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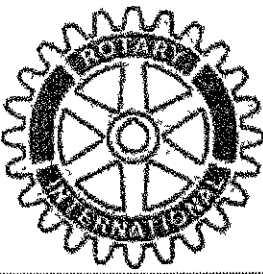
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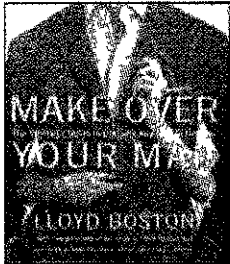
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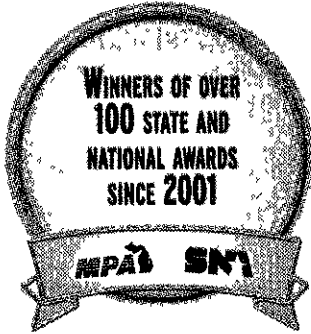


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Although there were many planes to choose from at last weekend's fly-in at Mettetal, Joseph Choma found one just his size. The fly-in featured many different types of aircraft, both certified and experimental. Many of them were built by their owners.

On flights of fancy Pilots take to the air for Mettetal Fly-in



Dion Zammit, a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Chapter 113 based out of Plymouth's Mettetal Airport, makes his final approach passing over Joy Road in a Cessna 152 Trainer during the EAA Chapter 113 Chili Fly-in. Zammit has been flying since 1992 when his interest in aircraft began while working at Metro Airport. Now Zammit volunteers his time, plane, and expertise in flying patients who need medical treatment.

For a mid-February day, the weather ended up being perfect for the first fly-in of the year held by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 at Mettetal Airport in Canton last weekend.

The activities took place at the chapter's new aviation center, where chili, bratwursts, sauerkraut and hot dogs were served to guests. But the real stars of the event were the many planes and pilots that "flew in" for a couple hours of socializing and showing off their airplanes. Many of the planes were experimental aircraft, some of which were built by their owners.

According to EAA member Mike Scovel, many members of the public showed up for the event. He said the pilots took up more than 25 children for brief flights. The children expressed an

interest in joining the group's Young Eagles Program, which is open to youths between the ages of 8 and 17. Scovel said the event also attracted a fair number of pilots from all over Southeast Michigan, and as far away as Indiana.

"It was a great turnout. Much better than we expected. The kids just had a great time. We took up 27 Young Eagles," Scovel said.

The EAA's main focus is to provide an active local organization for anyone interested in aviation. They have monthly meetings, provide hands-on training workshops, and organize several youth programs, most notably the Young Eagles Program.

For more information about the event or the Experimental Aircraft Association, visit the chapter's Web site at www.eaa113.org.

Family maintains Italian traditions at Rose's

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In one of Metro Detroit's fastest changing suburbs, Rose's Restaurant offers a traditional Italian family-style dining experience that holds lasting value for scores of regular customers.

"They have good fish and good shrimp. Just everything you order is good," said Doris Carpenter, joining three friends on Monday for their regular monthly lunch get-together at the Canton restaurant.

"The waitresses are always real nice."

The restaurant at 201 N. Canton Center Road is run by Richard, Chris and Ernie Costantino. Opened in 1993, it carries on a tradition started by their grandfather, Ernesto, who emigrated from Italy in the 1940s.

"He bought 40 acres off of Cherry Hill and started a restaurant in Detroit at McDougal and Alexandra," said Richard Costantino. "Just like the old Italian tra-



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Rose's employee Raul Ceballos ladles up sauce for dishes of the restaurant's popular lasagna, from an old family recipe.

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Educators call stripping MEAP money 'a mistake'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin said Gov. Jennifer Granholm's decision to scrap college grants of up to \$500 for high school seniors who did well on the state MEAP tests in middle school is a mistake, and a poor civics lesson for young students.

Franklin, who encouraged students to do well on the middle school MEAPs with a "Learn and Earn" program she developed while principal at East Middle School, said saving of \$9 million for the state's financially challenged budget is not a good enough reason to cut the financial aid.

"I think the bigger picture is the distrust of government," said Franklin. "We work really hard in civics education to promote positive citizenship and participating to vote, and then we have the experience of government giving and then taking away."

When former Gov. John Engler began the MEAP award program for middle school students, Franklin promoted the idea to students and parents in an attempt to help students do well on the state achievement tests, thereby earning the monetary reward.

"In the booklet, I gave a list of suggestions for students on how to be successful and a list for parents on how to support children in being successful on the

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Rosemarie Cream (right), who owns Rosemarie's Healing Massage Therapy, talks to Cathy Nichol, sales director for Pampered Chef, about her display and products at the Consumer Expo Thursday evening at the Summit.

Consumer Expo connects businesses and residents

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The new name sure didn't keep anyone away from the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Consumer Expo Thursday at Summit on the Park.

The event, which in previous years was called the Business Expo, has developed into a great networking opportunity for local business people. This year, however, it also attracted a steady stream of local consumers.

"We had a much better turnout than in the past. We had a good crowd constantly coming through right to the end," said Chamber President Dianne Cojei.

There were a total of 53 vendors, who displayed their wares and

services. There was also a waiting list of vendors who couldn't get any space, according to Cojei.

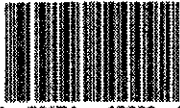
"We had a real wide variety of vendors, from insurance to retail," she said. "This was the first year we had a waiting list with eight businesses that we didn't have room for."

The Expo remained a great opportunity to cement local business ties. That's the very reason Ginnie Hauck, who owns What a Card Creations with her daughter Lynette DeLaca, decided to get a display booth for the first time this year. The two Canton entrepreneurs, who started their business about two years ago, sell custom-made greeting cards, baskets and other personal gift items.

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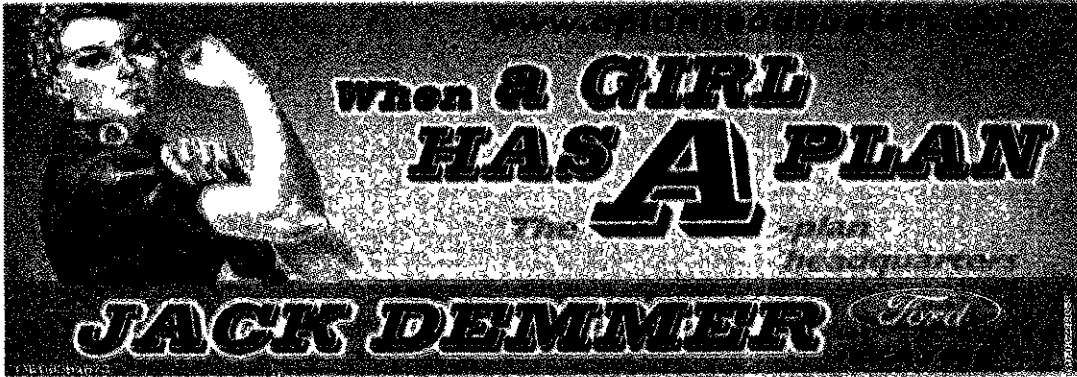
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Coming Thursday in Filter

Who is Cinderella really?

21st-century take on the fairy tale going up at Detroit Opera House explores the question.



Interior design event

The Canton Public Library presents "Learn to...Punch up Your Home With Accessories" 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in the library's Community Room. Nicki Wilson of Interiors by Decorating Den will share inside secrets to dramatically improve your living space by correctly choosing and placing accessories. Register for this free event in person at the library, or by calling 734-397-0999. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

'Sacred Sounds'

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will present its March concert, "Sacred Sounds," featuring music for Easter. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, which is located at North Territorial and Beck roads in Plymouth Township.

Choruses from Madonna University (David Wagner, Director) and Schoolcraft College (Gerald Custer, Director) will join the Plymouth Symphony in this program. Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture," which orchestrally depicts the exotic chants of the Russian Orthodox liturgy, is contrasted with Armenian-American composer Alan Hovhanness' evocative score "And God Created Great Whales" with its "free rhythmless vibrational



Be my Valentine

Members of Brownie Troop 429 and Junior Troop 482 from Tonda Elementary make Valentine's Day cards and care packages for Meals on Wheels, which delivered the cards and treats to home-bound people.

passages" accompanying actual recorded whale songs.

The second half of the program will be the Michigan premiere of a rarely performed work by the composer Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, older sister to composer Felix Mendelssohn. Her oratorio Stories from the Bible for full orchestra, chorus and vocal soloists was written in 1831. The vocal soloists for this concert are Martha Sheil, soprano; Deanna Relyea, mezzo soprano; Michael Ryan, tenor; and Donald Hartmann, baritone.

The Plymouth Symphony's 2005 Youth Artist Competition winners will be announced at this concert. The Youth Artist Competition is one of the many education programs sponsored by the Symphony.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special On-Stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Washburn. This is a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program. Following the performance patrons are welcome to stay for the Afterglow reception.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount.

For tickets or more information, please contact the PSO at 734-451-2112 or info@plymouthsymphony.org.

Relay for Life kicks off

Join the Canton Chamber of Commerce in taking up the fight against cancer, and attend its Relay for Life Kick-Off on Thursday, March 3 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Registration for the program and appetizers begin at 6 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved

ones lost, and a rally for the community to fight cancer. Please feel free to bring anyone who may be interested in helping.

Once again this year, the Chamber will be hosting it's "Fishing for a Cure" team devised of Chamber members. If you are interested in joining our team or having one of your own, the kick-off event is a great place to start.

Over the last six years, the Canton community has raised a total of more than \$860,000 for the American Cancer Society, and is hoping to reach the \$1 million milestone.

For more information or to RSVP for this year's kick-off party, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail mailto:cheryl@cantorchamber.com.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers will next meet 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse on Hanford in Canton.

The Newcomers have about 90 members, almost entirely female. Most have small children. In addition to providing welcoming materials to new Canton residents, the group is a social, civic and charitable organization.

For more information about the Newcomers, visit the group's Web site at <http://newcomers.angelcities.com>

PCAC auction

An evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's "Artful Affair" presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 5:30 p.m. March 19 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

As the only major fund-raiser for the PCAC each year, the goal for the dinner auction is \$50,000 with proceeds going toward the council's many and varied educational and community arts programs.

The evening includes fine dining, dancing to the sounds of Channel 6 and live and silent auction items.

Advance tickets are \$85 per person and are available by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278. Those who would like to donate items for the auction can call the same number.

Frog and toad survey

There is still time for Canton residents to volunteer to help monitor the health of the Rouge River.

A training session for the annual Frog and Toad Survey will be held on March 9 at Summit on the Park. The session will be held in the Walnut Room from 7 to 9 p.m. and will focus on identification skills. Being able to identify frogs and toads in their neighborhoods gives residents a proactive role in helping monitor the river's health. Refreshments and snacks will be served at the event.

Frogs and toads spend parts of their lives in both wetland and dry land areas and are very susceptible to human-caused changes in the environment. For this reason, they are excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us.

Friends of the Rouge track changes in habitat and water quality by completing this survey every year. This information is utilized by both local communities and state agencies in developing water quality improvement plans.

Volunteering for the Frog and Toad Survey requires a small time investment beyond the two-hour training session. Volunteers will spend about 5 to 15 minutes at their site(s) each time they visit during the spring and early summer. It may take three to eight visits per site spread out over two to four months to gather data.

This data will be recorded on survey forms that will be turned in for analysis. Initial survey results will be available by late summer, and final results in the fall. Gathering data will not be difficult. The March training session, in fact, will give participants everything they need to know to recognize the calls of frogs and toads and record their presence or absence. Volunteering is easy, fun and important to the future of our environment.

This event is open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and want to play an active role in monitoring its health.

Please pre-register by calling the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

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During intermission, dancers Jennifer Li and Sarah Huang read a fortune from Jennifer's fortune cookie. The message? 'Trust him, but still keep your eyes open.'

Chinese New Year celebrated with fashion show, dancing

The Canton Public Library's most recent "Connect With Your Neighbor" program celebrated the Chinese New Year, year of the rooster.

The program took place last week, and was attended by a diverse crowd of more than 100 people, who enjoyed a Chinese fashion show and dancing exhibits put on by the Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center. The beautiful fashions covered the lengthy period from the Tan Dynasty, which began in 206 B.C., up to the present day.

The program was enhanced by a presentation on Chinese history and fashion culture presented by local student Lucy Han.

As with all the library's programming, this event was sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.



Local student Lucy Han performs traditional Chinese dance at the library's Chinese New Year celebration last week.

@ THE LIBRARY

DID YOU KNOW?

■ Read Across America returns to the library on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Children aged 12 and under will enjoy listening to stories read by a veterinarian, a police officer and a firefighter. This fun event includes a visit by the Cat in the Hat and a chance to do some crafts. No registration needed.

■ Learn to...punch up your home with accessories on Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. Interior designer Nicki Wilson shares her insider secrets to improving your living space. Registration in person at the library or by calling (734) 397-0999.

WEB WATCH

■ www.oldhousejournal.com - An old house lover's guide to repairs, remodeling, and more.
■ www.bhg.com - the online version of the classic design and lifestyle magazine.
■ www.canadianinteriorsign.com/kwi - profiles of 12 legendary women who defined "the art of living well."

NEW MATERIALS LIST

To see a complete list of new materials added to the library's catalog this week, visit <http://catalog.cantonpl.org/flti> st.

Adult Fiction

■ *The Wedding Date* -

Elizabeth Young

■ *Privileged Information* - Stephen White

■ *Wild Animus* - Rich Shapero

Adult Non-Fiction

■ *Enchanted Garden Crafts* - Susan Cousineau

■ *Cracking the New SAT* - Adam Robinson

■ *Babel* - Barbara Hamby

Adult Books on CD

■ *Conviction* - Richard North Patterson

■ *Frankenstein. Prodigal Son* - Dean Koontz and Kevin J. Anderson

■ *State of Fear* - Michael Crichton

Adult Feature Films on DVD

■ *Black Angel*

■ *Gorky Park*

■ *Young Adam*

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■ *Le Divorce*

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■ *Vanity Fair*

Adult Sound Recordings

■ *EV3- En Vogue*

■ *Knuckle Down* - Ani DiFranco

■ *The Way Up* - Pat Metheny Group

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■ *Crank* - Ellen Hopkins

■ *Midnight Pearls* - Debbie Vigie

■ *Solitary Man* - Jeff Mariotte

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■ *All About Telling Time* - Clearvue

■ *Lake Huron The Great Lakes, a Hist-ography Series* - U.S. Geography for Children: The Southwest

Children's Picture Books

■ *Love & Kisses, Eloise* - Marc Cheshire

Children's Feature Films on DVD

■ *Mulan II*

■ *Touching Wild Horses*

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■ *Shark Tale*

Children's Sound Recordings

■ *The Anaconda La Bamba* - Lucas Miller

■ *Time to sing!* - Michael Moricz

■ *A World of Happiness*

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■ *Miss Spider's Tea Party*

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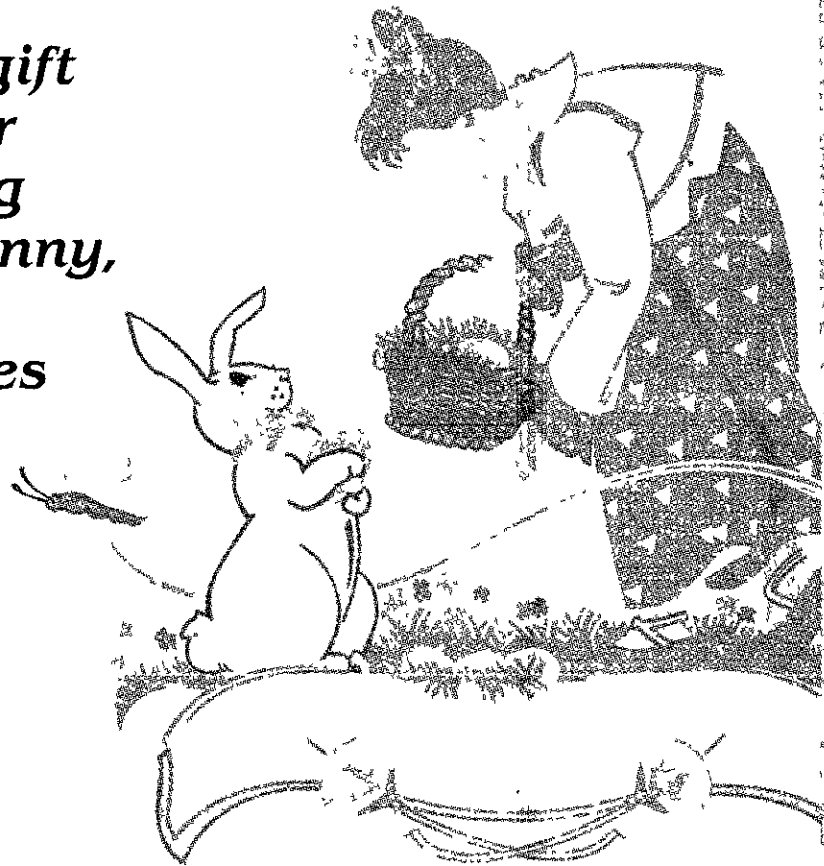
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Hearing postponed for woman accused of having sex with boy

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The preliminary examination for a Canton woman accused of having sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old boy was adjourned until March 18.

Susanne Eble, 35, appeared in 35th District Court Friday for the scheduled examination, but her attorney requested the hearing be postponed, which was granted by Judge John MacDonald. Eble remained silent throughout the brief appearance.

MacDonald ordered Eble not to have any contact with the victim, who lives in the same Canton neighborhood.



Susanne Eble

In addition, Eble is not allowed to be at her home on the weekends or between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. She had been ordered to move out of her home by March 1.

ARRESTED FEB. 14

Eble was arrested and arraigned Feb. 14 on three counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree. Each felony count carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in jail. She also was charged with fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, which is a misdemeanor. She is out on a \$1,000 bond.

According to police reports, Eble has no prior criminal record, and the relationship with the boy was consensual. The boy has refused to cooperate with police investigators, according to the reports. However, according to Michigan law, sexual inter-

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course between an adult and a 14-year-old is illegal, regardless if there was consent or not.

According to police reports, there were at least six sexual encounters between Eble and the victim, which began last August. The last encounter allegedly occurred Jan. 19, when the victim's mother came home to find a woman's shoes and coat on the living room couch.

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DEATHS

- A**
John Paul Andree Sr., 86, died.
- C**
Michael Frederick Childress, 32, of Fowlerville, died Feb. 17.
- F**
Florence Fraser died Feb. 22.
- G**
Elizabeth Gates, 90, of Crestwood, Ky., died Feb. 20.
- H**
Rosetta Mae Heath, 88, of Farmington, died Feb. 20.
James Huffman Hisey, 85, of Charlevoix, died Feb. 19.
George W. Hoenicke, of Westland, died Feb. 22.
- L**
William F. Lamers, 53, of Clarkston, died Feb. 19.
- M**
Elizabeth McGuffie, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 19.
Fred Morantes, 83, of Wayne, died Feb. 22.
Mildred C. Murdoch, 89, of Plymouth, died Feb. 18.
Renita R. Murray, of Westland, died

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- Feb. 16.**
- N**
Gail Ann Napier, 70, died Jan. 31.
- R**
Joseph Rowe, 104, of Chatham, Ill., formerly of Garden City, died Feb. 23.
- W**
Herman Weiss, 94, died Feb. 22.
John Charles Wright Jr., 90, of Williamsburg, Va., died Feb. 15.

Charlie Brown 'You're Good Man' coming to DuBois

The DuBois Little Theatre presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, March 10-11 at 8 p.m. and March 12 at 2:30 and 8 p.m. in the Canton High School theater.

This delightful, energetic musical is based on the popular Charles M. Schulz comic strip "Peanuts."

Tickets are \$8 each and are available in the theater after school to 6 p.m. and just outside the theater during the high school lunch period.

They also can be purchased through members of the cast and crew.

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Cindy Marshall (left) from Northville Rotary chats with Mary and Ken Beardsley, both of Canton Rotary, near an ice sculpture celebrating Rotary International's centennial Wednesday evening at Summit on the Park.

Rotary clubs celebrate centennial in grand style at Canton's Summit

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

It was a night of celebration at the Summit in Canton as local Rotary clubs from around the metro area gathered on Wednesday night to mark the centennial year of the organization.

The lobby was filled with Rotary members in suits and ties and formal gowns laughing and joking with one another. The dining room was decorated with balloons and Rotary regalia. It looked and sounded like a giant birthday party — the only thing missing were mountains of gifts.

"I'm excited about the centennial celebration," Scott Wilson, president of the Livonia Rotary said. "It's great being club president during the centennial year."

Twelve Rotary clubs were involved in the festivities. They were Canton, Dearborn Heights, Fairlane Sunrise, Garden City, Huron Township, Livonia, Livonia A.M., Northville, Redford, Romulus, Wayne and Westland.

According to Wendy Fichter, president of the Dearborn Heights club, presidents from all of the clubs formed a committee to set up the centennial celebration. Beginning in August 2004, they met monthly to plan and organize the event.

"We needed a spot that would hold a big crowd; we sold 217 tickets," Fichter said. "We also got the best deal in Canton."

The Rotary Club was founded on Feb. 23, 1905 by Paul Harris, an attorney from Chicago. Harris was looking to create a club where there was "friendly spirit" similar to what he had experienced as a youth growing up in a small town. The name Rotary derived from the fact that the meetings rotated from one member's house to another.

Over the last 100 years, Rotary International has grown. According to Wilson, of Livonia, there are 1.2 million members in 170 countries. The Rotary works on both the local and international levels. They provide food baskets for local seniors

during the holiday season, sponsor exchange students, renovate and refurbish rundown parks and provide medical and dental assistance to people in third world countries. For example, in 1985, Rotary International decided that it would muster all of its effort and work toward eradicating polio from the face of the earth.

Working in conjunction with others and giving back to the community were common themes expressed by those at the celebration when asked why they got involved with Rotary. "I joined the Rotary to give something back to the community," said Lisa Kennedy, president of Canton Rotary. "What I love about the Rotary is the passion and compassion that all of the members show. These people are amazing spirits."

Wilson from Livonia echoed her statement. "I joined the Rotary in 1989," said Wilson, who is the owner of Livonia Trophy. "It's good fulfillment for me — I can give back to the community."

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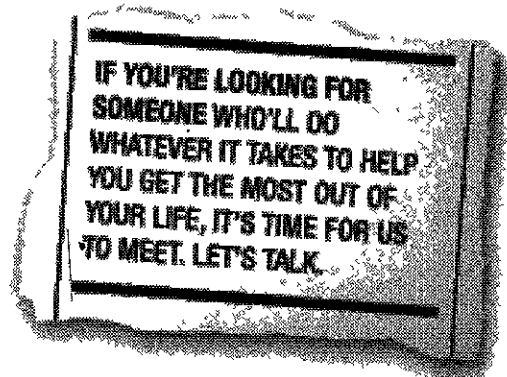
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Richard Costantino, who owns Rose's with brothers Chris and Ernie, carry on a tradition started by their grandfather, Ernesto, who emigrated from Italy in the 1940s.

ROSE'S

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dition, he used to grow the tomatoes for the tomato sauce in Canton for the restaurant in Detroit."

Ernesto's son Guido — father to Richard and his brothers — worked at Ford Motor Co. and farmed the Canton plot, and his sons helped with farm chores. The youngest, Richard, 47, recalls rising early each morning before heading off to Plymouth-Canton High School. "It don't matter if it's rain or sunshine; you got to get up and get the crops in, you've got to get it done."

While the Detroit restaurant closed in 1966, the family continued to operate the farm. The Costantino brothers fulfilled a dream, opening Rose's Restaurant and naming it after their mother. She still operates a produce stand at the farm on Cherry Hill between Beck and Denton Roads, one of the last operating farms in Canton. Her recipes are used for sev-

eral restaurant entrees including lasagna, and you can spot her wrapping silverware in linen napkins at the restaurant on weekends.

"I love seeing people say 'Hi' to mom; she holds the kids," her son Richard said. "It's something you can only get at a family restaurant."

Costantino said the family takes pride in keeping with Italian restaurant traditions including white linen tablecloths and napkins instead of paper. Displayed on a wall in the rear dining area is the part of the green and white cloth awning from grandfather Ernesto's restaurant.

The Costantinos also honor tradition with dozens of photos of family members displayed on walls of the 4,000 square-foot restaurant.

"The nice part is there's plenty of time to sit and talk," said patron Irene Jameson of Ypsilanti. "It's quiet."

The Costantinos continue to do good business, despite the rise of a range of chain restaurants. "Everyone likes an Italian

family-owned restaurant; it's that personal touch," said Richard Costantino. "If you want something made that's not on the menu we'll try to accommodate you the best we can."

Some items the restaurant is known for include Rose's homemade lasagna, sautéed San Diego chicken dipped in Italian bread crumbs with broccoli and carrots and topped with alfredo sauce, and salmon with dill sauce.

Lunch dishes range from \$5.25-\$12.95, and dinner entrees from \$7.95-\$17.95.

The Costantinos employ 25 servers and 12 kitchen staff. On weekends, the restaurant accepts call-ahead seating at (734) 981-9904.

The restaurant opens at 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at noon Sundays. Closing time is 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. They also serve banquets, parties and memorial services.

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MEAP

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tests, like eating a good breakfast, getting plenty of rest, wear comfortable clothing," said Franklin. "I also focused on how doing well on the MEAPs helps to support your school, represents themselves in a positive way and is an opportunity to earn scholarship money."

Franklin said it's very disappointing that this year's graduating seniors — the first who would have received the money — are now losing out. The \$500, combined with an additional \$2,500 for passing the high school MEAPs, can mean an entire year of tuition for many attending a junior college.

For students like Jen David

of Plymouth Township, who will graduate from Canton High School this year, accumulating enough scholarships to pay for tuition at places like the University of Michigan is hard work.

"A lot of the scholarships I've applied for are for \$500," she said. "Every little bit helps."

David said she remembers Franklin and her other teachers at East reiterating the rewards of passing the achievement tests.

"You knew there was money riding on it, so you wanted to do your best," said David. "I just thought that since they said we were going to get it, it was a given. I didn't think they could take it away."

"It makes me wonder what other things like this they can take away," she said. "The class

that's graduating right now will be able to vote, so this might make us think differently about the government when we go to vote."

Though she didn't have a say in Granholm's decision, Franklin said she feels personally responsible for the bad news.

"We promoted this and promised them in good faith," said Franklin. "I feel I let them down because I was the link that communicated the information."

"Often, students don't know who is behind the real decision to take the money away," she said. "They just know Mrs. Franklin said they were getting the money and now it's being taken away."

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Hauck said the Expo met her expectations, because it allowed them to network

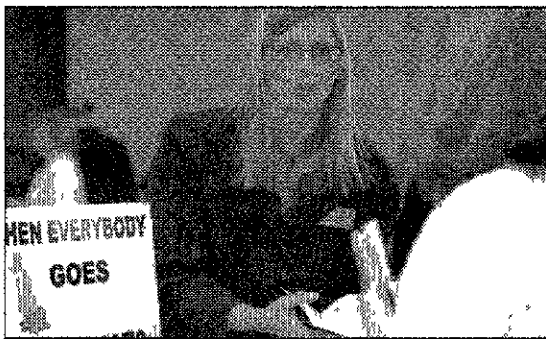
with other local businesses. They came hoping to land some corporate accounts, and Hauck said she got some good leads.

"We really were able to make a lot of connections. The contacts we made was worth it for us," Hauck said.

Plymouth resident Karen Ochman, a local consultant for Two Sisters Gourmet, also set up a booth for the first time. She said the event offered a great, but slightly-different opportunity to market herself. She said people were just flocking to her table. Of course, she was giving away free cookies.

"This was great, because I try to market my company a little differently anyway," said the former Canton resident.

All in all, Cojei said the event succeeded in



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Linda F. Whiteaker of Whiteaker Associates LLC, talks to a consumer at the Consumer Expo.

exactly the way it was planned.

"This is what we really wanted - to get the vendors and the residents together. We're hoping local residents use local businesses and not leave the community with their dollars," she said.

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Returning soldier glad to be home

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After spending the last six months in Iraq, Marine Sgt. Tom Piotrowski of Plymouth says he just wants to get reacquainted to life in the United States and settle down.

"I served my time, and I'm glad I did it," said Piotrowski, 25. "But, I'm glad I'm done and all I want to do is get back to having full control of my life and return to being a police officer."

Piotrowski was less than a year from completing his six-year commitment to the Marine reserves, and only recently had begun his job on the Wayne State University police force, when he got the call in May his Bridge Company Alpha unit was headed back to Iraq.

Piotrowski, married only seven months to his bride, Rene, landed Aug. 22 in Kuwait in temperatures that reached nearly 130 degrees, before heading to a base about 50 miles south of Nasaria in southern Iraq.

"We were in charge of any bridge problems from the southern half of Baghdad to Basra, in the southern half of Iraq," said Piotrowski. "We built two bridges, took three apart and inspected others and did routine maintenance."

Piotrowski said he was fortunate to be stationed in the southern section of the war-torn country.

"It's pretty quiet; people either don't care we're there, or they would like us to leave, only because we are interfering with their way of life," he said. "Once we started getting missions farther north, toward Baghdad, we'd see the attitudes of people change."

"The kids wouldn't be waving at you from the side of the road, they'd be scolding at you," Piotrowski said. "That's when we got attacked a few times."

Piotrowski remembered one attack involving an IED, or improvised explosive device, which is commonly referred to as a roadside bomb.

"It split our convoy, but nobody got hurt," Piotrowski said. "We got engaged in small-arms fire, so we had to return fire. We didn't take serious casualties, and we were all amazed we ended up that way."

Piotrowski's unit was attacked another time while trying to repair a bridge that was blown apart.

"One day we took mortars pretty much all day,"

Returning soldier Tom Piotrowski of Plymouth gets a welcome-home kiss from his wife, Rene, after completing a six-month tour of duty in Iraq.

he said. "Fortunately, they were bad shots. But, one round scared us when it hit about 20 meters from the vehicle I was in. We repaired the bridge and punched out."

"It made me kind of angry, because we weren't a grunt unit storming into people's houses," Piotrowski added. "We were trying to improve their way of life by building bridges and opening roads that had been closed down. But, it's not necessarily the Iraqi people attacking, there were insurgents from other countries."

Besides those incidents involving fire from the enemy, Piotrowski said he and his unit escaped serious injury when the Humvee they were traveling in crashed about 50-feet into a large crater while driving at night.

When he wasn't sleeping in a hole while on reconnaissance missions, Piotrowski said his base had fairly good living conditions.

"At first we were living in tents, but then they were upgraded to trailers," he said. Piotrowski admitted he didn't want to go to Iraq, at first. However, once there, he realized the mission had to be completed.

"Once we got in there, we had to stay," he said. "It would have made things 20 times worse to pull out. I think things will get better, but how long will it take, I'm not sure. I'd say a majority of the country is glad we're there."

Piotrowski's mother, Aurelia Piotrowski, broke into tears at the first sight of her son.

"When your son has been in harm's way, it's pure joy when you can see him and get a hug from him," she said. "I worried a lot and prayed a lot. I'm very grateful he came back safely. Not every parent has that gift."

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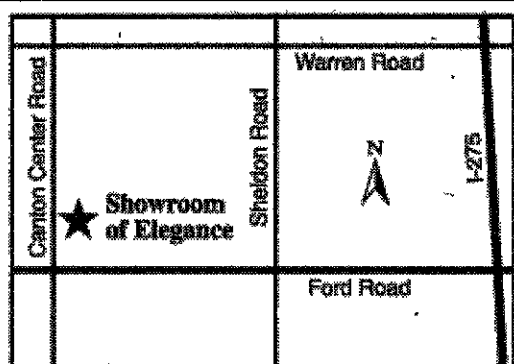
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Race is the big issue that no one wants to address

Lon Johnson, a young political organizer who has worked for Democratic candidates across the country, thinks there is something troublingly unique about the culture in Michigan.

"I've never seen anywhere where everything was so divided along racial lines," he said, adding that sooner or later, nearly every statewide issue was affected, if not decided, by some aspect of the racial divide.

That, he believes, may be Michigan's biggest challenge – greater than the transition from a manufacturing to an intellectual skills-based economy; greater than the state budget problem or the education crisis.

"We are asking the kids to be ready for a world economy. Yet, too often, they don't even know each other's cultures that are just separated by a few miles," Johnson said, as his rat terrier puppy, Jack Johnson, named for the great black heavyweight champion, yipped furiously in the background.

His views are worth considering because of his own background. Now 33, Johnson grew up largely in working-class blue-collar Detroit suburbs before moving to Arizona for college. Afterward, he bounced around the country, working for former Vice President Al Gore in Washington and finally returning to his home state to successfully run a tough campaign for U.S. Rep. John Dingell in 2002. Now he's decided to stay put, opening an office in Royal Oak.

And he worries about the future of a state that was once seen as a national trend-setter. He knows that, thanks to the global economy, today's school kids will emerge into a world in which "they will be working with Asian, South American, African and European cultures."

How will they compete?
And can Michigan ever bridge the racial divide?

Global competition is something that has been endlessly chattered about in Michigan ever since Japanese cars began to sell in the 1970s.

Yet race has become the elephant in the living room that nobody wants to face. Every February, during Black History Month, newspapers and schoolteachers trot out stories of black pioneers, including even a sanitized Malcolm X. Yet serious political discussion tiptoes around the real issue.

Nobody is willing to tackle the continuing problem of race. For white politicians in general and for white Democrats in particular, criticizing the shortcomings of black politicians is seen as potential political suicide. Though everyone knows, for example, that one famous longtime black office holder is mentally not quite right, nobody dares mention it.

Though everyone knows that the city may be

facing receivership, Gov. Jennifer Granholm does not want to even think about the idea. She fears alienating Detroiters, and she knows she cannot be re-elected next year if the city's virtually all-black electorate turns against her.

Though the schools in the city of Detroit are worse than failures, though the government is dysfunctional and some of the office holders incompetent or openly corrupt, there is seldom a peep from the political leadership of the state.

On the other hand, there is a shameful lack of willingness in Lansing to address serious problems that are perceived as having a racial component.

The city of Detroit looks in many places like either a Third World country, or a town devastated by fighting in World War II. When East and West Germany merged in 1990, East Berlin was largely a dilapidated disaster. West Berlin was glittering, modern and affluent. Yet a united Germany immediately – and virtually without argument – set about rebuilding the run-down portions of its nation.

Yet there is no willingness on the part of Michigan to tackle the mess that is Detroit. Nobody is willing to help the city economically or fight to reform a city charter that rewards inefficiency and prevents accountability.

That is largely due to the racial divide. Experts know that Detroit's decline is rooted, not in race, but in the fact that the city could not annex surrounding territory. Starting when the expressways were built in the 1950s, people and businesses left for greener pastures, with cheaper land and less taxes. That meant the city had to begin a vicious circle of raising taxes and cutting services to those left.

Today, only those who can't afford to escape remain. Whites pretend the city's condition is the fault of shiftless blacks. Blacks blame racism. What's needed is metropolitan government. But that would cost whites money and cost blacks political power. And neither side is willing to sacrifice for the greater good.

Incredibly, perhaps, Lon Johnson sees hope. He thinks people in each generation are becoming more comfortable with diversity. "It all starts by exposure – in schools, work, social activities and churches," he says.

Yet he pauses. "In too many cities within the Detroit metro area, meaningful exposure to races and cultures other than our own is difficult because of segregation." Like it or not, Detroit is the most segregated city in the nation.

Someday, perhaps, Michigan will overcome. But if it doesn't soon, the state seriously risks becoming an economic backwater. Once, we were home to the Motor City and the Arsenal of Democracy. Today, we instead seem to be evolving into sort of a Mississippi with ice storms. And if that happens, it will be no one's fault but our own.

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One man's vision transformed Stratford into cultural jewel

Every year busloads of local school children and thousands of adults make a pilgrimage to a small town in Ontario to experience theatrical excellence of the highest order.

The Stratford Festival is both a Canadian national treasure and an eagerly anticipated annual event for thousands in Metro Detroit. It is also an example of what a little vision, community spirit and hard work can accomplish, even in a remote little town that time was passing by.



Hugh Gallagher

Last week the festival's founder Tom Patterson died at the age of 84. It was Patterson's vision, enthusiasm and dogged determination that brought world-class theater to a rural town in south Ontario.

Patterson was working as a trade journalist in Toronto when he got the idea of bringing Shakespearean theater to the town named after the Bard's hometown and situated along its own winding Avon River.

"The notion of trying to do what Tom was suggesting certainly must have seemed crazy for this little town in the early 1950s, and yet, he didn't give up on it," said Antoni Cimolino, the Festival's Executive Director in a press release. "His commitment and enthusiasm were infectious."

Patterson was able to convince local politicians that his "crazy idea" was good for the town's economy. He was also able to attract the renowned director Tyrone Guthrie and the great actor Alec Guinness in 1953 to perform *Richard III* and *All's Well That Ends Well* in a tent.

That tent has long since been replaced by the state of the art Festival Theatre, which was recently remodeled. In addition three other stages are also busy from early spring to late autumn with a repertoire of plays that encompass the world, though always including works by the wordsmith of Avon.

In the early 1950s, Stratford was an unlikely tourist town. It was the commercial center for the local farmers and its major industry was repairing train cars. Patterson was also an unlikely impresario.

It was Guthrie who put Patterson's achievement in perspective in the book *Renown at Stratford*. Guthrie wrote, Tom Patterson "had no great influence to back him, no great reputation, no great fortune. Most of us similarly placed abandon our Great Ideas, write them off as Daydreams and settle for something less exciting and more practicable. Not so Mr. Patterson. His perseverance was indomitable."

Patterson served as the theater's general manager, founded a touring theatrical company, Canadian Players, and served on many Canadian artistic boards. He won numerous national honors including the Queen

The possibilities are all there just waiting for the right person, the right idea, the right support.

Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal. The festival's intimate Third Stage Theatre was renamed the Tom Patterson Theatre in his honor.

In addition to creating a world-class cultural institution, Patterson helped transform the town. Once struggling to maintain itself, Stratford bustles from May until November. It is home to restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfasts, book and curio shops for the tourists, but it is also a real town of grocers, druggists and hardware dealers. It blends the extraordinary with the everyday, the small town with the big city and the tourists with the townies.

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Several communities have attempted to redefine their annual events to give them a special focus that represents the community's unique identity. Some events, like the Plymouth Ice Show, struggle to keep an old idea fresh.

But the possibilities are all there just waiting for the right person, the right idea, the right support.

Tom Patterson is an inspiration. Anyone, anywhere can make a difference in their community. A good idea will not be denied.

Sadly, one of the artistic pillars of our community, saxophonist Larry Nozero died of cancer on Feb. 18. A benefit concert at Clarenceville High School Tuesday was an indication of the love and respect that the Detroit Jazz community held for Nozero as a musician, teacher and friend. A who's who of Detroit jazz musicians raised more than \$20,000 to cover Nozero's medical bills.

Midge Ellis, another pillar of the local music scene, said of Nozero, "This man was so loved. He was the sweetest. He would reach down into the bottom of his feeling and it would come out in his horn."

We do make a difference.

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Mental health authority may still be an option for county

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The proposal to replace the Detroit-Wayne Community County Mental Health Agency county board with an independent authority is still a possibility, according to the



agency's new "transitional director," Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed legislation in December to replace Wayne County oversight and the agency's 12-member board with an independent authority. Under the legislation, the county executive and the mayor of Detroit would still appoint six members each to an authority board, but funding would go directly through the authority rather than through Wayne County.

Richard Visingardi, 49, the new transitional director, said last week examining the pros and cons of the two management models is one of six goals that the board has set for his limited 18-month appointment.

Visingardi began his new position in January. He was director of North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse. He is originally from Michigan and has a doctorate from Michigan State University and two master's degrees from MSU and Wayne State.

"There is an ongoing issue about whether the agency should be under the auspices of the county or a free-standing authority," Visingardi said. "I have a couple of experts coming in who have no stakes or interest but are experts in county models and authority models."

Proponents of the independent authority, led by state Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, argued that continued management by the county might jeopardize federal Medicaid funding for Detroit-Wayne and the rest of the state. County Executive Robert Ficano argued that he has made progress in correcting reporting problems within the agency and that control should remain with the county. He proposed that the board be increased to 13 members to give the county executive an extra appointee.

"I've spoken with Mr.

Ficano, I've spoken with Mayor (Kwame) Kilpatrick and also Sen. Hammerstrom and with the department. There's been no objection to what I'm laying out of basically having two external people who understand this stuff lay out these options. I've never heard anyone say that anything is absolutely off the table," Visingardi said. "What we need to do is pull back from the politics and let that go for a minute and examine the practical realities of what would an authority look like and, if you keep the current board arrangement, what would that look like."

Visingardi said he understands the concern about Medicaid funding, but that he believes that careful attention to the "sophistication" of Medicaid funding rules will keep the county out of trouble. He praised Hammerstrom as a "longtime supporter" of community mental health.

"Her main concern is to make sure that Detroit-Wayne and every other county in the state are able to do what they have to do to meet state and federal requirements," he said.

He said the danger with the federal government is that they might want the county to move to private managed care.

"You have to walk them through the value of the public system," he said.

Visingardi is also charged with evaluating current practices in providing services for nearly 75,000 county residents with mental and developmental disabilities. The county currently works with six provider networks which in turn contract with other agencies to provide services.

"We need to evolve the community base," he said.

He is developing "evidence-based" practices. A new contract has been signed with Wayne State University to study the county's mental health programs.

"They're focused on helping us develop more evidence-based practice so we can shift from things that don't work all that well to things that work a lot better," Visingardi said.

He said the county is trying to make its access system more understandable so that people in need aren't falling through the cracks. He said the system has evolved to service the most severe cases of mental illness and developmental disability.

"The problem comes in with folks with mental health problems that might not qualify for Medicaid," he said.

Visingardi is also studying mental health programs in

other communities.

"A model program in Memphis focused on police officers," he said. "In the past, police officers were trained to deal with domestic calls. They

come into a lot of contact with people with disabilities, with people on the street, people in neighborhoods with mental illness. The thought is providing them with a little better train-

ing so they have a better understanding of how to intervene with people."

Visingardi's other charges include helping the board develop a strategic plan, seek

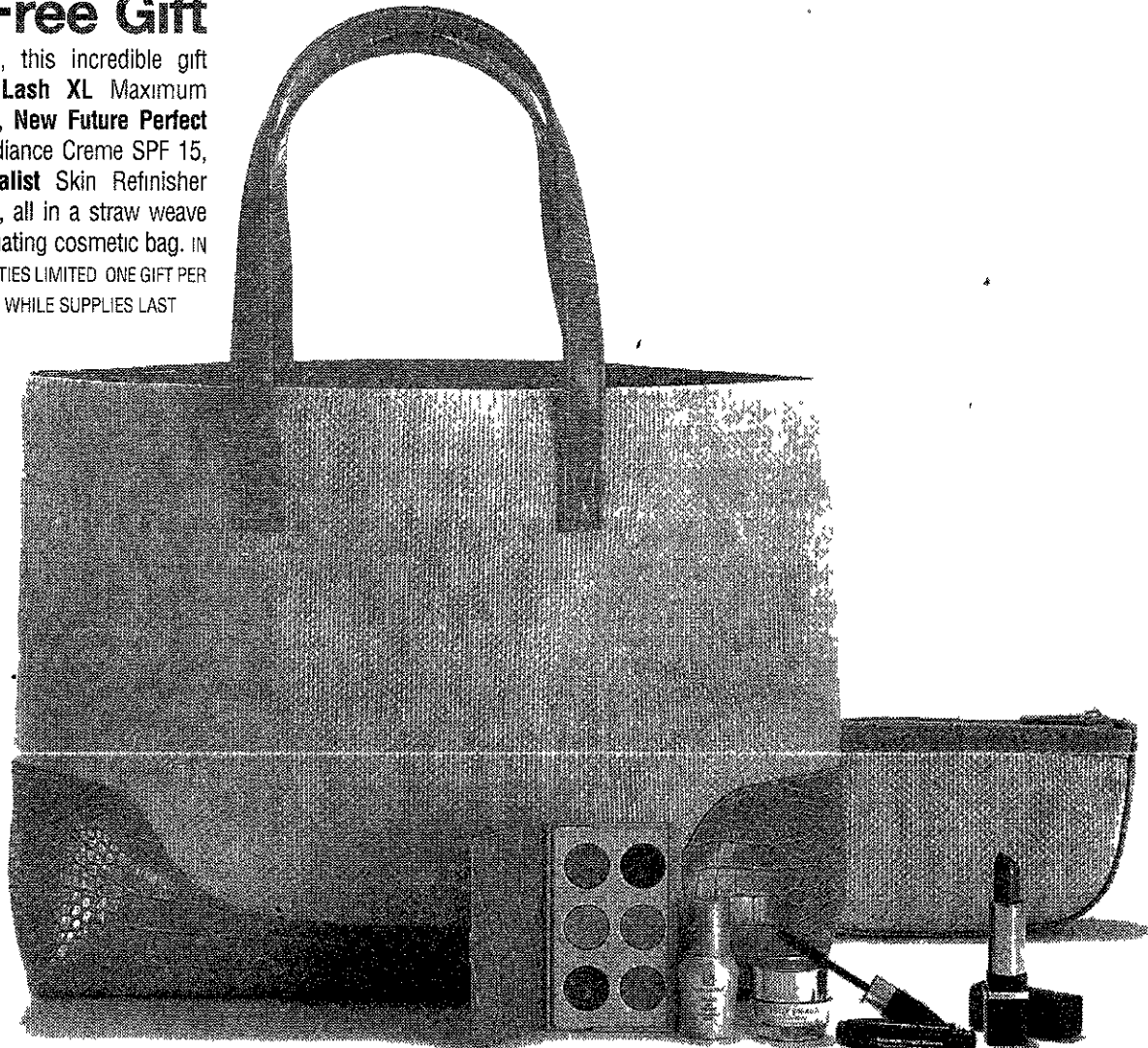
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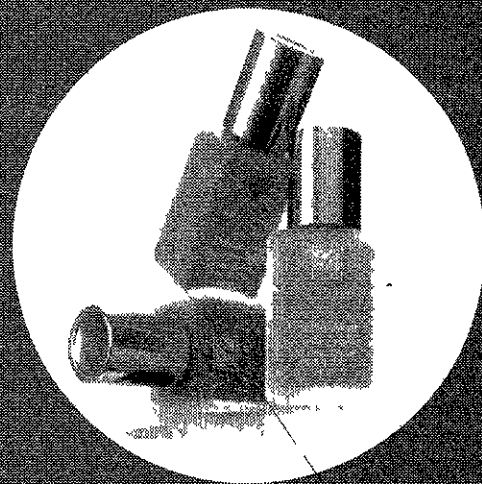
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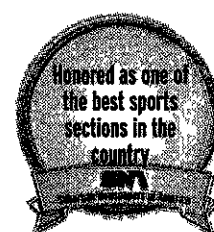
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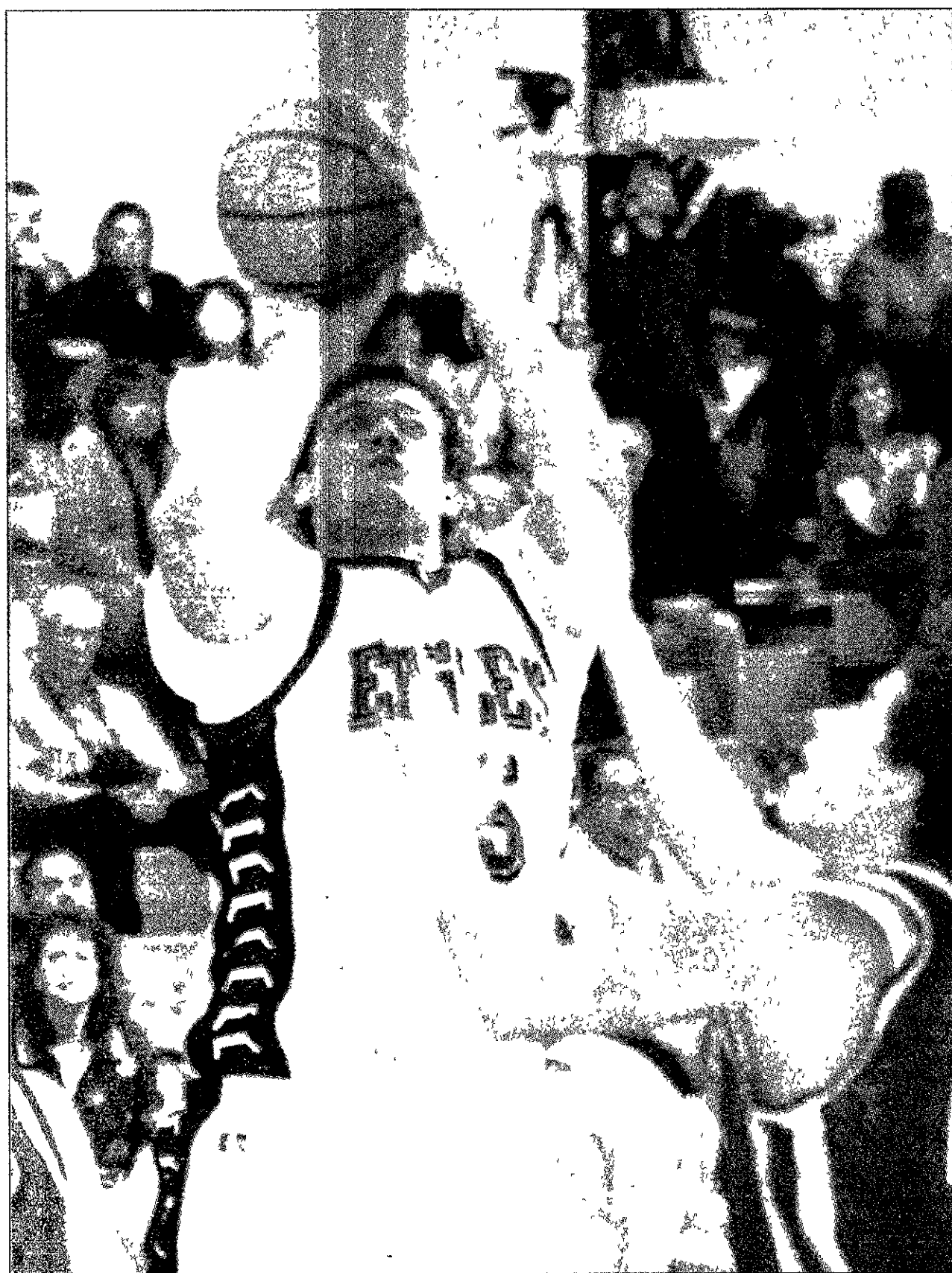
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Plymouth Christian's Aaron Ciborowski pulls up for a jump shot over Taylor Baptist Park's Hudson Hodges during the first quarter of Friday night's game. Ciborowski tallied 19 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Eagles to a 71-64 victory.

Inside job

Post players lead PCA to Senior Night victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy super-sized Taylor Baptist Park Friday night.

PCA, which had too much size inside for the Wildcats, muscled its way to a 73-64 triumph. The Eagles' low-post tandem of 6-foot-4 seniors Aaron Ciborowski and Mike McCord combined to score 41 points and yank down 33 rebounds.

Prior to the game, Ciborowski was honored for becoming the all-time leading rebounder at PCA. During the game, he showed why, ripping down 15 boards to go with his 19 points. McCord, Ciborowski's low-post partner, turned in his most productive game of the season, recording 22 points and 18 rebounds.

"That was one of Mike's best games this year," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "In the first half, he was getting a lot of putbacks, but in the second half we were feeding him the ball in the low post and he was coming through."

"They just wouldn't go away. They're a very good shooting team and they're extremely quick."

The victory lifted the Eagles' record to 11-9 heading into next week's Class D district tournament at Detroit Urban Lutheran. The Wildcats, who nipped the Eagles 49-47 on Jan. 4, fell to 12-8.

"Their inside game was just too much for us tonight," said Baptist Park coach Andy Cook.

"Tonight's game was very similar to the first game we played against them — they just made a few more shots tonight."

If you think Baptist Park's Halston Hodges has a cool name, you should see his game. The junior guard pumped in a team-high 22 points, grabbed six rebounds and nabbed seven steals. Jonathan Slavin netted 16 and Robbie Miller 13 for the Wildcats.

"Halston has had a phenomenal year for us," said Cook. "He's nearly averaging a triple-double this year, so tonight was a pretty typical performance for him."

After Hodges scorched the Eagles for 14 points in the first half, Taylor made an effective strategic change for closing 16 minutes of action.

"We went to a box-and-one against him and I think Jon Wendt did a great job on him. (Hodges) only scored two points in the fourth quarter."

The Eagles soared to a 15-14 lead after one quarter and 30-24 halftime advantage. Miller hit a jumper

PLEASE SEE PCA, B2

Power play dominant for Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers' power play was running on all cylinders Friday night in the team's 7-2 victory over the Windsor Spitfires in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before a sellout crowd of 3,556 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers converted five-of-eight extra-player opportunities on the way to the convincing win. Plymouth led 3-1 after one period and 6-1 with 20 minutes to play.

Rookie Cory Tanaka led the Plymouth attack with two goals and was voted the game's first star. Tanaka, the team's second-round draft choice last spring, has eight goals,

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including five in the last six games. John Vigilante (20), Jonas Fiedler (16), Gino Pisellini (3), Mike Looby (7) and John Mitchell (24) also scored for the winners.

Paul MacFarland (11) and Mitch Maunu (6) scored for Windsor.

Plymouth outshot Windsor, 35-28, with the line of Tanaka, Fiedler and Tim Sestito leading the way with relentless fore-checking and puck pursuit.

With the win, Plymouth (26-24-5-3) remains in second place in the OHL's West Division with 60 points, one behind first-place Sault Ste. Marie (26-24-8-1), which ousted Kitchener, 4-1, Friday night. Windsor dropped to 22-26-6-2, which is good enough for third place in the West.

Ryan Nie earned the victory in goal for the Whalers, knocking away 26 Spitfire shots.

Windsor starting goalie Kyle Knechtel stuffed 22 Whalers shots before getting yanked after the second period.

He was replaced by Brad Topping, who recorded six saves.

Mules sideline Canton wrestlers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton wrestling team's record-breaking season was derailed Wednesday night by one of the most storied programs in the history of Michigan high school wrestling.

The Chiefs, who won a school-record 23 dual meets this season and earned Canton's first-ever Division 1 district title, fell to Temperance-Bedford, 50-15, in a regional semi-final match held at Temperance-Bedford High School.

The Mules, who have filled more than one trophy case with state wrestling titles over the past 20 years, defeated Belleville in the regional final.

They will take a 33-3 record into the state championship tournament next

weekend. Canton finished 23-10.

"The kids wrestled hard and they weren't intimidated at all by Temperance-Bedford," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We were only down 22-15 after the 145-pound match, but then they got a pin at 152 and they won the rest."

"Temperance-Bedford has a very, very deep program. They bring three teams to every meet and they have an outstanding middle-school wrestling program. We just didn't have the depth we needed to beat them."

Randolph said he hopes Canton's program can mirror the Mules' winning ways before too long.

"That's where I want us to be someday soon," Randolph said. "We took the first steps this year by winning the dis-

trict and setting a school record for wins. If we keep working hard, we can make it happen."

The Chiefs led briefly Wednesday, 6-0, when 103-pounder Ryan Schnettler pinned Justin Smith in 2:58 in the opening match.

Following three straight losses, Canton's Corey Phillips (130) and Ryan Webb (135) earned hard-fought decisions to make things interesting. Phillips outmuscled Colin Arnold, 4-1, while Webb nipped Alex Ortman, 6-4.

However, the underdog Chiefs racked up just one more victory — Konrad Konsitzke's 2-0 triumph over Alex Wells at 145 — the rest of the night.

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Kelley vaults to gymnastics glory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

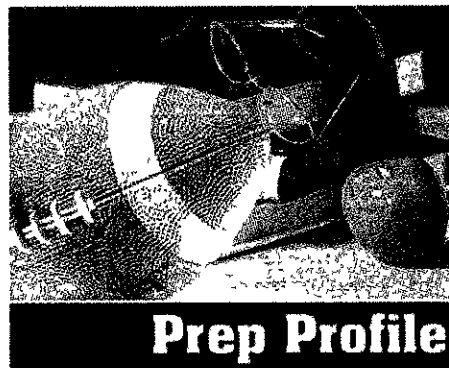
Not many high school gymnasts in the state of Michigan can match the combination of speed, strength, coordination and athleticism that makes Canton's Alyssa Kelley one of the school's all-time best vaulters.

The talented sophomore has not only come within an eyelash of equaling Katie Gilles' school record in the vault, but she is also approaching several other landmarks in the sport.

So it's ironic that Kelley's gymnastics career nearly came to a screeching halt several years ago due to her reluctance to try what she now does better than almost anyone.

"I started gymnastics when I was real little," Kelley said, "but I stopped doing it because I was scared of the vault. It's funny today when I think about it because that's my best event now."

Following a two-year hiatus from gymnastics, Kelley picked up the sport again in the third grade and has excelled ever since. Kelley's remarkable progress at the high school level can be measured by her performance at Thursday's



Prep Profile

Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet where she finished second in the all-around and first in the vault.

OVERCOMING PAIN

What's amazing about Kelley's accomplishments at Canton is that:

1. She's only a sophomore; and
2. She's doing it all with a chronic back injury that forces her to wear a brace when competing.

While the injury can be painful — especially on the mornings following competitions — Kelley tolerates the

PLEASE SEE KELLEY, B2



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton gymnast Alyssa Kelley hasn't let her sophomore status stop her from becoming one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's elite gymnasts this season. Kelley finished second in the all-around competition at Thursday's WLAA conference meet.

Sidelines

'Cat fund-raiser

Plymouth High School will be hosting its second annual fund-raiser — "Wildcat Beach Party" — to benefit all Plymouth High School athletics.

The fund-raiser will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight March 12 at the VFW Hall in Plymouth. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes dinner and beverages.

Along with dinner, participants will be treated to music, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle and a reverse draw, which will include a number of prizes donated by companies and individuals within the community. Winners do not need to be present to win. For tickets, contact Kathy Mihelick at (734) 637-6746 or e-mail her at mihelick@comcast.net.

Swim fund-raiser

The Salem girls swimming and diving team will be holding a fund-raiser at the Jimmy John's restaurant located at 41806 Ford Road between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9. The team will receive a percentage of all receipts that are taken in that evening.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 9, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Rocks' 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 7 and 15, is \$25. Contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Hoop winners

Several local young basketball enthusiasts walked away with honors at the Hoop Shoot and on-3 basketball tournament which were held Feb. 19 at the Summit of the Park in Canton.

The top three Hoop Shoot winners in each age group were:

■ Boys 8-9: 1st place — Ryan Hovermale; 2nd — Collin Hewet; 3rd — Aaron Miller.

■ Boys 10-11: 1st — Joshua Maxam; 2nd — Nate Sass; 3rd — Ryan Liguori.

■ Boys 12-13: 1st — Preston Currie; 2nd — Tosin Adedeji; 3rd — C.J. Mwila.

■ Boys 14-15: 1st — Michael Darouie; 2nd — Aqueel Sheriff; 3rd — Jimmy Dexter.

■ Girls 8-9: 1st — Hannah Cruz.

■ Girls 10-11: 1st — Lindsey Dehmke.

The winners of the 3-on-3 tournaments were:

■ 3rd and 4th grade: 1st — Pistons (Devin Slominski, Nate Sass, Dominic and Mitchell Quinlan).

■ 5th and 6th grade: 1st — Canton Ballers (Luke Hager, Jaron Issac, C.J. Mwila and Harrison Michaels).

■ 7th and 8th grade: 1st — East (James Dexter, Robert Wildman and Aqueel Sheriff).

PCA

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for the Wildcats to cut their deficit to 30-26 seconds into the third quarter, but PCA answered with an 8-2 run to extend its lead to 40-30 three minutes into the quarter.

A triple by Baptist Park's Caleb Thompson two minutes later brought the visitors to within 44-39, but Eagle point guard Stephen Summer countered with a pair of free throws to give his team a seven-point cushion with eight minutes to play.

With 6:49 left and the Eagles up 48-39, Summer recorded an assisted that was worthy of an ESPN Sportscenter Top 10 plays nomination. After diving for a ball near mid-court, the senior guard — while sitting with his back to the PCA basket — corralled the ball then flipped a no-look, over-the-head pass to Jon Wendt, who laid the ball in to put PCA up 50-39.

The Eagles never looked back after that, building a 15-point edge with 5:15 left on a Jordan Johnston jumper. The closest the Wildcats got the rest of the game was the final score.

PCA opens the Class D district tournament Tuesday night at Detroit Urban Lutheran with a 6 p.m. contest against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. A victory will propel the Eagles into a Thursday night semi-final showdown against the winner of the Redford Bishop Borgess-Urban Lutheran clash.

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Plymouth Christian's Matt Saagman dribbles past Baptist Park's Hudson Hodges during Friday night's game at PCA.

KELLEY

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softness due to the passion she has acquired for gymnastics.

"I hurt my back two years ago," she said. "The doctors said it was probably caused by overuse. There wasn't one thing I did that caused it. At the time I got hurt, I was competing for the Novi Sports Club team, which required a lot more practicing than the high school team. The doctors told me I could still compete in gymnastics, but not at the club level. The worst part about it was that it happened right before the state regionals that year, so I had to miss it."

LOOK OUT, RECORDS

Canton coach John Cunningham said he is impressed by how Kelley com-

petes in spite of the chronic injury.

"Last year, Alyssa missed several meets due to her sore back, but this year she's competed in every meet, with the exception of one when she had the flu," said Cunningham. "There are times she's in pain, but she just grins and bears it. She's a great competitor."

"Katie Gilles owns all of the records at Canton now, but Alyssa isn't far behind. She missed the vault record by just five-tenths-of-a-point earlier this year, and she's pushing the other events, too. She should eventually have all of the records by the time she graduates. She's that good."

NO REGRETS

Although Kelley thrived at the club gymnastics level prior to her injury, she insists she wouldn't trade her high school experience for anything.

"High school gymnastics is more fun than club gymnastics," she said. "There's not as much pressure and I really like everyone on the team. We get along great and we're having a pretty good year (the Chiefs own a 10-2 dual-meet record)."

BEAMING GRADES

Kelley epitomizes the label "student-athlete" as she has crafted a stellar 3.5 grade point average through her first year-plus at Canton. If everything works out like she hopes, Kelley will attend Michigan State University after graduating in 2007 and work toward a degree in sports medicine or physical therapy.

The career choice seems ideal for Kelley, who can motivate her future patients by sharing her own inspirational experience of how she overcame physical setbacks to rise to great athletic heights.

Livonia earns gymnastics title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The machine-like precision that carried the Livonia Consolidated girls gymnastics team to an 11-0 regular-season record was on display at Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet.

Led by the all-around performances of Andrea Pisani and Lindsey Reed, Livonia captured its second consecutive WLAA title by compiling 148.125 to edge runner-up Brighton (145.125).

"The key tonight was we did real well on the floor and beam," said Livonia coach Christa Hinderliter. "We have two more big meets coming up with the regional and state meets, so hopefully this helps us keep moving in the right direction."

Pisani was Livonia's brightest star, winning the all-around with 37.350 points. Pisani also turned in a gold-medal effort on the beam (9.350) and uneven bars (9.450). Reed finished first in the floor-exercise competition with a score of 9.750, just ahead of second-place Pisani's 9.500.

Canton's Alyssa Kelley won the vault, earning a 9.450. The sophomore also finished second in

the all-around with a 36.750.

"Alyssa continued to dominate the vault," said Canton coach John Cunningham, referring to Kelley's unbeaten record in the event. "Her all-around score was her best this year. To finish second against this competition is a big-time accomplishment for her."

Northville/Novi finished third with 144.500, followed by Canton (142.275), Salem (142.275), Hartland (138.875), Walled Lake and Wayne-Westland (128.150), and Plymouth (84.875).

"I wasn't displeased with our performance," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "But we had three falls on beam that cost us second place."

"I thought Mina (Pirzadeh) had an excellent all-around, finishing eighth in Division 2, and Jessie Murray's eighth-place finish in Division 1 was outstanding. She had an excellent vault. Kate Staley and Megan Chappo also did well."

Salem's Ashley Aquinto earned a first-place finish in the Division 2 all-around standings, racking up 36.950 points.

Plymouth's top performer was freshman Jordan Brodehl, who placed 10th in the uneven bars (8.975).

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Agape cagers trounce L&L

Canton Agape Christian improved its record to 15-5 Friday night with a 66-27 victory over Taylor Light & Life.

The Wolverines rolled to a 22-5 first-quarter lead and 38-13 halftime advantage before cruising to their 14th win in 15 games.

Agape, which played without sharp-shooting senior guard Gabe Molnar, was led by Bryan

Horning, who netted 21 points. The Wolverines also received strong efforts from Jack Anleitner (16), Derek Leathers (10) and Ryan Barber (nine). Paul Posant led Light & Life with nine points.

Agape drained nine three-point shots.

"This was a nice win to finish off a successful regular season," said Agape coach Keith

Anleitner, whose team will open the Class D district tournament Thursday night against the winner of the Detroit Westside Christian-Detroit City game.

Thursday's opening tip at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School is set for 6 p.m.

The finals are slated for Friday at 7 p.m.

Wildcat skaters tie W.L. Northern

The Plymouth hockey team tied Walled Lake Northern, 2-2, Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game. The deadlock left the Wildcats with a 10-12-2 record.

Nick Rosochacki opened the scoring for Plymouth with an unassisted goal at 10:44 of the first period. The Knights knotted the score at 1-1 when Kevin Nailer scored off assists from Mike Bell and Zach Zelaski with 1:27 left in the opening period.

The Wildcats regained the lead, 2-1, on John Knoer's goal early in the second period. Mark Olivier assisted. John

Adams netted the game-tying marker five minutes later.

"I thought it was a good game," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "We played with a lot of energy and we outshot them; it just seems like all of our shots hit their goalie."

Justin Desilets and Christian Blick shared the goal-tending duties for Plymouth.

The Wildcats will open the Division 1 regional tournament Monday night at 6 p.m. against Walled Lake Central at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

Salem 3, W.L. Western 2: Kris Brant's goal at the 9:29 mark of the third period gave the

Rocks the victory. Steven Tripp and John Peterson assisted on the winning goal.

Tripp and Craigen Bauldry also scored goals for the Rocks, who got assists from Adam Gillikin and John Maurer.

Salem will open the Division 1 regional tournament at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor against Ypsilanti-Willow Run.

The opening face-off is set for 5:30 p.m. A win would pit the Rocks into a semi-final match-up against the winner of Monday's Jackson-Brighton game. The semis are set for Thursday at 5:30 p.m. while the finals are set for Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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Local volleyball teams battle to end in district tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Even though the three P-CEP volleyball teams suffered season-ending losses Friday night in the Class A district tournament at Northville High School, they all have reason for optimism heading into the off-season and the 2005-06 campaign.

Of the three teams, Plymouth endured the longest, advancing to the final match before getting ousted by powerhouse Livonia Churchill: 25-18, 25-17 and 25-22. The Wildcats qualified for the finals berth by downing Salem in the semis: 25-20, 17-25, 25-20 and 25-22.

"Overall, I thought we played well against Salem," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Our serve-receive was shaky at the beginning, but fortunately for us, Salem made a few more mistakes than we did. I thought both teams played well, though. They have a very good team."

"We knew going into the match against Churchill that they had a great team. The only thing I'm disappointed in is that we had a 20-14 lead in game three, but their best player — Kelsey Mack — went on a 10-point service run. She has a great serve with a lot of top-spin."

Janet Hanchett (15 digs), Kim

Klonowski (13 digs), Lindsay Vogelsberg (11 digs), Sarah Haskins (18 set assists) and Jeanine Moise (11 kills) all played well in the loss to the Chargers.

"Overall, I think we could have done better this season," said McCausland, whose team finished 29-14-5. "I think the way we played in this district tournament showed how good we can be. We had our ups and downs, which I think goes with the youth we have. The nice thing is we're one of the only teams who will be returning everybody next season."

The Rocks will also welcome back their entire roster next season, with the exception of senior defensive specialist Kelly Lepper, who missed the season due to injuries.

Salem won its quarterfinal match Friday night over the host Mustangs in five exciting games: 25-15, 25-21, 17-25, 10-25 and 15-11.

"Even though we lost the third and fourth games, the girls were still confident heading into the fifth," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson, whose team finished with an 18-15-5 record. "I told them to go out there, play their game and relax. Sometimes, they think about things too much instead of just reacting."

Peterson praised the play of Kelly Behr, Teresa Coppiellie and

Lauren Kurtz in the win over Northville.

"Kelly did a great job of passing for us," she said. "Teresa hit extremely well; she put it down when we needed it. And Lauren had a number of key blocks."

Coppiellie netted 14 digs and 14 kills in the semi-final loss to the Wildcats. Nikki Mersch contributed nine kills while Lauren Price had eight.

"Both teams played well, I thought," Peterson said. "When you get a big rivalry game like that, anything can happen. Plymouth was very scrappy. They played great defense, but I thought we did, too."

Peterson said she will look back at her first year at Salem with mostly pleasant memories.

"I'm very happy that I made the decision to come to Salem," said Peterson, who coach at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard last season. "I'm very excited already about next year. This year was a big learning year for us. It always takes a while to get used to a new coach and for a new coach to get used to the new players. This team is young, so we can build together."

"Losing Kelly Lepper hurt a lot. She has so much wisdom for the game, which is something you can't teach. We missed her presence out on the court this year. We needed someone with Kelly's experience to tell the girls

when to calm down and when to get more serious. I got to see her play a little while before she got hurt the second time, and her skills are phenomenal. She handled the situation great. I don't think I would have handled it quite as well."

Canton had the unenviable task of facing Churchill in the first round. The Chargers won 26-24, 24-26, 25-8 and 25-17, but not before the Chiefs gave them a serious run for their money in the match's early stages.

"We were up 23-20 in the first game, but we couldn't hang on," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "Then in the second game, we were ahead 23-19, but they came back to take the lead. Marie Martin, a freshman, stepped up and made three phenomenal plays to help us pull it out."

"We lost our focus a little bit in the third game and I was disappointed we lost by so much, but, overall, I thought we played pretty well."

Canton, which finished with a 20-19-5 record, was led by Andrea Johnson (seven kills, 12 digs, three aces), Laura McKendry (13 kills, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces), Stephanie Price (26 assists, three aces, 10 service points) and Krista Holcomb (13 digs).

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Salem's Lauren Kurtz blocks a kill attempt by Northville's Morgan Daul during Friday night's Class A district match at Northville High School.

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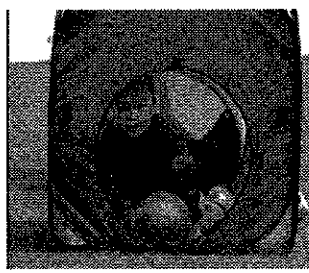
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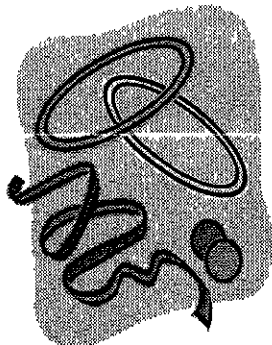
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How can I tell if I have a cold or the flu? Which symptoms belong to which disease?

Influenza has fairly predictable symptoms. In the beginning it starts off something like a cold with upper respiratory symptoms, like a runny nose, and a non-productive cough and scratchy throat but very rapidly and suddenly progresses to high fever and very prominent headache, chills, and muscle aches. The fever lasts about three days or so, and the whole thing usually only lasts about five to eight days. Colds tend to come on gradually and are usually distinguished by a runny nose and sneezing.

What can I do to ward off colds?

- Wash your hands
- Limit exposure to infected people
- Practice healthy habits such as eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly
- Drink plenty of water and rest

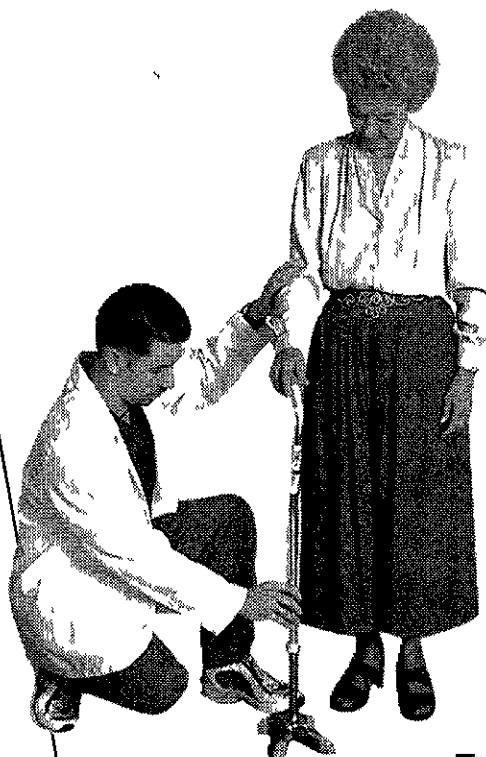
What are the different cold remedies and how do I know which to take?

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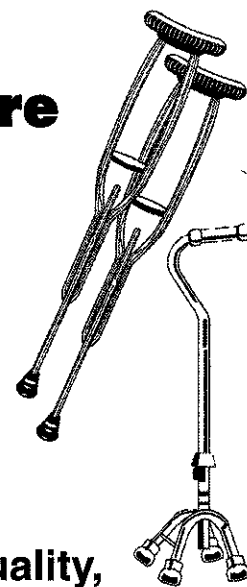
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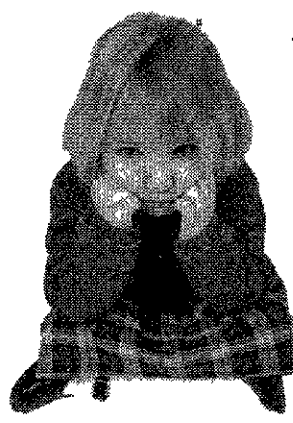
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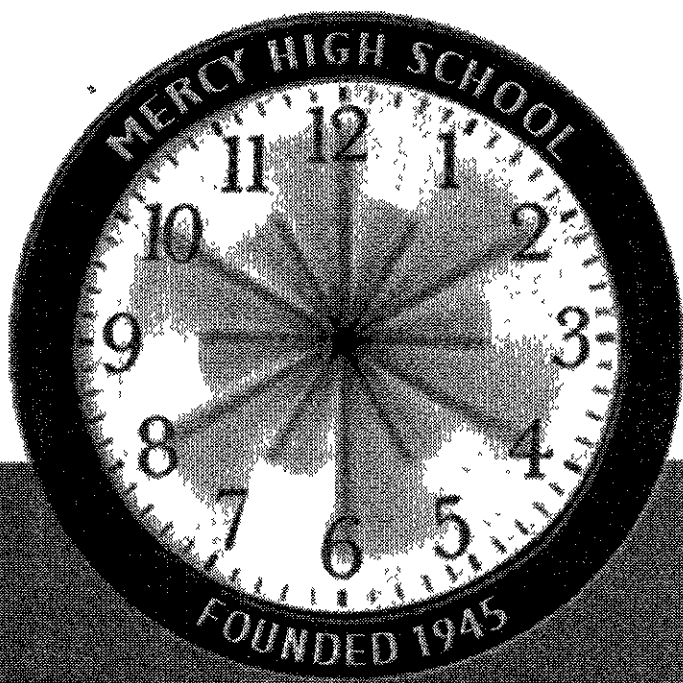
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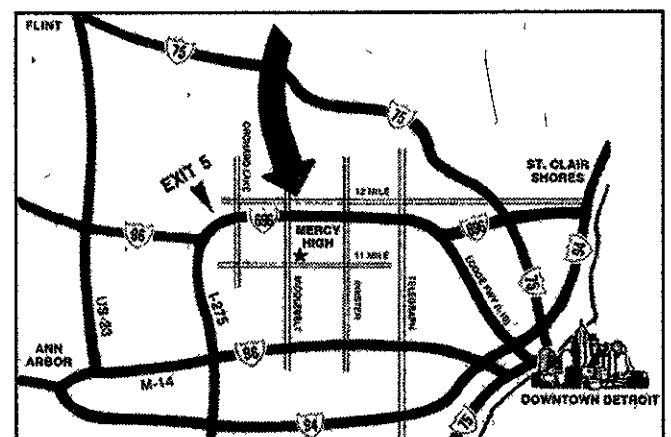
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Lady Ocelots pull off big surprise in tourney semi

The Eastern Conference got the best of the Western Conference in Friday's semifinal games of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball tournament hosted by Schoolcraft College.

The host Lady Ocelots won the nightcap of the double-header by upsetting Kellogg Community College, 65-54, as forward Charlese Greer scored a game-high 22 points and yanked down 10 rebounds.

Guard Ashley Gibson finished with 12 points and six assists for Schoolcraft, which improved to 21-6 overall.

Audrey Graham led the Bruins with 17 points. Guard Jessie Grant added 15 rebounds, while center Lisa Hoekje pulled down 14.

Kellogg, which dropped to 25-3 overall, shot a paltry 22.5 percent from the floor (18-of-80), including 2-of-24 from three-point range.

Schoolcraft was 29-of-78 from the field (37.2) percent and won despite being outrebounded 65-54.

In the first game, Eastern Conference champ Flint Mott outlasted Lansing CC, 69-59, as Delores Hughley scored a game-high 29 points.

Hughley was 7-of-14 from the field, including 2-of-4 from three-point range. She also hit 13-of-16 free throws.

Candace Ward scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Allyssa Riley came off the bench to score 10 points as the Bears improved to 21-4.

Jill Oaks and Sharonna Dean scored 12 and 11 points, respectively for the Stars, who fall to 15-11.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Schoolcraft and Mott met Saturday afternoon for the MCCA championship. (Results will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

MU men ousted

Madonna University's all-time leading scorer Noel Emehiser scored a game-high 33 points, but it wasn't enough as the Crusaders fell short Thursday night in their upset bid against host Aquinas College, falling 76-69, in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball playoffs.

Madonna, under first-year coach Chuck Henry, bows out with a 9-21 overall record. Aquinas improves to 21-12.

The 6-foot-5 Emehiser, a senior from Woodburn, Ind., hit 9-of-19 shots from the floor, including 5-of-8 from three-point range. He also connected on all 10 of his free throws.

But he was the only Crusader to score in double figures as guard Mike McKeever was next with nine to go along with five assists.

Forward Tom Kuslikis led the Saints, who led 31-28 at halftime, with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Aaron Alsgaard added 14 points, while Damien Mayo chipped in with 10.

Aquinas outrebounded the Crusaders 42-30 and got 34 points from its bench.

MU shot just 23-of-63 from the floor (36.5 percent), while Aquinas made 25-of-53 (47.2 percent).

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For those who like the No-Tap format, Woodland Lanes is staging a doubles tournament at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27, which is Easter.

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For more information, call (734) 522-4515.

Phil Horowitz, 66, of West Bloomfield has done it again, rolling another 300 game last Wednesday in the Mayflower Wednesday Men's Senior Classic. It was his 12th of his career, one more and we'll call it a baker's dozen.

Nice going, Phil.

The 2005 American Bowling Congress (ABC) Championships began on Feb. 12 and runs through July 3 at Baton Rouge, La.

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Ten Pin Alley

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Deb Madonna

Comforters from the heart

When Mary Crockett was a young mother, with small children, she tried quilting. She saw a pattern in the newspaper and said, "I can do that." And she did.

But she set quilting aside for a while.

When she turned 50, she thought, "No one is going to knock at the door and offer me a job." She returned to school, earned a second degree in medical technology at Schoolcraft, and worked at University of Michigan until she retired in her early 60s.

Now, at age 81, Mary is busier than ever. "I can't just sit and watch TV," she said. "I have to do something."

Crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, sewing. And she's quilting again.

Mary makes four or five quilts a year, working on two projects at a time. She's made more than 70 quilts. No two are ever the same.

She has an artful eye.

"The way you put colors together and use different materials will change the pattern," she said. "The Neighborhood" has rows of houses next to each other, with children all around the border. The "Cellar Jar" series shows different items in each jar.

"When you look at a quilt, you can't see everything the first time. Every time you come back, there's something new," Crockett said. "I enjoy cutting fabric into pieces and putting it back together again and finding a use for leftover pieces. I do all the piecing by machine and quilting by hand. It's important that I do my own work."

"Some people take two-three years to years to make one quilt. They are lovely, but people are afraid to use them. Mine are to be used."

Mary's children - Jeff, Martha, Paul and Amy - made a commemorative book about their mother's quilts. They also thought it would be fun to bring the quilts home for a visit to help Mary celebrate her 80th birthday. They retrieved 45.

Friends and family were invited to the quilt reunion at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. The church was filled with Mary's art, draped over the balcony and pews. It was the first time everyone saw all the finished pieces.

When Mary walked into the church and saw all her quilts, "It took my breath away to see them altogether. It was a lovely thing, a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Mary has sold a few of her quilts, donated others to church auctions and given the rest to family. "The receivers of my quilts have no choice but to take them," she said. "I don't know what else to do with them."

Mary has something in common with Plymouth-Canton Interact high school students. The Interact board, Megan Bartlett, Kevin Burdette, Dan Bowden, Andrea Burdette, Amanda Kelley, Nicole Sumner and Kim Heaney, came up with a community service project idea.

And the 42 Interact club members worked together, selected fabric and made 210 polar fleece scarves. They wrapped them and gave the presents to senior citizens at the Rotary A.M. Christmas dinner.

Said Cindy Bartlett, Interact adviser: "The scarves were handmade from the heart."

Imagine what would happen if Mary Crockett and the P-C Interact kids collaborated on a project.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at clari-on@storytellerdesign.com.

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William Morrison talks about how Plymouth fits in with the last 100 years of the Rotary club during the anniversary celebration Wednesday evening.

Century of Plymouth Rotary clubs honor accomplishments celebration

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day that a service club turns 100, so Plymouth Rotarians were glad to get together Wednesday for their centennial celebration.

The community has two clubs - Plymouth, chartered in 1924, and Plymouth A.M., created in 1997. Members of both met for a celebration at Fox Hills Country Club to mark Rotary's 1905 founding by Chicago lawyer Paul Harris.

"There's a heritage factor that's strong for the club," said Dale Yagiela, president of the 113-member Noon Club. Members are proud they've helped to keep the Plymouth community vibrant.

The older club is well-known for its annual chicken barbecue during

Plymouth Fall Festival in September, which raises \$60,000-\$80,000. Also contributing to the community is the club's foundation, an independent body that provides an additional \$80,000-\$100,000 of support.

"We were sponsored by the Noon Club," said Robert Scoggins, retired Plymouth police chief and president of the A.M. Club, with about 52 members. The senior Christmas party in December has been a key event for the younger club.

"Every year, we seem to get a little better," Scoggins said. "We're finding our own identity." The morning club has hosted five December parties for local seniors.

Both presidents embrace Rotary's Four-Way Test:

■ Is it the truth?



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Dale Yagiela, president of Plymouth Rotary (right), and Robert Scoggins, president of Plymouth A.M. Rotary, man the bell that all Rotary Clubs around the world rung Wednesday night at the beginning of the 100-year anniversary celebration.

- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

"That's what I think our club embodies," said Yagiela, longtime executive director of the Plymouth-based youth agency Growth Works.

His club has some six or seven sports teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park that help at the barbecue, now in its 50th year, and receive money.

"The Gathering was built primarily with Rotary money," Yagiela said of the downtown structure. His club has a park, plants flowers and sponsors a middle school essay/awards program on the Four-Way Test.

Both clubs also give scholarships,

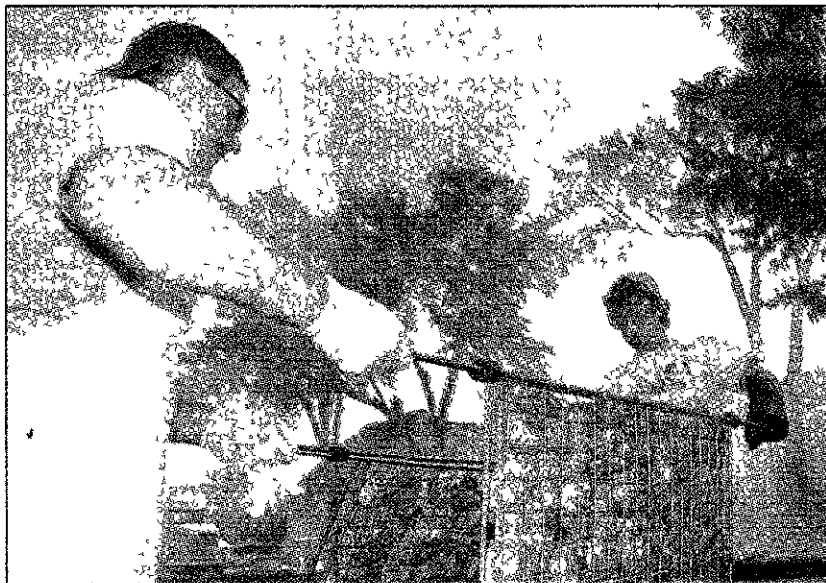
some cooperatively, and there's an Interact program for high schoolers that is supported by local Rotarians, including the Canton club. Interact is the Rotary International program for young people.

Scoggins, whose club has sponsored a bicycle safety program and other activities, is proud that this year the first Interact students will graduate from high school. He and fellow A.M. members are always looking for recruits, both teens and adults.

"Really it's unlimited what you can do to make the world a better place to live," Scoggins said. "It's a spectacular group. I think it's phenomenal."

Both presidents are pleased that women were admitted to Rotary

PLEASE SEE **ROTARY, C2**



Dave Brand (left) and Brandon Demars (right) flipped a lot of chicken for the Rotary Chicken Dinner at Plymouth's Fall Festival last year. The chicken dinner is the biggest fund-raiser that helps Rotary with its many community-minded projects.



Katie (front to back), Isabel, and Maribeth Yabes were among the hundreds of people who enjoyed the fruits of the Rotary's labor during last year's Plymouth Fall Festival.

Dinner to raise scholarship money for women in transition

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If it wasn't for her son Nathan and the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, Noelle Dragun probably would have never considered going back to school full time.

Nathan encouraged her to join him as a student. The Women's Resource Center made it possible.

Dragun had been taking one class a semester while working for a mortgage company when her job was eliminated in March 2004. One of the benefits of the job had been tuition reimbursement. Divorced and alone after a 26-years of marriage, she turned to Nancy Swanborg and the Women's Resource Center.

On Tuesday, March 15, Dragun will showcase all she has learned in an exhibit by comput-

er graphics students at the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow to raise funds for the center.

Along with Dragun, the display highlights the accomplishments of Angelique Bugeja, Jacki Lynn Cohen and Sylvia Ryan, all students assisted by WRC.

"I was stunned after working 60 to 70 hours a week," said Dragun, a 54-year old Farmington Hills resident. "Instead of getting angry I looked at it as an opportunity to shift gears. I started testing waters to see what would work. During that time I went to Nancy at WRC, and said 'help, please can you.'"

Dragun was able to finish the spring semester after WRC reimbursed her for tuition then guided her through the process of applying for scholarships and

grants. When summer then fall 2004 classes rolled around she was ready to learn more about Photoshop thanks to WRC and a \$1,000 scholarship from the Business Women's Network of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce.

The Athena Award is given to non-traditional students who have completed at least two terms of college classes and are in good academic standing. Dragun carries a high grade-point average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. In May, she graduates with an associate's degree in computer graphics technology and plans to start a design business that includes photo restoration and print layout.

"My unemployment ran out last September," said Dragun. "Because of WRC, because of their willingness to help find



Women's Resource Center staff members Charlotte O'Connor (left), Marlene Kershaw, Nancy Swanborg, Sharon Common, and Cindy Kloss help women in transition to achieve success.

funds, I can go to school full time. Not having to work is helping me put education on a fast track."

Today, Dragun has designed

pamphlets and brochures for Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills. She's looking forward to

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ENGAGEMENTS



Korycki-Harrand

Victor and Christine Korycki of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn, to Christopher Robert Harrand, of Owosso. Kelly earned her Bachelor's Degree in the science of nursing from Eastern Michigan University. She is a registered nurse at Ingham Regional Medical Center. Her fiancé, Christopher, is the son of Kathy Gilvoy and Bart Porter of Owosso. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in business administration from Grand Valley State University. He is the owner of Mid-Michigan Turf Care. Christopher and Kelly are planning a September wedding in Canton.

Alberts-Kovac

Leo Alberts of Middleville, Mich., and Nancy Alberts of Grand Rapids, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Trisha Margaret, of Burke, Va., to, Matthew Nicholas Kvoac, of Burke, Va. Trisha is a graduate of Northview High School in Grand Rapids. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and her Master's from Marymount University in Arlington, Va. She is employed with a government contractor in Falls Church, Va. Her fiancé, Matthew, is the son of Nicholas and Diane Kovac of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan. He is employed as a mechanical engineer. Matthew and Trisha are planning a May wedding at St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids.



Smith

Harold and Rosemary Smith of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 15. They attended Mass at St. John Neumann Church with their family where they received a blessing from Fr. George Williams. After Mass they had a family dinner at Sandtraps on 5 Banquet Room in Livonia. Dinner was followed by entertainment provided by various family members. They will continue their celebration by going to Hawaii in February and cruising the islands. Harold and Rosemary were married Jan. 15, 1955, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. The couple met when she was a student nurse and he was her patient at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit. He was a young Detroit policeman who had been directing traffic and was hit by a drunk driver. After a short courtship, they were married and made their home in Detroit for 25 years. Harold and Rosemary have five children, Terry, Shawn, Sandi, Shannon, and Shari; 10 granddaughters; three grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.



ROTARY

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starting in the late 1980s. Plymouth A.M. has had two

women presidents, Kathy Hosten and Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche. "I think you have to have a balance between professionals, both male and female," said Scoggins, who praised the leadership of Hosten and Knopf-DeRoche. Women offer intuitive insight, he said, and identify what men may overlook or take for granted. Yagiela agreed women's presence creates balance and a better viewpoint. "I think having women in Rotary has been a

great thing," he said, adding women often work harder. The Noon Club meets 12:05 p.m. each Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The A.M. Club meets 7 a.m. each Tuesday, also at the Cultural Center. "We always are looking for young, energetic professionals" who want to improve the world, Scoggins said. "Look us up. Come visit us on Tuesday morning." jbrown@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

SCHOLARSHIP

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exhibiting fine art as well as commercial work at the spaghetti dinner. "I'm not nervous about showing my work, but excited," said Dragun. "It's an awesome opportunity to show what we can do, to take our skills and show gratitude to Nancy and the WRC for what they have done for us."

Fund-raisers like the spaghetti dinner help women in transition to achieve their dreams. Displaced homemakers, single moms, widows, and separated and divorced women explore career options and achieve success through the center, celebrating its 31st year. At the dinner several recipients of WRC assistance will be honored. "Noelle received money raised by the dinner," said Swanborg, WRC executive director. "We wanted to highlight not just their stories but to show some of

the work. "At a time when the economy is not good the center is providing significant assistance to students because of people who come to the dinners. Through the years we've averaged around 4 percent of women helped on campus." A few tickets are still available for the Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow Tuesday, March 15 in the DiPonio Room of the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile,

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Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15, 2005.
The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.
The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:
Saturday, March 12, 2005 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)
Monday, March 14, 2005 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
AND
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 15, 2005 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.
AND
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.
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Charter Township of Canton
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED USE OF THE 2005 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 22, 2005**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing Concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on February 22, 2005.
The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the Board any proposed use of the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds.
Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant, Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2005 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$117,000.00

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**The multi-year project was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 2003.
The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upon completion of the Public Hearing, will determine the use of the 2005 Funds.
Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2005 Funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48179 received by February 21, 2005.
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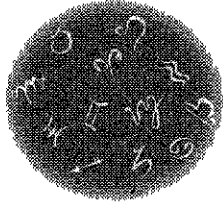
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(Feb. 27 - March 2)
By Dennis Fairchild



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The edgy influence of your ruler Mars will make it easy to overreact to the opinions of colleagues and loved ones as March unfolds. To prevent minor irritations from turning into future confrontations you are advised to speak your mind now rather than later, Rambo. Things are gettin' hot now.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Someone is being economical with the truth and you must set matters straight—starting now! Nevertheless, with financial demands increasing, you should be careful not to upset those whose support you need. Honesty begets great rewards this week. Stand up for your beliefs and others will believe you, Bull.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

There will times over the coming days before your ruling planet Mercury changes signs when it may seem as if the whole world is against you or don't get where you're coming from. Don't feel too sorry for yourself because it's just an illusion. You're not as vulnerable as you (or others) think, kiddo.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

With Venus in your element now, the moment has come to make loved ones, partners and colleagues aware that you've had enough of idle promises and now demand guarantees of assurance, MoonKid. Don't back down now. Be kind to yourself and selective about your confidants for the time being.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

You seem to be torn between work and friendship and can't make up your mind which is more important to you, Lion. According to the planets, you must focus on moolah, even if it means having to turn down social invitations and opportunities to run away. Remain centered; think "revenue."

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

What is revealed in a rather unusual or unexpected manner soon should give you the final piece of a cosmically-complex puzzle and enable you to make certain associates regret having tried to mislead you, Virgo. Don't wear your heart on the sleeve—get out the elbow grease and put on your Thinking Cap!

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.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You seem to be doing a lot of things for other people of late, and that trend will continue this week. Astro aspects from your ruler Venus to the outer planets will compel you to come to the aid of someone who desperately needs a helping hand. But make sure that's all it is, Balancer!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Not everything attempted can be achieved, Scorp; therefore, you must stop feeling guilty about falling short of your standards. With celestial influences enabling you to see things as they really are, you can now plan for the future instead of living in the past. Big changes are a-comin' by your birthday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Break with routine and embark upon something different or exciting this week, Archer. The world is full of people, places and ideas that seem to have eluded you until now. There are times when innovation must replace habit—and this is one of those moments. Open up your options and your mind!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

What is the point of complaining that loved ones are being obstinate or obstructive, Cap? Set out finding why they can not make firm commitments. Maybe you have misinterpreted or misread their statements or, worse, maybe there is someone who is up to making a lot of mischief?

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve, kiddo. A difficult time between the planets signifies that the time is long past when you could spend your way out of hassles. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash, but a fresh injection of ideas.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

The Sun in your sign is supposed to make you footloose and fancy-free—so what happened, Fish? Someone brought you down to earth with a bang over money—that's what. And, unfortunately, you must now reevaluate your finances and not spend above your means. Trim the budget and your calories.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Linda Hebert's life changed for the better on Dec. 8 with the installation of a lift from Project Freedom. The 49-year-old Livonia woman is still confined to a wheelchair, still unable to move her legs, but now can exercise on the floor like everyone else.

Hebert's father, Terrence Ochotny, moves her arms and legs three times a day to maintain as much range of motion as possible. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1976 at age 19, Hebert has gone from pitching on baseball and softball teams to depending on Ochotny to care for her. Until December, he was lifting her 50 to 60 times a day without any help. Today, with the touch of a button a 12-volt battery provides the power to lift Hebert without his assistance. A manual hydraulic lift sits unused in the bedroom. Its jerky movement make it unsafe and unpleasant for patient and caregiver.

"With the lift, I can exercise on the floor instead of the bed," said Hebert. "It's more fun. 'The lift is able to take pressure off of my back. When my back gets tired and sore, I sit in the lift for 10 to 15 minutes to relieve the pressure.'"

Hebert doesn't let MS stop her from enjoying life. In the living room is a stack of videos including one of her favorites, *Snowdogs*. Hebert and her father enjoy watching movies, especially comedies, when at home. Lift Aid 2000 makes it easy. After transferring Hebert to her wheelchair she's off and mobile with the flick of the switch.

Independence is important to Hebert, who cared for herself until 1993. During the early years of the disease, she earned an associate's degree in accounting from Schoolcraft College and worked for Purple Heart even though she's been confined to a wheelchair since 1980.

"This is a blessing for us," said the 69-year old Ochotny, who has arthritis in his spine. "I have to transfer her from the wheelchair to toilet or shower."

"The lift doesn't just make it easier for the caregiver. She can't slide on cloth seats in a car. One time she tore a rotator cuff trying to get in. It's important that people understand the difficulties. You don't understand until you have to deal with it every day. It's a convenience that's necessary, a safety factor for both parties."

Gilbert Rice has seen the difference the lift can make for individuals with limited mobility due to cerebral palsy, stroke, spinal cord and head injuries, Lou Gehrig's disease, Alzheimer's, and various forms of dementia. Project Freedom currently has 72 lifts in service in metro Detroit. Founded in March 2001, the nonprofit organization lends lifts to individuals without \$5,000 or insurance coverage to purchase the Lift Aid 2000 made in Wixom. Once an application is approved, funding is made possible by the Hospitalers Committee of Detroit Commandery No. 1, a Masonic organization.

"Lack of insurance, inability to pay, need are the criteria," said Rice, president of Project Freedom. "A committee of Knights Templar, a unit of Masonic Fraternity, decides who



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Terrence Ochotny demonstrates how he transfers his daughter, Linda Hebert, into bed with an automatic lift.

to help. The biggest thing is when people are done with it, it's brought back and refurbished and sent out again. We have about 25 on a waiting list.

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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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By: Rick Paffenroth
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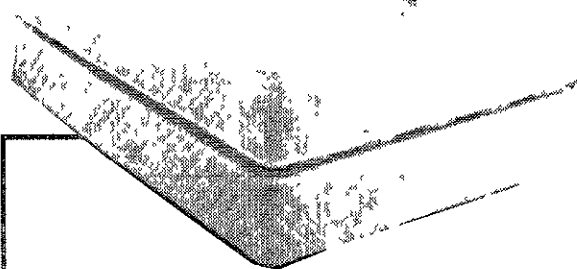
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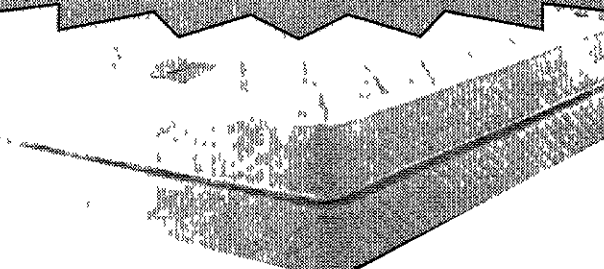
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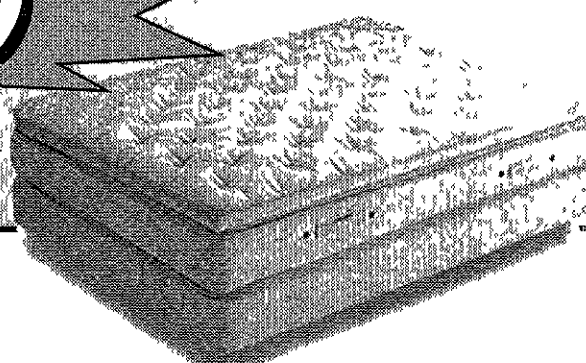
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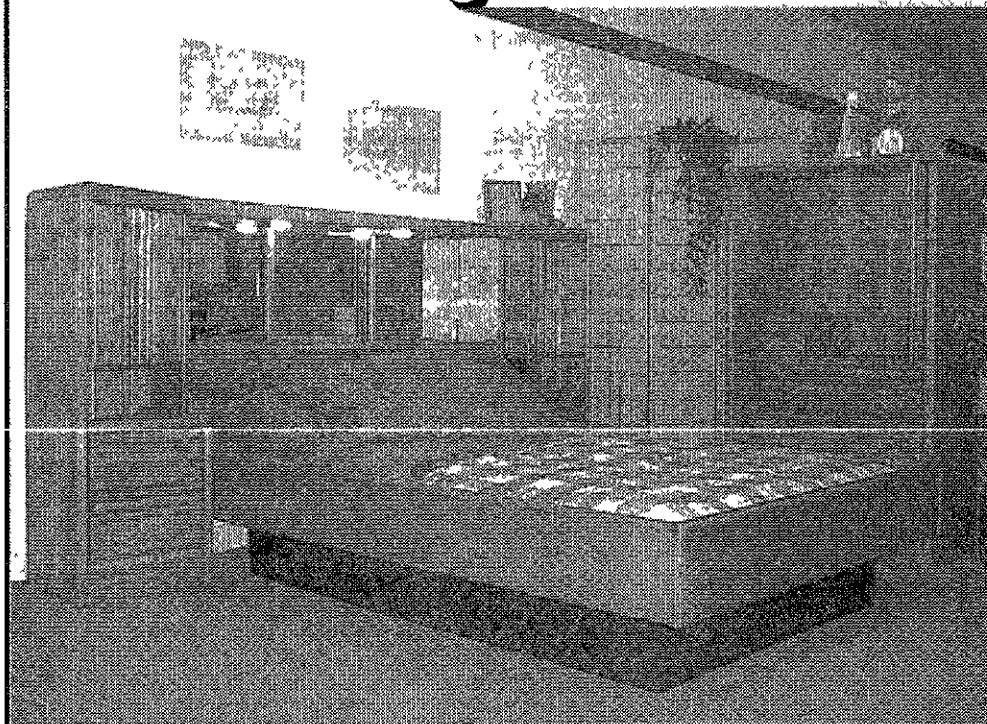
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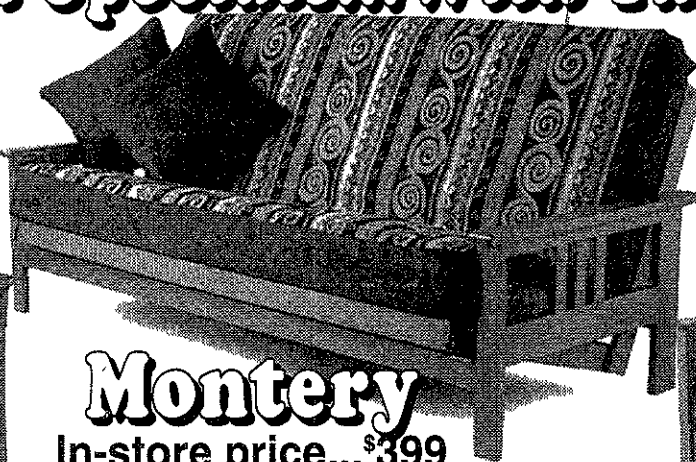
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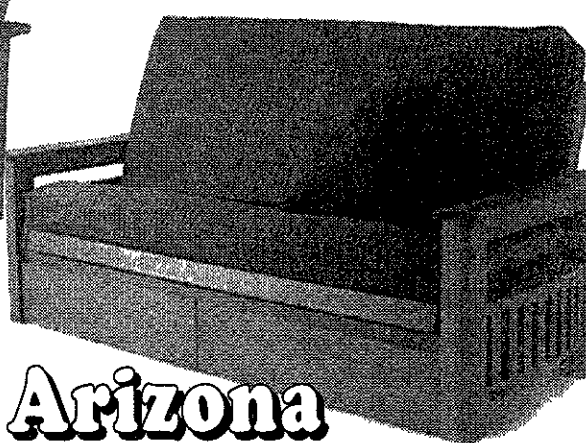


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Peter Cottontail

The musical version of the classic tale of "Peter Cottontail" hops its way into Northville's historic Marquis Theatre March 12-May 1. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 12 and 19 and April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 13, 20 and April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, and Monday-Friday, 2:30 p.m., March 28-31 and April 1. Tickets for all performances are \$7.50. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 24 through April 28 from 4-5:30 p.m. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series is free and open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145 or toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

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

Italian renaissance

The Ann Arbor Art Center, Paesano's Restaurant and Winebow Imports will present "Southern Italian Renaissance" on Wednesday, March 16. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., "Southern Italian Renaissance" features a five course dinner and wines of southern Italy as well as guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo, senior vice president for Italian wines at Winebow Imports. Guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo is a native of Naples, Italy and joined Winebow as a sales representative in 1986. An expert in Italian wines, Castaldo is responsible for Winebow's marketing strategies and pricing for its Italian wine portfolio. "Southern Italian Renaissance" costs \$70 per person. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center. Paesano's is located at 3411 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. For ticket information, please call Paesano's at 734-971-0484 or visit www.paesanosannarbor.com

Liturgical music workshop

The Music Committee of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of 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, followed by lunch. 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 or by calling (734) 213-8374.

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 and displayed through 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 Burn 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.

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

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

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.

Crafters, artists wanted

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

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

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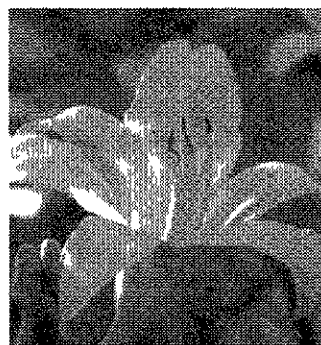
Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

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



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GAIL ANN NAPIER

Age 70, passed away January 31, 2005 in Naples, FL after a long illness. Beloved wife of Carl Y Napier. Dear Mother of Laura Seriguchi and Charles Napier. Cherished Grandmother of Rachel Blaylock, Brittany and Alex Napier. An open house to celebrate her life is planned for spring at the home of Laura Seriguchi. Call 248-952-5817 for details.

JOSEPH ROWE

Age 104, passed away on February 23, 2005 at the Regency in Springfield, IL. He was a resident of Chatham, IL, and a former resident of Garden City, MI. He was born on June 1, 1900 in Cannonstown, Cornwall, England. He is the son of Joseph and Lucy Jane Glasson Rowe. He was married to wife, May Osborne in 1926, she passed in 1927, wife, Florence Osborne in 1931, she passed in 1973; wife, Mildred Nichols in 1977, she passed in 1996. He is also preceded in death by son, Joseph Rowe; 1 grandchild and 1 step grandchild. Mr. Rowe served with the Royal Army in England during WWI and was a supervisor with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Michigan retiring in 1962 after 42 years. He is survived by son, Donald L. (wife, Marilyn) of Chatham; daughter-in-law, Margaret Anne Rowe of FL & MI; 4 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; step-daughter, Betty Nichols Rexford of Waterford, MI; 3 step-grandchildren; 6 step-great grandchildren, 3 step-great great grandchildren, 1 cousin and a niece and a nephew. Cremation rites have been accorded by Cremation Services of Central Illinois, 201 S. Main, Chatham, IL 62629. A private burial will be held in Michigan at a later date. Staab Polk Memorial Home, 201 S. Main, Chatham, IL, is serving the Rowe family.

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Age 94, February 22, 2005. Beloved husband of the late Connie Weiss. Loving father of Wayne and Jerry Weiss. Devoted grandfather of Randy, Renay, David, Cathy, and Ellen. Great grandfather of 5. Services conducted at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and arrangements made through McCabe Funeral Home. Memorials to the American Cancer Society. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information.

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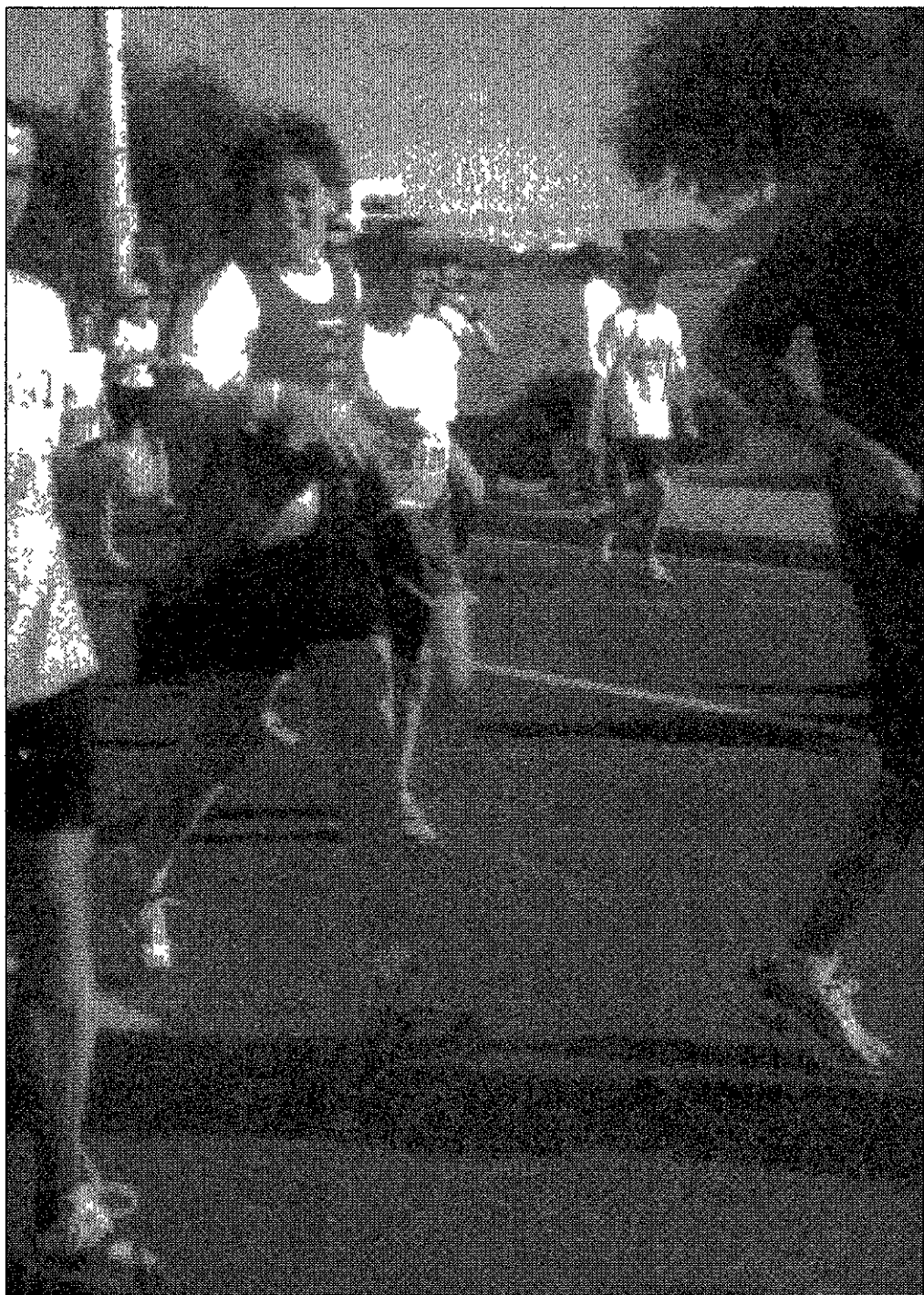
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Age 86. Beloved husband of Loretta for 65 years and loving father of 12 children: Sister Louise Marie, CSC of Peoria, AZ; Reverend John Paul Andree, Jr. CSSR of Chicago, IL; Stephen Joseph of Sagauack, MI; Rosemary Janet of Tallahassee, FL; Lawrence Ralph of Brighton, MI; Gerard James of Bloomfield Village, MI; Jeannine Marie Kring of New Albany, OH; Mary Jo Anne Darnall of Oak Park IL; Reverend Daniel Henry Andree, CSSR of Chicago, IL; David Peter of West Bloomfield, MI; Michelle Marie O'Connor of Troy, MI; and Timothy Paul of Colts Neck, NJ. He was adored by his 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. A resident of Farmington for 32 years, "Jack", as all his friends knew him, was an active member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Denia Caravan No.196 of the Alhambra and a third and fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus for 63 years. A Local 25 Union Ironworker for more than 50 years, working on multiple significant local architectural landmarks including the Jeffersonian, the GM Tech Center, the Fisher Building, and the Renaissance Center. Jack was known for his meticulous attention to detail, his "can do" attitude and his unwavering commitment to getting any job done...and done right. In retirement Jack and Loretta traveled to Europe and Asia, and when not cheering the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame onward to victory, loved to take cruises to just about anywhere. Jack always had a good story at the ready for any listening ear. This served him well as he stayed active throughout his retirement, delivering "Meals on Wheels" for 5 years as well as becoming the most dependable flower delivery man in the state, working for more than seven years at his son and daughter-in-law's florist shop. Prior to moving to Farmington in 1973, Jack and Loretta raised their family in the City of Detroit, first as parishioners of Holy Redeemer Church and then St. Mary's of Redford Church. Married to his beloved "Puddin'" in 1939, Jack spent his life happily devoted to Loretta and working to provide every opportunity he could for his twelve children. He worked, Loretta prayed, and God did the rest. Visitation will take place at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington, MI, on Saturday, 3:00-9:00pm and Sunday 1:00-5:00pm. Sunday evening prayer service and visitation will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington from 7:00pm-9:00pm. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Monday, February 28 at 12:30pm. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made in honor of his memory to the Father Solanus Guild (Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit or the Co-Redemptorist Mission.

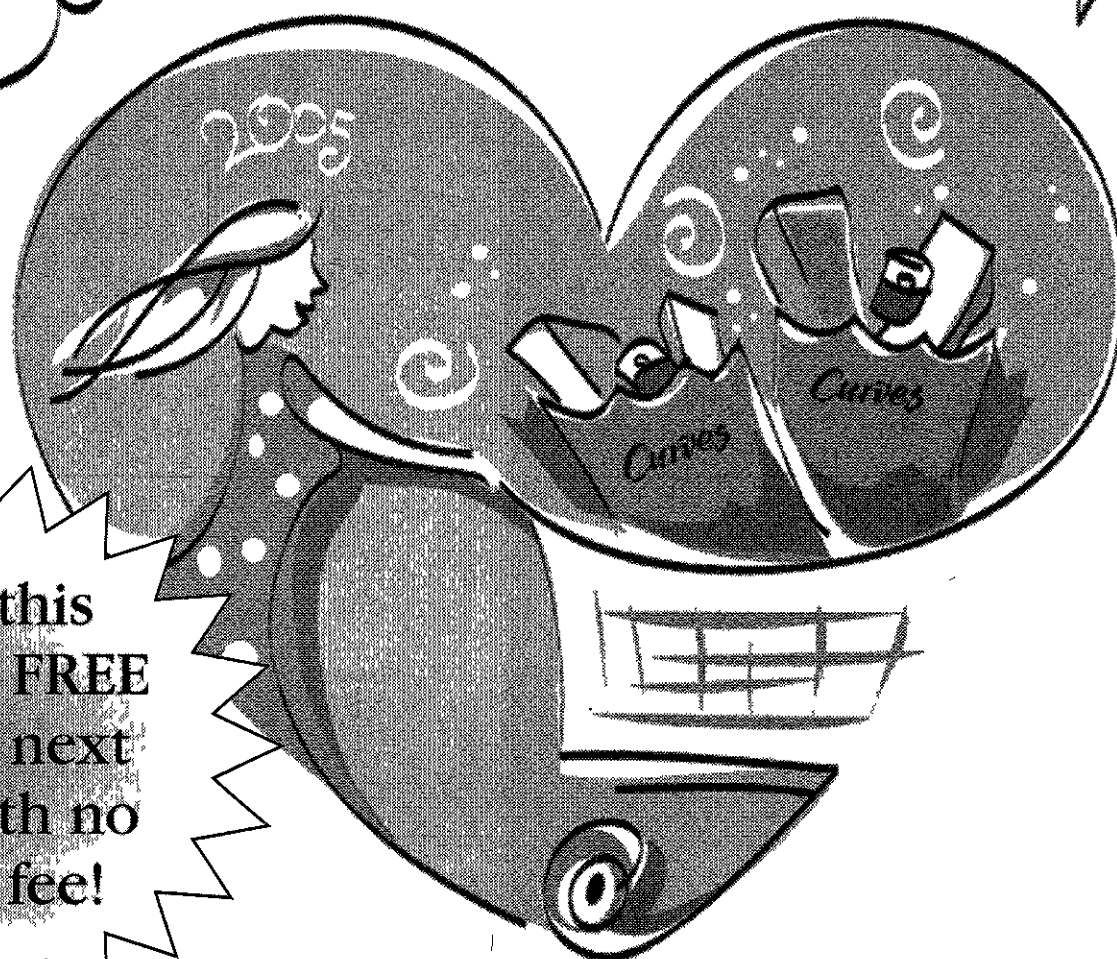


Marathon woman

Louise Kirk of Plymouth recently participated in P.F. Chang's Rock 'n Roll Marathon in Arizona in support of the American Stroke Association. Train To End Stroke, a marathon training program offered by the American Stroke Association, is designed for people of all fitness levels who want to get in shape, travel and raise money for a good cause. For more information call (248) 827-4214 or visit www.strokeassociation.com

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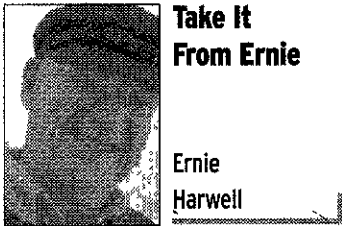
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Memory can be improved

This is the last Ernie Harwell column. Next week, the Health section will feature a column on health and fitness by Peter Nielsen.

In the minds of many, a failing memory in our golden years is as inevitable as the need for a healthy stretch in the seventh inning of a baseball game. But memory loss is not an inevitable consequence of a long life. In fact, aging is only one of many factors that can weaken our ability to remember things; so can stress, depression, cardiovascular problems and a wide range of other physical and emotional factors.

However, no matter what our age, there are things each of us can do that can help boost our powers of recall. If forgetfulness seems to be increasing, the following strategies may help.

Consult your physician. Remember: always get a professional medical opinion.

Stay fit. Good nutrition, cardiovascular health and regular exercise help the heart pump blood, nutrients and oxygen to the brain.

Know your prescriptions. Keep an eye on your any reactions — and drug interactions — when taking new drugs or dosages. And check with your doctor.

Tranquilizers, sleeping pills, antidepressants, some heart medications and even some cold remedies, can affect your memory.

Get adequate rest. A sharp memory requires alertness. Seek new challenges. Learn a new language or how to use a computer or simply read something new and stimulating. Most of all, remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

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

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Genetic counseling may save lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Genetic counseling may have saved Laura Mazzenga's life.

At the very least she was able to make a proactive decision to prevent hereditary cancer by undergoing prophylactic surgery to have her ovaries and remaining healthy breast removed.

Diagnosed with breast cancer at age 34, the Troy woman went through genetic counseling then testing after physicians recommended the process because of the early onset of her disease.

A cancer diagnosis before age 50 is one of the risks genetic counselors look for when evaluating an individual.

Another is family history. Mazzenga's aunt was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, her mother with breast cancer. Her grandmother died of cancer. Genetic testing seemed a logical step after adding up her risks. Mazzenga set up an appointment with the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute where blood tests revealed the genetic mutation BRCA1.

"A person with that mutation has a 80 to 90 percent chance of getting breast cancer in their life, 50 percent chance of ovarian, well above what a normal woman would be exposed," said Mazzenga. "I expected it would come out positive because of strong family history, but it was still a bit of a shock hearing that. Yet it was calming in a way to know this is where I'm at and this is where I go from here."

The knowledge didn't make the removal of her ovaries and breast any less traumatic. Mazzenga and her husband, Steve, had planned to have one or two more siblings for their children Anthony, 5, and Nina, 3, to play with while growing up. Mazzenga worries about Nina possibly having the altered gene. When her daughter is older, she plans to encourage Nina to seek genetic counseling.

Her 57-year old mother, Barbara



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Laura Mazzenga was able to take proactive steps to prevent hereditary cancer thanks to genetic counseling at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Hunt, went through testing shortly after Mazzenga learned her results. Hunt survived a 1990 bout with breast cancer so she was suspicious of having BRCA1. She did. Hunt decided to have a hysterectomy and her remaining breast removed. She was taking no chances. Her sister had suffered two relapses since being diagnosed with ovarian cancer five years ago. Hunt wants to see her eight grandchildren grow up.

"I encourage anyone who has a suspicion that they may have some type of disease that can be proactively treated to go for genetic counseling," said Mazzenga. "If there is nothing you can do about it then why know

about it, but if there is it may prevent you from going through more trauma."

Nancie Petrucelli helps patients make the difficult decision to go through genetic testing after evaluating family and personal medical history at the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service at Karmanos.

Cancer genetic counseling is a process. Individuals are referred by a physician or self referred because of concern about family cancer history. Once an appointment is made a patient is sent a packet requesting family and personal medical history. Upon return, Petrucelli uses the information to assess cancer risks.

"We do know cancer is a common disease unfortunately," said Petrucelli a certified genetic counselor and coordinator for the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service in Detroit and Farmington Hills. "One in three North Americans will be diagnosed with cancer sometime during their life. It's not uncommon to have a family history. We do know in a subset of families it's something that can be inherited."

The good news is that only 5 to 10 percent of cancer cases are hereditary. It's Petrucelli's job to determine if genetic testing is warranted by first assessing the risks — having two or more relatives with the same or a related cancer (example: breast and ovarian), diagnosis of cancer before age 50 or family history of cancer under age 50, diagnosis of more than one cancer. Ethnic background can also be a risk. BRCA1 and BRCA2 breast cancer genes are more prevalent in men and women of Ashkenazi Jewish heritage from central Europe.

Only after evaluating risks does Petrucelli make recommendations about genetic testing at the center established in 1996.

Genetic counseling is relatively new. BRCA1 and BRCA2 were discovered in 1994 and 1995 respectively. In 1996 the center at Karmanos counseled only nine patients. In 2004, they saw close to 200.

"Since only 5 to 10 percent are hereditary it doesn't make sense to test everybody," said Petrucelli, who grew up in Plymouth and now lives in Royal Oak. "Ultimately it's the patient's decision. They still may want to proceed. We want them to be able to make an informed decision."

Once the decision is made to do genetics testing, a blood test reveals if an individual is at increased risk of developing certain cancers. So far, more than 20 different cancer genes have been identified — genes related to colon, melanoma, breast and ovarian cancer.

"At this point genetic testing for cancer is based on the constellations of tumors found on a family history. If there's no colon cancer we obviously won't do a gene test," said Petrucelli. "That's one of the biggest misconceptions of testing for cancer. It's not a panel of tests."

Once risks are known it's the patient's decision whether or not to consider removing breasts, ovaries, a colon, or to increase screening for those cancers. Another option is chemoprevention. An individual at increased risk for breast cancer might take Tamoxifen to reduce her chances.

"Prophylactic surgery, the removal of healthy organs, a breast or colon is considered radical by some. Others consider it an option," said Petrucelli. "For some syndromes there are recommendations, for certain kinds of colon cancer because if you don't remove the colon the risk is 100 percent. Because ovarian cancer is difficult to screen for a woman should consider having her ovaries removed. I just counseled a woman with susceptibility to gastric cancer. The recommendation is to have your stomach removed. They actually found a small amount of cancer. It was removed. She's so thankful. We know we made a difference."

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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 is 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, or visit the Web site at 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 joint-safe exercise.

UPCOMING

Life Line screenings

Tuesday, March 1, at the Royal Oak Elks Club No. 1523, 2401 E. 4th Street, Royal Oak, and March 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. 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.

Prostate 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.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Throwing seminar

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, seminar on Throwing Mechanics and Injury Prevention presented by physical therapist Daniel Wolocko at Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River, Suite B124, Novi, use northeast entrance. To register, call (248) 380-3550.

Evening of Hope

The 24th annual benefit for Leukemia, Research Life Inc. takes place 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Facility, 29000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The evening includes a gourmet dinner, dancing, silent auction, open bar, and music by Steve King and the Ditties. Tickets are \$100 and available by calling (313) 884-0931 or online at www.lrlinc.org.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Doctor needs supplies to help tsunami survivors

Dr. Jeff Chapman is a man on a mission. Actually, two missions. One to bring medical care to survivors of the tsunami, the other to find pediatric antibiotics to take with him.

The need for medical supplies is overwhelming. Chapman expects to treat 5,000 people during his two-week stay in Chennai on the southern east coast of India.

Chapman has seen it all on 40 medical relief trips to 20 countries — children with bellies distended because they were full of worms — a grief-stricken man refusing to leave the hill where his eight children were buried after a hurricane in the Dominican Republic.

"The problem is a lot of money is being given to these areas but not funneling down to the lower class or caste. 10 to 15 cents worth of medicine can save a kid's life," said Chapman, an ER doctor at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"We need medicine supplies. Pediatric antibiotics are most needed. If physicians have some in their office they can send an e-mail or call. We hand carry them on so it gets to them. If you check bags you're separated from the medicine. Each of us will carry two to three, 70-pound bags with medicine and supplies, short dated meds.

"Any medical professions that would like to go, it costs about \$2,400 for plane fare. We're all volunteers. Several nurses want to go from the hospital but can't afford it. Tickets are the main cost or if they can't go they can donate frequent flyer miles or tickets."

Chapman credits Dr. Michael Calice, director of emergency medicine, and St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff for collecting out-dated and soon



Dr. Jeff Chapman (left) treats a young girl's broken leg in a small jungle village along the Amazon River in Peru.

to expire supplies. It will help him treat the survivors no matter what he faces after traveling 36-hours through 11 time zones. Chapman expects to see everything from orthopedic injuries to infections. He'll be on alert for outbreaks of typhoid and malaria, dengue and hemorrhagic fever which should be easy to spot because of his training in epidemiology and tropical medicine.

"Cholera, massive diarrhea, Japanese encephalitis, the concern is there's still water everywhere. I'll be in the forefront to notify the World Health Organization and ProMED," said Chapman.

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NEW FEATURES OF FIBROMYALGIA

Many of you are familiar with fibromyalgia. The features include fatigue, aching throughout the body, and multiple pressure points which when palpated firmly cause pain. These sites exist in the elbows, shoulder, thighs, neck and knees. In addition, if you suffer from fibromyalgia, you may experience headaches, irritable bowel, temporomandibular joint pain (TMJ) and anterior chest pain called costochondritis.

In the past year, the medical community has seen a change in the features of fibromyalgia. Beside the symptoms noted above, individuals with fibromyalgia are noting tingling in their areas that often radiates to the hands. The tingling comes and goes and can last for moments to an hour. It may present in the left or right arm, or both. Individuals with such tingling are concerned they may have multiple sclerosis or possibly a neuritis like that which occurs in diabetes. However, in fibromyalgia, the tingling is fleeting, and differs in pattern and duration each day. In multiple sclerosis and diabetes, the tingling will persist for days to weeks before resolving.

A second change in fibromyalgia is the appearance of low back pain. In the past, neck pain was a hallmark of the condition. The low back pain is not tied to posture or time, but may occur daily, though not at a particular time, and may last for a whole day or a half hour.

The third change in fibromyalgia is the appearance of "painful fatigue." This is an aching and intense fatigue that not only saps your strength, but also creates a deep discomfort. The cause is unclear.

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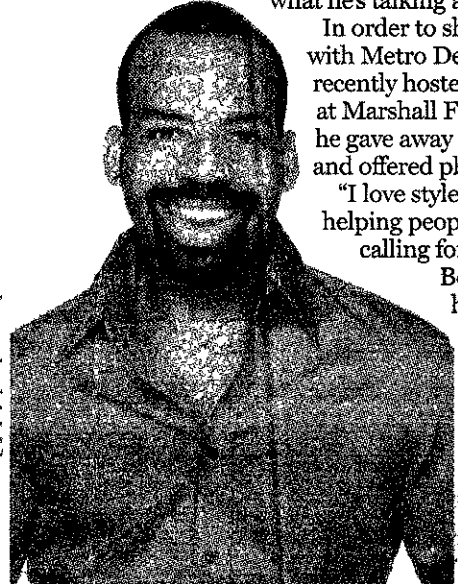
Make Over Your Man

Celebrity stylist offers tips to get your guy looking his best

BY WENDY WHITE
PINK EDITOR

Are you dying to get your man out of that flannel and into a Thomas Pink dress shirt? Have you been trying to talk him into retiring the baseball cap he's had since college — with no success?

Take some advice from Lloyd Boston, stylist to the stars. Boston's new book, *Make Over Your Man* (Broadway Books, \$29.95), is chock full of style tips for men and the women who would love to see them looking their best. As Style Contributor for the NBC Today Show and Style Network host, Boston knows what he's talking about.



Stylist and author Lloyd Boston.

In order to share his knowledge with Metro Detroiters, Boston recently hosted a Fashionista party at Marshall Field's, Somerset where he gave away free copies of his book and offered plenty of style tips.

"I love style. When it comes to helping people look great, it's a calling for me," Boston said.

Before Boston greeted his fans at the Fashionista party, he met with PINK in the green room, looking fabulous in a gray wool H. by Hilfiger suit with light purple pin-stripes, a Sea Island basket weave shirt in pale blue and black Gucci boots.

What inspired you to write *Make Over Your Man*?

Women. Women tapped me on the shoulder all the time asking "Can you help me get my man out of sweat pants?" They were looking for answers and solutions. I realized I couldn't help them all one at a time, so I wrote the book so they could help the men not only in their romantic lives, but in their business lives — brothers, uncles and fathers who just can't seem to get rid of those old ties.

Give us a glimpse of what's in the book.

Each chapter deals with a different topic, from shirts, pants, underwear, accessories, grooming ... It gives you the essential suits to buy first, second and third. It gives you the eight different shoes men should own starting with lace-up Oxfords, and tells you how to get them one at a time, building up year after year. I drew on my female friends for the book — Eliza Filarski (host of *The Look For Less*) made over her husband Tim Hasselbeck, Patti LaBelle did her son, Lisa Ling did her dad. Star Jones gave men much needed manicures and pedicures.

Does the book give guys the latest trends?

It's not about trends, it's about helping them become familiar with the basics, then move on to trends. Women understand style at a very early age. They use style as mile markers in their lives — they remember the hair they had when they graduated, the lip color they wore when they got married, the boots they bought for their high school dance. Men, on the other hand, are like 'whatever.' They think comfort first, style second. Women will wear uncomfortable shoes for eight hours and bear the pain. Men and women shop differently. Men are hunters. They know what they want and go into a store to get it. Women are gatherers. They shop, have lunch, go look at those shoes again, spend the whole day. I give women tactics to get men into the store, to get the most out of salespeople and enjoy it.

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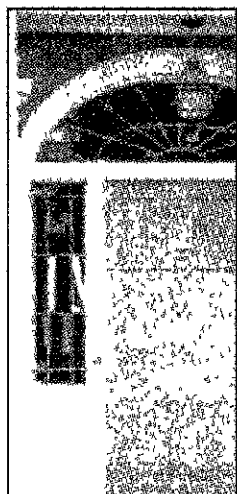
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The Remington floorplan will be offered at Elmhurst. This picture, taken at Golf Highlands of Waterstone in Oxford, is similar to the model that will be built at Elmhurst.

Centex Homes builds new community in Sterling Heights

Elmhurst, a new Centex Homes Community in Sterling Heights on the west side of Saal Road, north of 19 Mile Road, offers 66 home sites. The five different floor plans range in size from 2,500 square feet to 3,150 square feet.

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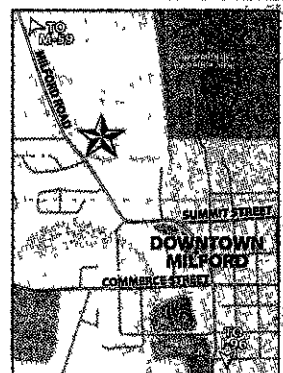
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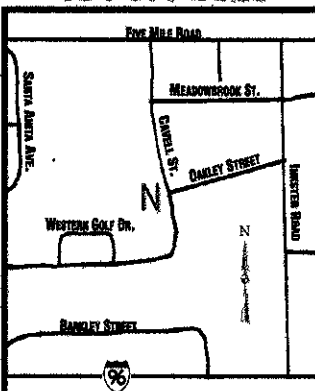
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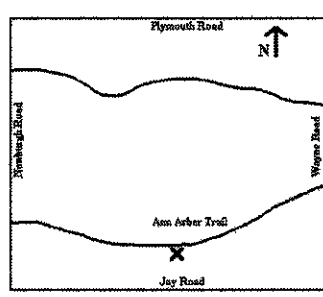
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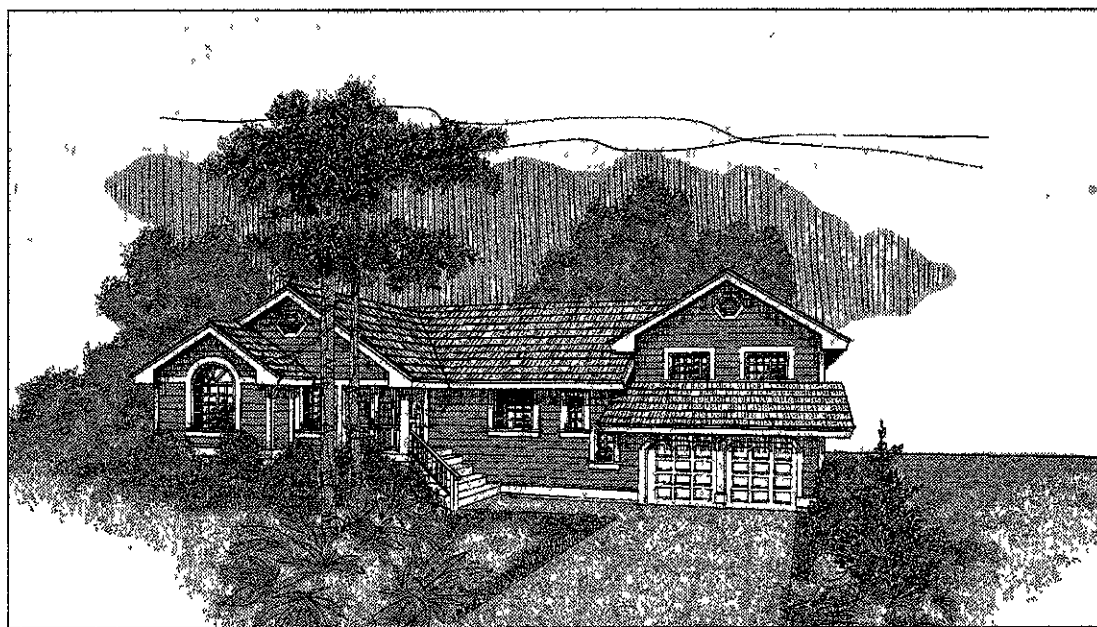
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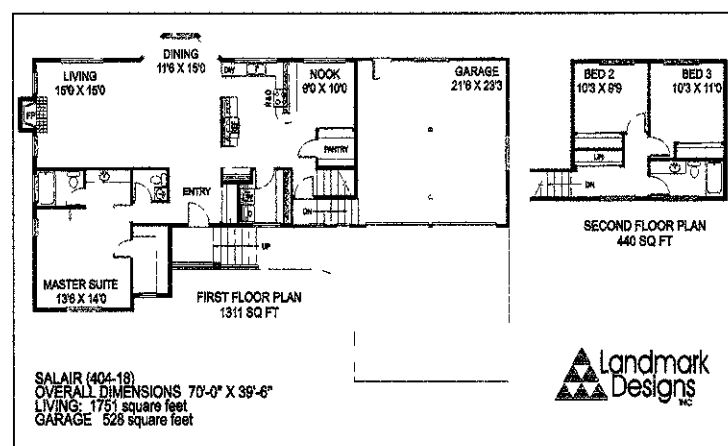
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Pricing home too high could cost time, money

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This is very risky. I have run into many sellers who price their home well over the market value thinking that it will give them more room to negotiate. Their belief is that if the market value of their home is \$200,000, they should ask about \$295,000, so they have a great deal of space to negotiate.

There are several problems that may occur if you overprice your home:

You may be pricing your home out of the range that buyers are willing to spend or even look at. Most buyers have some sort of price range when they go shopping for a home. They usually tell their Realtors that range. Therefore, if the buyers' price range is up to \$250,000, and you ask \$295,000, chances are that those buyers will never see your home or even know that it's on the market. It will be hard to sell a home that no one looks at.



Ask a Realtor

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You are competing with other homes similar to yours. If buyers see other homes like yours with significantly less expensive asking prices, by pricing your home well more than your competitor's home, what you are doing is helping to sell your neighbor's house. Although, your neighbor may thank you for it, it won't help get your own house sold.

Your home may get stale. Often sellers think that they can start with a high asking price, and then gradually reduce it as time goes on. The challenge with this is that it's almost like trying to sell bread. If you go to the bakery a fresh loaf of bread could cost \$2. Two days later it may be worth \$1.50 and two days after that it may only be worth \$1. Homes too can get stale. After a while there will be

fewer buyers looking at it. And remember that the fewer buyers who see your home, the less chance of selling it for the price that you want to get.

How should the asking price be determined? Your home should be compared to similar homes sold in your area.

Realtors have access to this information by using the Multiple Listing Service. You need to look at your competition and see how much they are asking for their house. You should also look at how much money other homes sold for like yours within the past six months.

Normally, you should give yourself about 5% to negotiate with. If you ask much more than that you will run into the problems that I mentioned.

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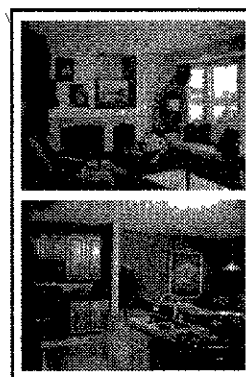
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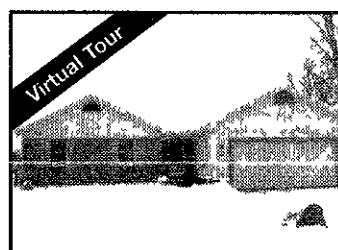
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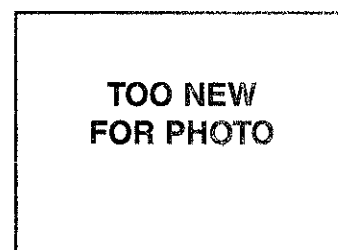
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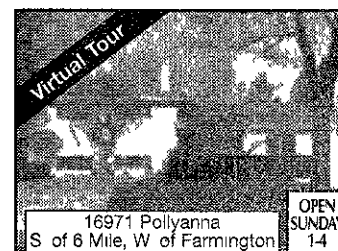
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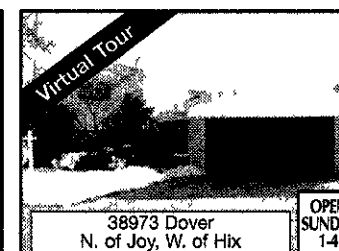
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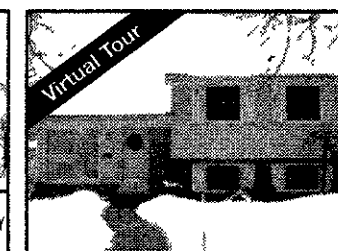
FARMINGTON HILLS - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick Colonial. Large eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, library with custom dual work station and cherry shelving, master with bath and walk-in closet, finished basement, tiled deck and more. Call Jeff Kovatch

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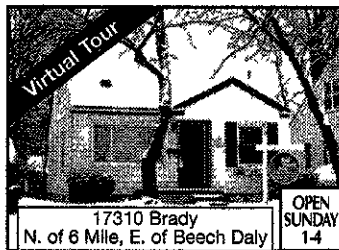
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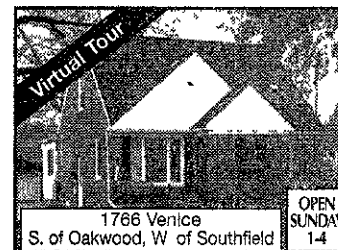
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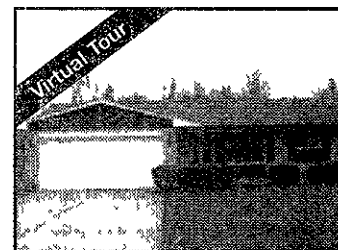
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\$169,900 (V1766) 734-748-5187



SOUTHFIELD - Sharp 1,600 sq. ft. brick ranch with gourmet oak kitchen, family room, roof '01, furnace with C/A '02, newer windows '99, glass block '99, 2-tier deck, backs to woods. All appliances and home warranty. Call Sylvia Florence Albert.

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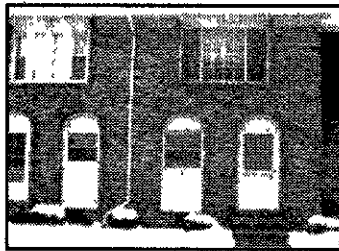
LIVONIA - Popular Burton Hollow sub. Four bedroom, 2 bath, 2,133 sq. ft. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and kitchen New roof '04, window and dining room. Florida room overlooking landscaped and fenced yard. Call Mike Judge.

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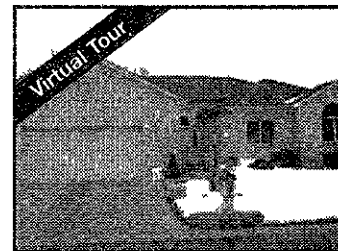
REDFORD - Attractive bungalow, 1,100 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement and garage Updates include roof, furnace, kitchen cabinets and counters, electrical. Heated garage - a handyman or woodworker's dream. Landscaped and fenced yard. Call Mike Judge

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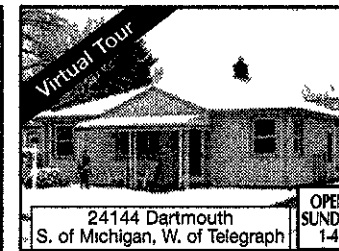
DETROIT - Complete remodel - new kitchen with oak cabinets Entire bath redone New carpet and doors throughout Neutral décor that includes fresh paint Brand new furnace and water heater. Tear off roof '05 Great home Call Kim Kristy

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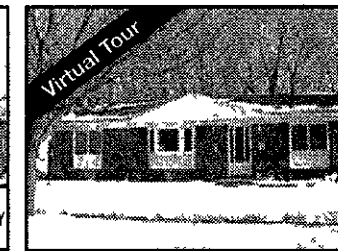
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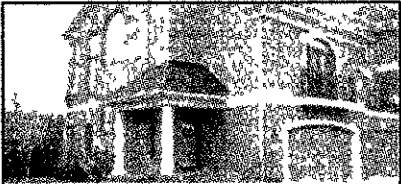
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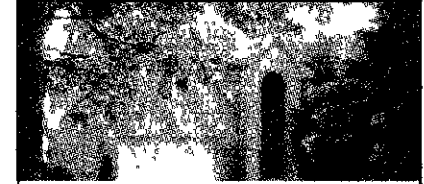
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Premium lot w/perfect floor plan, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath
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Large lakefront col w/2 story vaulted GR w/lake view Kit
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HUNTINGTON WOODS Attention To Detail
Throughout this 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA Cape Cod w/a "grand
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& doors Deck off FR, wood floors, sprinkler & profess
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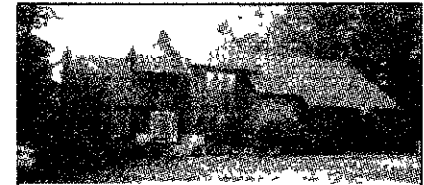
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Custom 5 BR 4 BA home w/breathtaking backyard
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den & bath Quick access I-96 & mall Walled Lk Schis
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ROCHESTER HILLS Wonderful
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA '90 built colonial on lg corner lot Step up
MBR suite w/balcony overlooking all season room Fr,
GR, DR, library, a large kitchen basement w/fireplace
and 3 car garage Home warranty provided
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NORTHVILLE Elegant custom Cape Cod
Views from this villa on 2+ acres FF master ste offers
huge MBR w/travertine flrs, 2nd flrs, 2nd flr 3 BR, 2 BA,
bonus rm Gourmet kit, cherry-granite custom circular
staircase Fin W/O w/full kit & ba
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ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
Two-story with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths walk-out
basement, wooded lot and upgrades throughout Three
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closet Gourmet kitchen w/built-in appliances
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ROCHESTER Classic
Featuring 3 car garage, walk out lower level w/2
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WHITE LAKE Enjoy The Thrill
Of this 4 bedroom 4 bath, 1994 built home on approx
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2nd kitchen in LL Start at fenced entry
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Unique Property
On approx 1.43 wooded acres Home built in '84
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deck, wall of windows w/view of woods and MBR ste
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NOVI Autumn Park Colonial
Amazing 4 BR, 3.5 BA home on premium wooded lot in
one of Novi's finest subdivisions Two-story Fr 4 season
room, extra deep hnt w/sunlight windows brick paver
patio, kit w/maple cabs, formal DR, 2nd floor laund
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WASHINGTON New Construction
4 bedroom colonial with 3.5 baths, FF, butler's pantry
basement with egress window and a three car side entry
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Master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub
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Contamp nestled in woods overlooks ravine, open-floor
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Custom built colonial w/5 BRs and 3 1/2 BA, located in
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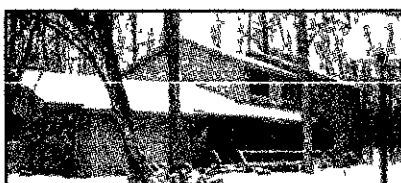
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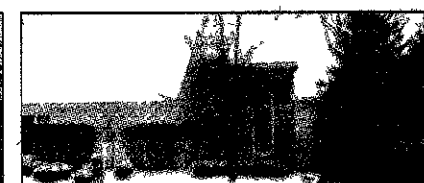
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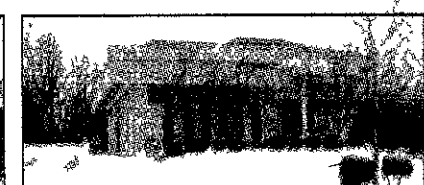
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Debate continues on insurance credit scoring

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Sherry Luckett is encouraged. Walter Grygiel feels apprehensive.

Both have home and auto insurance in Michigan, and both have insurers that use credit scores to help determine their premiums. The better their credit score, the lower the rate they receive; the worse the score, the higher the rate.

In five months, at the behest of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the practice likely will come to an end.

For Luckett, a 52-year-old unemployed Detroit resident who once filed for bankruptcy, the ban can't come soon enough.

"I'm so disgusted that they're allowed to use credit history to determine if I'm going to have an accident or not," she said. "To me, it's another way of redlining."

But Grygiel is worried. The 76-year-old retired accountant from Grand Rapids felt vindicated when insurers began using credit scores in recent years because he had worked hard to build a good score.

"I'll have to pay a higher premium," he said. "I'm a safe driver, and I have to pay for the guy who doesn't pay his bills and gets in an accident? I'm going to be subsidizing someone else."

The debate was renewed this month when Granholm and state insurance Commissioner Linda Watters sent a legislative panel a set of proposed rules to reduce base rates and ban insurance credit scoring starting July 1. The rules likely will go into effect because Granholm could veto a bill that rejects or changes them.

The ban's premise comes from the belief — shared by groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan — that insurance credit scoring is unfair, inaccurate and illegal.

Janice Gooley oversees homeownership counseling for the Urban League of Flint. She said using credit scores disproportionately hurts poor people, the disabled and minorities.

"Having a poor credit score is not indicative of insurance use and/or abuse," she said.

Gooley herself receives an insurance discount for maintaining good credit. But that doesn't mean she's happy about it.

"Look at all the people whose rates didn't go down," she said. "They're subsidizing those of us that may have good credit scores and better rates."

CONNECTION

The Insurance Institute of Michigan,

whose members write more than two-thirds of auto and homeowners policies statewide, says there is a strong connection between credit history and the likelihood of someone filing a claim. It cites research — disputed by opponents — indicating that people who use credit wisely are generally responsible in other areas of their lives.

Insurers stress they don't use age, income, ethnicity, gender and other demographics when credit scoring, which began in the state around 1999.

"If you bring a lower risk to the company, you ought to pay a lower premium," said Peter Kuhnmuensch, executive director of the insurance group.

Farmington Hills insurance agent Gary Veenstra, who sells policies from companies, welcomes the ban. He said once one insurer began using credit scores, the others followed.

"I don't blame them. It's a battle of survival."

But Veenstra was surprised that many of his longtime clients, who rarely if ever submitted claims, saw their premiums jump after the practice began.

"Did it help consumers? I don't think so."

Some lawmakers favor regulating the use of credit scores, but not banning it outright. They say the Legislature should have more control over the issue.

Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said Watters overstepped her bounds and circumvented the legislative process.

"It's such an obvious breach of the constitutional separation of powers," said Bishop, a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules,

which will review the proposed rules. "I'm very shocked we've gotten this far."

Andy Schor, spokesman for the state Office of Financial and Insurance Services, said Watters is just following the law, which he said clearly prohibits using credit as a factor.

So while Republicans lodge protests over the process and insurers work to meet a deadline to comply with the rules, the focus turns to consumers and their big question: Can they expect to save or lose money?

The answer depends on who is asked.

The vast majority of policyholders will see lower rates, Schor said. But the insurance industry says two-thirds of Michigan policyholders receive some kind of discount depending on their score. A majority of those people will pay higher premiums when the ban takes effect, the industry contends.

The rules require insurers to recalculate and reduce their base rate — the starting amount before discounts or hikes are plugged in based on age, sex, driving record, claims history, safety devices and other factors.

Schor said a small number of people will experience higher rates because their base rate reduction will be less than whatever discount they were receiving. The state will not have specific numbers until after the insurers file their new rates, he said.

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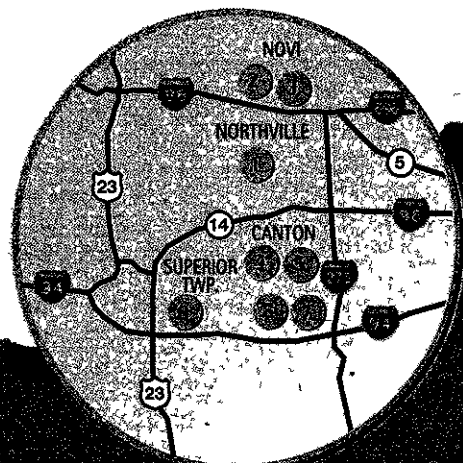
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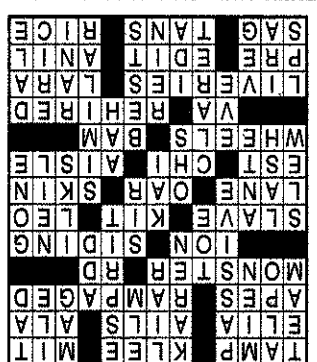
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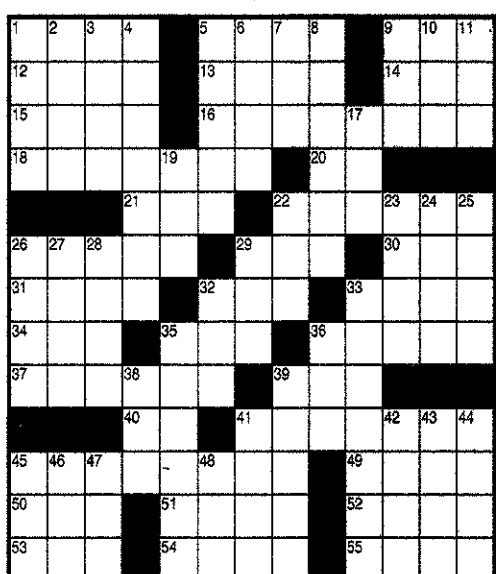
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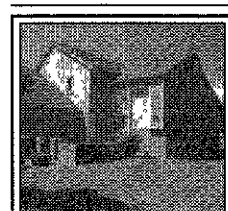
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Timing And The Recurring Flu



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You may have had the flu, but the end isn't in sight, according to Dr. Susan Rehm, medical director of the

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and staff physician at the Department of Infectious Disease at the Cleveland, Ohio, Clinic. What can we do to protect ourselves and our work?

Employers won't be able to predict when a season peaks or how long it will last. Generally, however, it runs between December and March. "Last year, it peaked in December," Rehm says. "This year, it seems to be quite a bit later, and the overall intensity is not as great. Rates are still rising, but not as many people are being affected by it. We haven't seen data about whether those who had shots got it (anyway)."

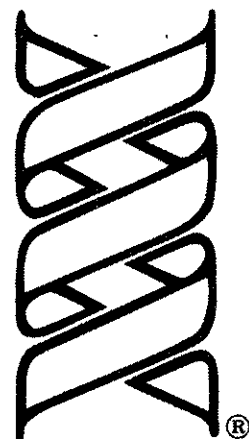
Despite the fact that most people encounter the flu directly or indirectly each year, many can't differentiate between the flu and other respiratory ailments. The flu, typically, comes upon you suddenly, with such symptoms as headache, fever, aching muscles and marked fatigue. Colds are more gradual, with "a bit more sore throat, stuffy, runny nose and sneezing," Rehm states. If you're not certain, a call to your physician should lead to rapid diagnosis. While it's obvious that many people who are coming down with something ignore it and keep on working, that doesn't do much to keep it from spreading.

What can be done to prevent the spread, other than go home yourself? Get your workplace to take the flu seriously. Don't think that annual recurrences diminish its power. Each year about 36,000 people die from it. Others are hospitalized. Rehm points to a survey indicating that 40 percent of people believe that they contract the flu at work. She thinks that the number should be higher, because people are there all day long. Just cuddling up under the covers, locked away from the workplace and the rest of the world for several days at a time may not be sufficient to help you or others in your workplace. You can take other concrete steps of greater magnitude than simply covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

PREVENTION AT WORK

What specifically can be done to undercut the flu at work? NFID promotes taking an annual vaccination, although you won't be protected for an entire year and it doesn't guarantee immunity. Rehm points out that if you're aware of the onslaught within the first 48 hours, you can ask your physician for an antiviral. Oseltamivir can reduce duration while minimizing some symptoms and complications, but, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates (cdc.gov), you may have side effects, most notably nausea and vomiting. Who wants to take that to work?

"We can always do a better job," Rehm says, "making waterless hand cleansers for employees, which takes away the need to the leave the desk and allows hands to be cleaned



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frequently. Doing this would drive home the message that employers care about prevention and employee health. They can also increase awareness about vaccination and the availability of treatment." More radically, she mentions that if the flu is documented in your workplace, the antiviral could be prescribed for all employees to reduce it and minimize symptoms of those who contract it.

"Timing is everything," she reminds.

Unfortunately, however, she reports that employees and companies are at cross-purposes. She refers to a survey reflecting that while 75 percent of employers think workers should go home, only something over one-third of workers agree. Are they protecting themselves from becoming swamped? Rehm wants companies to let employees know that they'll be missed but that they want employees to come to work healthy.

Where does this leave you? Even if you're

vaccinated, you may contract a virus of some kind. Your company may be against having sick people at work but, in some cases, powerless to stop them. Some companies probably will never develop a policy, let alone implement one.

Are you ready to take up the cause? Will you approach your employer about a flu awareness campaign and the possibility of group treatment, when people are exposed? Will you encourage co-workers to be vaccinated and to go home, if they become ill? If there's a vaccine shortage, you'll have to work doubly hard. Meanwhile, write this down: Oseltamivir.

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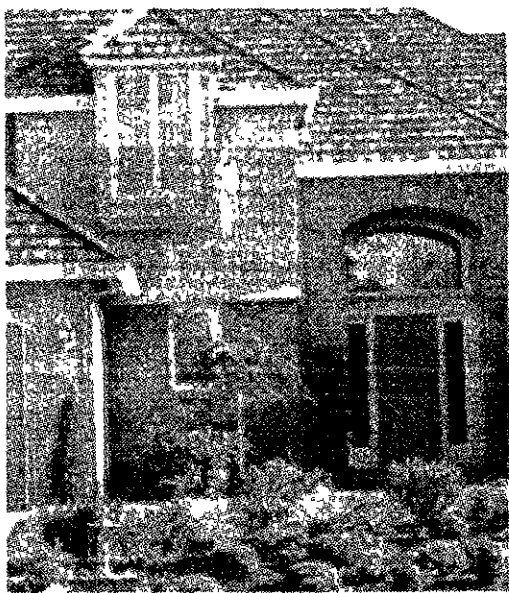
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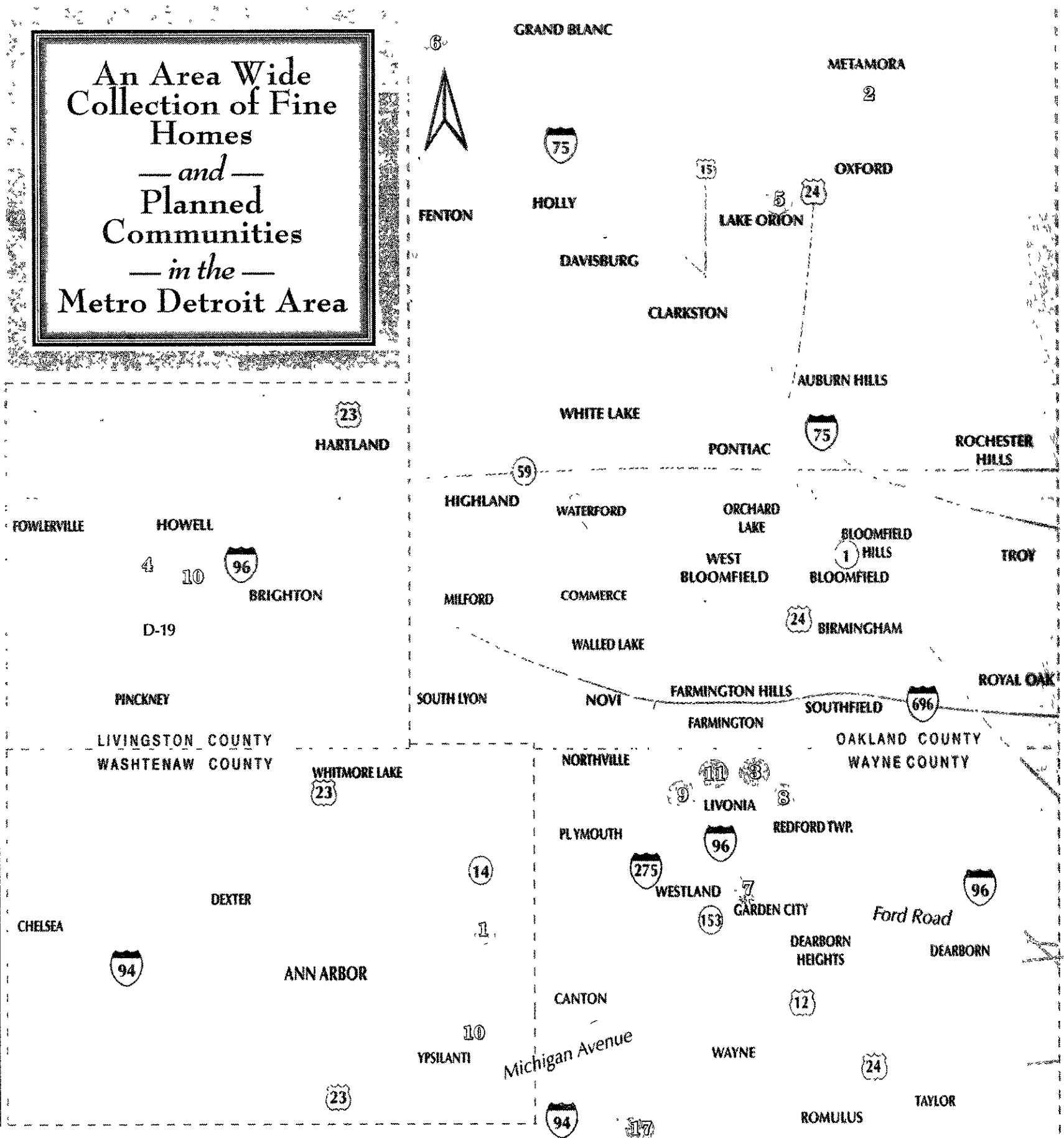
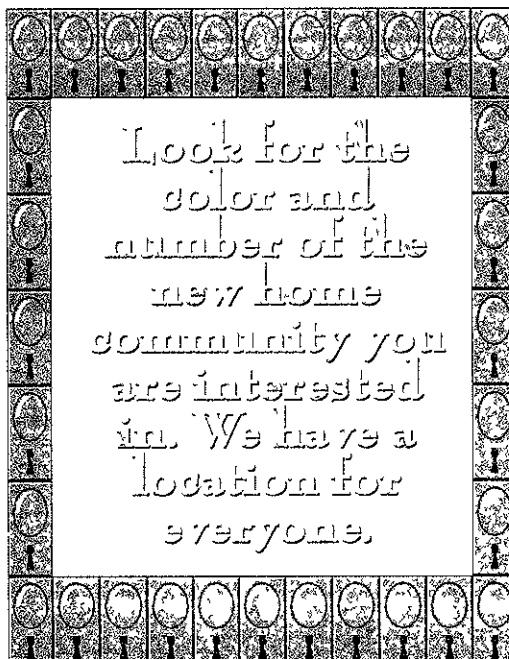
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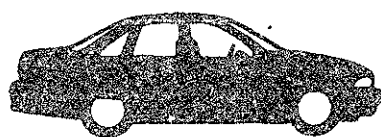
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Cadillac STS: Great Technology, Even Greater Ride

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The 2005 Cadillac STS is all-new this year and has a few technology advances that promise to make your drive in this ride very, very pleasurable. From its deep-seated roots as a true Cadillac to its solid luxury appointments and performance, the STS is as sophisticated as a stately elderly gentleman.

I'm not saying it won't appeal to elderly gentlemen, but the STS can appeal to just about any age group except Gen X.

It starts with GM's signature rear-wheel-drive that plants it firmly on the road and provides stable handling and superb ride characteristics.

Powered by a 255-horsepower 3.6-liter V6, the STS can go from zero-to-60 in less than seven seconds. Opt for the Northstar 4.6-liter V6 and you'll see your speedometer hit 60 in less than six seconds. Both engines are mated to five-speed automatic transmissions that have driver shift control.

And it's quiet, quiet, quiet. You'll have to look down at the tachometer to make sure the engine has turned over and running. Even on the highway, there's absolute silence from under the hood.

The STS is graced with a good deal of chassis refinements like ride-tuned tires, dampers everywhere, suspension components and bushings and better engine mounts. Road impacts and other harsh driving conditions are minimized through the implementation of all this changes.

StabiliTrak is on board to assist STS in keeping where you want it to do by applying a brake force on any corner of the vehicle totally independent of your use of the brake pedal. It does this through the use of sensors that interpret exactly where you meant to go and accelerates or decelerates the vehicle.

For example, if the vehicle begins to snowplow or under steer, the StabiliTrak system will apply the inside rear brake to help turn the vehicle. Or if the STS



2005 Cadillac STS. Vehicle type: Mid-size luxury sedan. Power: 3.6-liter V6. Mileage: 17 mpg city/24 mpg highway. Where built: Lansing, Michigan. Price as tested: \$44,810

begins to fishtail, or oversteer, the system will apply the outside front brake to straighten the path. StabiliTrak is also mated to standard traction control and antilock brake system.

There is some really cool technology built into the STS -- things that were well thought out and make you a happier driver. Stuff like a keyless entry system with a push button start, and adaptive remote start system, adaptive cruise control, four-color heads-up display, automatic advance crash notification through OnStar, heated and ventilated seats, heated steering wheel, and IntelliBeam.

This is neat. IntelliBeam can sense when oncoming headlamps are approaching and automatically switches the headlamps from high- to low-beam and back again.

Gotta mention the keyless access system and the push-button ignition. This new technology is popping up on more and more vehicles. With your key fob in your pocket or purse, you can approach the locked vehicle, pull the door handle and open the door. It's the same way with the trunk. That means there's no need to pull out the fob or fumble with any keys. When you walk away from the vehicle, it automatically senses the fob is out of range (at 200 feet) and locks all the doors for you.

When you activate the remote start can senses how cold or how hot the vehicle is and adjusts and turns on the climate control on to the last settings, starts the seat heater or ventilation and activates the front and rear window defrosters.

As for the keyless access, the STS can be started with a push of a button located on the instrument panel, so long as the fob is in the vehicle and the brake pedal is depressed.

Although I really liked the whole system, my husband disliked it tremendously. He said it would be hard to learn the new technology because it was so futuristic. It may be for the older set, but anyone under 60 should like it tremendously and would find it as refreshing as I did.

The styling of the STS is very fresh, yet there's no mistaking it's a Cadillac. From its vertically stacked headlamps and LED tail amps to its classic grille and badging, it's Cadillac through and through. Lines curve endlessly and with carefree flair.

And it's no different on the inside. There are first-class materials used throughout the interior and all-leather seats are softer than a you-know-what. There are naturally grained Eucalyptus wood and aluminum trim on the steering wheel, center console, instrument panel and door armrests.

Every control, knob and gauge are logically placed and easier than ever to use and understand. The interior has a truly elegant feel.

There were no complaints during the week-long drive of the STS and it's something you should go take a look at if you're into stunning technology and a pure, elegant luxury sedan.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF, 5'7", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. **☎529129**

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. **☎475370**

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

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

ARE WE A MATCH?

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

HEY, OVER HERE

Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with her-pes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out. Seeking SCM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant. **☎611221**

LOYAL

SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, painting, playing, bowling, shooting, soccer, parks, traveling, cooking. Seeking gentleman, 45-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **☎956732**

MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE

I am a 5'2", brunette, dark eyes, early 60s, mainly plays, bowling, shooting, soccer, parks, traveling, cooking. Seeking gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. **☎578584**

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR

Attractive WWF, 64, red/blue, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 55-70, who enjoys meeting new people. **☎476645**

GREAT PERSONALITY

Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'11", 106lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly drives. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56. **☎982309**

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**

MAKE ME LAUGH

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

VERY CARING

AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive, active very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, and traveling. Seeking W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate. **☎509537**

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**

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**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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

MUST BE RESPECTFUL

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

VERY ROMANTIC

45-y-old, SBPF, 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. **☎559984**

ENJOY ROMANCE

Hard-working SWF, 45, N/S, N/D, D/D-free, thick build, attractive, seeks SBM, 40-47, N/S, hard-working, w/values and morals. **☎608901**

LOVING & CARING

Very independent, slim, attractive, active, loving SAF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, N/S, health-conscious, vegetarian enjoys movies, traveling, and fine dining. Seeking WM, 40-50, N/S, H/W proportionate. **☎608399**

OPEN ROAD

SWF, 53, 5'5", N/S, passionate about life, very sincere and hard-working, loves Harleys, romantic getaways, seeks SWM, 45-56, N/S, with common interests. **☎609904**

GAME-FREE

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

FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Attractive, good-hearted SWF, 26, N/S, seeks SWM, 30-35, N/S, who really enjoys life and wants to be happy. **☎612700**

CAN YOU CANOE

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

FOR YOUR LOVE

SBF, 37, N/S, likes to travel, see plays and movies, seeks committed, respectful, honest SBM, 40-47, N/S, who is interested in finding long-term love. **☎533558**

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**

LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF, 29, 5'6", 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**

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me, 26, 4'9", 155lbs, brown-completed employed, 5'9"-6'4", 180lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. **☎271252**

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. **☎616622**

MUST LOVE ANIMALS

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

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF

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

IS HE OUT THERE?

SJF, 43, 5'6", honest, gentle, intelligent, sensitive, shapely, likes fine dining, pool, theater, movies. Seeking honest, secure, loving and reliable man to share friendship, good times, talks and maybe more. **☎601614**

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 SBPF, 31, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **☎217475**

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**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5'1, 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 SBM. **☎266633**

HONESTY REQUIRED

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

GET TO KNOW ME!

SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 26-55, N/S, for friendship first. **☎431382**

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**

IT'S ALL GOOD

Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. **☎476802**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys come-gey and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. **☎481293**

NASCAR & HOCKEY FAN

SWF, 54, 5'1", N/S, Taurus, loves to bowl and watch funny movies. Seeking WM, 45-55, for friendship, possible romance. **☎612486**

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-60s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. **☎573442**

SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING

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

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slender, attractive, 57-y-old WF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful, tall JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **☎598975**

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**

CALL ME...

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

JOURNEY WITH ME...

through life's adventure DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65, N/S, N/D, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **☎605995**

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, 64, 142lbs, 5'8", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. **☎548938**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF, 16, 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**

VERY SPICY

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

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE

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

EASY TO GET ALONG WITH

DWCF, 68, looks younger, 5'2", long dark/brown, N/S, N/D, positive attitude on life, enjoys movies, dining out, drives, watching sports, holding hands. Would enjoy a monogamous LTR with SWM, 58-75. **☎606666**

LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM

Warm professional, who enjoys dancing, theater, classical and big band music, movies, books, travel, dining out, seeks tall, attractive, educated gentleman w/good build, for LTR. **☎8373**

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 SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **☎421896**

LIBRA

DBF, 60, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/AM, 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, likes to please. So hurry up and call me! **☎495855**

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

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

FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

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

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, emotional 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**

RESCUE ME!

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

ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF, 63, 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! **☎471236**

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF, 46, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cooking, roller skating, dancing. Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/D, 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

DBF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoor 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/D, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **☎444748**

ROMANTIC LADY

Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **☎464984**

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NO BAGGAGE

SWM, 32, Virgo, N/S, loves to travel, watch sports, and dine out. Seeking WF, 23-42, for friendship and dating. **☎588293**

TAKE IT AS IT COMES

SM, 25, dark brown, 6' baby face, looking to meet, nice, intelligent, funny, outgoing SF who's down-to-earth and open-minded for friendship, dates, talks, maybe more. **☎300949**

MR PERSONALITY ISO...

Miss interesting, Thrill seeking, fun-loving SWM, 33, ISO SF, 18-38, beautiful inside/out, for friendship, good times, possibly more. **☎610930**

WELL-CONNECTED

SWM, 48, 6'2", athletic build, N/S, with 2 dogs, works in energy management, loves art galleries. Seeking woman, 40-54, for friendship, possible romance. **☎544995**

MUST LOVE CHILDREN

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

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**

WORTH A CALL

SM, 24, 5'8", 155lbs, brown/brown, good-looking, part time student, employed, independent, seeks someone independent, cute, honest and fun, not about games. **☎604444**

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. **☎605861**

WANT TO JOIN ME?

SM, 68, 5'10", in good shape, attractive, well-groomed, looking to meet an attractive lady who has time and love to share, someone who

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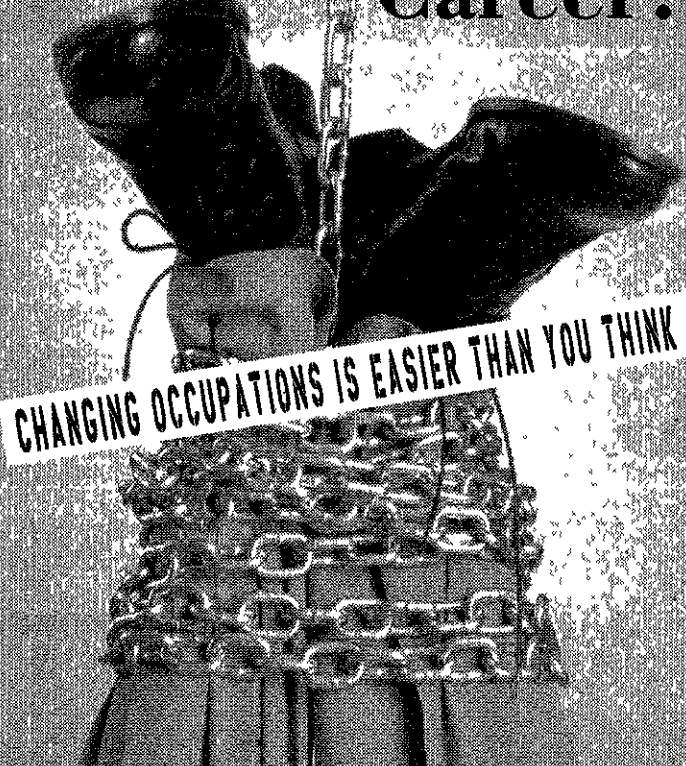
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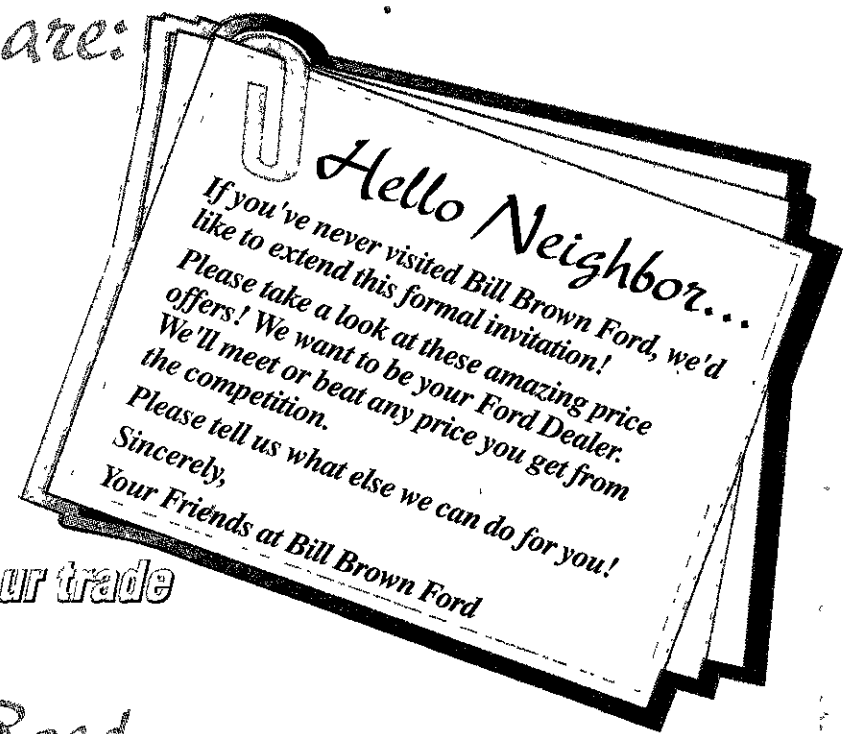


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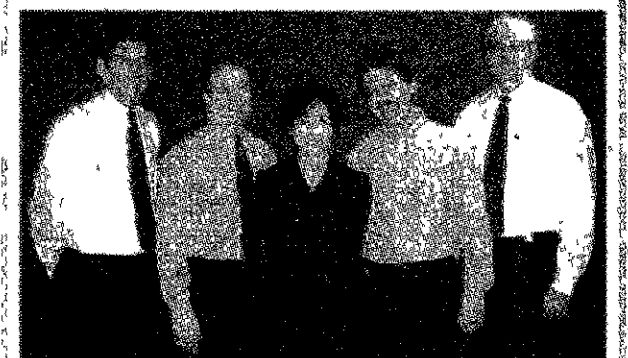
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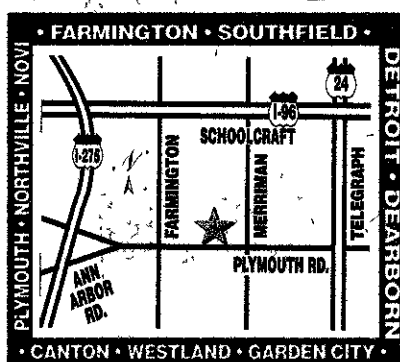
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