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A real NFL experience

Kids roll with football stars during clinic at Super Bowl

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Keonte Mitchell woke up Friday morning and was excited. His fifth-grade class from Madison Elementary in Westland was going bowling. Not just any kind of bowling, but bowling with the likes of Denver Broncos defensive tackle Luther Elliss and NFL Hall of Famer Jim Taylor of the very first Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers.

Eight days after finding out his fifth-grade class would be treated to an NFL experience, he was more than ready for it to happen.

"I woke up excited," said Keonte. "I've been bowling before and I do pretty good, but I've never been bowling like this."

Further down the lanes at Super Bowl in Canton, Kameron Caldwell was taking aim on the pins. A quick approach and release and his ball was hurtling down the lane on its way to a strike, his first of the day.

"Kameron loves to bowl," said his mother Andrea. "He bowls every week on a league at Wayne Bowl."

It was Andrea's friend, a member of the Super Bowl XL Host Committee, who arranged for the NFL Experience that went from being for Kameron and his 30 classmates to one that also included youngsters from the Detroit Public Schools.

"I was ecstatic, he was ecstatic," said Andrea of the



Ex-Detroit Lion Luther Elliss signs fifth-grader Cody Liptak's T-shirt during the NFL experience at the Super Bowl in Canton.



Jaylyn Bulis reacts as her bowling ball hits the pins. Watching is T.J. Duckett of the Atlanta Falcons.

opportunity to bowl with the likes of Elliss, T.J. Duckett of the Atlanta Falcons and Tyronne Wheatley of the Oakland Raiders.

"This is about what we do in the NFL," said Elliss. "This

is about giving back to the kids, encouraging them to keep focused and stay in school so they can be able to do what we do someday."

The bowling clinic for the children was actually tied to

the NFL Charity Bowling Classic, which took place Saturday also at Super Bowl lanes and featured dozens of pro football legends.

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Officials debate need to inspect rental housing

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's going to be a matter of renter protection vs. landlord rights as the township board of trustees considers a residential rental property inspection program.

"It's an unfair and unnecessary tax," said property manager Cheryl Smith, who works for Consolidated Management Inc., the company that owns Franklin Palmer Apartments in Canton.

Her apartment complex had a fire in a 16-unit building Feb. 21, 2005, and every resident in the building was displaced. But

Smith says an inspection program like the one presented to the township board of trustees Tuesday would not have prevented the fire.

"We're inspected twice a year - once by the fire department, and once by the mortgage company. They want to be sure that our smoke detectors in the apartments, furnace filters, the walls and appliances and flooring are all in good shape and to make sure we are upholding our end of the property and that their investment is in good shape," she said.

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Criminal pasts show up for school staff

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton school district will have to decide the fate of 11 employees whose criminal background checks indicate they've been charged with misdemeanor crimes.

The district received the information Thursday as part of the Student Safety Initiative passed by the state Legislature, designed to protect kids from sex offenders in the classroom. The state police cross-checked its data base of known criminals with a school employee list from the Department of Education.

Plymouth-Canton Schools received a list of 18 employees who have police records. Five no longer work for the district, and two were incorrect, leaving the district with 11 people on the list. The administration will recommend to the Board of Education whether those with misdemeanor offenses will be dismissed.

"I was pleased to see there were no sexual offenders, who would have had to been dismissed immediately according to state law," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We didn't have anyone with felonies on the list."

"The good news, to me, is that many of the misdemeanors dated back to the 1970s and '80s, and aren't a worry to the safety of our kids or quality of work," he said. "We will be talking with our general counsel and set up a process, because we are going to review every misdemeanor on the list."

Ryan said the misdemeanors included driver's license infrac-

tions, speeding tickets, operating under the influence of liquor and failure to pay child support. He said the names on the list, which the district hasn't released, included teachers, custodians and bus drivers.

On advice of counsel, the district wouldn't release the names. The *Observer* then submitted a request under the Freedom of Information Act. The district has 10 business days to respond.

Ryan said when checking the list, there was a Plymouth-Canton teacher listed as a prison escapee. However, after cross-referencing the Social Security number of the teacher with the name on the list, they were able to determine it was a teacher from another district with the same name.

According to the law, there is a specific list of misdemeanors that could affect the employment of school workers.

Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli said he's against releasing the names of those on the list and their alleged crimes.

"We shouldn't be releasing every misdemeanor someone could have possibly gotten if it's not in the law," said Portelli. "Do we want to fire someone who committed a crime when they were 18 or 19 and have been a model employee for 25 years? We could be ruining lives."

"I understand the need to keep sexual predators out of schools, but we also should be checking the backgrounds of everyone that comes into the buildings, like UPS drivers, postal workers and food delivery employees," he said.

Canton to Ann Arbor bus route in the works

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton commuters who work in Ann Arbor may have another way of getting to the office and home again if a proposal from the Ann Arbor Transit Authority becomes a reality.

The AATA is trying to procure two buses so that it can launch a trial route between Canton and Ann Arbor.

"It's not quite conventional transit service," said Chris White of the AATA. "We're interested in testing a service in which people pay for sub-

scription service."

Monthly subscriptions would cost approximately \$110-\$120, which is less than the \$150 it costs to park at a premium downtown Ann Arbor parking garage, but more than the \$55 per month in University of Michigan parking lots.

It's also unlike conventional transit services because there would not be multiple stops between Canton and Ann Arbor. It would be more like a shuttle service, White said.

White has met with Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack to discuss some possible

locations, particularly municipal locations, he said, but the authority is a long way off from site selection.

"We've run into some difficulty acquiring the buses," White said.

The program would require two buses that would provide two round-trips in the morning and two in the evening. They would be purchased with a \$336,000 federal transit grant, along with \$159,000 for operational costs, but the federal requirements for the buses are stringent and specific, he said.

The trial program would

last up to two years to determine if it's a success or failure.

And that's a big "if," according to Yack.

"To really be seen as an alternative, public transportation has to take the place of the hassle of getting to work and the expense of parking at work," Yack said. "If it's a wash, who knows what customers are going to say."

It also must be profitable for the service provider. The program, in order to be worthwhile, would require that some 100 people sub-

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Jeff Daniels makes his feelings known in his new play, 'Guest Artist'

Relay for Life kick-off

Canton is teaming up with the American Cancer Society to bring the Relay for Life to the community for the eighth year. In preparation for the annual event, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (42500 Cherry Hill Road) will be hosting a kick-off rally on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. The informational meeting is open to anyone who is interested in participating or learning more about the 24-hour relay being held on May 20 - 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Canton's Heritage Park.

With last year's record-breaking \$250,000 in contributions, Canton's Relay for Life event has raised more than \$1 million in the past seven years. Relay for Life is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost and a rally for the community to fight cancer.

To RSVP for the kick-off event, please contact Jamie Chapman by Feb. 9 at (248) 483-4320 or via e-mail at jchapman@cancer.org. For more information on the event, call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

Registration

St. Michael Christian School will be accepting registrations for the 2006-2007 school year Thursday, Feb. 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. This registration is for preschool through 5th grade.

There will also be an open house Feb. 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. The school is located at 7000 Sheldon Road inside of St. Michael Lutheran Church. For more information, please call (734) 459-9720.

Chinese culture fair

A Chinese Culture Fair is planned as part of the Connect with Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

On Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., is your opportunity to experience Chinese culture with demonstrations in several art forms. Mingwei Yao will present origami, the art of paper folding that originated in China around 105 AD. Learn about Chinese calligraphy from Chen Li, the graceful and powerful movements of tai chi, demonstrated by Julie Burt, and penging bonsai, a free form and artistic style of bonsai, by Connie Bailie.

The Connect With Your Neighbor series offers a chance to learn about the many diverse cultures within the Canton community. People of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

The Chinese Culture Fair is free and will take place in the library's community room. There is limited seating available, so please register by visiting the library or call (734) 397-0999. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S.



Taking his best shot
Steve McWilliams of Canton reaches for another football as he takes part in the Quarterback Tryouts competition at the Motown Winter Blast in downtown Detroit. He was trying to win a Super Bowl XL jacket.

Canton Center Road in Canton.

National recognition

Canton Leisure Services was recently recognized by the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) for the benefits it provides nearly 300 parent-

child groups with its Start Smart Sports Development Programs.

The Start Smart programs were developed by motor skill development specialists in the field of youth sports. Parent-child groups perform motor skill tasks that gradually build

confidence in children while they are having fun at the same time. Canton is the only "Five Star" organization in the state, offering five of the six NAYS Start Smart programs: basketball, soccer, golf, baseball and a general development program, which introduces a child to basic skills such as throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

Through the years soccer and basketball have emerged as Canton's most popular Start Smart programs.

According to NAYS, 49 percent of children do not have the basic skills necessary when they enter organized sports, and more than 70 percent of kids will drop out of organized sports by the age of 13.

For more information on Canton's Start Smart programs, visit csc.canton-mi.org and click on "Youth Sports" or call (734) 483-5600.

Crafters wanted

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church (555 S. Lilley in Canton) is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only for its 2006 Christmas craft show.

However, the church is not accepting vendors at this time. All interested crafters should contact St. Thomas a'Becket at (734) 981-1333.

Bittering scholarships

Lee and Noel Bittering of RE/MAX Classic are once again sponsoring three scholarships of \$1,000 each. These scholarships will be available to any currently enrolled high school senior in the Plymouth-Canton community who is planning on attending a college or university in the fall of 2006.

"The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years," said Noel Bittering. "The Bittering Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community. We know that education is very important for the values of our properties. This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation."

Applications may be obtained at RE/MAX Classic 43435 Joy, Canton. The deadline is March 2. For more

information, call (734) 459-2600 or (734) 459-2600.

Open house

St. Michael Lutheran Preschool, 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne, will hold an open house and registration from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, and another on Feb. 23 at the same time. For more information, call (734) 728-3315.

Preparing for IKEA

"Company's coming...are you ready?" is the theme of seven morning events scheduled during February in the various color districts in Canton's DDA District. Since the announcement that IKEA is coming to town, the Canton Community Marketing Committee has been working to help Canton businesses take advantage of the opportunity to attract IKEA shoppers to the other areas of the community. Store owners are encouraged to start planning now for "the day" when IKEA opens its doors this summer and thousands of visitors discover Canton.

The morning coffee meetings are sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Each meeting will start at 8 a.m. and end promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion will include the new color-coded branding along Ford Road, how to encourage the IKEA visitor to stay and take advantage of local businesses, new public safety plans concerning traffic and parking, and more. Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 7: Bailey's Pub & Grille
- Wednesday, Feb. 8: Max & Erma's Restaurant
- Thursday, Feb. 9: Canton Cinema 7
- Monday, Feb. 13: Outback Steakhouse
- Wednesday, Feb. 15: Panera Bread
- Thursday, Feb. 16: Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Tuesday, Feb. 21: Imagine Theatre

All business owners and business property owners in the Canton community are invited to attend at no charge and can choose a convenient location near their store.

Advance reservations are required. Please call (734) 453-4040 or (734) 394-5186 to register. For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

LaJoy honored

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, was recently honored by the Michigan Townships Association as its Legislator of the Year.

LaJoy, a former Canton trustee, has worked on several issues to help townships gain a greater voice in deciding state issues especially with regard to transportation concerns.

"As a former elected township official I empathize with the problems and challenges townships face in their local communities and making their case statewide. I have been working to ensure that the opinion of the townships is taken into account when decisions are made and, with the help of my colleagues, have enjoyed several successes to build upon during the remainder of this legislative session."

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New IKEA manager looking forward to store's opening

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Mark McCaslin has not quite grown accustomed to his celebrity status. The way he sees it, he's just a retail manager doing a job he loves. But when that job means you're managing a store that is expected to bring 2 million shoppers - who drive from across state lines to spend their money - to Canton's Ford Road, you get a little more attention than most retailers.

McCaslin was introduced to the Canton business community at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. By the end of lunch, he needed a rubber band to tie together the thick stack of business cards he'd collected that afternoon.

"I never get used to this," he said. "I'm just a guy doing my job."

He's been through this drill before. He was hired to help open the IKEA store in Schaumburg, Ill. (the company's first Midwest location) in 1998. He then was sent in 2001 to open a store Hicksville, N.Y., on Long Island. Now he's in Canton, at a much-publicized store that



'Only a couple thousand more to go,' says worker Patrick Rahbine of LaBelle Electric, as he installed lighting in the new IKEA.

will open at Haggerty and Ford this summer. The 311,000-square-foot store will be the Swedish furniture company's first in Michigan and 28th in the U.S. The closest IKEA stores are in the Chicago area and in greater Toronto.

Wednesday afternoon, McCaslin adjusted his white hard hat on his head and looked around the second floor of the store.

"Wow," he said. "Those walls weren't up when we went to lunch."

Though the inside of the

huge blue and yellow building is right now a noisy, dusty, concrete-enclosed construction site, McCaslin can see exactly where each of the 56 model "rooms" will be.

Each room - bedrooms, home offices, living rooms and kitchens - will be outfitted and designed with only IKEA goods, and they will be arranged in such a way that they look like people actually live there.

"Basically it will look like you came into someone's room but they just left for a minute and



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Mark McCaslin, who was announced as the manager of Canton's IKEA, discusses plans for the store.

will be right back," said IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth during last week's hard hat tour of the store.

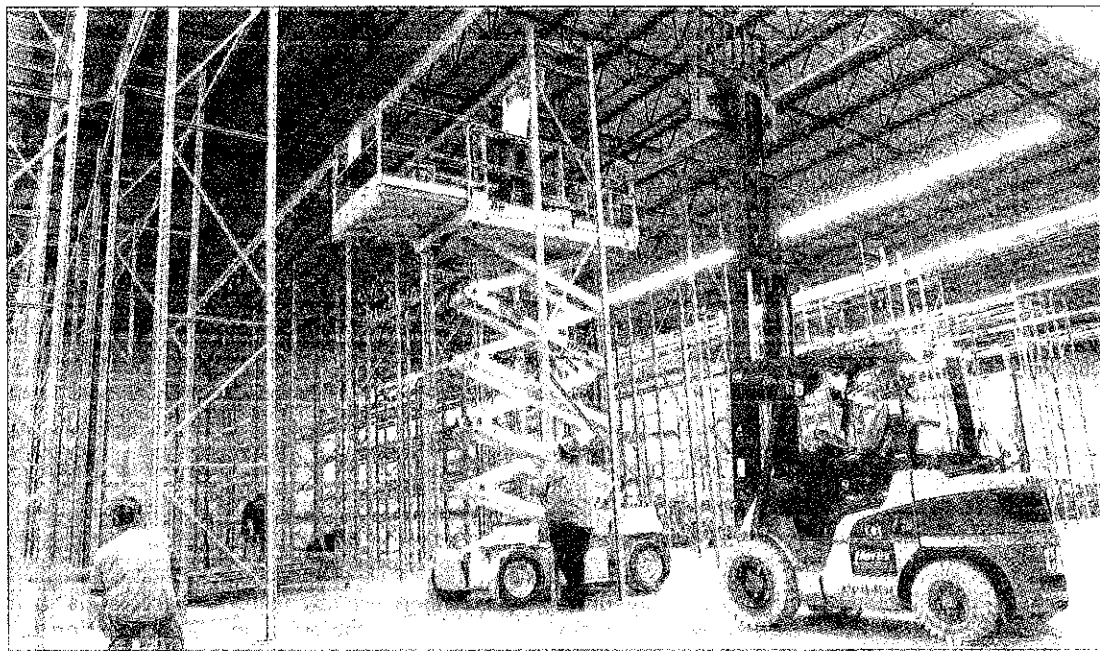
But exactly when the store will open is still uncertain. The Canton IKEA is still in "construction mode," Roth said. Until the building is completely constructed, he and the staff

of some 400 employees (including 75 food service workers to staff the store's 300-seat restaurant) won't really be able to fill the store with the 10,000 items every store carries in its showrooms, warehouse and marketplace.

"Once the construction phase is done, we can start

turning the store into everything that makes us IKEA," Roth said.

McCaslin has been interviewing store manager candidates for the last four weeks, and the store is accepting applications for employment online at <http://JobsAt.IKEA-usa.com>.



Construction workers install what looks like acres of steel shelves at IKEA last week.



The new IKEA has risen from the spot where Super Kmart used to stand. Most of the exterior work has already been completed.

Canton Township building update

The Canton's Planning Commission will meet on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

■ **Singh Executive Park rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from I-1-K, light industrial research to C-3, regional commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Lilley Road.

■ **Schafer Development rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from R-R, Rural Residential to C-3, Regional Commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Beck Road.

■ **J.C. LLC rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from R-2, single-family residential to MR, multiple family residential. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Morton Taylor Road.

■ **Takao North America** - Consider request for special land use for a light manufacturing facility. Property is located on the west side of Commerce Drive and south of Koppernick Road.

SITE PLANS

■ **Crescent Academy International expansion** - Consider request for site plan approval. Property is located north of Palmer Road and west of Lotz Road. (Tabled from Jan. 9)

■ **Torrey Hill site condominium** - Consider request for preliminary site plan approval. Property is located south of Saltz Road and east of Beck Road.

NEW BUSINESS

■ **Rosenberg Hills subdivision** - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Gorman Road.

■ **Takao North America** - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located on the west side of Commerce Drive and south of Koppernick Road.

■ **MMB Office Complex** - Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Sheldon Road.

■ **Cherry Hill Gardens site condominiums** - Refer review of developer instigated revisions to staff. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road and east of Denton Road.



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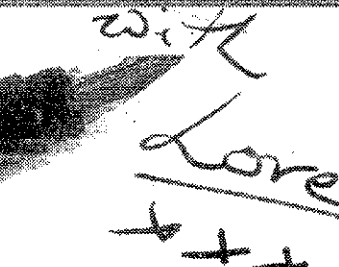
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Growth Works lauds youths

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Kristen Persh of Westland came to Growth Works with an Alcoholics Anonymous schedule, and a determination to turn her life around. She was praised for her efforts to help other young women at Growth Works, which offers services in such areas as chemical dependency.

"I would first like to thank all of you," Persh said, Feb. 2 during the Plymouth-based agency's 16th annual recognition award dinner. "I've come really far. My sobriety is thanks to half the people in this audience."

"I was very selfish when I first got into Growth Works. My dad couldn't even handle me," she added.

Persh said she's glad to be a part of the program, and can now look people squarely in the eye without judgment of self or others.

Another youth praised that evening at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is Danny Daniels of Plymouth, who carries a 3.89 grade-point average and is looking forward to graduation. He's a certified EMT with plans to attend nursing school.

"I'm just absolutely blessed," Daniels told the audience. "I've been surrounded by people that I love and care about. If it wasn't for Growth Works, I wouldn't be here today."

He also praised his mom and friends, noting his mom deserved an award.

Canton residents Twila Murphy and Cynthia Whisler

were recognized for their efforts in recovery, with both soon to mark one year clean and sober. The women have received help in the Adult Intensive Outpatient Program.

Another honoree is Sgt. John Hoak, who's been with the Westland Police Department more than 18 years. "It's always nice to receive recognition," Hoak said. He said Growth Works, under the leadership of Executive Director Dale Yagiela, has done so much for so long with so little.

Other honorees are: ■ Stacey Hewitt of Livonia, who has overcome chemical dependency and school issues.

■ James Cobb of Sumpter Township, recognized as part of the Western Wayne Care Management Organization and for attending Schoolcraft College.

■ Kevin Vardiman of Canton for the Youth Assistance Program, who helps now to run Growth Works groups. "I don't exactly know what to say," said Vardiman, who thanked Growth Works, his mom, stepfather and sister.

■ Tom Doetsch, for work as family court referee and advocate for youth and family. "Tonight it's nice to see the end product," said Doetsch, who hoped he wasn't too mean to the young people who appeared before him.

■ Al Wilkerson, a Romulus Community Schools administrator who works with students who have difficulty in a traditional school setting. Wilkerson,

who will retire this June, was praised for focusing on young people's strengths. "Sometimes students just need another chance," he said.

■ GED through Schoolcraft College recipients Aaron Dugger-Barnett of Redford and John Maus of Redford. Dugger-Barnett thanked God, his mom and Growth Works. Maus said, "I just want to thank everyone that's involved in the juvenile court system," thanking Growth Works and his mom.

Honored for attending Schoolcraft were Joe Ross of Taylor, Stephen Grossman of South Lyon, Brandon Lampley of Westland and James Cobb.

Yagiela, the agency executive director, outlined services including Youth Assistance which offers early intervention for young people referred by district courts, schools and others. It does a lot of work with parents.

Chemical Dependency is one of the largest programs in Michigan, serving more than 400 young people last year. There's a Canton-based Adult Intensive Outpatient Program.

School-based programs in Inkster and South Redford offer in-school suspension, truancy help, social workers and more. The CMO started in 2000 and assists young people convicted of felonies and those placed on probation.

"Every year we do this, we get a bigger crowd," said Yagiela.

"Everybody in this room contributes to that in one way or another," Yagiela said.

Internet love affair goes wrong when woman's purse is stolen

A blossoming Internet love affair took a bad turn when a man stole \$80 from his potential love interest.

According to police reports, a woman called police Feb. 2 when she discovered the money was missing. She said she had met a man online - he had told her that he owns a business in Troy - and the two were interested in meeting after a little less than two weeks of e-communication. They agreed to meet at the Baymont Inn on Ford Road.

The man came to her room, ready to take her out for dinner. She said she needed five minutes to freshen up and went into the washroom, leaving him alone in her room, with her purse in plain sight of only him.

She emerged from the bathroom, ready for dinner, and he said he wanted to run down to the lobby for some gum and would be right back.

But he never returned. And the woman ate dinner alone.

It wasn't until after dinner that she discovered the money was missing from her purse. She tried to call the man, but his wireless phone was turned off. She tried to find him online, but he had set his user identity so that it wasn't visible by hers. She then called the police.

COP CALLS

CREDIT FRAUD

A Canton woman called police Feb. 2 after she discovered she was the victim of identity theft.

According to police reports, someone had opened two accounts in her name after Sept. 1, 2005. One was a Wal-Mart account, and the suspect ran up more than \$4,200 in charges there. The other was a JC Penney account with nearly \$600 worth of charges.

When she discovered the fraud, she closed both accounts.

On her credit report, she discovered there were two addresses in Detroit - addresses where she had never lived. Police are investigating.

MIXED DRINK

A fast food worker at a Canton restaurant lost his cocktail - and most likely his job - on Feb. 1 when a customer reported there was liquor in her soft drink.

The customer told police that she ordered food from the restaurant's drive-through after she got out of work that day. When the employee handed her the drinks with the food order, one of them was a dou-

ble paper cup. He tried to take that drink back, but the customer said, "That's OK. You gave me the right drink."

She went home, and she and her daughter started having dinner.

But her daughter said her soda tasted funny. The woman tasted it, and it had a rum flavor to it.

She called police, and the officer who responded reported that it smelled like rum. The officer questioned the restaurant manager, who knew nothing of the incident, but said the employee in question had been problematic on the job before.

COMPUTER TAKEN

Canton police are investigating a theft at Canton Computers, 1765 N. Canton Center Road.

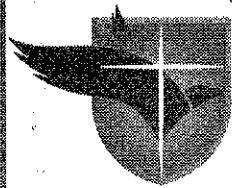
According to police reports, a man walked into the store just after 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2.

The store's manager said the customer was wearing a dark oversized coat. When the customer left, one of the laptop computers was missing from a display. The manager said he thinks the customer may have unhooked the computer from the display and stuffed it into his overcoat before he left. The computer was valued at \$2,000.

By Carol Marshall

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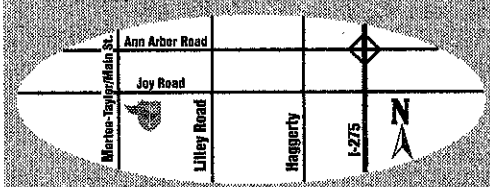


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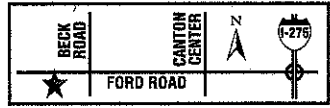
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INSPECT

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But not every property is owned by a responsible landlord, said trustee Melissa McLaughlin. Renters who live in such apartments need help, she said.

The idea was brought up at a goal setting meeting about a year ago, when Trustee Todd Caccamo said he would like to see an inspection program implemented to protect renters from landlords who don't maintain their properties.

It could take up to a year to implement a program, which would put the 1,200 single family residential rentals and 6,042 apartments in Canton on a inspection schedule every two years.

Caccamo has since done an about face on the issue and is now adamantly opposed to such a program.

"When this was proposed, I was in favor," Caccamo said. "Then I said, 'Holy smoke, Caccamo. What are you doing?' You'd think there's not one American left who can wipe their nose without the government's help." He said that such a program would be an invasion of renters' privacy.

But because of the nature of apartment housing, and the many levels of repair - or disrepair - of some of Canton's apartments and rental homes, inspections would help protect residents as well as property values for all township residents and businesses, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"By definition these are multi-family buildings," Yack said. "What that means is people are living very close together. Wouldn't you want some assurance that the guy on the other side of the wall has the same level of concern for safety as you do?"

CURRENT PROGRAM

Canton has two mechanisms in place now to deal with residential rental properties. The township's building department fields approximately 50 calls per year from residents who report possible violations of the township's building codes.

Currently, the Canton Fire Department conducts annual inspections at rental properties, checking alarm systems, fire suppression systems and storage areas. However, the fire department does not inspect inside individual apartments, which is how the Franklin Palmer fire started - in a bathroom ceiling fan. The Canton building department also sends ordinance inspectors to respond to tenant complaints, and will seek to get the property owner into compliance or will ticket the landlord (most building code violations are a misdemeanor punishable by up to \$500 or 90 days in jail).

THREE OPTIONS

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas presented three possible options, if the board chooses to implement such a program. One calls for full inspection - inside and out - of every rental property every two years. It would require hiring two full-time inspectors and one full-time clerical worker. It would cost approximately \$177,800 per year for 10 years, plus \$94,400 in operating expenses. However, if the township charged a \$35 registration fee for each apartment building, and a \$165 inspection fee per unit, annual revenues would be \$606,285, Faas said.

Charging a per-building fee of \$200 and a per-unit fee of \$50 for apartments and \$150 for houses would net \$231,450 per year.

A second option would cost \$109,200 in annual staffing

Currently, the Canton Fire Department conducts annual inspections at rental properties, checking alarm systems, fire suppression systems and storage areas.

expenses, and \$58,200 in operating costs. The third option would cost \$68,000 to hire one inspector and \$54,700 in operating expenses. This option would likely have to be paid for from the township's general fund, and there would be no chance of recouping the costs.

Dan McCausland, who owns several rental homes on Al Smith Road in Canton, said the inspections cross the line and violate privacy rights, as well as create a burden for property owners and the renters (who will ultimately pick up the cost of inspections by paying higher rent).

"When I rent someone a house and I hand them the keys, they call it their house. They don't call it mine," he said, adding that renters expect the same privacy rights as home owners. "My tenants wouldn't want anyone coming in and prying in their homes."

The board of trustees agreed that an outreach program to inform renters of their rights and township resources deserves some consideration. A "curb appeal" inspection program, and its costs and benefits may also be workable, according to some trustees. Some expressed interest in establishing a renters advisory board. The board unanimously agreed on enforcing building codes on rental properties which are in disrepair. Faas will present more information at an upcoming board meeting.

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BUS ROUTE

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scribe to the service. So far, approximately 30 Canton residents have indicated to township officials that they are interested in the program, said Community Services Director Mike Ager.

Canton was chosen as a possible location because it's far enough away from Ann Arbor that the program may be attractive to users, but also because there has been tremendous growth along the Geddes Road corridor in Canton and Superior townships, according to White.

If the program is viable, there are obvious benefits, Yack said.

"Probably any reduction of cars along any corridor is a plus. It's going to come down to a cost benefit," he said.

White said he doesn't anticipate asking Canton for financial support. That may be for the best, as Canton opted out of Wayne County's public transit program, SMART (Southeast Michigan Area Regional Transit).

"We're fortunate that we decided not to participate in SMART when we had the opportunity," Yack said. "If we had, it would be costing us between \$1.8 million and \$2 million every year."

Further, it would have meant a .6-mill tax on residents' tax bills.

Canton's public transit program, Canton Mobility Transit, is funded by the township's general fund. It's available only to senior citizens and the disabled, but it's far less expensive than a wider-reaching program would be, Yack said.

Canton's program provides approximately 20,000 rides per year at a cost of \$1- \$4 per ride, depending on the destination.

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These titles can give you some ideas on how to save energy this winter.

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■ Chess Club: Thursdays at 4 p.m. No advanced registration required.
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ADULT PROGRAMS

Register for adult programs starting one week in advance by calling (734) 397-0999. Computer classes are free to library cardholders however, a \$5 fee will be assessed if you are a no-show and do not cancel 24 hours prior to class time.

■ MS Word Graphics I: Feb. 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Create text boxes, columns, use color and Word Art to liven up your publication.

■ MS Word II: Feb. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Add tables, headers, insert symbols and other commands.

■ Lunch and a Book: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant Feb. 9, noon. Bring a lunch and discuss this interpretation of the Book of Genesis as told through Jacob's daughter, Dinah.

New materials
Here's a partial list of materials just in at the library. To see the whole list, visit <http://catalog.cantonpl.org/ftlist>.

Adult Fiction

■ *Seeker* by Jack McDevitt
■ *Return to Quag Keep* by Andre Norton
■ *Every Breath You Take* by Judith McNaught

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■ *You've Been Fired: Your Rights and Remedies* by Margaret Jasper
■ *Spas for Your Home* by Cristina Paredes
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■ *And One More Thing Before You Go* by Maria Shriver
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MILITARY NEWS

Infantry training

Army Pvt. Michael C. Gore has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training. During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman. The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain com-

munications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

Gore is the son of Thomas and stepson of Kimberly Gore of South Lyon, and the son of Karol Gore of Canton. He is a 2005 graduate of South Lyon High School.

Army grad

Army Pvt. Stanley J. Stanek has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values. Stanek is the son of Theresa Stanek of Canton.

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Challengers backing away from running against Ficano

Bob Ficano isn't ready to take a victory lap just yet.

"That's way too premature. It's only January," he said in an interview Monday.

But with a campaign chest that he estimates at between \$1 million and \$1.5 million and potential opponents dropping by the wayside, things are looking good for the first term Wayne County executive's re-election in November.

"We've been in the mode of running hard and hoping for the best, prepare for the worst and hope for the best," he said. "If no challenger emerges, it will make everyone's summer easier, but we don't take it lightly."

Of course in Wayne County, it's the summer campaign and the Aug. 8 primary election that matters because Democrats hold a daunting electoral majority.



Name
Last name

Four years ago, when Ed McNamara chose not to run again after 16 years as county executive, a train of hopefuls lined up — former Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon was regarded by many as the front runner with County Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, Detroit City Councilwoman Sharon McPhail and Wayne County Sheriff Bob Ficano of Livonia the other serious candidates.

Ficano won handily and seems to have built a solid political base, though not without drawing criticism, particularly from allies of McNamara. Ficano and McNamara often sparred when Ficano was sheriff and Ficano only won McNamara's support at the midnight hour four years ago.

Two potential candidates were urged to take on Ficano but have backed away.

County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of Redford cited family obligations.

"My girls are teenagers in high school and I want to be part of their lives," he said Tuesday. "Being the county executive is a full-time commitment. I'm happy in my county commission seat and believe I'm making a difference."

Cavanagh said he doesn't see anyone in a position to challenge Ficano for the nomination.

"Money is a big thing, name recognition is huge. Mr. Ficano was sheriff for almost 20 years and now he's CEO."

Sheriff Warren Evans, who has regularly tussled with Ficano over budget allocations, was also strongly urged to take on the CEO. Evans has a long association with McNamara.

"It's true that I am not running for that job or against him," Evans said Wednesday. "It would be bad for the county and too confusing."

Of course in Wayne County, it's the summer campaign and the Aug. 8 primary election that matters because Democrats hold a daunting electoral majority.

Instead Evans is weighing the possibility of seeking the Democratic nomination for attorney general at the party's fall convention.

"I've been looking at the job as a law enforcement job," he said. "I think there are opportunities there. Given the people in the race now (state Rep. Alexander Lipsey of Kalamazoo and former district Judge Scott Bowen of Grand Rapids) I'm at least as qualified."

Evans said his relations with Ficano are "amicable" and that they've been working on their differences.

Cavanagh said Ficano has spent "a lot of time battling" the commission on major issues.

"For instance the land bank. That could have been his signature program, instead it was voted down by the commission," Cavanagh said.

He also criticized the handling of lawsuits involving the Pinnacle Aeropark project and the county building.

"Energy and resources could have been expended on other things," he said.

But Ficano stands by his record.

"We came in and wanted to make sure we secured fiscal integrity. We cut pay by 14 percent, denied merit raises," he said. "We're the largest municipality to increase our bond rating."

He said he's also done a lot to build relations in western Wayne County.

"We see what their needs are — roads, parks, whatever and meet those," he said.

He also rejected criticism that he hadn't done enough to promote development in the county.

"We wanted to make sure we had the right development director in place and Dr. (Mulugetta) Birru is that person," he said.

He cites efforts to build international relations, pointing to his trip last year to China that resulted in a deal to bring a Century Automotive research center (and 200 jobs) to Canton. He also pointed to the recent design "charette" that gathered urban design experts together to provide "visions" for developing an "aerotropolis" linking Metro and Willow Run airports and Ann Arbor and Detroit.

By this time four years ago, several candidates were running hard. For now, it looks like the CEO might stroll back into office.

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Super Bowl offers chance to see Detroit in a new light

Super Bowl XL, Jimmy Kimmel, Motown Winter Blast, the sighting of every known star or celebrity you've ever heard of — you probably have had your fill of the activities, hoopla and events of the past couple of weeks. As my Armenian grandmother used to say, "Amam, enough already." However, if you didn't take in any of the activities, you missed out not only on a wonderful experience, but a chance to see the fantastic job the Super Bowl Host Committee and the city of Detroit have done. It's also an opportunity to see the changes in downtown Detroit.

You are reading this column early Sunday morning, so there is still some time to take part of the activities, even if you don't have a ticket to any of the parties or the game itself. I encourage you to do so. You might even get lucky and snag a ticket to the Super Bowl.



Richard Aginian

Start with Motown Winter Blast. It's open until 1 p.m. today. Winter Blast is an event for the whole family, not just adults, but kids, too. What is Winter Blast all about — is it just a celebration of winter in Michigan or is it more than that? I found it to be a celebration of winter with a little bit of Hawaii, compliments of Motorola, thrown in.

Winter Blast has many different activities that are either free or for a small charge. Start with free ice skating provided by Ford Motor Co. if you have your own skates. If not, skate rental is \$3 per person. The ice rink is 64 feet by 200 feet, slightly larger than the well-known rink at Rockefeller Center in New York City. You can skip this part today if you are pressed for time because the ice skating continues after Winter Blast closes.

Move over to the 200-foot snow slide and be prepared for a short but exhilarating ride down a man-made hill. It has a small \$2 per ride charge.

If you want to forget winter for a short while, walk over to the Motorola tent. Here you can see AVP beach volleyball being played and surfing, all inside a tent. Motorola has brought a Flowrider wave machine with professional surfers to Winter Blast. Who would have thunk? You can also sip mai-tais, alcohol-free. Close your eyes and dream that for a moment you are in Hawaii. Motorola also has a display of all its new cell phones.

After experiencing Hawaii, how about a ride on a Model T? Ford is providing free rides on a replica Model T car. As you walk over to the Model T rides, don't forget to view the automobiles that Ford has on display.

My travels have not taken me to the city in several months, so I was very pleasantly surprised to see all the changes that have taken place.

By now you're probably hungry after all the activity of the morning. The Chrysler Jeep Dodge Taste of Detroit is the place to go. It spans three tents featuring food from 40 metro area restaurants, marshmallow roasting, warming stations and music. Restaurants such as Seldom Blues, The Palm, LaShish and Agave are just a few present. There is a charge.

On your way out, stop and admire The General Motors Ice Garden. Here there are 32 seven-foot ice sculptures representing each NFL team's logo. There is also a Detroit marketplace which is a shopping area featuring local artists and vendors such as Detroit retro-Rags, unique retro apparel, or Pop Art handbags, chic handbags, scarves and mittens.

DTE Energy Comfort Zone has both cold and hot beverages provided by Big Boy to quench your thirst or just warm you up. You can also purchase official Super Bowl souvenirs.

As you walk around Winter Blast, take a look at the fine automobiles that Ford, Chrysler and General Motors have on display. It's an easy way to shop for a new vehicle; view it at Winter Blast and stop at your local dealer Monday to make your purchase.

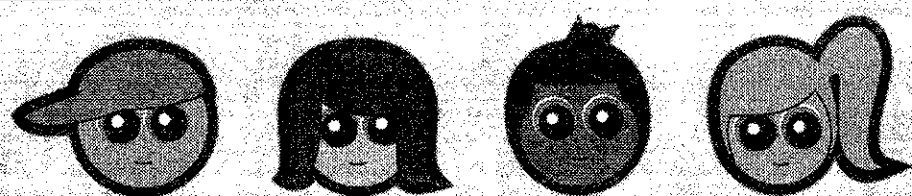
An additional treat in going to Winter Blast is to see all the changes happening in downtown Detroit. My travels have not taken me to the city in several months, so I was very pleasantly surprised to see all the changes that have taken place. There is a lot of new construction, both office buildings and buildings being converted into lofts. There is new retail — not a lot, but it's there — and new restaurants have opened up. From reports of others, the food is very good with price points from moderate to expensive. Certainly some of the older established restaurants are still there such as Opus One and Roma Café in Eastern Market.

The city is clean and well-lit at night. Give everyone credit for the changes made, the politicians and the private sector.

I had the opportunity to hear Peter King, *Sports Illustrated* senior writer, the other night say, "We love Detroit. It's all good."

My challenge to all is to keep the momentum moving forward. It's important to our region that we have a vibrant and healthy city of Detroit.

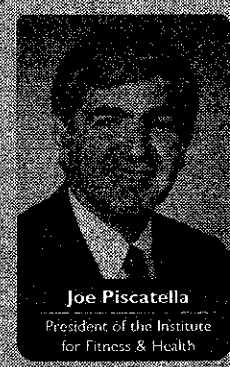
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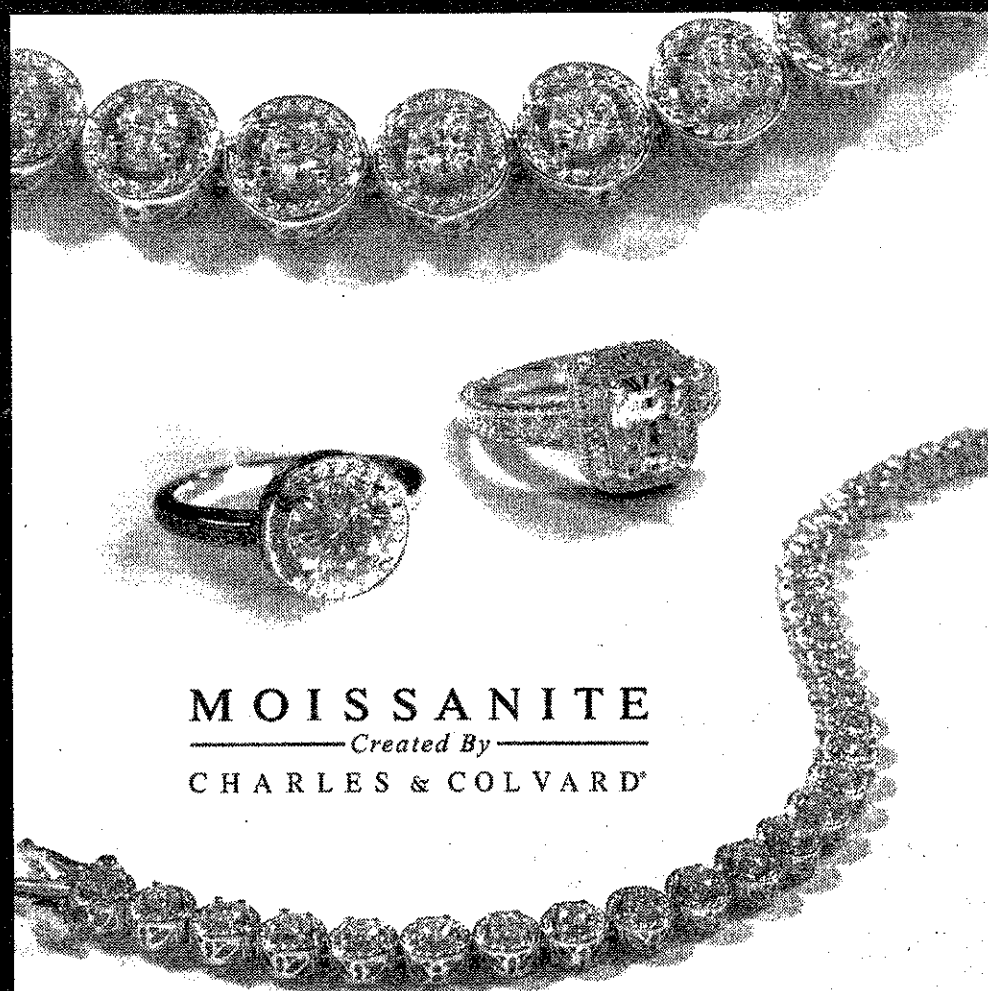
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City, Oakland oceans apart on water department issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

To hear Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Director Victor Mercado talk about water issues in southeast Michigan, you'd think they were talking about water issues on different planets.

According to McCulloch, the DWSD is a mismanaged, opaque operation run in a way that is denying suburban communities a voice in how their water is delivered and their wastewater is taken away.

According to Mercado, DWSD is providing the services it's contracted to provide, within state and federal guidelines, in full view of public oversight at a price competitive with other cities of its size.

The third player in the drama, U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens, ruled earlier this year that Detroit can be the only owner and operator of the DWSD, shooting down McCulloch's bid for a regional authority. At the same time, he said the city and its customers need to have a closer, more collegial relationship.

McCulloch said after 28 years of judicial oversight, it's clear that the program is not working and there needs to be a new hand on the rudder at DWSD.

"There's mismanagement of the water system and problems with operational efficiency in the area of costs," he said. "Major programs have been deferred and critical capital improvements have not been done on a system with a 100-year-old infrastructure."

He said rate-setting assumptions for the DWSD are very complex where ones used by other cities are straightforward.

Mercado said the city keeps full information about water rates, and how those rates are



Director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Victor Mercado said the idea of a suburban consortium governing the water system while Detroit retains ownership is absurd.

arrived at, on its Web site and holds open meetings in whole-sale customer communities. On the whole, he said Detroiters and residents of communities contracting water services from the city are getting good value for their dollar.

Mercado said the DWSD has kept the cost of its services down in the four years he's been on the job. The total budget for the system was \$345.2 million in 2002-03 and \$349.3 million this year, an increase of only 1.2 percent. He chalked the low increase up to operations, curtailing overtime through better management and moving resources to where

they're needed. The number of employees has been cut from 3,200 to 2,600.

Still, security and water quality have not been compromised.

"We meet or exceed safe water standards," Mercado said. "We have five plants, one is brand new. Does everyone have problems with pipes in their cities? Yes. All seasonal cities have issues with their water mains."

The rise in the operations and maintenance costs have mostly been capital improvements. Acting in the wake of the 2003 blackout, Mercado said new auxiliary power systems have been added to

pumping stations that will provide a pumping capacity of 800 million gallons per day in the event of another total blackout.

Another outcome of the blackout was the creation of the city's 800 MHz radio system, which allows police, fire and other essential services to coordinate their communications. Mercado said the system is the primary communications for DWSD.

McCulloch has protested the water department's share of the cost, saying it is "way out of line" with the benefits the system gets from it, a point challenged by Mercado.

"Detroit is 100 square miles, the DWSD system is 1,000 square miles," Mercado said. "DWSD paid for the towers, generators, licensing and software. It was \$45 million from us and the rest came from other city departments. It was about \$126 million altogether."

McCulloch said there needs to be a regional authority to run the DWSD and set its rates for the entire southeast Michigan region. He was thinking something along the lines of the authority in Boston.

"A core group of representatives that will increase to include new customers and an advisory board," he said.

"There are 125 communities (customers) of DWSD; not all would be on the core board, but they could be on the advisory board."

As to claims that the city can own the system while a regional board controls it, Mercado said no one would accept that in their homes, so why should the city relinquish control over its water system?

"(The city) would have all of the financial responsibilities, but someone else is going to say how we're going to spend money?" Mercado said. "Like the judge said, that's against the Michigan Constitution. You have to remember that in the '50s, Detroit was forced to put mains in the suburbs and the city is responsible for those bonds."

McCulloch said customer communities are already

responsible for the bonds through the rates they pay for service. Money, he said, will eventually drive every decision in Detroit.

"The city is going to get to a point when it has to consider selling the system to solve other issues," he said. "An agreement on DWSD could be a model for other regional issues like transportation and Cobo Hall."



Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch says judicial oversight of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department does not work and it's time for customer communities to have an active voice in the direction the department takes.

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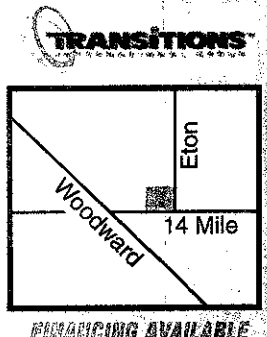
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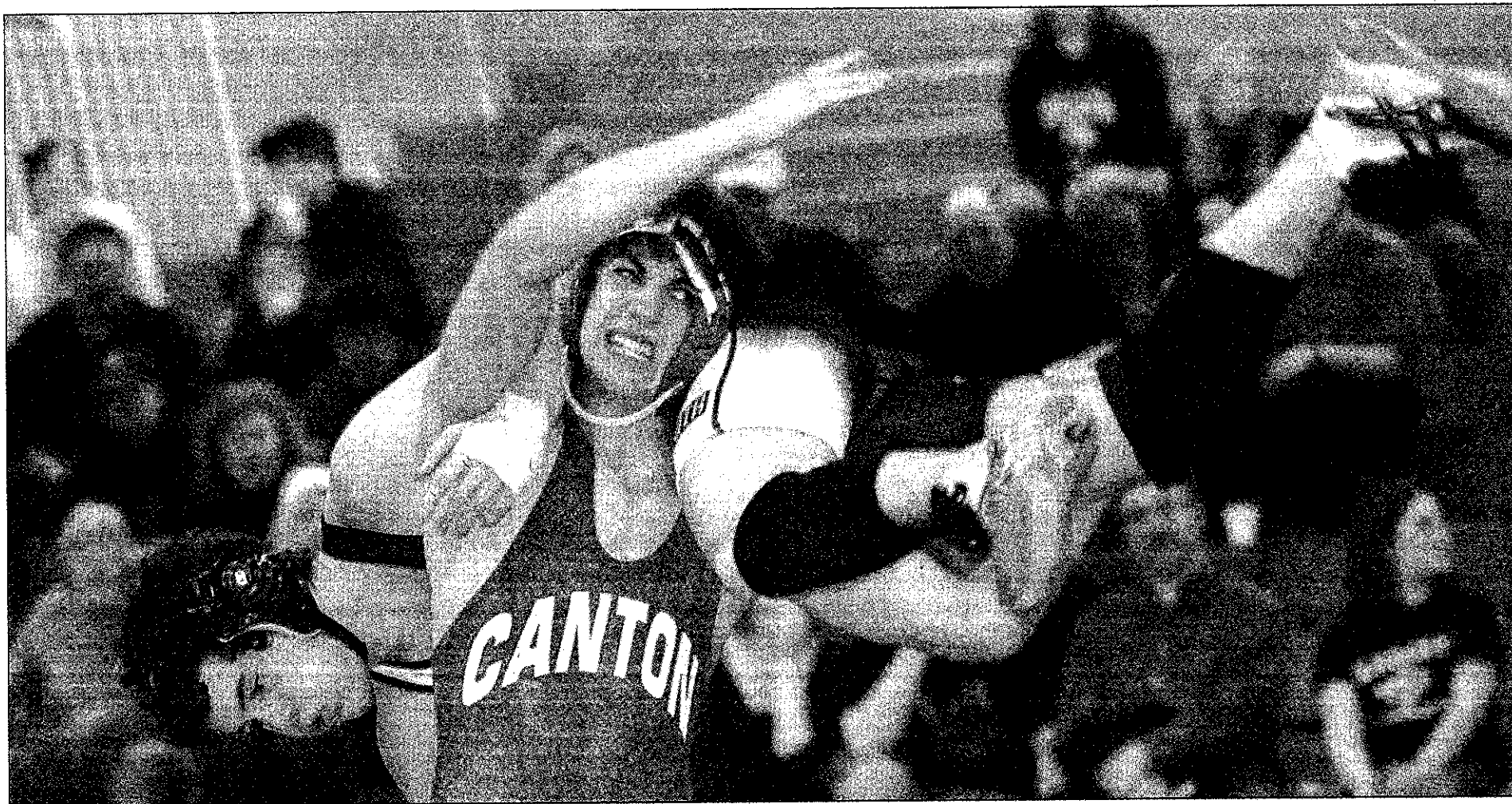
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Plymouth's Ben Kosmalski (back) went air-borne during his 119-pound match with Canton's Sam Santilli during Thursday's dual meet between the two PCEP schools. Kosmalski edged Santilli, 5-4, but the Chiefs won the meet, 38-16.

Pair of Joes lift Chief grapplers over 'Cats

Please see results on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton wrestling team's victory machines — Corey Phillips, Konrad Konsitzke, Marwan Faraj and Donnie Laramie — did what they do best Thursday night against Plymouth. They all won.

But it was a couple of Joes who were pivotal in the Chiefs' 38-16 home win over the Wildcats.

Joe Wilson (140 pounds) and Joe Sanders (152) aren't marquee names for the Chiefs, but they registered key triumphs on Thursday. Wilson earned a four-point, 19-8, major decision victory over Ryan Valle to give the Chiefs a 14-12 lead — one they would never lose — and

Sanders outpointed Jeff Schwartz, 13-6, to cushion the hosts' advantage to 20-12.

The "Senior Night" win for Canton improved its dual-meet record to 23-4. The 23 wins are a school record, eclipsing the 22 victories last year's team compiled.

"Joe Wilson's major decision was an awesome win for us," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "After Corey Phillips' win at 135, we needed Joe to come through and keep the momentum for us, and that's what he did."

"Joe Sanders is kind of my sixth man. He's our utility guy that we can put in a number of places. Whenever he has had an opportunity to wrestle this year, he's gotten the job done. I'm very thankful we have someone like him on the team."

Plymouth coach Sam Amine agreed that his team's chances of pulling out a win in the Chiefs' gym were hampered by the pair of Joes.

"Those were definitely the key matches," said Amine, whose team fell to 19-5. "You expect their studs — Phillips, Konsitzke and Faraj — to do well, but we felt we had a chance to win at 40 and 52. We didn't wrestle up to our expectations in those matches and their kids did."

The first half of the match was hotly contested with the Chiefs holding a slim 14-12 lead. However, Canton pulled away by winning six of the last seven show-downs.

Plymouth jumped out to a 12-6 lead after five matches thanks to lower-weight wins from 112-pound Steve D'Annunzio, 119-pound Ben Kosmalski and 130-pound Andrew Saunders. Mike Haar (103) and Steve Cox (125) notched early victories for the Chiefs.

Phillips broke open a close match against Korpus to win going away, 17-6, and secure momentum for Canton.

"This was our seniors' last home match, so I'm happy we were able to send them off with a win," said Randolph. "These are the kids who helped turn this program around. They stuck with me from the beginning and bought into it from start to finish."

The Chiefs and Wildcats will get two more opportunities to square off in the coming weeks when they see each other at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet Feb. 11 at Plymouth and at the Division 1 district team tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Wildcats' gym.

"My hat is off to Canton — they stuck in there the whole way tonight," Amine said. "But we have a young program — seven of our top wrestlers are freshmen or sophomores — that is getting better. We finished third in the league this year, which isn't bad for a three-year varsity program."

Back on track

Gallagher's hat trick leads Canton ickers to 6-1 triumph over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Friday night's cross-campus clash between the struggling Canton and Salem hockey teams proved to be like Novocain for the Chiefs — it brought much-needed relief to what has been an all-too-painful season.

For the Rocks, the game turned out to be comparable to root canal.

The Chiefs prevailed over their arch-rivals, 6-1, in a game played at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena. The victory upped the winners' record to 5-11-2 while the Rocks dipped to 3-15-0.

Canton was bolstered by the play of senior forward Pat

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Salem goalie Ralph Aspenwall attempts to secure the puck as Canton's Pat Gallagher looks over his shoulder during the first period of Friday night's cross-campus showdown. Gallagher recorded a hat-trick to lead the Chiefs to a 6-1 victory.



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Plymouth's Janet Hanchett is a rare three-sport athlete who excels in all three sports — volleyball, basketball and track-and-field. The future Michigan State University student carries a stellar 3.7 grade-point average.

Downtime rare for 3-sport ace Hanchett

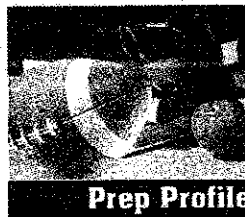
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When she hasn't been hammering volleyball balls at her opponents' feet, locking down the other team's best shooter on the basketball court or striding past runners for Plymouth's track team the past four years, Janet Hanchett has been juggling.

Juggling academics, a job and the responsibilities of serving on the Canton Youth Advisory Council.

What's more impressive than Hanchett's list of accomplishments is that the Plymouth High School senior has done all these tasks successfully.

"I never get burned out because each sport is a different challenge for me," said Hanchett, who has



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earned enough varsity letters to start her own alphabet. "Once one sport ends, I look forward to playing the next one because it's different and new."

"Sure, there are some days when I wish I could go home right after school and relax, but I love the excitement of participating in sports and I like the structure they give me."

Even though her after-practice time is limited due to extracurricular activities, Hanchett has still managed to compile a National Honor Society-caliber 3.7 grade-point average.

"Janet is an extremely hard worker and a great

PLEASE SEE HANCHETT, B2

Sidelines

Crusaders favored

The Madonna University baseball team is the pick to repeat as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion by a recent poll of league coaches.

Senior pitcher Derek Dufrane (Belleville), who went 10-2 last year with a 1.58 earned run average, was tabbed as preseason Pitcher of the Year, one of five preseason selections for the team.

Other preseason picks from MU included pitcher Greg Spanel (Middletown, Ohio), relief pitcher Kyle Fedorka (White Lake), catcher Justin Fabian (Brownstown) and utility player Ben Ramsey (Englewood, Ohio).

MU, 40-16 last season and 13-3 in the WHAC, garnered four of five first-place votes and is ranked No. 17 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics top-25 poll.

Aquinas, picked No. 2 in the coaches poll, is led by preseason Player of the Year Matt Soergel (Okemos), a shortstop.

Reserves lift MU

You could say it was a benchmark victory Wednesday night for the Madonna University men's basketball.

The Crusaders' reserves outscored visiting Davenport's 37-14 en route to an 86-66 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win at the Activities Center.

MU improves to 9-14 overall and 3-5 in the WHAC, while Davenport falls to 3-20 and 0-9.



Sophomore guards Keith Hearns (Livonia Stevenson) and Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) came off the bench to score 16 points and 11 points, respectively.

Jordan Napier (Agape) added seven points, while Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) snared 10 rebounds.

Derrick Mudri was MU's top scorer with 18 points. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Danny Peters added 11 points, while Adam Kerfoot had a team-high seven assists.

MU shot 55 percent from the floor (33-of-60), including a blistering 14-of-28 from three-point range.

Davenport, which trailed 43-38 at halftime, got a game-high 24 points from Ryan Farmer.

James Davis scored a game-high 28 points, while Wallace Hall and Ryan Williams added 15 apiece as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team struggled Wednesday against host Delta College, 95-82, in an MCAA-Eastern Conference game.

The Ocelots are 19-4 overall and 6-2 in the conference. Delta falls to 3-14 and 1-7.

HANCHETT

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leader who has really strong character," said Plymouth basketball coach Richelle Reilly, who has worked with Hanchett for the past four years. "She has the potential to do great things with her life."

FIRST IMPRESSION

The seeds to Hanchett's athletic success at Plymouth were initially planted in the fall of 2002 when she earned a starting spot on the school's freshmen basketball team. After plowing through their regular-season schedule, the Wildcats were invited to play in a Class C district tournament at Clinton High School.

Their opening game was against Manchester, whose roster was filled with juniors and seniors.

"I'll never forget that game," Hanchett recalled. "It was one of those games in which everybody on the team played awesome and we really came together. We were actually winning by two points with a couple minutes left."

"We ended up losing, which was very disappointing, but I think that game showed us what we were capable of doing the next three seasons."

Sparked by the inside play of

Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech, and Hanchett's solid defense and perimeter shooting touch, the Wildcats became a force in the Western Lakes Activities Association the past two years.

BUMP, SET, WIN

Hanchett has played a key role in the Wildcats' successful volleyball program as well. Her outside-hitting responsibilities increased this season due to injuries suffered by fellow front-row players Moise and Jackie Dorre. Despite all the injuries, Plymouth is 25-7.

"It's been a frustrating season with all the injuries," she said. "It seems like every time we get somebody back from an injury, someone else gets hurt."

Hanchett's best sport may be track, where she has excelled in the 400- and 800-meter events the past three years. As a freshman, she qualified for the Division 3 state meet in the 800.

"Track is the most demanding sport for me," Hanchett said. "It's the sport where I feel the most pressure to do well because it's an individual thing, unlike basketball and volleyball."

GREAT EXPERIENCE

As a member of the Canton Youth Advisory Council, one of Hanchett's responsibilities is to approve or deny the distribution of financial grants to youth

groups. She is currently the council's treasurer.

"We meet every other Tuesday," Hanchett said. "The most recent thing we did was write a grant for a Boy Scout group that needed money for camping supplies."

Hanchett is "98 percent sure" she will be attending Michigan State University in the fall.

"The only way that would change would be if I am offered something for track from another school," she said.

WHAT A DAY

The most exciting day of Hanchett's senior year unfolded on Oct. 13, the day the Wildcats' basketball team was scheduled to play a game at Livonia Franklin.

"On the bus ride over to the game, my mom called me and told me I had received a thick packet from Michigan State," Hanchett said. "She asked me if she should open it, and I told her definitely. In the packet was a letter telling me that I had been accepted to the school."

A couple hours later, Hanchett went out and buried five three-point shots to lead the Wildcats to an important victory over the Patriots.

"That was a day I'll always remember," she said.

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Sixth-man Larsen paces Canton's victory over Glenn

Canton senior Andy Larsen is adjusting to his new sixth-man role quite nicely.

On Friday night, Larsen came off the bench to score a game-high 18 points to lead the Chiefs to a 63-43 victory over Westland John Glenn. The win lifted Canton's record to 10-3 overall and 6-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Rockets dropped to 3-10 and 2-5, respectively.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs will travel to Northville for a key WLAA match-up with the Mustangs, who will carry a 7-0 league mark into the contest. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

The Chiefs led 29-21 at the half before extending their advantage to 45-31 after three quarters. Larsen scored 12 of his points after the intermission.

Junior center Ryan Waidmann also had a strong game for the winners, netting 14 points and eight rebounds. Andre Bridges scored seven points and dished out six assists.

PREP BASKETBALL

Stefan Markan and Robert Jones both scored 12 points for the Rockets.

Canton sizzled from the free-throw line, canning 16-of-20 shots (80 percent). The Chiefs entered the game shooting just 57 percent from the charity stripe.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 50, PLYMOUTH 46: The Patriots nearly squandered an 18-point second-half lead Friday before holding on for a four-point win over the visiting Wildcats.

Franklin is 7-6 overall and 4-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth falls to 4-9 and 2-5.

Senior Andre Bell was Franklin's top scorer with 20 points, while 6-foot-4 junior center Sean Sciba added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

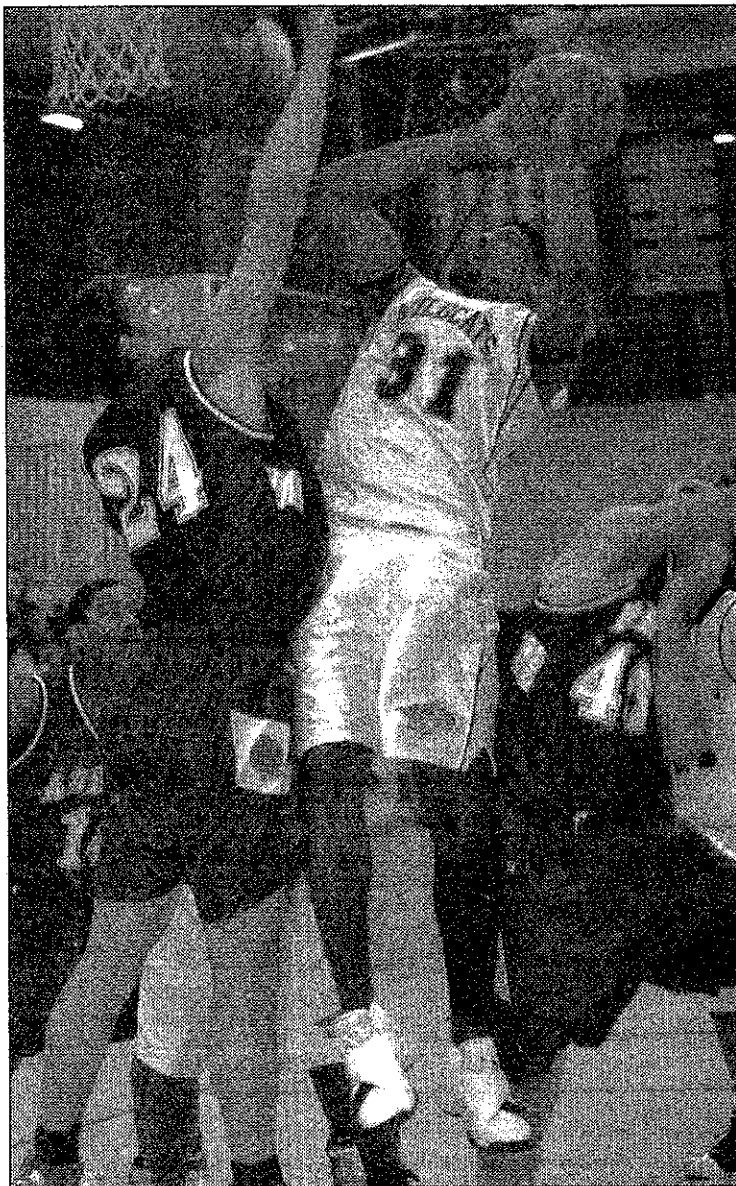
D.J. Coleman led Plymouth with 13 points, while Josh LeDuc added nine points and nine blocks.

Franklin led 11-10 after one quarter before going on a 13-3 second-quarter run.

"We're doing the same thing over and over," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "We get layups and we're just not finishing. And 8-of-16 from the free throw line is not what you want either."

"The kids, however, played hard. The bottom line is that if we ever make layups, we're going to beat somebody bad."

W.L. WESTERN 70, SALEM 54: After trailing 29-28 at the half, the host Warriors stormed back to outscore the Rocks 42-25 over the final 16 minutes. Western improved to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the WLAA while the Rocks slipped to 3-10 and 3-4,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Josh LeDuc, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored nine points and blocked nine shots in Friday night's 50-46 loss to Livonia Franklin.

respectively.

"We played well in the first half defensively, and we took care of the ball," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "But in the second half, we rushed too many shots and had too many turnovers."

Denard Branch led the Warriors with 25 points. Sam Zayed added 15 and Evan Onder contributed 10.

Billy Leddy paced the Rocks with 18 points. Jon Gibson and Joe Halewicz both netted seven. Salem drained 9-of-11 free throws while the Warriors were 5-of-6 from the stripe.

A.P. INTER-CITY 59, PCA 46: The Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's front-running Chargers used a 19-0 run in the third quarter to separate themselves from the upset-minded Eagles Friday night. The loss dropped Plymouth Christian to 7-6 overall and 1-3 in the MIAC while Inter-City improved to 10-3 and 5-0.

PCA outscored its hosts 20-6 in the second quarter to secure a 30-21 halftime advantage. The Chargers roared back with a 21-2 third quarter to regain momentum.

"We played incredible in the

first half," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "But they had a 19-0 run in the third quarter when we had some bad breaks, turnovers and missed shots. The wheels kind of fell off. We couldn't have played better in the first half."

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn paced the Eagles with 16 points. Junior forward Matt Saagman (eight points), senior forward Matt Brandt (eight) and freshman forward Justin Govan (seven) also made solid contributions for PCA.

Senior forward Brennan Rees led the Chargers with 18 points and junior guard Daniel Doran added 16.

PCA hit 9-of-14 free throws while Inter-City was 13-of-19 from the line.

CANTON AGAPE 64, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 24: The Wolverines sealed the win by outscoring Macomb 44-12 over the second and third quarters combined. Deven Dobottiaux led the Wolves with 14 points. Jack Anleitner added 13; Derek Leathers had eight points, four rebounds and three blocks; and Mark Mullett and Terrell Pierce both twined seven points.

Justin Kuhlne led Macomb with 11 points.

Boll gets offensive in Whalers' 3-2 win

Jared Boll's second goal of the game at 7:51 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Kingston Frontenacs, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,213 at the Kingston Memorial Centre.

In winning, the Whalers snapped a five-game losing streak. Plymouth is now 24-21-1-3, good for 52 points and second place in the OHL's West Division. The Whalers kept pace with the first-place Saginaw Spirit (27-21-1-0), who defeated Windsor, 7-6, in overtime on Friday night. Saginaw is in first place in the OHL West with 55 points, Plymouth is second with 52 and Windsor (22-23-3-2) is third with 50.

Besides Boll — who now has

16 goals — rookie Chris Terry scored the other Plymouth goal, his sixth of the season. Blake Pronk (4th) and Todd Griffith (19th) scored for Kingston.

Kingston goaltender Danny Taylor stopped 38-of-41 Plymouth shots and was named the game's first star. Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters stopped 29-of-31 Kingston shots.

Pronk gave Kingston a 1-0 lead at 8:23 of the first period when he fired a shot from the left face-off dot by Peters.

Terry tied the game at 1-1 at 13:05 of the first period on a Plymouth power play when he batted home a rebound at the right wing side of the Kingston goal by Taylor. Earlier in the period, Plymouth hit two goal posts.

The Frontenacs took a 2-1 lead at 5:06 of the second period when Griffith worked around Plymouth defenseman Wes Cunningham and beat Peters top-shelf. Plymouth tied the game at 2-2 on a power play with 2:01 left in the period when Steve Ward's hard shot from the high slot was deflected by Boll in front of the Kingston goal.

Boll's game-winner came on an excellent effort by Plymouth center John Armstrong, who stayed with the puck in the Kingston zone and shot the puck from the left dot. Boll — stationed again in front of the Kingston net — deflected the puck by Taylor.

Kingston pulled Taylor with 45 seconds left, but couldn't find the equalizer.

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Gallagher, who registered a hat trick, and senior goalie Nick Basel, who turned away 16 shots while making just his fifth start of the season. On Thursday, Basel turned in another stellar effort in the Chiefs' 2-1 victory over Redford Unified.

"It was a nice win, especially for the seniors who were playing Salem for the last time," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "Our record isn't great, but the kids are improving every day, every practice. We've lost a lot of games we should have won this year, so it was nice to see our goalie play well."

"We've looked like a different team the past couple of games from the one we played like earlier in the season. Hopefully, we can keep improving and maybe make some noise in the regionals in a couple of weeks."

Canton built its foundation for the victory in the first period when Jesse Pletsch deflected Kevin Tollison's shot past Salem goalie Ralph

Aspenwall less than four minutes into the contest to make it 1-0. The Chiefs doubled their lead with three-tenths of a second remaining in the first period when Gallagher knocked home a rebound through Aspenwall's five hole.

"Their first goal kind of defined how our entire season has gone," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "We were right there, but they scored on a deflection. We're younger and smaller than most of the teams we've played this season and most of them have gotten the jump on us right away like Canton did tonight."

"The Western Lakes is a tough conference. There are no weak opponents. The positive thing is that our young guys are getting experience, which can only help."

Gallagher's second goal of the night, which was assisted by Sean O'Connor, came 39 seconds into the second period and put the Chiefs ahead 3-0. Pletsch made it 4-0 a short time later when his off-speed shot from the point eluded

Aspenwall. Albers and Kyle Kowalski

assisted.

The Rocks' lone goal came with 3:46 left in the second period when Joel Cheesman scored following a slick pass from linemate Steve Heisler.

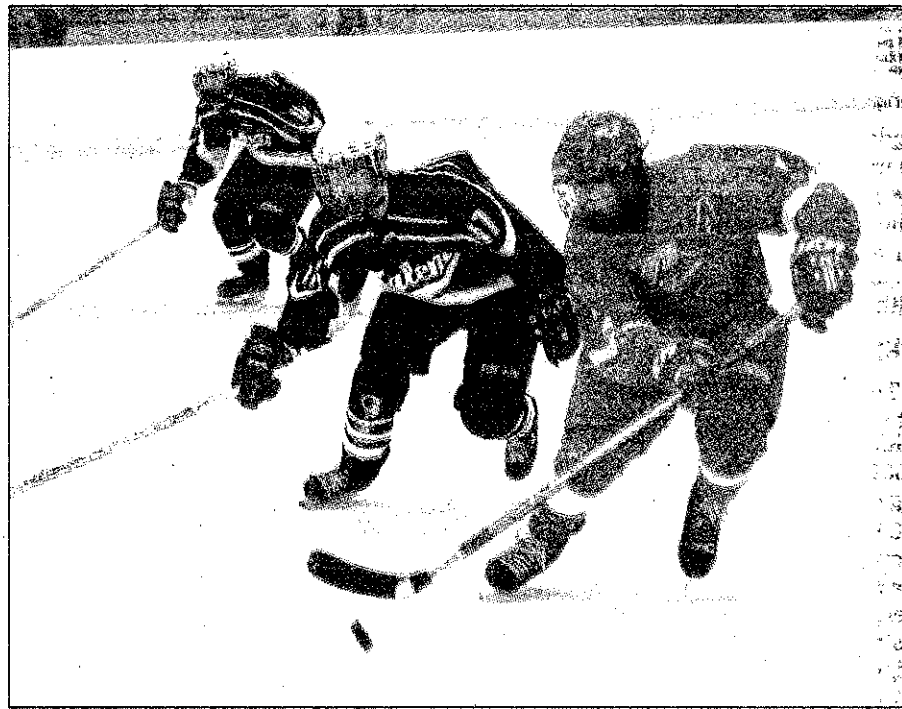
Canton iced the win with third-period goals from Gallagher, who punched in a rebound off a Brad Barath shot, and Ken Weir, who was assisted by Albers.

A frightening scene unfolded with less than a minute left in the first period when Salem captain David Carey was struck by a puck on the back of his neck while going low to block a shot. Carey managed to hobble to the bench, but then collapsed behind the Rocks' bench.

"The puck hit David just below the edge of his helmet," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "David has a high pain tolerance, so when he said he was hurting, we knew it was serious."

When paramedics arrived, Carey was fitted with a neck brace, placed on a stretcher and transported to the hospital for further observation.

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Salem's Roman Kahler (17) pursues Canton's Kyle Kowalski during the first period of Friday night's game at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. Kowalski notched an assist in the Chiefs' 6-1 victory.

Canton de-ices Redford Unified

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Special teams were the difference Thursday night as Canton nipped Redford Unified 2-1 in a non-league varsity hockey game.

The Chiefs scored both of their goals on the power play and – although giving up a third period goal to Unified on a 5-on-3 advantage – killed off three penalties in the final frame to hang on at Redford Ice Arena.

Canton senior goalkeeper Nick Basel's strong play (28 saves) had a lot to do with that, stymieing Unified (5-9-2) at virtually every turn. Only a slap shot by junior forward Joe Petriches on the two-man advantage, with 4:11 remaining,

kept Basel from posting a shutout. On the goal, Petriches (Redford Union) ripped a shot that glanced off the goalie's glove before banking in off the goal post. Assisting on the tally were senior defenseman and co-captain Eric Valeri and freshman defenseman Scott LaMontagne (both RU students).

Less than two minutes earlier, with Canton still nursing a 2-0 lead, Petriches clanked a drive that rang off the post to Basel's right.

Unified senior forward and co-captain Jason Hendrickson (Redford Union) nearly tied the score on a backhand with about three minutes left. But Basel flung out his left pad just in time to stop the puck.

With Unified sophomore goalkeeper Ryan Wagner (Redford Union) pulled for the extra attacker in a bid by assistant coach Len Weiss to tie the game, junior Jesse Pletsch slid to block LaMontagne's shot. Seconds later, Basel denied LaMontagne on the doorstep to preserve the victory.

"We almost gave the game back (because of penalties)," said Canton head coach Mike Behen. "But we had almost 10 blocks, which indicates how much we wanted it."

Behen added that his goalie played a strong positional game. "He was focused, he was covering the puck better and moving his feet well."

Also strong for the Chiefs was

senior forward and co-captain Brett Giacomino, who scored a first-period power-play goal and set up Canton's second tally in the middle stanza.

Giacomino sent a sharp-angle shot past screened Unified's starting goalie, senior Nick Kinney (Thurston), with just 33.7 seconds left in the first period. Drawing assists on the power-play goal were junior Brad Barath and sophomore Chris Wies.

At the 6:16 mark of the second, with Canton on another power play, Giacomino held the puck down low along the right boards before throwing a perfect cross-crease pass to Wies – who one-timed it past Kinney (17 saves).



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Sophomore forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added 12 points and nine rebounds, while senior forward Sarah Thomson had nine points and 11 boards.

Jennifer Rausch scored 17 points for Davenport, while Sara Haverdink had 11.

Lady Ocelots lose 2

Karen Lafata said she is proud of the way her Schoolcraft College women's basketball team is battling through a tough stretch of road games.

There is another reason - Schoolcraft is soldiering on despite the loss of two key players for academic reasons. Both sophomore forward Renita Price (Wayne Memorial) and sophomore guard Mikki Williams were ruled academically ineligible for the second half of the season.

At the beginning of the season, Lafata considered Williams one of the key components of her team's

offensive potential.

In spite of those losses, and the difficult schedule, Schoolcraft holds a 19-2 record, including 5-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

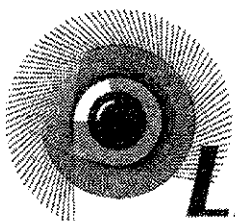
"They didn't get it done in the classroom," Lafata said. "We provide a lot of support at Schoolcraft, with the learning center and tutoring. It doesn't always work for everyone. Hopefully you can keep kids on track, but you always can't do it."

Lafata said the remainder of her team is having no problem mixing books and basketballs. Both sophomore forward Charlese Greer and sophomore guard Tracey Winkler carry 3.9 grade-point-averages.

Freshman forward Maricka Seay's GPA is approximately 3.2 while others with excellent GPAs include freshman forwards Amanda Crouse, Garden City alum Alisha June and freshmen center Lauren Braun.

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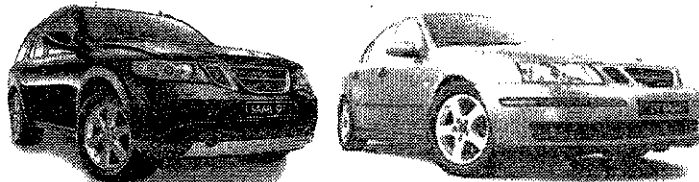
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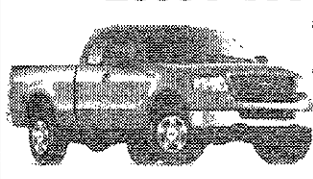
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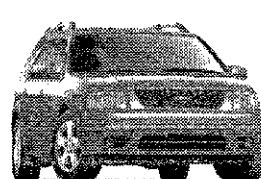
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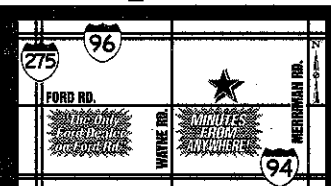


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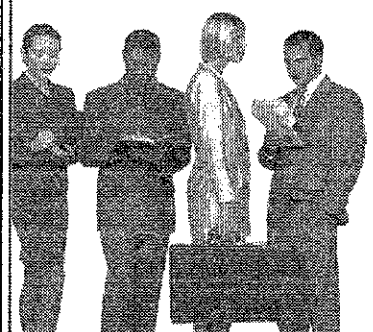
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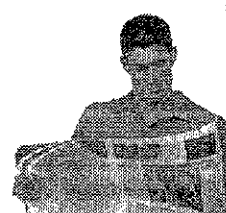
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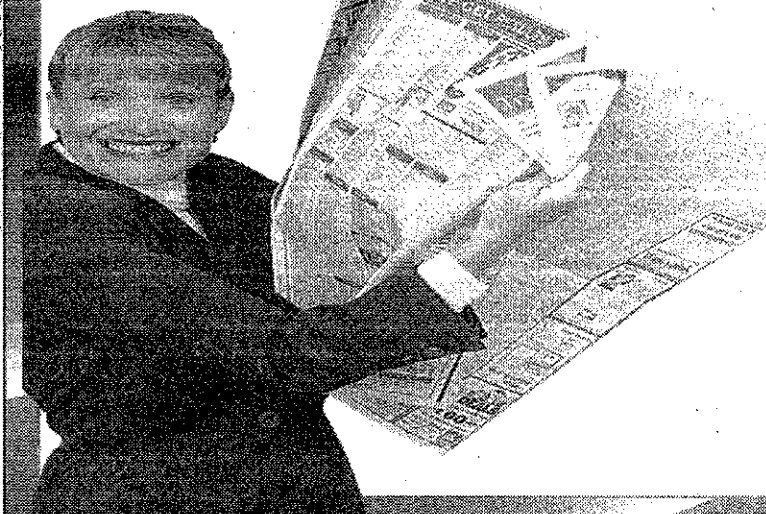
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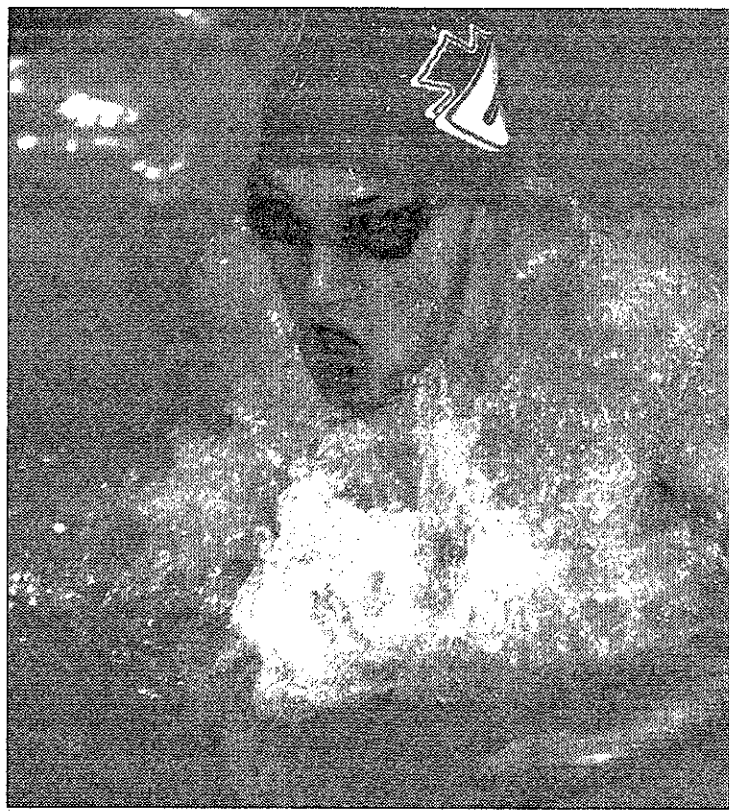


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200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jason Williams, John Babb, Matt Underhill, Nick Leone), 1:37.61; 2. John Glenn, 1:43.80; 3. Salem, 1:52.83.
100 backstroke: 1. James Crabill (S), 1:07.84; 2. Doug Fransioli (S), 1:08.96; 3. Adam Clark (S), 1:13.49.
100 breaststroke: 1. Nick Stone (WJG), 1:09.97; David Olson (S), 1:13.86; 3. Rick Strahan (S), 1:15.08.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Stan Chen, Matt Underhill, Steve Moore, Nick Leone), 3:42.32; 2. Salem, 3:55.57; 3. John Glenn, 3:55.86.
Salem's dual-meet record: 4-3.



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Canton's Matt Carlson helped the Chiefs finish first in the 200 medley relay during Thursday night's victory over Wayne Memorial.

(C), 2:21.33.
50 freestyle: 1. Kyle Erdmann (WM), 24.18; 2. Kevin Karlinski (C), 25.61; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 26.61.
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100 butterfly: 1. Nick Landis (C), 59.19; 2. Derek Schmitt (C), 59.72; 3. Danny Porta (WM), 1:04.96.
100 freestyle: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 52.89; 2. Kyle Erdmann (WM), 53.83; 3. Ross Schwarz (C), 54.06.
500 freestyle: 1. Paul Mosier (WM), 5:40.92; 2. Russell McBain (C), 5:49.85; 3. Nick Martin (WM), 6:11.88.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton, Derek Schmitt, Matt Carlson), 1:34.46; 2. Wayne, 1:39.65; 3. Wayne, 1:56.98.
100 backstroke: 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:01.40; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 1:09.38; 3. Jacob Barnes (WM), 1:12.51.
100 breaststroke: 1. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:10.59; 2. Andrew Hermatz (WM), 1:10.93; 3. Dan Anthony (C), 1:11.20.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Jordan Holland, Danny Porta, Adam Beyer, Paul Mosier), 3:50.36; 2. Wayne, 4:26.11.
Canton's dual-meet record: 5-2.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LACROSSE MEETING

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Canton High School cafeteria for all parents of prospective Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse players. It is important that all parents

attend the meeting as registration packets will be distributed at that time. Contact Phyllis Ikegami at (734) 420-2293.

SABERETTE SHOW

The Plymouth Saberette pom-pom squad is presenting the Saberette Variety Show on at 7 p.m. Feb. 17-18 in the Salem High School Logan Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

For tickets, see a Saberette or contact Mary Schulz at trixi1971@hotmail.com or Judy Bono at judy_b21@yahoo.com.

3-ON-3 HOOP

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, March

25, and Sunday, March 26, at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville. The team fee is \$85, which includes T-shirts and awards to the first-place teams. The tourney will be divided into four age brackets for both girls and boys: 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17. Registration forms can be picked up at the rec department office at 700 W. Baseline Road in Northville.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

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Salem spikers retain first place in WLAA

Salem still has the upper hand in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball race.

On Wednesday, the Rocks survived a stiff test from host Livonia Stevenson to take over sole possession of first place in the WLAA, 25-20, 26-24, 20-25, 25-20.

Salem is now 28-3 overall and 6-0 in the WLAA, while Stevenson falls to 22-5-3 and 5-1.

Several Rocks racked up huge numbers against the Spartans: Jansan Falcuson (38 assists, three aces), Teresa Coppiellie (20 kills, 13 digs and seven blocks), Lauren Price (11 digs and 22 kills), Nikki Mersch (28 digs), Kelly Behr (four aces), Shannon Rusin (seven blocks) and Lauren Kurtz (four blocks, eight kills and two aces).

"We had a lead in the second game, we had our chances," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We had some good swings, but we struggled with our blocks. We could not get touches at the net. Defensively we struggled and that created a problem because we could not get enough balls to go through our middle hitters. We served well, but we also made some mental mistakes."

Senior Maria Mezzadri led the Spartans with a team-high 23 kills followed by Jamie Pounders (10), Hannah Diebel (7) and Amanda Alpert (6).

Setter Ashton Judis, battling a foot injury, finished with 36 assist-to-kills, while Libero Jordan Pilut had 17 digs. Amber Sharp went 16-for-16 serving with two aces.

"We scouted them, but (Teresa) Coppiellie and

PREP VOLLEYBALL

(Lauren) Price hurt us," Graham said. "And when they went to their other hitters, they hit well. They're a good team."

"But I'm proud of my girls because we never gave up and I thought we held our own."

PLYMOUTH 3, W.L. WESTERN 1: The Wildcats rebounded in a big way from Monday's three-set loss to Livonia Stevenson, by upending the Warriors, 25-17, 25-15, 22-25 and 25-22, Wednesday night.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 26-7 overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We played like a totally different team than we did on Monday," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland.

"Offensively, we stepped it up 110 percent. Our hitters were finally complementing our great passing."

"We have been passing the ball very consistently, but we haven't been able to convert those passes into kills. Against Western, it all came together and I was very pleased with the team's performance."

McCausland was especially pleased with the play of junior outside hitter Courtney Buttermore during some clutch situations Wednesday night. Buttermore helped pick up the slack when one of the Wildcats' top front-row threats, Jackie Dorre, suffered an injury. Plymouth also played without its top player, Jeanine Moise.

"Courtney really came through for us when Jackie went down," McCausland said.

Northville Roadrunners set for annual kickoff meeting

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Roadrunners don't want your Super Bowl hangover to last very long.

At 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Box Bar, located on the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, the Roadrunners will stage their annual season kickoff and membership drive meeting.

Their group runs, ranging anywhere from 4- to 6-mile loops, are held at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the Hillside Middle School (old Northville High), located on Center Street just south of Eight Mile Road (meet inside the Northville Community Center).

All levels and ages, ranging anywhere from a 6- to 10-minute mile pace, can also join

the Roadrunners at 9 a.m. each Saturday during the winter months at the old Northville Recreation Center, located the next to the Fire Station on Main Street (just west of Center).

During the spring, summer and fall months, the group does trail runs at 9 a.m. each Saturday at Maybury State Park (meet at the horse stables).

"Everyone knows the fitness value of running," said Roadrunner member Gary Haf. "But it's the camaraderie of belonging to a group that really accentuates the value of fellow runners and help keeps the 'running habit' going."

"Also, from a social perspective, there is nothing better than the bonding of long runs to build real friendship. The nice thing is that it can be done

"She had three very important kills at the end of the fourth game to win the match for us."

Also shining for the winners were: Sarah Haskins (44 assists and 26 digs), Janet Hanchett (nine kills and 15 digs), Chelsey Quinlan (seven kills and 17-for-17 on serves), Brandi Swyhart (21 digs), Lindsay Vogelsberg (14 digs) and Brittany Hengesh (nine kills, four solo blocks and seven block assists).

Plymouth returns to action Monday at home against Livonia Franklin.

CANTON 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 1: The Chiefs recorded a one-sided WLAA Western Division victory over the Zebras, 25-21, 25-19, 23-25 and 25-12. Lisa Western had a strong all-around match for the Chiefs, who were also bolstered by stellar efforts from Krista Holcomb, Lauren McPartlin, Kelsey Bailey and Marie Martin.

On Monday, the Chiefs dropped a three-game match to Livonia Churchill, 25-9, 25-14 and 25-15. Canton coach Kristie Drinkhahn praised the play of Heidi Herendeen, Western, Bailey and Martin.

"We played hard, but Churchill has some amazing hitters," Drinkhahn said.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3, ZOE 0: The Eagles improved their record to 14-11 overall and 5-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 25-15, 26-24 and 25-11 victory over Zoe. Leading the way were Kelsie Tietjen (14 kills, 21 digs and 11 service points), Bre Ruark (seven kills, 21 digs and eight assists) and Brooke Harris (20 assists, six kills and 12 digs).

by young and old together. Health, fitness and competition has no age barrier."

The Northville Roadrunners are experiencing a revival of sorts after nearly becoming extinct when it was originally known as the Redford Roadrunners.

"We have about 50 solid members and we'd like to double that in five years," Haf said. "I'd say we've had a 20 to 25 percent increase. We want people to know we're alive and well, and growing."

The club stages an annual banquet during the spring and last October resurrected the Roadrunner Classic, an 8-kilometer race along with a 1-mile kids fun run at Maybury. Proceeds from the run benefited the "Friends of Maybury."

"The read bonus is being able - with the power of our organization - to give back to the community," Haf said.

An annual Northville Roadrunner membership fee is \$15.

For more information, visit the club's website at www.northvilleroadrunners.org; or call Haf at (248) 231-6114.

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Paul Melrose

Learn to control your anger

Just since Christmas I have gotten several requests and inquiries about my anger management program. Anger is something we are born with; it just never goes away. And, indeed, it should not. Directed anger shows the passion and the strength about how one believes in someone or something and provides the energy necessary to move your life on.

Of course there are many pitfalls with anger. The bad press of anger comes from what we saw growing up by our caregivers and other adults, whether messages about behavior were consistent with what actions we observed, and whether or not we were victims of misdirected or out-of-control anger, the worst of which could be physical or sexual abuse.

Part of people's frustration with working on their anger is that they want some techniques to simply make it go away. But the anger is deeply inbred in us. It has been and was learned over a long period of time. It cannot change or go away quickly. Here are some suggestions common to many anger management programs:

1. Learn that anger is a feeling or emotion; it can range from mild to severe. Aggression is behavior intended to cause harm or injury. Hostility is the attitude or judgment that motivates aggression.

2. Learn when anger becomes a problem for you and what the payoffs and consequences are. The payoffs usually talk about immediate relief. Too much attention there does not allow a person to think about the long-term consequences, many with disastrous effects.

3. Challenge the myths about anger. Here are some. Anger is inherited. No. Anger automatically leads to aggression. No, there are other ways to manage anger. You don't have to be aggressive to get what you want; it is OK to be assertive. Venting anger is seldom, if ever desirable.

4. Break the anger habit. Here is where you need to learn what raises your anger level. Become aware of the thoughts that influence your becoming angry. And then put a plan into place to manage your anger effectively.

Some steps in the process of breaking the anger habit are:

1. Learn what events trigger anger. Become aware of your physical, behavioral emotional and cognitive cues.

2. Learn your aggression cycle.

3. Be assertive. Decide if there is a dispute you need to resolve with another person or should you simply let it go and walk away. You will notice that even letting something go is harder than it might seem.

4. Recall where in your family your anger came from. Decide how much you are repeating old patterns that no longer work.

5. Learn what event stimulates your anger, what you tell yourself about the event, how you feel after you have talked to yourself about the event, and what are your beliefs and feelings about yourself in relation to the event.

6. Be assertive. Decide if there is a dispute you need to resolve with another person or should you simply let it go and walk away. You will notice that even letting something go is harder than it might seem.

7. Recall where in your family your anger came from. Decide how much you are repeating old patterns that no longer work.

8. It is not enough just to do these things once to control your anger. After you learn these or other similar approaches practice, practice, practice. If it is important to you, you can make it happen.

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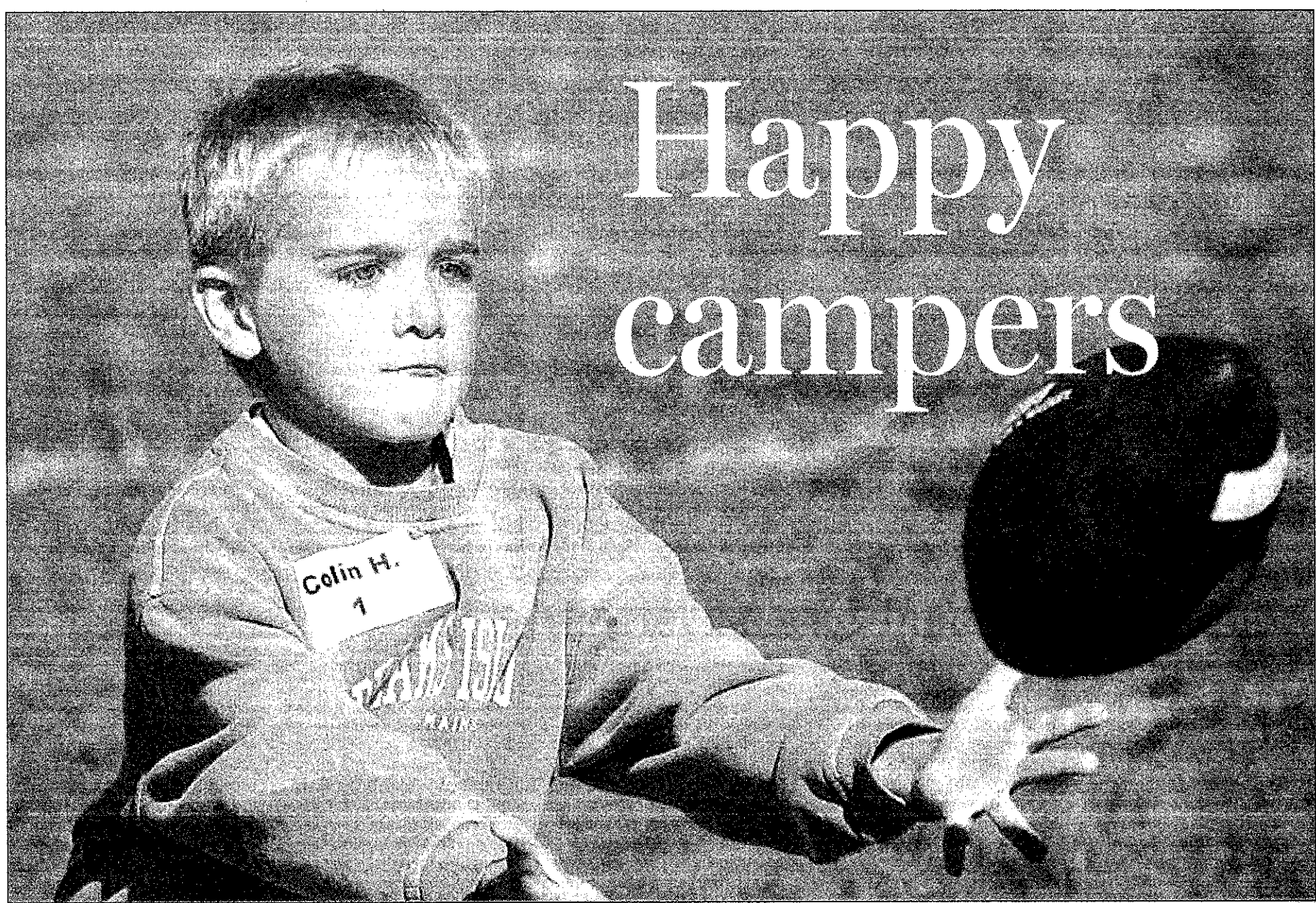
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FILE PHOTO

Colin Hendrickson catches a football during a Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp in Lake Orion last year.

Annual Super Summers camp fair has choices for everyone

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER



Elaine Sturman thinks about summer camp more than most. Her thoughts, however, are not just about the glorious times she spends in northern Michigan each year with husband, Stephen, at a camp for University of Michigan alumni. Sturman also thinks about camps with computers, camps for kids with disabilities, camps with horses and camps whose campers travel overseas.

Those are among the variety that she signs up each year to have booths at Super Summers for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair, held by her organization, Elaine S. Events. The informational event helps parents choose the best summer program for their children.

Sturman, of Bloomfield Township, says when hearing about the offerings, she sometimes wishes she could be a young camper again. "I'm telling you, I'd like to be a kid again and have these opportunities, because one camp is more exciting than the next," she said with a laugh.

A FAMILY EVENT

This year's 17th annual fair is 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Birmingham Public Schools Conference Center in Beverly Hills. Some 3,000 to 4,000 people are expected to attend. Admission is free.

The event is best attended as a family, she said, so children can participate in the choice. Guests will receive brochures, see videos and have a chance to talk to camp representatives. "I give people a large plastic bag for information."

Afterwards, "I recommend they do some homework." That includes finding out facts such as camper to staff ratio, and talking to families whose children have camped there. "Every one of them will give you references."

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A group of 'happy campers' at Camp Tamarack pose for a photo last year.

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What: 70 summer camps with informational booths

When: 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12

Where: BPS Conference Center, 31301

Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, behind Groves High School

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Big week begins with salute to Detroit



Debbie and Redford Township car dealer Mark Snethkamp of Harrison Township.



Carlita and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Maggie Allee of Bloomfield.



Dan Padilla (left) and Ford's Jim Padilla of Plymouth, Jim and Nathalie Padilla of Royal Oak enjoy the party.



GM's Matt Cullen (left) of Grosse Pointe, Debbie Dingell of Dearborn, Karen Cullen of Grosse Pointe and host committee chair Roger Penske of Birmingham at the Salute to Detroit gala to open Super Bowl XL festivities in Detroit.

The official opening ceremony for Super Bowl XL on Monday night was a star-studded tribute to Detroit's cars, sports and music.

Athletes, politicians, corporate chiefs, community leaders and musicians all walked the red carpet into the majestic Fox Theatre for "A Detroit Salute."

Some looked over the silent auction at items like a boxing glove signed by Muhammad Ali and a guitar autographed by Kid Rock, but most socialized, comparing their plans for the week ahead.

Some 800 of the nearly 5,000 guests bought the \$1,000 and \$1,500 tickets that included dinner. It was served at candlelit tables set on a platform constructed over the theater seats. Singing waiters were an entertaining addition.

All the guests had seats for the show. It featured a dramatic introduction of a Cadillac, Viper and Mustang, a review of 40 shining moments in Detroit's sports history and a parade of dozens of sports legends like Barry Sanders and Al Kaline. New Motown recording artist Kem, the ageless Four Tops and the youthful Mosaic singers provided the musical excitement.

For souvenirs, guests received a print of a painting by Doug West of Clinton Township. According to collector Jack Krasula, West is the country's premier sports artist.



By Sally Gerak

CAMP FAIR

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the American Camping Association, she said.

High school and college students interested in summer employment will also benefit. "Almost every one has job opportunities."

THEATER TO FOOTBALL

This year's fair showcases over 70 U.S. and Canadian camps, both day and overnight programs.

New to the fair will be local programs as varied as Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theatre, Detroit Science Center, Girls Empowered and the Detroit Lions Football Camp.

Area day camps will include the Stepping Stone Day Camps in Farmington Hills with offerings such as computer, dinosaur and chemistry camps; and performing arts and science camps offered by Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Overnight camps will be represented from as far away as California and North

Carolina in addition to Canada.

One such program, Camp Kodiak in Canada, is for youth ages 6-18 with and without learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.

TOURS AND FARMS

There will also be programs involving travel.

"For a few years there, after 9-11, families wanted to keep close to home. Now that has passed. I think nowadays families are realizing that their kids can broaden their horizons in such exciting ways by travel."

West Coast Connection Teen Tours and Outdoor Adventures, with travel all over the U.S., and Rustic Pathways, with Australia and New Zealand among the destinations, will have booths.

For children who love animals, Country School Farm in Becks Mills, Ohio, offers "all kinds of farming activities."

Religious camps include Camp Sancta Maria for boys, a Catholic resident camp in Gaylord; and Camp Tamarack, a Jewish camp, part of the

Fresh Air Society in Bloomfield Township.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Lifetime Fitness will also showcase its offerings.

"An interesting fact — some of the for-profit camps are less expensive than the nonprofits," said Sturman.

Nonprofits, however, often offer scholarship opportunities.

There are also a couple of family camps.

They include one at the Howell Nature Center, and Camp Tamarack, which has camps for grandma and grandpa, too.

For Debbie Landau, camp director of Camp Tamarack's Camp Maas in Ortonville for second to ninth-graders, the camp fair is invaluable.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to recruit new campers, and for people to know what we have to offer," she said.

Maas, her husband, Mark of West Bloomfield, and their two sons have had many fun summer days at the camp. Now, her sons are staff members there, she said.

Health and safety report helps schools help students

Just how much you, my readers, want to know about the issues related to schools and their role in the health, mental health and safety for your children may be reflected in whether you urge



Teens in 2006

Alice McCarthy

how much you want to know, but rather whether you are satisfied that your schools are doing all they can to provide health and safety for all students. You can view a free, online version of this 312-page publication at www.school-health.org and www.national-guidelines.org. Here is why it is important to obtain the HMHSGS:

Schools are assuming an increasingly important role in student health promotion, disease prevention, and injury prevention. To help schools deal with issues that vary from violence to substance abuse and from safety to obesity, more than 300 health, mental health, safety, school health and education professionals joined in developing the Health, Mental Health, and Safety Guidelines for Schools. The project was led by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses, with funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and

Child Health Bureau.

The purpose of the HMHSGS is to help those who influence the health, mental health and safety of students and school staff while they are in school, on school grounds, on their way to or from school, or involved in school-sponsored activities. The guidelines are prepared for those who play a role in the assessment, planning, or improvement of school health and safety programs, including school administrators, school board members, parents, school health professionals, educators, community leaders, legislators at all levels, professionals in government agencies, and students.

This compendium of guidelines is likely to become the very first resource used by anyone who is trying to improve school health in his or her state, district or local school.

Topics included are overarching school health and safety issues; health and mental health services; nutrition and food services; physical environment and transportation; staff health and safety; family and community involvement; health and safety education; physical education; and social environment.

Health, mental health and safety are inextricably linked to student achievement. Poor nutrition, impaired vision or hearing, dental pain, sleep deficiency, substance abuse, anxiety about home life, anxiety about relations with peers and exposure to violence are examples of health and safety issues associated with low achievement in school. The public benefits from the health and safety of the population.

I joined with 20 other national leaders in health education to chair one of the nine established committees

(Family and Community Involvement). We worked, pro bono, for nearly 18 months to bring the project into fruition. The Central Steering Committee included 24 national health organizations and a singularly impressive body of leading health professionals; in addition, hundreds of other health educators, nationwide, joined the nine panels.

The body of work will produce change only if it is read and acted upon. I urge my readers associated with schools, private, public, and charter, to obtain a copy.

The volume (print version) is available from the American Academy of Pediatrics at www.aap.org/bst or by calling (847) 434-4000 (\$49.95). Urge your school administrator or parent organization to dig deep for this resource. Its 123 guidelines will prove invaluable.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at 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. All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* are on www.bridge-comm.com.

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School alumni sought for anniversary

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Gary Peltier says to look for the banners hung from lightposts on Plymouth road in Livonia. The signage is just one of the ways that St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church is trying to attract the attention of former parishioners and school alumni in time to celebrate the parish's 75th anniversary. The festivities begin at noon Sunday, Feb. 12, with a mass celebrated by the archbishop of Detroit, Adam Cardinal Maida, in the church at 11441 Hubbard. Former and current parishioners, school alumni and members of the community are welcome to attend. Tours and an open reception in St. Michael School follows the mass.

"The parish is older than the city. It's one of the first institutions in the city," said Peltier, chairman of the 75th anniversary committee which began

meeting in October 2004. "The school opened not too long after the parish was started so it's been an education force in the community. We want to reach as many people as we can. My wife grew up in the church. There are former parishioners who are still around."

"Mass is the start of many activities, a year long series of things going on. There's a religious retreat in May for three days, the dedication of a peace garden in August, a family fun fest with picnic in September, and then a gala event on the anniversary date Oct. 21."

Pastor William Tindall is taking the opportunity of the parish's 75th anniversary to create an alumni association. He's assigned Tricia Donehue to head up the task of finding students who have attended the school since its founding in 1941.

If you're an alumni of St. Michael School, Tricia would like to add your name to the

mailing list. Send e-mail with maiden/married name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and year of graduation to stmichaelalumni@yahoo.com or mail to St. Michael School Alumni, 9929 Auburndale St., Livonia MI 48150.

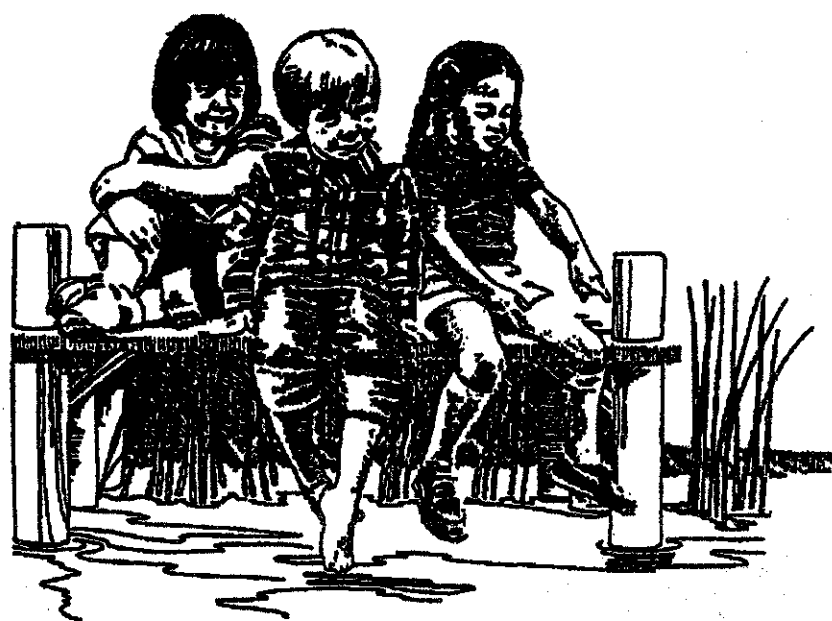
"We're searching out alumni to inform them of the events taking place this year and invite them to the Oct. 21, 75th Jubilee Dinner Dance at the Hellenic Center in Westland," said Tricia Donehue. "We sent out fliers to Ladywood and Brother Rice high schools, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, and Livonia Public Schools that we're looking for alumni. Quite a large number of alumni send their children to St. Michael, but so far we've only received about five people on the e-mail. We're hoping the cardinal's mass brings in quite a few."

For more information, visit the web site at www.livoniast-michael.org.

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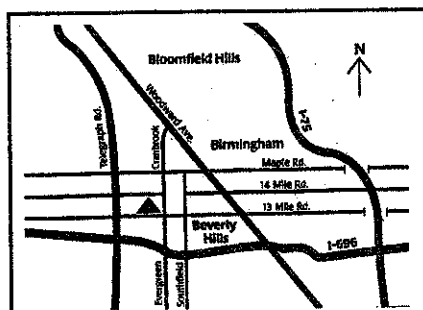
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4. "Every Breath You Take," Judith McNaught
5. "S is for Silence," Sue Grafton

NON-FICTION

1. "For Laci: A Mother's Story," Sharon Rocha
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Grace & Glorie

Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for "Grace & Glorie," a humorous and heart-warming play by renowned playwright Tom Ziegler. The opening gala will be held 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Set in a tiny cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains, "Grace & Glorie" is a modern-day comedy, which features Grace, a feisty octogenarian with incurable cancer, who has returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die. She is cared for by a volunteer hospice worker named Glorie, a Harvard MBA graduate and sophisticated urbanite who is a recent transplant to the rural area and is the volunteer hospice worker assigned to assist Grace. Acclaimed producers Joanne W. Hulce and Gloria Logan will be at the helm of the production. Gloria Logan will also star as Glorie in the production. Donna Adams Schutte will play the character of Grace. Proceeds from the production will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation, which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care. Tickets to the Opening Night Gala on Friday, March 24 are \$75 each, and include an opening reception with a chance to speak with the cast at 6:30 p.m. and the production beginning at 8. Other show times are 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and a matinee performance 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Tickets for those productions are \$40 apiece. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999, Ext.152, specialevents@arborhospice.org, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhospice.org.

Valentine ball

On Saturday, Feb. 11, the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan hosts the 23rd annual Valentine's Ball at the Sheraton Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi. The semi-formal dinner-dance reception begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Sook Wilkinson, Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Americans. There will be a minimum of speeches and lots of dancing. For further information, to be a sponsor or patron and for tickets contact executive director Fred Porte at (248) 443-7037.

Girlstown Foundation

Girlstown Foundation is looking for foster parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes. For information, call (734) 697-4804.

Canton BPW meeting

Women looking for leadership development, informative programs, business contacts, networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness, professional growth, political advocacy, national, state and local voice in women's issues should check out the next meeting of the Canton Business and Professional Women, 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Guest speaker will be local author Glenna D. Livingston ("How I Got By: A Family Saga), in honor of Black History Month. To RSVP or for more information, contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

Diabetes seminar

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Your skin: Keeping It All Together," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the hospital's auditorium. The speaker is registered nurse Donna Choma. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge; pre-registration is

not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levant, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Bariatric seminar

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia now offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its new Bariatric Center. To learn more about this surgery, the hospital offers free educational seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Speakers are surgeon Tallal Zeni, director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Paula Magid, director of the Bariatric Program. Call (734) 655-2692 to register. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The Bariatric Center is located at 14555 Levant, Suite 311 in the Marian Professional Building.

50s-60s party

Sterling Heights Dodge is co-sponsoring the first annual March of Dimes 50s-60s Party at the Fernhill Golf & Country Club Feb. 25 to raise money for the fight against birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The event will include live entertainment by Steve King and the Ditties and a costume contest for those who best represent fun, fifties-sixties style.

Besides live entertainment, guests will enjoy a buffet dinner and have a chance to participate in a silent auction and raffle with prizes throughout the evening. While there are some tickets left for the premiere of this fund-raiser, space is limited. Tickets are \$50 per individual (\$22 tax deductible) and reservations can be made for a table of ten for \$450. Fernhill Golf & Country Club is located at 17600 Clinton River Road in Clinton Township between Garfield and Cass Roads. Doors open at 6 p.m., and dinner will start at 7 p.m. For more information, call Sharon Gwizdowski at (248) 359-1550.

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free workshop on fibromyalgia 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Flu shots

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported cases of flu are continuing to increase across the nation and are listed as "sporadic" in Michigan. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan urges that there is still time to get a flu shot and build up immunity. Walk-in clinics are being offered at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 in Oak Park, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Homebound service and corporate worksite clinics are also available. Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are \$22, payable by cash, check, Medicare, HAP or Care Choices. Pneumonia shots are \$35. For information call (248) 967-8751 or visit www.vna.org.

Drawing into painting

The exhibition "Drawing into Painting" runs Feb. 24-April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact Amanda Krugliak, exhibitions director at the Ann Arbor Art Center, (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110.

Aline exhibit

The Beili Liu installation ALINE runs through Feb. 18 in the Ann Arbor Art Center's Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday; noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact Amanda Krugliak, Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center, (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at tim@phillipshq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post #12 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Call (734) 459-7324.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersand-more63@onebox.com.

Back Pain?

Westland, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, **1-888-744-2225**. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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PREVENTING OSTEOARTHRITIS

If physicians had the choice of an arthritic condition to prevent that choice likely would be osteoarthritis. The work and recreation time lost, the pain caused, and the dollars paid for care of osteoarthritis far exceeds any other arthritic condition.

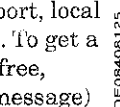
The reason for this prominence of osteoarthritis is that it is the most common arthritis people experience. Surveys indicate that nearly 40% of people over age 54 have osteoarthritis of one or more joints, and that this percentage rises to over 60% for individuals age 75 or over.

The most common joint affected is the knee, followed by the hip, wrists, shoulder and elbow. I do not include the hands, for while this is a common form of osteoarthritis, the joints involved rarely cause pain or impair use.

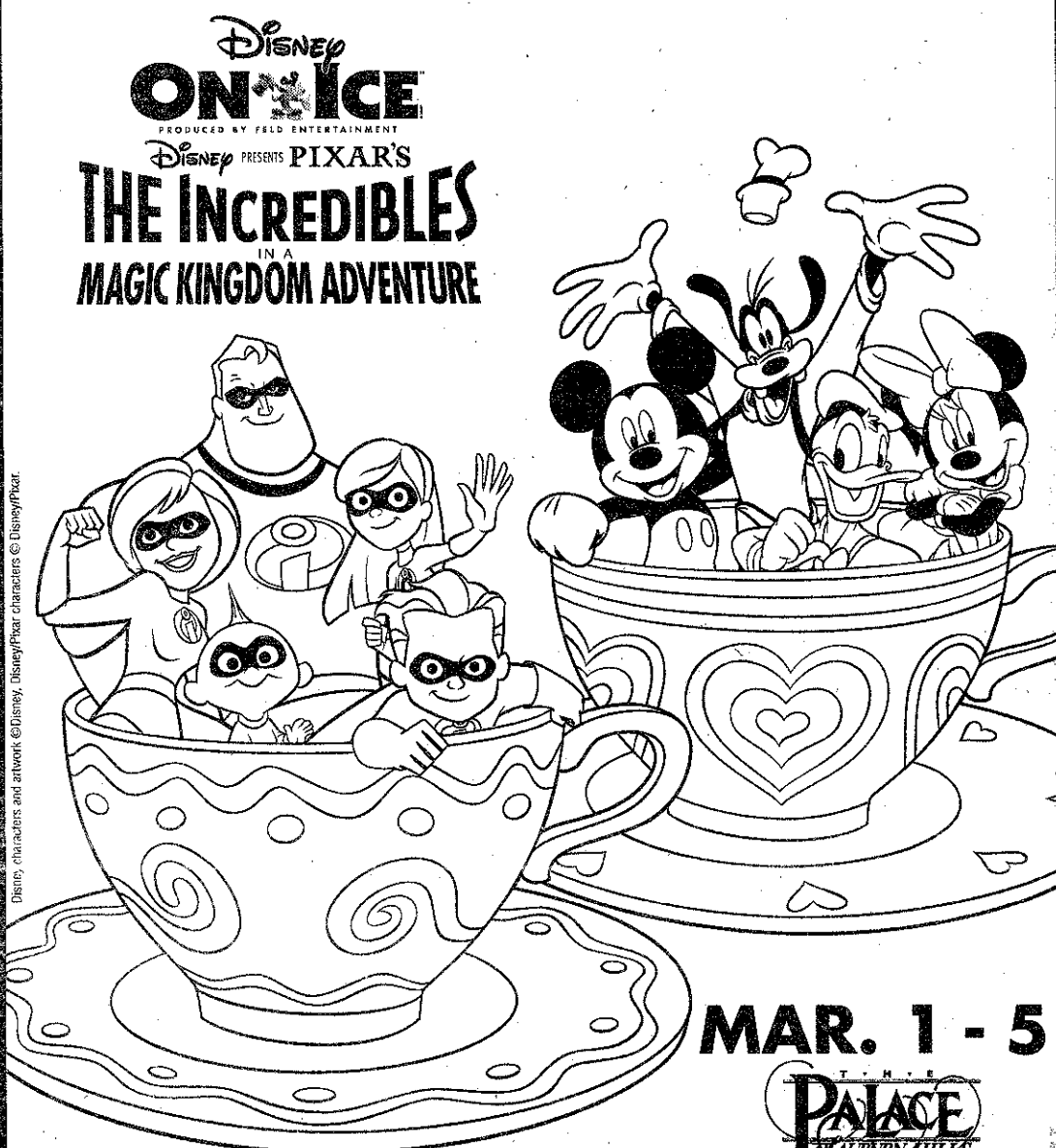
The accepted belief is that osteoarthritis is something that cannot be prevented. If the statement refers to the hands, that is true. Usually hand osteoarthritis is hereditary from mother to daughter, father to son. Arthritis in the shoulder, elbow, or wrist, often have its origins in injury. Whether the trauma was preventable is unique to each person. Without question, activities such as motorcycling, playing football, and participating in gymnastics puts joints at risk.

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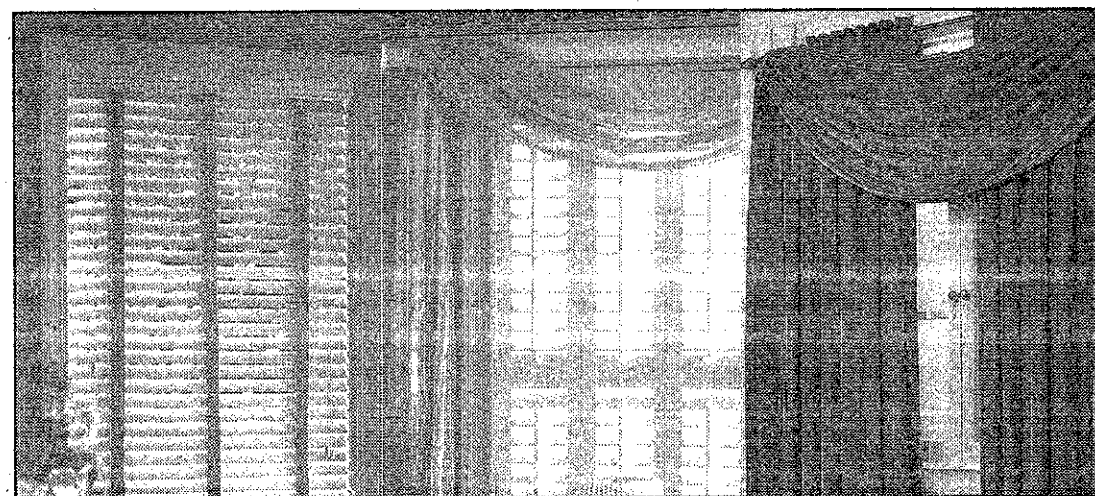
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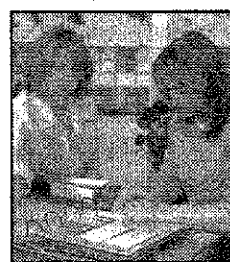


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Flute master class features Lowell Liebermann

The Plymouth Symphony Society, in collaboration with the Southeastern Michigan Fluteplayers Association (SEMFA), is honored to host a flutist master class with world-renowned composer, Lowell Liebermann.

The masterclass takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 children through 12th grade, free to SEMFA members.

Liebermann is one of today's most widely performed and commissioned composers. In addition to his long-term position as composer in residence to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. He also filled the same role for Sapporo's Pacific Music



Composer Lowell Liebermann gives a flute master class Feb. 11 at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth.

Festival and for the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Orchestras and artists worldwide have championed his works including the New York Philharmonic, the

Philadelphia Orchestra, the Tokyo NHK Symphony, L'Orchestre National de France, James Galway, Charles Dutoit, Kurt Masur, Joshua Bell, Andrew Litton, Susan Graham, David Zinman, Paula Robison, Wolfgang Sawallisch, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet. In 2001 he was awarded the first American Composers' Invitational Award by the 11th Van Cliburn Competition. James Galway has commissioned two works from him: Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, and Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra.

For more information, call Holly Clemans at (734) 459-1080, or the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

SINGLES

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Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

Parents Without Partners

Wayne Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners February Dance will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose Center, 22112 Sibley Road between Telegraph and I-75. For more information contact Mary Murdock (734) 722-5383 or Pat Tokar at (248) 478-8977.

Bethany Suburban West

■ A Valentine-Mardi Gras Dance will be 8 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Feb. 17, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Costumes optional, refreshments, snacks, pizza, salad, pop, beer and wine. Tickets are \$15. Advance tickets advisable. Contact Michele (313) 996-8644.

■ Monthly Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at Leon's on Ford Road in Garden City. Kitty corner from Kmart. All separated, divorced and singles welcome.

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Euchre

Every Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes.

35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/non-members, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted.

■ Friday, Feb. 10 - Sheraton Hotel-Novl, Eight Mile Road at I-275, Exit 167.

Bowling Party/Dinner

Bowling Party/Dinner is 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Three games - no tap. Three mystery games. "Strike Shoot" Prize Money. Check-in at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. All welcome, all levels welcome. Admission \$22 in advance or \$25 at door. Non-smoking event.

Ski/Party/Dance

■ Saturdays, Feb. 18 and March 4 - Downhill skiing, party and dance at Mt. Brighton, I-96 exit 145, follow the signs and turn right at Big Boy. Anytime 6 p.m. till 2 a.m. Discounted singles group rate is \$20 - Includes an all area lift ticket, admission to party and dance (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.) in Smart Alex. Top 40 D.J., cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (9 p.m.) and door prizes. Discounted ski rental. Admission to party/dance for skiers is free, non-skiers/\$9.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward

Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. Call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room C101.
■ P.A.C.S. - 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room C309.
■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.

Grief Workshop

"From Grief to New Hope," workshop runs for eight consecutive Mondays beginning Monday, Feb. 6, from 7-8:45 p.m. Room A105. Free of charge. Pre-register by calling Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Divorce Recovery

Divorce Recovery Workshop, winter session begins Feb. 9, Thursday night from 7-9:30 p.m. Seven consecutive weeks, ending March 23. Cost is \$30 for pre-registration, \$20 for returning participants, and \$35 at the door. Fee includes notebook binder, the book *Growing Through Divorce* by Jim Smoke, refreshments and a closing-night dinner.

Crosstalk

Friday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in Knox Hall. Rev. Paul Clough will be discussing an issue in a current news article from a Christian perspective in a secular world. Open discussion. Free childcare.

Classic Senior Singles

Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Room C317. "Tea with Mussolini" movie.

WEDDINGS



Karby-Baldrige

Jason E. Karby and Anne Baldrige were married Oct. 1, 2005, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church before the Rev. John Martinon. A reception was held in Houghton, Mich.

Attending the bride, was maid of honor, Ashley Baldrige.

Attending the groom was best man, John Kalalhuna.

Anne is the daughter of Andrea Baldrige of Houghton, and Roy and Esther Baldrige of Lima, Ohio. She earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree from Clark University. She is a compensation analyst for Monster.com.

Jason is the son of Robert and Maureen Karby of Plymouth. He earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University. He is a design compliance engineer for Bose Corp.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Jason Karby spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They are making their new home in Northborough, MA.



Delgreco-Piippo

Lacy Lynne Pippo and Kenneth R. Delgreco, Jr. were united in marriage Jan. 1, 2006, at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. The ceremony was officiated by the bride's maternal grandfather, Rev. Gene C. Harrison.

Lacy is the daughter of Gerald and Lynne Piippo of St. Ignace. Her grandparents are Rev. Gene C. and Vera Harrison of Rudyard and the late Andrew and late Edith Piippo of Rudyard. She is a graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace. She is a 2005 graduate of Kettering University with a degree in industrial engineering. She is employed with General Motors in Romulus.

Kenneth is the son of Kenneth and Judy Delgreco Sr. of Novi. His grandparents are Edward and Noreen Preczewski of Roscommon and Rudolph and Barbara Delgreco of Westland. He is a graduate of Novi High School. He is a 2005 graduate of Kettering University with a degree in industrial engineering. He works for General Motors in Pontiac. Both Ken and Lacy are officers of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and members of the Society of Women Engineers, Institute of Industrial Engineers and Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Attending the bride was her sister, Cassandra Piippo, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Keri Delgreco, sister of the groom, and Courtney Holder, friend. Alyssa Nye, niece of the bride, served as flower girl.

Attending the groom was Taher Savliwala, as best man. Groomsmen and ushers included Armando Gomez, Alan MacDonald, and Mike Davis.

A reception was held at Amantea's Restaurant in Garden City, a family gathering place for three generations. Guests were from Germany, Ontario, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Delgreco, Jr. spent their honeymoon in northern California and are making their new home in Canton Township.

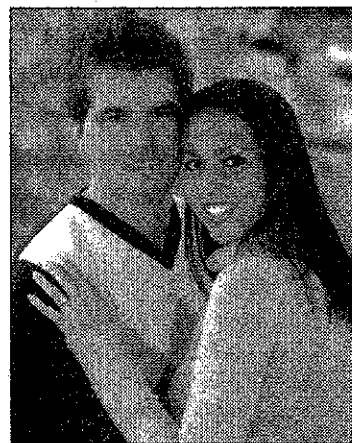
ENGAGEMENTS

Galindo-Van Washenova

Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Louise, to Dale Charles Van Washenova, Jr. of South Rockwood.

Andrea is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and earned a bachelor's degree in logistics and marketing from Central Michigan University in 2002. She is employed at Trans-Man Logistics in Taylor.

Her fiancé, Dale, is the son of Lorna Van Washenova and the late Dale Van Washenova, Sr. of South Rockwood. He is a 1995 graduate of Airport High School in Carleton and earned a bachelor's degree in recreational therapy from Central Michigan University in 2001. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 2004. Dale is currently pursuing an elementary education



teaching position while employed at Willowbrook Rehabilitation in Brighton.

Dale and Andrea are planning July wedding at the Chapel at St. John's with a reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. After a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, they are planning on making their new home in the Livonia Area.

Luke-Mulder

Don and Annette Luke of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Silas Lee, son of Dennis and Laurie Mulder of Kalamazoo.

Jennifer is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Calvin College. In April, she will graduate from Western Michigan University with a master's degree in social work.

Her fiancé, Silas, is a graduate of Calvin College. He works at Mulder Glass, a family-owned business in Kalamazoo. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in business at Western Michigan University. Jennifer and Silas are plan-



ning an August wedding at Westland Free Methodist Church.

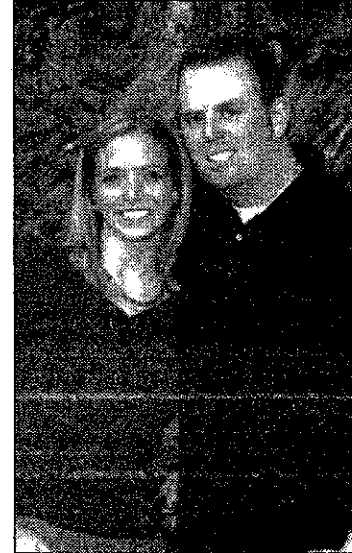
Krolczyk-Dare

Vincent and MaryAnn Krolczyk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Renée, to Kevin Dare of New Boston.

Renée is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is a teacher at St. Damian School in Westland.

Her fiancé, Kevin, is the son of Thomas and Beverly Dare of Belleville. He attended Washtenaw Community College. He is employed with Canton Township Leisure Services, Parks Department.

Kevin and Renée are planning a summer wedding.



NEW VOICES

Cadyn Andrew-Thomas Sulkowski

Laura and Andrew Sulkowski of Howell announce the birth of their son, Cadyn Andrew-Thomas Sulkowski, on Jan. 2, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He was the first baby born in Livingston county in the new year.

Cadyn's grandparents are Jackie and Thomas Sulkowski of Howell, and Mary Laturie of Gregory.

His great-grandparents are Mary Ann and Richard Wozniak of Garden City.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Central High

Class of 1946
A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Denby High School

Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956
Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan. June and Summer 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.

Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a "Black and White Ball" on Saturday, May 20, 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edse150th. To contact the committee email edse150@gmail.com.

Fordson High School

Class of 1981
A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, May 13, 2006. For more information contact Nancy Davis Zaleski at (734) 427-8254 or fordsoneun@yahoo.com or go to www.geocities.com/fordsoneun.

Franklin High School

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com or Kathy Shoenbridge @ Klivngston@nu-core.com.

Garden City West

Class of 1970
A 35-year reunion is planned for April 1, 2006, at Mama Mia Restaurant on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Contact Gordon Adams at (586) 949-7462.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. Contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com.

Southeastern (Detroit)

Class of 1956
Southeastern High School (Detroit) Class of 1956 50-Year Reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at the Northfield Hilton. Contact Beverly at (586) 566-6775.



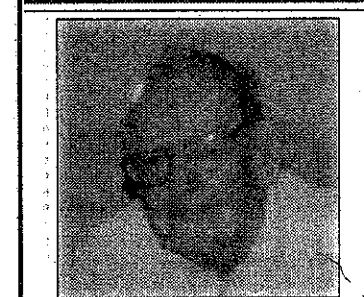
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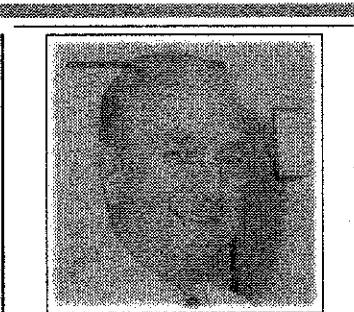
EVELYN M. GILHOOLY

Age 100, February 2, 2006. Beloved wife of the late John J. Dear mother of John P. (Helen) and Walter B. (Joan). Loving grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 22. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi 1-248-348-1800 Sunday 2-5 & 6-8. Rosary Sunday 3:00pm. In state at St. Mary Church 1955 Commerce Millford Monday 9:30 until the funeral liturgy at 10:00. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Online sympathy message at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

NANCY HILDEBRANDT

A memorial service for Nancy Hildebrandt, MSW (73) of Bloomfield Hills will be held on Feb. 12, 2006 at 2:00pm at the Congregational Church of Birmingham at 1000 Cranbrook Rd. She is the widow of Robert and leaves daughters Leslie O'Day of Detroit, Lynn McClinton, Maryland; Donna Lynn, Florida; 8 grandsons & 2 great-grandchildren.



PETER J. LOCH

February 1, 2006, age 77 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired General Motors Executive. Beloved husband of Joann T. (nee, Brama) for 48 years. Dear father of James P. (Carolyn), Theresa R. Missant (Robert) and Kathryn A. Grandfather of Robert, Jon, William, Kimberly, Dylan, Kirsten and Heath. Brother of John (Claudette), Thomas (Christine) and the late Catherine Kosky (Gerald). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 1:00-6:00pm. Prayer service Sunday afternoon. Funeral Mass Monday 11:00am at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund, c/o Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont Hospital, 3577 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 101, Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

SHIRLEY M. LONG

Age 74, of Livonia, died February 1, 2006. She was born March 21, 1931, in Plymouth. She is survived by her brothers, Robert Long, and Edward Long, Jr.; her cousin, Geraldine Javonovich; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

WILLIAM 'MIKE' MCNEIL

January 30, 2006, age 54 of Romulus. Beloved husband of Ruth A. North McNeil. Dear father of Jennifer Lynn McNeil. Brother of Nita McKenzie of Wayne, Edith Diem-May of Wayne, Pamela McNeil of Belleville and Paula McNeil of Belleville. Also survived by aunt, Mrs. Paul (Eloise) Flournoy of Georgia, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, on Thursday, February 2, 2006 with Pastor Bob McDohald officiating. Burial was at Arborcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

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

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SWF, 61, N/S, is looking for chemistry and compatibility with secure, emotionally available WM, 48-60, N/S, who can dance (or will learn how to). ☎898106

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SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. ☎759907

FRIENDSHIP FIRST...

Possible relationship. Single white young-looking female, 59, brown/brown. Looking to meet someone with similar interest, 55-70. Must like music, art, dining, dancing, family activities, sports, pets, N/S. ☎905774

LOVES LIFE

Attractive, fun-loving widowed WPF, healthy, loves classical music, quality conversation, dining, dancing, theater, travel, gardening, cooking. Retired teacher, now tutoring. Seeking understanding, kind gentleman, 70-80, very young-at-heart. ☎475316

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing, enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets. ☎909140

CUTTING TO THE CHASE

SBF, 47, 5'3", smoker, works in a restaurant. Seeking monogamous relationship with BM, 44-50, smoker, with great sense of humor, employed, independent, self-sufficient. ☎899446

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 59, pretty young-looking, professional, medium build, long brown/brown, wants to meet family-oriented man, pet lover, 55-65, who appreciates art, music, dancing, dining out, travel, sports, classic cars, fitness, fun. ☎890404

JERSEY TRANSPLANT

SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎885454

THE BEST OF TIMES

Optimistic, healthy WJWF, 68, brown/brown, 5'6", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, looking for that special man to share friendship first. I love fitness, the outdoors, long walks, holding hands, romance. ☎765933

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎890004

SEXY

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

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

TRY ME!

Attractive SWF, 49, I enjoy movies, dining, skiing and skating. Seeking an attractive SWM, 45-55, who enjoys most activities. ☎869847

A BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND

Attractive SBF, 5'4", 132lbs. Seeks smart, emotionally/financially secure male, for a possible LTR. You will not be disappointed. ☎912268

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on. SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling. Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S. ☎857253

LOOKING FOR FUN

SBF, 47, desires to meet independent man, 50-60, for lots of fun. You must know how to treat a lady. All calls answered. ☎807166

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND

Share with this DBCF, 65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outings, breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity. ☎905535

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. ☎827007

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligent, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

DOWN-TO-EARTH HOMEBODY

SBF, 37, 5', 160lbs, single mom of 2, nice smile, hard-working, N/S, seeks teddy-bear type SBM, 37-42, N/S, kids a+, for friendship, maybe LTR. ☎848200

COME JOIN ME

SBF, 58, tall, full-figured, enjoys church, bowling, movies, casinos and more. Looking for a tall SBM, 63-67, who attends church and is honest and kind-hearted, N/S. ☎911482

SWEET & SINCERE

WF, 38, 5'4", 108lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 39-52, who is fit and secure. ☎579528

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! ☎794040

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, Cancer, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

ENJOYS

THE SIMPLE THINGS
Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. ☎672174

VERY ATTRACTIVE

Classy, slim, young-looking, SWF, 57, with good personality and values, financially/emotionally stable, ISO SWM, 53-64, with same qualities for serious relationship. ☎867073

59 YEARS

OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, Caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. ☎725001

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. ☎742466

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time. Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR. ☎861408

HONEST/OPEN MINDED

BF, 54, intelligent, cute, caring N/S, slim, health oriented vegetarian. Enjoys ethnic foods, travel, art, culture. ISO kind, considerate, honest, emotionally mature man. ☎894301

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. ☎597126

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

HI, LADIES

Male, 27, 6', 200lbs, brown/brown, Libra, N/S, loves traveling to Canada. Seeking marriage-minded woman, 19-35, N/S, to get serious with. ☎893158

FRESH START

Separated BM, 32, N/S, occasional drinker, no kids, enjoys writing poetry, watching sports, and having fun. Seeking woman, 23-59. ☎897857

ACTIVE MAN

Honest, sincere SWM, 29, 5'8", athletic build, Leo, smoker, loves dancing, throwing darts, movies, long walks. Seeking woman, 24-35, for LTR. ☎900632

SWM DESIRES SBF

Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

POSITIVE PERSONALITY

Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving. Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

SIMPLY PUT

SBM, 38, 5'7", 145lbs, N/S, down-to-earth, independent, seeks WF, 18-39, with similar qualities and interests, just as a friend. ☎909123

A GOOD MAN

SWM, 44, 5'8", 193lbs, red/brown, Leo, N/S, loves fishing, beaches, taking walks, movies, watching basketball and football. Seeking WF, 40-51. ☎909984

A GOOD MAN

Kind, respectful Italian SM, 44, 5'7", 186lbs, black/brown, nice smile, dimples, likes movies, dining, weekend getaways, cultural events, fairs, festivals. Seeking a nice, commitment-minded, affectionate woman who appreciates the same. ☎902243

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY

DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. ☎891796

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SM, 46, N/S, employed, well-groomed, seeks sincere, respectful, loving lady to share quality time with. I enjoys movies, dining out, cooking in, quiet nights at home. ☎895333

HOW YOU DOIN'?

Ladies, if you seek a good guy, devoted and real, to share a little romance and happiness with, take a chance on me. SM, 23, looking for the real thing. ☎895867

TRY ME

SWM, 47, very nice guy, Scorpio, N/S, seeks SWF, 28-50, outgoing, with heart of gold, tired of being single. ☎900893

DINNER AND A MOVIE

SBM, 24, peanutbutter brown complexion, 6', 219lbs, solid, wavy, curly hair shoulders, looking to chill with SF. Let's have a few drinks, shoot some pool, and see where it goes! ☎904803

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

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

NO DRAMA

SBM, 18, NS, seeking fun freaky single black female with a good head on her shoulders. ☎906190

AFRO-AMERICAN MUSLIM

SBM, 52, Pisces, N/S, tired of bar scene and games, seeks WF, 33-50, N/S, Muslim a+, for sincere relationship. ☎908994

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY

SBM, 35, 6'2", enjoys sports, swimming, camping, walks, reading, etc. ISO a SBF, 25-35, with similar interest. ☎912409

LONELY COUNTRY BOY

51-year-old SWM, looking for older SWM, 50-65. I enjoy long walks, music, and just having fun. If interested, give me a call. ☎910900

OPEN TO

ALMOST ANYTHING
Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. ☎547524

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

MAN WITH PIZZAZZ...

Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎517123

GENTLE

AND SENTIMENTAL
Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. ☎210772

EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. ☎259844

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

NOT LIKE ALL THE REST

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

ADVENTUROUS

SWM, 41, seek SF, to become friends, maybe more. Must be smart, have SOH. Blend into me. All I want is: you to be happy. If you want this, call! ☎595394

AIN'T 2 PROUD 2 BEG

SWM, 6', self-employed, 180 lbs, handsome blond/blue. Seeking intelligent, financially secure, attractive woman, who likes pool, camping, bowling, movies, dining out and traveling. ☎878998

LOOK ME UP

SBM, 55, 5'10", 198lbs, medium complexion, brown eyes, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, travel, picnics, more. Interested in meet an outgoing, sweet woman for friendship and possibly more. ☎893600

NEW TO THE AREA

SBPM, mature, emotionally/financially secure, N/S, D/D free, church-oriented. Seeking sincere, attractive, mature SF, preferably over 40. Race open. Variety of interests. ☎897756

BIG-HEARTED TEDDY BEAR

SWM, 50, Pisces, N/S, N/D, loving, caring, humorous, seeks attractive WF, 35-57, H/W proportionate, N/S, for relationship. Westland. ☎898042

SLIM-MEDIUM BUILD

SBM, 32, 5'9", Taurus, N/S, who enjoys museums, books, good music, and having fun. Seeking WF, 25-40. ☎900239

WORKING OUT

SWM, 46, 6', brown/brown, N/S, children at home, enjoys working out, playing sports, bowling, dining out and dancing. Seeking SWF, 30-55, for friendship and maybe more. ☎905047

LONELY & READY

SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

SECURE

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

LEISURE IS BEST SHARED

SBM, 28, 6'2", Virgo, N/S, loves movies, bowling, and shooting pool. Seeking a cool, down-to-earth BF, 23-35, N/S, to join me



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Hawaii best for healthy hearts

Bill from Rochester Hills e-mails asking which areas have the highest rate of heart attack.

Bill, if you want to cut your risk of heart attack, you might want to stock up on flower print shirts. A study from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention finds that Hawaii has the lowest rate of heart disease deaths in the nation, with just 482 per 100,000. Nevada, home of the party capital Las Vegas, was the only western state not among healthy heart states. The unhealthiest states in the U.S. were in the south. In fact, Mississippi had nearly twice the heart attack rate of Hawaii (one possible explanation could be deep-fried southern food). Florida was the only southern state in the top 30 percent - coming in at number 15. And let's not forget the benefits of the laid back lifestyle and palm trees of the Hawaiian Islands! It definitely helps!

Jim from Livonia e-mails for a plan to get into tip-top shape for the warm weather months.

Jim, if you want to look ripped at the beach, the time to hit the weights is now! And your biceps are the perfect place to begin. The biceps have a long head and a short head. The long head supports part of the muscle - you work it by stretching it at the beginning of exercise. But standing barbells don't always work because they restrict motion. The best solution is to do dumbbell curls on an incline bench. According to electric testing, this exercise gives the best workout. To do it, sit on an incline bench with your arms extended. Hold a dumbbell in each arm, curling each slowly one at a time. This workout will get you the size and definition that will be sure to turn heads at the beach!

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Farmington Hills woman teaches the power of music

Elaine Greenberg knows a thing or two about music.

Not only has music been a part of Greenberg's life since she was born, she also is a talented singer who produces her own CDs, and she heavily credits music for helping her get through one of the hardest times of

her life - her battle with ovarian cancer, which she was diagnosed with in January 2000.

"(Music is) wonderful therapy," said Greenberg. "It's my life, and it has helped me in so many ways."

Greenberg, 70, is a Farmington Hills resident who is currently cancer

free and a six-year survivor of ovarian cancer. She has shared her inspirational story in many metropolitan-area publications, on local television, and also on the radio.

Greenberg will share her story and her views on music's incredible healing powers during Healing Power of

Music, a seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning. The class will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Dearborn's Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Road. Cost for the class is \$13.

PLEASE SEE HEALING, C7

Support group meets Thursdays

A.I.M. support group meets weekly for the purpose of recovery from anxiety disorders 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia.

For more information about this and other meetings, call (248) 547-0400.

Mental health gets boost

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

who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings and sensations that interfere with daily living. There is no charge. For more information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

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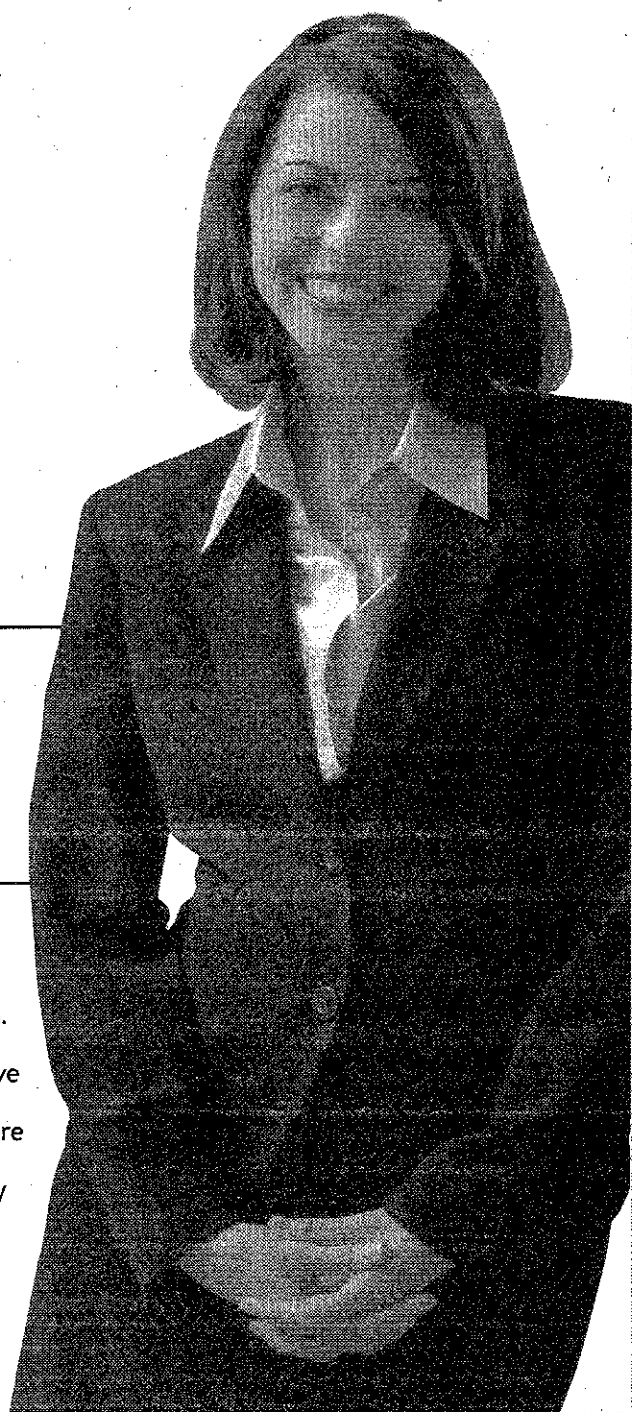
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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Pet-a-pet

Volunteers with social animals needed for visits in Canton at the HCR Heartland Center on Lilley, south of Warren. Visits are 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information and pet requirements, call Pat Glinski at (313) 278-4428.

Yoga classes

Began in January at the Assarian Cancer Center in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield. Times are 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday, Novi and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Southfield; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Novi; 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Southfield, and 12:30-1 p.m. Friday, Novi. Presented by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, the classes are \$10 walk-in, \$80 for 10-class card, \$70 for 7-week evening session. For information, call (248) 465-5455.

Volunteers needed

Avalon Hospice, serving Oakland county, is looking for a few friendly visitors to volunteer four hours per week, in their own community. After a few conveniently scheduled training sessions, you may sit and visit with a patient, provide emotional support for a patient's spouse, assist with a meal or on occasion do some light housekeeping. Call Brian for more information at (248) 320-0106 or e-mail him at bhansen@avalonhospice.org for February/March training classes.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families. Support group meeting from 7:15-8:15 p.m. For information, call Karolyn Davis, (734) 459-9715, or Mike Hickey, (734) 522-0036.

Recovery Inc.

The group meets every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

Go red event

Free health screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 4, at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. To register, call Sylvia Rose at (248) 208-7073.

Half hour to health

An informative look at how the human body works and the 5 aspects of health 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 21, at Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444.

Diabetes presentation

Your skin: Keeping it all together, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, (use Main Entrance on Five Mile), Livonia. For information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Donna Choma, RN. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge. Pre-registration not required.

Parenting with love and logic

Classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, refresher course for all ages of children, March 8 (pre-teens and teenagers), April 12 elementary age, and May 10 special needs, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Registration required. Fee for single is \$15, \$20 for a couple. Call (734) 655-1100. "Parenting with Love and Logic" is a common-sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. Love and Logic is easy to learn and can be put to use right away; it changes lives, and raises responsible

children. Individual consultations available. For groups of 15 or more a session can be customized according to group's schedule and needs.

Think trim

Don't give up, win the weight game, an alternative to dieting will be presented 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Fee is \$31. Learn how to develop a moderate approach to eating and exercise and acquire skills to stay motivated for a lifetime. To register, call (734) 462-4448. For information on Think Trim program, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Fit Kids

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and McDonald's are joining together to raise public awareness about the growing childhood obesity epidemic with a program called, "Fit Kids 4 Life: Raising Fit Kids In A Fast World" 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Westland Shopping Center Community Room. In addition to a presentation by Joe Piscatella, president of the Institute for Fitness and Health, St. Mary Mercy Hospital physicians and health educators will be available to address specific questions from participants. Piscatella, a nationally recognized expert and best-selling author, provides information for out-of-time parents along with easy-to-implement strategies to teach children healthy exercise and eating habits. He teaches parents how to motivate kids to be physically active, how to limit television and video viewing, and how to make fast food a friend. This free event is intended for adult audiences such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or guardians. To register, call (734) 655-8950 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Go red event

Luncheon, fashion show and talk by cardiologist Zakwan Mahjoub, M.D., 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Great Oaks Country Club. Presented by Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, Parisian and the American Heart Association. Tickets \$25. Call (248) 652-5269.

Caregiver support group

Meets regularly the second Thursday of the month, at The Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Respite services provided for free during the session. For more information, call Linda Peak at (313) 843-2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387-2788.

Antiques show

Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques, a show to benefit the blind and visually impaired in southeast Michigan through Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology programs to assist and educate the visually impaired, support research, and help preserve vision through public and professional education Feb. 10-12, in the Eleanor

and Edsel Ford House Activities Center. Preview party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 (tickets \$75, \$100 and \$150, reservations required). The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will have adoptable dogs at the party. The show opens to the public 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12. Cost is \$8. Dumouchelle Art Galleries offers verbal appraisals of hand carried small items for \$5 per item on both days. Call (313) 824-4710 or visit www.eyeson.org.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyte will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Reduce stress

Workshop learn seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress and how to decrease it, learn trigger point therapy to relieve tight and sore muscles 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 and 28, at Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444.

Bariatric educational seminar

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speakers are Surgeon Talial Xen, MD, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Paula Magid, director at the hospital's new bariatric center. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2692.

ONGOING

Breastfeeding support

La Leche League of Livonia offers breastfeeding information and support at meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. For more information, call Local Leaders: Sarah, (734) 266-0632, Jane, (248) 471-4232, or Gwen, (313) 937-4046.

Baby Signs workshop

Sign up now to learn how you and your baby can communicate with each other before words develop by using simple and functional signs. The Parent Workshop is designed for parents-to-be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months. Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into

everyday life. The workshop is offered 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday each month.

The Sign, Say & Play class is a six-week theme program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months. A fun, musical and play environment is used to teach and practice 6-7 new signs corresponding to different weekly themes. Classes meet Friday mornings for 45-minutes. The class repeats every seven weeks throughout the year. Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents. Pre-registration required. There is a materials and instructional fee. Programs are taught by Ruth HaberkornHalm, a speech and language pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com for information.

Eating disorder support

Meetings for those with anorexia, bulimia, compulsive and binge eaters, male and female 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, use East entrance, take central elevators to 10th floor classrooms A & B, and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren, use main entrance, take elevators down to the auditorium on the right.

Family and friends support is on second Wednesday of each month, parent only support is on the fourth Wednesday, same time and place as the Monday night closed group. For more information, call (734) 324-3089.

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the Angela Hospice Care Center. Loss of a Spouse meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month starting in February. Women's grief support held each spring and fall, call (734) 953-6012 for dates and times. The Heartstrings group is designed to support parents and caregivers coping with the loss of a child through illness or disease. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call (734) 464-2683. Children's grief support for ages 6-8 and 9-12 at 5-6 p.m. Thursdays. Children's spring workshop meets 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 4. One-on-one, men, and loss of an adult child sessions meet by appointment. Call (734) 953-6012.

HEALING

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To register, or for more information, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Along with being inspired by music, Greenberg also is a talented singer who produces her own music CDs through her nonprofit organization, Living for Music Incorporated.

All of the proceeds from Greenberg's CD go directly to the organization, which benefits and helps people dealing with cancer.

"I made a promise to my doctor that my music would play a role in my healing and I would help others do the same," said Greenberg.

Greenberg has two CDs for purchase on her Web site (www.livingformusic.com), both of which feature vocal performances by Greenberg. Her second CD is a live performance which also includes a motivational speech for people currently living with cancer or a life-threatening illness.

Throughout her struggle with cancer, Greenberg says she enjoyed listening to "happy" music, and at times meditative music, but she knew it also was important to connect with her fears about facing cancer through music. One of her favorite songs to listen to was *In My Life* by The Beatles.

"Every once in a while you have to give in to the real fear," Greenberg said. "There are times I can't wipe out what I

went through. Sometimes you need a piece like (*In My Life*) to remind you of the people in your life and what they mean to you. It's a necessary emotion to feel."

Greenberg also listened to the *When Harry Met Sally* movie soundtrack and works by Barbra Streisand, along with other musical compilations, to help her get through her battle. Greenberg also says that she used to bring CDs with her to chemotherapy to make the time go by faster.

"I think music can help you forget about pain," says Greenberg. "I don't think it makes pain go away, but it helps you forget about it. I think you can get lost in a favorite, beautiful melody so that the real world doesn't have to involve pain or the stress that you're under."

Greenberg also is a huge proponent for informing people on the effects and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

"It's time we start educating people on ovarian cancer," said Greenberg. "Too many women don't come out of it."

Greenberg will have pamphlets about ovarian cancer at her upcoming Healing Power of Music seminar in Dearborn, and she also will be selling autographed CDs. She hopes participants will leave her class with a new-found appreciation for music.

"I'm hoping that I can spread my love of music to (the participants) so that they can see the benefits they'll reap from it," says Greenberg. "Whether it be healing, relaxation or changing a mood."

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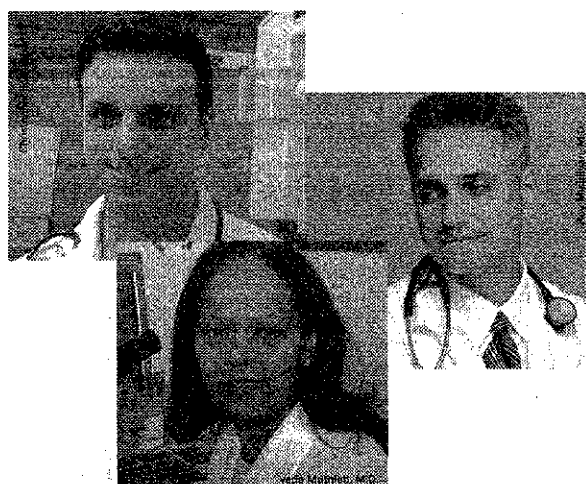
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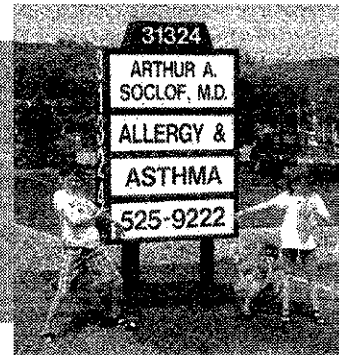
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Detroiters designs SBXL jacket

By Wendy White

After years of anticipation, SBXL will soon be over. But long after the athletes and celebs pack up and fly home, Detroiters can continue to wear Super Bowl pride on their sleeve. Rochester Hills-based Pelle Pelle has created a special jacket to commemorate SBXL in Detroit.

The quilted leather was designed by Royal Oak native Marc Buchanan, who founded Pelle Pelle in 1978. Detailed embroidery depicts football players in action superimposed on symbols of Detroit including Ford Field, the Spirit of Detroit statue and the Fox Theatre.

We caught up with Buchanan to talk about Pelle Pelle and the SBXL jacket.

Why inspired you do the SBXL jacket?

We're a local company. Our jacket has images from around Detroit that are very recognizable, along with things that relate to football.

What was the design process?

This jacket was designed probably a year ago. With all of our quilted leathers we just start collecting images, things we want to put together on the jacket, and think of it in an artistic manner. We start putting together a montage.



Pelle Pelle has created this special quilted leather jacket to commemorate SBXL in Detroit.

What kind of leather is the SBXL jacket?

We use one of the best quality leathers out there — burnished leather. On the street people call it 'butter.'

Tell us how Pelle Pelle got started.

I started making leather jackets myself a

long, long time ago to pay for school. To make a long story short, the business started to grow and I ended up dropping out of school to launch the company. Now, we're selling all over the world.

Pelle Pelle is very influential in the urban market ...

Influential, yes, but knockoffs are a big problem. We just launched a lawsuit against a company who was blatantly knocking off our artistic designs.

Where do you hang out when you're in Metro Detroit?

I keep a really low profile.

Anything you'd like to add?

I'm really happy for Detroit getting the Super Bowl. Detroit has really come around in the last 10 years. It's an upward trend, and I think this could be the start of people recognizing that Detroit is 'crossing the threshold' as you might say. I'm really excited about it.

Pelle Pelle's SBXL jacket retails for around \$800, and is available at Donna Sacs in the Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. Call (313) 593-3377. For more information on Pelle Pelle, visit www.pelle-pellemb.com.

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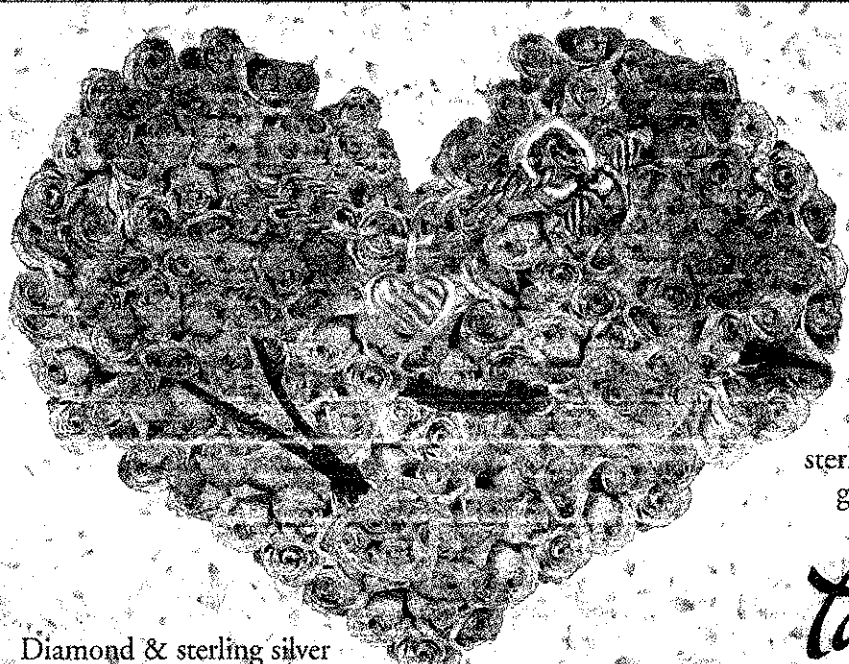
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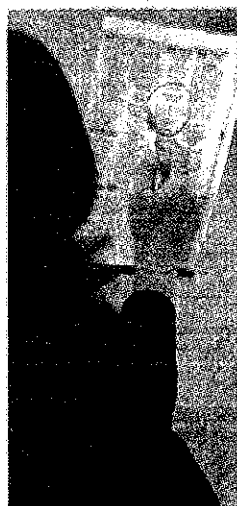
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(PRWEB) — Human resource professionals, regional sales managers and other who make hiring decisions have a love-hate relationship with third-party recruiters. Employers say they are bombarded daily with cold calls, spend far too much time discussing fee structures with individual recruiters, wait too long to see candidates or never hear from recruiters again once a job order is placed. However, hard as it may be to live with recruiters, employers may not be sure they want to live without them! Companies such as Mellon Financial, Baxter Healthcare, Wachovia Corp., Lockheed Martin, Cingular Wireless, Nationwide and Affymetrix have partnered with RecruitAlliance to manage their personnel recruitment needs.

Recruiters do have an extensive network of candidates, often in a particular industry. A recruiter stays in touch with his or her network of candidates, even with those who may not be actively seeking a new job, but who might be receptive to an exciting career opportunity. The recruiter can assess the human factors — leadership, decision-making, board-room presence — to determine if the candidate is a good fit for the employer; online job boards



Most HR professionals have resume overload, dealing with applicants from recruiters, Web site resume postings and job boards. There is often overlap and it's difficult for the HR professional to keep track of and manage referrals.

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RecruitAlliance is a Web-based third-party recruiter management system that helps companies work more effectively and efficiently with recruiters. Louis Volpe, RecruitAlliance's president, says that the company has developed an innovative solu-

tion to address the concerns of employers who work with third-party recruiters.

"RecruitAlliance is a 'members-only' Web site where employers post their job offerings to be viewed exclusively by member recruiting firms," he said. "The employers don't pay

to list their postings, and they receive only pre-qualified candidates from search firms that agree to employer-set fees and terms. Employers increase the number of on-target candidates, decrease time to hire and, perhaps most importantly, reduce unwanted calls from recruiters. Any recruiter wishing to work with a RecruitAlliance employer is directed to the RecruitAlliance Web site for instructions."

RecruitAlliance works as a "gatekeeper" and as a single point of contact for corporate staffing professionals to manage their relationship with executive recruiters.

"Recruiters register with RecruitAlliance and only registered recruiters have access to postings and are able to submit candidates for referral," Volpe said. "Recruiters submit candidates online and employers respond once they review the referral. Cold calling is eliminated."

Stephanie Walker, human resources consultant, Mellon Financial Corp., which uses the RecruitAlliance Management System, underscores its usefulness to the HR professional.

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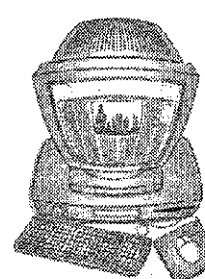
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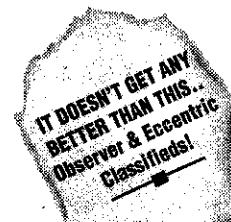


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For the bath, think subtle textures and soft, soothing accents. "The look is going very organic for the bath," said Judy Riley, Moen's vice president of design. "Natural elements, including light woods and sandstone, as well as colors such as slate and rich brown, are expected to be very popular."

The idea is to design a space that eliminates any hard or obtrusive lines.

"For fixtures, rounded edges and brushed finishes continue to rule the day," Riley said.

Moving into the kitchen, the casual trend has a slightly different look, referred to as "Cottage Casual." But don't think of rustic barn woods and dried floral arrangements. This trend is sophisticated country chic, with pieces that are clean and simple. Finishes are weathered and time-tested.

TRADITIONAL TAKES A LUXURIOUS TURN

When most people define traditional style they think conventional and mainstream. But in 2006, traditional means glamorous, feminine and sophisticated. Look for timeless pieces inspired by deco and nouveau styles from the 1920s and 1930s. You'll be seeing flowing lines with a hint of sparkle on everything from wall treatments to fixtures to flooring.

"Stylistically, it has a very traditional, classic feel, but little details make it more luxurious," Riley said. "A geometric base and curved, flowing spout provide a touch of sophistication."

Adding to the glamour of the trend is the use of micro-tiles in both the kitchen and bath. These small, shiny gems of color create a mosaic effect on walls and



Sophisticated country chic is the trend in kitchens.

backsplashes. Couple this look with worn finishes like antique nickel or high-shine finishes like chrome.

Purposeful design is also important, with space considerations given for every kitchen task. This means larger sinks in

configurations that allow for everything from washing vegetables to chilling beverages to cleaning dishes.

"Pullout and pull-down faucets provide a sense of style and function that is key to this trend," Riley said.

And what about the details? Try vintage touches like art nouveau-inspired scrolls, or leathers that reveal their natural textures and patterns. These can serve as a surprising accent on cabinetry, wall treatments or accessories.

Third-generation builder takes the helm of BIA

Following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps, James P. Babcock will be the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) president for 2006.

As president of BIA, Babcock now has the responsibility for increasing public awareness of the importance of home ownership, legislative and policy making issues, and working to increase the affordability of home ownership in southeastern Michigan. Babcock was unanimously elected by BIA's Board of Directors at its December meeting. He previously served as BIA's first vice president.



Babcock

Babcock, who is also president of Babcock Building Co., Inc., is the third member of his family to serve as BIA president. His grandfather, Charles, W. Babcock was BIA's first president in 1928—the first association in the U.S. dedicated to serve the interests and need of builders. James P. Babcock's father, James L. Babcock, served as BIA president in 1972 and served on Michigan's first construction code commission.

"It is an honor to serve as president for this vital and important organization as well as carry on the tradition set forth by my father and grandfather," said Babcock. "I look forward to furthering BIA's mission of making the American dream of homeownership available to all residents of southeastern Michigan and providing housing for our area's families."

Babcock's concern for the low-income homeowner is evident in his commitment for the past 10 years to Habitat for Humanity. In 1995, he and BIA Past President Janet Compo, along with other builders, created 15 new houses in Detroit in just one week. This summer he will be part of another "building blitz," an initiative co-sponsored by BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation and Habitat for Humanity that will have 14 new homes built by BIA members in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties during the week of June 5, 2006.

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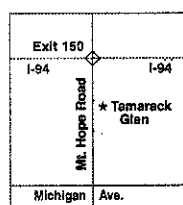
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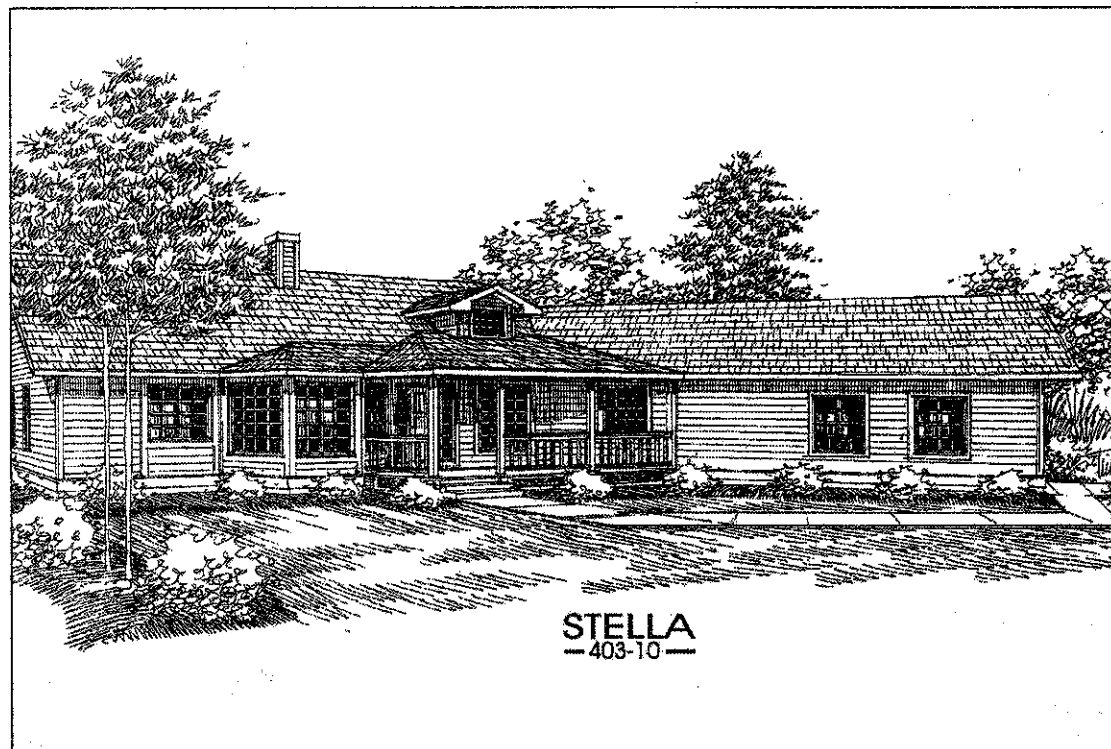
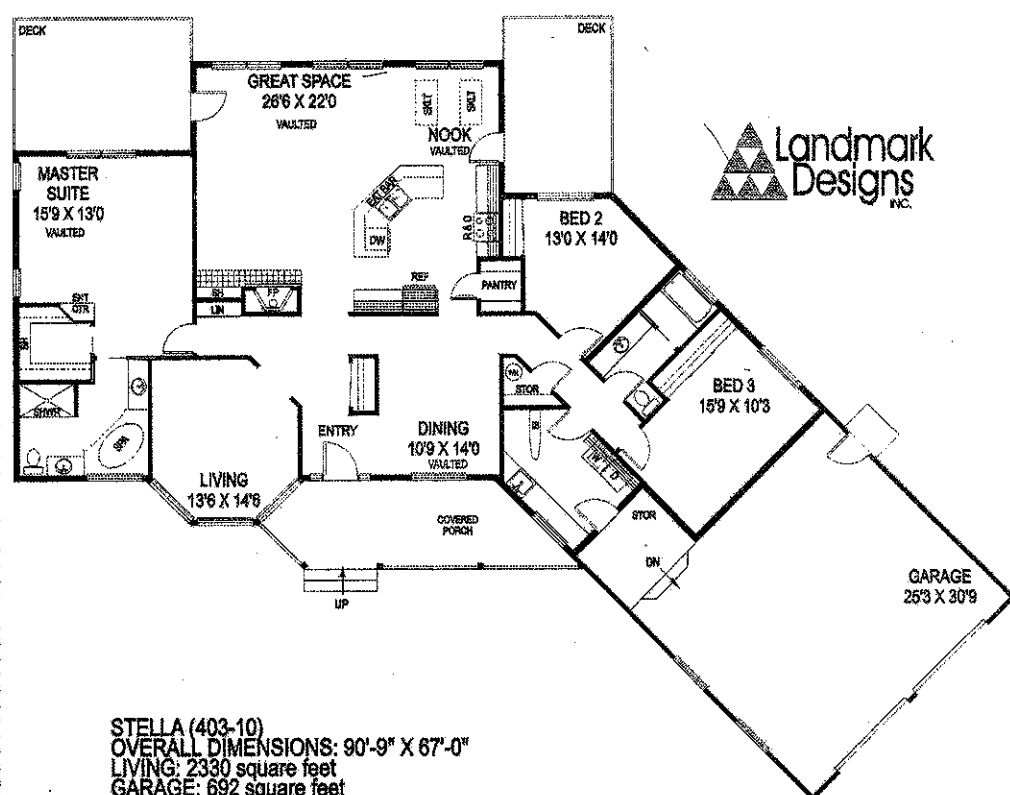
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what larger and would serve nicely as guest accommodations. The smaller, if not needed as sleeping quarters, can easily be converted for use as a home office.

A full bathroom divides the bedrooms and linen storage is available across the hall. The formal areas are toward the front. The vaulted dining room fashions an atmosphere that will make any mealtime a pleasure. After dinner, savor coffee and conversation in the living room. Here a big bay window displays an impressive view. A very large utility room, with built-in ironing board, sink and access to the garage, completes the floor plan.

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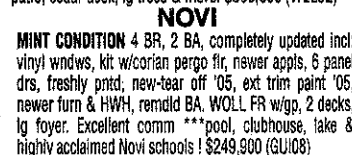
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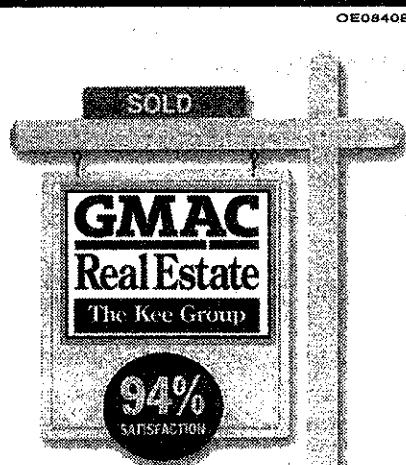
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(NewsUSA) — America's inventory of existing homes is getting older, and it's taking a toll on homeowners.

The average age of a house in the United States is 32 years and rising, according to a recent Harvard University study. Residences in constant need of repair have sent remodeling spending soaring to a \$250 billion each year, with no sign of slowing.

"When it comes to remodeling, today's homeowners are requesting only the best-performing products," said Joyce Richter, communications manager for Jeld-Wen, a leading window and door manufacturer. "They want low-maintenance materials that will look great, save money and last for many years."

How will homeowners spend their remodeling dollars in 2006? Here is an overview of the hottest home remodeling trends on the horizon:

■ **Return of the classics:** Fashion comes and goes, but some styles endure. Homeowners want products that will enhance a residence's original character and won't appear dated in a few years. This has led to a revival of classic architectural styles like Victorian, Craftsman, Old World and Colonial.

■ **Low-maintenance living:** Retiring baby boomers often plan to remain in their current residences or own second

homes. Since most boomers prize an active lifestyle, they don't have much time to spend on home maintenance. They want top-quality products, like treated wood windows and doors, that don't require a lot of upkeep and are guaranteed to resist decay.

■ **Better style on a budget:** Even homeowners on a budget want to make stylish upgrades, especially given the potential payoffs. Since window and door replacements generally offer above-average returns, Jeld-Wen helps match customers with products, like energy-efficient vinyl windows and fiberglass doors, which offer both long-term value and lasting style.

■ **Hard-working rooms:** Many are adding little luxuries to hardworking spaces like laundry rooms and garages. Laundry rooms are receiving luxury fittings like interior doors that reduce noise from washers and dryers. Garages are getting composite doors that are both energy-efficient and make the garage as attractive as the front entry.

■ **Home paradise:** "Destination" home design will be hot for 2006. Whether the look is "ranch rugged," "safari chic" or "plantation peaceful," homeowners are getting away from it all with furnishings, textures and windows and doors that reflect their favorite vacation destinations.

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■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar on "Estimating," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, "You've Got Mail: WOW the Dot Com Customer" at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Registration fees are \$45 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$65 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

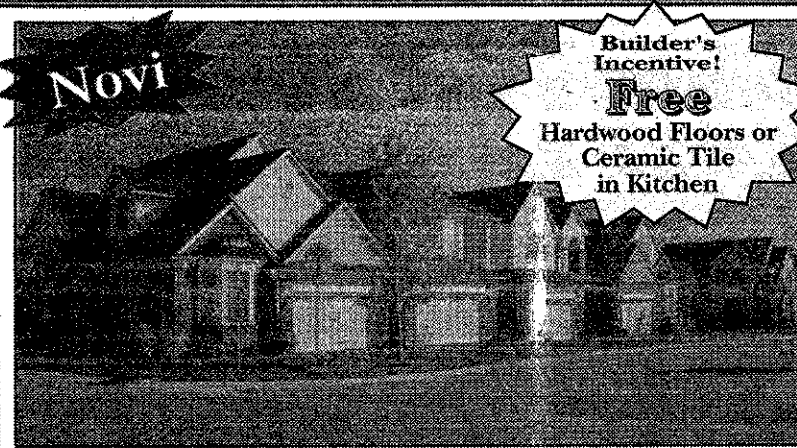
■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Making Work Flow: Evaluating Technology to Integrate with Today's Best Practices" at BIA headquarters, 30375

Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Brick Selection: What Will Work Best for Your Homes?" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 21, "Planning & Scheduling" at BIA Headquarters, Arrangements were handled by Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

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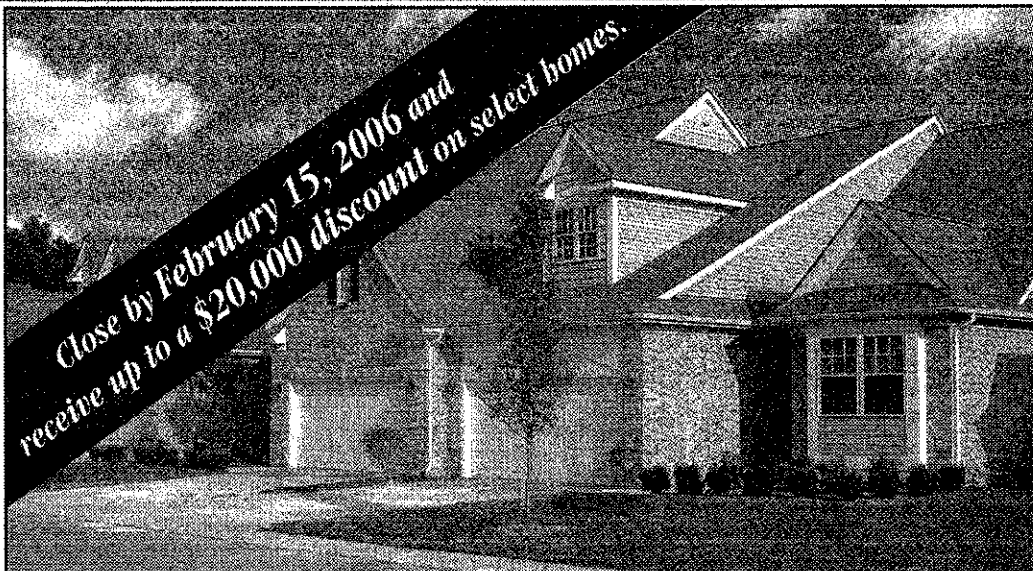
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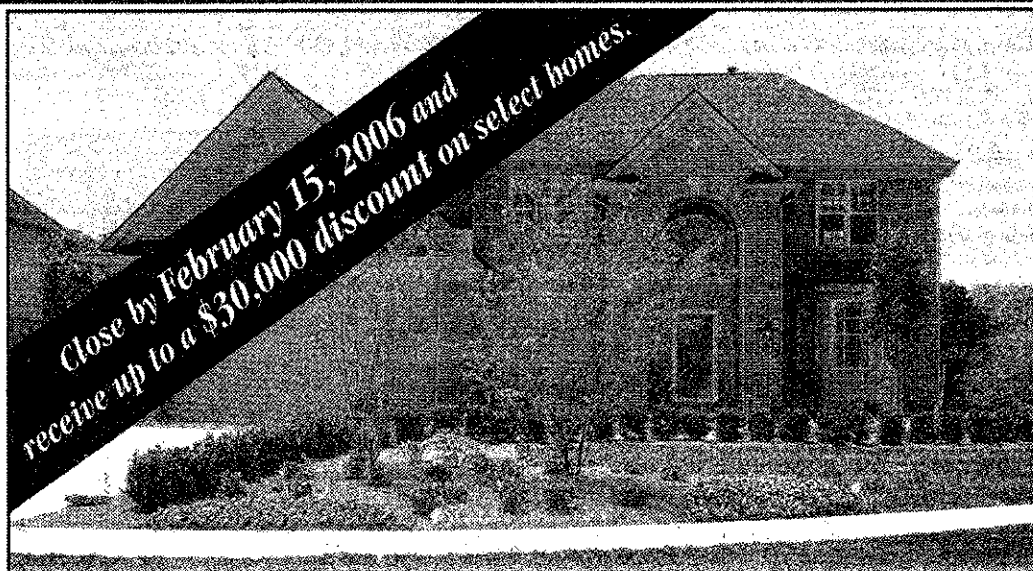
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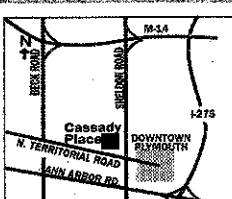
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
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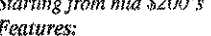


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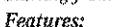


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
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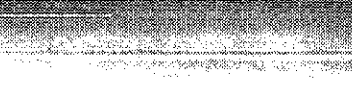
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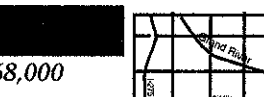




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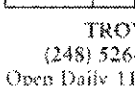
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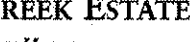
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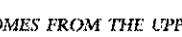
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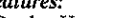


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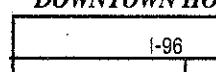
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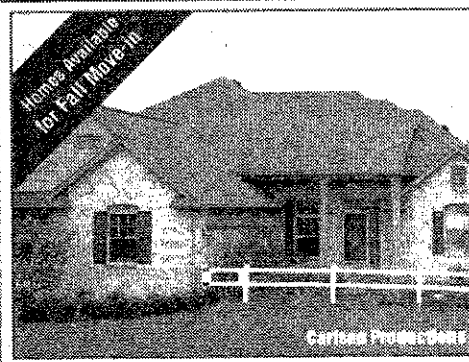
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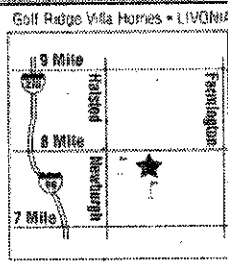


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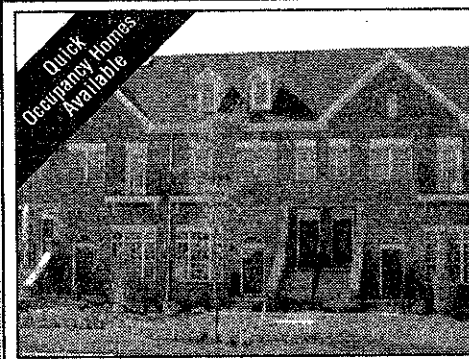
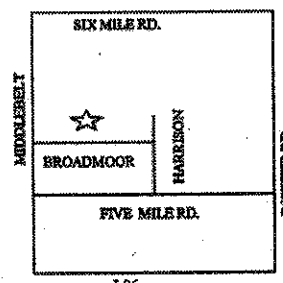
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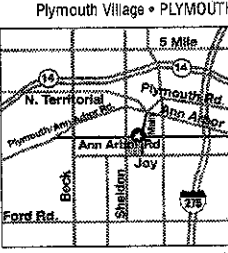
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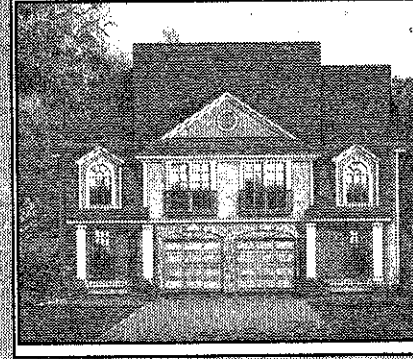
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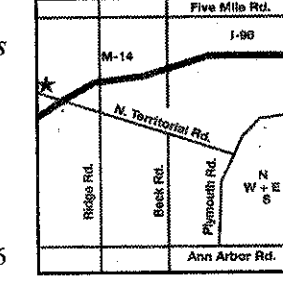
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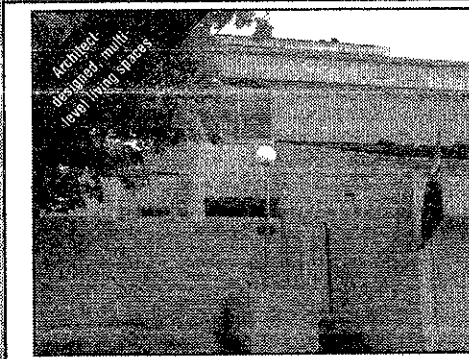
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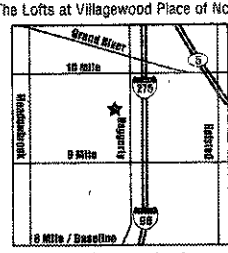


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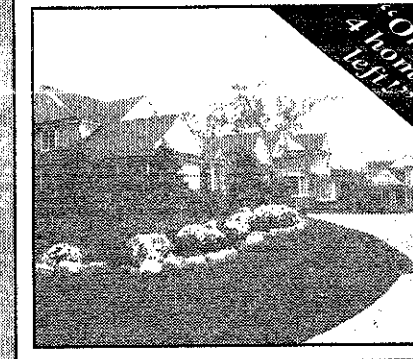
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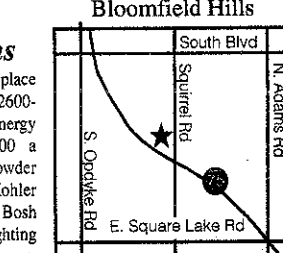


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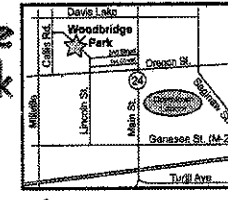
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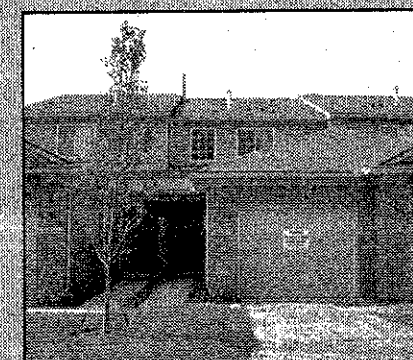
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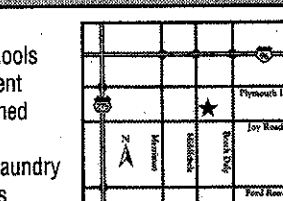
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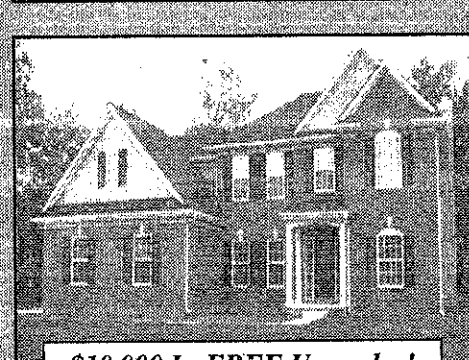
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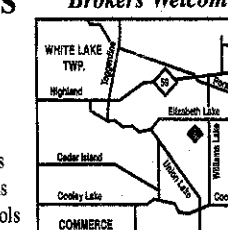
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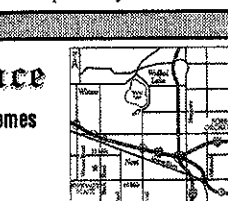
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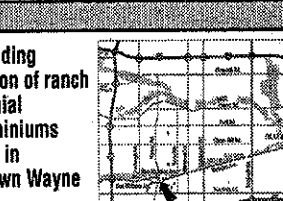
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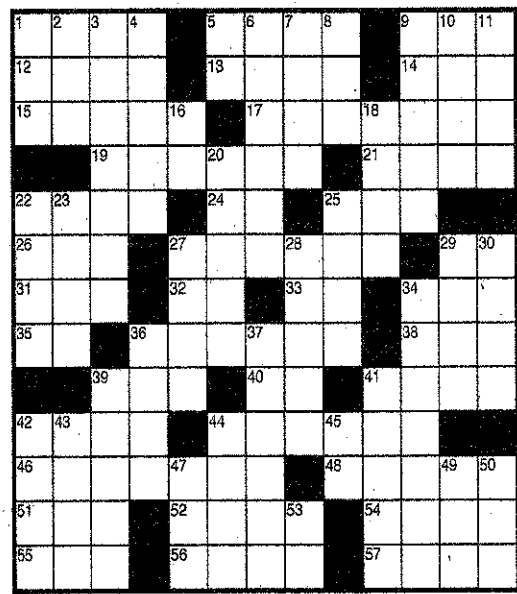
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Sitting On A Hill
w/exquisite views of Walnut Lk. 2-sty foyer, circ. stairs; marble, ceramic t/o, formal DR w/butler's pantry, gourmet kit and bkfst rm w/2-way trlpic to FR. FF MBR, luxurious BAS. Fabulous LL walkout w/frp/c, kit, sauna, hot tub, decks. (B96WAB) 248-626-8800 \$1,575,000



BINGHAM FARMS Over One Acre
Beautiful landscaped yard on private wooded lane with Birmingham schools. Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with plenty of room to expand. Open floor plan and great curb appeal. A must see. (B50BRI) 248-642-8100 \$399,000



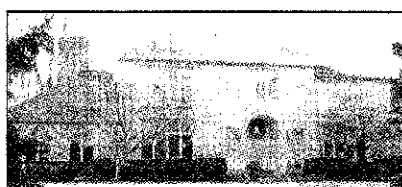
PLYMOUTH Beautiful Contemporary Home
5 bdrm, 4 bath 19th century colonial on approx 2.9 acres. Great mstr bdrm, hrdwd flrs, country kit & formal din rm. Pond, deck & gazebo. A must see! (B66HOM) 734-455-5600 \$450,000



LAKE ORION Stunning
Truly one of the most incredible homes in Lake Orion on all sports Long Lake. Contemporary on approximately 1 acre boasts wall of windows, top-of-the-line kitchen with granite, full walk-out with kitchen and bedroom, full 4 car garage. (B36IND) 248-652-8000 \$950,000



HIGHLAND South Bay Shores Model
Bring your boat. Private cul-de-sac in prestigious sub. Custom built with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3+ garage, 3-way fireplace, gourmet kitchen, master suite, ceramic, granite, marble, maple, attention to detail. Approx. 1 acre. Lots available too. (B48ANC) 248-363-1200 \$489,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Quality Built
Beautiful French Manor in Chestnut Hills. Four bedrooms, 4.2 baths, located on large private lot. Updated gourmet kitchen with traditional European decor. (B30CHE) 248-642-8100 \$1,050,000



NORTHVILLE Elegance
Fulfilling every desire: location, setting, design material & craftsmanship, this significant residence, most assuredly will stand the Test of Time. 4BR, 4.2BA home that is sited on approximate a 1+ acre sanctuary of woodland gardens. (B35MAI) 248-349-5600 \$1,584,000



CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005
New const. On approx 1 acre lot offers 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 4 c att gar, & full W/O bsmt. Foyer opens to formal DR & Lib, open staircase to lower level, LR w/FP, mstr ste w/jetted tub, Granite in kit Plus much more. (B50ROL) 734-455-5600 \$1,080,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Stately Split-Level
Four bedrooms, 3.2 baths with newly finished basement including wet bar. Extensive hardwood floors throughout kitchen & great room. Open floor plan. Study with built-in shelves, all appliances included along with pool table & hot tub. (B59CED) 248-652-8000 \$569,000



COMMERCE Beautiful
Spacious 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with finished walk-out basement located on a glorious lakefront lot with private dock and beach on all sports Fox Lake. Award-winning Walked Lake schools plus city water and sewer. (B16LAN) 248-363-1200 \$449,000



BLOOMFIELD Renovated To Perfection
Hampshire-style Cape Cod on park-like private setting with 300 ft. (approx.) of water frontage. Hardwood floors, gourmet white & marble kitchen with FP adjoining FR. MBR French doors to deck & lower level with FP. All pre-finishing touches. (B89BEN) 248-642-8100 \$1,190,000



SOUTH LYON Golf Course Frontage
Beautiful wooded golf course lot on the 1st fairway of Tanglewood. Granite-cherry cabinets - dual staircase. Finished lower level features media room-billiard area-exercise area-granite kitchenette. A must see. (B58STA) 248-349-5600 \$849,900



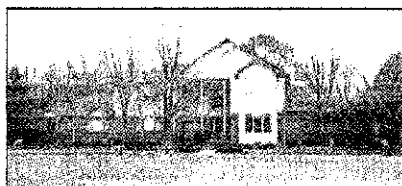
HURON TOWNSHIP An Enchanted Life
Spacious 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath custom ranch sitting on approx 5 acres offering 3 c att gar & a pole barn, huge history kit w/insland, vaulted ceiling in great rm w/frp/c, doorwall to laige deck. This one is just waiting for you. (B26SIB) 734-455-5600 \$449,500



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP Fantastic Homesite
Nestled in nature, you will fall in love with this stunning home in Silvercreek, a premium suburb and tennis community. Many quality upgrades, 3 car garage, walk-out basement all come together to create a very special home. (B54CRE) 248-652-8000 \$494,900




WATERFORD Stunning New Colonial
On almost an acre, this new 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has amenities galore. Main floor master, 2 story great room with fireplace, hardwood floors, ceramic baths. Granite counters in kitchen. Walk-out basement, 3+ car garage. (B66OAK) 248-363-1200 \$429,900



NOVI Private Estate Home
Beautiful, on approx. 1 acre lot with custom amenities. Extensive use of marble, 7 BRs, 5 full BAs, 2 half BAs and 2 MBR suites. Finished lower level walk-out with second kitchen. Gorgeous grounds, 18 acre commons & small lake. (B22VAS) 248-642-8100 \$999,000




NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat
Wow! Great floor plan-great location, Northville Hills Golf Community. Four spacious BR, 3.5BA, & granite. Backyard features a private resort-in-ground pool - daylight. A must see. (B05MER) 248-349-5600 \$775,000



TROY Stunning Entry
Two-story marble foyer with circular staircase. Four bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial has first floor library, full finished basement with bath plus newer sun room and skylights. Three walk-in cedar lined closets. Prof landscaping. Walk to Somerset Mall. (B54BAB) 248-524-1600 \$449,900



ROCHESTER Stony Creek
Stunning home sits high in sub with view of commons. Four bedrooms, walk-out basement, the floors, expansive 2 story foyer, T" staircases, 2 fireplaces, upgraded kitchen with granite island. Decorator blinds and sidewalks. (B15PUT) 248-652-8000 \$435,000




WEST BLOOMFIELD Lower Level Walk-Out
Spacious 4 BR, 4 full BA, 5 pwr/rms, 2-way fireplace in kitchen and family rm. Formal living rm and dining rm. Fin walkout features full 2nd kitchen, recreation area with frp/c, BR with BA. Impressive lot elevation, 3-car garage. (B17CHE) 248-626-8800 \$849,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Hickory Oaks Home
Fabulous home with 2 story foyer, great room, 8 foot ceilings and some hardwood floors. Kitchen and baths with maple cabinets, master bedroom suite, bridge overlooking foyer & great room. Finished basement, paver patio and 3 car garage. (B70BRA) 248-642-8100 \$695,000



NORTHVILLE Waterfront Beauty!
Spring Hill Lake Estate! Finest value in Stonewater! Premium lot! Custom lighting, neutral decor, amazing Lake views! Lovely hardwood floors, MBR w/sitting room, glamour bath w/jetted tub! Custom landscaping, deck & pavers! Must see. (B15CLA) 248-349-5600 \$739,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Newer Construction
Four bedroom colonial with premium elevation. Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances, marble floor, MBR suite with bath, wet bar and balcony. Library, finished W/O lower level, paver patio, 3 car garage, circle driveway. (B62BRA) 248-524-1600 \$2,500,000




LAKE ORION Unbelievable Quality
Lake and boat privileges on private sports lake. Five bedroom, custom newer Colonial in upscale neighborhood of higher priced homes. Private treed lot with views of lake. High ceilings, hardwood floors, Jacuzzi. (B47BRO) 248-652-8000 \$459,900



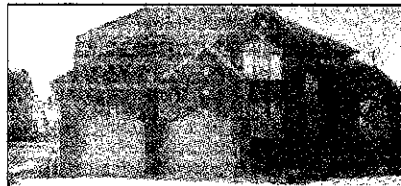
NOVI Many Custom Features
Transferee mourns loss of newer 4 BR home in a small community that co-owns beach lot on Walled Lake. Hardwood floors, granite counters t/o, walkout lower level. Backs to wooded preserve. Newer deck and paver patio. (B95MOR) 248-626-8800 \$499,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Over One Acre
Property at end of street, backing to Chestnut Run neighborhood. Home currently sitting on property, possible tear down. Value is in the land. (B75APP) 248-642-8100 \$550,000



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4BR, 2.5BA home w/enormous gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets and hardwood floors. Winding staircase, MBR w/master BA & WIC, 2 fireplaces 3 car garage, W/O basement and dual heating & cooling. (B65HIL) 248-349-5600 \$649,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Premium Lot
Newer brick colonial with four bedrooms, three baths, two car attached garage, hardwood floors T/O, custom moldings, cathedral ceilings, library/study, dining room, first floor laundry and partially finished basement. (B00CHA) 248-524-1600 \$444,900



ROCHESTER Desirable Sub
Bright 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with 2 story foyer opening to living room with window wall view of yard bordered by trees and boulder wall. Three car garage, island kitchen with cherry cabinets. Club house with pool and tennis. (B29KEN) 248-652-8000 \$415,000




WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Pine Lake Front
Nestled on almost 1 acre deep treed lot with "Monet" inspired backyard retreat. Lush gardens, pond, Estate-size great room with fireplace. Formal living room and dining room with coved ceilings. Gourmet's custom kitchen. Hardwood floor t/o. (B68ORC) 248-626-8800 \$899,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Outstanding Home
Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths with newer dream kitchen, spacious master bedroom suite, guest suite and walk-out lower level. Two fireplaces, newer driveway, central air and fantastic location. (B57WES) 248-642-8100 \$438,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Designer Perfect!
House beautiful on a wooded cul-de-sac! Maple cabinets, granite and hardwood in this cooks delight kitchen. Grand master suite w/glamour bath, Jack & Jill guest suite, private backyard & 3 car garage. (B43CHE) 248-349-5600 \$699,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Upgrades Galore
Four BR, 2.5 bath colonial with soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, recessed lights and designer paint t/o. Island kitchen, library with fireplace and French doors, luxury MBR suite with sitting area, jet tub. Prof landscaped with brick pavers. (B93BLI) 248-524-1600 \$459,900



MILFORD Magnificent Property
Now on the market. Over 3 acres and the perfect house for the most discriminating buyer, custom home with quality throughout, park-like setting with brick paver patio & benches for relaxation. Entertain in style, enjoy this open floor plan. (B96JAC) 248-363-1200 \$847,777



ORCHARD LAKE Totally Custom Showcase
Breathtaking luxury home features 1st floor master bedroom with 2 dressing suites and huge marble bath with fireplace and private balcony. In-law quarters, huge studio, 4 BR, 4 BA, 2 powder rms, 6 frp/c. Approx 1.4 acre site with pond. (B47PON) 248-626-8800 \$2,499,000



LIVONIA Lovely Deer Creek Home
This home has been lovingly cared for by the original owner. Gourmet kitchen, 2 sun rooms, fireplace, formal dining room, den, finished basement and a huge finished 3 car garage. Truly beautiful inside and out, ready to move into. (B39BRE) 248-642-8100 \$425,000



SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP Surround Yourself
With nature sitting on approx 14 acres. This 2001 cape cod offers 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, mstr w/WIC & garden tub. Din rm w/view from deck, also 2.5 c att gar, huge extra deep walk out lower level & more. (B44HAR) 734-455-5600 \$479,500




TROY Transferee Perfect
Immediate occupancy. Four bedroom, 2.5 bath two-story has gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets, granite counters and ceramic flooring. Great Room with fireplace. Master bath with jet tub and separate shower. Sprinkler system and sod. (B88WIN) 248-524-1600 \$399,900



COMMERCE All Sports Lakefront
Three to four bedroom home sits on large high lot offering panoramic views of Lake Sherwood. First floor master, finished walk-out, unique architecture, sandy beach, over 120 feet of frontage. Huron Valley schools. (B21COM) 248-363-1200 \$550,000



NORTHVILLE Builder's Own Design
Custom home w/open floor plan and all the extras. Sumptuous 700 sq ft MBR suite w/bathtub, gourmet kitchen, fin daylight LL w/ custom bar, 2-story breakfast room. Northville schools. Home warranty. (B39ROB) 248-626-8800 \$765,000




OXFORD Superb Craftsmanship
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Ranch on approximately 5 wooded acres. Two car attached garage, second garage and 2 story barn. Oak kitchen with hardwood floors and finished lower level with full kitchen. (B37RAY) 248-642-8100 \$414,000



CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New const. On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bdrm, 3.5 BA, 4 c att gar, 2 story foyer, formal DR, hearth rm off lg kit, breakfast nook, all bdrms w/WIC, full bsmt and you can pick your special wishes. (B52ROL) 734-455-5600 \$875,000



ROYAL OAK Attention To Details
Custom built 4 BR home. Hardwood floors, custom moldings, upgraded appliances & kitchen cabinets, granite countertops. Master BR with pan ceiling and multiple shower heads in master bath. Terrazzo tiles, paver patio. View of golf course. (B20DET) 248-524-1600 \$524,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Knock Out
Awesome updates make this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath a must see. Totally renovated master bedroom with granite and European shower. New roof '05, pro-decorated, 1 large rolling lot, prepare to fall in love. One year home warranty. (B10WOO) 248-363-1200 \$514,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Former Builder's Model
Huge kitchen w/granite island top; 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2-story foyer w/curved over foyer and LR, hrdwd floors, wet bar, 2 MBR. Daylight windows, vaulted ceiling t/o, all appliances included; his and her WIC, 2 ceiling fans, 1 y. home warranty. (B84ROY) 248-626-8800 \$539,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Luxury Condo
Brand new Condo has it all: first floor master bedroom suite, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, separate den & cathedral ceilings with crown molding. AC, large deck & in Farmington Hills golf course community. Last one available. (B22VAL) 248-642-8100 \$399,000



NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Spacious
Colonial on beautiful interior lot in Crestwood Manor. Everything from hrdwd 2 story foyer w/winding staircases to full prof fin bsmt. Formal DR, FR w/frp/c, den w/bay window, mstr ste w/WIC & Jacuzzi, + att gar.. (B10ROL) 734-455-5600 \$674,000



HUNTINGTON WOODS Fantastic Home
Charming and updated. Hardwood floors, crown moldings, wood trim, two bay windows. Updates include Corian counters, baths, copper plumbing, paint, custom blinds and more. Paver walkways, private yard. (B16SAL) 248-524-1600 \$499,000

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For years the name Volvo has been synonymous with "yuppies" and upscale soccer moms across the country. When you saw one on the road, you just knew that the people inside were on their way to music lessons, playdates, or, if a man was driving alone, to the golf course. Always one of the safest cars on the road, the Volvo was never looked at as a particularly fun car to drive, or something people without kids would buy.

For the last few years, the Swedish-based automaker (now owned by Ford) has been trying to change the way you look at the company's offerings; they've been redesigning the outside and putting a little more under the hood in an effort to compete with the likes of BMW, Lexus, Acura and Infiniti. Even their station wagons are included in the effort, and one of the wagons Volvo is pinning its hopes on is the 2006 V70 R.

The V70 R was redesigned for the 2005 model year and, while you can still tell it's a Volvo, it's sharper and better-looking than previous models. The classic Volvo grille is still upfront, and the standard Xenon high-intensity headlamps are rectangular with rounded corners; they come with washers and automatic level control. Heated outside mirrors, fog lamps, 17-inch alloy wheels, and a rear spoiler are also part of the package.

Volvo has put a powerful engine inside this station wagon. It's a 2.5-liter five-cylinder DOHC turbo with twin intercoolers. It's rated at 300 hp and 295 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a six-speed manual transmission and a six-speed automatic with "autostick" is available as an option. The automatic shifts smoothly and the car gets off the line quickly. With the manual, you can go 0-60 in 5.6 seconds - 6.5 with the automatic. It takes need premium fuel and is rated at 18/25 mpg.

The V70 R is an all-wheel drive wagon, and that's a mixed blessing. While it's nice to have AWD when



2006 Volvo V70 R. Vehicle class: Wagon. Where built: Gent, Belgium. EPA: 18/25. Base price: \$39,545. Price as tested: \$44,885

you need it, the ride and handling suffer a bit, and making a U-turn is a challenge. The front suspension system features MacPherson struts with asymmetrically mounted coil springs, electronic variable damping hydraulic shocks and stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a multi-link independent system with coil springs, electronic variable damping hydraulic shocks, and stabilizer bar. Power-assisted, speed-sensitive rack-and-pinion power steering and traction control are standard. Ride and handling are good - not great, and there are three different suspension settings, none of which made a huge difference that I could feel. There's a bit too much road feel for me, and, as I mentioned earlier, the wide turning circle makes U-turns a challenge (watch out for the curb).

Inside is where the V70 R really shines. It's roomy, comfortable and full of standard equipment. The standard heated eight-way power adjustable leather seats come with lumbar support and are easy to adjust to a comfortable position. There's plenty of room for passengers and cargo. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats and will give you more than 71 cubic feet of cargo space when they're folded down (37.4 cu.ft. when the rear seat is raised). The leather-wrapped steering wheel is adjustable, as well.

Dual zone climate control is standard, as are cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, rear defroster, trip computer, and cupholders in both front and rear.

The standard audio system in the V70 R is an AM/FM/CD system with 100 watt amplifier and six

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