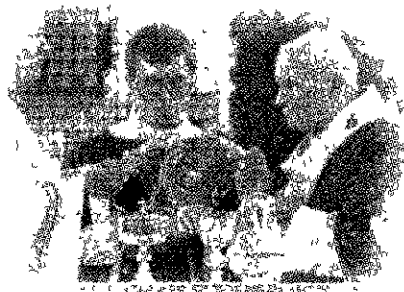




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## Big tipppers

Regular customers surprise waitress after destructive fire

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

For most waitresses, tips come in the form of a couple of bucks and some change. Although Gina Garlough, who works at Bob Evans on Ford Road, has certainly received her share of those, she wasn't quite prepared for the gratuity some of her customers handed to her a couple of weeks ago.

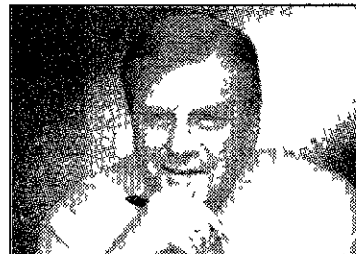
The group of Bob Evans regulars, who call themselves the Breakfast Club, helped raise about \$1,700 for Garlough after she lost many of her possessions in a Feb. 21 fire at the Franklin Palmer apartments on Palmer Road near Morton Taylor. Ironically, the fire happened just three days before she was set to close on the purchase of a condominium in Westland, which the same customers helped her find.

"I lost a lot in the fire, but it could have been worse. The guy above me and woman next to me lost everything. I suffered a lot of water damage. So I've been lucky... not lucky, but blessed," she said.

Garlough, who was forced to move into the condo much earlier than she had planned, said she used the money to replace her furniture, buy some food and other "little things" she



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Phil Power

## Sale begins new era for O&E papers

On Thursday, March 31, I sold the assets of my company, HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., to the Gannett Co.

Gannett is one of the largest newspaper companies in the world, with a demonstrated track record of capable management, great financial stability and responsible journalistic ethics. I wanted the fine newspapers, telephone directories and other publications that I built during my career to wind up in good hands after I left. I believe Gannett's hands are the best available.

That was important to me. I got into the newspaper business nearly 40 years ago when I started my company. It's been a long run and a good one. But I turned 65 a couple of years ago, a symbolic anniversary that helped my wife, Kathy, and me focus on our personal plans and on the future of the company. Neither of our children is interested in following our careers in the newspaper field. So we decided it was a good time sell the business, move on to new things and find other ways to contribute to our state and our society.

I had four goals when I first bought six struggling *Observer Newspapers* in December 1965:

■ I wanted to publish quality hometown newspapers, ones that truly enhanced the lives of their readers and nurtured the communities they served. Taken together and over the years, my newspapers won more state and national awards for excellence than any other group of community newspapers in the country. I believe we've consistently set a high standard for our readers, for ourselves and for our industry.

■ I hoped to build a solid and ethical company over the long haul, one that would grow and innovate, contribute to our advertisers' business success, provide fulfilling careers for its staffers and earn a fair profit. What started out as an entrepreneurial effort long ago gradually evolved into a professionally managed corporation, while at the same time remaining a family company.

Today, HomeTown Communications Network is widely regarded as among the very best outfits of its sort in the nation. We publish one daily newspaper, 62 weekly or twice-weekly newspapers, 24 telephone directories and numerous shopping guides and specialty publications. Our operations cover three states,

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## Cops, firefighters reach pact impasse with township

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Two of Canton's unions have reached an impasse in contract negotiations and are headed for binding arbitration. The township's two other collective bargaining units will likely take a "wait and see" approach in their negotiations.

Canton's patrol officers union and firefighters union have been working under expired contracts since last summer, according to Dan Durack, administrative and community service director and the chief negotiator for the township.

The contracts for American

Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) expired on March 31, 2004, and the township's TPOAM clerical union's contract expired on Dec. 31, 2004.

"AFSCME does not have an arbitration process, but we are making slow but steady progress with them," Durack said. And so far, the township has only had a handful of meetings with TPOAM.

The township employs approximately 380 full-time workers and 300 are part of a collective bargaining unit.

"The big issue for us is medical," Supervisor Tom Yack said of the police

and firefighter contracts. "The township is proposing a standard benefit plan, which is really pretty good. Then if you want more or better you pay for it. We're looking at employees taking on more responsibility in the way of co-pays and deductibles, and also to try to find a minimum, but good, level of coverage for everyone."

When negotiations reach an impasse, the process is assigned to a state mediator. When that process fails to produce a contract, the negotiations are settled in binding arbitration, Durack said.

"Both parties meet with the arbitrator and present their case, and the

issues are split into economic and non-economic issues. If it's economic, the arbitrator can choose only what one or the other side presents. If it's not economic, the arbitrator can choose either size or craft a middle ground," he said.

Durack added that most issues in arbitration are economic.

"The thing about the arbitrator is that he or she can pick and choose. On some things the union wins. On some things the township wins. It's like splitting the baby, and obviously he or she doesn't have to take into

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## Driver involved in cyclist's death looking for plea deal

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Natesan Kannanpilla, the Superior Township man recently arrested in connection with the Canton hit-and-run accident that killed bicyclist James Clark on Jan. 24, is headed to Wayne County Circuit Court. Kannanpilla, 33, who had a preliminary examination in 35th District Court on Friday, plead not guilty but may be seeking a plea deal according to police.

Kannanpilla is charged with one count of failure to stop at the scene of an accident



Kannanpilla

arraignment in circuit court is scheduled for April 15.

However, Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski believes Kannanpilla will seek a plea deal with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office before going on trial.

"Mr. Kannanpilla made an

admission. During questioning our investigator saw some inconsistencies in his story. When he asked about those inconsistencies, Mr. Kannanpilla admitted he was involved in the accident and had left from the scene," Pomorski said.

A spokesperson from the prosecutor's office did not return calls in time for this story.

Pomorski noted that Kannanpilla has not been charged with causing the accident and probably wasn't at fault. From the beginning police investigators surmised

that Clark, 42, hit a snow bank and careened out into the road and into the path of the vehicle that struck and killed him.

Kannanpilla's attorney, Steven Bullock, released a statement saying "this whole situation is a tragedy for everyone involved and we will continue to prepare for trial in this case. Mr. Kannanpilla is very concerned for the Clark family as well as the circumstances of the allegations made against him."

A representative from Bullock's office confirmed Friday that Kannanpilla has

admitted he was driving along Denton Road around 7 p.m. on Jan. 24 and struck a person riding a bicycle with his vehicle.

Kannanpilla was arrested March 2, after an exhaustive police search, in which officers worked with a list of around 6,000 Toyota Camrys registered in the area. The only evidence left at the accident scene was a Camry emblem from a front grill. Police investigators were led to Kannanpilla after they questioned a local body shop that worked on his car. Kannanpilla lives just west of where the accident occurred.

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### Coming Thursday in Filter



### Awards time

It's time for the annual Detroit Music Awards, when the city salutes its own well-known and not-so-well-known musical talent.



## Play ball!

There is still time to register to play ball with the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association. More than 1,400 players joined GCYBSA in February. Players can still register through April 8. Players will have the opportunity to join tee ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball and travel programs. There are several ways to register. Visit the Web site at [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) and download a registration form or visit the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway during business hours. Volunteer coaching opportunities are also available. If interested, applications are available for download at [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org).

## Avoid identity theft

At 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, the Canton Public Library hosts certified protection professional, Johnny May, to discuss how to protect yourself from one of the fastest growing crimes - identity theft. This leading authority on identity theft shares his expert advice and offers insight to safeguard your credit, money and good name. Author of *Johnny May's Guide to Preventing Identity Theft*, he has appeared on dozens of TV shows including NBC's Nightly News and A&E's Open Book. May has also been featured in *Consumer's Digest* and the

Robb Report. Register in person at the library or by calling (734) 397-0999. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

## Riparian management workshop

Canton will host the riparian corridor management workshop on April 6 at Summit on the Park. The workshop will explain how to protect and preserve local rivers and streams through proper lawn care, including fertilizing and watering techniques.

Workshop goers will learn about buffers and native plantings and how they improve habitat for wildlife and improve water quality.

To register for the event, call Jeannette Plummer at (734) 326-3936.

## LaJoy office hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with local residents from 3:30-5 p.m. on April 11, at the Canton Public Library, which is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. No appointment is necessary.

## Give blood

Canton Township and the Canton Public Library are hosting a Red Cross blood drive 1-7 p.m. Monday, April 4, in the Community Room at the

library, which is located at 1200 S. Canton Center.

The Oakwood Healthcare Center in Canton will also be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is welcome to donate blood during these hours. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate or directions, call (313) 494-2779.

## Pompon tryouts

The Canton Chieftette pompon team will be holding tryouts for the 2005-06 squad during the week of week Of April 11. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11, at the Canton High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Canton High general office.

## The Wizard of Oz

Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Cowardly Lion and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination over the rainbow in the wonderful land of Oz. The production, put on by Canton Youth Theater, will feature all the songs, dances and characters audiences have loved for generations. This production features 70 local kids and one lovable dog.

Performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on April 7 and April 8, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on April 9, and 2:30 p.m. on April 10. School field trip shows offered to groups of 20 or more and senior citizens on April 7 and 8 at 10 a.m. will be followed by

question and answer period with the actors, musicians and production staff.

## Youth orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2005-2006 school year on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, 2005. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, which is located at 7170 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

To schedule an audition or for more information, please



## Never leave home without it

Canton residents, Dick and Margo Panko, who are both retired teachers, hold up a copy of the Canton Observer in front of the National Palace in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The couple is on a 78-day motor home caravan to Panama City. They are traveling with people from Montreal, Nova Scotia, England, and Alaska. Margo worked at Central Middle School for 26 years.

contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at [CelebrationYO@aol.com](mailto:CelebrationYO@aol.com).

## Identity theft seminar

The Canton Police Department is hosting an identity theft and fraud prevention seminar April 23 at

Summit on the Park. Sgt. Scott Hilden will be on hand to discuss how residents can prevent identity theft from occurring.

The seminar is being offered at no cost to Canton residents and businesses. To make a reservation, contact the community relations office at (734) 394-5325, or e-mail [shilden@canton-mi.org](mailto:shilden@canton-mi.org).

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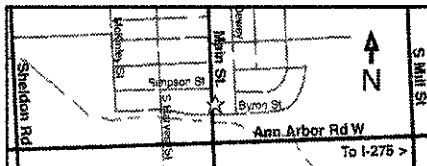
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# Compuware, Whalers could be up for grabs

## Karmanos might give up franchise amid streamlining efforts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

For Sale: One 3,500-seat arena, complete with a junior hockey team, in a great location. Price: Negotiable.

Compuware Arena president Mike Vellucci confirmed the two-sheet ice arena and the Plymouth Whalers are for sale – at the right price.

"We don't have the 'For Sale' sign out, but we'll listen," said Vellucci. "(Arena and hockey team owner) Peter Karmanos is streamlining operations, and if somebody is interested, he'll look at any offers. As far as price, we really haven't gotten that far."

Karmanos is currently in the process of selling the Florida Everblades of the East Coast Hockey League, and their 7,082-seat home, Germain Arena, in Estero, Fla. According to the News-Press in Ft. Myers, Everblades general manager and team president Craig Brush, a minority owner of the team and arena, confirmed "the team and arena are for sale and there is an interested party."

Vellucci said if Plymouth operations are sold, it will have to be a package deal.

"We couldn't just sell the arena or just the team," Vellucci said. "I don't think anyone could make it with just one or the other."

Vellucci said "this year has been the best so far to date" since the arena was opened in 1996 at Beck Road and M-14. The Whalers – members of the Ontario Hockey League – set a total attendance record of 109,699 fans for 34 home games. They averaged 3,324 fans per game, with 12 sellouts.

However, it's been a struggle financially the past 10 years.

"The arena is great for the



If the right offer came along, the Plymouth Whalers could soon be playing for someone other than Peter Karmanos.

community, but certainly isn't a huge moneymaker," said Vellucci, who has worked for Karmanos 14 years, and helped supervise construction of the arena.

"Four years ago, our attendance was way down, our lowest ever," said Vellucci. "But, we've added the drive-in during the summer, graduations, the Michigan high school hockey playoffs. That leads to more gate receipts, more advertising and more concessions."

"Things are looking up, but there's still a long way to go," he added. "We've done a better job of promotions and marketing, and the community around here is growing."

Vellucci said it's only been the past couple of seasons the arena and Whalers have made enough to be near the break-even point.

"Part of the reason is we spend a lot of money sponsoring the Compuware youth hockey program and Wayne State University hockey," said Vellucci. "Mr. Karmanos wants the operations and facility to operate like the premier program in the country, which we believe it is."

Vellucci revealed he had discussions within the past couple of years with both Plymouth city and township officials

about selling the \$22 million arena to the municipalities, and then leasing it back.

Plymouth Township trustee Steve Mann, who was supervisor at the time, said he had lunch with Karmanos and Vellucci at Ginopolis Restaurant, located in Compuware Arena.

"We met once, and I spoke with Vellucci on a couple of other occasions, but it didn't result in anything," said Mann. "I think they were being prudent in reviewing their business dealings and holdings, and seeing how to restructure and capitalize on revenue."

"I think it would have been very difficult to have the right mix so it would be beneficial to the township," he said. "No price ever came up, but we were well aware of the cost of the facility to begin with, and knew the magnitude of the proposal."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok's discussions with Compuware began a couple of years after the arena opened, but the situation was reversed.

"We talked with them about perhaps privately managing the Cultural Center," said Sincok. "But, they weren't interested in our total operations, only in control of the ice rink. That presented some problems for us, so we didn't pursue it any further."

Several years later, Sincok was invited to a meeting with Karmanos and Vellucci at Compuware headquarters, at that time located in Farmington Hills, about buying Compuware Arena.

"We did have our outside financial consultants look at that option, but it didn't seem to work to our financial benefit," said Sincok. "Frankly, we didn't have the cash flow to do it."

# Teens may get activities center

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like a place of your own. Teen Services Director Jon LaFever is hoping that Canton teens will soon have just that.

For the past four years, since the teen services division of Canton Leisure Services was formed, programming has been coordinated and events have been held at the Summit.

One day in a staff meeting, discussion turned toward getting the teens a building of their own. It would take funding and research to find a place that the department could afford.

"All of a sudden we had an 'Aha!' moment. We do have a building," Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said at a Township Board of Trustees study meeting last week.

The small cinderblock building at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon is owned by the township, and is the former site of the Canton Community Foundation.

LaFever plans to propose moving the youth development programs such as after-school programs, summer camps and evening events currently held at the Summit to the new location.

The new digs could mean expansion of programming, LaFever said.

Last year, youth services used 1,507 hours last year at the Summit, but if programming moves into its own building, where there is no competition for space, LaFever expects the number of hours will increase to 2,500 per year.

It's not an unrealistic expectation, LaFever said. The division has grown steadily. In 2002, 3,773 young people took part in activities at the Summit. In 2004, there were 4,573.

And the events, he said are making an impact. At the same time youth programming was increasing, teen arrests were on the decline, from 212 in 2002 to 188 in 2004.

The teenagers will have to be part of the decision-making process, LaFever added.

"We won't make any decisions about this without meeting with the kids and getting input from them," LaFever said. Part of the reason is that he wants the users of the programs to be hands-on when it comes to development, and the teens have even discussed ambitious fund raising efforts, he said.

"They want to try to raise

\$500,000 in two years," LaFever said, prompting smiles from township officials who recognized the loftiness of the goal. But the fact that the young people are thinking in terms of taking responsibility is valuable in itself, according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"Five hundred thousand dollars may sound unrealistic," Yack said. "But the idea of kids catching the idea of giving back is really a powerful notion."

The initial reaction to the proposal was positive, though Yack encouraged LaFever to meet with neighborhood residents before he makes the official request for the building. He also encouraged LaFever to document programming to be sure that it's continuing to grow.

The new location would not require additional staffing, and payroll would only increase by approximately \$1,100 per year, LaFever reported.

"I'm looking for a weak link here and not finding one," said trustee Todd Caccamo. "There are virtually no financial implications and the community benefit is greatly increased."

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# Chamber to scare up some fun at annual dinner auction

**BY CAROL MARSHALL**  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will scare up a good time at its 17th annual auction and dinner Friday, April 8.

The theme for this year's event is "Haunted Chamber," said chamber President Dianne Cojei, and she is expecting a larger than usual turnout of about 450 people.

"Our attendance is way up, by probably at least 50 people, which really is a pleasant surprise for us because of the economy. It really is one of the most fun events we do," she said.

The event is one of the

chamber's two large fund-raisers, and proceeds will help with operating costs and programming. But it's more than simply a way to bring in the bacon.

"Yes, we're raising funds for the chamber but that's not what it's about. It's about networking and having fun," Cojei said.

The theme will add to the fun, as will the strolling dinner with five buffet stations.

"Every year we pick a new theme to work with. Last year we did Motown and it was a huge success. The past president (Todd LaJoy) came up with something different. People will be coming in costume, but that's optional,"

Cojei said.

The organizing committee started shopping right after Halloween for prizes for the best costumes, and Cojei reported, "I have to say, the committee has really had a blast planning for this."

The 2005 Dinner Auction will be 7 p.m. - midnight, April 8 at the Hellenic Center at 36375 Joy Road in Westland. For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Tickets are \$75 per person and include dinner, entertainment, dancing and a cash bar.

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# OLGC pastor remembers papal visit

**BY TONY BRUSCATO**  
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. John Sullivan, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, spent most of Friday afternoon in the rectory, watching the Fox News Channel, getting as much information as he could about Pope John Paul II.

"He'll always be known as the 'Pilgrim Pope' because of his travels around the world," Sullivan said of the pope, whose health was deteriorating rapidly at press time. "He's like a big rock star because of the huge numbers of people who follow him ... the people's Pope."

John Paul II took his name from Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul IV.

"John XXIII was pastoral, while Paul IV was intellectual," said Sullivan. "He's a great blend of pastoral and intellectual, so beautifully well-balanced."

Sullivan remembers fondly shaking the hand of the pontiff at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit when John Paul visited in 1987.

"As tough as he looks, his hands are so soft," said Sullivan. "He can be very direct, but very gentle."

At the time, Sullivan was serving St. Anne's Parish in Ortonville. He was elected a Vicar in the Detroit Archdiocese, representing more than two dozen churches in the Oakland County area in affairs dealing with the archdiocese.

Not only did Sullivan meet John Paul II, he also concelebrated Mass with the pontiff at the Pontiac Silverdome, where more than 100,000 people witnessed the leader of the Catholic church pray.

"It was an incredible experience," said Sullivan. "I couldn't believe we were up there with the pope, and the place was so jammed."

Sullivan said John Paul II brought the world church together with his travels.

And, his connection to youth is unmatched.

"Years from now, we will look back at the World Youth Days and how he attracted thousands of youth throughout the world," Sullivan predicted. "He loved to be with them, and the kids knew he believed in them."

"He'll be a hard act to follow," added Sullivan. "He was the right man for the right time."

Our Lady of Good Counsel held a Mass Friday evening to pray for Pope John Paul II. Sullivan said it was fitting all the attention around the pontiff comes during Easter season.

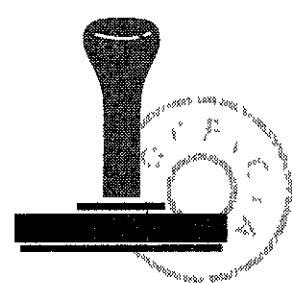
"He's telling us that while we may get old, feeble and are falling apart, don't give up," Sullivan said. "The church is proud and rejoicing, and John Paul will have peace. The Lord is saying 'Come, you've done your job.' 'We're going to miss him.'"

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## FOR THE RECORD

### DEATHS

<b>A</b> Edith Ellen Aton, 83, of Plymouth, died March 22. Mary V. Austin, of Livonia, died March 25.	<b>C</b> Sharlene Chapp, 69, of Garden City. Agatha J. Chowns, 91, of Rochester Hills, died March 24.	<b>E</b> Robert A. Eastman, 70, of Farmington Hills, died March 31.	<b>G</b> Florence C. "Bee" Galinet, 83, of Farmington Hills, died March 26. Louis Bernard Golonka, of Livonia, died March 24. Dorothy S. Greene, 88, formerly of Livonia, died March 26.	<b>H</b> Michael Hier, of Redford Township, died March 10.	<b>J</b> Joyce R. Jaeger, 75, of Farmington Hills, died March 28.
<b>K</b> Hugh Kemp Jr., 82, of Dearborn, died March 20. Michael Kenneth Kesteloot, of Canton, died March 27.	<b>L</b> Andrew Liberis, of Canton, died March 24.	<b>M</b> Jack L. Maas, 66, of Clarkston, died March 19. Theresa Magary, 92, of Auburn Hills, died March 6. Elizabeth "Betty" Maitrott, 92, of Rochester, died March 19.	<b>N</b> Mary A. Martin, 81, formerly of Canton, died Feb. 22. Rosemary "Rosie" (Fisher) Miller, 82, formerly of Birmingham, died March 24. Sidney M. Millinoff, 85, of Farmington Hills, died March 25.	<b>O</b> Betty O'Neil, 78, of Sterling Heights, died March 14. Ruby L. Watson Newlin, 85, of Livonia, died March 31.	<b>P</b>
<b>S</b> Norman H. Phillips, 80, of Bloomfield Hills, died March 28.	<b>Shirley</b> Shirley (nee Wallace) Sarver, 80, of Birmingham, died March 29. Wilbur "Bill" L. Smedley, 92, died March 27.	<b>Stanley</b> Stanley F. Svoboda Sr., of Livonia, died March 22.	<b>W</b> Roger D. Wilson, 69, formerly of Livonia, died March 31.		

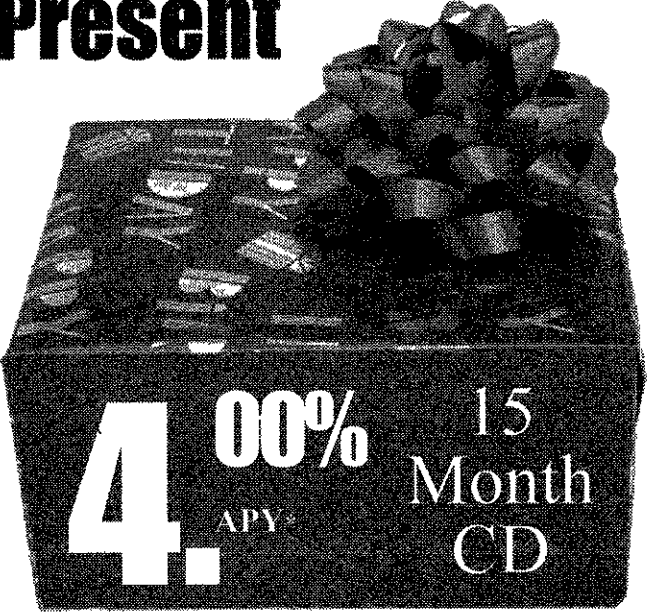


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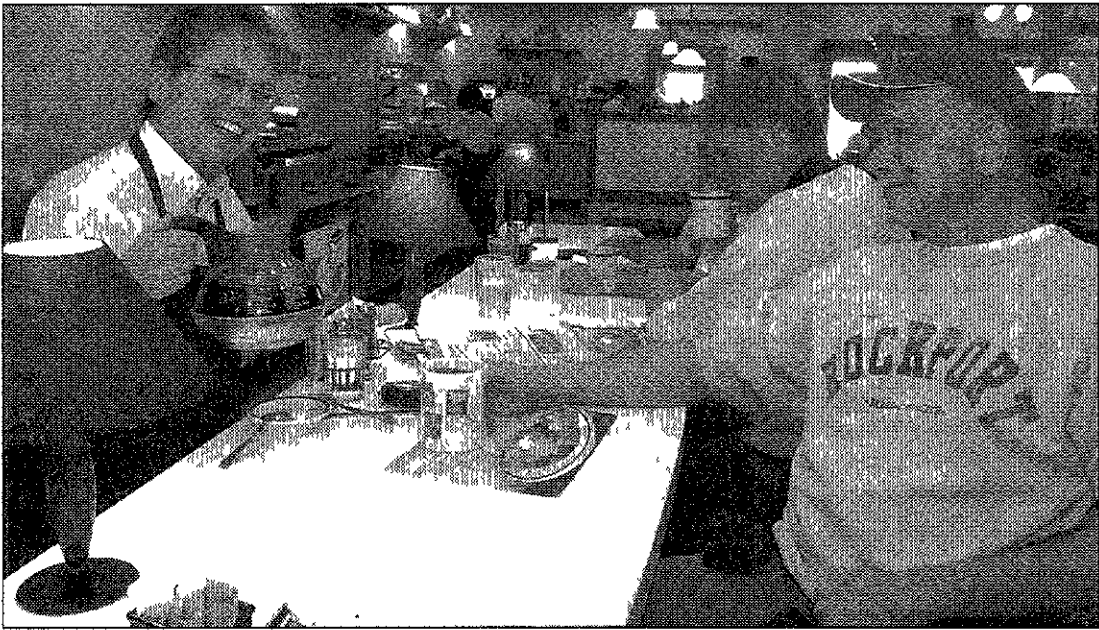
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Gina Garlough, waitress at Bob Evans in Canton, living now in Westland, waits on Bob McCausland who started up a collection for Gina after her apartment burned down. Behind also contributing are Dean Payzant and Bill Augugliaro.

WAITRESS

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needed for the move.

"I was just shocked when they gave me the money. They are really like family to me. When they don't come in, I miss them," said Garlough, who lives by herself.

Bob McCausland, who owns the nearby Max Auto Service on Lotts, was one of the people who spearheaded the fund-raising efforts. He said Garlough is well liked and a great person, and has earned the respect of her customers.

"Gina was so devastated after the fire. She had no insurance and she lost so much. We just couldn't let that happen," McCausland said. "We raised

more than \$800 in the matter of two weeks, and Bob Evans matched it. Gina is by herself, and such a hard worker - someone you just admire. Not only as a working person, but as a friend."

According to McCausland, most of the regular Breakfast Club members -- about "10 friends who come from all walks of life" -- just chose to give money from their own pockets, rather than start up a foundation or the like.

"We looked at some other options, but it seems when people just get together for one cause it's easy to get something done," he said.

Canton resident Mark Wellman also makes a daily stop at Bob Evans on his way to Detroit, where he is presi-

dent and owner of Camtronics Communications Company. He also contributed to the Garlough fund.

"I've been a regular here for 12 years and know most of the girls here. It's tough to see something happen to a good person like her. It's hard to take it. We had to help her," he said.

Although Garlough has found a new place to live in her Westland condo, she said she feels just as at home when she goes into work at Bob Evans.

"I really like working here. I worked at Denny's for a long time and hated, and swore I would never wait tables again. But this place is different. I love what I do here. I love the customers. I don't ever dread coming into work.

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PACT

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consideration the financial health of the community," according to Yack.

Durack said he hopes the patrol officers' contract will be settled before it goes for arbitration in November. The police lieutenants and sergeants union contract will expire at the end of this year, and both the township and the union are watching to see how the police contract shakes out.

"Generally my guess is they'll kind of wait and see what

POAM gets. That's usually the way it works, and that works for us too. It'll set the bar, so to speak," Durack said.

According to Lt. Rob Cripe, president of the command officers unit union, watching the patrol officers' negotiations helps in the command officers' contract process, which will begin in October.

"I think the patrol officers are trying to get a little better than their last contract, which is something all unions do," Cripe said. "You hope to get the trickle down effect in our contracts too."

The arbitration process is not always the best for either

party, according to Yack.

It is a process that the township and employees have been able to avoid the past several contract cycles.

"We haven't been to arbitration in six or eight years. Every once in a while it does happen," Durack said.

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Youth orchestra schedules auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2005-2006 school year Friday and Saturday, May 6-7.

Auditions will take place at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty, in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked

to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice.

Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and

the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com.

Make room for musicians with new store

SOUND OFF

Musicians interested in buying or selling instruments and accessories will have another venue in which to do so -- right in Garden City.

David Goldsworthy is about to open the doors to Blues Airmen Guitars and Music, at 30955 Ford Road. Over the years he's operated a Web site -- and a band -- under the same name. Now he's decided to do something he's always dreamed of -- own his own music store. Goldsworthy said he already owns plenty of inventory. He's been storing about 150 gui-

WHAT'S IN STORE

tars in his basement and garage.

The store, scheduled to open in May, will sell guitars, bass guitars, amplifiers, drums and accessories like strings and pedals, "mostly on consignment." He envisions the inventory will expand, and he'll eventually bring in music teachers who offer instrument lessons.

Look for a variety of brands: Gibson, PRS, Fender, and other major names in music. Goldsworthy said the merchandise will range from beginner's

instruments to collectibles.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," he said.

Blues Airmen Guitars and Music will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (734) 525-9101 or check bluesairmenmusic.com.

Staff writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this report.

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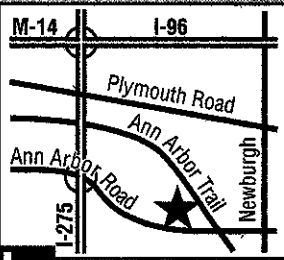
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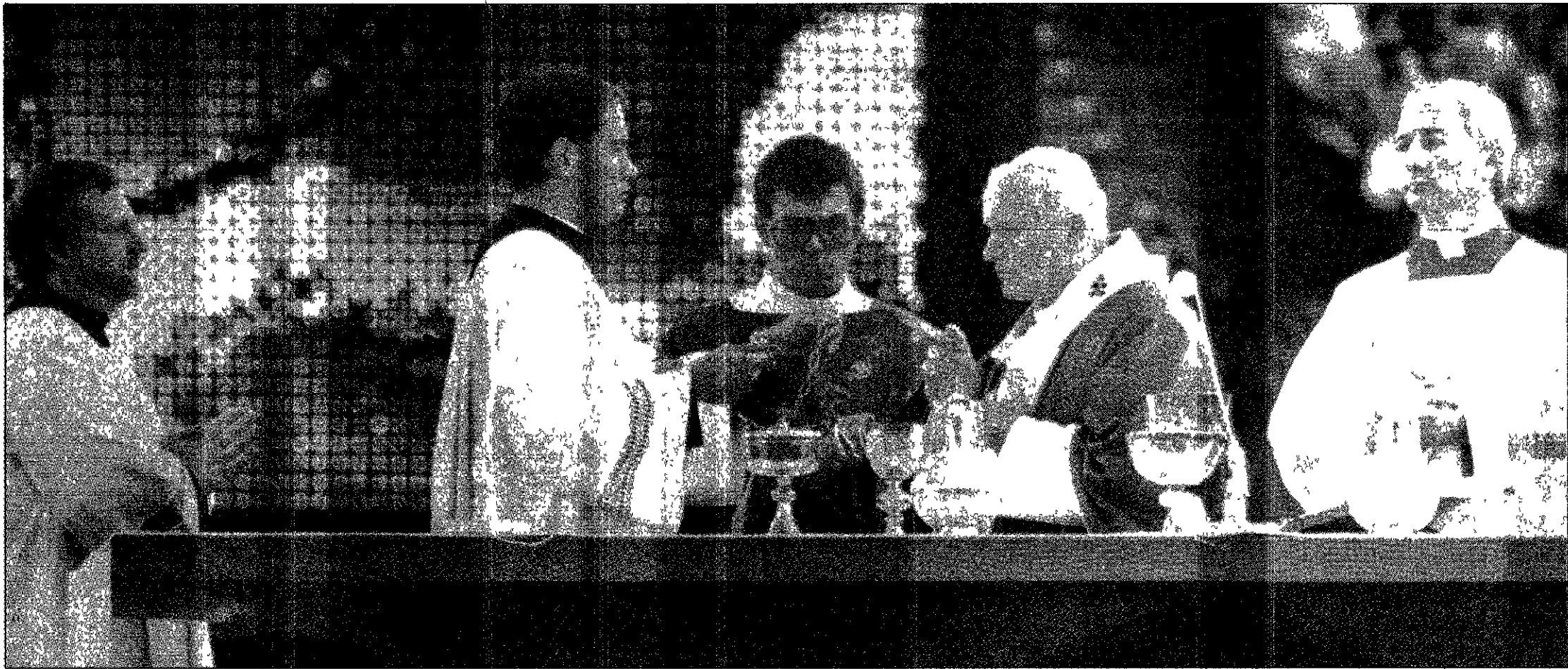
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# Faithful reflect on John Paul II's papal legacy



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Pope John Paul II and concelebrants prepare to consecrate the bread and wine at the high Mass Sept. 19, 1987, in the Pontiac Silverdome. Pope John Paul II visited Detroit, Hamtramck and Pontiac in a 23-hour visit to the metro area.

## 'He raised the bar for what it means to be the pope of the Catholic Church'

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease and months of fighting infections, Pope John Paul II, one of the longest-serving heads of the worldwide Roman Catholic Church, died Saturday at the age of 84.

On Friday, the pope had refused to be taken to a hospital and had received the sacrament for the sick and dying. His health had been a concern for some time, with the situation becoming more troublesome after suffering heart failure following treatment for an infection Thursday.

Around the Detroit area, the Catholic faithful and religious people of all faiths had been watching and listening to the Vatican cautiously as reports of the pontiff's declining health continued to cast a dark shadow over the Holy See.

Archdiocese of Detroit theologian the Rev. John West, also the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington, said Pope John Paul II had forever changed the job description for the Bishop of Rome.

### PAPACY TRANSFORMED

"He has visited more than 100 countries; the pope usually never left the Vatican," he said. "He has transformed the papacy from the one-dimensional Bishop of Rome to the pilgrim pope to the world." Using a "great natural gift for lan-

guage," John Paul II traveled the world, switching between major languages easily to connect with the people he visited. His travels brought him to the Detroit area twice in his capacity as the Bishop of Krakow in both 1969 and 1976 and once as the pope in 1987.

Having been in the position as the leader of the church for 27 years, he was the third-longest serving pontiff and, for more than half the world's population, the only pope they have ever known.

His global mission over the 27 years of his papacy means future popes will not be able to stay ensconced within the Vatican.

"He raised the bar for what it means to be the pope of the Catholic Church," West said. "He had a great skill with languages, he knew the power of media and was very vigorous."

Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa said John Paul II was the pope of the people and made himself accessible to people who, historically, would never lay eyes on someone of his stature. He also made inroads to people of other faiths without compromising the standards of his own.

"He opened the door to ecumenism within the church without sacrificing the dogma of the church," she said. "The dogma of the Eucharist."

A great deal of his legacy, she said Friday, will be his impact with the youth of the world, his ability to make connections with young people as a "great and holy leader."

"He had a link with the youth in ways many other popes did not," Sister Kujawa said. "Most other popes were quite distant to the average person, much more to youth. It was his love of sports, of theater, that made them feel he was active and interested in their lives."

She said that, unlike many popes in the past, John Paul II wrote almost all of the works attributed to his name and was a very prolific thinker and writer.

### PARTNERSHIP

Rabbi Dan Syme of Temple Beth-El in Bloomfield Hills said Friday that his congregation had enjoyed a long partnership with the Archdiocese of Detroit and appreciated the pope's outlook on cooperation between faiths.

"We have been the beneficiary of the pope's wisdom and vision of a different kind of world," he said. "A world where people are more respectful of each other. He has been a courageous and wise leader."

John Paul II was the first pope to admit the church had made mistakes in dealing with the Holocaust during World War II and lauded the Jewish faith as "the older brother" of Christianity.

Syme said there have been disagreements between the two faiths, but those pale in comparison to the partnerships that have underscored the last 60 years.

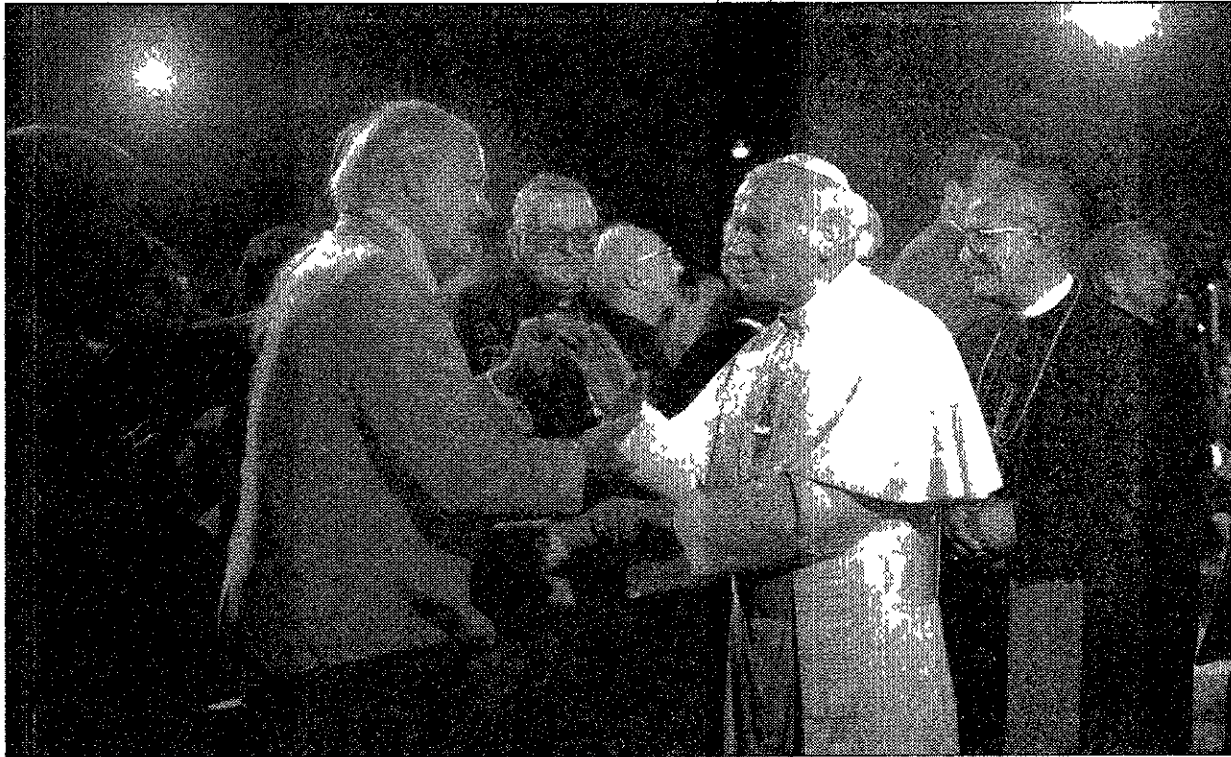
"I hope whoever follows him will have the same ecumenical sensibility that he does."



Mary Beth Widak of Northville is hard at work at Hart Plaza selling programs. She was a student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills in 1987.



Then Vice President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, meet Pope John Paul II during the pontiff's departure ceremony at Metro Airport on Saturday, Sept. 19, 1987.



The pope greets well-wishers at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Following behind is then Archbishop Edmund Szoka, the leader of metro Detroit's Roman Catholic community. While in Detroit, the pope stayed at the archbishop's residence on Boston Boulevard in Detroit.



# Witness to history: A man of peace visits the White House

I had traveled to the McNamara Airport terminal to board a plane to Washington D.C. countless times before, but this time my trip felt different. I had been invited by the ambassador to the embassy of Lebanon many times before, but this time something about my visit was different. I had met His Eminence Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Sfeir numerous times before, but this time our talks were different.

For three days last week, I was one of the lucky ones, granted a rare opportunity to witness an historic occasion in our nation's capital. For me, the culmination of this moment in time started long ago.

The year was 1982 and I was just a teenager concerned with all the nuances and joys of shedding adolescence and welcoming the pre-adulthood status that awaited me in the early part of that decade. Though with the excitement that surrounded the end of another school year and the beginning of summer came a black cloud that loomed overhead, as I could not escape the daily grim radio and television reports of what was to become a besieged Beirut. Since 1975, Lebanon had been embroiled in a bloody civil

war — one that had extracted thousands of lives and forced the exodus of those who could to European, American and other foreign lands. By the early summer of 1982, the war had intensified and seemed to headline every major news network, magazine, and newspaper.

Beirut had been divided by what was known as the "Green Line" and for years the Lebanese capital had withstood the constant bombardment of daily artillery shells, tanks, bombs, sniper fire and more. As if the presence of Lebanon's warring factions was not enough, more than 30,000 Syrian troops had earlier entered their tiny neighborhood and were stationed in and around parts of the city.

Beirut, once known as the Paris of the Middle East, had become a city of blood. And, for the first time in history, the armies of the state of Israel would invade an Arab capital. As the convoy of Israeli armies and tanks headed northward toward Beirut, people across the world witnessed firsthand the invasion of Israeli troops moving along the highways, streets and villages on their television screens. Beirut lay under siege experiencing its darkest days.

Three and a half years later, the prayers of many were answered. On April 19, 1986, His Beatitude Mar Nasrallah Boutros Cardinal Sfeir was elected Maronite Patriarch for Antioch and all the East. A small yet gentle man, he began his reign during the midst of a war that had been ongoing for 11 years.

Fast-forward to last week's significantly momentous and notable meeting between the

patriarch and U.S. President George W. Bush. A meeting borne out of mass rallies all over Lebanon and the international calling for the withdrawal of Syria's remaining troops and intelligence security forces.

Pleas like that of Druze leader Walid Jumblat who was quoted as saying, "Unchain us, leave us, you made us hate Syria," sprouted freely following the gruesome and horrific assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, the architect of the rebuilding of post-war Lebanon, along with 18 other innocents. A Cedar Revolution had begun and took wing from Lebanon's youth to bring freedom, democracy and independence to the nation and to find out the truth behind the shocking and ghastly killing of Hariri. As the patriarch was in the air throughout most of the Beirut rally, he was sure to be briefed on all that transpired once he reached American soil.

Accompanied by an entourage of nearly a hundred priests, Monsignors and bishops from around the country, personal security and bodyguards, an advance team, secret service agents, a motorcade, global media coverage, well wishers and paparazzi, the now 85-year-old Patriarch made his way around Washington D.C.

Throughout it all, this kind and calm man of peace managed to keep a twinkle in his eye, a smile on his face and the future of millions of Lebanese in his heart and soul.

As he walked into the embassy, his eyes fixated on me and I could tell he was eager to embrace an old friend. I welcomed him back to the U.S., and asked God to grant him rest from his tireless work on Lebanon's behalf and to lengthen his life here on earth.

His words that night to the distinguished guests assembled, the Diplomatic Corps and his old friends were simple, "Lebanon has gone through difficult times in the past and it was able to overcome them. At this time, Lebanon is at crossroads that could lead it in various directions. Only our unity and cooperation could bring Lebanon to the harbor of safety and could ensure its prosperity and growth. Therefore, let us put our own personal differences aside and join our efforts for the sake of the free, sovereign and democratic Lebanon."

Today, when I am asked about that encounter along with the situation in Lebanon and the fact that images are being revealed in real time across television stations throughout the world, I must admit that at times it seems as though I am hearing and watching a rerun that mirrors a grim, not too distant past. But this time, however, there is something different — the stark difference is that I am witnessing these historic images live and in person before my very own eyes and that this time it's clearly peace all sides seek, not war.

Farmington Hills City Councilman **John Akouri**, an American of Lebanese descent, was Washington D.C. press secretary and senior advisor to U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Birmingham).



John Akouri

# Pope John Paul II touched many lives in his travels

There's no experience quite like seeing the pope in person.

Even non-Catholics — or non-Christians, for that matter — would find it intriguing if only because the pope is a recognized world leader with tremendous presence wherever he goes.

Pope John Paul II is the most-traveled pontiff in history. In his early years, especially, he visited countries around the world, keeping a dizzying schedule by traveling more than all the previous popes combined.

In September 1987, he came to Detroit and made a special stop in Hamtramck, where I had the opportunity to see and hear him up close.

John Paul II has had a special affection for Hamtramck, and it for him. He had visited the city in 1969 when he was a cardinal. His cousin was a former city councilman. And Hamtramck was still primarily a Polish-American town.

The Poles in general have a deep love of John Paul II, not only because Karol Wojtyla — his birth name — was from Poland, but also because of the work he did behind the scenes to support the Solidarity movement, which brought down the hated Communist Party and forced the Russians to withdraw from their country.

Preparation for the pope's visit had begun weeks before when a gigantic stage was constructed on the site of a shopping center that was being built. A tradition had developed in the shipping town of Gdansk, Poland, to build huge ship-like stages for the pope to address the multitudes.

The Friday night before his visit saw the town filled with activity all night. Jos. Campau, the main street, was packed with people shopping and socializing. Stores carried all manner of souvenirs ranging from pope sun visors to pope soap-on-a-rope.

Saturday morning dawned gloomy and rainy — and eerily quiet. The police and security officers had moved in the night before and virtually sealed off the city. There was basically no traffic as the flow of cars was tightly controlled. Residents were given security passes to allow free movement.

At around 9:30 a.m. the pope's entourage was spotted driving south on Jos. Campau in his famous "Popemobile." The city had hoped he would stop at the huge statue of his figure at "Pope Park," along the route, but there was a five-story building across the street and the police said it was too hard to secure.

So he drove on to the massive gathering place at the south end of town. Two blocks north stood the majestic steeple of St. Florian, one the largest Polish parishes in the Detroit area, and where he had stayed during his earlier visit.



Greg Kowalski



Pope John Paul II won the hearts of Hamtramckians when he visited in 1987.

The crowd actually was smaller than expected — only about 30,000. There had been so many cautions given on the news about expected traffic jams and tight security as well as the poor weather that many people opted to see the pope at his other stops on his visit in Detroit and at the Pontiac Silverdome.

But that was OK. I was able to get within just a few dozen feet of the pope. He spoke clearly, in perfect English. I still have a copy of his speech.

But the words hardly mattered. Here was a chance to see the pope — our pope — who by even then had made a major impact on the world.

For some people, it was a deeply religious experience. For others, it was a chance to see a world figure. But judging from the silence among the crowd as the pope spoke, all appreciated the historic importance of the moment, regardless of their faith.

I don't remember exactly how long the speech lasted. It seems that it was about a half-hour, and then he was gone.

Today, there is a small but elegant monument commemorating the pope's visit, standing almost exactly where the pope stood.

But the greatest monument for us who were there are the memories. Pope John Paul II will live on for us as a man of epic proportions.

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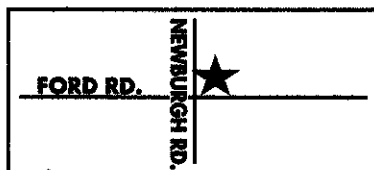
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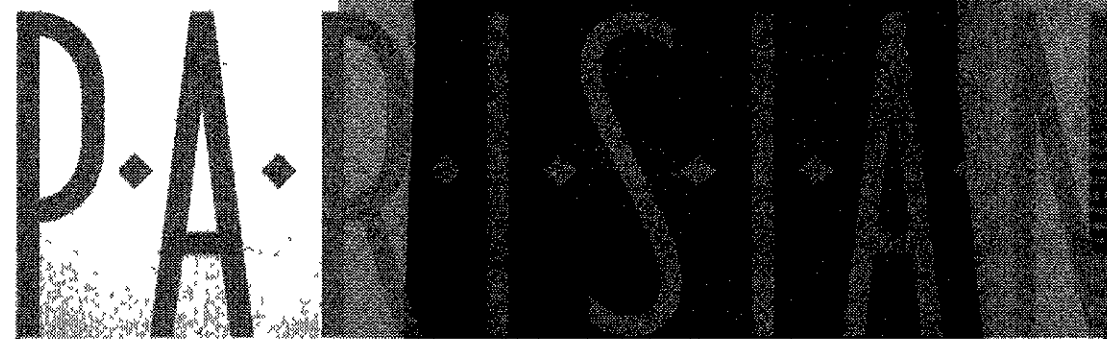
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■ I aimed to put community journalism on the map and to contribute some new thinking to the field. I helped found Suburban Newspapers of America, the leading trade association for our industry. Today there is no question that community newspapers have established a solid niche in American journalism.

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■ And I hoped my weekly column would contribute perspective and insight to readers and to the ongoing public policy dialogue in Michigan. Judging from the many responses — pro and con — I've received over the years, it's fair to say at the very least that lots of people are reading the column.

None of this would have been possible without the hard and capable work of countless HomeTown Communications staffers, past and present. Nor would it have been possible without the active commen-

tary, both encouraging and critical, from readers, advertisers, journalistic colleagues and HCN staffers. Somebody once said that the only way you learn is by listening to others. Over the years, I have learned a whale of a lot and I am very grateful.

So, what's next?

First, the word "retire" is not in my vocabulary. I certainly do not intend to withdraw from active engagement in our communities, our state and our society. Maybe the best way to express what's going on is that I am pivoting from one career to another. However, I will continue writing my regular column in this newspaper. I believe I offer a distinctive point of view and, besides, it's far too much fun for me to quit just now.

On a personal level, Kathy and I expect to be proud grandparents later this spring. And we're looking forward to a little black Labrador puppy joining our household at the end of April. (His name? "HomeTown," of course!) Having a little more time for family and friends is a wholly unmixed blessing.

The only thing that is constant in our lives is change. This particular change is a big one for me and Kathy, one that stirs strong and mixed emotions. At the top of the list is the appreciation and gratitude I have for so many people who helped make this portion of my life so rewarding and so satisfying — not least, you, the readers. So onward and upward, and best wishes to you all.

# Sale to Gannett completed; Aginian heads new group

McLEAN, Va. — Gannett Co., Inc. Thursday completed the acquisition of the assets of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., a community publishing company with publications in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Richard Aginian has been named president and publisher of the *Observer & Eccentric* and the *Mirror* newspaper groups in suburban Detroit. Aginian also will serve as a consultant to Gannett to assist in the transition of the new acquisitions. Aginian previously was president and CEO of HomeTown Communications Network.

"We're excited the former HomeTown publications are officially joining Gannett," said Gary L. Watson, president of the Newspaper Division. "And I'm even more pleased that Dick Aginian has agreed to stay on with Gannett. His experience and knowledge will



Aginian

be a great help with the transition and with running the two Detroit suburban newspaper groups.

Aginian joined HomeTown in 1977. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Wayne State University. He is active in numerous civic and charitable organizations in the Detroit area.

Watson said the various former HomeTown publications will be assimilated into the Newspaper Division on a geographic basis with the goal of increasing the synergies and service for readers and advertisers in the daily and non-daily newspaper markets.

In a letter to HomeTown staffers, chairman and longtime owner Phil Power said: "After nearly 40 years, it's been a long run — and a good one."

Power said he and his wife Kathy "decided it was a good time to sell the business, move on to new things and find other ways to contribute to our state and our society."

The acquisition includes one daily and 62 weekly and twice-weekly community newspapers; 24 community telephone directories; one shopping guide; other specialty and niche publications; as well as Web sites and commercial printing at four plants.

The newspaper group includes the recently launched *Daily Press & Argus* in fast-growing Livingston County and non-daily groups in the suburban areas near Detroit, Cincinnati/northern Kentucky and Lansing.

closed.

Gannett Co., Inc. is a leading international news and information company that publishes 102 daily newspapers in the U.S., including *USA TODAY*, the nation's largest-selling daily newspaper. The company also owns more than 800 non-daily publications in the U.S. and *USA WEEKEND*, a weekly newspaper magazine. Gannett subsidiary Newsquest is the United Kingdom's second largest regional newspaper company. Newsquest publishes more than 300 titles, including 17 daily newspapers and a network of prize-winning Web sites. Gannett also operates 21 television stations in the U.S. and is an Internet leader with sites sponsored by its TV stations and newspapers including USATODAY.com, one of the most popular news sites on the Web.

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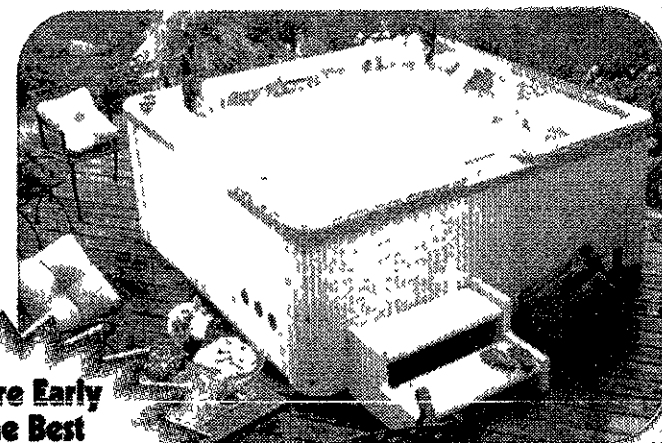
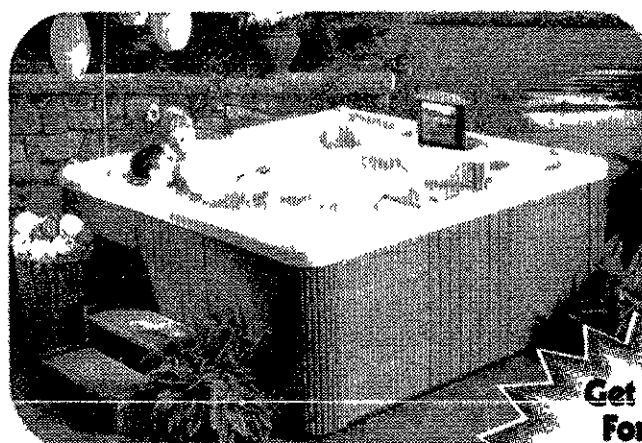


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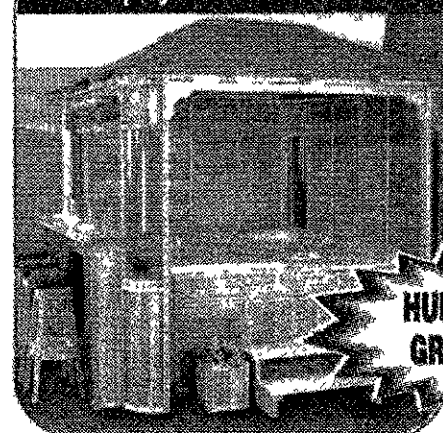


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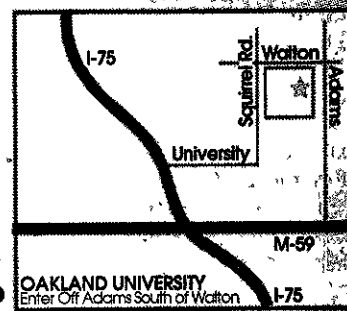
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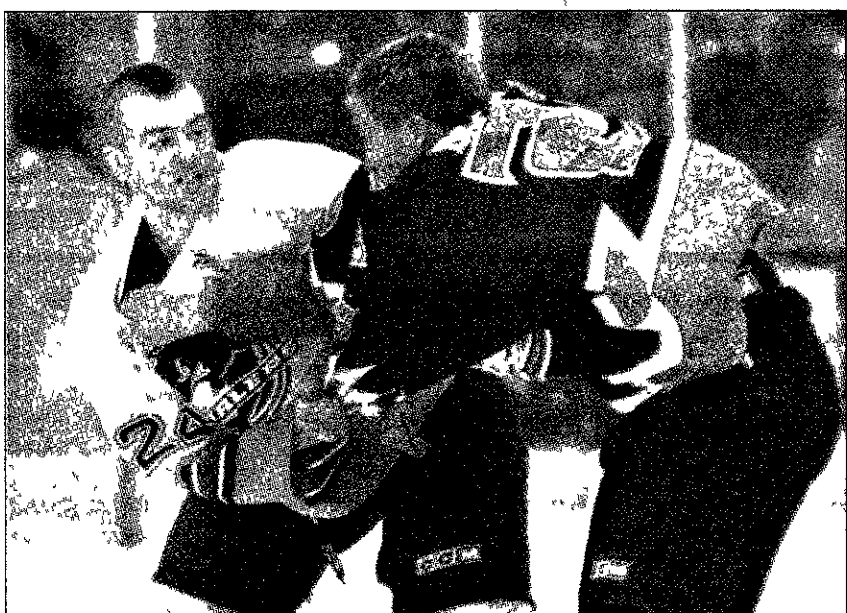
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Plymouth Whalers winger Gino Pisellini squared off with Owen Sound's Robin Big Snake during a first-period altercation Thursday night. The fight ended in a draw, but the Attack won the game, 7-2.

## Fight to the finish

### Attack sweeps Whalers out of playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

What can Brown do for you?

If you're the Owen Sound Attack, he can deliver you to the second round of the 2005 Ontario Hockey League playoffs. Not overnight, but within a week.

Led by goalie Mike Brown, the Attack swept the

Plymouth Whalers out of the OHL post-season Thursday night with a convincing 7-2 Game 4 victory, which was played before a crowd of 3,378 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

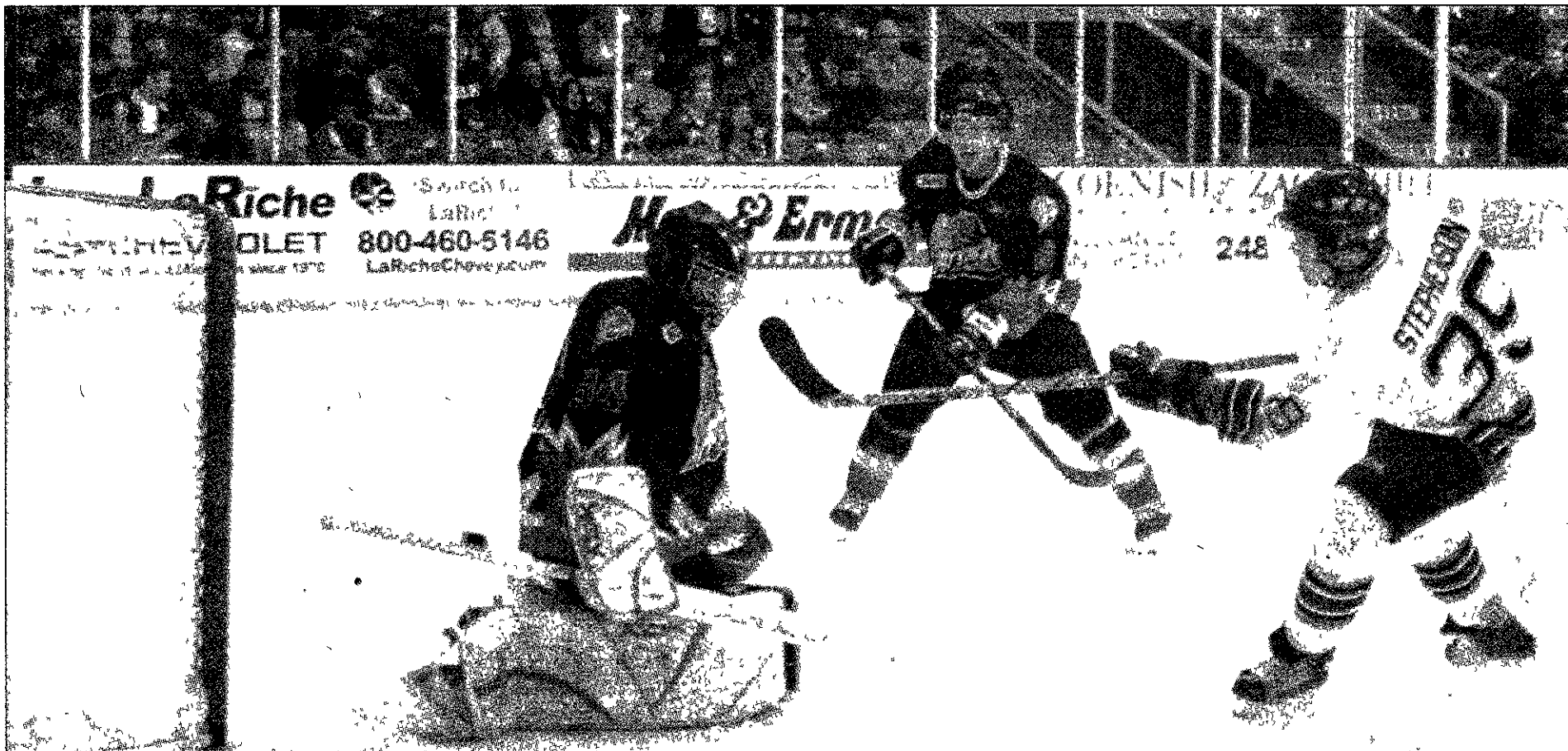
The only things brighter than Brown's construction cone-colored goalie pads were his goal-tending skills. The Boston Bruins draftee recorded two shutouts and yielded just three Plymouth

goals in the four games.

"Owen Sound won 40 games this season, so they're a very good hockey team," said Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci. "They were second only to London in our conference as far as points, but the biggest difference in the series was their goalie. He played extremely well."

"I thought the effort from

PLEASE SEE **WHALERS, B3**



PHOTOS BY DONALD J. ALLEY

Plymouth Whalers winger Ryan Stephenson was denied from close range by Owen Sound goalie Mike Brown during the first period of Thursday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game. Brown was sensational throughout the series, leading the Attack to a four-game sweep.

## Warriors open with 17-0 rout

### PREP LACROSSE

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The only things gusting harder than the wind Thursday afternoon at Pioneer Middle School were the lacrosse balls fired by the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors past Ypsilanti goalie James Litini.

Playing in their first official Michigan High School Athletic Association varsity game, the Warriors white-washed the Braves, 17-0. PCS, which consists of students from all three P-CEP schools, controlled the ball 90 percent of the time against Ypsi, which was playing in not just its first varsity game, but its first game ever.

A brutally cold wind gusted up to 40 miles per hour for most of the contest, but the conditions didn't faze the Warriors, who never looked back after scoring their first goal just two minutes into the game.

"Jumping out to an early lead gave us a chance to play a lot of people and work on our fundamentals," said Warriors coach Mike Costello. "I was happy with our intensity and our ball movement, but we still have a lot to work on."

PCS led 9-0 after the first quarter and 15-0 at the half. The Warriors unleashed 40 shots at Litini and proved their dominance by winning 20 of the 21 face-offs.

Sophomore Jared Ruark was the offensive star for PCS, recording four goals. Mike Bahrou (two), Ryan Gubert (two) and Brad Obuchowski (two) also recorded multi-goal games for the winners, who received single goals from John Groat, Nick Cote, Derek Edelen, Austin Gubert, Mitch French, Jeff Rork and Devin Murphy.

Groat (three), Murphy (two), Cote (two) and Rork all notched assists for the Warriors.

Defensively, Chris Sorensen chalked up a shutout for PCS.

The MHSAA 10-goal mercy-rule kicked in at halftime, so the entire second half was played with a running clock.

The unbeaten Warriors will host a pair of games next week: Tuesday they will take on Hartland before meeting Novi on Thursday. Both games are set for 3 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

## Schoolcraft basketball coach Briggs will coach Ocelots one more season

BY BRAD EMONS AND ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITERS

Speculation ended Friday afternoon about the job status of Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, who told the *Observer* that he will return for one final season.

Briggs, who is 226-36 in eight years, including three trips to the NJCAA Division I national tournament, met Friday afternoon with school President Dr. Conway Jeffress. And after that meeting, Briggs confirmed an agreement was reached between the two sides for the state's most successful junior college coach to return to the bench for his final season in 2005-06.

The meeting came after approximately 25 to 30 current and former players, coaches and friends of the

men's basketball program rallied Thursday afternoon at the Grote Administration Building in a show of support for the coach, who was rumored to be on his way out.

Because of a pair of off-season NJCAA rules violations, Schoolcraft was banned from NJCAA and Michigan Community College Athletic Association postseason playoffs, as well as being ineligible for the Eastern Conference championship.

The school administration chose not to appeal the one-year probation, which followed the use of a school van and the purchase of a meal while transporting nine Schoolcraft players to the JUCO All-American Challenge, a showcase for Division I college scouts, last July in Indianapolis, Ind.

Despite the sanctions and a limited roster, Schoolcraft finished 27-3 overall. "I'm glad both parties sat down and

worked it out that I'm going to coach one more year, and I appreciate the opportunity again. I give Dr. Jeffress credit," Briggs said. "They've evaluated what I've done and I appreciate what the college has done for me. I thank everybody who has supported me, but I've decided next year will be my final year."

The *Observer* reported in its Sunday, March 27, edition that Briggs was asked to resign and accept a severance deal, rumored to be anywhere from six months to a year's salary with the deadline to accept the package on Thursday.

That's when players, coaches and supporters of the men's basketball program mobilized Thursday afternoon in front of the Grote Building carrying signs and wanting answers

PLEASE SEE **COACH, B2**



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Howard Golding, basketball coach at Andover High School, turned out to protest despite high winds and plummeting temperatures.

## Signelines

### Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge in Canton will offer eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions beginning Thursday, April 7. The 30-minute segments, which will include an additional 15 minutes of free-skate time, are grouped by age and ability.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit on the Park and the Arctic Edge, which is located on Michigan Avenue, just west of Canton Center.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777.

### Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity players are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in varsity hockey at PCEP is also welcome.

### OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2005 season on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., in the OLGC gymnasium, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in grade three through eight. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting.

Program information and registration materials will be distributed. For further information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net or (734) 737-9935.

### T-ball sign-up

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be holding registration from March 28 through April 15 for its 5- and 6-year-old co-ed T-ball league. Children must be born in either July-December, 1998; January-December, 1999; or January-July, 2000.

Registration will be held at the recreation office, which is located at the Plymouth Cultural Center between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Birth certificates are required.

The season runs seven weeks from June 20 through Aug. 5. Games will be held on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

The fee is \$75 for non-residents and \$55 for Plymouth residents.

For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.



# Salem grad Roth joins golf Hall of Fame

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who wonders whether Plymouth Salem graduate Jeff Roth will rest on his laurels, following his selection for the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame, need only look back to last summer to receive an answer.

Roth, the head pro at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield, played eight straight days of tournament golf — four days at the National Club Pro Championships and four at the Michigan Open — and ended his marathon by shooting a four-under-par 68 to win his second Open championship.

Roth admits that when he received word of his selection to the Hall, “I kind of kiddingly said to my wife ... ‘Now I’m officially on the back nine of my career.’ I got elected to the University of Arizona Golf Hall of Fame last fall, and now this.”

But he also believes “there’s plenty of golf ahead of me. I’m not calling it a career, by any means.”

Roth and three others will be officially inducted into the Hall on May 15, at the Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion.

Roth calls his induction “a culmination of achievements throughout the years that I’m being recognized for. That’s very satisfying and very

humbling. It gives me a chance to acknowledge all the family and friends that I have who have helped my career move along.”

Among those family and friends are his wife, Maureen, and their four children, who are “my biggest support group,” Roth says.

Maureen, in particular, has offered tangible assistance to Roth’s career, in addition to moral support.

“I’ve always said the best caddy I’ve ever had was my wife,” Roth explains. “She caddied for me as far back as 1988 on the South African tour...She got to the point where she would just be able to put clubs in my hand, in terms of yardages. Maureen’s a nice golfer, but not an expert by any means. But she’s got a very keen sense for competing and athletics. So we actually work very well together on the golf course. She’s kind of a calming influence, too.”

Roth has earned the Michigan PGA Player of the Year title four times. He’s won the Michigan PGA championship four times, the state Tournament of Champions three times, plus his two Open titles.

He lists three victories as career highlights. The first was his 1993 victory at the National Club Professional Championships. Roth was also runner-up in that event in

1987.

His second highlight came in 1996 when Roth helped the U.S. team win the PGA Cup title. Roth has played in the event — which is the club professionals’ equivalent of the Ryder Cup — three times. In 1996, he recalls, “my singles match was the last match of the entire competition, and I was two-down with four to go and had to at least tie my match for us to retain the Cup. And I ended up winning the last four holes of the match, to win.”

The third highlight was his Open victory last summer, which he won with a 12-under-par 276.

Roth lists this victory among his highlights because, at age 46 he beat “a bunch of 20-year-olds, plus guys who are playing the Hooters Tour or the Nationwide Tour. Tom Gillis was in the field, who’s in the PGA Tour. It was just a very strong, young field, and to come back and win this event, shooting the golf that I shot, has to rank right up there as one of my top highlights.”

Roth grew up in Plymouth and was the top golfer on Plymouth Salem’s 1973 Class A state championship team. He earned a golf scholarship to the University of Arizona and took a swing at the pro tour before returning to Michigan. He’s been an assistant club professional

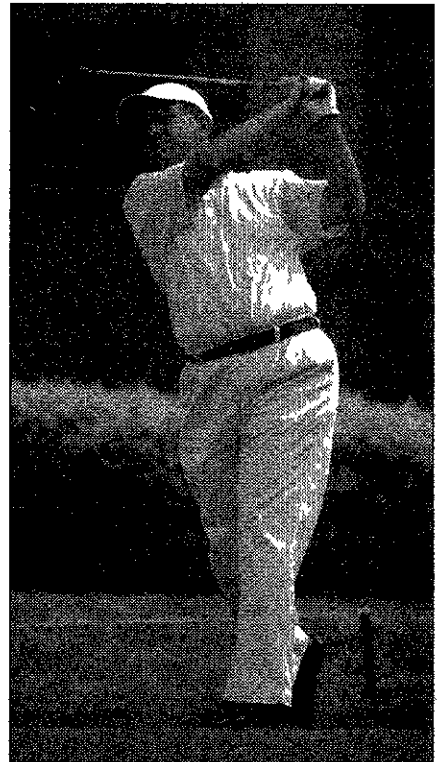
at the Birmingham, Tam O’Shanter and Wabek clubs, and was head pro at Flint Golf Club for 11 years before taking his current position at Knollwood.

“I’ve got an outstanding situation here at Knollwood Country Club, being the head pro, and I love doing what I do,” he says.

Asked what he enjoys the most about his job, Roth replies, without hesitation, “The people. That’s why I got into the business. Because of all the different personalities you get to deal with every day. You get different situations that arise, you get different fires to put out. You get to hear about the ups and downs of people’s golf rounds and golf lives. A lot of us golf pros could right books off of some of the stories we hear...It’s interesting to come to work every single day.”

Roth says his life revolves around his three main interests: “Playing golf, working at Knollwood, and my family interests. In some respects my life is very simple. And I like it that way. I don’t need to have all kinds of hobbies to make my life interesting because I find those three things occupy all my time.”

Roth expects to play some senior events when he becomes eligible, at



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Jeff Roth, who was recently selected to Michigan's Golf Hall of Fame, tees off at Knollwood Country Club.

age 50.

Until then, however, he hopes “to stay competitive and try to stay healthy and just try to keep my game in the most competitive shape that I possibly can.”

Judging by his recent success, that should be good enough to keep Roth among the state’s top golfers for awhile longer.

## COACH

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from Jeffress’s office about Briggs’ status as coach.

“Carlos was kind of a wild player, always throwing up ‘threes’ — of course, he’d make a lot of them — but when I went to see him coach a game, I was impressed by how organized his team was,” said Chauncey Blackwell, who has known Briggs for 30 years. “Why would they let go a coach with such a positive influence? They won, his kids got their degrees ...”

Calls and letters were also sent out earlier in the week to

Jeffress’s office and to Schoolcraft trustees.

“I started going to Schoolcraft games five years ago, and I was so impressed with their teamwork,” said one of the rally organizers, Keith Emerson, a former high school coach and athletic director. “He never did anything wrong as far as I could find out, and if he did, he should get a chance to rectify the problem.”

Also at the rally was former Schoolcraft assistant coach Howard Golding, now the boys basketball coach at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

“He’s given second chances to so many kids,” said Golding. “When I was at Oak Park I had a kid, Robert Brown, and without Carlos’s guidance, Robert — and a lot of kids like him — probably never would have earned their college degrees.”

When Executive Vice President John Tomey, who is retiring in June, made the deci-

sion not to appeal the off-season violations, relations between Briggs and the current administration, which also included Dean of Student Services Cheryl Wright and interim athletic director Bill Tolstedt, became even more strained. (Tolstedt, the women’s soccer coach, has since been replaced on a permanent basis by Sid Fox.)

When questioned last week by the *Observer* about Briggs’ job security, Tomey said: “We do not discuss personnel issues.”

Briggs also lost two of his biggest supporters over the summer: murdered Schoolcraft trustee Richard DeVries and athletic director Ed Kavanaugh, who resigned in June.

Kavanaugh hired Briggs, the former Schoolcraft College All-America who played at Baylor University, when he was an assistant high school coach in Waxahachie, Texas.

Briggs then transformed the Ocelots from a cellar-dwelling program into a national power. During the 2001-02 season, No. 1-ranked Schoolcraft finished 35-1 overall and earned a third-place finish in NJCAA Division I Tourney in Hutchinson, Kan.

During his eight-year stint, Briggs has sent over 35 players to the NCAA Division I and II ranks including Derrick Bird (Auburn), Sam Hoskin (DePaul), Mike Williams (Western Michigan) and Gary Johnson (Central Florida), while maintaining a minority student-athlete graduation rate of over 70 percent.

“It wasn’t just about basketball, it was about school, too, with Carlos,” said former Ocelot player Nick Evola, who played two seasons at Western Michigan University. “If you wanted to move on to Division I or II school, he’d do everything he could to help you do that.”

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WAYNE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATION

The Wayne County Commission adopted the following amendment to the Wayne County Environmental Health Regulation at its meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2005:

1) An amendment to the Wayne County Environmental Health Regulation to add Article X, entitled Wayne County Clean Indoor Air Regulation, to address the harmful effects of second-hand smoke in the workplace; the first violation is to result in a warning, the second in a fine of up to \$100, and a fine of up to \$500 for subsequent violations.

**Meeting was held: THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005, 9:30 A.M.**  
Commission Chamber Room 400  
Wayne County Building  
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

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WHALERS

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our guys was there right until the end. We just didn't get many bounces."

Brown, who was acquired by the Attack in a mid-season trade with Saginaw, had never played in an OHL playoff game prior to Game 1 last week.

"I don't think you necessarily have to have experience in the playoffs to do well," said Brown, stating what he had proved over the previous week. "I have an outstanding team playing in front of me; that's what's important. Most of the shots I see are from the outside, so they're easier to stop. Plus, we had the lead in every game in this series, which meant I could relax a little more than if we had been behind."

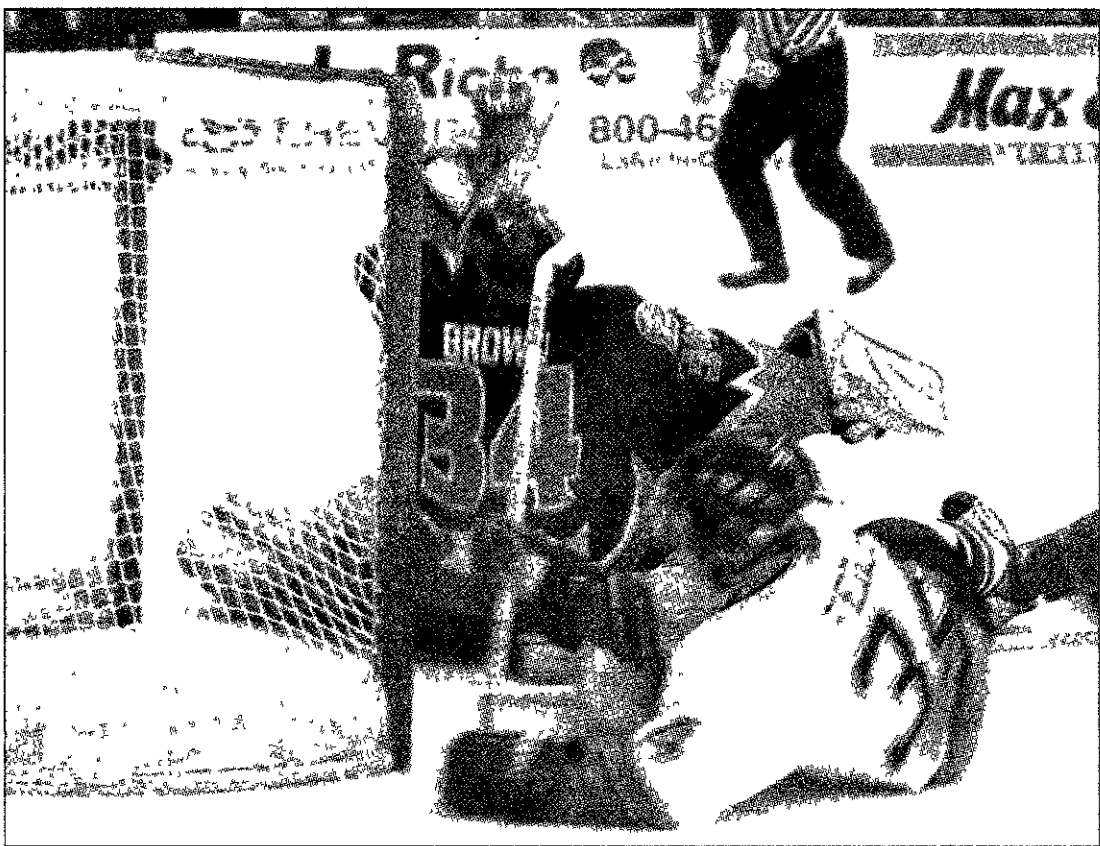
While Brown was instrumental in sending the Whalers to their premature post-season demise, the guys wearing the black-and-white stripes also had a hand in the sweep, according to Vellucci.

"The officiating was horrible in all four games," he emphasized. "Tonight, they had 10 power-play opportunities; we had four. For the series, they had 30, and we had 12. After the first two games, Owen Sound only scored two even-strength goals. It's difficult to win when you're constantly playing short-handed."

Vellucci said his team took the early exit hard.

"There's a lot of emotion in there right now," said Vellucci, as he gestured toward the Whalers' locker room. "They all still have their pads on. For some of them — like Tim Sestito, John Mitchell, Mike Knight and Jonas Fiedler — tonight's game was probably their last with the Whalers, so it's tough."

"We started the season with



DONALD J. ALLEY

Whalers right wing Jonas Fiedler scored the Whalers' first goal Thursday night when he beat Owen Sound goalie Mike Brown on this short-handed effort.

10' rookies, so we knew it was going to be a learning year. We were starting to get better about half-way through the season, but I think we got tired. Obviously, we didn't go as far as we wanted to this year, but it was a good learning experience for the young guys."

With a 3-0 series deficit weighing on them, the last thing the young Whalers needed was to fall behind early Thursday night, but that's exactly what happened when Brad Richardson scored a power-play goal 3:46 into the game to put the Attack up 1-0. The assist was credited to Andrej Sekera, who broke his stick while firing a slap-shot. The slow-moving puck trickled to the right slot, where Richardson pounced on it and

banged it past Whalers goalie Ryan Nie. Owen Sound's Robin Big Snake contributed a big goal four minutes later to make it 2-0.

Plymouth's James Neal converted a power-play goal with 4:30 remaining in the first period to cut the hosts' deficit in half, 2-1, however, Owen Sound responded quickly when Patrick Jarrett scored with just over three minutes left in the first period to put the Attack ahead 3-1.

The sellout crowd was brought to its feet 6:12 into the second period when Fiedler lifted a short-handed goal past a sprawling Brown to bring the Whalers to within 3-2. However, five minutes later, Sekera intercepted a pass in the Whalers' zone, carried the puck just past center ice before

threading a pass to a wide-open Richardson, who lit the red light with a back-hander to cushion the lead to 4-2.

Owen Sound's Bobby Ryan contributed the series' clincher when he tallied a power-play goal with just 10 seconds left in the second period.

Jeff Kurzakos and Stefan Ruzicka added third-period goals for the winners, who will battle Sault Ste. Marie in round 2 of the OHL playoffs.

Owen Sound outshot the Whalers, 40-15. Gino Pisellini made sure Plymouth didn't go down without a fight. Eight minutes into the contest, Pisellini squared off against Big Snake in a center-ice tussle. Not many punches were landed by either player, but the confrontation fired up the fans.

THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Monday, April 4**  
Dearborn Divine Child at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.  
PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Calvary Christian at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 7**  
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
Huron Valley Lutheran at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 8**  
PCA at Warren Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Summerfield at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Canton at Swartz Creek (DH), 1:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Plymouth at A.A. Huron (DH), 4 p.m.  
PCA at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 7**  
Huron Valley Lutheran at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 8**  
PCA at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.  
**BOYS TRACK**  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Blazer Invitational at Ladywood, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Patriot Relays at Franklin, 9 a.m.  
Canton Plymouth at A.A. Pioneer Invite at Univ. of Mich., 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS TRACK**  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Blazer Invitational at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Patriot Relays at Franklin, 9 a.m.  
A.A. Pioneer Inv. at Univ. of Mich., 10 a.m.  
Churchill, Plymouth at Mercy, 1:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Wednesday, April 6**  
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Monroe at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 7**  
Rochester at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Salem at Birmingham Seaholm, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, April 8**  
Canton at Troy, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Plymouth at Lake Orion Invite, 8 a.m.  
Salem at Rochester, 2 p.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Salem at Essexville-Garber Invite, 9 a.m.  
**PREP LACROSSE**  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Hartland at PCS, 3 p.m.  
at Pioneer Middle School  
**Thursday, April 7**  
Novi at PCS, 3 p.m.  
at Pioneer Middle School  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
**Sunday, April 3**  
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Rochester College at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 6**  
Madonna at Ohio Dominican, 1 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 7**  
Madonna at Bethel (Ind.), 2 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 10**  
Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
**Sunday, April 3**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 5**  
Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley St. at Ladywood High School, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 9**  
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood High School, 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 10**  
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

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# Success has come early for Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Winning has come at a fast and furious pace for the upstart Plymouth High School softball team.

The Wildcats rolled to a 30-5 record in 2004, when the team's roster consisted of sophomores and freshmen. Approximately three-quarters of Plymouth's regular-season schedule was played against junior-varsity competition last year, but the Wildcats proved they were the real deal when they won a Division 2 district title and narrowly lost to powerful Chelsea in their regional opener.

Plymouth's freshmen team finished 17-9 two years ago, setting the stage for last season's success.

"I knew we had a lot of talented players coming in," said third-year coach Val Canfield. "We had some heavy hitters last year, our defense was sound and our pitching was strong."

"Our goal is to eventually win a state championship. We're all going to keep working hard until we reach that goal."

There's a good news/bad news scenario facing the Wildcats this season. The good news is that none of their top players graduated. The bad news: They have no seniors.

"I'm very optimistic heading into this season," Canfield said. "Our biggest strength is going to be our defense; that's what keeps us in games. But it's our

offense that will win games for us. Both of them — along with our pitching — are equally important."

Sophomore Claire Ostrowski returns as the Wildcats' No. 1 pitcher. The right-hander pitched in all 35 games last season. Also seeing time on the mound will be freshman Ally Ciotti, who velocity matches that of her hard-throwing colleague.

"Claire will start probably 70 percent of the games this season with Ally getting most of the rest of the starts," Canfield said.

Sophomore Melissa Butzow will also pitch, mostly in a relief role.

Sophomore Madison Dresser starts the season as the team's top catcher.

The infield will be filled out

by first baseman Melissa Butzow, second baseman Lauren Stemberger, shortstop Kim Klonowski and third baseman Kim Olech.

"Kim Klonowski has a great arm at short," Canfield said. "She can throw 63 miles per hour overhand. Kim Olech missed last season due to an injury, but she was one of our best hitters as a freshman."

Juniors Danielle Bondy and Rachel Juco have sewn two of the three starting outfield slots. A pair of freshmen — Gina Giordano and Amy Bondy — are battling for the final opening.

Juniors Megan Tkachuk and Erin Ondusky will provide depth for the Wildcats, who open their season Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron.

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## Canton 10th at Huron Relays

The Canton boys track-and-field team opened its 2005 campaign with a 10th-place finish in the 29-team Huron River Relays March 26. The event was held in Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse.

Senior captain Derek Reeves earned the Chiefs' first points when he finished fourth in the pole vault with a leap of 11 feet, six inches.

Reeves later teamed up with Pete Boucher, Andy Huang and Rodney Preston for a ninth-place showing in the shuttle hurdle relay. The quartet crossed the finish line in 36 seconds.

Preston made his mark in the 60-meter high-hurdles competition when he notched a third-place finish with a personal-best time of 8.59.

Canton's sprint medley relay team of Cyrus Azizi, Andy Rossow, David Calille and Phalpiel Whitlock finished seventh in 3:52.2 and the 1,600 relay squad of Rossow, Azizi, Preston and Calille was fifth in 3:35.8.

The Chiefs are set to compete in the Pioneer Invitational at the University of Michigan on Saturday. They open their dual-meet schedule April 14 at home against Walled Lake Western.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### FLAG FOOTBALL

The Westland International Association of Fire Fighters, the Westland Police Officers Association and High Velocity Sports will be hosting a flag-football tournament Friday, April 8, in an effort to raise money for the Metro Detroit North District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at HVS, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Metro Detroit North District of the MDA covers over 70 percent of Oakland County and one-third of Wayne County. Support from the community enables the MDA to

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If you would like to participate in this fund-raiser, call (248) 354-0950.

### WILDCAT BOOSTERS

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be held Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players are encouraged to attend.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a *Bid for Portable Classrooms for Dodson, Tonda, Bentley, Field, and Smith Elementary Schools*. Bidding documents are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center, RE "Portable Bid", 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a *Bid for Replacement Doors for East Middle School*. Bidding documents are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center, RE "East Door Bid", 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a *Bid for the Temporary Moving & Storage of Furniture for Allen, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools*. Bidding documents are available by contacting Doug Underwood of the District's Construction Management Team of McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at Smith Elementary School, 1298 McKinley Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E. J. McClendon Educational Center, RE: "Moving Bids", 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2005 where they will be read publicly. The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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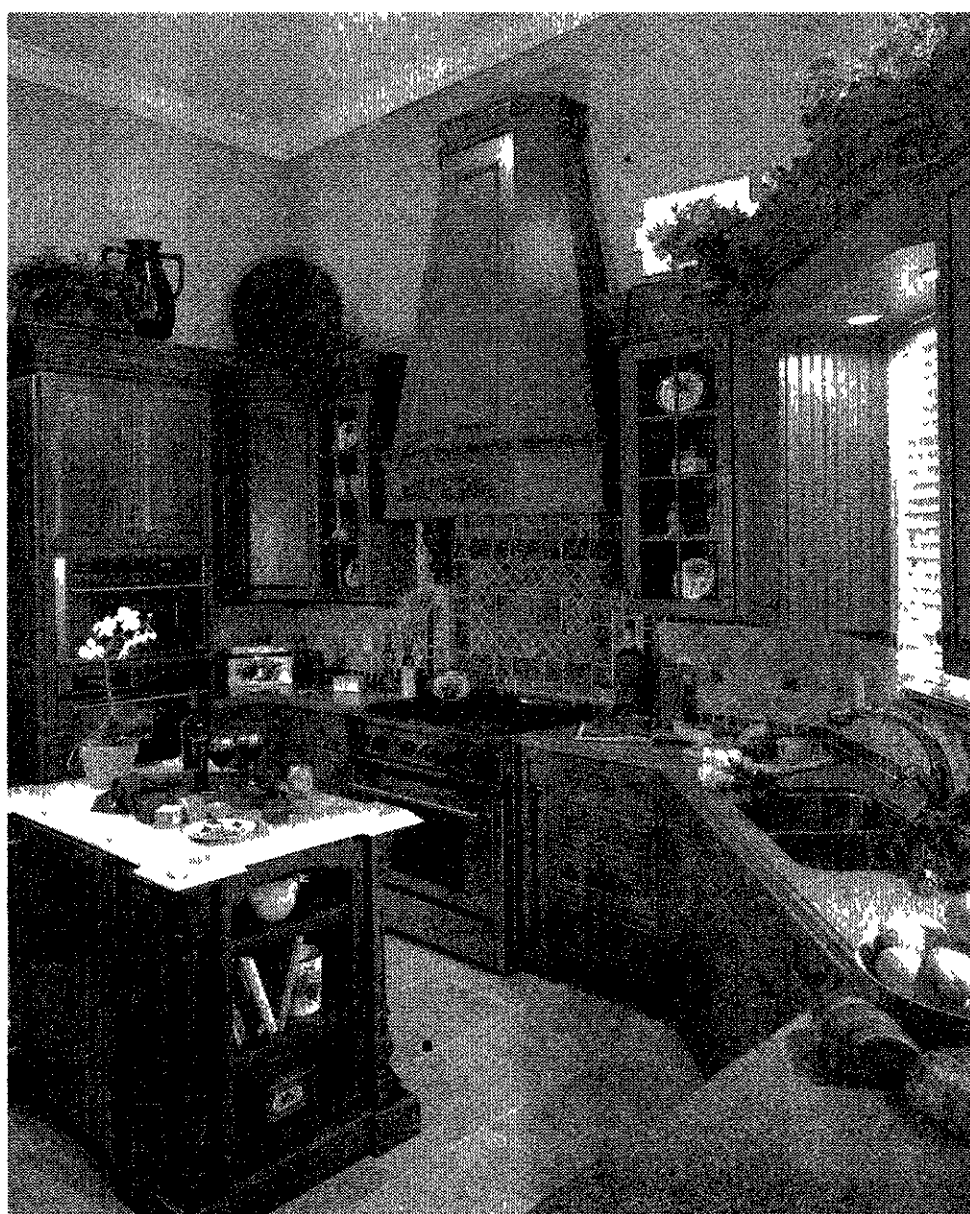
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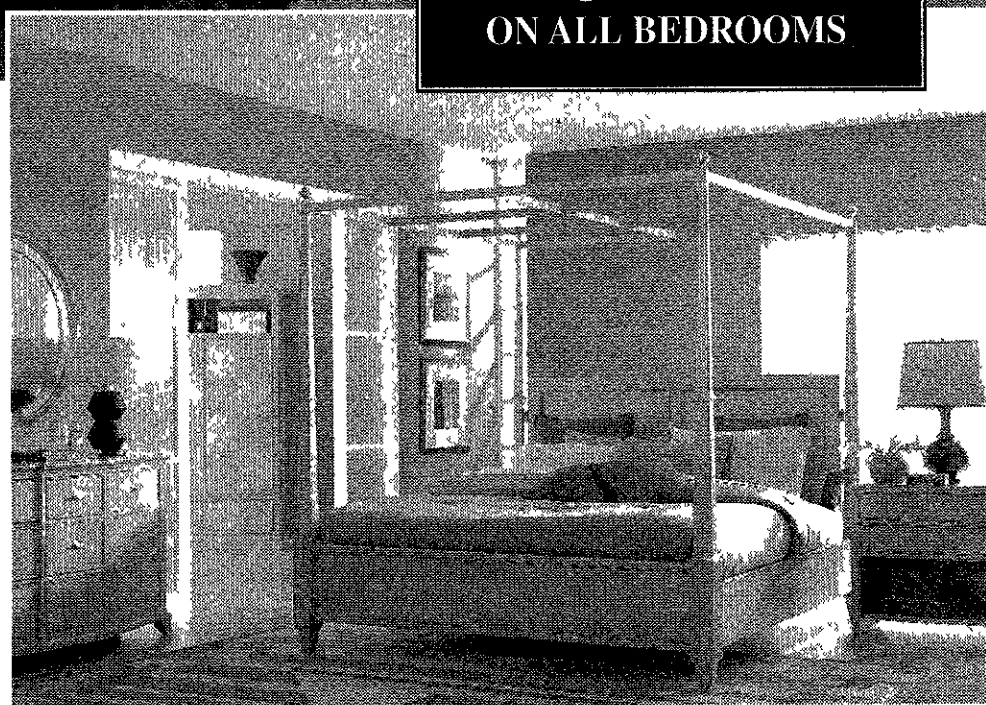
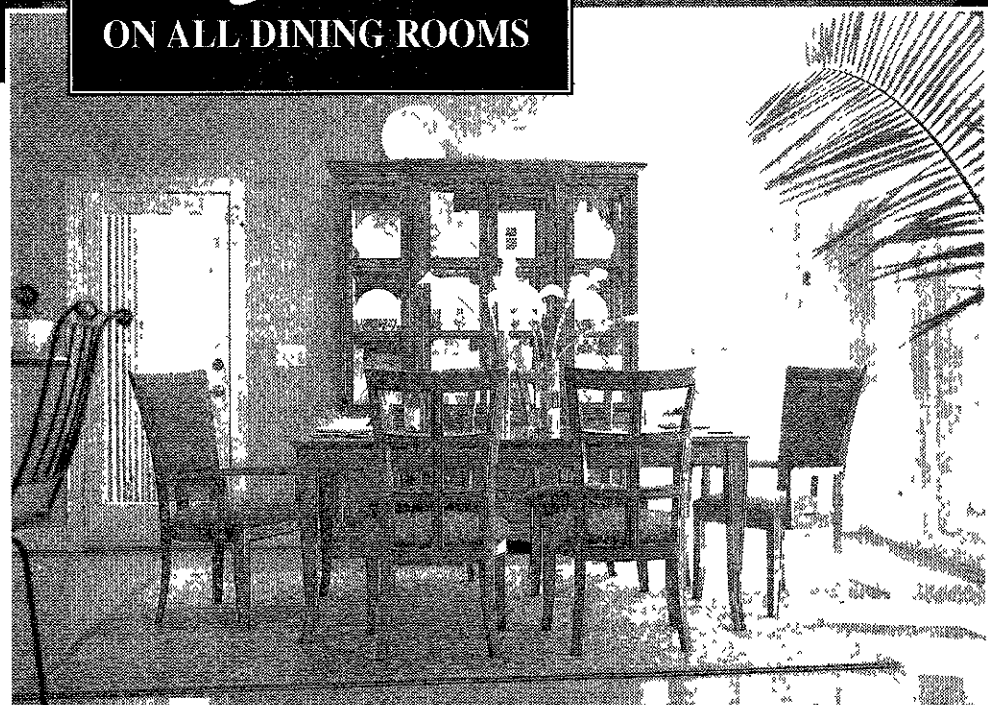
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## Dealing with borderline personality

In last month's article, a particular personality disorder known as borderline was outlined.

As described by Mason and Kreger in their book *Stop Walking on Eggshells*, they highlight several distinctive factors that exemplify the borderline personality. Five or more of these characteristics may suggest that a person has borderline personality tendencies:

- 1) frantic efforts to avoid real or imagined rejection and abandonment
- 2) involved in unstable and intense interpersonal relationships characterized by either idealizing or devaluing others
- 3) persistently unstable self-image
- 4) impulsivity toward self-damage in two areas: spending, sex, substance abuse, shoplifting, binge eating, reckless driving
- 5) talks about suicide and/or self-mutilates, ex: cutting, pulling
- 6) moody — mixing depression, anxiety, rage and despair (a few hours to a few days)
- 7) feels chronically empty

**Don't take it personally - they see the world as black and white.**

- 8) responds with intense anger, which may manifest in physical fights
- 9) detaches from stressful situations, not remembering them later

These people function wonderfully well in the workplace and can be extremely bright. In *Stop Walking on Eggshells*, two borderlines summed up their struggles by saying, "Ignoring and denying my problems was a coping mechanism that enabled me to keep the fear and pain under control. ... Don't underestimate the borderline's pain or fear. The more we fear, the more we deny. ... Until I really understood personal responsibility, I believed that everything that happened to me was someone else's fault. While I was pushing the limits of appropriateness at every turn, I felt annihilated when people tried to convince me that I had control over my crazy behavior. I resisted the thought and become enraged. In therapy, I realized that I hated and judged other people because that's how I felt about myself."

For those who are in close proximity to this type of personality, you must remember several salient points:

- 1) Don't take it personally — they see the world as black and white and assume you do, too.
- 2) Don't take responsibility for their feelings. Though their threats are admittedly scary and a stressful conversation or situation will set them off, their goal is to throw the focus back on to you because it is too scary for them to look at themselves.
- 3) Keep a sense of humor because your reaction (i.e., fear, anxiety, anger, confusion) can intensify their control over the situation.
- 4) Detach with love. Detaching from a person does not mean judging them or condemning them.
- 5) Take your life back.
- 6) Be responsible for your own behavior and set limits around bad behavior.
- 7) Face your own issues about being needed. Do you suppose your unconscious side wanted this relationship so that you could rescue this person?

Jacquie Martin-Downs provides counseling for children, adoles-

# Observer LIFE

## Eve ... her

## Paws with a Cause dogs save lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Jane MacFarland never got a good night's sleep until last September when Yukon, a Paws with a Cause dog, moved into her Canton home.

Sandy Collins credits her PAWS dog, Beacon, with saving her life after she stopped breathing in her sleep in the Garden City home where she lives with her mother and stepfather, Ken and Maxine Bondie.

Yukon and Beacon are just two of the everyday heroes from PAWS, the nonprofit organization which trains dogs to assist people with disabilities. Several working dogs from all over Michigan, including Beacon, will receive awards from PAWS on May 1 for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Yukon isn't receiving an award, but he's still a hero to MacFarland whose fear of fire and burglars kept her tossing and turning because she couldn't hear if the smoke alarm went off or someone broke into her home. Then Yukon came into her life. Even though he's still a puppy at 2 years old, Yukon has given MacFarland the independence she lost over the years. Born with a hearing impairment that's grown progressively worse, MacFarland has not only been able to return to school but accomplish chores around the house without the assistance of her husband, Kevin Welker.

### HELPING PAWS

Yukon loves doing laundry. One by one, he pulls pieces of clothing from the dryer. Next, it's on to the kitchen where he retrieves the soup can she dropped. The two are still in training, rather MacFarland is still learning how to work Yukon. Three times a week, a PAWS field instructor teaches her to implement the training he received in Wayland near Grand Rapids after being raised by a foster family. MacFarland's hearing impairment keeps her off balance so Yukon steadies her as they walk up and down stairs. Until Yukon, she wasn't able to walk without tripping and couldn't take classes at Henry Ford Community College for fear she might be hit by a car in the parking lot. Today, both wear pins saying they're members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. One of Yukon's most accomplished tasks is retrieving the phone.

"Before Yukon, communication was harder between family and friends but now he's actually hearing the phone," said MacFarland, who demonstrated Yukon's talents at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show March 19-20 at Cobo Center. Yukon and MacFarland regularly display their team work for PAWS. On Wednesday, they visited the Canton Township Administration Building to raise awareness about PAWS and an upcoming jeans day to benefit the nonprofit that provides dogs to disabled people without charge. MacFarland's nearing the end of her training, made possible in part by a Paws to Read fund-raiser at Emerson School in Livonia.

A PAWS dog costs about \$20,000 to train. Thanks to the Plymouth-Canton Civitans Club, Plymouth Lions, United Way Community Services and United Way of Plymouth, Yukon is helping MacFarland not only to study health information technology but volunteer for the Michigan Commission on Disabilities and Concerns to which she was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Yukon is really a special dog because he's doing the job of a hearing and a service dog," said MacFarland, who grew up in Bloomfield Hills where on Easter Sunday she took Yukon to church at Kirk in the Hills.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Beacon, an assistance dog trained by Paws with a Cause, sits by owner Sandy Johnson in Garden City.

"Yukon will pick up any items I drop, my keys, money. I'm always dropping things and don't hear them."

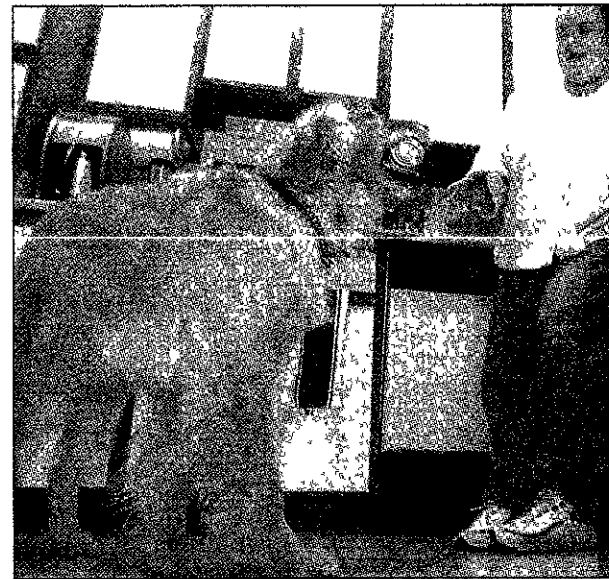
### LIFE SAVER

Beacon's already certified as a PAWS dog but that didn't prepare him to save Sandy Johnson's life last September. He jumped up on her chest and got her breathing again when he sensed something was wrong. Johnson has sleep apnea and uses a breathing machine at night. During sleep, she frequently takes her mask off but Beacon wakes her up to put it back on. Funding for the training was provided by United Way, Garden City Lions, Trenton Lions, Stofer Trust, and students at Johnson Elementary in Westland who held a Paws to Read fund-raiser where they collected pledges for the minutes they read.

### KEEPING ACTIVE

But Beacon doesn't just assist Johnson at night. In 2001, a stroke left her with a neurological disorder.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yukon picks up a dropped can and gives it to Jane MacFarland of Canton.

## Before purchasing PSP, check out games on PDA

Unless you've been hiding under a Game Boy, you've no doubt heard about Sony's spiffy new PlayStation Portable (PSP).

For a mere \$250, plus about \$40 per game, it delivers on-the-go entertainment nerdvana — sorry, nirvana.

I don't know about you, but I'm pretty happy with my current portable-gaming system — my PDA.

It has a big, colorful screen. It plays music and movies. And I can choose from literally thousands of games to install on it, most of which cost \$20 or less.

Make no mistake — I think the PSP is pretty cool, and I'll review some of the newer games in a future column (see the end of this column for a few tidbits to tide you over). In the meantime, let's take a look at what's available for Palm OS and Pocket PC PDAs and smartphones. You'll be amazed.

Fans of the desktop classic Age of Empires, for instance, should check out the Pocket PC version

(www.gomdm.com). It's a dead



Game Savvy

Rick  
Broida

ringer for the original and provides hours of real-time strategy fun.

The same company also sells Madden NFL 2005 for both Palm OS and Pocket PC handhelds. This one derives from the console classic, which most football fans regard as the all-time best pigskin simulator. Thankfully, all the teams and players have been updated to reflect the 2004-05 season.

If you're into adventure games, you'll be blown away by Gilbert Goodmate PDA for Pocket PC (www.z-logics.com). It's reminiscent of the great LucasArts adventures (the Monkey Island series comes to mind), with a hilarious plot and graphics you have to see to believe.

Like board games? Handmark (www.handmark.com) offers



The latest PSP games? Think again. These are a few of the many outstanding games available for your PDA.

licensed versions of Battleship, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit and Yahtzee. While you're there, check out Lemonade Tycoon, a great little lemonade-stand simulator that secretly teaches business basics.

Some of the best puzzle games on the planet can be found at Astraware (www.astraware.com). In addition to new classics like

Bejeweled and Zuma, the site offers a few of my all-time favorites: Bookworm, Text Twist and Zap!2016 (an arcade-style shooter).

Believe it or not, PDAs are an ideal place to do crossword puzzles. I'm a fan of the Merriam-Webster Crossword Challenge (www.jamdat.com), which includes several hundred puzzles, in-game hints and even feedback on your

performance. That's a pretty great deal for \$14.95.

OK, I can't resist mentioning a few PSP goodies. The Intec PSP Pro Gamer's Kit packs a wealth of useful accessories — everything from retractable earbud headphones to car and wall chargers. You can find this sweet bundle at the X10 online store (www.x10.com) for \$24.99.

If you're a Mac user, be sure to check out PSPWare (www.nullriver.com) and PocketMac for PSP (www.pocketmac.net), two programs that enable you to sync with your PSP.

Finally, movie fans should grab PSP Video 9 (www.pspvideo9.com), a free-ware utility for converting PC video files to a PSP-compatible format.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How To Do Everything with Musimatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.



## ENGAGEMENTS

**Butler-Stevens**

George and Kathy Butler of Haslett announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Carolyn, to Scott Whitney Stevens of Plymouth.

Jenny earned her Bachelor's Degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University and her Master's Degree in architecture from the University of Michigan. She is employed as an architectural designer.

Her fiancé, Scott, is the son of Mark and Debbie Stevens of Canton. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering and his Master's in business administration from Lawrence Technological University. He is employed as a field support engineer with Rockwell Automation.

Scott and Jenny are planning a May wedding at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, they will make their new home in Plymouth.

**Russell-Carlisle**

Gary and Janice Davis of Temperance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie Russell, of Plymouth to Timothy Michael Carlisle of Plymouth.

Diane is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Madonna University.

Her fiancé, Timothy, is the son of Doreen Carlisle of Westland. He is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

Timothy and Diane are planning a May wedding at Laurel Chapel.



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## FICTION

1. "The Rising," Tim LaHaye
2. "Impossible," Danielle Steel

3. "With No One as Witness," Elizabeth George
4. "The Broker," John Grisham
5. "Vanishing Acts," Jodi Picoult

## NON-FICTION

1. "Deadly Game," Catherine Crier
2. "Blood Brother," Annie Bird
3. "Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
4. "Juiced," Jose Canseco
5. "Men in Black," Mark

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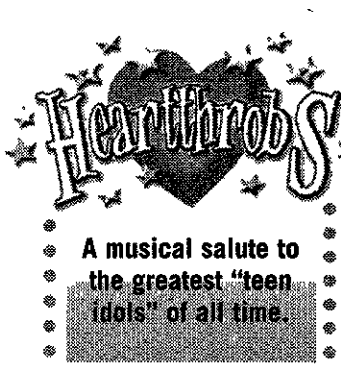
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## Star Struck

(April 3 - April 6)  
By Dennis Fairchild

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The shuttle of life certainly seems to be weaving a very peculiar pattern at the mo', and in spite of your concern over finances, what transpires as the Sun leaves your sign on the 19th should find you traveling in a new direction with your monies or totally preoccupied with a major alteration in your day-to-day.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

It looks like a creative project or domestic liaison has come full circle and the next step is up to you, Bull. A New Moon on Friday will open your eyes to something which you should have already noticed. Do not worry, kiddo. There is still time— and time is everything.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

It's difficult for your sign to weigh out proper action, Twin. You may be taking so long to make a decision about a business or personal issue that you risk losing the understanding and support of those concerned. There are situations when any resolution is better than none. This is one.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Yeah. It was a cranky March, right, MoonKid? Don't let someone who knows you well interfere with what is essentially your baby or livelihood. Friday's New Moon may encourage you to give others the benefit of the doubt, but that is no reason to let anyone else take control. Keeping the peace is not as vital as maintaining your independence, kid.

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Hey, Lion. You've held a difference of opinion with a loved one and biz associate for long enough. Now, a midweek planetary change means that it's best to speak— even though you may not get satisfaction until later this month. Remember— not everyone sees life with your vision or from your viewpoint.

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Are you frustrated over recent developments on the money-landscape, Virgo? Well, major celestial forces affecting your ruler Mercury, planet of the mind, spell success for a new endeavor at home or work. Just don't rush matters now; con-

fidence and experience are the products of patience and hard work

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Believe it or not, Balancer, the good times are about to get better! This week's Solar Eclipse into the most dynamic area of your chart will boost your confidence to such an extent that, for once, you won't be scared to take the kinds of risks that make things happen.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

The Sun's transit of the well-being area of your chart will bring health issues to the force and compel you to do something about them. No matter how strong you are, you must learn to treat your body with more respect, Scorp. Take a break, don't work yourself into the ground.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your best bet this week seems to be in allowing partners or close companions to air their opinions and feel important, kiddo. Otherwise, the Solar Eclipse in your element on Friday could create all kinds of arguments and conflicts. What really matters is that there is about to be an upsurge in your financial fortunes.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

To imply that there are those who are hoping that you will take a tumble may sound rather far-fetched. However, with the Sun in your most sensitive area of your solar chart this month signifies that this is very much a time of power struggles and you simply cannot afford to miss a trick, Cap.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

No matter how stressed-out you feel, on no account create a commotion now, WaterBearer. Friday's Solar Eclipse will force loved ones to make amends or alter their ways. In fact your time and energy must concentrate on financial affairs— otherwise, difficulties could soon become disputes

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

It's time to slow down and count your blessings, Fish. You've been moving so fast that you may have overlooked just how lucky you are to have people around you who are always to be counted on to look out for your interests. It would be nice to something for them, too.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone 1-248-546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

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Class of January/June 1950 is planning a 55-year reunion in September 2005. For more information, contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263-8179 or Fred Kashouty at (586) 294-7512

#### Lincoln Park High School

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is planned for Oct. 1, 2005. Please contact Al and Sally Sebastian at [Aherc@aol.com](mailto:Aherc@aol.com) or (734) 421-9076.

#### Livonia Churchill

Classes 1971-2005  
Yearly Summer Bash is June 18, 2005, at Waterford Bend Park. For more information, go to [www.ChurchillAlumni.com](http://www.ChurchillAlumni.com) or e-mail [SummerBash@ChurchillAlumni.com](mailto:SummerBash@ChurchillAlumni.com) or call Chris or Gayle Nicholson at (734) 728-0393

#### Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at The Italian Epicure on Grand River Avenue in Novi. Call (734) 261-3264 or email: [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com)

#### Lowrey High School

Classes of 1964-65

A reunion is planned for Aug. 5, 2005, at Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charlene Hackett at (734) 246-1110 or [chackettmi@mind-spring.com](mailto:chackettmi@mind-spring.com)

#### Northville High School

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A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details, contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at [nancymambinder@comcast.net](mailto:nancymambinder@comcast.net)

#### Old Plymouth High School

There will be an all-school reunion from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, in the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Open to all graduates of the Plymouth High School on Main and Church in downtown Plymouth. A \$5 admission includes refreshments and a cash bar. Call Chuck VanVleck at (734) 453-7377 or e-mail: [emermgnt@aol.com](mailto:emermgnt@aol.com)

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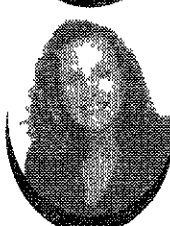
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## HEROES

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der which doctors have been unable to diagnose. As she grows weaker by the day, Beacon finds new ways to help whether it's by stabilizing her, retrieving the phone or opening doors to malls and restaurants. In December, he escorted her to the Festival of Trees gala after helping her shop for and design a centerpiece for the Children's Hospital of Michigan fundraiser.

"I would never have made it without him," said Johnson, 43. "He counter balances me to help me walk. I drop a lot of things because of neuropathy. He's my co-designer. He helped to pick up everything."

Once again, Beacon will serve as her escort for the Paws to Celebrate Brunch where he'll receive the Golden Paw Award 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Hyatt in Dearborn. Tickets for the fund-raiser are \$50 and available through April 22. Call Sue Brooks at (248) 693-9789. "I'm so proud of Beacon," said Johnson, a former social worker. "It's been hard. I've had to go from

being independent to being unable to even drive a car. Beacon makes it a lot easier. And there's so much company with a dog. There's a bond there, a warm interaction."

Lynn Hoekstra's witnessed the bonding between dog and humans many times over the 21 years she's worked for PAWS, first as a field instructor and now as southeastern Michigan regional director for the organization founded in 1979 in the Grand Rapids area. Today, more than 1,700 dogs have graduated and gone on to help disabled persons all over the country.

"We'll be honoring working dogs - police and customs dogs, assistance dogs. Beacon is a service dog in that category," said Hoekstra from the Lake Orion PAWS office. "As a nonprofit all funding comes from individuals, organizations and fund-raisers like the brunch and Laps for Learning Paws Walk in Kellogg Park in Plymouth. Our volunteer foster families help to raise a puppy, socialize and do basic training until the dog goes into training at about 15 months of age. We're always looking for foster families."

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## Festival committee is looking for performers with disabilities

The southeast region committee of VSA arts of Michigan is still looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform on day two of their 15th annual festival at Livonia Mall. The event runs Friday-Saturday, April 29-30. More than 150 performers are coming on Friday from as far away as Pontiac and Detroit schools, but openings remain for Saturday's schedule. For more information, call Connie Lott, festival coordina-

tor at (248) 568-0816 or send e-mail to [connie5929@aol.com](mailto:connie5929@aol.com). The Celebration of Arts-Ability features singers, dancers, musicians, and actors from all over the southeast region of Michigan. VSA arts of Michigan Southeast Region is an educational affiliate of the national organization VSA arts, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The nonprofit provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop

through and enjoy the arts. During performances there will also be hands-on activities in art, music and movement for everyone to explore their creativity. An exhibit of works by emerging artists will be on display courtesy of VSA arts of Michigan. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, and 12:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 30. The festival kicks off Celebrate the Arts, an annual series of performances presented by Livonia Mall in May.

## Lessons we've learned from Red Lake school tragedy

The tragedy at the Red Lake Reservation is the deadliest school rampage since the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

What have we learned: ■ The Red Lake Band of 5,000 Chippewa Indians live on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota about 120 miles from the Canadian border.

■ The reservation has a fishery, a casino, a law enforcement center, and 40 percent unemployment, and a high school.

■ One of its young citizens was Jeff Weise, 16-years-old, who suffered serious misfortune in his family: his father committed suicide; his mother is in a nursing home following an accident. He was repeatedly beaten by his mother before her accident.

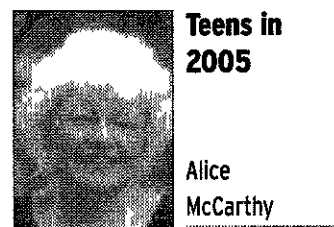
■ Last year, Jeff attempted suicide and was admitted to a hospital for psychiatric help. His latest dose of Prozac was 60 milligrams.

■ Jeff wore black clothing, espoused Nazi philosophy, and depended on the Internet to help him with his loneliness and abuse. He was bullied, shunned, teased, and considered weird and antisocial by peers.

■ On March 21 Jeff killed his grandfather, his grandfather's companion, then drove to Red Lake High School and killed a security guard, a teacher, five students, injured seven others, and killed himself. He used his grandfather's gun.

**READ THE ABOVE LIST AGAIN, TAKE YOUR PICK: WHY DID THIS ADOLESCENT KILL?**

Glenn Stutzky, an instructor at the Michigan State University School of Social Work, and an expert on bullies and violence in schools, writes in the *Detroit Free Press*, "We have allowed a cul-



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

ture of abuse and meanness to exist in our schools and it is in the soil of meanness that the seeds of violence and revenge take root and grow."

James Garbarino, professor at Cornell University and author of *Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them* (Anchor, 2000, \$14), reminds us that many boys are immersed in the violent images of the media.

He also indicates that probably Jeff's classmates knew how troubled he was – and that the school must gain the confidence of students to prevent "these terrible losses." It is a matter of seeking change in the climate of school environment, he says. Both Garbarino and Stutzky commend the value of police officers in schools who act as conduits to school authorities about brewing trouble. The latest twist in the Red Lake Reservation tragedy is the possible involvement of a second adolescent, the son of the tribal leader.

As Stutzky explains, "The varying factors that culminated in the deaths at Red Lake School, factors that include harassment, intimidation, bullying, and isolation, exist in schools across the nation. Even now, other situations are brewing."

Readers of your columnist's Healthy Newsletters know of the emphasis we place on urging parents to check in their schools conflict-resolution and bullying prevention programs.

You may recall our January article for this column, *A safe school: safe for all students*. In

Last year, Jeff attempted suicide and was admitted to a hospital for psychiatric help. His latest dose of Prozac was 60 milligrams.

that article, we urged educating teachers about how to address bullying. Your columnist again asks parents to learn what school programs are available to students related to conflict-resolution and bullying prevention. This effort on your part may save lives at your adolescent's school.

For more information, see *How To Talk to Your Kids About School Violence* by Dr. Ken Druck (Onomatopoeia, 2003, \$12.95).

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at [www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp](http://www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp). Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. Last week's column provided information on Web sites and books to assist in parenting adolescents. All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will be available shortly on [www.bridge-comm.com](http://www.bridge-comm.com).

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book *Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives*. Write to her in care of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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## Diabetes seminar

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a program called "Keeping Well with Diabetes," co-sponsored with Novo-Nordisk, from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 30 in the hospital's auditorium. Speakers and their topics include Steven Katzman on Diabetes Management, Key Diabetes Supplies on Blood Glucose Monitoring; nurse Janice Whecker on Blood Glucose Control; and Katie Dooley on Healthy Eating. Registration required by April 23; call (734) 878-6470. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

## Flower workshop

The Mia Mahalo Workshop Series continues with "A Guide to Growing Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables Naturally," from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Edie Saunders, owner of Two Women and a Hoe and MSU certified Advanced Master Gardener, will host this workshop on organic gardening. Novice to advanced gardeners will benefit from Saunders 35 years of organic gardening expertise. The workshop will focus on The Organic

Way or W.W.M.N.D. (what would Mother Nature do); Looking after the Soil and how to improve it; Let's select and grow; and a garden that everyone can safely enjoy. Admission is \$10 per person. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. RSVP by calling (248) 546-1900.

## Mazurka Dancers

The Mazurka Dancers present their 40th annual music revue, "40 Years of Entertainment," at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23 and at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24 at Riverside Middle School, 25900 W. Warren in Dearborn Heights. Tickets, for a \$5 donation, are available at the door.

## Telephone retirees

Telephone Retirees from SBC, Ameritech, AT&T, Western Electric and Michigan Bell are invited to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 11, at Archie's Fine Dining at 30471 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads in Livonia. For information and reservations call (586) 268-1613.

## Junior gardeners

Washtenaw County MSU Extension hosts the 10th year of the Junior Master Gardener Class for youth ages 9-11. In this hands-on program, participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere. Classes are scheduled to run 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from May 5 to June 9 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$35 per child. Applications and an informational flyer are available at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension office, 705 N Zeeb in Ann Arbor, or can be downloaded from <http://extension.ewashtenaw.org> by clicking on "4-H Youth Development" then "Form." All applications, with payment, must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 15. Call (734) 997-1678 for more information.

## Career women meet

The National Association of Career Women-West Suburban Chapter, meets April 12 in a networking session for all members and guests. The luncheon meeting will be devoted to commercials by all present about their businesses and business networking among members and guests. NACW meets at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Road (just east of I-275) in Plymouth Township from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Call Linda Shoumate, (734) 459-4506, to RSVP.

## Basement remodeling

Wayne-Westland Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, offers an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday, April 19/21 at Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy in Westland. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. Cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to the teacher. Spouse's discount is half the tuition. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, April 15 to Wayne-Westland Community Education. Call (734) 419-2426 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 that discusses what can be causing fibromyalgia, which the expert says is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

## Winemaker dinner

WineFest 2005 commences at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, with its annual WineMaker Dinner at Mediterraneo Restaurant in Ann Arbor. WineFest will be held Saturday, May 14, at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. WineFest 2005 honorary chair Leonardo LoCascio, CEO and president of Winebow, will host the WineMaker dinner, a gourmet dinner perfectly paired with fine wines from Winebow imports. Mediterraneo Restaurant owner John Roumanis will arrange a menu especially prepared to complement the wines chosen by LoCascio. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on items featured exclusively at WineFest's Showcase Preview Auction. Guests will also enjoy a private evening, as Mediterraneo will be open exclusively for the WineMaker Dinner. WineMaker Dinner, sponsored by Ann Arbor Commerce Bank, costs \$135 per person. Mediterraneo is located at 2900 South State Street in Ann Arbor. For ticket information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

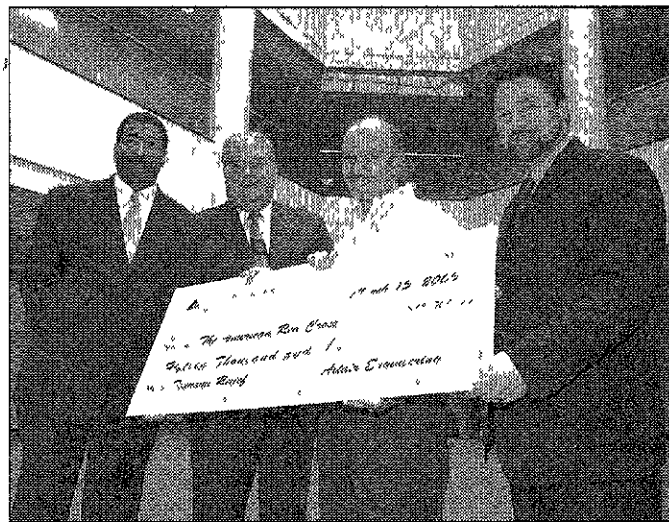
## Homeschool spring formal

Palaestra homeschooling group hosts its annual spring formal catered dinner-dance for home-schooled students (14 and over) in the tri-county area from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile (just west of Stevenson High) in Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person, with Christian DJ Steve Chavez and ballroom dance instructors. Reservations required; contact Susan Weisbrod, (734) 397-1225 or e-mail to [curlysu918@aol.com](mailto:curlysu918@aol.com)

## Volunteer week

In honor of the 31st-annual celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum offers

free admission to all volunteers who are a part of Museum Volunteer Coordinators Network of Southeast Michigan. The program takes place April 16-24. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum volunteers can visit all the participating institutions for free; likewise, volunteers can visit the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum for free. Volunteers need to have either a picture ID from their institution or a form letter from their institution plus a valid picture identification. Participating organizations include the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science, The Detroit Historical Museum, The Detroit Institute of Arts, The Detroit Zoological Park, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Henry Ford Estate, The Henry Ford, Howell Conference and Nature Center, Meadow Brook Hall, University of Michigan Museum of Art and Walter P. Chrysler Museum. Although no free admission is granted at the New Detroit Science Center, the Monster Trucks exhibit will be complimentary with a coupon available at participating institutions.



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## Tsunami relief

Eric Holliday Sr. (from left) of Southfield, executive vice president of InvisiGuard in Detroit, James Laverty of Plymouth and chief executive officer for the southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross, James R. Scapa president and CEO of Altair Engineering in Troy, and Michael J. Kidder of Lake Orion and vice president of marketing for Altair, pose with a \$15,000 check donated by Altair for tsunami relief to the American Red Cross at Altair's world headquarters in Troy.



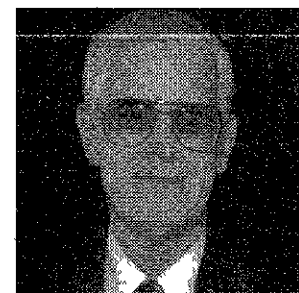
## SHARLENE CHAPP

Age 69, of Garden City. Beloved mother of James (Kay) of West Bloomfield, Jeffery (Jamie) of Garden City, and Joseph (Cindy) of Livonia. Loving grandmother of 5, dear daughter of Charles Zelinski of Traverse City. Visiting Sunday 3-9. Funeral Services Monday 10 am at the Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (between 6-7 Mile). Final resting place Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



## LINDA DAVIES

Age 52, dies March 6th, 2005. Beloved wife of Tony Ma, mother of Michelle Davies, daughter of Audrey and late Richard Davies, sister of David, James and Cathy (Ray Wise). Linda had been an English teacher in Taichung Taiwan R.O.C. where services were held March 11th, 2005. Linda will be sadly missed by all her friends and relatives.



## ROBERT A. EASTMAN

Age 70, a 30 year Farmington Hills resident and 15 year volunteer at both Lanigan Elementary School and Farmington Hills Senior Center, March 31, 2005. Beloved husband of Judith. Loving father of Michael Eastman (Dawn), Mark Eastman (Deborah) and Lori Wigler (David). Cherished grandfather of Corine and Olivia Eastman and Sean and Amanda Wigler. Visitation Sunday 3-8 PM at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Memorial Service Monday, April 4th, 10:00 AM at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., (at Farmington Rd.), Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice, Livonia, or Farmington Hills Dept. of Special Services, Senior Division.

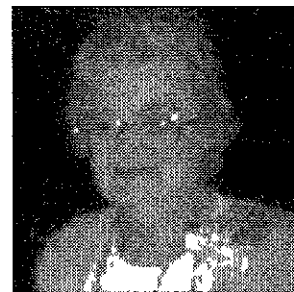


## SHIRLEY (nee. WALLACE) SARVER

March 29, 2005 Age 80 of Birmingham. Wife of the late Robert F. Dear mother of Ellen S. VanderKolk (Benedict), Claudia F., Andrew W. (Mary) and Robert "Brian" (Christine). Grandmother of Shannon, Jennifer, Daniel, Megan, Lindsay, Ryan, Scott, McKenzie and Ian. Great grandmother of Mason, Jazzmin, Grace, Hayley, Sidney-Rose, Daniel and Emma. Sister of Richard B. Wallace (Maryann), Elizabeth McLean (John). Memorial service Monday 11am at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine Rd. west of Woodward). Visitation begins at church at 10:00am. Memorial tributes to the Sarver Restoration and Preservation Fund, c/o Cranbrook Educational Community, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

## DOROTHY S. GREENE

Passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2005 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She was born on May 18, 1916 in Detroit Michigan and lived in Livonia for 51 years before moving to Las Cruces to live with her daughter. She graduated from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Robert L. Greene. She is survived by her son, Robert L. Greene, Jr. and two daughters, Kathryn Greene Brady and Meredith Greene O'Connell, and two grandchildren. She will be cremated and buried in Petoskey, Michigan.

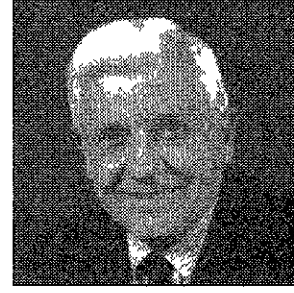


## MARY A. MARTIN

81, formerly of Canton, MI, died at her home in Arizona on Feb. 22. The former Mary Turton was born May 9, 1923 in Detroit. She is survived by her husband of 46 yrs, Robert W. Martin, daughter Sister Serafina (Beverly) Dixon, CSSF of Livonia, son William B. Dixon of Henderson, NV, daughter Kathleen I. Graas of Glendale, CA, six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Mary retired as an Executive Secretary from Ford Motor and was active in the local community visiting residents of nursing homes. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Madonna University Chapel on Friday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m.

## RUBY L. WATSON NEWLIN

March 31, 2005, age 85, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late DeWitt E. Newlin. Dear mother of Edward (Julia) and Gary (Sally). Grandmother of 6 Great Grandmother of 5. Funeral Monday 10 AM at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-9 PM. Memorials may be directed to Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation. Please visit and sign a tribute at [www.uhtfuneralhome.com](http://www.uhtfuneralhome.com)



## NORMAN H. PHILLIPS

March 28, 2005. Age 80 of Bloomfield Hills. Decorated WWII Veteran & POW US Air Force. Beloved husband of Judith and the late Lee. Dear father of Kim Stahl (Steve), Jeff Phillips and Scott Phillips (Laurie). Stepfather of Ben Guiney and Tom Guiney. "Papa" of Dayna, Brett and Austin. Funeral service was held Thursday at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham. Interment with military honors Glen Eden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Yankee Air Museum, c/o Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 8282, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8282. [www.michigan-aerospace.org](http://www.michigan-aerospace.org). View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

## ROGER D. WILSON

Age 69, March 31, 2005, of Coldwater, MI (formerly of Livonia). Dear father of Mark, Scott and Rachel (Kenneth) Warren. Grandfather of eight. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at 6pm at the Northville Christian Assembly Church, 41355 Six Mile Rd., Northville. The family suggests donations to the Livonia Rotary Foundation or World Harvest Children's Ministries. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Michigan, Detroit. Please sign the online guest book at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).

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## Exercise keeps mind sharp

**Question:** Frank from Southfield is getting on in years and needs tips on staying mentally sharp.

**Answer:** Two new studies could provide just the answer you're looking for, Frank. In Europe, test subjects between the ages of 70 and 90 were questioned about their levels of physical activity back in the year 1990. A decade later, research found that less active men scored two and a half times worse on mental ability tests than their more active counterparts! The study shows a direct link between inactivity and declining mental ability as we age. A test done at Harvard showed similar results, though there were differences in kind of physical activities involved. In that study, American men tended to walk more and the European men did a lot of bicycling. There were other differences in the two studies, but both reached essentially the same conclusion. As we age, exercise is just as good for your brain as it is for your body.

**Question:** Randy from Birmingham e-mails for tips on lowering blood pressure through exercise.

**Answer:** Randy, in this case, just a little sweat equity can make a world of difference. More than 50 million Americans are affected by hypertension, which can lead to a laundry list of dangerous health conditions including heart disease and stroke. The good news is that you can usually take care of the problem with the right diet and just a little bit of exercise. Cut down on simple carbohydrates and be sure to reduce your sodium intake. Also, exercising as little as 60 to 90 minutes a week can do a lot more than you think. A new eight-week study shows that patients working out as little as an hour to an hour and a half a week cut their systolic blood pressure by as much as 12 points and their diastolic blood pressure dropped by as much as eight points. Those test subjects getting less than 60 minutes a week of exercise showed no reduction in blood pressure. That's a big health payoff for just a little bit of effort on your part. If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](mailto: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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## BMT update

### Forum to provide information on bone marrow transplants

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Marla Murphy is living proof that bone marrow transplants give cancer patients a second chance, but 14 years later information is still scarce about the procedure. Diagnosed with CMML, chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, in 1990, Murphy was lucky to have nurses for friends to research medical articles.

In November of 1991 at age 51, she left for the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance/Fred Hutchinson center and an allogeneic BMT from a donor. Six years later, little progress had been made in informing the public so she began chairing the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link (nbmtLink) Forum to educate patients, families, caregivers and the health community about bone marrow and stem cell transplants.

Today, 18,000 Americans annually undergo a bone marrow or stem cell transplant to treat cancer, aplastic anemia and other life-threatening diseases. This year's forum from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, celebrates the survivors and updates potential candidates on the latest trends in transplants. For more information about the free forum, call (800) 546-5268 or visit [www.nbmtlink.org](http://www.nbmtlink.org).

"What we're trying to do with the forum is to present speakers on the various stages of transplantation by

featuring BMT coordinators co-presenting with doctors. Patients have the most contact with coordinators. They'll tell what will happen even before entering the hospital," said Murphy of Livonia. "In the afternoon we'll address the caregiver's role which is critically important because no one can go through the transplant process without someone there for support. My entire family came out and friends, even my ex-husband. It takes a whole village to get a person through this."

#### BACK TO WORK

It took Murphy over a year to "bounce back" and return to teaching at Wayne-Westland Schools.

"It's like a transfusion so you think the transplant's nothing," said Murphy, who retired in 1994 after teaching for 29 years. "The part that becomes long and arduous is where doctors are managing and anticipating problems like rejection even though marrow is a perfect match. Caregivers can expect to take the patient back and forth to a medical facility for many doctors visits. My rejection manifested itself in my eyes. I couldn't tell, but the doctors could. Post transplant is where the caregiver becomes key."

Later in remission, detection of secondary cancers such as breast, throat, mouth and ovarian became a priority for Murphy who's at increased risk. Today, she is doing everything possible to avoid these dreaded diseases by eating cancer-fighting fruits and vegetables in



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Marla Murphy is chair of the bone marrow transplant forum for an eighth year. The photo is of Dr. Donnal Thomas, winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1990, and transplant survivors who returned to Seattle for a patient reunion in 2000.

addition to doing Pilates and aerobics three days a week in a Livonia continuing education class.

Nutrition for BMT patients is among the topics to be discussed at the forum by registered dietitians Jessica Little of the BMT Unit at University of Michigan Hospital, and Katie Haraminac of the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center. BMT survivor Stewart Francke, a local musician, will reveal his experiences and talk about managing emotions as will Patricia Miller, a nurse practitioner in the psychoncology clinic at U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center. Two of the most common reasons patients and family members visit the psychoncology clinic is because of depression and anxiety.

"There's so much stigma to seeing anybody in psychiatry we want to break that right down," said Miller. "We want for them to see in many ways that depression and anxiety

are buddies of cancer. I'll be there the entire day if people have any questions afterwards."

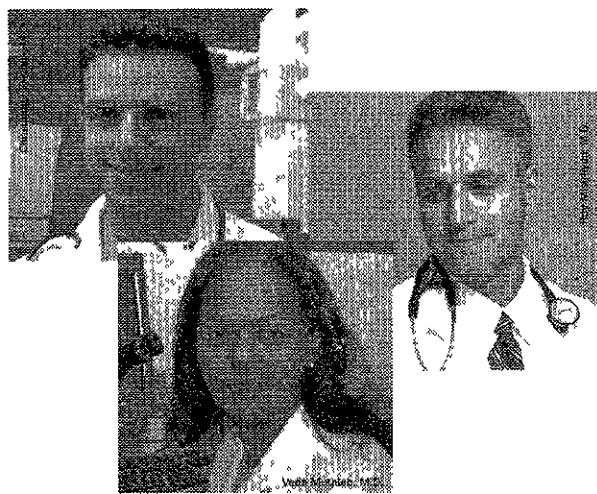
For the last two years, patients and families have come to Dr. Adil Akhtar after his talk. Akhtar and another physician established the BMT program at Oakwood Hospital before he became director of oncology services at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy. The West Bloomfield resident has been interested in bone marrow transplants since he was on the faculty at Karmanos Cancer Institute from 1996-98. At this time, transplants are only being done at Karmanos, Oakwood, U-M and Henry Ford hospitals. Akhtar eventually hopes to establish a BMT program at Beaumont.

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## Healthy Kids Day

The North Oakland Family YMCA celebrates YMCA Healthy Kids Day 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at 3378 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills. This daylong event celebrates healthy living, helps families embrace a more active lifestyle, and showcases YMCA programs designed to Put Play in Your Day.

## Acoustic Neuroma Association

The support group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at the West Bloomfield Township Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road. Dr. Michael Seidman of Henry Ford Hospital will be speaking on treatment and management of tinnitus. To RSVP, call (248) 681-0780 or (248) 683-0775.

## Half an hour to health

At 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 5 and April 19, Dr. Brackney will present a fun and informative discussion about the human body and five aspects of health, at 8524 Canton Center, Canton. No charge. Seating is limited. Call (734) 455-4444 to register.

## Fit Fore Golf

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, seminar for golfers, emphasis is on posture, flexibility and strengthening exercises, and prevention of common golf injuries especially low back, at Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River, Suite B124, Novi, use northeast entrance. To register, call (248) 380-3550.

## Parkinson's support

A new group is forming at Crittendon Hospital in Rochester. The first and subsequent meetings will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6. Call (248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781. The Waterford/West Bloomfield group is moving on Monday, April 18, to Canterbury on-the-lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd. (between Airport and Crescent Lake roads), Waterford, MI 48329. They meet Monday at 7 p.m. Contact person is Warren Oberlee, (248) 887-8840.

# Local pre-nursing student an advocate for stem cell research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Many patients like Katherine Hammons turn to bone marrow or stem cell transplants when other treatments fail. From the time Hammons was diagnosed with systemic lupus at age 19 until her 30s, the disease progressively ravaged her body causing two strokes and a number of complications including pancreatitis.

After 17 monthly treatments of intravenous chemotherapy and then oral chemotherapy at University of Michigan Hospital, she'd had enough. Hammons began searching the Internet for treatment options and found doctors doing stem cell transplant research at Northwestern Medical Center in Chicago. She became the fifth patient in the world to receive an autologous transplant using her own cells to treat systemic lupus.

Hammons' experience will be featured in a story on stem cell research in the June issue of *National Geographic*. Since the transplant in 1998, she has become somewhat of a celebrity. *People* magazine did a story on her three years ago.

"Initially I went to Chicago for an evaluation to see if I was a candidate for the research," said Hammons, who today is a pre-nursing student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "After I was approved, I had to petition my insurance company and was rejected. Family and friends raised \$175,000. I returned to Chicago for four



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Katherine Hammons is studying to work in nursing research. She underwent a stem cell transplant for systemic lupus in 1998.

months but wasn't in the hospital all of the time. They attempted to harvest my stem cells through the veins and port. Because of the chemo there weren't enough stem cells to continue the transplant so they harvested the stem cells through the hip bones then froze those and gave me drugs to kill my immune system."

Hammons was put in a sterile controlled room in the hospital and the stem cells defrosted and returned to her via an IV. Then the waiting began for the stem cells to graft. During this time she had no immunity.

"After returning home, I was confined and had to wear a mask in public," said Hammons. "I wasn't allowed to clean or do laundry. When someone was cleaning I had to be in another room. It was a very controlled environment. There were some complications with a reaction to one of the drugs along the way."

Nevertheless, Hammons is glad she decided to undergo the transplant. Today she's supporting other patients who choose to make the decision by volunteering her time to tell them about the procedure.

"I was in Chicago a couple of weeks ago for an annual check-up and everything was good," said Hammons, 45. "They've now done 50 transplants so far and stem cell research shows it is not just going to treat cancer but may also be used in treating multiple sclerosis, Crohn's, scleroderma, and rheumatoid arthritis."

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said Akhtar who practices oncology at the Cancer and Leukemia Center in Rochester Hills and will talk about autologous (patient as donor) transplants. Dr. Joseph Uberti, co-director of the Karmanos stem cell transplant program, speaks about allogeneic (related or unrelated donor) transplants. "In 2005, patients don't have a place to go for credible information. They go online but don't know who to believe. These kind of forums provide patients with an opportunity to come and understand the process in layman's terms. When we do bone marrow transplants, we're basically trying to eliminate the disease by giving patients high doses of chemo so it will eliminate the lymphoma, leukemia or cancer. That high of a dose will eliminate normal bone marrow also so the transplant is done."

"We used to only do transplants for cancerous diseases. Now we're trying to test the transplant in non-cancerous disorders where there's an abnormality of our immune system. We're still in the experimental stage but preliminary data is very exciting. Centers are performing autologous

transplants for lupus and multiple sclerosis. In the future as more gene therapy is established we may be able to use gene manipulation through the stem cells - to take a patient's stem cells, fix an abnormal gene or introduce new genes to treat the disease."

## LIVING LONGER

Myra Jacobs, like Akhtar, thinks it's an exciting time for BMT transplants. The reason she founded the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link in 1992 was because she remembers the 1980s when the procedure wasn't available in Michigan. NBMT Link provides information and support services from its Southfield office although its Web site is visited by people from as far away as Asia and Africa.

"They've been able to reduce the rigorous regimen of the transplant and find supportive medicines after transplant that are more useful," said Jacobs, nbmtLink executive director and a West Bloomfield resident. "But often people feel isolated and need support. Our 10th annual forum will recognize survivorship. We have people living longer because of transplants."

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## Local beauty queen vies for national crown

BY WENDSY WHITE

This year, one of the gorgeous contestants in the Miss USA pageant is the girl next door — literally. Northville's own Crystal Hayes, 20, currently holds the title of Miss Michigan USA 2005, and will compete for the coveted Miss USA tiara in Baltimore on April 11. You can help the 5' 8" blue-eyed beauty get a long leg up on the competition by casting a vote for her at [www.covergirl.com](http://www.covergirl.com) through April 6. Hayes grew up on her family farm in Rock, Michigan and aspires to be a fashion photographer. She currently works as a stylist at Salon Marzejon in Northville. Hayes agreed to chat with PINK about her upcoming competition.

**How did you get started in pageants?**

I've known since I was 5 years old that I was going to be on the Miss USA stage. It was something that God put in my heart.

**And you were lucky enough to grow up thin and beautiful ...**

I was actually the ugly duckling, and I was very depressed in school. Nobody talked to me for quite a few years, and then I started taking control of myself and telling myself I could do anything I want and I'm beautiful, even though I wasn't at the time. A lot of it was mental and going for the gold. I also had weight problems — I was 30 pounds overweight. **How did you get in shape?**

I can eat one bad thing and it shows. It's frustrating. It's the hardest thing for me to maintain my

figure. I work out really, really hard at least six days a week, for competition especially. Eating right is another thing, as well as getting good sleep and taking vitamins. The pageant forces you to stay physically fit.

**What are the perks of being Miss Michigan?**

Ford sponsored me with a Ford Escape, and I will trade it in for a convertible GT Mustang even if I don't win. Instead of getting one car for the year, I get one for winter and one for summer. I've had dermatologists, doctors, dentists, physical fitness trainers offer to help me and I've taken advantage of a lot of those things. I have a beautiful dress for this competition partly sponsored by a dress shop in Kentucky. It was a blessing. The dresses alone are extremely costly.

**How much was it?**

Let's just say it was under \$4,000, but I don't want to stress that because it's not the dress that wins the pageant. I have always found my dresses on sale. I was second runner up in a \$15 dress.

**Have you met "The Donald"? (Trump owns the Miss USA pageant)**

I will be shortly. I'm a fan. I think he's a very intelligent guy and he knows what he's doing. I admire that. My brother is reading Trump's book right now and he told me "I want you to ask him if he wants to be my apprentice." My boss Charles Marzejon said "When you meet him, tell him he's gotta come here and we'll give him a haircut."

**What do you speak about as Miss Michigan USA?**

Anything, but I'm going to really start focusing on my personal platform, which is abstinence education at the junior high level. I also try to raise money for breast and ovarian cancer.



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Watch Northville's own Crystal Hayes in the Miss USA pageant 9 p.m. April 11 on NBC. Find out more by visiting [www.missmichiganusa.com](http://www.missmichiganusa.com) or [missusa.com](http://missusa.com).

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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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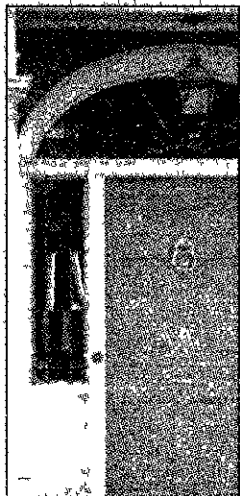
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## All Seasons developed with the active senior in mind

BY ALICIA DORSET  
STAFF WRITER

All Seasons of Rochester Hills is working hard to change public perspective of "senior housing."

In an attempt to make the switch from traditional retirement homes to housing designed for today's changing senior, All Seasons is a unique community designed with something for everyone, no matter what age or living needs.

"Our goal was to create an 'alive building' that would become home to an active adult community," Maurice Jerry Beznos, partner of Beztak Properties, All Season's developer, said. "The emerging retirement generation derives from a population of people who enjoy travel, fine hotels and resort living."

The development opened six weeks ago in Rochester Hills. Originally, Beznos found a desire to live a more active, engaging lifestyle later in life wasn't being met by current senior-living facilities and decided to make All Seasons the answer to that problem.

### ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

"We found that people wanted stimulation in their environments that could take many, many forms," said Beznos. "I

think people are looking for stimulated living."

The development is composed of 140 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments that offer either patios or balconies. All Seasons offers both independent living facilities and options for those require additional assistance.

Amenities such as linen services, 30 meals a month, housekeeping, 24-hour emergency services, an on-staff nurse, on-site management and even limousine transportation are just a few of the options that make up the customized lifestyle at All Seasons.

"Life expectancy is longer today and yesterday's 80s are today's 60s," Mary Jane Williamson, development designer, said. "People are more active and involved in life. We wanted to create spaces that are more modern, aesthetic and energetic."

Williamson's firm, Ford & Earl Associates, Inc., designed All Seasons. The design team selected many of the complex's decorating ideas from colors and tones found in nature to create a relaxing atmosphere. Nature play an important role at All Seasons as the property is surrounded by wetlands.

### ENVIRONMENT

The common areas inside All Seasons were created to provide

a warm, comforting environment for residents and their guests. A large component to the design scheme was ample lighting. An abundance of windows and skylights allow residents to enjoy the outdoor surroundings while complementing the furniture and accessories inside All Seasons.

"Lighting is one of the most critical aspects of a residential living space," John Boday, director of design for Ford and Earl, said. "When you light from above it can be very depressing and it can create unpleasant features on most people because you're casting shadows on their faces. We use 'up' lighting to warm the room and bring the upper wall surfaces to life."

Animated walls and LED programmable lighting allow the building to change its appearance throughout the day or as the need arises. Room dividers can project images of waterfalls that may turn into pictures of a salt-water aquarium.

All Seasons has not one but five different dining areas for residents to enjoy not only with other community members but with their families as well.

Some of the smaller rooms can be used for private gatherings. "We created all these venues to get a diverse experience," Beznos said.



The living areas of All Seasons offer senior residents a multitude of leisure options.

The dining areas were created to resemble intimate restaurants rather than cafeterias. The grand dining room features a fireplace in addition to the daily-cut flowers and hand-selected table accessories.

With its large size, Beznos wanted All Seasons to feel like a small community. Residents are encouraged to bring in their own family photos to put on display in the common areas.

"As you move throughout the building, you feel like you're in someone's house," Beznos said. Artwork from local landmarks, including the Detroit

Institute of Arts, the former J.L. Hudson's building and Cranbrook are featured throughout All Seasons to show the community's changing landscape.

On-site activities allow residents to enjoy the most of the resources around them, such as regular concerts. All Seasons benefits from its close location to Oakland University and the programs it offers to area residents.

All Seasons even features an on-site social director to meet the needs of residents.

## Home sales volume tops revenues of many Fortune 500 companies

(PR Newswire) The value of new homes sold across the state last year totaled \$7.4 billion, according to the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA).

The sales value exceeded the revenue of some of the world's largest companies based in Michigan and, unlike those companies, it is all part of Michigan's economy.

"The combined average sale price of new homes built and sold last year is more than the most recent reported annual revenue of CMS Energy

Corporation, Federal-Mogul Corporation, Kelly Services and 18 other major corporations based in Michigan," said Dominic J. Mocer, 2005 president of BIA and principal in Mocer Companies of Auburn Hills.

"In addition, the home sales all occur in and benefit our state, while sales by these companies based in Michigan are made locally, nationally and, sometimes, internationally. This is more proof that the building industry — particularly new home construction — is a key driving force in Michigan's economy."

U.S. Census Bureau statistics show 52,800 new housing permits were issued statewide in 2004, with a sales value of \$7.4 billion before land costs, estimated at \$2.2 billion. Michigan ranks eighth in number of permits issued for states in the United States.

According to the latest report by Housing Consultants, Inc., a Clarkston-based housing permit survey firm, 24,000 of those new housing permits were issued in nine southeast Michigan counties in 2004, generating an estimated \$6.6 billion in sales volume, includ-

ing land.

These figures are only part of the positive impact that housing has on Michigan's economy. According to the National Association of Home Builders, housing's economic impact doesn't end when the home is sold and the new owners move in. In the first 12 months after purchasing a newly built home, owners spend an average of \$8,905 to furnish, decorate and improve their homes. In Michigan during 2004, these expenditures further boosted the economy by another \$470 million.

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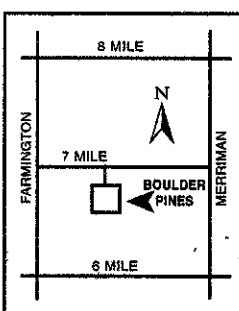
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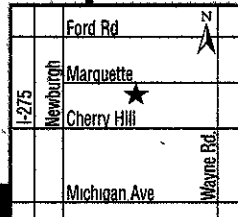
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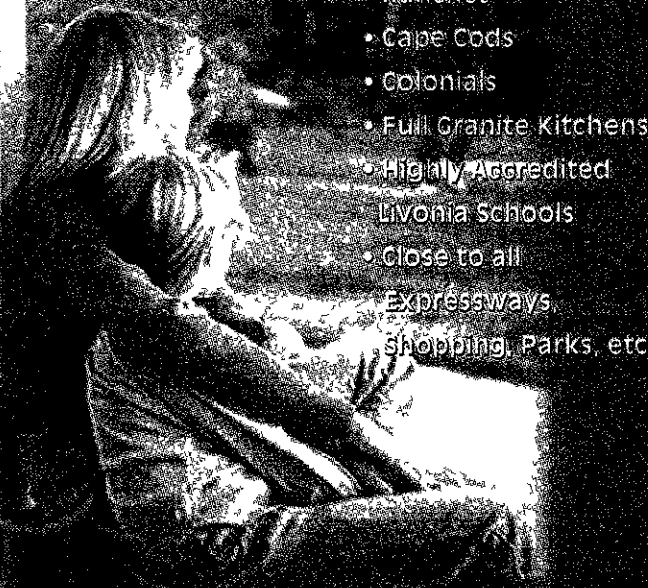


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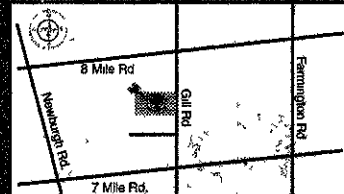
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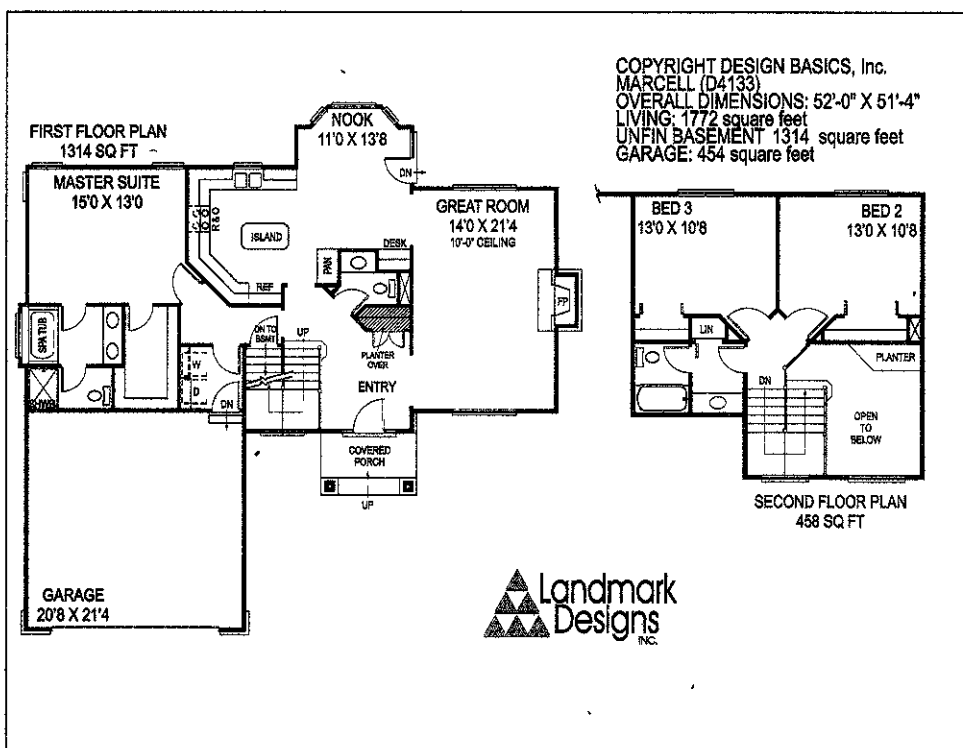
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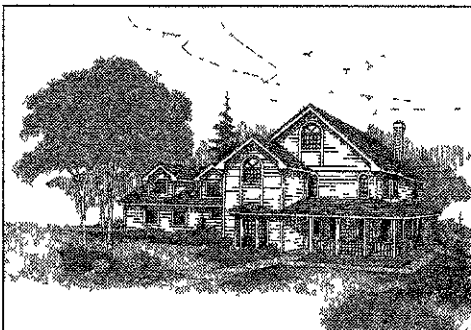
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There are the triple arched windows on right, the door with windows on each side and a slight arch over, the square windows to the left of the door with a basement window down below. These are very eye-catching from the street making the home extremely attractive.

A covered porch with large pillars surrounds the door. Entering inside a closet with a large planter shelf over is directly in front of the door. On the right side is the great room, open and spacious with 10-foot ceilings, and on the right is the staircase to upstairs and the optional basement.

The family room has large windows in the front as well as in the rear. This provides a great amount of sunlight for this large room. A fireplace is on the right wall, bringing warmth to the room in the winter.

Behind the closet in the entry are a half bath and the pantry and a built-in desk adjacent to the kitchen. The angular kitchen runs around the wall in a "c" shape, open to the nook and great room. There is a window over the dual sink in the rear, plenty of counter space and an island in the center. The nook has bay windows and a door that opens onto the deck or patio in the back.



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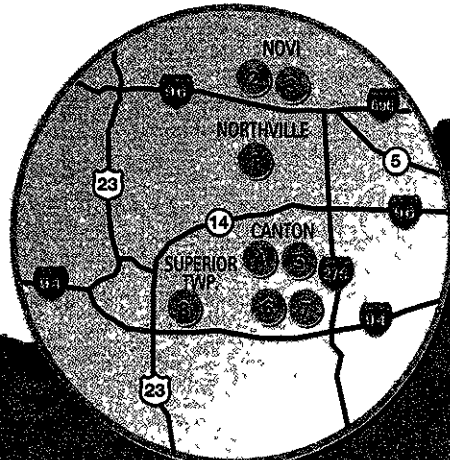
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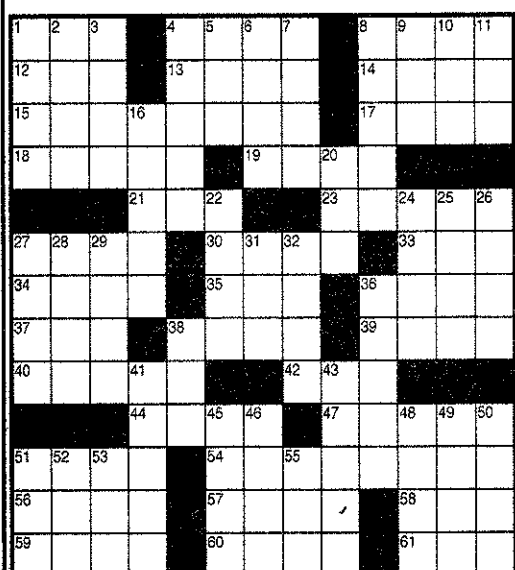
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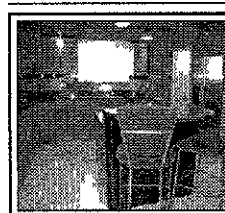
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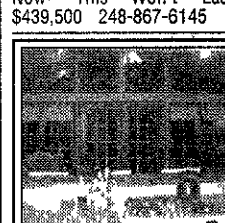
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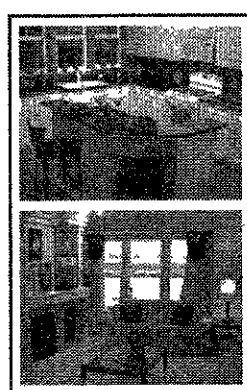
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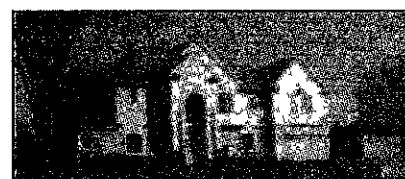
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Four bedroom, 2.1 bath contemporary home with walk out. Volume ceilings, great room, granite kitchen with island & walk in pantry. First floor master with his & her walk in closets, jettied tub, deck off kitchen. 3+ car garage & pro-landscaping.  
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**TROY Executive-Style Home**  
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**PLYMOUTH This Home is Wonderful**  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 3 car garage, basement, family room with gas fireplace, library, cherry kitchen with island and granite counters, doorwall to deck, first floor laundry and so much more.  
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS Great Location**  
Four bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. Some hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces and newer kitchen with granite and terra cotta tile floor. Recessed lighting, partially finished basement and located on private lot with newer landscaping.  
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**PLYMOUTH Elegant Woodlore South**  
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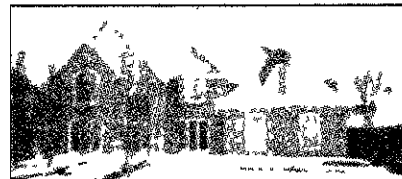
**ROCHESTER HILLS Elegant**  
Four bedroom home with cherry cabinets and granite counters. Kitchen with center island, granite back splash, professionally finished basement with kitchen, bath and sauna. Master bath with marble floors and whirlpool.  
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Pro-decorated Hills of Chelsea Park home shows like a model. Upgrades galore. Hardwoods throughout. Mahogany library & mantel. Open floor plan with 2 story family room. Formal dining room, finished basement, au-pair suite, pool & spa.  
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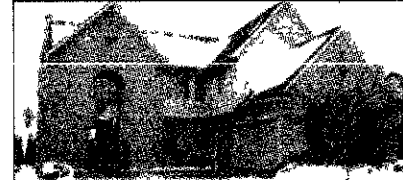
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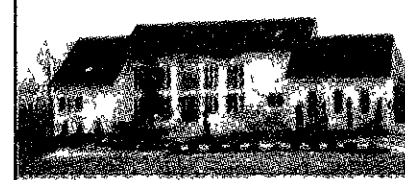
**ORCHARD LAKE House On 2 Sports Lakes**  
Prime lakefront property. Enjoy Dow & Cass Lake & views of Orchard Lake. Also a newer deck with pool & hot tub. Magnificent landscaping. 2+ acres of lake front property. Open floor plan and a lot of upgrades. A must see.  
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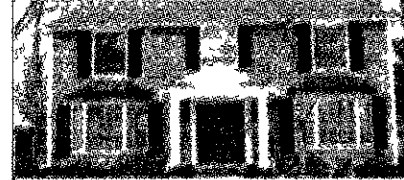
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**FARMINGTON HILLS Backs to Golf Course**  
Elegant 4 bedroom, 4.1 bath home, great room with fireplace, library, newer granite in kitchen. First floor master bedroom in-law quarters. Walk-out has family room, fireplace, office, work-out room. Hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, wet bar.  
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# What will my next house be like?

It is challenging to say what the new homes of tomorrow will be like. Homeowners are a diverse group, and residential architects and builders will design and construct homes that meet their many preferences.

Buyers will continue to specify homes that use energy efficiently and are easy to maintain. More and more new homes will come with flat ceilings to reduce the amount of air space that must be heated or cooled.

Living space will feature strategically placed windows to enhance natural lighting and reduce glare. Advanced materials, including windows and roofing, will add to the home's efficiency as well as its lower maintenance.

As more of us join the ranks of telecommuters, we'll create dedicated office space in our homes. With less rigid lines between professional and personal lives, our family dynamics will change, further affecting home space.

One of the biggest factors

already impacting design, is how technology impacts space needs. More new homes will



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have media rooms with sophisticated sound and video systems built-in to make the home a center for entertainment.

Life cycle housing is another trend in home design. Many people are moving less, and want their homes to grow and change with them as they go through different stages in their lives.

Attics will be designed to be finished if and when the owner needs added space, to accommodate a new child or a parent, for instance, that comes to live with the family.

Homes will be situated on lots specifically to allow room for an addition if and when the time comes. Such flexibility in planning will also help when it

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Garages are increasing in size to an average of three berths to accommodate more vehicles and to provide more storage space. Increasingly, garages are likely to be set back from the street — often as a detached structure — and feature flex space above for an in-law suite or home office.

Health-conscious buyers will increasingly call for exercise

spaces and all-season rooms for projects and hobbies. Floors in special purpose rooms will be designed to cushion an exerciser's feet, or provide specialized storage for tools and hobby supplies.

Where this space is provided in a finished lower-level, light shafts will be used to introduce natural lighting.

With the world seemingly spinning faster, the home will increasingly be a spot for casual gathering as we look for a greater connection with family and friends. Look for more front porches, expanded kitchens and large family rooms while formal areas become multi-purpose rooms with built-in bookshelves in the dining room, for example, so the area can be used as a study when not needed for formal entertaining.

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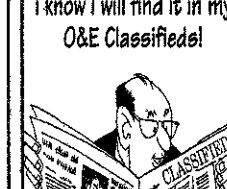
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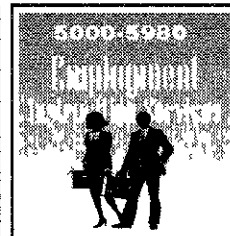
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# WHY SOME COMPANIES AREN'T FINDING APPLICANTS



**WORKWISE**  
by  
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ering more than one position. What causes the disconnect? Although people are proud of their ability to multi-task, job seekers and employers are over-relying upon technology, to the virtual exclusion of other vehicles and tools. This imbalance gums up the process on both sides of the hiring desk.

Companies are using job boards with unprecedented frenzy, as if they offer something 22(nd)-century-ish -- technology that will do all of the sorting. Applicants still scan newspaper ads, but they live for updates on job boards. Finding good companies and good people requires a multi-faceted effort.

For example, St. Louis resident Erika Whitfield comments that the job market "seems hidden. I see nothing online for writing. We have a lot of smaller papers here, but you never really see anything posted." Similarly, Mark Fetter's isn't having much luck finding inventory management listings in the same area. "There's definitely a job market (here) in general," he observes. "There are lots of IT jobs and financial jobs."

"It seemed to be a little slow toward the end of the year," he continues. "I can't find anything new in my field. I guess those positions are filled." He was hoping for an upturn in February, which didn't materialize.

Seven years ago, Fetter's temped every day while job hunting. That increased his opportunities to submit his resume. Today, temp jobs in his field seem to have vanished. "It seems to me that there are fewer jobs," he states. Whitfield describes the market as "challenging, which makes me more ambitious. I'll write for free to show I'm a quality writer. I'll try any type of writing once to see if I'm good at it." She says that the market is very much like it was during college, when she also worked full-time and did internships.

Across the country in San Francisco, Barb Roy is looking for a senior position in marketing communications or public relations, for which she considers her writing skill her point of difference. Alternatively, she expresses interest in writing or editing positions.

Fetter's point of difference is adaptability based upon experience in developing programs, which can be used outside of his specialty. Whitfield says that her combined writing, broadcasting and promotional experience comprise her point of difference. She wants to find a position in a non-profit that needs a person in promotion and fundraising. Fetter's has been looking since October 1; Roy somewhat casually in September, "and taking interviews in November." Whitfield has been looking in her field since college graduation (almost three years).

## KNOWING THEIR MARKETS

How well do they know their markets? Roy has really studied her area. "In San Francisco," she says, "I'd say that there are

more positions than within other parts of the Bay area (San Jose, for example). While there appear to be many marketing opportunities, a closer look at the details reveals the following about the positions being offered:

- "The larger companies are hiring on short-term contracts, with an option for full-time;
  - "At least a third of the offerings are in start-ups; and
  - "Positions offered are, generally speaking, not senior-mid level but more entry-level while requiring more mid-level experience."
- She perceives a great number of openings, but of lesser quality and salary, "probably indicative of a need for staff but an absence of supportive budget."

All three are finding their markets challenging. Interviewers tend to be asking themselves, Roy notes, not whether their candidates "are creative and enthusiastic enough to bring something original to this position," but "how many years has this person spent in a corporate structure exactly like ours, performing this same task, for our competitors?"

That *can* be the key. She needs to market to *them* until *they* drop. Some employers play on the expectations of many women, that they must know a job before they start. (Men don't seem to have the same expectation.) Roy has three alternatives:

- keep hunting for a better company;
- accept a less challenging position and prepare for a promotion; and
- open her own business.

Fetter's and Whitfield need to redirect their searches to include appealing organizations.



Job boards are not the answer to finding a job, they are only one piece of the puzzle and you must use other means, also.

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Perhaps if companies were more willing to speak with applicants, and if applicants were more willing to approach them directly, the problem they both have would be solved. "The boards" aren't the answer. They're simply one piece of the puzzle. Expecting them to be more productive than they are keeps the door closed to other means of finding matches.

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Help needed Part Time, Days, evenings and weekends for Event Planning Company in Livonia. Must be Presentable, Responsible, & have a good driving record. Fax or Email Resume and/or qualifications to: 734-427-6907 lisa@empevents.com

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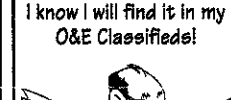
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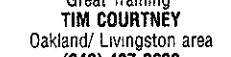
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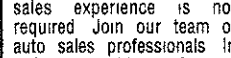
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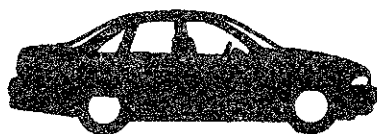
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## This new Jaguar has a face and price every mother could love

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The moment I first set my eyes on the new Jaguar X-Type, thoughts ran through my mind that it was a work of art. A fine work of art to be looked at -- at different angles, different ways, up and down, all around.

Beautiful. Just, beautiful. From the tip of the jaguar's nose flying out of the hood to the rear tail pipe, this Jaguar X-Type is just plain beautiful in every way and at every angle.

But it wasn't the looks alone that impressed me about this vehicle. It wasn't even the great performance, the awesome comfort, the great mileage or the fabulous ride and handling characteristics of this Jaguar that did it for me.

It was the price. So much so that it is on the top of my new-car buying list right now. Give up my huge sport ute? Sure. For this, would do it in a heartbeat.

Consider that it takes just a hair under \$29,000 for the opportunity to put a Jaguar in your driveway and nestle it in your garage every night. And then to have the awesome opportunity to drive this vehicle every single day that you own or lease it. Cool!

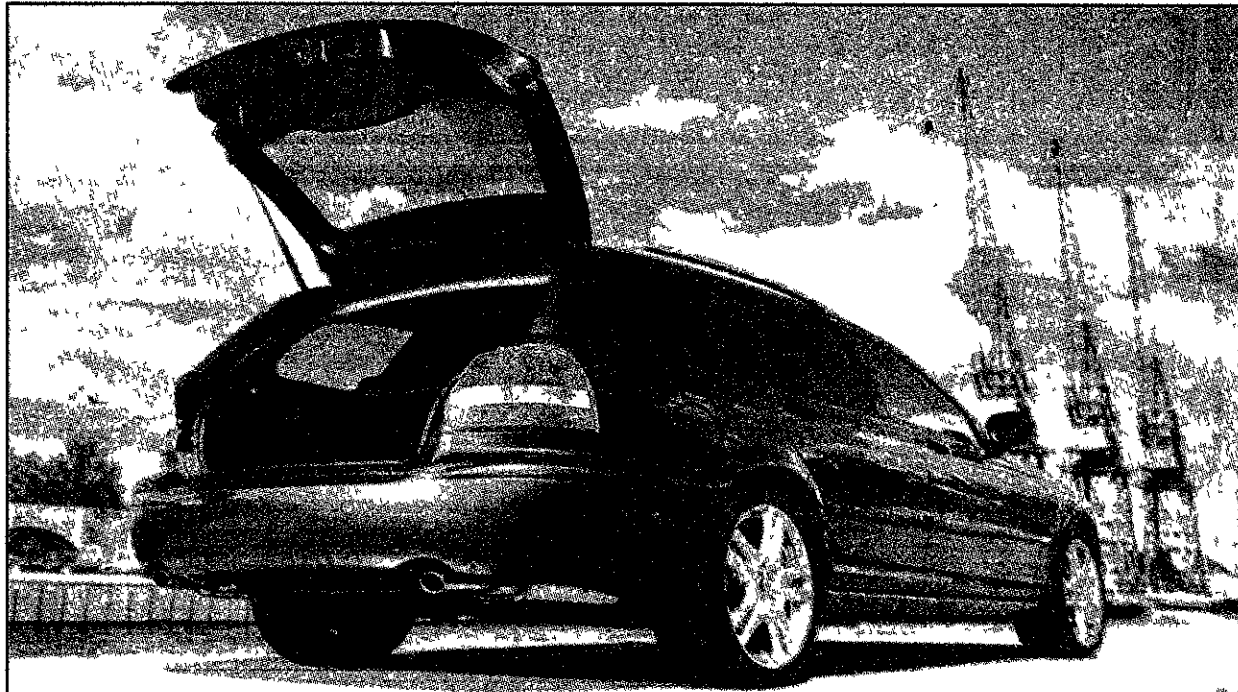
Value. Man alive, the value you get for your money in this Jaguar X-Type. Most of the stuff that you would really expect in a fine luxury automobile is right there, where it should be. From the heated leather seats to the all-wheel-drive capabilities, the Jaguar is packed to the max with value.

The X-Type driven this week was the one outfitted in the 3.0-liter engine, which actually stickers at just under \$34,000. Still, it's a value, considering most people spend that much -- or more -- on their sport utility vehicles.

Let's slip inside the Jag. Its seats envelope around you like a little baby swaddled in warm flannel. Wood veneer is tastefully done and placed in logical



Anne  
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The Jaguar X-Type 3.0 Vehicle class: Luxury compact passenger car. Power: 3.0-liter 227-horsepower engine. Mileage: 18 city / 28 highway. Price: \$29,995. Where built: Merseyside, England.

areas.

There are so many places to store stuff, it's incredible. Every nook and cranny of the X-Type is used to be able to store your car phone, cassettes, CDs, maps, Tim Hortons Ice Cap and just about anything else you can think of. I didn't personally count each and every one, but Jaguar documents say there are 29 separate, individual storage compartments -- 30 if you include the trunk.

On the glove box you'll find a cool little hook that allows you to place your purse or a small shopping bag suspended and off the passenger's-side floor where it may spill all over. Don't you just hate it when your purse topples over, the phone slips out into the wheel well and then starts ringing? Won't happen again with that little retractable hook.

There's a lot of space all the way around for your comfort and the comfort of your passengers. Nobody complained all week about comfort. The X-Type had enough room for everyone and everything I hauled around. Jaguar calls it a "compact-sized Jaguar." Let them talk like that. We know better.

Let's go back outside for a moment. The lines, the shapes, the way it all flows together is a piece of harmony. All of the work on the exterior lends the X-Type to a huge cargo area under the rear deck lid.

If you want safety, you've got safety. All-wheel drive we mentioned already. Then you've got your basic anti-lock brakes, front seat side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags both front and rear, three-point belts all around and a collapsible brake pedal.

Jaguar has incorporated its very own Dynamic Stability Control system as part of the "sport" package, but it's an option on the 3.0-liter model. It uses sensors like steering angle, lateral-G and yaw and can minimize under- and oversteer conditions that could result in a skid. It corrects all that and keeps you safe.

You haven't experienced ride and handling like this in any other vehicle, let me tell you. Agility should be its middle name, thanks to its super-stiff body structure, four-wheel independent suspension and top-mounted struts. Variable speed-sensitive steering rounds out the package by giving you fabulous response at every speed and turn of the wheel.

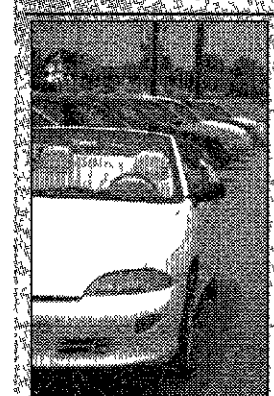
Sounds like I fell in love with a vehicle I really didn't think I would? You bet. Would I buy it? Sure would. Now go get yourself one. Now.

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**GRAND MARQUIS 2002**, buckets, leather, \$14,900. **LAFONTAINE TOYOTA (313) 561-6600**

**GRAND MARQUIS LS 1998** Beige metallic, leather, CD, 48,000 miles, 1 owner, retiree's car, sharp, \$10,950. **JOHN ROGIN BUICK** 734-525-0900

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**SABLE 2002** LS Platinum, 1 owner, \$9,500. **OPEN SATURDAY 9-3** **SESI LINCOLN MERCURY MAZDA - YPSILANTI** 888-565-0112 734-482-7133

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**SABLE 2002** LS, premium, moon, leather, chrome, CD, \$8,995. **SESI LINCOLN MERCURY MAZDA - YPSILANTI** 888-565-0112 734-482-7133

**SABLE 2000** LS, silver, loaded w/options & extra clean, \$5,995. **SESI LINCOLN MERCURY MAZDA - YPSILANTI** 888-565-0112 734-482-7133

**SABLE 2003** LS Premium, spruce, 9K, 1 owner, leather, all the options, \$13,900. **SESI LINCOLN MERCURY MAZDA - YPSILANTI** 888-565-0112 734-482-7133

**TRACER 1997** LX 4 dr., air, auto, sharp, \$3,395. **Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

### Nissan (8620)

**ALTIMA 1994** 4 dr., auto, \$1,988. **Tamaroff Buick Used Cars** Telegraph South of 12 Mile 248-353-1300

### Nissan (8620)

**SENTRA 2004**, auto, 7K, \$11,995. **LAFONTAINE TOYOTA (313) 561-6600**

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**AURORA-1998** Burgundy color, leather, sunroof, very clean, excellent cond 90K miles \$5000 248-380-5445

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**FIREBIRD 2001** Convertible, 48K, mint, \$11,488. **Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740**

**FIREBIRD 2002** Trans AM, Convertible, Ram air, WS6, white, 33K. **Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

**FIREBIRD 2001** Convertible, 48K, mint, \$11,488. **Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740**

### Pontiac (8680)

**GRAND PRIX 2001** 4 dr., silver, auto, air, one owner, \$6,995. **Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

**GRAND AM 2004** SE 4 dr., auto, air, 2 to choose, \$11,995. **Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

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**AVALON, 2000** - Only 2 owners, non-smokers, maintenance records, super condition, 74K miles 517-545-2316

**CELICA 2002** GTS, auto, leather, moon, \$16,995. **LAFONTAINE TOYOTA (313) 561-6600**

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**RAV 4 1997** 4 door, dark green, sunroof, p/d, p/w, a/c, new battery Exc. cond 1 owner, \$5,200 SOLD

**SOLARA 2000** 3.0 V-6, moon, auto, \$11,995. **LAFONTAINE TOYOTA (313) 561-6600**

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