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# Two men arrested in separate child abuse cases

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

In a 24 hour period last week, Canton police arrested two men on charges stemming from separate child abuse incidents that left a 6-month-old baby boy dead, and another infant boy in critical condition.

On Tuesday, police arrested 27-year-old Canton resident

Harold Wright in connection with the beating of Roman Stylle, the 11month-old son of Wright's live-in girlfriend.

Around 7:30 p.m., Canton police and fire responded to a call from the mobile home Wright shared with Roman's mother in the area of Old Michigan and Haggerty - a call that said an infant wasn't breathing. He was transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, and eventually taken by "Med Flight" to University of Michigan Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. The boy allegedly had bruises on his body and suf-

fered internal bleeding in the head. As of Friday, he was listed in critical condition.

Wright has been charged with two counts of child abuse in the first degree, felonies punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and one count of third degree child abuse, which is a two-year misdemeanor. He was arraigned via a video feed on Friday in the 35th District

Court in front of Judge Ron Lowe. Lowe entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Wright, and a \$100,000 bond was set. His preliminary examination has been set for March 18 in district court.

Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski said Roman's mother was at work at the time of the incident, and Wright was baby-sitting.

A day after Wright's arrest, police were called to a home near Cherry Hill and Haggerty around 7 p.m. in response to a 911 call of a sick child. Canton EMS transported the 6month-old boy to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later. According to Canton

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# Former Agape principal headed to circuit court

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Former Agape Christian Academy Principal Clark Sexton, who has been charged with sexually

assaulting a former student, faced his accuser in an emotionally charged 35th District courtroom on Friday during his preliminary examination.

Sexton, 30, of Westland was charged Sexton in early February with

two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony which indicates penetration, and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor.

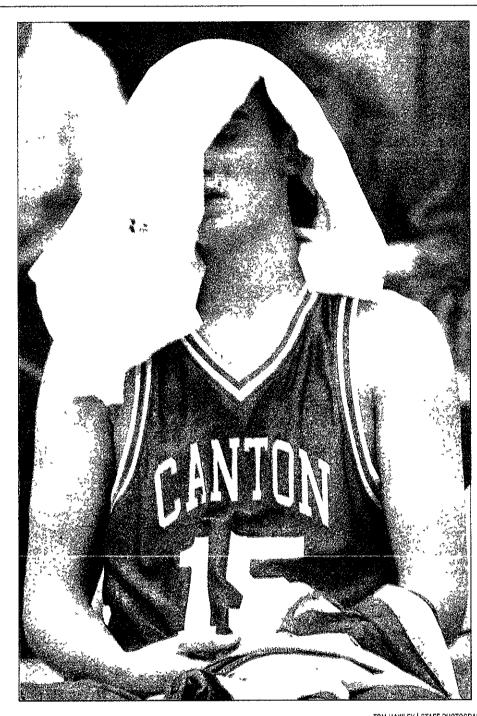
Sexton's accuser told the packed courtroom, which included large contingents of both families, and Judge Ron Lowe that an inappropriate relationship between her and Sexton first developed when she was a 14-year-old ninth-grader at the school, which is located on Geddes in Canton.

The woman, who is now 20, described how their friendship escalated into a sexual relationship, which began when Sexton kissed her after

taking her home from school one day. It is the policy of this newspaper not to name the victims of sexual assault.

The woman told the court that when she was 15, she and Sexton had a num-

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## So close ...

Canton basketball player Ryan Waidmann sits in disbelief Friday night seconds after the Chiefs lost in the final second to South Lyon in the Class A district final at Northville High School. Waidmann finished with six points and four rebounds.

# Cops nab hit and run suspect after exhaustive search

**BY KURT KUBAN** STAFF WRITER

Canton police officers arrested a Superior Township man on Wednesday in connection with a Jan. 24 hit and run accident, which resulted in the death of James Smith Clark III of Canton.

Natesan Kannanpilla was arraigned in 35th District Court Wednesday on one count of failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death, a felony that is punishable by up 15 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. He was also charged with one count of tampering with evidence.

Judge Ron Lowe entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Kannanpilla. His preliminary examination is scheduled for March 11 in 35th District Court.

Canton police allege Kannanpilla, 33, was driving the car that killed Clark, while he was riding his bicycle sometime around 7 p.m. on Denton Road, just north of Proctor near the Rouge River bridge. Clark was killed instantly.

There were no witnesses to the accident, and few clues at the scene, with the exception of a Toyota car emblem, which assisted police in their investigation.

According to Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, the emblem was from a Camry model, 2002 or newer. Knowing that, investigators compiled an extensive list of Camrys registered in the area, which

included more than 6,000 names, he said.

"Our officers physically went out and checked the couple hun-

dred cars registered in Canton first. If people weren't home, they left cards. We received 99 percent returned responses, and were able to quickly eliminate many names, Pomorski said. "The community was extremely helpful in this case."

After eliminating the cars registered in Canton, investigators learned that the emblem could only be ordered through a Toyota dealership. Calls to local dealerships led to investigators to a local body shop, which he said worked on Kannanpilla's car. The owners of the body shop identified him.

Pomorski said Kannanpilla, who owns a 2002 Camry, lived just west of where the accident occurred.

"He was arrested at his home without incident," Pomorski said.

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# Bench strength

## Patience, decency hallmarks of jurist's long career

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Elected to the 35th District Court bench in January 1985, Chief Judge John MacDonald said he never thought a career change would result in him becoming the longest-serving judge in the court's history.

"I practiced law for 23 years and enjoyed it," said MacDonald, reflecting on his 20 years at 35th District Court. "I didn't plan on being a judge, but the vacancy

was created when Dunbar Davis couldn't run again. I had been supervisor of Northville Township, so my political appetite was whetted.

<sup>#</sup>I just turned 50 when I took the bench," he said. "It was a big career change."

MacDonald ran against five others to win his first six-year term in the court that serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. In each of the subsequent three elections,

he ran unopposed.

MacDonald didn't even start out practicing law after graduating from Wayne State University Law School, working in labor relations at Ford Motor Co. and as an adjuster at All-State Insurance.

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"I never thought about being a lawyer, nobody in my family was a lawyer or even graduated from college, except my mother who became a nurse later in life," he

said. "After I graduated from college, I thought about another degree. But, I didn't want a master's degree in political science, which is my undergraduate degree. So, I thought I'd try law school, and I enjoyed it."

MacDonald hung his shingle in Wayne for 21 years, then moved to Plymouth for the last couple of years before being elected to the bench.

"I thought after 23 years of practice I had a pretty good feel for what a judge should do," said MacDonald. "You have to be even tempered, listen to both sides and can't prejudge a situation.

"I've been around to see good

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Judge John MacDonald recently marked 20 years as a 35th District Court jurist, after spending more than 23 years as a lawyer before

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## **Coming Thursday in Filter**

St. Patrick's Day roundup of events



## Radio benefit

WSDP 88.1 The Escape, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth Canton schools, presents the second-annual King of Spring benefit concert at 6 p.m. Friday, March 18 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Six area bands will be performing on two stages. The concert benefits WSDP, with tickets priced at \$6.

Station officials also announced that Forever Inside Records recording artist Ettison Clio will headline the show. The East Lansing-based indie rock band has made quite a name for themselves over the past five years, station officials said, and are "on the verge of much bigger things" with the release of their new CD, "This is for the Blue Collars."

Three of the band's members graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools. Ettison Clio performs early in the evening due to another concert later that evening. Other bands performing include The Rising Tide (formerly Sandbox Heroes), the Transfer, Which Way is Home, Common Misconception and Great Basement Crusade.

The concert is sponsored by Canton Computer and Simplicity Board Sports. WSDP has been serving the Plymouth-Canton community for more than 33 years. For more information, call (734) 416-7732.

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## Business seminars

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be holding two upcoming business-related mini-seminars.

The first, Business Succession, takes place from 9-11:30 a.m. on March 10. Topics discussed will include passing on businesses to heirs, asset protection, wills and trusts, and how to defer virtually unlimited income without 401k restrictions.

The second seminar, 9-10:15 a.m. on March 16, is called What's Your Name Again???. In this upbeat and practical workshop, those in attendance will learn the Dale Carnegie method on how to remember names. Registration deadline is March 11.

Both seminars are \$15 and will be held in the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford. For more information or to register for the seminars call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

## Frog, 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 ses-

sion 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

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

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. 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.

## Village Theater

March at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be filled with a variety of music,



## Raising the bar

Kristin A. Hermann of Canton was recently elected a principal of the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., which was established in Detroit in 1852. A member of the Financial Institutions and Transactions Group, she specializes in representing institutional lenders in connection with commercial loan transactions, including real estate, construction and equipment financing, in Michigan and throughout the United States. Hermann works in the firm's Detroit office.

including four concerts that will celebrate the diversity of folk music.

Finvarra's Wren will perform on Sunday, March 6 at 7 p.m. This gifted group from diverse musical backgrounds is versed in both Celtic and American Folk music, making them appealing to audiences who enjoy either style. Tickets are \$10.

On Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m., Mustard's Retreat, an Ann Arbor duo who has played together for 31 years, will perform. David Tamulevich and Michael Hough's acoustic music and

tall tales will take the audience through a wide, original musical landscape of American folk song.

Tickets are \$10. On Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m., singer/songwriter Anne Hills brings her soprano voice to the stage. Hills has performed her award-winning music solo, as well as in collaboration with many other artists. At the Village Theater, she will join friend Matt Watroba, musician and host of the weekly radio program "Folks Like Us" on WDET-FM 101.9 and Josh White, Jr., to offer an evening filled with fun, music, and deep meaning. Tickets are \$12.

The last concert in the "Folk in the Village" series features acoustic rock and blues singer Stacie Petrie. Her live shows include seasoned, accomplished musicians. She performs Sunday, March 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

For classical music fans, pianist Louis Nagel will be the featured artist in the "Musical Monday Concert Series" on Monday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. A renowned musician and University of Michigan professor, Dr. Nagel has appeared in many festivals and on college campuses across the country. Tickets to his performance are \$10.

This month, the Village Theater will also host two professional puppet companies.

On March 12, Bits 'N Pieces Giant Puppet Theater, from Tampa, Fla., arrives to perform The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit. Then on March 26,

Grey Seal Puppets, from North Carolina, brings A Tangle of Tales to the stage.

Bits 'N Pieces Theater specializes in musical puppetry and the production of original, contemporary adaptations of classic children's literature. Their productions have been seen by millions of children in the United States, Asia, and Europe since 1973. The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. Tickets are \$10. To make the show even more enjoyable, Canton Leisure Services is offering "Kids' Luncheon Theater" which includes lunch at 12 p.m. in the Biltmore Room of the Village Theater, and special reserved seats to the 2 p.m. show. "Kids Luncheon

Theater" tickets are \$16. Grey Seal Puppets bring a taste of the familiar and a touch of the new. Founded in 1976, this award-winning puppet company, based in North Carolina, performs regularly on film and television.

Tangle of Tales brings to life three favorite folk tales from around the world. "The Frog Prince," from Germany, teaches the importance of a promise. "Three Billy Goats Gruff," from Scandinavia, warns against gluttony, and "The Three Little Pigs," from England, is all about doing the job right.

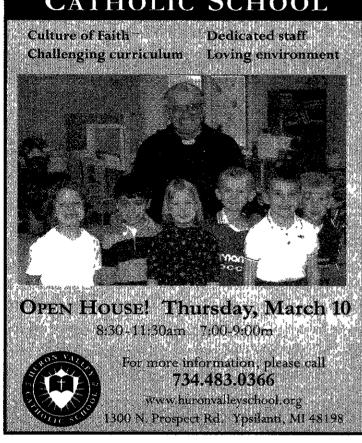
The show runs Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Tickets for all performances may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Village Theater ticket office located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road will also be open two hours prior to each performance.

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# Infants learning to speak with their hands before talking

## Canton day care using new idea

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Infants at this day care center are learning sign language before they speak.

"It cuts down on the frustration level in the classroom," explains Danielle Scott, 19, instructor at The Children's Hour day care at 5840 Canton Center Road.

"I'm a child psychologist and I really appreciate how they have tried to integrate sign language into the repertoire of infants," said Dr. Rashmi Bhandari, who takes 16-month-old son Aman Parekh to the center on her way to work at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

"He's able to communicate with me without having to whine and cry. He's able to tell me what he wants; he knows how to sign me something," Bhandari said. "The crew there is really caring, really in tune with the children's needs. They're loving people."

Reid and Jill Scott, who own The Children's Hour, plan in two years to turn over the operation of the family-owned day care center to daughter Danielle, who has worked in day care five years and is pursuing a early childhood education degree at Washtenaw Community College.

## **RELATIVELY NEW**

While The Children's Hour isn't the first day care center to teach sign language to infants, the concept is still relatively new.

"They can tell you what they want or need and you can understand them right away," Danielle Scott said.

Infants at 8-9 months can learn signs for eat -- close and open fingers to the thumb at the mouth; drink, up, more, and thank you -- putting four fingertips to the bottom lip, then pulling them away.

These sign language words are in some cases simplified versions of those used by adults.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Danielle Scott taught herself sign language and then began using it with the babies and small children at her day care facility.

"Older infants can learn dog, Cheerios, banana and other words," Scott said. "It's really cool

knowing you taught them that." "You get to see them grow so rapidly and have a part in their development. You see them

walk." Her parents are also full time workers at the day care center, which has been in business 18 months.

Reid Scott said that when infants learn how to use sign language, it encourages them to talk. "They think if I can sign I can also speak," he said.

Licensed to handle up to 100 kids a day, the center currently has room as they are now serving 50 kids a week, Reid Scott

Currently, his wife Jill Scott serves as business director. "I am the bus director and cook," he

The Children's Hour also features a monthly Family Night, where parents are invited to hang out with their kids at the center. The next is scheduled for March 11; the theme is "Ice Cream Social."

'We spread out blankets and have popcorn and parents can rest for a little bit," said Reid Scott, a former janitorial business owner.

Parents typically drop off kids at 7 a.m. and pick them up by 6 p.m. Hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Part of his job is to drop off kids at their respective schools, and pick

them up and return them to the day care center.

The Scott family's mission is to be more flexible than other area day care centers, offering monthly rates \$10-\$20 cheaper and day care spots for kids with just 24 hours notice.

'We are a learning center. we're not just a place they watch TV," he said. "I love it because I get to interact with these kids. You become attached to them real quick.

Parents pay a \$50 annual enrollment fee.

For more information call The Children's Hour at (734) 459-9920.

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## MDOT's road plans to be discussed Monday

The first of six public hearings on the state's five-year road plan will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Canton Township Hall public safety training room.

The joint House and Senate committee meetings are intended to give people a chance to comment on the Michigan Department of Transportation's proposed five-year road plan.

Other meetings will take

There will be an emphasis on the roadways of western Wayne County at the Canton meeting.

place in Grand Rapids, Waterford, Cadillac, Brighton and Port Huron. The meetings will be chaired by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who said there will be an emphasis on the roadways of western Wayne County at the Canton meeting.

"This is really an opportunity for the people of western Wayne County, including elected officials and residents, to come out and ask questions about transportation issues that directly impact their daily lives," LaJoy said. Some of the topics that are expected to be discussed include the economic impact of delayed construction projects; vital infrastructure needs; what kind of input local officials have on the process; and how congestion is impacting public safety.



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# Lazaroff outlines challenges facing VB schools

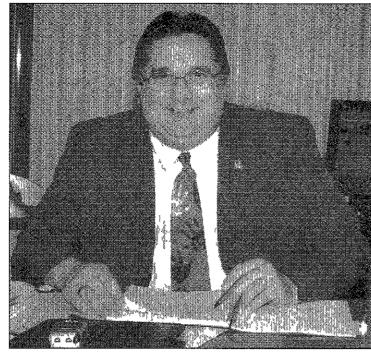
BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT

In early January, Pete Lazaroff received a telephone call from the State Superintendent's office to come to Lansing to discuss school finance. As superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools, Lazaroff has become quite an expert on the subject.

Lazaroff, who has led the district since August of 2003, jumped at the opportunity, believing such a meeting would keep "the school district on the radar."

So he joined many other superintendents and educators that descended upon Lansing to address the State Board of **Education and State** Superintendent Tom Watkins about the growing crisis in public school funding. Few people in attendance knew Watkins would submit his resignation less than two months later, under pressure from Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Lazaroff, who was only scheduled to speak for five minutes, focused on the impact of school finances in Van Buren Schools.



Van Buren Schools Superintendent Pete Lazaroff recently testified before state public education officials about the growing crisis in school funding.

many government institutions

in which all expenditures must

be justified. Instead of explain-

ing just the new increases to the

Lazaroff continued by explain-

budget, the entire budget

amount must be explained.

ing how his district has made

numerous budget cuts, and will

make several more in the future.

Yet, he made it clear that past

and proposed cuts in state edu-

cation funding are crippling the

district and causing "a devastat-

Lazaroff and his staff are keep-

ing a close watch on the state's

financial situation. He said the

between \$350-400 million.

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Buren this school year is expect-

ed to be \$1 million. But if there

are cuts in state funding, the

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budget deficit will be \$1.5 mil-

Van Buren had to implement

budget reductions of more than

\$2.6 million. Some of the reduc-

tions took place in the adminis-

tration, athletic and transporta-

tion departments. They also

eliminated the summer school

In the 2002-03 school year,

jected budget deficit in Van

state is looking at a budget deficit

"Funding isn't going to get any

ing effect on the community."

**A GRIM FUTURE** 

"I focused on the things we do well," Lazaroff said. "I also spoke about our initiation of a

zero-based budget." A zero-based budget is an accounting method favored by

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the general fund support for sixth grade camp.

In 2003-2004, there were budget reductions of more than \$1.8 million. Some of the areas affected by the cuts included elementary, general administration, Belleville High School and special education.

The proposed budget cuts for mid-year 2004-05 include the reduction by 60 percent of school improvement allocations and the elimination of the general fund contribution to Young Authors.

Proposed budget cuts for 2005-06 include the continuation of the 2004-05 mid-year cuts, redistricting to reduce the amount of time that students spend on the bus, which will save on transportation costs and eliminating one media center certified staff member.

Lazaroff said the past cuts and ` the next series of cuts will have a "disastrous effect on our school district."

"The situation calls for a drastic look at how we deliver education within our budgetary means that will provide a strong foundation and a comprehensive secondary program by thinking outside the box," Lazaroff said.

## **ADAPTING**

Lazaroff said that school board members are "rethinking the high school" in an effort to create a "more flexible learning environment for high school students."

The board and administration are also looking to turn the schools into professional learning communities, Lazaroff said.

We're looking at better ways to deliver instruction," he said. "All teachers now use common testing methods."

As the district navigates through these troubled waters, Lazaroff credited the board with being creative and willing to change. Although there are plenty of issues and challenges facing the school district over the next few years, including health care costs, retirement and contract renewals, he also complimented staff for making Car break-in sacrifices,.

"Even though all contracts expired on June 30, 2004, the employees have been good about it," Lazaroff said.

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## FOR THE RECORD

## **DEATHS**

A Edward D. Acord, 61, of Rochester Hills, died March 1. William Johnston Adams, 70, of Detroit, died Feb. 27.

David R. Bobowski, 50, died -March 3.

E.C. Conwell, 89, of Waterford, died March 3.

Pauline J. Davis, 83, died Feb. 25. Lucille Caiani Dobbs, 82, of Garden City, died Feb. 28.

Viera George, 72, of Clarkston, died Feb. 27. William B. Gilles, 84, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 27.

Steven E. Hopper, 57, of West Bloomfield, died Feb. 28.

Bertha L. Juhl, 70, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 25.

Frederick Reid Keydel, 76, died Feb. 26.

Aaron Thomas Levi, 27, of Birmingham, died Feb. 20. Richard R. Lowe, died Feb. 28. Robert W. Lundgren, 87, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died Feb. 23.

Elizabeth (Bette) Moe, 80, of Leesburg, Fla., died Feb. 21. Regina Marie McVey, 61, of Roscommon, formerly of Wayne, died Feb. 23.

George Schwenk Olmsted, 95, of Valparaiso, Ind., formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 18.

Raymond Powning, 83, of Rochester Hills, died March 1.

Donald W. Shaver, 69, of Waterford, died March 2.

John Charles Wright Jr., 90, of Williamsburg, Va., died Feb. 15.

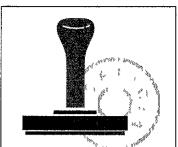
Ralph Zimmerman Jr., of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 25.

## COP CALLS

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According to reports compiled by Canton police, a homeowner in the 44300 block of Forest Trail reported at 11 a.m. that a thief had apparently opened a sliding screen to a doorwall, but was unable to open the sliding glass

door to get inside. Police took footprint casts in the. snow at the scene, and determined the footprints were the same as those found around a 2003 Pontiac on Penny Court. Besides the camera, seven CDs and \$50 were also reported missing by the car owner, who also reported the theft at 11 a.m. Police are investigating.

More car break-ins

One thief is suspected in two car break-ins discovered the morning of Feb. 26 at an apartment complex on Edinburgh.

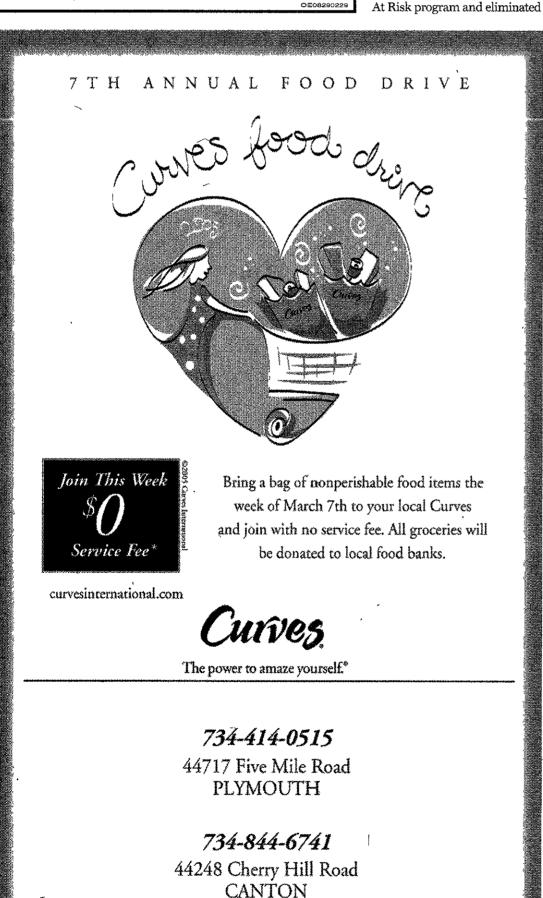
In the first incident, a woman, 22, reported finding the rear door open to her 1996 Dodge Neon and \$30 missing from an apron left inside.

She told police she wasn't sure if the car had been locked.

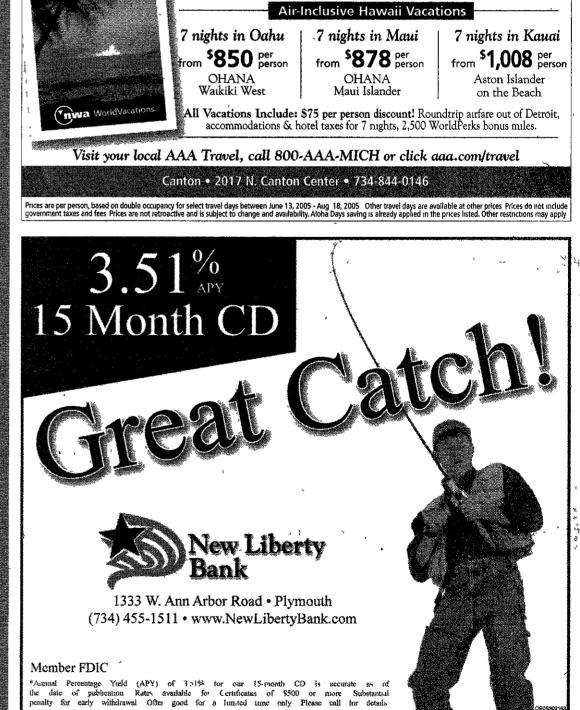
A 21-year-old woman in another apartment in the same complex told police the same morning that her locked 1999 Ford Escort had been broken into. The report did not state what was taken from the car. Police have no suspects in the incidents.

Truck vandalized

The right window to Ford F-150 truck parked in the 40000 block of Cambridge was found broken at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 26. Taken from the truck were some CDs, the bill of sale and an expired proof of insurance tag. Police have no suspects.



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## MACDONALD

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lawyers and bad lawyers, and good judges and bad judges," he said. "If you get a fair hearing in court and the judge makes a decision, that's all you can expect ... and the good lawyers understand that. Some people may not like it, but they understand they got their day

Paul Dillon has been practicing law for 14 years in Plymouth, and has faced MacDonald many times, just like his dad, Joseph, before

"There are a lot of judges you can tell who are having a good day or bad day," said Dillon. "With Judge MacDonald, you always seem to get a real pro-

AGAPE

FROM PAGE A1

Sexton's car.

all lies," she said.

ber of sexual encounters,

including one incident in

which she performed oral sex.

She testified that the two had

met nearly a dozen times in a

parking lot near Haggerty and

Michigan Avenue, where they

She said Sexton had told her

"Sadly I fell for it, and I wish

I wouldn't have, because it was

Sexton's defense attorney

Paul Clark spent much of his

time arguing about the time-

line the woman described to

police in late January, when

she first told her parents about

wished he would have married

had sexual intercourse in

he loved her and that he

her. He was married at the

fessional demeanor and approach to what's going on.

I enjoy practicing in front of him because you know what you're going to get, and that's a real straight shot and thorough evaluation of the issues, a fair shake in the end," he said. "Whatever the result, you know it was well thought out

Watching MacDonald administer justice from the bench, it's not unusual to hear him address defendants as 'sir" and thanking them when their case is over.

## **RESPECT MATTERS**

punishment," said MacDonald. T'm not going to be soft on them, but I want them to feel

Clark said there was no dis-

woman had a sexual relation-

ship. However, his contention

after the girl was the age of 16,

"Is it possible all these inci-

dents occurred a year later? It

reported this to your parents

and the police. Is it possible your memory is off?" Clark

Although the woman admit-

ted the relationship was con-

sensual, she refused to budge

from her previous testimony

about the timeline. She feels

"I admired him. The stu-

dents in our school looked up to him. And I did too. I didn't

know he wanted anything

"I had a crush on him. I

never knew he would come on

to me. I wish I would have told

is that everything occurred

the minimum age the state

allows for a person to have

took six years before you

consensual sex.

asked the woman.

she was a victim.

more," she said.

pute that Sexton and the

respect. That doesn't mean you don't go ahead and give the punishment that fits the

MacDonald helped to create and organize the juvenile program at 35th District Court. which also has a Teen Court and Sobriety Court. He's proud of the many success stories derived from those pro-

"We put people in alcohol and drug programs who wouldn't otherwise get that kind of help," MacDonald said. "Even if you send them to jail, they're not going to be there forever. So, we've got to do something to stop the activity they're involved in.

"If we think a person needs the experience of being in jail as a wake-up call, that's usually the last resort," he said. "It's hard to measure success, but we do have people who have come back to thank us."

Carol Richardson of Canton has worked with MacDonald for 27 years, starting in his law firm before helping the judge with his docket, jury trials and opinions.

"I don't think I've ever seen him get angry on the bench," said Richardson. "He's very understanding, and treats everybody very fairly."

Because of their long history together, Richardson's relationship with MacDonald has reached past the courtroom.

"I've helped his kids with homework, have gone to their high school graduations and weddings," she said. "We've been together for so long we're just like family.

"He's the same age as my

mother, and I look to him as a father figure," Richardson said. "He's helped me make life FROM PAGE A1 decisions when I needed help. He's my Rock of Gibraltar."

As a result of state law, the next four years will be MacDonald's last on the 35th District Court bench.

He was elected to his last six-year term at the age of 68, and can't run again after turning 70. But, that won't keep him off the bench.

"We can sit as visiting judges, and I plan on doing that," MacDonald said. "I'm not going to just sit home."

MacDonald said he'll also have more time to spend with Ann, his wife of 46 years, and his five grandchildren.

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## CHILD ABUSE

Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, emergency workers noticed bruises on the baby, and notified police. Within three hours, police arrested the boy's 20year-old father, who police have yet to name because he hadn't been arraigned as of Friday afternoon.

"The baby's mom was at work, and the father was at his grandfather's house baby-sitting. The grandfather is the one that called the police department," Pomorski said. "Between the time the call was made and the fire department arrived, the father had fled the

home." Pomorski said the man was apprehended by the Community Response Team, which includes members of the Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff's Department, as well as police officers from Canton, Northville and Plymouth townships. Pomorski said the man had walked about three miles to a friend's home, which is where the team arrested him

Pomorski said he expected the man to be arraigned on Saturday.

without incident.

"This is so unusual that we would have two serious child abuse cases like this in a 24hour period. It is terrible anyway, but this is really unusual. We do have child abuse cases in Canton, but not usually to this degree," Pomorski said.

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and fair."

"I think you can be decent to people and still carry out your like they were treated with

> someone the first time he kissed me. I wish I would have went to my parents right away."

Judge Lowe bound the case over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, who works for the Child Abuse Unit, asked Lowe to raise the bond to \$100,000, bringing up the fact that two more girls from Agape have come forward about possible inappropriate relationships with Sexton. Police investigators have obtained a number of emails from the girls, which were submitted in court on Friday.

Lowe refused to raise the bond, however, after a long series of arguments between Weingarden and Clark. Lowe did order Sexton not to have any contact with the alleged

victim or any other minors. Sexton also agreed to give up his computer to investigators.

Sexton was hired by Agape in 1995 as a teacher, and became principal in July of 1999. He left the school last May. He was working as a teacher at Huron High School in New Boston when he was arrested. He has since lost that job, and is now working for a pizzeria. Weingarden asked that he not be allowed to work there because he was a threat to co-workers, but Lowe also denied this request.

Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, who was contacted Friday, said the Canton Police Department is investigating the other e-mails, though he

wouldn't comment further because the cases are under investigation. The prosecutor's office subpoenaed the school last week to obtain the e-mails that the female students had sent to Sexton.

Agape spokesman Mark Moore said the school has turned over the e-mails from the two students — one who is still at the school and one who is a former student — to investigators. He said that the school has done nothing to hinder the investigation.

"Letters have gone out to the parents. We've encouraged the students to come forward," he said. "We have nothing to hide. We have cooperated with the police all along."

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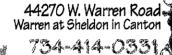
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The Salem Rockettes brought home a pair of trophies from the National Dance Championships in Orlando, Fla. For good measure, they also won a competition that gave them the chance to perform at halftime of a Detroit Pistons game.

## Rockettes bring home pair of trophies

The success just keeps on coming for the Salem High School Rockettes.

Appearing for the third straight year at the Universal Dance Association National Dance Championships in Orlando, Fla., the Rockettes, Salem High School's dance/pom pon squad, brought home a pair of tro-

The Rockettes placed eighth in the nation competing

against teams from around the country. The Rockettes also made it to the finals in the jazz dance portion of the competition, where they finished 11th in the nation.

Team officials said the National Dance Championship is "the largest dance competition in the world," featuring the best of school dance teams from across the country competing for the national title.

The success of the Salem squad ties to its routines, choreographed by coach Aileen Balatico and assistant coach Laura Thorp.

And if the performance in Orlando wasn't enough, the team also placed first in a poms competition at The Palace of Auburn Hills in January, earning the Rockettes a chance to perform at halftime of a Detroit Pistons

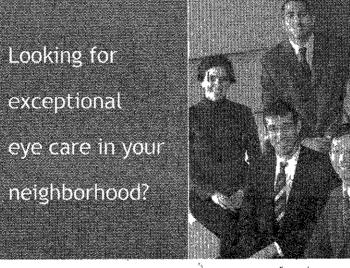
## PCAC plans March 19 fund-raiser at Schoolcraft

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.

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.

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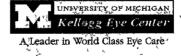
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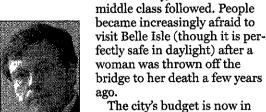
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# Belle Isle Aquarium another sad chapter in city's history

hey've been coming to this elegant little building for a century now, bringing their children to stare with wonder at the giant electric eel and the tiny, glowing virtually eyeless fish from the far depths of the seas.

The Belle Isle Aquarium was one of the first in the nation when it opened in 1904, the year Teddy Roosevelt was elected president in a landslide. Detroit was doubling its population every decade then, and thousands flocked to this island park to visit the splendid Albert Kahn building, with its faintly art nouveau entrance and seagreen Pewabic tiles.

Yet for many years now, fewer and fewer have come. Whites deserted the city, and the black



doors forever.

free-fall. The zoo has had its funding cut by millions, and the Jack aquarium is an enormous money loser. A month from Lessenberry now, barring a miracle, the Belle Isle Aquarium will shut its

"This is entirely due to city budget issues," said a regretful Ron Kagan, the director of the Detroit Zoo, which runs the aquarium. "That, and a failure to generate regional cooperation and fund-

ing."
What has happened to the aquarium, which once attracted visitors from around the world, is nearly a perfect metaphor for what has happened to Detroit. When it opened, it was a state-of-theart facility in the heart of the area's top recreation

Today, it is tiny (10,000 square feet) by industry standards, less than a tenth the size of most of the nation's most successful aquariums. It is off the beaten path, and not near nice restaurant facilities. Worse, though the floors are new and the tanks well-maintained, it doesn't even have a bathroom.

That's a deal-breaker for families with small children, the aquarium's biggest potential customers. The facility desperately needs modernizing. There is plenty of money in the suburbs, where surveys show most of those who still visit the aquarium live. But too many want to share the city's benefits, but not the wealth. "Two attempts to get regional funding for our cultural institutions have been turned down by Oakland County voters," Kagan said.

Ten years ago, the aquarium had 113,000 visitors. The zoo launched an aggressive marketing campaign, including a major promotion last year in which ticket discounts were printed on two million cans of Coca-Cola.

steadily. Last year, the aquarium attracted only 56,000 visitors. They provided \$104,000 in revenue. Meanwhile, running the place, the zoo director said, costs "about \$700,000 without factoring in the support staff or some other expens-

Additionally, the aquarium badly needs a new roof. So last month, the zoo announced that the aquarium would close. There has been an outpouring of protest, mainly from suburbanites, many of whom have fond memories of coming to the aquarium as children.

City council voted to keep it open three more months. But the mayor's office said the resolution would have no impact. Last week, Kagan's staff was already working on finding new zoos for the 1,500 fish, many from endangered

Since the closing was announced, the place has been packed on weekends. Last Saturday, Nora Rhein, not quite 4, pressed her face up against the glass, fascinated by her first and perhaps last look at the seahorses.

But at noon one day last week, there were only a dozen or so inside. Outside, a woman in a fulllength fur coat urged patrons to fight to save the aquarium, and to make a donation at www.belleisleaquarium.com. She was getting sympathy, but not much money.

After several weeks, they had raised only \$14,213. There seems to be little hope, though the zoo director believes Detroit could easily support a modern aquarium.

"What you need is something right on the water (the Detroit River) not near the water, and at least 10 times the old aquarium's size," said Kagan, who has had a distinguished career in zoos from Dallas to Israel. "That would cost \$100 million. But studies have shown there is no doubt that it would generate \$100 million in income for the local economy every year."

That may well be the case. Certainly aquariums in Monterey and Baltimore and Chicago have proven immensely valuable to their cities. But to build such a facility in Detroit would take cooperation, and shared resources.

And for half a century, local politicians have resisted cooperating on major projects that could benefit the region. So Detroit's aquarium will close, probably after the first weekend in April, and three years after an auxiliary zoo on the island also closed, for similar reasons.

Ironically, the Detroit Zoo's main campus is doing far better, perhaps because it is not in the city at all, but in relatively affluent Royal Oak and Huntington Woods, and only a tiny fraction of its patrons are from the impoverished central city, which pays many of the bills. We live in odd

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# New projects put spotlight on oasis on the Rouge River

he Edward Hines Parkway wends its way along the Middle Rouge River from Dearborn to Northville. It's an oasis in western Wayne County, a place to reconnect with nature and history.

The parkway serves as flood plain, bikeway, a site for several ballparks, a nature center, a sledding hill, various kinds of wildlife. It is an inspiration for many who come out each year to participate in clean up efforts on the Rouge. It is also an inspiration for those who love history and nature.

Former Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes is throwing her considerable energy into a project to restore and transform the Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township into a women's museum, with a special emphasis on honoring women in industry. The mill, one of many built along the river by Henry Ford in the 1920s, was a women-only factory for making auto parts.

Bankes has been a cheerleader for the parkway, sponsoring bus tours to highlight its many historical and natural features. One of those features is the Bennett Arboretum, which after a long period of neglect is being given a new lease on life, in part from Bankes' efforts as a com-Hugh

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missioner. The Bennett Arboretum stretches through Hines

Park from just north of Five Mile to Seven Mile in Northville Township. It was originally the creation of J. Merle Bennett, first superintendent of Parks and Forestry for the Wayne County Road Commission who served from 1922 to 1943. In 1942, Bennett supervised the development of 1500 acres of park land along Hines Drive with the planting of 26,000 trees and 101,000 shrubs along the whole length of the parkway, including the Arboretum.

"His plan was consistent with arboretums of that time frame - an exhibit of trees from around the world to get folks out and about in the trees of the world," said Noel Mullett, Wayne County Department of Environment technical projects coordinator.

Despite efforts to plant trees that would survive in Michigan's environment, many species were inappropriate for the region.

About 500 trees of 50 varieties from all parts of the world were planted 63 years ago and only about 100-130 remain, according to

A cooperative effort between Wayne County, the state of Michigan, Northville Township and the University of Michigan is seeking to restore the arboretum. Mullett

A new Arboretum Master Plan, developed by students from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment, will be presented at a public meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile. Participants will learn about the existing condition of the Arboretum and the new master plan

said it was Bankes who originally got the University of Michigan involved in the proj-

The new arboretum will have a different ...

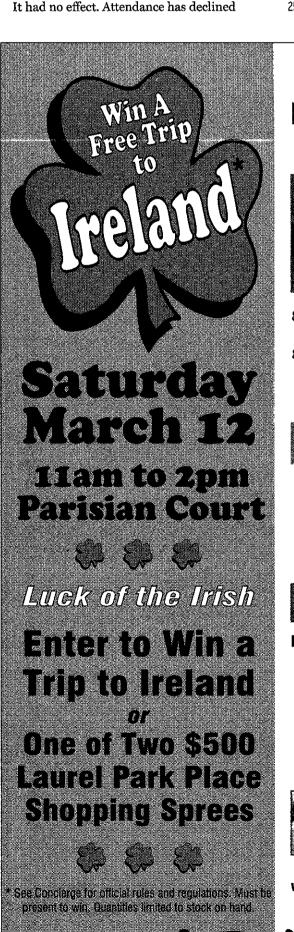
focus. "The idea is to identify what remains from the original planting, put forward a vision of how to build on what's left, what trail system to put in place, how to enhance what is existing and establish the Arboretum as a distinct feature in the park system," Mullett said.

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"The plan is re-establishment of use as an arboretum that focuses on what's supposed to be here, which is a new trend in arboretums." Mullett said. "It's too expensive to maintain a tree freak show."

All this activity is a good reminder of just how special this park along the river is for our recreation, our environment and our his-

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Canton's Kevin Thornton scores over South Lyon's Nathan Spurgess Friday night.

# Chief seniors battle to the end



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Cortellini, Jason Houdek, Kevin Thornton and David Calille came together for the first time a little more than four years ago at tryouts for the freshmen basketball team at Canton High School.

For the athletically gift ed foursome, it wasn't a question of whether or not they were going to make

the team; it was a matter of how high they were going to elevate the Chiefs' hoop program over the next four years. Very high, it turned out.

The combination of Cortellini's quickness and on-target, quick-release jump-shot; Houdek's shoot-the-lights-out perimeter game and savvy court sense; Thornton's dominating defensive and rebounding skills; and Calille's ability to score from just led Canton to one of its most memorable

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# Heartbreaker

# Last-second shot sends Canton to the sidelines

Canton's first Class A district basketball title bid since 1996 was sacked Friday night by a 6-foot-1, 250-pound football player who goes by the nickname of "Bubba."

South Lyon senior forward Bryan "Bubba" Thomas, who is headed to Grand Valley State in the fall with a football scholarship, banked in a sixfoot shot from directly in front of the basket as the buzzer sounded to give the Lions an improbable 45-44 victory over the Chiefs. Thomas' last-second make accounted for his only two points of the game.

For a while late in Friday's game, it looked as though the Chiefs would be moving on to Tuesday night's regional at Birmingham Groves High School. Canton led, 44-43, with 11.4 seconds left and David Calille, an 85 percent free-throw shooter, was at the line for a one-and-one opportunity.

However, Calille's first attempt rolled off the front of the rim and into the hands of South Lyon's Nathan Spurgess. The Lions advanced the ball just past mid-court before calling a time-out with 4.6 seconds left.

Canton's Kevin Thornton nearly stole the ensuing in-bounds pass, but the ball rolled out of bounds with 2.2 ticks left, setting up Thomas' heroics.

The second in-bounds pass went to senior guard Michael Rhoad, who drove to within 10 feet of the basket before a collapsing Canton defense forced him to dish the ball to Thomas, who executed a catch-andshoot as the horn sounded.

As Canton's players walked slowly off the court in disbelief, the Lions' cheering section rushed the court and swarmed Thomas.

"I feel bad for our seniors," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team finished 16-7. "They carried us all year. I told them to keep their heads up because they had a great season. It's disappointing for the entire team but at least mores and juniors have a chance to

come back and give it another shot." The Lions will take a modest 11-11



Canton's Andy Cortellini drives past South Lyon's Bryan Thomas during the second quarter of Friday night's Class A district final game at Northville High School. Cortellini scored a game-high 16 points, but the Lions won on a last-second shot by Thomas.

record - but an impressive twogame winning streak — into Tuesday night's regional contest against Groves. The two teams South Lyon defeated in the district tournament -Novi and Canton — finished with a combined 34-11 record.

"The last three seconds of the game characterized what this team has been about all year," said South Lyon coach Daren Clayton. "The pass that Michael Rhoad made to Bubba was very unselfish, just like this team has been all season.

"We got off to a late start this year because we have a lot of football players on the team and they made it to the final four. We lost to Canton and Walled Lake Central in overtime early in the year, but the kids have put in an outstanding effort from day one. It seemed like every player on every team we've played had a two- to three-inch height

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# Penguin skaters prepared for post-season tourney

STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team will be rested heading into Wednesday's opening game of the Michigan Metropolitan Girls High School Hockey League post-season tournament.

The Penguins earned a first-round bye after finishing in third place in the 13-team MMGHSHL with a stellar 14-5-1 record. PCS will take on the winner of Monday night's Port Huron-Northville game Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena, which is located on Novi Rd., just west of Nine Mile Rd.

"I think if the girls stay mentally strong like they have been all season we should do okay," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Everybody is going to have to play their

best, that's for sure. Both Northville and Port Huron play a physical style of hockey while we're more of a finesse team. I stress skating and playing hard, so we don't get a lot of penalties.

The Penguins' leading scorer heading into the playoffs is Olivia Pennebaker, who has racked up 18 goals and 12 assists. Other top point-earners for PCS are Stephanie Murray (eight goals and 17 assists), Kristen Schwan (13 goals and 12 assists) and Adrienne Cercone (14 goals and seven assists).

"One of our goals heading into this season was to get a first-round bye, and we did that," Callahan said. "It's a single-elimination tournament, so we can't have any

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Dynamic Boxing Club co-owner Chuck Phillips works with 13-year-old Garden City resident

## Boxers find new club 'Dynamic'

**BY BRAD EMONS** STAFF WRITER

Even at 66, Paul Soucy has the heart of a young lion.

In his earlier years, Soucy cultivated local talent, promoted amateur and pro shows while running the Livonia Boxing Club before taking a self-imposed sabbatical.

The quintuple-bypass surgery survivor is a few pounds lighter, but more determined than ever to get back in the game with the opening last month of Dynamic Boxing Club, located on 28212 Warren Road, a few blocks west of Inkster Road in Westland.

Most nights you can find him in the ring, training young wannabes. He's what Mickey was to Rocky Balboa when it comes to reviving the sport of boxing in western Wayne County.

"I guess I'm old enough to know better, but it's in my blood . . . I can't ever get rid of it," Soucy said. "I'm a boxing fanatic. I'm having fun with this. It's like a brand new toy.'

The retiree now spends 10 hours per day, five and six days per week at the new gym. His training staff includes co-owners Chuck Phillips and Bob Cosnowski, along with Mark Soucy, Chad Jaguillard, and Hank O'Dierna.

"It was a sizable investment, but I'm happy," said Phillips, who runs his own landscaping company, conveniently located next door to the new gym. "I'm one of Paul's old fighters going back to the (Livonia) Fire Station days. He taught me a lot as a young man.

"We're looking for young champions with a dream, and turn it into

Cosnowski, an active investor along with Phillips, owns the 3,800-square foot facility. His current business,

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## **Rec offerings**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be running men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues beginning in early May. All games will be played at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

Registration for returning teams begins March 🕹 21 while new teams can start registering April 1, or until the leagues are

For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

**Lightning strike**The Plymouth
Lightning '94 White U-11 select girls soccer team captured the U-11 select boys Division II championship in February at the Wide World of Sports in Ann Arbor, The Lightning, outscored their opponents 62-22 in three games.

The team consists of Melissa Aho, Megan Birdwell, Paige Brennan, Niki Gilo, Paige Goodwin, Amanda Lopez, Jessica 🐒 Rich, Jackie Waite, Makenzie Williams, Kayla Bridges, Mariah Hall, Melissa Kulczycki, Alison Lenover, Jenna Smith, Katy Tavierne and Rebecca Bubheimer. The team is coached and trained by Jim Zurawski.

## GCYBSA signup

Over 1,400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too late to sign up.

To register, visit csc.canton-mi.org for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

## Archery camp

An indoor archery camp will be offered at ... Plymouth Christian Academy March 21-24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for youths between the ages of 8 and 18.

Camp instructors will be Bob and Rachel Fenton, who have taught archery camps in Canton for the past five years and at all three U.S. Olympic Training Centers. Both are Level III N.A.A. certified coaches with over 30 years experience in 4H shooting sports.

Registration includes daily refreshments, equipment (participantsmay bring their own), and an official camp certifi cate of participation.

The registration fee is \$75 for Canton residents For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

## YMCA offerings

The Plymouth YMCA is currently accepting reg istrations for youth flag football (ages 8-12) and spring soccer (ages 4-10). Both leagues will begin in April with one practice. and one game per week Call (734) 453-2904 for more information.

# Whalers tie Sudbury, 1-1

Cory Tanaka's goal at 19:37 of the third period lifted the Plymouth Whalers to a 1-1 tie with the Sudbury Wolves in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,778 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The tie - coupled with Sault Ste. Marie's 2-1 win in Sarnia - left Plymouth (26-26-6-3) in second place in the OHL West Division, six points behind the Greyhounds (29-24-8-

The Whalers came within 95 seconds of playing in

their first-ever scoreless tie. Sudbury had two goals waved off before Ryan Hastings scored his fifth goal of the season on a power play at 18:35 of the third period.

Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci pulled goaltender Ryan Nie with just over a minute left and Tanaka scored his 10th goal of the season in the middle of a scramble in front of the Sudbury net with 23 seconds left in regulation.

Sudbury pressured in the overtime, outshooting Plymouth in the extra session, 7-3, but Nie came up big and was voted the game's second star. In all, Nie stopped 27 of 28 shots. Sudbury goalie Kevin Beach stopped 32 shots and earned the No. 1 star designation.

Overall, Plymouth outshot Sudbury, 33-28.

The draw left Sudbury with a 27-23-5-6 record, which is good for fourth place in the OHL's Central Division.

The Whalers travel tonight for a game at Sault Ste. Marie tonight. Game time is 7.

# Belleville's rally falls short Spartans' depth too much for PCA

BY BRAD EMONS

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March Madness nearly went haywire Friday night in the Class A district boys basketball final

Before a full house, the host Eagles nearly squandered a 10-point lead during the final minute before holding off nemesis Belleville, 76-71, in a bizarre finish between the two western Wayne County powers.

It was Romulus' first district title since 2000 and avenged a 59-55 setback to the Tigers just a week earlier in a battle for Mega Conference's Red Division crown.

Romulus takes its 18-5 record into Wednesday's Class A regional semifinal at Ypsilanti Lincoln against Dearborn.

"It's a big monkey off our back," said thirdyear Romulus coach Nate Oats, whose Eagles had been ousted from the district the two previous years by Belleville. "After beating them by 37 and then losing to them by four, what we talked about, as far as the difference in the two games,

"Our points of emphasis tonight was to get back on defense, not allow second-chance points and not allow penetration to the basket by their point-guard Anre' Partee."

Romulus used a balanced scoring attack to overcome the brilliant performance by Belleville's 6-foot-3 junior guard Leon Freeman, who finished the night with a game-high 25 points (on 11-of-20 shooting).

The Romulus bench outscored Belleville, 41-3, led by senior forward Geryn Reese's team-high 19 points. Brendon Glenn added 14 along with starters Jerret Smith and Avery Stephenson. Dominique Buckley also contributed eight off the bench as did starter Dante Williams.

Romulus jumped out to a 22-14 first-quarter lead and led 37-32 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Belleville took its only two leads of the night, 41-39 on a three-pointer by Tommie Clark with 4:50 to play and 44-43 on Freeman's third triple of the night with 3:55

But Romulus came storming back to lead 56-47 advantage on a steal and layup by Smith with 126 remaining in the third quarter, only to have Belleville point-guard Anre Partee, who was cold all night, finally answer with his first field goal attempt in 10 tries, a three-pointer with 1:05 to go in the period to cut the deficit to 56-

Belleville then got within two, 58-56, with 4¦03 to play in the game on a pair of free throws

But once again, Romulus responded with a 1\$-5 run capped by a Reese steal and a layup with just 58 seconds remaining to put the Eagles ahead, 71-61.

But the fans who began filing out of their s¢ats believing the game was in hand, suddenly found themselves glued to the floor thanks a last-ditch Belleville run and a monumental Romulus blunder.

## BASKETBALL

In just 18 seconds, a basket by Clark, a threepointer by Partee and a putback by Freeman (after a pair of Romulus turnovers) pulled Belleville to within three, 71-68.

With 15.3 seconds to play, officials then whistled Romulus for having six players on the floor. But just prior to the discovering the technical foul, Buckley was fouled, sending him to the line for a pair of free throws.

The 6-2 freshman nailed both shots, but Samarco canceled that out by hitting both of his technical free throws on the other end.

"Jerret (Smith) got hurt (earlier) and was in the training room," Oats explained. "He checked back in, but forgot to tell who he's going in for. I've got to take the blame. I knew we had six out there and I tried to pull Dante (Williams) over to the bench.

"But even though we screwed up, we were still in control if we get a 'stop' and hit our free throws."

The Tigers got the ball out-of-bounds just inside of half-court and Partee was fouled on a drive down the left lane basket with only 9.2 seconds left. The senior point-guard missed the first foul shot, but hit the second to make it a one-point deficit, 72-71.

Smith inbounded the ball underneath his own basket and heaved a long pass to a streaking Reese, who was intentionally fouled going to the hoop with 7.7 seconds left.

Reese, however, got hurt on the play and Buckley was inserted at the line and calmly nailed both free throws to give Romulus a threepoint cushion, 74-71.

The Eagles also got the ball out-of-bounds and Stephenson was immediately fouled. The 6-3 senior put it away by hitting two more free throws with 6.6 seconds to go.

Belleville ended its banner season at 22-2 overall (with both losses coming to Romulus).

"It was a good game, but tough to lose," Belleville coach Mike Krogel said. "Our kids played hard. We wanted them to compete, and they competed. But this one hurts."

Kindell, a senior, finished with 13 points, while Clark, despite early foul trouble, added 12. Partee, a transfer from Romulus, and Samarco, both seniors, added nine apiece.

"Anre had 18 against them the last time and maybe that was the difference," Krogel said. "We wanted him to drive hard (to the basket) and hit our shooters in the corner, but he had those open looks early and you've got knock them down. He was wide-open and you've got to take those looks. The other night he was knocking them down, but not tonight."

Freeman, however, kept the Tigers within striking distance all night with his clutch bas-

"We did the number one thing we wanted to do and that was stop Anre," Oats said. "But we didn't stop Leon. He is a big-time performer in STAFF WRITER

How does Redford Bishop Borgess basketball coach Tony Woods know when his team's incredible depth and up-tempo style of play is starting to take a toll on the opponent?

"When I see players on the other team bending over with their hands on their knees," Woods said Thursday night, minutes after his Spartans were down Plymouth Christian Academy, 87-52, in a Class D district semi-final game played at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School. "I started seeing it tonight in the second quarter.

"The thing with us is we wear teams down with our depth. If you're in shape and you have a deep bench, you have a chance against us. If you're not, well...'

Seven Borgess players scored nine points or more against PCA. Junior forward David Davis led the balanced attack with 13, but he received ample assistance from Deangelo Seale (12) and Stephen Faulkner (11). Darryl Warthen, Joseph Jones and T.R. Ellis all contributed nine points a piece for the win-

Eagle senior guard Stephen Sumner ended his high school career in style, netting a teamhigh 23 points, including 13 in the first quarter when he was nearly single-handedly responsible for PCA's 17-15 lead. Sophomore forward Matt Saagman added 11 while Aaron Ciborowski netted seven points and 10 rebounds in his final high school contest.

"We came out with a lot of intensity and energy, and we got the early momentum," said PCA eoach Doug Taylor, whose team finished 12-10. "We were holding them to one shot every time down and things were going well. But their perimeter defense was really outstanding after the first quarter. They were always up on us and we weren't able to get too many good shots (after the first quar-

"Stephen played the same steady, hard way he's played the last three years here. When the ball was in his hands, we were successful. He did a great job of handling their defensive pressure."

Sumner's three-point play with one second left in the first guarter put PCA up 17-15, but



Plymouth Christian senior guard Stephen Sumner scored 23 points Thursday night in the Eagles' 87-52 setback to Redford Bishop Borgess in a a Class D district semi-final game played at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School.

it would be the final lead the Eagles would enjoy the rest of the night.

Borgess guard Jelicho Byrd's fade-away jumper to open the second quarter ignited a 20-9 run for the Spartans, who led 35-26 at the intermis-

Ellis set the second-half tone early when he swished a long triple to open the third quarter. A few minutes later it was 53-37 Borgess, and the game's outcome was no longer in doubt. The Spartans led 61-43 after three quarters and went on to score 52 secondhalf points.

Warthen brought the crowd to its feet twice in the fourth quarter. With four minute left, he followed a cross-over dribble with a drive down the heart of the lane and a finger-roll

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lay-up. Two minutes later, the 5-foot-9 sophomore lobbed a perfect alley-oop pass to Davis, who slammed it home, putting an exclamation point on the Borgess win. "If we're playing good

defense and running the fastbreak, I let them have some fun," Woods said, referring to the Spartans' late-game the-Borgess played without

freshman standout Jon-Harold Collins, who was nursing a minor injury. "He wanted to play very

badly, but I wanted him to rest one more game," Woods said. Davis led the winners with

10 rebounds while Seale and Antoine Hollifield pulled down six boards each. Complementing Ciborowski's fine board work were Saagman

(seven rebounds) and Mike McCord (six). Both teams struggled from the free-throw line. The Spartans drained just 12-of-25

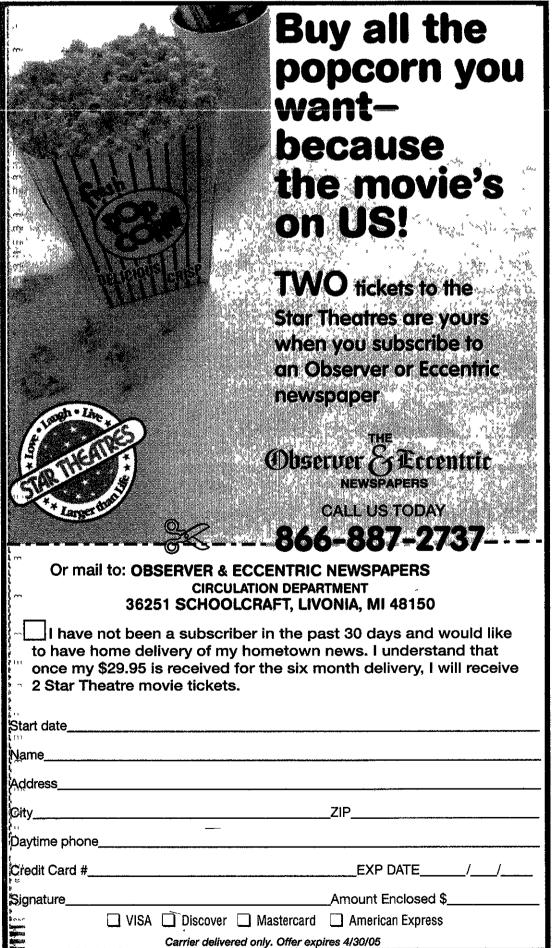
attempts while the Eagles were successful on only 18-of-37 shot from the stripe. Despite the season-ending

loss, Taylor said the mood in the post-game locker room was not somber. "Six of our seven seniors

have been together since fifth grade, so they're a close-knit group," Taylor said. "I wouldn't say there was sadness. It was more like they were coming to grips with the fact that this was it and they wouldn't get to do it any more.

They're all walking out with their heads held high. It's a great group of kids and they had a good season."

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Members of Canton's "Red Zone" cheering section root on the Chiefs during Friday night's one-point loss to South Lyon in the Class A district final at Northville High School.

## CANTON

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advantage on us, but we've found a way to get it done."

Senior guard Austin McMullen led the Lions with 15 points. His younger brother, Chad, a freshman, contributed eight points as did Spurgess and Rhoad.

Canton senior guards Andy Cortellini and Calille shined in their final high school game. Cortellini netted 16 points, six rebounds and three steals while Calille finished with 15 points, five boards and a pair of thefts. Thornton was imposing in the paint, recording seven points, seven rebounds and six blocks. Sophomore forward Ryan Waidmann made productive use of his increased playing time by scoring six points and hauling in five

South Lyon scored nearly half its points in a surprisingly fast-paced first quarter that ended with the Lions ahead,

Calille spearheaded a second-quarter Canton rally when he tallied nine straight points during a 13-0 Chief run to put his team up 24-20 with 4:50 left in the first half. Unfazed,

Canton shot 45 percent from the floor (18-of-40) and 57 percent from the line (4-of-7). The Lions connected on 42 percent of their field goals (16-of-38) and a blistering 91 percent of their free throws (10-of-11).

South Lyon responded with a 7-1 streak to take a 27-25 lead into the half.

Most of Canton's first-half scoring came from deep-corner three-point shots, which were open against the Lions' 1-3-1 zone defense.

Cortellini sparked Canton in the third quarter when he scored 10 of the Chiefs' 13 points. His final two points came on a pair of free throws with 52.9 seconds left to give his team a 38-36 advantage that it would take into the fourth quarter.

Canton grabbed a 42-38 lead 1:30 into the fourth quarter

when Waidmann converted a pretty pass by senior Jason Houdek. However, South Lyon regained the lead, 43-42, with 3:51 to play on a Chad McMullen triple and a pair of free throws from Austin McMullen.

There was no more scoring until 1:10 remained when Thornton rolled in a layup after taking a feed from Houdek.

Rhoad missed a three-pointer with 48 seconds left and Canton's Rob Eppler snared the rebound. Canton then worked the clock down to the 11.4 second mark when the Lions fouled Calille.

"We were expecting (Austin) McMullen to take the last shot for them," Paye said. "That was a heck of a play they ran. I thought we defended it well."

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South Lyon earned the advantage in the turnover department, committing just eight miscues compared to Canton's 13. Eleven of Canton's errors occurred in the first half. ewright@oe homecomm net (734) 953-2108

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basketball seasons in the past decade this season.

If South Lyon's Bryan Thomas hadn't banked in a shot with a heartbeat left on the clock Friday night, the Chiefs would have moved on to their first regional game since 1996 - thanks in large part to the inspiring play of its four seniors, who planted the seeds of their potential in the winter of 2001.

### **GREAT START**

"We were 16-1 our freshmen season," Houdek said Thursday afternoon, a few minutes before what would turn out to be his final high school basketball practice.

"Our only loss was to Pioneer," Cortellini chimed in, "but we should have won that one, too."

Along with fellow freshman Julian Smith, the foursome brought success to each level of high school basketball they played at, right up to this season when they erased a slow start with a scintillating run over the second half of the season.

The Chiefs were jolted in January when Smith informed the team that he was leaving to attend a prep school in New York. Canton was an inconsistent 6-5 at the time - and that was with Smith's powerful inside game. What would happen without him?

## STEPPING UP

"We were all kind of in shock at first when we found out Julian was leaving," Thornton said. "I think we all knew that we were going to have to pick



The high school basketball careers of Canton seniors (I-r) David Califle, Kevimas Thornton, Jason Houdek and Andy Cortellini ended Friday night with a 45-44 W loss to South Lyon in the Class A district final game played at Northville High

things up a little with Julian gone."

Pick it up, they did. Canton lost its first game without Smith before reeling off a seven-game winning streak that eventually ended in a hardfought overtime loss to Walled Lake Central in the Western Lakes Activities Association post-season tournament championship game.

Undeterred, they bounced back with big wins over Northville and Plymouth in the openings rounds of the Class A district tourney.

"We've played together for so long that we know what each other is going to do on the court." Calille said.

"When I drive to the basket, I know where the other guys are going to be in case I have to pass," Houdek said.

### **HIGH HOPES**

Thursday afternoon, on the eve of their first-ever Class A district final, the four seniors expressed how important it was

for them to be able to add a  $-\mathcal{M}$ "2005" to the basketball title 🚟 🏋 banner that hangs in the Phase' III gymnasium.

Winning the district would and be great," Houdek said. "But it'soo

not going to be easy." "South Lyon plays hard," Cortellini said, as the other \*\*\*\*\* three nodded.

## **MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

Each of the seniors had his Log moments Friday night. Cortellini and Calille both hit a number of clutch shots and "9

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combined for 31 points. On two occasions, Houdek og drove past his defender to the T basket, then dished off slick assists during the pressure- . Cf

packed fourth quarter. And, as usual, Thornton was 11 a force in the middle, blocking att shots and grabbing rebounds at key junctures.

Unfortunately, the seniors fell just short of their district championship goal, but they went out with style.

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# Brighton derails Salem skaters Canton icers battle

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, March 6, 2005

For the opening 13 minutes of Thursday night's Division 1 regional semi-final hockey game between Salem and Brighton, it was hard to tell which team was state-ranked and which team had the .500 record.

The picture became more clear, however, over the next 32 minutes when the third-ranked Bulldogs skated off with a 7-3 victory and a berth in the regional

The game was scoreless until Brighton's Eric Saniatek lit the lamp with 2:11 left in the first period. Less than two minutes later, the Bulldogs struck again on Brad Marrett's goal.

Salem's Craigen Bauldry answered one minute into the second period with the first of his two goals to make it 2-1, but Brighton tallied the next five goals and coasted to the victory.

"They only took six shots in the second period, but five of them went in," lamented Salem coach Fred Feiler, whose team finished 11-12-3. "They got a couple good bounces. It wasn't all the fault of our goalie.

The game was scoreless until **Brighton's Eric Saniatek lit the lamp** with 2:11 left in the first period. Less than two minutes later, the Bulldogs struck again on Brad Marrett's goal.

"Overall, I thought our season went okay," Feiler said. "We have a lot of good, young players. We just need to get everyone on the same page and keep

Joining Bauldry in the goal-scoring column was Adam Gillikin, who scored with just under four minutes left in the game.

Tommy Cooper, Ryan Sharrow, Bauldry and John Peterson (two) picked up assists.

Brandon DeMars turned away 22 shots between the pipes for the Rocks. **Brother Rice 7, Plymouth 1:** The Warriors led 3-0 after one period and 5-1 followfrom the Division 2 regional tourney. Plymouth finished 11-13-2 in its inaugural varsity season.

The Wildcats were playing without five key players who were either sidelined by injury or illness.

"Brother Rice has a very good team," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "They're right up there with Northville and (Livonia) Churchill."

Kaput said he was extremely pleased with his team's effort over the course of the season.

"The kids played awesome," he said. "If you would have told me before the season started that we were going to win 11 games, I would have taken the money and run. Everyone is returning, and we have 12 sophomores, so I'm looking forward to the future with this

Josh Dillon scored the lone goal for Plymouth Thursday night. He was assisted by John Knoerl and Charlie Webb. Justin Desilets was in net for the first two periods before getting relieved by Christian Blick in the third stanza.

Plymouth was outshot, 29-9, by the ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

BY ED WRIGHT

The Canton hockey team's season ended Thursday night - but

The Chiefs trailed Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5-2, in the third period during the Division I regional semi-final game at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor, but they stormed back with two quick goals to

The Pioneers eventually sealed the win with a pair of late goals ished 15-7-3 in coach Mike

"We came out strong, but we tonight. It seemed like we were always playing short-handed.

"Overall, I was very satisfied with all the kids and the team's

**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

development. I thought this season was a huge success. We came up a little short on our goals, but we did some special things. We just need to stay out of the

(penalty) box." Behen was injured in a freak incident that unfolded with 1:30 left in Thursday night's game. A fast-moving puck hit him between the nose and his upper lip, leaving a gash that required 12 stitches. Two of his front teeth were chipped as well.

Despite the mishap, Behen coached the remainder of the game.

Mike Kondratek, Ben Laurin and Garett Hyman, who had a pair. Reece McCabe, Bryan Wioncek and Laurin picked up

Tony Hylko played the entire

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC **BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**

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STAFF WRITER

not without a fight.

make it 5-4 with 1:30 left.

over the no-quit Chiefs, who fin-Behen's first year at the helm.

just had too many bad penalties," Behen said. "Penalties have hurt us all year and they hurt us again Scoring goals for Canton were

game in goal for the Chiefs.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

## P-CEP ICER MEETING

The 2005 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Current members, and parents of Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey players are encouraged to attend.

Nominations for the Executive Board will be taken from the floor and committee selections will be available. Anyone interested in the present and future high school hockey programs at Canton, Salem and Plymouth High Schools should plan on attending.

## **CUBS TRYOUTS**

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The event will be held Saturday at the VFW Hall in Plymouth. Businesses or individuals that would like to donate gift certificates or items to be raffled off should contact Barb Swanson at (734) 454-9867 or Baswanz@aol.com.

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Third Place - Kurt Kuban, Canton Community Editor

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**WRESTLING DRAWS** 

# Tall, quick Detroit City outruns Agape cagers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Detroit City entered Thursday night's Class D district semi-final showdown against Canton Agape Christian with a less-than-stellar 6-15 record.

But once the game played out, it was obvious City's poor record was due more to its brutal Detroit Public Schools League schedule than a lack of talent.

The quicker, taller Bears outran the Wolverines, 73-40, to advance to Friday night's final game against Redford Bishop Borgess. The loss put the brakes on an outstanding season for Agape, which finished 15-6 and won the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Agape grabbed a 5-3 lead two minutes into the game on a long Brian Horning threepointer. But it was all uphill for the Wolverines after that as City used a quicker-than-lightning transition game and suffocating defensive effort to build a 19-12 lead after one quarter and a 43-24 half-time advantage.

"We played team ball tonight, which we haven't been doing a lot this year," said City coach Shagged Salem. "Defensively, we didn't pressure the ball as much as we

normally do, but we got the job done. We handled the ball better tonight, too, than we have been. We've been averaging about 19 turnovers a game."

Three Bears scored in double figures: Charles Strata, the team's leading scorer this season, twined 13, Keith Warty poured in 12 and Otiose Whitney netted 10. Fourteen of the 16 players on the team's roster scored at least one buck-

Poised sophomore guard Jack Anleitner, who handled the Bears' baseline-to-baseline pressure like a seasoned senior, finished with a team-high 15 points for the Wolverines. Horning contributed 10 points

and a team-high five rebounds while Matt Molnar chipped in with nine points on 4-of-5 shooting from the field.

City pressured the Wolverines into making 22 turnovers, which led to a 59-37 shot surplus in favor of the Bears.

Overall, Agape shot just 27 percent from the field and 64 percent (16-of-25) from the free-throw line. City connected on 47 percent of its shots from the floor and 70 percent (14of-20) from the charity stripe.

Led by Wartley's nine boards, the Bears outrebounded Agape, 37-12.

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## **BOXERS**

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Dynamic Automotive Inc., is now located on south Wayne Road (between Palmer and Cherry Hill roads). His company formerly occupied the Warren Road building.

The Dynamic Boxing Club, neat, clean and recently painted, has all the amenities including treadmills, elliptical trainers, free weights, stationary bikes, dumbbells, speed bags, heavy bags, along with all the necessary boxing equipment, and locker rooms (with a shower).

"The building is ideal," Soucy said. "I brought the boxing ring in from my garage and a lot of the photos you see on the wall.

"We've had quite a few people show up. We've seen some nice talent with loads of poten-

Andrew Pack, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound junior at Garden City High School, plays football, runs track and plays baseball. He is a new member with aspirations of competing someday in the ring.

"It opened about three weeks ago," he said. "I just drove by

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and now I'm here probably four days a week about two to three hours each day. You have your own trainer and it's a lot of fun.

"I want to learn how to be a boxer and eventually get into tourneys. Football, baseball and track are more of a team thing. This is more one-onone. It's something you have to do on your own. I love it."

Jake Lopez, 13, attends Garden City Middle School

and plays baseball and basketball. The nearby club also piqued his curiosity and he's now hooked.

"Ever since I saw the movie "Rocky," I wanted to go to the gym," Lopez said. " I've been in a couple of fights, but not in the ring.

"I just live down the street, which is sweet. This place is about 250 feet from my house. I saw the heavy bags and they have great equipment. Paul is a great trainer."

Dynamic Boxing Club, however, is not just for young fighters with Rocky-like dreams.

"It's a good cardio workout," Soucy said. "You don't have to be a boxer. We're catering to guys, like ourselves, who enjoy the sport.

'We also cater to cardio workouts for women. We cater to anybody. We've had people come in here in their mid-50s to help them get back into

"We're also planning to do some exhibition shows here." Soucy's up-and-coming fighters include Andre Windom, 23, of Westland, Tosh Louk, Jeffrey Smith and Brad Chaiken.

Windom will compete in the 141-pound class in the Open

Division at the Detroit-area Golden Gloves Tournament, April 15-17, at the Gibraltar Trade Center. The National Golden Gloves follow the next month in Fort Chafee, Ark.

"I'm high on this guy, he's fast with great hand speed," Soucy said of Windom.

Shades of the glory days in the 1980s when Soucy trained Olympic super-heavyweight Craig Payne.

"It's nice to see the talent and I want to develop some champs. We've had some come in here working out hard. I look forward to train some pros and go all over the world.

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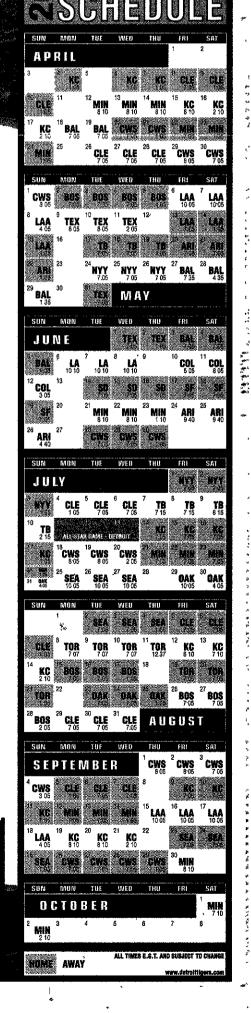
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# State tourney good learning experience

rep bowlers bring more excitement to the lanes. The season for high school competition has been pared down to those surviving playoff teams, while vying for the state championships over the weekend at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The most recent action took place in



Alley

Harrison

the Class B regionals last Friday and Saturday at

Oak Lanes in Westland. It turned out to be an emotional mixed bag for Livonia Clarenceville coach Pam Jones.

On Saturday it was

the team competition and the heavily favored and No. 1 seeded Clarenceville boys team failed to make the cut by a mere 11 pins losing the fourth and final playoff spot to Marysville 3,951-3,940.

Just one more spare converted might have made a big differ-

Dearborn Divine Child took first (4,045) followed by Trenton High (3,971)

and Richmond (3,955). The top four teams advanced to Sunnybrook.

On the girls side, Clarenceville finished first thanks to an unusual move by assistant coach Scott Jones.

Watching his team in practice, Jones noticed that 15-year-old junior varsity and reserve Danielle Fecso of Redford was hitting the groove during warmups, so he told his mother, Pam, to insert her into the lineup.

Danielle had eight strikes in her ten Baker System frames and rolled games of 196-231-166 for a 593 total in the conventional games, her first-ever 500-plus series as she had been averaging 141.

In high school bowling, the teams roll six games of Baker System and three games in the traditional format.

All score are then totalled up for the team scores.

For any readers who are not familiar with the Baker System, the five players each bowl one frame one through five, then repeat six through ten.

This creates more of a team effort as each individual is just a part of the scoring. It is almost comparable to the batting order on a baseball team.

Credit Scott Jones for having the perception to see that he had a hot hand ready to pitch in and lead the team to victory even though Danielle admitted that she was pretty nervous bowling with the varsity team.

In singles action the previous day on the boys side, it was Thomas Shadik of Harper Woods Notre Dame, finishing first with 1,349 pins followed by Jeff

Brown of Clarenceville with 1,280, to earn a spot at Sunnybrook.

In girls singles, Lauren Gdula from St. Clair Shores Lakeview placed first with 1,185, while finishing Game No. 6 with a 232 score to put her at the top rung.

Lauren is also the granddaughter of Frank Gavie, one of the area's top supporters of bowling and the force behind the yearly John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament every August marking the onset of the new bowling season.

It was Frank who first showed Lauren the right way to bowl and was there at Oak Lanes cheering for her.

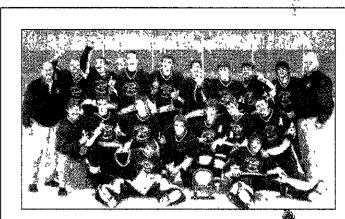
Cassidy Sublette finished fifth with 1,060 pins, the best individual effort on the Clarenceville girls team qualify her for the singles finals.

High school bowling competition is great for the bowlers who participate, it is quite a spectacle for those folks to come in and watch, as the school spirit and excitement can be felt from start to finish.

It is also a good foundation for the young bowlers as it teaches them sportsmanship, fellowship, team play and com-

Win or lose, they are all winners in my

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## Penguins earn District 4 title

The Arctic Pond Penguins of Plymouth head to Ice Mountain Arena near Flint March 11-13 to compete for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association State Championship. The Penguins, District 4 Bantam AA Champions, earned a third consecutive trip to the state finals by defeating the USA Eagles last month 5-1 in Farmington Hills. The 50-4-1 Penguins are coached by Britt Ponte, Dino Szajner and Kevin Longuski.Team manager is Maria Pitts of Canton Township. The Penguins forwards are Adam Szajner and Jon Ponte of Novi; Court Murtland and Chris Gendron of Farmington Hills, Tony Thomas of South Lyon, Lou Lemak of Brighton, Jerry Pitts of Canton Township, Caleb Hamlin of Battle Creek and D.J. Konfrst of Livonia. The defense include Justin Mongrain, Ryan Shepard and Colin Rolfe of Canton; Cody Longuski of Westland, Ian Barnaby of Plymouth and Alex Kolpacke of Livonia. Bobby Smith of Canton and Joe Burgio of Redford make up the Penguins goalkeeping tandem. The Penguins' other accomplishments this season include championships at Arena Maps Early-Bird Tournament in Kalamazoo (September 2004), Waterloo Memorial Tournament in Waterloo, Ontario (November 2004) and 2004 Compuware Holiday Tournament.

# Finding warmth in the cold of winter

t's been years since I've worn snowshoes to hunt here in southern Michigan, but that's exactly what'I found myself strapping to my boots earlier this week while headed out on a

rabbit hunt

friend Mike

Papiez. And

believe me, I

was glad to

have them.

While the

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Outdoor insights

Parker

received in recent weeks has

piled snow into drifts as deep as

shoes gave us a bit of a workout, it was nothing compared to

three feet. Although the snow-

what we would have endured

vithout the 'shoes.'

had we tried to follow the dogs

The weather man had fore-

cast morning rush hour temper-

atures to be hovering right

around zero, but it actually

warmed up to a balmy nine

out — a little after sunrise. I

degrees by the time we headed

know that still sounds cold, and I admit I questioned my sanity as I drove to Mike's house, but when you're bundled up in Long Johns, a flannel shirt, a sweatshirt, coveralls and a jacket it's amazing how warm you can be. Add in the rigors of snowshoeing and you can actually work up a sweat in such frigid conditions. I ditched my sweatshirt after the first hour of hunting because I was too warm.

The conditions were less than ideal for the dogs, too. While the cold temperature didn't seem to slow them down, the light, dry, powdery snow was a distinct detriment to their ability to follow a set of tracks.

Hunting behind Mike's veteran, purebred hunting dogs who know their way around the rabbit woods, the beagles struggled to stay on the tracks. Some dog handlers claim that when the snow is dry and powdery like it was on Wednesday the powder fills the dog's noses when they try to sniff out the rabbit scent. I'm not sure if that's an old 'wives tale" or not, but it was obvious the dogs were struggling to stay on track this day. even on very fresh tracks.

Nonetheless, they worked hard and we persisted - the stew is on the stove.

Rabbit season runs through

March 31. The daily bag limit is five and the possession limit is 10. If you're in need of a little warming as winter draws to a close take a day off from your busy schedule and go chase some bunnies - but don't forget your snowshoes.

If you don't have access to private land, rabbit numbers are strong on most state land in southeastern Michigan, including Bald Mountain, Metamora, Holly, Pinckney and Waterloo recreation areas

## LICENSE FEES INCREASED

As of March 1, anglers and hunters are paying a little more for the opportunity to pursue their favorite pastime as license fees have been increased. Most resident licenses went up \$1, non-resident fees were increased more.

The increase is the result of legislation passed in 1997 that allowed for license increases in 1999 and 2001. Since the 1999 increase was not implemented until 2001, the 2001 increase was deferred until this year.

The DNK is justifying the increase because of revenue shortfalls due to budget cuts. Four years ago, the DNR received \$52 million from the state's General Fund, but due to cuts in the state budget, that amount has been slashed to \$28

million this year. Add in the fact that overall license sales have declined slightly since 2000 and the DNR's financial woes are magnified.

The \$1 increase will not mend the entire shortfall. It's only expected to generate about \$2 million this year and slightly more than \$3 million next year. Don't be surprised if the DNR asks for another license fee increase - probably more than \$1 in the not too distant future.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)



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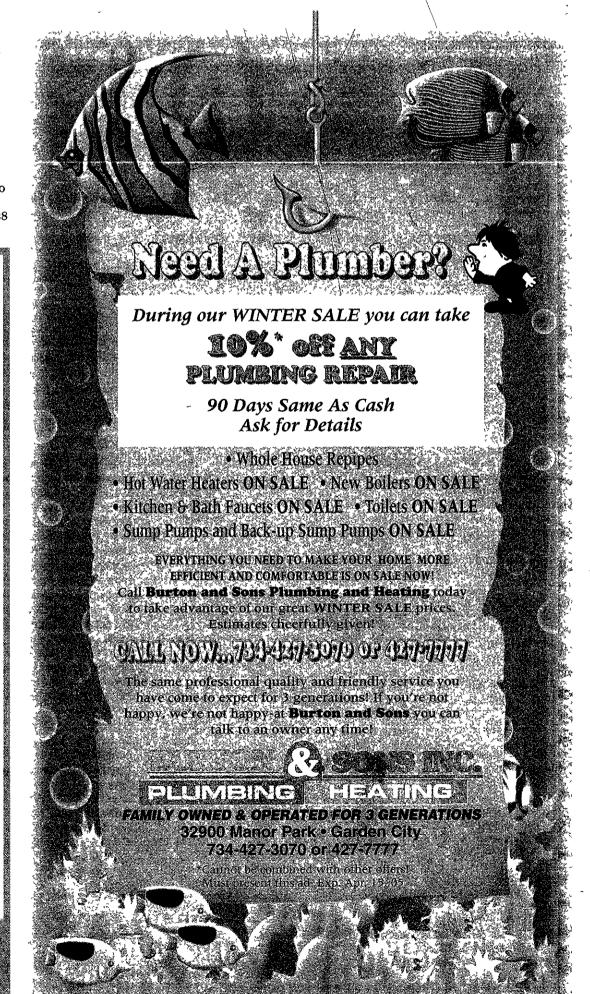
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## Informed means prepared

t 60, Elaine Bain remembers when television was a novelty. The eighth-grade English teacher at East Middle School recalls reading newspapers while growing up in Pennsylvania.

"We were interested in the news," the Plymouth Township resident said. "We talked about it at my house."

Her East students aren't following the news, a problem chronicled by journalism professor David T.Z. Mindich in Tuned Out: Why Americans Under 40 Don't Follow the News (Oxford University Press, 2005).

"He is not the first person to be concerned about this," Bain said, paraphrasing a quote of philosopher and educator John Dewey that democracy can't flourish without an informed electorate. "It's a habit. Kids are so entertained with their video games and their television programs."

Many use instant messaging; some read, but focus on sports or other specialized magazines.

Mindich, associate professor and chair of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department at Saint Michael's College in Vermont, talks about his own interest in news being whetted as a child watching the early 1970s "In the News" segments interspersed with Saturday morning cartoons.

The former CNN assignment editor recommends that every network carry news as a fixed percentage, say 5 percent, of children's programming. Mindich's other recommendations

■ Diversifying broadcast and newspaper ownership;

Having a separate portal for news organizations on computers, and requiring Internet Service Providers to have a news option default with e-mail:

Putting greater emphasis on civic knowledge for college admissions;

■ Creating, consuming and teaching quality journalism, including ideas, attitudes and topics of

young people. Bain, a poli-sci major as a Penn State undergrad, regularly brings news articles to her classes. She still reads the whole newspaper every day, but knows many, including some her age,

who don't. Bain knows knowledge of the news matters and that it's the job of parents and teachers to get students to that stage. She has a son who didn't care a whit about the news as a teen. "Today, he's just a new person because of his maturity

level," she said. She tries to help her students understand how to read a newspaper. "They don't understand op-ed," she said. "They don't understand editorial page." There's a spark of interest in issues such as the First Amendment with which students identify or that they hear their parents talk about.

Mindich and Bain have common concerns, as do I. Students who grow up ignorant of the world around them aren't ready to assume the mantle of leadership when their time comes.

I recommend Mindich's book heartily. Whether it's the war in Iraq or some issue on the homefront, we're all better served when we're better informed.

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Choral work revives memories of Holocaust

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Memories of the camps haunt a Livonia man so vividly he cannot talk about atrocities the Nazis carried out more than 60 years ago.

Ray Litt's voice quivers simply from reading a narrative about a man kicking out a bucket from under him before a commandant gives the signal to hang 12 men. Every time Litt rehearses the lyrics or hears narrative from the Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps it revives memories of the six

million men. women and children murdered during World War IĬ.

Litt, a West Bloomfield resident, is Jewish, but anyone hearing the work created by Donald McCullough from songs and letters written by concentration camp survivors can't help but feel the Rackham Symphony Choir pain. Poignant songs combined Holocaust Cantata: Songs with narrative document the

needling of newborns, the fatal administration of poison with long needles into the heart.

## 'QUITE EMOTIONAL'

Alto soloist Rosalin

Contrera Guastella of

guest artists for two

performances of the

from the Camps.

Plymouth is one of the

The Rackham Symphony Choir presents the work 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, and 7 p.m. at Beth Ahm Synagogue in West Bloomfield.

Guests artists are cellist Miriam Bolkosky, Cantor Daniel Gale of Temple Israel in Bay City, and alto soloist Rosalin Contrera Guastella of Plymouth.

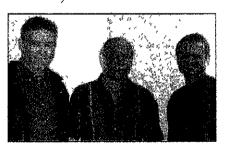
"One member said 'I'm having trouble singing this.' It's really quite emotional if you relate to the words," said Litt, president of the choir. "The message we want to convey is that these things should not happen. They continue to go on in Darfur and Rwanda."

During her 20 years with the Michigan Opera Theatre choir, Rosalin Contrera Guastella has sung emotional works such as Dead Man Walking, but never about a histori-

cal event as tragic as the Holocaust. "Having that kind of emotion behind it, I think it's going to be an emotional time," said Guastella. "The cello plays the sad songs of agony and woe. It addresses the trauma, the experience of the concentration camps and pain they lived through."

Like Guastella, Jeffrey Krueger is moved by the cantata even though he's sung many a tragedy with the MOT chorus since 1993.

"It's sometimes hard to get through the songs. It's going to be



Phil Abele (right), Jeff Krueger and Joe Dluzniewski of Livonia are moved every time they sing the Holocaust Cantata and hear the narrative taken from letters that were written by World War II concentration camp prisoners. The cantata combines songs sung in the camps with eye-witness accounts of the torture and murder.



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After the final surrender of the Warsaw Ghetto, the Germans march survivors to the railroad for deportation to Treblinka or Auschwitz concentration camps in May 1943 (top photo), Germany attacked Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Within three weeks Germans had indiscriminately slaughtered thousands of Polish citizens. All Jews and hostile elements were ordered to be sent to ghettos. The above photo shows Jews being rounded up for resettlement.

especially moving to do it in the memorial center," said Krueger of Livonia. "There's narration in between songs that is quiet scary.

PLEASE SEE HOLOCAUST, C2

# Don't let snow keep you off the basketball court

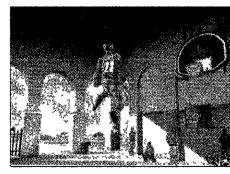
ntil the snow melts (sigh. . .someday, right?) and I can return to my driveway half-court, I have to satisfy my basketball craving indoors.

**Game** Savvy Broida

In between watching the Spartans mow down most of the Big Ten, I indulge my hoop dreams with two very different, but equally entertaining. basketball games: EA's NBA Street v3 and Sega's ESPN NBA 2K5.

NBA Street v3,  $_{\odot}$  available for all consoles, provides the same giddy, high-flying fun as EA's other Street games.

It's arcade basket-



In NBA Street v3, you'll make Jordan jealous as you soar skyward for replay-worthy slam dunks.

ball in the truest sense, mixing showboat offensive and defensive moves with gravity-defying dunks. The new Trick Stick greatly simplifies learning and executing these moves, which you can perform while dribbling or in-flight during Street's patented Gamebreaker

dunks. Other noteworthy new features include the Dunk Contest (an absolute blast), a court creator, a single-player career mode, and my favorite: online play (available only in the PS2 and Xbox versions).

Personally, I tire quickly of playing against computer opponents; they're either unrealistically tough or you eventually figure out their weaknesses.

Online play adds a totally new dimension to NBA Street, though for now you're limited to one human against another; you can't team up with two of your buddies or play with five strangers. Offline, up to six humans can play together on a single PS2 with a multi-

Even if you already own NBA Street . Vol. 2, the new version packs enough features and refinements to make it well worth buying.

**RICK'S RATINGS** On the other hand, if you haven't yet collect- ESPN NBA 2K5

ed \$50 in the game www.sega.com jar, consider ESPN NBA 2K5. It costs just \$19.99, but don't let the budget price fool you: This is one outstanding basketball sim.

Indeed, while NBA Street is all about goofy playground hijinks, ESPN NBA 2K5 holds court in more traditional

PS2. Xbox \$19.99 Rick's Rating: B+ NBA Street v3

www.easports.com . 5 GC, PS2. Xbox \$49.99 Rick's Rating: A-

venues and sticks to the rules of the

PLEASE SEE COURT, C2

# Annual festival seeks performers

VSA arts of Michigan's southeast regional committee is looking for children and adults with mental or physical challenges to perform at its 15th annual festival Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, at Livonia

Deadline for application is March 14. For more information, call (248) 568-0816 or send e-mail to connie5929@aol.com.

A Celebration of Arts-Ability, the festival features nearly 200 singers, dancers,

musicians, and actors. VSA arts of Michigan Southeast Region is an affiliate of the VSA arts national organization and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

An exhibit of art by emerging artists will be on display courtesy of VSA arts of Michigan. The artists, Teacher of the Year and supporters are honored. Hands-on activities in art, music and movement will invite participants and mall-goers to

explore their creativity.

A special artist will receive the seventh annual Jack Olds award. To be eligible for the \$500 scholarship, a visual artist, performer or writer should reside in southeast Michigan, have a disability and want to further talent. Ages from 13 to seniors may apply by March 14. To obtain an application, call Cindy Babcock at (248) 543-9158 or send an e-mail to Cindybab@aol.com.



clear-headed.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Because your ruling planet Mars is

opposing stern Saturn as the week

delighted by everything you hear. The

Sun approaching your birth-sign urges you to blaze your own trail. This

month: if you can dream it, you can be

and do it, Ram! Forge ahead; remain

increasing amount of your time over

the coming weeks, and it will be a rare

Bull indeed who doesn't get an oppor-

tunity to boost their status and earn-

ing power. Seize the chance immedi-

ately and don't give others time to

be more rewarding in the long run.

You have nothing to prove, either to

yourself or to the world at large, so

don't be tempted to take silly risks

simply to show what a big, bad Twin

cerned, sharing side of your astro-

nature now. No obstacle is insur-

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Take a deep breath, MoonKid, You'll

either gain or lose a lot this week, but

whichever one it is, you must accept

that fate has rewarded you, or pun-

ished you, with perfect fairness. The

simple fact is we create our destiny,

The little things will go screwy this

week when the Moon in your element

is in the area of your chart that gov-

erns everyday activities. Don't allow

yourself to get upset about delays or

setbacks, Lion. Think of them as a test

of your self-control- and be sure to reward yourself when you pass!

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

It will be easy to get overexcited

about something financial that hap-

make the kind of silly mistake that

pens this week, but if you do, you may

Virgos usually manage to avoid. Don't

ing or punishing yourself.

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

and, on a deeper level, you're reward-

mountable now.

impressed if you show the caring, con-

you are. Others are likely to be

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

change their minds. What emerges will

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Financial affairs will take up an

begins, you cannot expect to be

By Dennis Fairchild

## take anyone or anything too seriously, kiddo. And that includes yourself. Got it? Good! Don't abandon your princi-

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

The decidedly odd behavior of partners or close companions has been putting your balanced patience and loyalty to the test. However, now it is even more important to uncover what is going on behind the scenes and that you are not being used as a scapegoat or patsy, kiddo! Concentrate, don't kvetch.

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

Partners or close companions ought to turn up trumps as late week's New Moon arrives- in fact, they are about to be unusually supportive and understanding. But in the final analysis, only you can decide if one particular involvement is worth all the sweat and aggravation, Scorp. Is it time to house-clean some friends?

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Don't be surprised if colleagues or loved ones start behaving out of character this week. They are simply trying to alert you to the changes occurring in their lives. Play along for the time being, Archer- you can always react more assertively later. Before you start asking questions, be sure that you want to know the answers.

## CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

SeaGoats don't normally like emotional confrontations. However, it's time to alter the ground rules of a relationship that is becoming increasingly demanding. First, you must determine its rightful place in your universe. Then share your feelings- you may learn something about yourself in the

## AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Ree-lax, WaterBearer! Try not to become overextended this week: expecting too much of yourself can be as counterproductive as expecting too, little. Remember that responsibilities can often be shared or delegated. Nobody is indispensable. Right? (This means y-o-ul)

## PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You deserve an explanation concerning a family or business commitment, and the approaching New Moon in your sign should ensure that you receive one. You have shown yourself to be more than understanding; now others need to know that there are limits to your patience and generosity.

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## **HOLOCAUST**

FROM PAGE C1

One of them has to do with the groups getting together and singing after hours and trying not to get caught."

## IN HIDING

Anne Frank was eight years older than Rene Lichtman when he went into hiding. Born in 1937 to Polish Jews who had immigrated to France, Lichtman was 21/2 when forced to live with a Christian family after Germany invaded in 1940. His father joined the French army and was killed. His mother, fearing for her life, went into hiding. Lichtman didn't see her again until 1945. In August, he'll attend the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust conference in Amsterdam (www.wfjcsh.org). The organization provides support for child survivors and keeps alive the memory of 1.5 million children who were murdered. Only 10 percent of Jewish children survived the Holocaust.

Lichtman, at one time an assistant to artists Robert

Motherwell and Helen Frankenthaler, has tried to capture the Holocaust in paintings over the years. He says it's difficult to express the suffering and enormity of the genocide.

"How do you use art to talk about the Holocaust? It's very difficult, if at all possible to express what happened," said Lichtman of West Bloomfield. "I heard the CD and the cantata is very sad and moving. It's done in a way that's not so scary. There's a way of showing the Holocaust without gory details so people get scared. It's a way of thinking of it in a more reflective way, almost a spiritual way."

Even though Phil and Maureen Abele are Catholic. the work resonates in their hearts with every choir rehearsal. "The music is soul searching," said Phil Abele of Livonia, who was vice president of the Rackham board for three years and sings in the choir with wife Maureen. "The emotion it stirs in us is this tremendous feeling of empathy for the people who had to endure this trial in history. It captures the triumph of the human spirit.

"It's not a concert you leave feeling joyful. The cantata is designed to present a side of

the Holocaust people have never heard before and tells the story of how prisoners used music to carry them through this."

## **HAUNTING MEMORIES**

More than 60 years later, survivors of the Holocaust are battling enemies of depression, loneliness and the memories of murder and destruction of their communities, according to Dr. Charles Silow of Children of **Holocaust Survivors** Association in Michigan (CHAIM) based in Farmington Hills. CHAIM, which means life in Hebrew, is an educational organization that tells the story of survivors like his mother who lived through the Auschwitz death camp, Lodz Ghetto in Poland and Bergen-Belsen, but lost her entire family. As a psychologist, he is helping Holocaust survivors like his mother and their families through a Jewish Home & Aging Services program in West Bloomfield. Lest they be forgotten, he's made sure 300 portraits and biographies of survivors have been taken and displayed around the commu-

"Through works of art, his-

torical documents, through memory it's important that the Holocaust not be forgotten so we may become better human beings, to speak out against bigotry, anti-Semitism, prejudice in all its forms to prevent further atrocities," said Dr. Charles Silow, who's encouraging everyone to attend a program on anti-Semitism 7 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. For information, call (248) 661-2999,

Ext. 299. We're going to look at the state of anti-Semitic activities in the world, Jewish people being physically assaulted in France, Belgium, synagógues and cemeteries defaced. There's a greater surge in anti-Semitic activities. We're very concerned and want to learn more from the experts and what we can do to fight this bigotry."

Tickets for the Holocaust Cantata are \$20, \$15 for students with ID. Call (313) 272-0334. The Holocaust Memorial Center is at 28123 Orchard Lake, Beth Ahm Synagogue at 5075 West Maple.

Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net (734) 953-2145

## **LIBRARY PICKS**

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

## FICTION

- 1. "Honeymoon," James
- 2. "The Broker," John Grisham 3. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
- 4. "Survivor in Death," J.D.
- 5. "State of Fear," Michael Crichton

## **NON-FICTION**

- 1. "Juiced," Jose Canseco 2. "Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
- 3. "Men in Black," Mark Levin 4. "Collapse," Jared Diamond
- 5. "America (The Book)," Jon

## **PARENTS' CHOICE - NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS** 1. "Dad Runs Away With the

- Circus," Etgar Keret
- 2. "A Chair for Baby Bear," Kaye Umansky
- 3. "Drumheller Dinosaur Dance," Robert Heidbreder 4. "Suddenly Alligator," Rick
- 5. "Sleeping Cutie," Andrea

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game. It strives for realism and achieves it, with smartly implemented post moves, rebounds and jukes. Deep franchise and career modes give the game plenty of off-court flavor, while varied online-play options will keep you coming back well into the post-season. It may be a more serious sim than NBA Street, but that doesn't mean it's not loads of fun.

While we're on the subject of sports games, EA's Fight Night Round 2 hits stores this week. I wasn't able to snag a review copy in time for this column, but my sources around town tell me it's even better than the

thing, as Fight Night 2004 is rar the best boxing game I've ever played. (Tip: You can nab a used copy on eBay for around \$10.) And speaking of older

first one. That's saying some-

games, got a closet-full you'd like to sell or trade?

Sign up for membership at the Game Trading Zone (gametz.com). I've used this site for years - and I highly recommend it.

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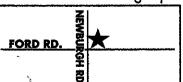
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## **ENGAGEMENTS**



Heiganz-Rovik

Ann and the late Jack Helganz of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Chris Rovik, of Canton.

Nancy earned her bachelor's degree in 1997 from the University of Detroit. She is owner of Helganz Investigations; a private investigation company.

Her fiancé, Chris, is the son of Joe and Kay Rovik of Livonia. He is a 1996 graduate of University of Arizona where he earned his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a 1998 graduate of Embry-Riddle University, where he earned his master of science degree. He is employed as an engineer at Visteon.

Chris and Nancy are planning a June wedding at Kirk in The Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills with a reception at

Pine Lake Country Club. They plan a honeymoon to Hawaii and will be making their new home in Canton.



## Cimo-DeCaro

Donald and Jane Cimo of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Lee, to John DeCaro, of Ypsilanti.

Gina is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Shainin LLC.

Her fiancé, John, is the son of Ronald and Maureen DeCaro of Willowick, Ohio. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed with the Ann Arbor Township Fire Department.

John and Gina are planning an October wedding at St. Thomas a'Beckett Church.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**



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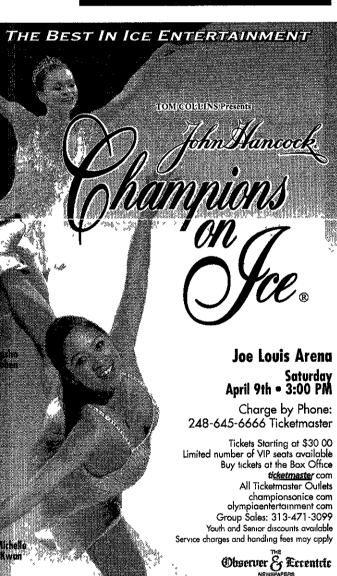
Kenneth D. and Frances E. (nee Fradette) Mueller of Canton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 10. They were married March 10, 1945, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Detroit. They have lived in this area 75

Kenneth and Frances are both retired and have been for 20 years. They enjoy golf, traveling, and spending time with their grandchildren.

The couple has three children, Pat Neibert of Canton, Carol Spencer of Brighton, and Ric Mueller of Milford; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Their anniversary will be celebrated with a reception for family and friends.

## **KNOW THE SCORE** check out the numbers in today's SPORTS section



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Mahrle

Clarence and Blanche Mahrle, residents of Plymouth and Clearwater, Fla., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Heilman's Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. They were married Dec. 2, 1944, at Cedar Crest Lutheran Church in Union Lake, Mich. They met during World War II at the Willow Run Bomber Plant where both were involved in the

building of B-24s.

Clarence and Blanche are both retired Ford Motor Company employees where he was a production control supervisor and she

The couple has two children, Mary (Mike) McGrath of . Plymouth and Larry (Kathy) Mahrle of Clarkston; and four grandchildren, Sam (Erin) McGrath, Paul McGrath, Matthew Mahrle, and Sarah Mahrle.



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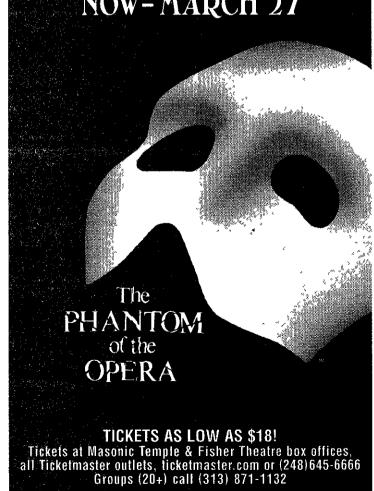
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## women seeking men

COFFEE? Very attractive SBF, 39, Aries, N/S, seeks a very alluring BM, 30-43, for dating, and possibly more. 2620453

AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive, active, very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine drining, and traveling Seeking W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate ☎609537

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 2612486

but very together SWF, 47, 5'6", average build, Pisces, legal secretary, smoker, loves flea markets, dancing, meditation, and antiques Seeking WM, 44-55, for LTR \$\overline{\pi}\$619246

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

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SF, 45, 140lbs, brown/hazel, mother of 3,

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 63-73 2506895

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF WF interested in meet a WM, 60-65, who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy POTENTIAL LOVE

POTENTIAL LOVE
SWPF, 44, tail, N/S, attractive, down-toearth, enjoys boating, the outdoors, dining
out Seeking WPM, 28-58, N/S, similar, for
possible LTR \$\mathbf{x}\$483846

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 \$\pi 408635\$

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Sexy, attractive SBPF, 34, 5'2", 160lbs,
Aries, seeks honest, cutgoing SBM, 38-52,
for friendship, quality time, and possibly
more \$615717

rled, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dining, sports, movies, quiet evenings Seeking very attractive like-minded male. ☎475370

HEY, OVER HERE Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out Seeking SCM 47-57 N/O vs. Seeking SCM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant \$2611221

SBF, 53, 5'8", 150lbs, slender build, secretary seeks intellectual BM, 49-60, N/S, committed and faithful, for serious relationship 2618676 CLASSY, SEXY RED HEAD

SWF, 54, 5'8", 142lbs, enjoys blue, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids Seeking SWM, 5"+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR **2**415050

GREAT PERSONALITY Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'1", 106lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly Seeking honest, caring, sincere

GAME-FREE SBF, 37, 5'9", N/S, works out, enjoys leisurely walks and laughter, seeks man, 35-50, with sense of humor and sense of fashion 2592847 MAKE ME LAUGH

SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more wigentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors \$2460269

CAN YOU CANCE?
Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and professional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR 2575003
SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN

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 \$\pi\$589409

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. 2593559

MUST BE RESPECTFUL

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FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP Attrative, good-hearted SWF, 26, N/S, seeks SWM, 30-36, N/S, who really enjoys life and wants to be happy \$612700

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR #465764 LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL.. in a SBM, 38-50, 6+, 190+ Must be honest and laid-back i enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more

**2**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 1 enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. \$\overline{4}568333

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

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 \$\frac{\pi}{2}\text{eq}\text{-ND-EXTENS-AND-BOSITIVE}\$

**EDUCATED AND POSITIVE** 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 \$2260061

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 1508901 **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 \$2609399

ONE OF A KIND
SF, 38, blonde/blue, 5'6", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concérts, long park walks, cycling, music, especially Rod Stewart Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness 22404691 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 2609904 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. 2601614 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, \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$455371

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks Seeking SF, 29-45 1223080

LOST IN MICHIGAN
SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never
married, very attractive, easygoing, laidback, loves travel Looking for sincer,
open-minded, laid-back male who has his
stuff together, \$2,00090 stuff together 229089

PRECIOUS ONE SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, carring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR Me 26, 4'9", 155lbs brown-complected, employed You 5'9"-6'4", 190lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome Friendship first,

maybe long-term later 271252 A LOT TO OFFER
Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM \$\overline{\alpha}\$286633

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

GET TO KNOW ME! SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first \$\frac{1}{27}431382\$ IT'S ALL GOOD

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 \$\infty476802\$

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling walks in the park Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50 SOUL MATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 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 \$\oldsymbol{\pi}592074 LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 175lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously 276032 JOURNEY WITH ME... through life's adventure DWF, 50lsh, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65 Let's unravel life's mysteries together \$\pi 605996\$

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR 2548938

SOUND LIKE YOU? SWF, 18, 5'6", bionde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes concerts, movies hanging with friends Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship \$2562708

**CUTE AND CLASSY** SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet, evenings \$574342

SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times \$576279

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR Attractive WiWF, 64, red/blue, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 65-70, who enjoys meeting new peo-

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, 5875, 2606666

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

LOVING AND CARING

Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, fravel Looking for hand-some SW/AM 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job 2421896 LIBRA

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DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, qulet times Seeking W/A/HM, 35-50 for friendship, possible long-term relationship ☎253857

LONESOME
Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please So hurry up and call me! \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$449585 LONESOME 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

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 \$\mathbf{x}\$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, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic intercurrently accepting applications ☎263684 SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing a tuxedo now and then \$271793,

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves
the arts, plays dancing, movies, outdoors,
scenic drives ISO SM D/D-free w/smilar interests, smoker, social drinker ok No games<sup>1</sup> 2 417236

**AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC** AFFECTIONALE & ATRLETIC SBF, 45, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cooking roller skating, dancing Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship, dating, possible LTR build on honesty, trust respect 22425305

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 \$418088 SEMI-RETIRED

SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests 2467917 TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR 2444748 ROMANTIC LADY

Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more 2464984

## men seeking women

SEARCHING FOR YOU SBM, 5'11", 200lbs, medium build, great sense of humor, likes movies and going out Would like to meet a fit female, 3045-, with similar interests 2531157

A SEXY SHORT SBF WANTED, age 37-60, 4'5"-5'9" tall enjoy music, movies, dining, talks, and more with SBM, 6'1", cute face, lips, and hair Own home and car 2496852 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. 27600949 HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE SM, 35, 6'2", dirty-blond, goatee, 220lbs, likes Nascar, hockey, walks, dining out,

quiet times Seeking curvaceous cutie to share cuddling, caring, romance and happiness \$\oldsymbol{\pi}620933 WARRIOR FROM WITHIN SWM, 42, is in search of energetic, fun-loving, clean, neat female who shares his interests in gardening, home projects and motorcycle riding This is a man who is very romantic \$\frac{1}{25}977986

EASY ON THE EYES Well-maintained SWM, 56, enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart to heart talks, silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. 2470377 WORTH A CALL SM, 24, 5'8", 155lbs, brown/brown, good-

looking, part time student, employed, inde-pendent, seeks someone independent, cute, honest and fun, not about games 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 a+, N/S, attractive 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, some-

INTERESTED? INTERESTED?

SM, 23, dirty-blond, 200lbs, seeks easygoing, loving, happy SF for sharing beach walks, summer sunshine, quiet moments and romance \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$619592

WORTH A CALL

one who enjoys travel, talks, golf and simple times. \$\overline{\o

SWM, 22, 6', 160lbs, sociable, active, independent, employed, likes rollerblading, swimming, movies, snowmobiling, hanging w/friends Seeking easygoing, hones SF for sharing good times 2621006

**TODAY'S NEWS** SWM, 34, 5'9", dark auburn/brown, Sagittarius, smoker, seeks a WF, 43-52, smoker, for friendship, perhaps more 2616533

MR PERSONALITY ISO.
Miss interesting Thrill seeking, fun-loving SWM, 33, ISO SF, 18-38, beautiful inside/out, for friendship, good times, possibly more 2510930 NICE GENTLEMAN

SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more Call me, let's talkl 2606930 STRAIGHTFORWARD

SBM, 48, N/S, seeks a sincere, true-hearted, self-aware BF, 39-54, N/S, who knows what she wants in life 2617279

WELL-CONNECTED SWM, 49, 6'2", athletic build, N/S, with 2 dogs, works in energy management, loves art galleries Seeking woman, 40-54, for friendship, possible romance \$\pi\$54995

MUST LOVE CHILDREN SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, in search of SF, 28-45, petite, under 130lbs, for friendship, pos-sible LTR 2508072

Hard-working, loyal SBM, 33, 6'1", 255lbs, sesks appreciative, kind-hearted SWF, 27-35, for quiet times together, cuddling, picnics, BBQ's, more \$\pi 988622\$ LIFE'S A CABARET

**HOW ABOUT ME LADIES?** 

Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, w/good taste, well-traveled, seeks special, caring, friendly lady, 35-55 Let's enjoy life, share laughter and romance 2455376 SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP

DWM, 36, 6', 200lbs, dark brown/dark brown, Italian features, passion for Harleys, enjoys weight-lifting, exercising, long walks Seeking S/DWF, 26-42, for friends first, pos-sibly more \$807724 DETROIT'S WEST SIDE

SBM, 25, 61", 200lbs, Leo, N/S, seeks conversation and friendship with a woman, 23-37 How about coffee? \$\frac{1}{2}\text{coffee}\$?

SWM, 42, 5'8", brown/blue, no facial hair, no tattoos or piercings, N/S, firefighter, very open-minded, seeks WF, 18-55, N/S, just as a friend 2617446

LOVE IS HERE
Tall, intelligent SBPM, 53, 265lbs, Libra, N/S, laid-back, easygoing, personable with sense of humor, seeks compassionate, affectionate, intelligent BF, 50-80, no children at home 2616402

DOWNTOWN/UPTOWN SWM, 50, 64", 210lbs, entrepreneur. Gemini, N/S, seeks BPF, 36-52, N/S, model type a+, fit, for dancing and romancing \$617576

TAKING IT SLOW
.Recently divorced WM, 32, likes bowling, watching sports Looking for a WF, 25-38, who likes to have fun, for friendship first \$61503

GOOD COMPANY
Silm SWM, 46, 5'8", N/S, loves to play squash, lind mountain biking, bowling, and golf, seeks SWF, 38-47, N/S, who leads an active lifestyle \$\pi\612663\$ WELL-MANNERED AND SWEET Good-looking SBM, 23, interested in chatting with SF, 18-31, who has a healthy attitude about life and love \$\pi\\$615932

EASYGOING EASTGUING
Laid-back, sociable, happy DM, 48, father, auto mechanic, likes BBQs, golf, outdoors, hockey, friends/family Seeking non-judgemental, easygoing gal for friendship, good times and possible LTR \$619317

**NEED A SEXY LADY** SWM, 48, average build, hardworking, loves to have fun, looking for a sincere woman, 45-50, for LTR Redford area. \$304036

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outgoors, workout, new activities seek friendly SF, age/location open 5531308 COMPARE, THEN CALL... Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-

to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT Lonely SBM, 51, 6'2", 195lbs, Capricorn, smoker, enjoys family activities, seeks SWF,

35-47, who loves children and dancing **25**547574 KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD? Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking

for a nice gal 40s or 50s \$\overline{10}\$550046 LIFE'S A CABARET Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, welltraveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55 Let's share life, romance, and laughter \$\pi480718\$

**CUTE & CUDDLY** Fun, charming, helpful male, 56, Cancer, with wit, wisdom, and warmth, seeks a nice woman, 44-62 2478746 LOOKING FOR A DREAM

SM, Black/Puerto Rican/Native American, 40, 57", 170lbs, N/S, no kids, serious, enjoys movies, cooking, walks. Seeking full-figured SF 12854016 ARE WE A MATCH? SBM, 30, 5'11", 185lbs, no kids, dark brown

eyes, goatee, nice smile, dimples, locking for SH/AF, 27-35, who enjoys sports, pool, dining, long walks 2602616 FIT PHYSICIAN SWM, 52, fun, romantic, athletic health-nut seeks fit, athletic, toned female for fun, friendship, LTR 25602345

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

HANDSOME, ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 37, 6', brown/hazel, athletic build, wide shoulders, fit, N/S, enjoys fine dining, weekend trips, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, collecting artwork, painting and woodcarving. Seeking WF, 25-38. 25606736 UP FRONT SWM, 52, slim, attractive, passionate, good-

with mild herpes, likes travel, dining in/out, and playing pool ISO W/A/HF, 35-52, N/S, fit, attractive, fun-loving. \$\oldsymbol{\pi} 605896 OFF THE GROUND SBM, 48, 6', 192lbs, Gemini, smoker, likes an occasional party Seeking woman, 27-45, who wants to get together, for relation-

hearted, financially secure, honest, N/S,

NO RACIAL LINES NO RACIAL LINES SBM, 22, 6'1", hazel eyes, glasses, with daughter (2), West Side of Detroit, smoker, self-employed, seeks single, free, independ-ent, intelligent, sexy woman, 18-40. \$610141

HI! LOOK ME OVER ...

Fit, attractive, fun, considerate, easygoing, down-to-earth, all-American SWM, enjoys music, reading, sports, and fishing Seeking SWF, 35-55 262919 MAGIC IN THE MAKING White mystical man, 39, trusting and warm-

hearted, enjoys life's adventures, exploring

and taking new chances Seeking mysteric magnificent female companion. \$234512 NO INTRO NEEDED Very outgoing SBM, 35, 6', average build, Leo, N/S, seeks same in a woman, 26-46, N/S, for LTR. 2614398

PARTY ALL THE TIME SWM, 21, wants to find fun and excitement with a lively woman, 20-40, who knows what she wants out of life Let's talk about romance. 27606752

FRIENDS FIRST SWM, 40, 6', 170lbs, fit, attractive, N/S, social drinker, organized, likes humor, exercise, chess, dancing, campfires, ISO SF, 33-43, slim, attractive N/S, social drinker, N/Drugs. 25612112

HEY, IT MIGHT WORK OUT Fun, charming, helpful male, 56, Cancer, with wit, wisdom, and warmth, seeks a nice woman, 44-62 2478811

MAGIC IN THE MAKING

White mystical man, 39, trusting and warm-hearted, enjoys life's adventures, exploring and taking new chances Seeking mysterious, magnificent female companion \$230689

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies Friendship, possible LTR \$269646

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

HOLY COMI

SWM, 23, 6'2", 170lbs, biond/blue, Leo,

smoker, no kids, homeowner, owns a construction company, loves camping, four-wheeling, and bonfires Seeking WF, 20-25 REGULAR GUY

Sometimes shy SWM, 49, 6, 250lbs, N/S, blue eyes, carpenter, likes bowling, movies, staying in for the evening, seeks SWF, 26-55, N/S, for meaningful romance \$250018 WELL, HELLO SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180ibs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-

free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs 2597126 ARE YOU MY ANGEL 2

SBM, 52, 5'9", medium build, brown/brown, professionally employed, N/S, seeks woman, 39-47, N/S, who loves boating and traveling \$597165 OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open \$547524 STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tast-

ings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. 2548455 TAKE A CHANCE SWM, 43, N/S, likes bowling, softball, Piston games, would like to meet SWF, 40s, N/S, who is on the lookout for fun \$2600160

MAN WITH PIZZAZZ.. All that jazz Sincere, affectionate SWM, 35-55, fit mind and body, enjoys art, cultural events, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship **27**517123

MUST LIKE CHILDREN WM, 5'6" 150lbs, very outgoing, enjoys spend a lot of time with my daughter Looking for very attractive female, 18-24, who loves camping, the outdoors and more DO YOU BELIEVE...

in thoughtfulness, "understanding, sincerity,

everyday warmth, coupled with romantic play being paramount to a long-term, monogamous, romantic relationship? SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs, seeks slim, trim, romantic woman for LTR 1538958 LOVE IS LOOKING

Sharp, supportive SWM, 45, good listener, can make you feel special and appreciated, seeks special SWF, age open \$278661 SEE FOR YOURSELF

Employed SWM, 39, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/brown, attractive and fun, enjoys biking, the beach, movies, road trips more Seeking SF, 20-45, for friendship and possi-CHURGOER SBM, 48, 6'3", 265lbs, glasses, fast food restaurant manager, N/S, enjoys chess, checkers bowling, and playing basketball

Seeking woman, 42-60, full-figured a+, for friendship, possible romance \$\oldsymbol{\pi}583282 ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN DWM, 59, 6'1", blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane,

retired engineer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trips. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR. 2533085 SEEKING SOMEONE SWEET DWM, 42-year-old, works hard in the con-struction business, likes to take it easy on the weekends. Looking to meet a nice lady, 32-46, who has her head togethers.

**2**237469 ISO SPONTANEOUS SBM, 50, 6', 210lbs, N/S, college-educated, homeowner, recently relocated to Detroit, seeks WF, 42-52, H/W proportionate, sane, level-headed 25617888

Mister Thunderbolt, SWM, 40, w/megawatts, enjoys thunderstorms and lighting up the sky, seeks high voltage SWF, age open. \$\pi 482812 SUPERMAN SEEKS.. super model? yeah right. SWM, 40s, not hot but warm and friendly seeks SWF, for com-

HIGH VOLTAGE OUTLET

**EASYGOING GUY** SWM, 51, 6'1", 210lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for LTR possible marriage 25255073

panionship and to keep the fires burning.

HONEST AND HUMBLE Nice-looking SWM, 50, warm and tender, enjoys concerts, plays, coffee shops and good conversation. Seeks somewhat attractive, good-natured lady friend \$232195 NEW DATE UPDATE Sentimental, self-assured SWM, 40s,

enjoys family and friends, can laugh and cry,

can cook and clean, seeks fun, smiley face SWF, 37-53 2240388 **OPEN TO MOST ANYTHING** Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, is open to new ideas and adventures Seeking spirited, spontaneous SWF, age unimportant \$\frac{1}{4}85058\$

SBM, 55, 6'1", salt-n-pepper/brown, H/W proportionate, homeowner, enjoys working out, boating, gardening, antiquing, travel, out, boating, gardening, antiquing, travel. Seeking SF, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. 22478914 LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND

GREAT SMILE

SWPM, 44, 5'7" dark hair, moustache; father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together it want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right 266345 GRANDFATHER

SM, Grandfather of 8, still driving and working, enjoys Judge Judy. Looking for com-panionship and someone to go to garage sales with \$618930 VERY NICE GENTLEMAN BM, 56, 5'11", 240lbs, black-gray hair,

wears glasses, into arts, museums, books, plays, music, more Seeks full-figured, educated, employed WF, 50-68, with sense of humor. ##413198 WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS for this weekend? 50-year-old SWM, looks young, fit, active, honest, dependable, friendly, seeks easygoing, friendly, light-

hearted SWF, age open. 2241526

# VERY CARING

UNATTACHED...

GENUINE-HEARTED
SWF. 49, 5'3", slim build, Scorpio, very healthy and energetic, smoker, seeks energetic WM, 35-55, for LTR #620308

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

employed, enjoys family time, hockey (The Red Wings), bowling, dancing, romantic times Seeking like-minded, commitment-minded man, interested in lasting friendship, fun and happiness \$\mathcal{2}\pi 471570\$

RESCUE ME!

**OUTGOING AND FUN** Very attractive SWF, 31, laid-back, w/great personality, short bionde/green-blue, tanned, 4'11", 150lbs, childless, never mar-

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## **AROUND TOWN**

### Leukemia benefit

Leukemia, Research, Life, Inc., an organization dedicated to supporting childhood cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan, presents the 24th-annual Evening of Hope, "It's About Time," Saturday, March 12 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening starts with a silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Live entertainment provided by Steve King and the Dittilies. The event will be emceed by Cindy Canty of WMGC 105.1's Jim Harper and the Magic Morning Show. Tickets are \$100 each and are available on-line at www.lrlinc.org or by calling (313) 884-

Caregiver symposium

Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit hosts a symposium on "Caring for the Caregiver" from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Lunch will be available, with music and chair-massage therapy and a wealth of information. Among those available: Dr. Leslie Bricker, oncologist; nutritionist Annette LoDuca-Duhaime; nurse Wendy Goldberg on "Caregivers' Emotions"; life coach Fuzzy Manning; Rick Cryderman on spirituality; Dan Layman of Hospice of Michigan; and Donna May on relaxation self-hypnosis. The symposium is designed to help caregivers bring the best care to their loved ones with cancer by learning the best ways to care for themselves. Gilda's Club is located at 3517 Rochester Road in Royal Oak, Call (248) 577-0800.

### Peter Cottontall

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.

#### 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 Winehow 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 infor-

mation, contact Janet Damian at (313)

274-1226 or damianj@juno.com.

agency, is hosting a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in (248) 474-0990

Center, 2935 Birch Hollow. Registration is \$50 and includes 2. More information is available on the Web at www.pardeshannah.org or by calling (734) 213-8374.

be installed throughout downtown 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White, with the theme of "wild and Burns Park Elementary students and 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 ty and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May ing the event, with the black and year's décor. For more information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 111.

#### 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

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 cast.net.

ing 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 fransport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator,

## Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located 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.

child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the

All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

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

## **Adoption seminar**

Adoption Associates, Inc. a statewide Guatemala, Bulgaria and The Ukraine) adoption information meeting from 7-Farmington Hills. Adoption Associates is located at 26105 Orchard Lake Road. To RSVP or for more information, call

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 lunch. Registration deadline is March

## Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will . Ann Arbor and displayed through May wacky" silhouettes, featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-Center to connect with the communi-14. The banners will be on display durwhite style reflected throughout this

St. Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual spring arts Westland. For more information or an application, please call Carol Nelius at (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@com-

## Hospice training

\_Heartland Hospice is looking for carfor more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in

3 Groups for parents who have lost a

someone who is, please call our office

## Crafters, artists wanted

### Jewish renewal festival

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)

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

## **Moms Club**

offers a variety of activities. For more details.call Birthe (734)458-8143 or

## DAR

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

Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at ans that served during any of the 7324 for further information.

#### Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

#### Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Looking for energetic new members

to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first 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.

## Church honor

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth recently presented a plague of appreciation to local restauranteur George Dimopoulos. Dimopoulos, who has restaurants in Taylor, Livonia, Dearborn and the recently opened Senate Restaurant on Haggerty Road in Northville, was recognized for his many years of generosity and support for Nativity Church. Presenting the plaque are Parish **Council President** Dimitri

Katsamberis and

Father George

Vaporis.

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### Rotary A.M.

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#### Mosaic

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth Martina (734)464-0481

tion.

## German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft

(734) 420-0857 for further informa-American Legion

the LOOF Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7 30 p.m. All veterwars are eligible Contact (734) 459-

Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at



## DAVID R. BOBOWSKI

Age 50, March 3, 2005 Beloved husband of Cathy Loving father of Mike & Mark. Dearest son of Joseph and Josephine. Dear brother of Larry Connie), Tina (Rick) DeLaGarza Marianne (Alan) Zundel, John, Rosemary (Ed) Zobeck, Joe (Debbie) & Katherine (Jim) Andrews A Memorial Rosary Service will be held Friday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia at 7 pm with visitation from 6 pm. A Memorial Mass will be held at St Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia, Saturday at 11 30 with visitation from 11 am. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions my be directed to to David's wishes Please sign the online guestbook at rggrharris.com.



#### WILLIAM B. GILLES formerly 84,

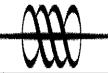
of Bloomfield Hills, MI passed away on February 27, 2005 in Boynton Beach, FL after a brief illness. Born in Bronx, NY he spent much of his youth in the Detroit area. He attended Detroit Central High School and would have graduated with the class of '38 had his family not relocated to the East Coast prior to his senior year After graduating from Wayne State University, he proudly served his country as a Lieutenant J G. in the U.S. Navy during WWII He was a skipper of an LCT watercraft during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France. After the war ended, he enrolled at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia, receiving a Doctor of Optometry in 1952 While attending optometry school, he earned some of his tuition costs by working as an Arthur Murray dance instructor. Bill was an optometrist for 49 years (mainly in the Detroit area) Soon after receiving his optometry degree, he proposed to his future wife of 52 years, and brought her to Michigan where they married and lived for the next 49 years He is survived by his wife Lillian and their three children: Susan Gilles of Beverly Hills, MI, Herbert Gilles of Dallas, Texas and Andrea Briggs (Walter) of Beverly Hills, MI; and grandchildren Walter Briggs, Jacqueline Gilles, Aaron Briggs and William Briggs He was an avid tenms player even into his 84th year, often defeating (or frustrating) far younger players with his determination and skill. He will be remembered by everyone whose lives he touched for his strong love of family, warmth, dry, withy sense of humor, passion for his Detroit professional sports teams (particularly the Tigers and the Lions) and his friendly, outgoing nature. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33407



## ROBERT W. LUNDGREN

Passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona on February 23rd at the age of 87 He was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1917. Robert earned scholarships to attend both Grinnell College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received his Electrical engineering degree from MIT in 1940. During World War II he served as Lieutenant aboard a Naval Destroyer and later as a pre-radar instructor at Harvard. This is where he met Barbara Long who became his wife and the light of his life for 60 years. They were married in Harvard Chapel in 1945. He continued on to head an electronics school at treasure Island in San Francisco. teaching sonar equipment theory and repair. After the war, Robert was hired by Detroit Edison for whom he worked until he retired as Executive Vice President in 1982. His expertise was in fossil and nuclear fuel and he was recognized in his field for his outstanding leadership in fuel procure-ment and delivery He was a lifetime innovator in his field and acted as the primary link in purchasing and delivering western low sulfur coal to the Midwest. He was also instrumental in the introduction of the first 1000 foot freighters to the Great Lakes which were essential in the delivery of western coal to Edison's power plants. The introduction of the low sulfur coal was crucial to improving air quality and lowering the cost of fuel. He was a member of President Reagan's Grace Committee where he studied and recommended improvements on policies and procedures for the fuel industry. Robert represented the electric utility industry in shaping the Staggers Acthat deregulated railroad rates, testifyng before both houses of Congress

After his retirement from Detroit Edison he was a consultant and experwitness on coal contracts and was a member of the National Panel of Arbiters and Mediators.Bobalouie, as he was affectionately known, enjoyed golfing, gardening,music, photography and travel in his spare time. Bob pursued his favorite hobby, golf, as a member of Forest Lake Country Club in the Detroit area aswell as a member of Quail Ridge Country Club in Boynton Beach, Florida. Bob and Barb moved to Scottsdale, Arizona in 2001 to be closer to their family. Bob is survived by his wife Barb; his children Sherry, Sandy and Sue; his grandchildren Rich, Erika and Reid; great-grandchild Oliver, brother Richard; and numerous friends and colleagues. All will miss his dry sense of humor and gentle, steady presence in their lives



## **AARON THOMAS LEVI**

Age 27, of Birmingham, beloved son of Thomas and Mary Levi, also of Birmingham, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2005, succumbing to injuries sustained when he was struck by a car late in the evening of February 18th The family made the decision to donate his organs through the 'Gift of Life' program. Services were held on February 22nd at Hamilton Beli Chapel with the Rev. Rodney F. Quainton of Birmingham First United Methodist Church officiating Aaron was a graduate of Seaholm High School and obtained a B.A. from Bowling Green State University of Ohio. He is survived by his parents, his brother Mark and his wife Lisa, his ister Carrie and her husband Bill, two nephews and one niece, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.



### GEORGE SCHWENK **OLMSTED** Age 95, of Valparaiso, for-

merly of Birmingham, MI and San Diego, CA, passed away Friday, February 18, 2005. He was a retired obstetrician and gynecologist in the Detroit area. George S. Olmsted was born February 11, 1910 in Chicago to William and Meta (Schwenk) Olmsted. Dr. Olmsted graduated from Wayne State University in 1939 and served his internship and residency at The Grace Hospital in Detroit. He was a diplomat of American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, fellow of the American College of Surgeons, founding fellow the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology, fellow of the American College of Surgeons, founding fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a life member of the Wayne County Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Indiana State Medical Society. Dr. Olmsted served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, ashore and afloat, and with the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions in the pacific Theatre. He achieved the rank of Commander in the Navy and served aboard the USS Hulbert AVD-6. Following his discharge in 1946 he continued his service in the U.S. Naval Reserves. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Valparaiso and is survived by two children, William Olmsted of Valparaiso and Carole Sipos of Marina Del Ray, CA and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Nicholas Olmsted. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, in 1997. A funeral mass was held on Monday, February 21, 2005 in Valparaiso, IN. Burial with military honors took place on February 25, 2005, at El Camino

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Hugh Gallagher, editor



## Diabetics need to watch their blood pressure

Question: Debbie from Allen Park wants to know about the complications having to do with

Answer: If you have diabetes, controlling your blood sugar has become a way of life. Now there is something else that you need to monitor to stay on top of the situation your blood pressure.

Experts say that keeping blood pressure in check is vital for preventing complications that arise from diabetes. These same experts recently lowered the blood pressure goals for patients with diabetes to 130 over 80. The bad news is that more than 75 percent of patients with high blood pressure exceed those numbers. Thus, two out of every three diabetes-related deaths result from heart disease or stroke. As research shows, if you have diabetes, just keeping your blood sugar in check in no longer good enough. Make sure that you are monitoring your blood pressure as

### Question: Jan from Clawson suffers from arthritis. She has been hearing that vitamin D can help with the disease and would like more information.

Answer: Jan is referring to an article from a recent issue of Arthritis and Rheumatism." Back in the '80s researchers started examining a large number of women age 55 to 69. The women did not have arthritis when the study began. Scientists tracked personal habits like eating, smoking, and weight gain. Their findings were startling. The women that were taking the greatest amounts of vitamin D had the lowest chances of getting arthritis.

Women consuming less than 200 IU (international units) per day elevated their arthritis risk by more than 30 percent. I will update you again on this important topic when more research becomes available.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



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# Peaceful journey

## What to say and do for a loved one with a terminal illness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

What do I do? What do I say? are questions Cheryl Fairbrother often hears from family members and friends of terminally ill patients at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

As coordinator of cancer services and the Peaceful Journey hospice program, Fairbrother sees not only family and friends but physicians and nurses struggling to care for those in the end stages of life.

After working for 24 years in oncology as an registered nurse, Fairbrother has amassed enough knowledge to write two articles for the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing - Life's Final Journey: The Oncology Nurse's Role, published in February, and Light On the Path to Assist the Loss of a Loved One, coming out in April.

On March 16, she shares information with the public and St. Marv Mercy Hospital staff and physicians in "What Do I Say? What Do I Do?", a lecture on communicating with loved ones and patients with cancer and terminal illnesses.

Fairbrother says the basic rule is to ask yourself how you would want to be treated if you were dying. The first facial look speaks volumes. No slumped shoulders or shocked looks when a patient doesn't look their

## **HELP THEM**

Don't say everything is going to be fine if you don't know that. Most of



Barbara Nichols stays overnight while caring for her mother, Sarah Malone.

all, treat a loved one or friend as you would have treated them before.

"It's about helping someone to be comfortable," said Fairbrother. "Eyes speak volumes. Visitors frequently look around the room or at the person they came with instead of at the patient. The patient's eyes will tell

"Be honest. Someone will go and make empty promises - I'm going to see you on Thursday, or they'll say,

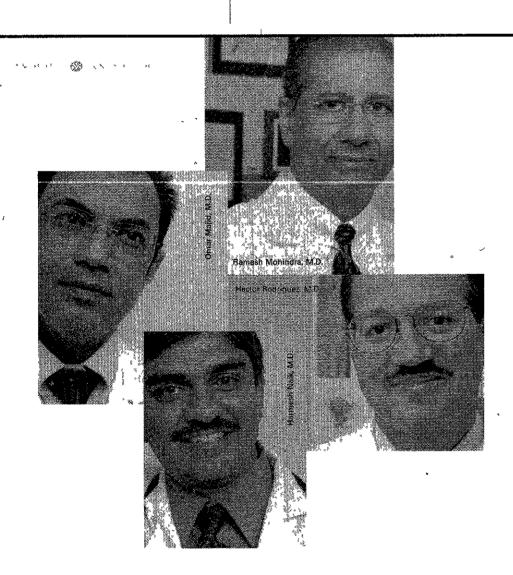
'You look good.' Instead, ask what can I do for you."

Visits can cheer patients on days that seem endless, but family and friends should call first. If hospitalized, a patient may be going for tests or having a bad day. Fairbrother encourages patients to set time limits or discourage visitors from coming if they don't feel good, but explain why. If you can't visit, send a greeting card or note.

If you do visit, forget the chocolate. Chemotherapy patients enjoy soda because their sense of taste is off. Stick to the hard candies. Lemon and peppermint take dryness out of the mouth and replace the metal taste.

"Don't take it personally if they say no," said Fairbrother, who runs cancer support groups for patients

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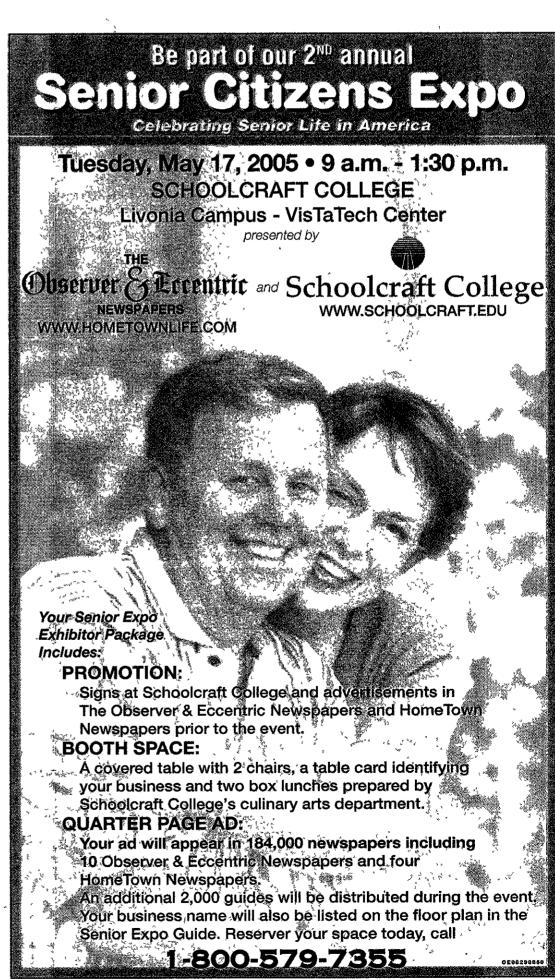
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## Kids with cancer get help

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Daniel Klein would have been 28 in July if he hadn't died from leukemia at age 7 in May of 1985. The disease is the reason why his mother, Mary Ellen, continues to raise funds for Leukemia, Research, Life Inc., a nonprofit organization formed by parents of children who were cancer patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

As a board member she and a committee are working on making the Evening of Hope a success 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Facility, 29000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Since the inception of Leukemia, Research, Life Inc. in 1981 more than \$3-million has been raised to help find cures for childhood cancers. The nonprofit organization has funded 7-research projects going on currently at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"Too many children are still being diagnosed every year," said Klein. "Cancer is still the No. 1 disease killer of children in the U.S. Over 2,000 children will be diagnosed this year. Since Danny died, leukemia now has an 80 percent survival rate. We're seeing great strides in those types of cancer. In the 1950s most of the kids with leukemia died. Now there's a 75 to 80-percent cure rate."

Fund-raisers like the Evening of Hope ensure that progress will continue in the search for a cure. In addition to enjoying a gourmet dinner, guests can bid on items in a silent auction or dance to the

music of Steve King and the Dittilies. Tickets are \$100 and available by calling (313) 884-0931, or online at www.lrlinc.org.

Klein is overseeing the Chance Auction where guests buy \$2 tickets for an opportunity to win a \$500 necklace, basket of toys or bath products (valued at \$200), a weekend at Weber's, or a wildlife print donated by Bob Lemieux. The silent auction features a package of 4-tickets to the *Oprah* Winfrey Show, a Regis & Kelly package with two frequent flyer tickets and show tickets, a hot air balloon ride, and a 7night trip to Cancun for four people.

"We began in 1981 when there wasn't a lot of money for research," said Klein. "Danny was diagnosed at a little over age 2 and in treatment for 5 1/2 years. He had a bone marrow transplant in Seattle. 20 years ago doctors weren't doing bone marrow transplants in Michigan. Danny's been such an inspiration to family and friends. It keeps me and my husband Mike connected with Danny. It's what we do in his honor."

Klein invites everyone to attend the board meetings and talk about new ways of fundraising to help find cures for childhood cancers. The board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Board Room B at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. For more information, call Lynn Moore at (313) 884-0931.

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FROM PAGE C6 and the community at the hospital/and Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, "The thing that's important is if you weren't close to a person, don't be close at the end."

## **FAMILY TIES**

Sarah Malone wants her daughter, Barbara Nichols, as near as possible around the clock For some time now, Nichols has slept at the hospital in a chair which converts to a bed.

"When my mom was in here dying I'd have given anything for me to be right there," said Malone, a

76-year old cancer patient from Farmington Hills. "It's so comforting to know she's here. My other kids tell me they don't worry. It's comforting. They do everything to make you comfortable.

Around the clock visiting hours is just one of the ways St. Mary Mercy Hospital makes cancer and hospice patients as comfortable as possible. On 4 East, nurses keep a box of Milk Bones for special visits from four-legged friends. Fairbrother believes in enriching a person's final days even if it means inviting a pet to visit from home. A week ago Thursday, one dog sat in a chair next to the bed of a patient because their pain was so great any jarring would compound the hurt.

Human companionship is just as important. Programs such as No One Dies Alone provide a reassuring presence for patients who would otherwise spend their last days and hours alone. Compassionate Companions volunteer to sit at the bedside after going through a training program.

"Ask how do you light the way to where they want to go," said Fairbrother. "What is the biggest thing right now that you feel completes how you can get them to peace and serenity? One woman said I just want to



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Cheryl Fairbrother talks about communicating with a loved one with cancer or a terminal illness.

> see my granddaughter born. Another woman wanted to earn her degree."

## WRITE IT DOWN

If you were close, be a storyteller. If a loved one can't talk, reflect back on their life. Hospital employees donate journals for a Caring Cart that provides comforting items such as video tapes, candy, snacks, and CDs. Fairbrother suggests writing down some of their words or your thoughts. Afterwards the journal goes to the family as does a quilt made by volunteers for the patient.

Disposable cameras capture this special time with a loved one especially for family members who may not have seen each other for years.

"If they were jokers before they still want to laugh," said Fairbrother. "Don't be afraid to hug unless they weren't huggers before."

What Do I Say? What Do I Do? takes place 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan. There is no charge. To register, call (734) 655-8950. For information, call Cheryl Fairbrother at (734) 655-8810.

To learn more about volunteering for Compassionate Companions, call Catherine McIntosh at (734) 655-1648.

## Recovery offers help with mental health issues

Recovery, the self-help mental health organization, meets 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Monday, at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, all locations are in Livonia.

Recovery Inc. helps people

who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings and sensations that interfere with daily living. There is no charge.

 For more information on the organization, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org.

## Symposium will focus on breast cancer risks

A breast cancer symposium on modifiable risk factors will be held 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Learn more about reducing the risk of breast cancer by modifying lifestyle; featured speaker is Dr. Victor Vogel, a nationally recognized expert in breast cancer risk assessment and preven-

Other speakers cover topics such as hormonal risk factors and managing risk through diet, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Cost is \$35 and includes morning refreshments, lunch and educational material. Seating is, limited. To order tickets, call (800) 633-7377.



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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. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

Throwing seminar

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, seminar on Throwing Mechanics and Injury Prevention present 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.

Life Line screenings

March 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 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

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 Scleroderma Foundation

Presents two speakers: hypnotherapist Nichol Merline will provide information and techniques on using hypnosis to reduce stress and manage pain, social worker Sandy Lopez meets with family members and loved ones ∖to explore ways to with the challenges faced by caregivers of patients with a chronic illness 1 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at 30301 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. No charge but advance registration is required. Call (248) 865-7259 or (800) 716-6554.

Vitamins & Minerals to the Rescue 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 and 23, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann the research findings about common vitamins and minerals, food sources for each, and the role that vitamins and minerals can play in healing insomnia, heart disease, anxiety, arthritis, diabetes, and depression. Bring your own supplements to evaluate. Cost is \$79, seniors \$63.20, includes workbook. Register by calling

(734) 762-4448 by March 10. Natural hormone replacement

Dr. Jerrold Weinberg, Mimi Kuykendall and University Compounding Pharmacy conduct a seminar on bioidentical natural hormone replacement 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at MSU Management Educational Center, 811 West Square Lake, Troy. To reserve a seat, call (248) 267-5002.

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# High Fashion Wardrobe

## A Chat with the Owner of Veronica's Closet and Veronica's

🗵 By Ellen Piligian 🛎

After two decades of living the international fashion highlife in New York City and overseas — doing everything from consulting to designing and merchandising for the likes of Bijan, Donna Karan, Perry Ellis and Yves Saint Laurent -Veronica Golubovic decided to

come home. Raised in Detroit, and now settled in Beverly Hills since 2000 with her husband and two children, Golubovic is busy running Veronica's Closet in downtown Northville. Here, customers find everything from designer evening gowns to trendy European jeans and hard-to-find labels like Fornarina, Byblos and Cerruti - all at 30 to 50 percent off

By late April, her second store, dubbed simply, Veronica's, will open in downtown Birmingham. "We'll be more high-end and carry more collections," says Golubovic, comparing the store to her Northville boutique. "The clothes won't be as deeply discounted. It will be more like a continuous sale."

Thanks to Golubovic's long line of contacts in the fashion biz, and at least a dozen buying trips a year, she says she's able to get great deals which she passes on to her customers.

Golubovic, who was born in the former Yugoslavia before her family settled in Detroit when she was seven, packed her bags in 1982 for New York City to begin her career while studying at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

While still in school, she began working for Bijan, where she saw clients drop \$15,000 on a pair of shoes. "It was an exciting experience," says Golubovic, now 44, who went on to work for other top designers doing everything from leather outerwear to accessories, including a hat she designed that graced the cover of a 1987 Vogue, she says.

Here, Golubovic chats with PINK about what's in for spring, her fashion pet peeves and - yep - the return of shoulder pads.

### How did the boutique come about?

I didn't know what I wanted to do after we moved here so I opened my own store. It was the closest thing to my skills.



Boutique owner, Veronica Golubovic

I had no idea how to run a store but I like helping people. I'm taking a successful formula from the discounters and combining it with a boutique.

Who's your average customer? I get anywhere from age 17 to an 87-year-old woman who came in to buy a coat. I love

the older women who have a sense of style. What current look do you love? I love the jeans rolled up to the ankle with a little

Moroccan beaded slipper. It's

clean, interesting and has an ethnic flair.

What's new in jewelry? I'm not big on jewelry. I hate that big bulky jewelry. It's so tacky. That's going to be the biggest fashion mistakes people will make this summer with all that turquoise and

What's a great fashion splurge for

A Roberto Cavalli gypsy skirt for about \$2,000. But you can buy a version of that skirt for \$200. Full skirts, anklelength skirts and big bold prints are in. So are soft metallics for evening dresses and 1930s style bias cut dresses. Bright colors are in - especially the color green. Last year it was pink. We're seeing a lot of lavender, teal, purple, yellow and orange. Black and white is still very

How about shoes?

I love shoes. I like the pointy little heel ones. I don't like those wedges with the ropey weave. Shoes have to be sexy on a woman's foot. I also like little ballet slippers.

What's your personal fashion style? I'm a more classic and tailored. My favorite fashion era is the 1930s with bias cut dresses and Hollywood glamour. Those styles took a great deal of workmanship. I also love to wear my Chanel boots with a \$38 blouse.

#### What fashion mistakes do women make?

We try too hard to emulate other people. Develop who you are rather than trying to look like some Hollywood celebrity. Experiment!

#### What was your most embarrassing fashion moment?

I hate white shoes but in the 1980s I was wearing a really cool 1940s style pair at work at Bijan in September. This big fashion writer came in and I thought, "Oh, I'm wearing these white shoes!" I know she looked at my shoes

## What are you seeing farther out on

the fashion horizon? You won't see it for a year or more, but shoulder pads are coming back. So are peg leg and high-waisted pants.

Do you have a fashion pet peeve? Wearing something too tight. What fashion look always works? Black and white. Like a white blouse - ruffles are really big

## right now — with a black blazer and dress pants. For spring and summer, pair a

white blouse with a colorful

#### What should women think about in terms of age or body style when it comes to fashion trends?

You can get away with more different styles in your 20s and 30s. You can get away with the gypsy skirt in your 40s but stay true to what works for your body type even more than your age. When you're 40, your body isn't the same as when it was 20. If you have great legs, wear shorter skirts. If you have heavy calves, don't wear a skirt that hits you at your calves. But no one over 40 should wear an over-the-knee skirt. Women in their 50s and 60s seem to go for the St. John fashions. I think that's too matronly. They need to go for more diverse stuff. Women in their 70s have pretty much come to terms with who they are.

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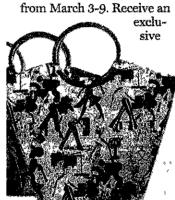
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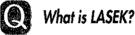
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For additional information, visit Dr. Youn's website at www.beverlyhillsbeauty.com or call (248) 650-1900.

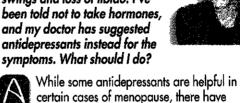


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Dr. Youn's office is located in Rochester Hills, and he can be seen on selected episodes of "Dr. 90210" on E!.

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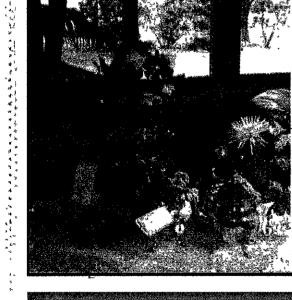
Dear SNH: The lymphatic system (a part of our circulatory system) drains fluids, detoxifies and regenerates tissues, filters out toxins and foreign substances and helps us maintain a healthy immune system. Lymph Drainage Therapy, developed by Dr. Bruno Chikly, is a hands-on method that assists the body with maintaining a healthy flow of lymphatic fluid, interstitial fluid and stimulates the immune and parasympathetic nervous

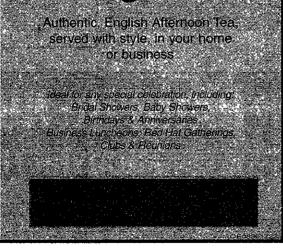
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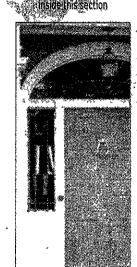
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# New Royal Oak lofts offer urban living experience

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While the urban chic trend of loft living rages on in Royal Oak, an intimate new development in Royal Oak will combine the edgy architecture of loft design with the privacy craved by well heeled condominium dwellers. The Lofts @ 11 are architecturally reminiscent of upper end Soho lofts, but with an important addition - private entrances with either private patios or rooftop decks.

"Those who are seeking an urban living experience still want the amenities of a suburban lifestyle," explains Mike Barjaktarovich, Chief of Development, 3BS Land Company, L.L.C. "Our resident is looking for the ultra-contemporary architecture of a loft, but with the privacy one finds in detached condominiums. We have successfully combined these two residential styles in the Lofts @ 11."

The distinctive design of Lofts @ 11 does not stop at private entrances. The upper level Brownstone Lofts features three levels of loft living with a second floor library loft catwalk overlooking the main floor living area. The library has a decidedly retro design with a library ladder and catwalk with a scenic overview. The third level of the Brownstone Lofts is dominated by an impressive master suite with French doors opening to a private rooftop deck. The main floors of these lofts are equally impactful with two-story ceilings in the living rooms and upper end amenities throughout the kitchens.

The Garden Studio Lofts, offered at a

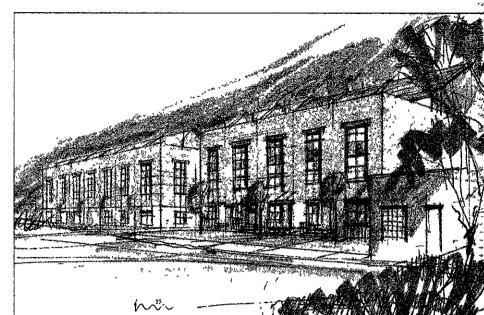
price point that puts loft living within the reach of many urbanite hopefuls, is a split-level design with generous room sizes. The private porch adds a sense of importance to the entry and the splitlevel design creates an open, spacious living environment. A patio, accessible from the living room, provides a private area for entertaining or leisure.

While these loft designs are distinctive alone, together they are unlike any other loft in Michigan. Jim Schneider, R.A. of Schneider + Smith Architects, AIA designed these loft homes so, with minor renovations, the Garden Studio Loft below and the upper level

Brownstone Loft above can be combined vertically to create a six level loft home. The Garden Studio Loft portion of the home can be used for various flexible purposes, including a private office suite, an in-law suite or other individualized purposes.

The location of the Lofts @ 11 provide an outstanding segue between urban and suburban living. Located only steps from Royal Oak's Main Street, the Lofts @ 11 are situated in a quiet neighborhood, within walking distance to Royal Oak's retail and entertainment district. Additionally, the development features entirely private areas and the elimination of a common area positively impacts association fees and upkeep.

While many crave the conveniences urban living offers with its easy access to work, leisure and dining, there exists a significant portion of this demographic who still want a quieter atmosphere



Those seeking an urban chic place to live need look no further than The Lofts @ 11 in Royal Oak.

without compromising the conveniences of downtown living," explains Jim Schneider. "We designed The Lofts @ 11 to provide the best of both these

The Lofts @ 11 will range in price from the low \$200's to the mid \$400's. Square footage for these homes will start at 1,120.5 square feet for the Garden Studio Loft to 1,811 square feet for the Brownstone Loft. A vertically

combined loft will offer 2,931.5 square feet of living space.

With a projected completion date of : summer 2005, the Lofts @ 11 ensure that those who seek an urban lifestyle no longer need compromise their privacy or aesthetic standards to attain loft living in one of metropolitan Detroit's most progressive cities.

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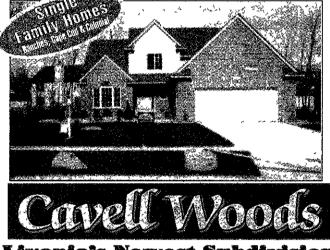
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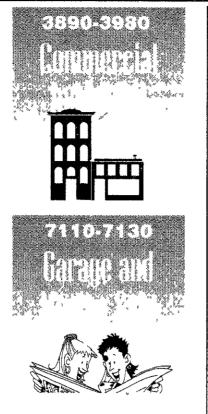


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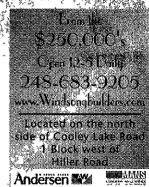
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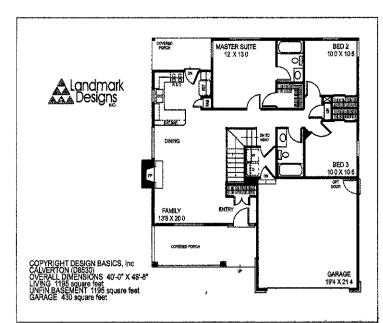
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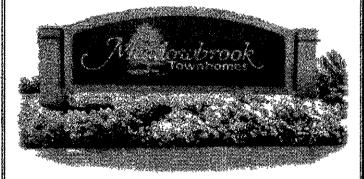
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The openness of the floor

plan is obvious as one enters the home. There is a large family room on the left with the fireplace on the side wall. Beyond the fireplace is the dining room and kitchen.

A rear kitchen is in a "C" shape with an eating bar on one end and dual sinks in the middle.

On the right wall of the family room, the stairway to the basement curves around the

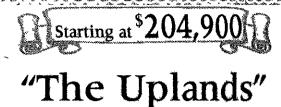
utility room with a washer and dryer.

Adjacent to the utility room is a full bath with a single sink and a tub, convenient to the two bedrooms. Each bedroom has a long wall closet.

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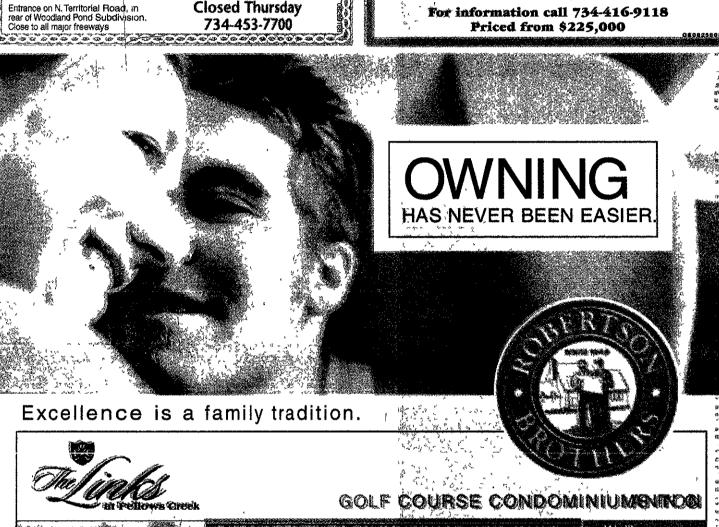


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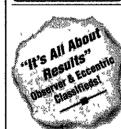
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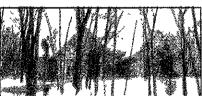
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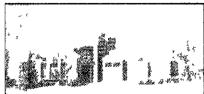
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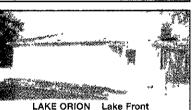
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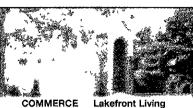
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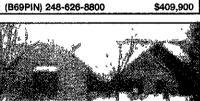


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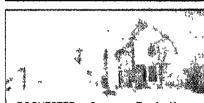
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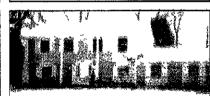
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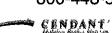


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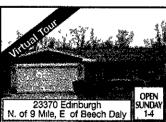
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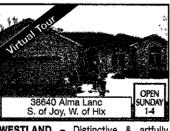
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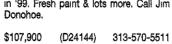
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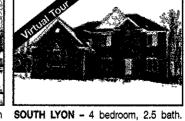


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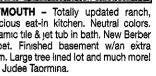


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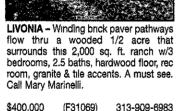
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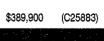
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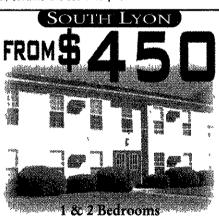
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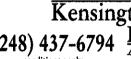
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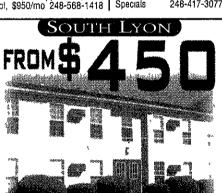
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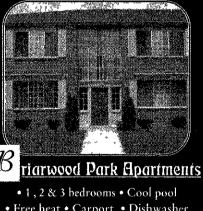
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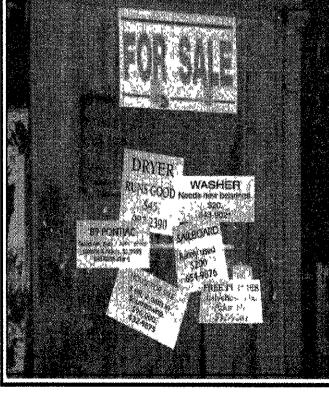
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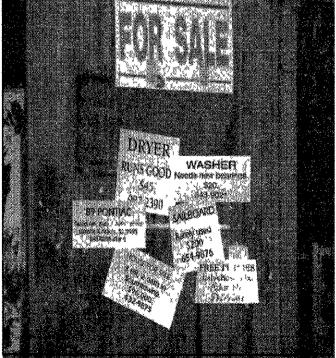
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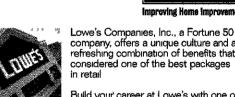
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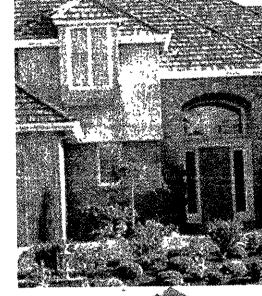
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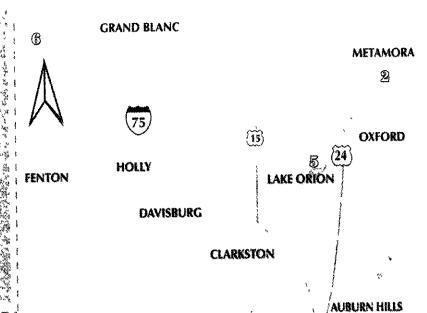
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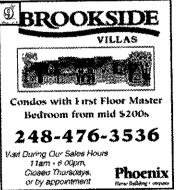
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This all-new Chevrolet Cobalt is not only a pleasure to drive, but also is perfect for teen's first car or someone who's going off to college. Heck, it's so versatile and roomy that anyone could drive it.

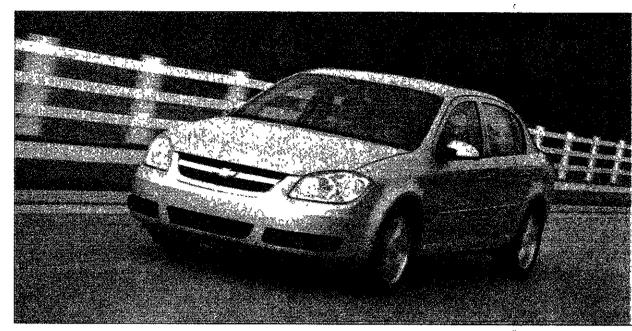
Granted, it's classified as a subcompact car, but it's far from what used to be classified as subcompact. Remember the Chevrolet Chevette? Now that was subcompact.

The Cobalt is quite roomy inside and seats five people easily and comes in a sedan or a coupe. The sedan is what was driven this week. It also has four trim levels to choose from: Cobalt, Cobalt LS, Cobalt LT and Cobalt SS

Supercharged. Driven for this test was the four-door LS sedan. First introduced in December 2003 at the Los Angeles Auto Show as a 2005 model, the Cobalt is geared to someone who appreciates refinement, quality and performance and wants economy and great gas mileage, too.

The Cobalt delivers that. My only complaint is that the noise from under the hood can be harsh. I'm so used to driving vehicles that make little or no engine noise that I must be spoiled. At least you knew when it turned over.

On Cobalt, Cobalt LS and Cobalt LT, you'll find the Ecotec 2.2-liter inline four-cylinder engine that delivers 145 horsepower when mated to a five-speed Getrag manual transmission and 155 horsepower when equipped with the Hydra-Matic four-speed automatic transmission. On the Cobalt SS Supercharged, you'll find a 2.0-liter with a five-speed getting 205 horsepower.



2005 Chevrolet Cobalt. Vehicle class: Subcompact coupe or sedan. Power: 2.2-liter dual overhead cam inline four cylinder. Fuel economy: 24 mpg city/ 32 mpg highway. Where built: Lordstown, Ohio. Price as tested: \$19,495.

LS and LT models provide you with a premium ride, while SS is geared toward someone who wants exclusive performance and handling.

Safety issues are taken care of by a solid unibody structure, dual-stage air bags that are standard and side curtain air bags can be chosen as an option. There are five-point safety belts in all five seating positions as well. Four-wheel antilock brakes are standards as is PassLock theft deterrent, battery rundown protection, LATCH system for child car seats, emergency trunk release, daytime running lamps, heightadjustable seat belts and child security door locks to keep the kiddies in line,

Looking for a car that needs little maintenance? The Cobalt is your answer. There is no routine maintenance except the standard oil and oil filter changes recommended.

Other standard features you'd normally expect in a luxury car are built into the Cobalt. Things like air conditioning with an air filtration system, driver seat height adjustments, 60/40 split folding rear seat, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows and locks, keyless entry, dual power outlets, rear defogger, floor mats and remote trunk release. That's value.

The Cobalt's interior is very simple, however. Cloth seats are standard. Instrumentation doesn't go beyond the normal gauges, but does include a tachometer. Maybe Chevrolet was looking for the plain, clean look for the interior. It's got that.

There are a good number of options available on Cobalt. The LS driven had extras like a leather-wrapped shift lever and steering wheel, sport fascia with fog lamps, rear spoiler, 16-inch aluminum wheels, chrome exhaust tip, automatic transmission, OnStar, side-curtain air bags, XM satellite radio and a Pioneer seven-speaker stereo system.

Even with all those options, it only bumped up the price by a hair over \$3,000. Value again. The automatic transmission and OnStar accounted, for more than \$1,500 of that increase alone.

The Cobalt is deserving of a look-see when choosing your next vehicle for around-town driving. Loved the mileage the best, by the way: 24 mpg in the city and 32 mpg on the highway. That's valuable in this volatile gasoline market. Go take a look.

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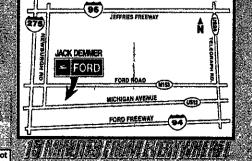
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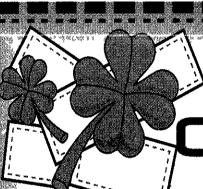
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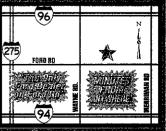
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