured couture detailing and were constructed from fabrics dyed by the students themselves.

The students modeled their clothing during a runway show, and four of them walked away with prizes for their work.

Winners in each category got \$250, along with a \$500 grant for their schools.

As a judge, picking the best designers wasn't easy, but as the cliché says — everyone who participated was truly a winner. All of the students got exposure for themselves and their schools, experience with a live runway show,

and most of all, inspiration to enter the competition next year. Because if Virginia Sullivan has her way, the Artrageous Wearable Art Fashion Show will be around for a long time to come.



Tazia Wade,  
IADT, Winner:  
Artrageous  
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What PINK has brought to the fashion/beauty followers in this community has been wonderful I consider PINK my mini, Metro inspired InStyle magazine! I look forward to it each week — I can get the fashion/beauty products featured locally or they are just a click away! Your signature features Tried 'n' True and Kellys.Klicks are my favorites.

I was **sorry** to read that PINK will be issued monthly in the

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Your magazine has really struck a cord with me and I really enjoy it. In case you are interested in who is reading PINK — I get it delivered with my West Bloomfield Eccentric and I am a West Bloomfield resident, African-American and 52 years "young"!

Please continue to keep us informed!

Gail Juarez  
West Bloomfield



### On the cover

This Salon Moderne gown, created in 1949, is among garments featured in "Vintage Couture: The 1920s-1960s Fashions of Elizabeth Parke Firestone" opening March 4 at The Henry Ford Museum. Firestone wore this couture gown while being photographed by Cecil Beaton for Vogue.

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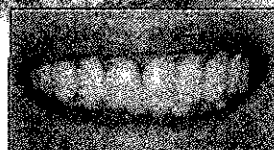
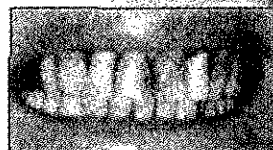
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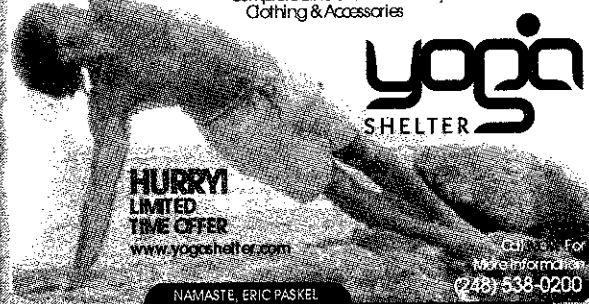
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## BEYOND the WINDOW with Lainey

*I was great fun launching my column in January, and as PINK rolls out its new monthly format, I hope to appear regularly. So, without further ado, here are more exciting windows to venture beyond!*

### The Dancing Eye Strikes a Lake Front Pose

The residents of Walled Lake are in their glory, since they've watched the Dancing Eye Gallery pirouette its way to East Walled Lake Drive.

If you've been to downtown Northville, you're probably familiar with both the Dancing Eye Gallery and its adjunct shop, Across the Street — and those two stores will stay as sweet as they are.

Opened in November, the Dancing Eye Gallery of Walled Lake combines the best of both Northville

shops as it brings an arty glow to this waterfront community.

Owner Theresa Schierloh emits her own brand of sunshine with her creative spirit, spunk and sense of humor.

An artist herself, she conceived the business name one

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morning sitting at the breakfast table. She laughs, "I was looking at one of my pieces, and it resembled a dancing eye!" Hence, the inception of the Northville gallery — now celebrating 10 years in business.

With its origin as mainly a tile shop, the Northville Dancing Eye expanded its horizons in 2001, and opened a second store "Across the Street, filled with novelty tees, purses, vests, belts, ponchos, scarves, boutique line jeans and other accessories.

The galleries delight with hand made jewelry, greeting cards, candles, soaps, ceramics, journals and nightlights. Metal sculptures, mobiles and shadow charms mesmerize, along with other personal gifts and home accessories. And check out the cute tees, clothing and adornments for baby, too.

Schierloh says, "Tiles are how people first discovered my business. It's a niche." And find fabulous tiles in many sizes, colors and themes. Aesthetically pleasing, they adorn fireplace surrounds, wood floors, brickwork, gardens, backslashes or showers.

For gift giving, tiles make great coasters, soap dishes, paper weights, trivets, framed wall art, or personalized keepsakes — for milestones, for baby, or even etched with corporate logos.

### Urban Chic Salon is Up the "Alley"

In the days of Dickens, London alleys were undesirable passageways where people fell prey to unseemly characters.

Today, developers and business owners are renovating the narrow alleys of cities and towns where trendy boutiques, coffeehouses, eateries and salons set up shop.

Wander through the Willits Alley in Birmingham and

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feel a flurry of activity!

In a small way, the sensation may be similar to that around the nooks and crannies of Toronto's Yorkville or Paris' Left Bank in their infant stages.

Jeremy Lyle is one of

the pioneers of Willits Alley with the opening of his salon, Beauty (Salon) by J. Lyle Ltd. His brother Simon Tomkinson, an architect, helped with the cutting edge design.

An internationally trained hair stylist for over 12 years, Lyle formerly worked and trained others at Bashar Salon in Birmingham.

With metro area roots, he was born to English parents, and he and his family lived in France during part of his youth — so he learned the ways of the world early on.

Lyle provides a comfortable feel with cool design elements and a blend of chic and grit, or as he puts it, "a spice of life concept — making people beautiful with an edge."

With his select group of talented stylists, he adds, "We're not an ultra-modern or a mega-salon. We have four stations, and create an intimate feel. We're service-oriented, and hope to bring happiness to people's lives. We want to have fun — and fun's infectious!"

One employee, Jonathan Toben, is a "go-to" man who'll gladly pick up lattes or feed meters for clients.

Lyle stresses the importance of a skilled, professional, friendly and helpful staff. And he feels that a good fit of personalities is key to success.

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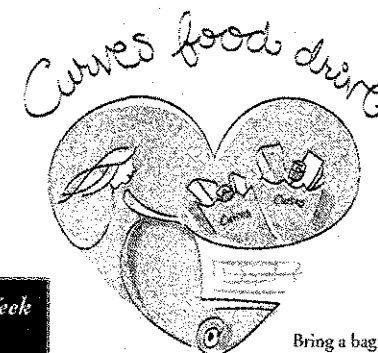
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# Romance

## Reigns at New York Fashion Week

**J**ust as we are tiring of cool-weather clothing and trying to get a handle on spring styles, designers are **thinking** fall all over again. The biggest names in fashion unveiled their latest collections at New York Fashion week, Feb. 6-11. So what's on the runway for Fall 2005? Rich, sumptuous fabrics featuring metallic threads and beading, ethnic embroidery, patchwork and brocade showed up in several collections. **Red**, raspberry, cranberry and plum spruced up otherwise neutral fall palettes. And proportions grew — reflected in full, below-the-knee **skirts**. Some designers harkened back to a romantic, literary past with petticoats, camisoles and vests. It's definitely time to retire the overplayed poncho. It seems certain to be replaced by either a slouchy cardigan or a short, hoxy jacket. Here's what some featured designers showed during Fashion Week:

### Diane von Furstenberg

Inspired by the Russian Revolution, Diane von Furstenberg sent a mix of folkloric embroideries and military details down the runway at her show. A wool jersey peacoat was paired with a gypsy-style chiffon petticoat as von Furstenberg straddled masculine tailoring with femi-

ninity and romance. The predominant prints were a graphic circle jacquard and chevron stripes. A gold pantsuit, worn with a cowl-neck sweater, was a fresh evening look. Von Furstenberg also offered several new versions of her signature wrap dress.

### Luca Luca

Designer Luca Orlandi used a beautiful, luxe-looking gold silk brocade for a pleated skirt. A purple embroidered silk velvet tank was the perfect complement. However, other **skirts** had a balloon shape, which might prove difficult for many women to wear. Orlandi also showed an olive silk brocade coat with a portrait collar that was stunning.

### DKNY

Donna Karan created a cool, sophisticated 1920s scene at the lounge of The Algonquin Hotel, a historic literary hangout. Mannequins — one in a gray flannel strapless dress with green tulle underneath, another in a silver tulle ball gown — "greeted" guests at the door, while others inside were posed on couches and tabletops in soft velvet jackets, lace-trim full skirts and Art Deco-style silver tops decorated with sequins.

### Tracy Reese

Tracy Reese used brocade and printed fabrics for her portrait-collar jackets. Reese's collection had a definite art deco edge, with beaded fringe hanging from the front of a camisole paired with a sweater and slim skirt. A gold collar coat with a blouson top and orchid gold film embroidered skirt also evoked the 1930s, as did the gold metallic peep toe shoes with ankle straps.

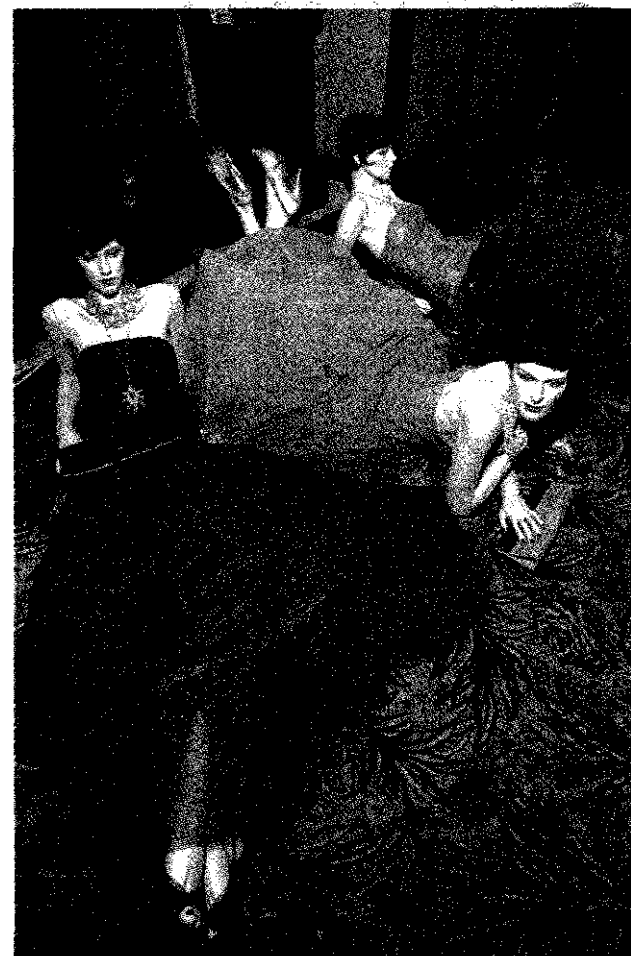


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DKNY previews their Fall 2005 collection on mannequins, as they did with the Spring 2005 line.

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# Timeless Elegance

Four decades of fashion on display at new exhibit

By Christy Breithaupt □ Photos courtesy of The Henry Ford

It stands the test of time — at least as far as the Henry Ford Museum is concerned. The museum will open its doors on March 4 for a new exhibit featuring high-end clothing from the '20s to the '60s. It is part of the museum's much larger collection of vintage clothing. In that these pieces all belonged to one woman — Elizabeth Parke Firestone — the late '80s Firestone's family donated over 1,000 pieces of her clothing to the museum after realizing that they could tell a tale of fashion for the ages.

The exhibit features 50 of the finest pieces in the collection," says the museum curator. We have a really interesting range of styles. They are sumptuous, dramatic and colorful." Elizabeth Parke Firestone was born in Illinois and married Harvey S. Firestone Jr., the "rubber baron" who built the Firestone tire empire, in 1921. Her husband had four children and resided in Akron, Ohio (the headquarters). The pair also had residences in Miami and New York so Firestone had plenty of opportunities to build an amazing wardrobe.

Her tastes are terribly, wonderfully stylish and Mrs. Firestone, I'm smashing in them," Bryk says. "Harvey S. Firestone Jr. had helped her acquire this extraordinary clothing. She could not resist it. She had fabulous taste and an unbelievably perfect body for these

times. She was a veritable fashion plate for her time — she was meticulous in her appearance and had a good eye for design. She was so in tune with fashion that the Couture Group of the New York Dress Institute voted her one of the Most Dressed Women in the World. She shared this honor with such women as the Duchess of Windsor and actress Olivia De Havilland. She even had the honor to appear in *Vogue* magazine where the highly respected Cecil Beaton photographed her.

Elizabeth and blue-eyed, Firestone was a beautiful woman who knew how to accentuate her slight frame and pale features. Firestone was very complimentary of her natural beauty — she liked pale colors like blues and pinks. It would not overshadow her fair coloring. Often Firestone would ask designers to make certain gowns for her or would look at design sketches and change them to suit her needs.

Some of these sketches, which more resemble works of art, will also be shown in the museum.

"She had a really great eye for design," Bryk says. "She just knew what she looked good in and I think that helped in creating clothing that looked just smashing on her."

Firestone had a love of French culture (acquired while she studied abroad as a teenager) and often sought out designers who dealt in French couture.

Jean Patou, Christian Dior and Cristobal Balenciaga were among the designers

who made their way into Firestone's collection and will be shown in the exhibit. But, as much as she loved the French, she also recognized American designers like Peggy Hoyt, Sally Milgrim, Carrie Munn and Mainbocher.

"Peggy Hoyt was a Michigan girl from Saginaw who made good in New York City," Bryk says. "She has fabulous clothing going into this exhibit — slinky, '20s chemises that skim the body, that have rhinestones on them, in beautiful turquoise color, peach colors — just exquisite."

Firestone also was a frequent visitor to upscale stores like Salon Moderne and Bergdorf Goodman.

"I hope they'll be blown away by the beauty of these things," Bryk says. "I'm hoping that people will understand that these really are works of art — that clothing isn't just something that you pull together or buy quickly — that couture clothing is carefully crafted and exquisitely made."

Gowns, suits and dresses of silk, flannel, satin and other sumptuous fabrics will appear in the exhibit along with 200 pairs of Firestone's shoes. She took painstaking efforts to keep up her appearances — often ordering multiple matching hats, gloves, shoes and purses in case any of them were damaged. This will be the first fashion exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum and the staff couldn't be more excited about it.

"It is, as far as I can tell, in our 75-year history, our first real clothing exhibit ever," Bryk says, although the museum always has clothing on display.

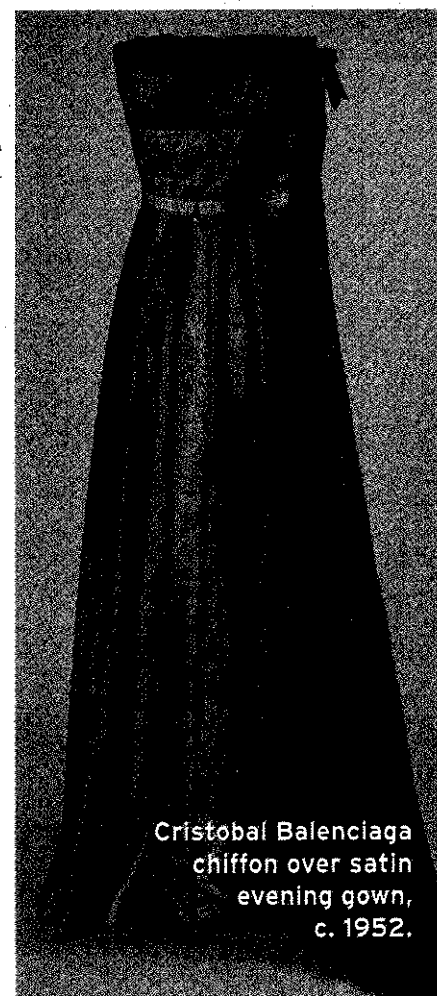
"That's the exciting thing. I don't think people think of us as having a permanent clothing collection so we're excited that this exhibit will bring attention to that."

While Firestone's interesting life is included in the exhibit, the real focus is on the couture.

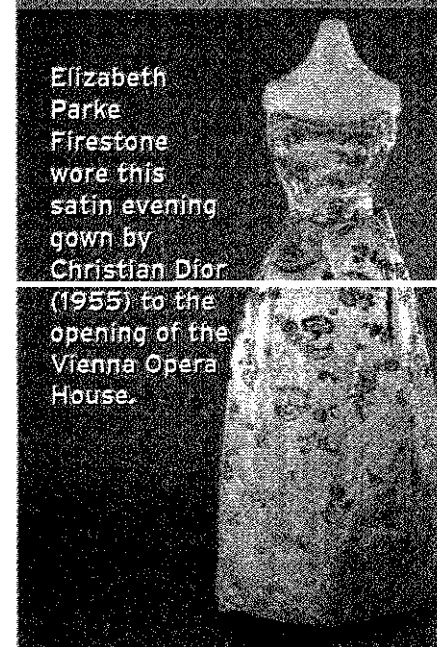
"Really what the exhibit is showcasing are the fashions. The focus really is on these gorgeous dresses and that they are works of art created with a feel and a style and point of view in mind," Bryk says. "They were handcrafted to fit the wearer and to suit their tastes, figures and styles."



Elizabeth Parke Firestone



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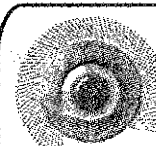
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# tried 'n' true

By k

**N**eed a boost? Whether it be a beauty boost, a wellness helper or health overhaul — our bodies can use all the help they can get to keep us ticking, tocking and glowing. Beauty companies know this and have blessed us with modern oral sprays that promise to calm you, snooze you and clear your head and skin.

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## Take a spray on life

the bloodstream, bypassing the digestive tract and metabolic process that reduces the effects of most tablets. Most of the formulas seem to have a soft green grass taste, except for the ultra-potent C+Z which has the unmistakable, gosh-awful zinc flavour that even Altoids can't mask!

I can tell you that Immuno Booster has kept our household cold-free this season — even after long airplane trips to snowy mountain towns; Diet Power has curbed many a craving and made me feel fuller faster; and most dramatically, Man Power just MAY have something to do with the pitter patter of little PINK feet on their way!

Then there is **Bach Rescue**

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Rosebud lip balm, Chanel compact, L'Occitane hand cream, and...)! This one is sprayed ON the tongue and honestly soothes your troubled mind with what I describe as a faint essence-of-gin-and-tonic flavour (pleasant even if you're a vodka girl) that comes from its gorgeous-sounding ingredients of Cherry Plum, Clematis, Impatiens, Rock Rose and Star of Bethlehem. Use it to stay 'chill' when you just wanna shrill! Find Sprayology (\$20-\$48) at Mia Mahalo in Royal Oak (248-456-1900) and Bach Rescue Remedy (\$15.99) at Whole Foods (248-538-4600).

Think you have a product k's never "tried?" Contact her at ksnyder@homecomm.net or 734-953-2033.

## style brief

### Brunettes have more flavor

**NEW YORK** — On the coldest of days, do you find yourself craving coffee? As a hair color? Antonio Vitale of Boston's Studio for Hair says he is seeing a lot of brunettes in Beantown.

A dishpan brown doesn't cut it, Vitale says. Instead, he suggests a warm shade, which looks best on long or chin-length styles.

Here are Vitale's other tips on getting the best brown:

■ Use a color with red or gold undertones; green or blue will result in too dark or harsh a brown for most skin tones.

■ Hair color works best when it has some pigment to hold on to. Be aware that although your first coloring might look fine, it can fade quickly. The richness and depth of the shade will build in the second and third applications.

■ Have your colorist apply a color sealant immediately. It will close the hair's cuticle, correct PH balance and prevent fading. You can buy sealant to use daily at home, too.

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# Stylist Stacy London offers tips on achieving elegance

**W**ith her long legs and understated grace, Stacy London, host of TLC's *What Not to Wear*, has an undeniably classic style. In her newfound role as spokesperson for Longines, she has been asked to comment on a subject that suits her to a tee - elegance. The luxury watchmaker recently commissioned a survey on elegance - what it is, who's got it, and where to find it if you don't. In an exclusive interview with PINK, London shared her thoughts on the elusive subject. "I think that after reading the Longines survey it reflected what I've always known - elegance is an attitude," London said. "It manifests itself in style I think by attention to detail and being inventive."

**PINK:** What's your definition of elegance?

**STACEY LONDON:** There are two types of style in terms of fashion. There's the more iconic, traditional sense of elegance - black tie, tuxedos and ball gowns, but I also think that when you look at the next generation and the younger celebrities that people look at in terms of Hollywood glamour and red carpet, there's an innovative type of glamour that comes from the mix of high and low - great jeans with a diamond studded Longines watch, long jackets, Pucci print pocket squares, and that's considered to be as elegant now as a tux is. I think elegance itself is a kind of style, and it's also knowing what's appropriate when. If the only time people could be elegant is at black tie events, I don't think that's what elegance is.

**PINK:** Who are some celebrities that you think are elegant?

**SL:** I hate to be cliché but Renee Zellweger and Nicole Kidman are pretty fabulous. But then I love people like Christina Ricci and Scarlett Johansson, Kate Beckinsale and Selma Blair. Scarlett Johansson is like 19 years old, but she makes very smart choices when it comes to the way she presents herself - not just in a Calvin Klein gown, but in jeans and beat-up boots - that has a great deal to do with poise and presence. The way you carry yourself has a great deal to do with how you wear your clothes.

**PINK:** Can someone achieve elegance on a budget?

**SL:** You should never spend more than you have in order to achieve style. Style and elegance are attainable at any price point. If that's what you're after, I think it's attention to detail. We're lucky because here in America our knockoffs are good. They're cut well, they fit well and are reasonable in how much they cost. Not everyone is going to be able to afford \$3,000 for a coat, but you really do have to develop an eye for what fits you best.

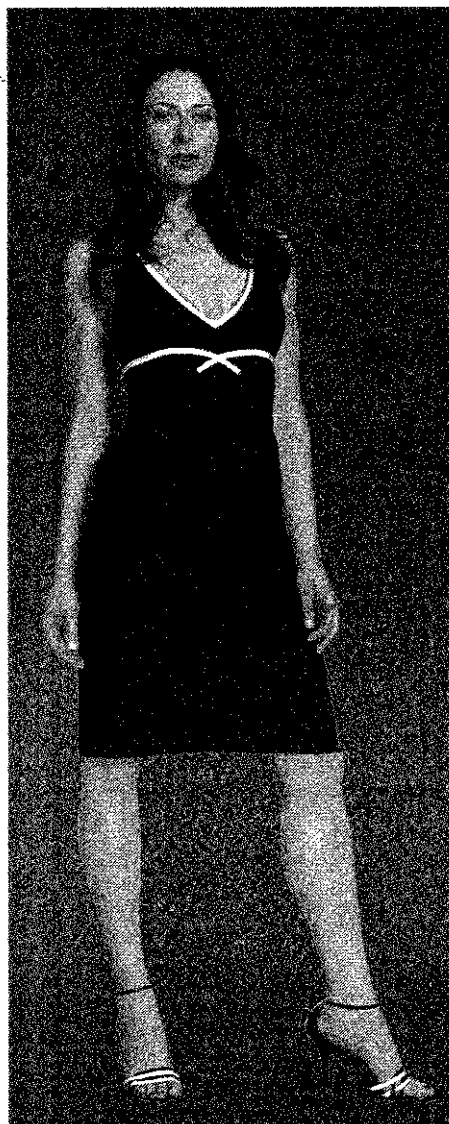


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Stacy London, host of TLC's "What Not To Wear"

**PINK:** Can you offer some tips on 'what not to wear' if you want to be elegant?

**SL:** Nothing that doesn't fit you correctly. Trying to hide one's body is not elegant. That always will look clumsy. There are ways to camouflage body parts that you don't love, but don't hide yourself in a sack. Proportion is very important. Small women - don't go big in accessories or clothing, and if you are larger, look for accessories your size. The same goes for prints. If you are small, stick with small prints otherwise you look like you've been swallowed by them.

**PINK:** For the most part, do you think Americans are elegant?

**SL:** Yes and no. I'm of the opinion, even hosting the show that I host, that Americans do have a great sense of style. It's a matter of themselves putting time and effort into it. As a country we're very busy people and it's very easy to let one's own style slide because it's not a priority as we're older because we have bills, marriage, our jobs. But the American sense of style is incredibly elegant. I don't think it's something you're born with, it's something you can acquire.

**PINK:** How do you achieve elegance in an instant?

**SL:** The most important thing is not who you're wearing but how you're wearing it. Labels and designers are important, but more important are

being realistic about your body type and dressing accordingly, the fit of the clothing to the size of the accessory. I feel very strongly about accessories matching the stature of the person. You might do a fantastic big bold dress watch on a big guy, but you would want to do a delicate diamond set watch on someone long and lean. Long chandelier earrings on a woman who's taller, rather than a woman who's petite. There are some great big fantastic dutches. If you are a larger woman, don't use something that looks like it belongs to a 9-year-old

**PINK:** Can you think of any anecdotes from your show *What Not to Wear* in which you helped someone achieve elegance?

**SL:** One was a woman named Amanda from Nashville. She was very young, dressed very much in the Grateful Dead style. They were touring all over the place and she wanted to be at every concert possible. But she had a natural grace about her, and by the end of the program she looked like a superstar.

Belinda was a mom of three girls, in her 40s, but again ultimately possessed that type of grace and nature elegance. We fixed her hair and put her in the right type of clothes and she blossomed.

## WHAT IS ELEGANT?

Longines surveyed 1,777 people with household incomes of \$75,000 to find out what they considered elegant. Here is what they said:

**1** 71 percent said elegance is an attitude, and 75 percent believe it can be acquired over time.

**1** 63 percent believe that elegance in America is dying out, but three in 10 people consider themselves elegant.

**1** For women, evening gowns ranked as the most elegant ensemble, with necklaces the most elegant accessory. For men, it was tuxedos and cuff links.

**1** Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones were considered the most elegant celebrities.

**1** Giorgio Armani scored as the most elegant designer. Older respondents also cited Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta and Bill Blass, while younger groups favored newer brands, such as Prada. Marc Jacobs and Dolce & Gabbana.

**1** Weddings, especially for women ages 24-34, along with gala fundraisers, are the most elegant events.

**1** The survey showed that elegance is associated with luxury items like silk, expensive pursuits like equestrian events, and resort towns like the Hamptons.

**1** The most elegant part of the body is the eyes, followed by hair, neck, hands/fingers, lips and the curve of the shoulder.

**1** The Rolls Royce is considered the most elegant automobile, followed by the Bentley, Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz and Aston Martin.

**1** Even though many people equated expensive things with elegance, the majority of respondents said elegance can't be bought. Neither is it subject to trends, or synonymous with style, glamour or sexiness. Instead, elegance is defined by refinement, poise, good manners and grace.

LONGINES WATCHES ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY AT GREENSTONE'S IN BIRMINGHAM; DARAKJIAN JEWELERS IN SOUTHFIELD AND BACK IN TIME INTL., BIRMINGHAM



# celebrity! pink picks

By Stacy London

## Wear It!

A great cocktail watch with diamonds like the Longines Grand Classique or the Evidenza. (Super chic and timeless...)

## DON'T Wear It!

Any type of clothing with an elastic waistband. (This should not come as a shock to you.)

## Tote It!

A Birkin bag from Hermes. (Sorry! I'm old school when it comes to bags...)

## Kick it!

Sea foam and silver satin peep toe stilettos from Christian Louboutin. (Go with nothing you own, but look great with everything.)

## Face It!

G3 Lip Gloss from Shiseido and Day Face Oil from Jurlique. (Tinted lips and great skin... Yum.)

## See It!

Closer (Dark and Stormy.)

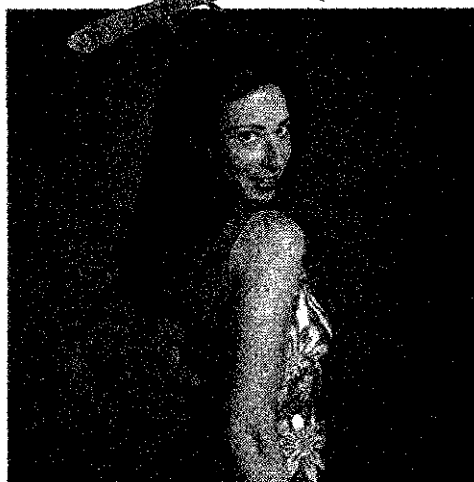


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Stylist Stacy London, host of TLC's What Not to Wear! picks 'em for PINK.

## DVD It!

Xanadu (Come on, you know you loved it)

## TiVo It!

TLC's What Not To Wear! (Glad you already have it programmed in!)

## Read It!

Your Daily Horoscope (You never know.)

## Hear It!

The Killers (Well, I hear they're good...)

## Drink It!

Jack Daniels and Ginger Ale (Don't mess with a time-honored classic.)

## Eat It!

Dates wrapped in Bacon. (No, really, they are amazing.)

## Use It!

Your toothbrush. ('Cause if you don't take care of your teeth, they go away.)

## Experience It!

The new Museum of Modern Art in NYC. (Brilliant and exhilarating.)

## Do it!

Donate your time or give financial assistance to any of the Tsunami Relief Funds!

## style brief

### Fight the fashion doldrums

NEW YORK — It's the season of fashion doldrums. Fall clothes are looking a little "last season" and it's too cold to wear the spring styles stores are tempting shoppers with.

The January issue of Harper's Bazaar offers three ideas to spruce up your look: vests, petticoats, and black-and-white combinations.

The vest, according to the magazine, adds a tailored element to a casual look. It can be worn alone or over a blouse. Kate Moss is shown wearing one over a lace top paired with jeans, and Gwyneth Paltrow uses a black one — with her bra peeking out the top — as part of a sexy outfit with fitted cropped pants and a bow belt.

Petticoats give a flirtatious kick to a cocktail dress or a tailored skirt. If you don't happen to have a petticoat handy, a tulle skirt will do.

Wearing black and white together will give you a jump on the spring trend of sharp color contrasts, advise Bazaar's editors. It's also one of the easiest combinations to pull off because it can be casual, office-worthy or formal.

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# style|scope

By Kat

## Aries: (March 21-April 20)

Feeling a bit lonely, Aries? Grab a friend and settle in for a day of old fashioned fun. Classic board games (Scrabble, Monopoly, Connect Four ...) will have you feeling like a child again while reconnecting with an old pal.

## Taurus: (April 21-May 20)

Reading has become a lost art in this age of 'must-see-TV' and DVDs. Put down the remote and pick up a book. Intellectual Taurus would enjoy a classic novel or biography. Need more ideas? Join a book club for up-to-date reading lists you can later discuss with others.

## Gemini: (May 21-June 21)

A risky venture may not have had the payoff you had hoped for. Maybe it's time to tap into other money-making resources. As the Twin sign, you've lived twice the life than most. Consider writing your adventures down and turning your

story into a novel. A future best seller is on your hands, no doubt!

## Cancer: (June 22-July 23)

It's easy to get wrapped up in your own wants and needs, but perhaps it's time to put others' interests first. Go through your closet and accessories and pull the pieces you haven't worn in over a year for donations. Many non-profits will even pick up your contributions at your home.

## Leo: (July 24-Aug. 23)

Tap into your creative energy this week. Explore different artistic expressions, and find one you truly enjoy. Painting is a great stress reliever you can do out of your home, at any time.

## Virgo:

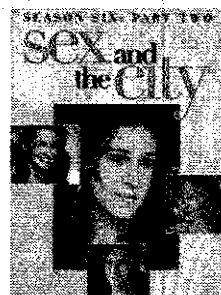
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Keep warm in this chilly weather with a scarf made with love, by you!

Homemade goods save money and give ambitious Virgo a sense of pride. Find yourself lacking knit-

ting skill? Check out the Suss Oasis Scarf and Hat Kit for basic instruction complete with tools and yarn.

Virgo, try knitting with beginner kits like this one from Suss Oasis, \$14.99 @ barnesandnoble.com



## Libra: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Show the world you are a woman of many talents and skills. Create a gourmet meal that could rival Wolfgang Puck. A day of cooking will pay off with a meat dinner, and plenty of praise.

## Scorpio: (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Try not to overextend yourself this week. Keep your schedule and goals realistic and simple. Take some time to relax and unwind after a busy day. A long bath may be just what the doctor ordered. Throw in some scented bath salts for added aromatherapy.

## Sagittarius: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Leave the drama to the big screen, or in this case, the small screen. Keep your relationships simple, and let the ladies of Sex and the City handle the scandals of dating. Curl up and enjoy the final season now available on DVD.

## Capricorn:

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Channel your inner diva, and enjoy a day of dress up. Pull out all of your fashions, and

create your own runway right at home. Toss those ideas you no longer love, and revamp old favorites. Deep in that closet might lie your next trendy treasure! Happy Hunting.

## Aquarius: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Photos, trinkets and memories deserve to be displayed properly. Take a day or two and scrapbook your past in stylish books and boxes. It's much more likely you'll enjoy looking back when it can be done in an organized fashion.

## Pisces: (Feb. 20-March 20)

Home is where the heart is. That said, it's also where you channel most of your energy. Feng Shui is a fabulous way to awaken your senses and create a peaceful flow room to room. Incorporate water, or blue tones, to include your sign style as well.

## girl talk

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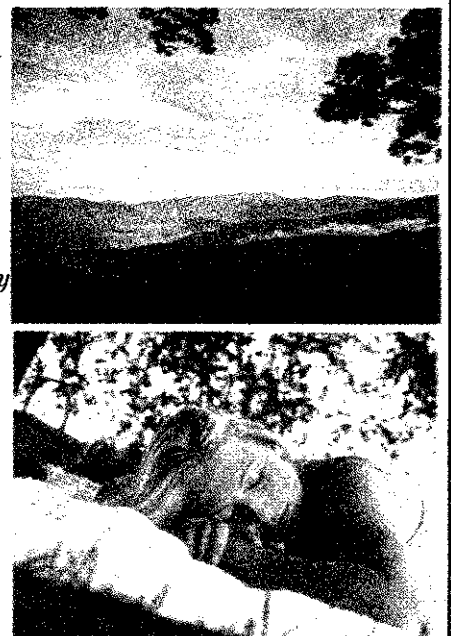
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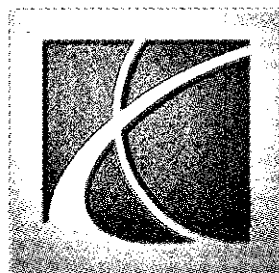
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