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Developer offers \$17 million for Fellows Creek

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Board of Trustees will hold a special study session at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 to hear a proposal from regional developer Lormax Stern regarding the potential sale of Fellows Creek Golf Course.

"I think generally speaking they're talking about a retail

lifestyle center, like an open air mall," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack of the proposed development. "It would look like a downtown in that the shops are set up in blocks, with streets in front of the stores."

According to Yack, the developer has offered the township \$17 million. The proposal will include the purchase of 100 acres of the 190-acre golf course,

which would be used to develop 600,000 square-feet of retail space and 125,000 square-feet of office space. The retail space proposed would be a village-square, lifestyle retail center, which usually include high-end stores. There are similar developments in Rochester and on Lake Lansing Road in Lansing. Also included in the proposal will be a major storm water

quality project featuring open space and public paths over an additional 50 acres.

The homeowners near the area will be notified after the Wednesday meeting if the township board wishes to move forward with the project.

"Those of us that live on golf courses view it as much as open space as golf," said Yack, who lives near the township's other

golf course, Pheasant Run. "They like the idea of being adjacent to green space that won't be built on."

So far, township officials have met with the leisure services advisory committee and also with the operator of Fellows Creek.

The 2006 township budget included \$800,000-\$1 million worth of short term capital

improvements at the aging golf course. In the long term, it was projected that another \$1.5 million would be required to replace the irrigation system, update the clubhouse and move some holes that are too close to roads.

Fellows Creek, built in the 1960s and purchased by the township in 1978, was paid off this year, and has made a profit every year since 1998.



Dana Chan and daughter Julie, 3, look at origami made by Mingwei Yao during the Chinese cultural event at the library on Thursday.

Culture sharing

Library fair showcases everything Chinese

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Patrons of the Canton Public Library may have thought they had been transported to China on Thursday, as the library hosted a Chinese cultural fair.

The event featured demonstrations in several Chinese art forms. Mingwei Yao showed visitors how to do origami, the art of paper folding that originated in China around 105 A.D., and Chen Li explained the basics of Chinese calligraphy.

Julie Burt demonstrated the graceful and powerful movements of tai chi, and another presentation focused on penging bonsai, a free form and artistic style of bonsai.

According to library spokesperson Laurie Golden, the event was part of the library's Connect with Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

"The goal is to take the diversity we have in our community and showcase it for people of other cultures. And it also gives



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Julie Burt, a Tai Chi instructor at the Summit, gives pointers to Al Muntian, as part of the library's cultural event.

the people in whatever particular ethnic group the chance to come out and get more involved," she said.

The series has become popular, according to Golden. She said about 40 adults showed up Thursday, many of whom brought children with them. "The event went great," she

said. "We do surveys about the programs we put on, and we have learned many people that attend these events are regular patrons of the library. But we also get a whole group of people in the library that we don't normally get. And that's one of the goals — to get people using the library."

Parents: Where did hoops money go?

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Did the former longtime president of the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association run a fast-break last spring with registration fees he had collected for a spring high school league?

That's the \$10,000 question a group of Plymouth and Canton parents would like to ask Al Flower, who oversaw the PCJBA for close to 30 years.

However, Flower has been difficult to contact since he collected their \$115 entry fees in February 2005. The league was scheduled to start last April and run through early June. However, no league games were ever played and, according to parents, not one dollar

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Commission seat up for grabs as Sullivan looks for judgeship

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

When it's time it's time, and Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, has decided it is time for a change. He's not going to run for his fifth term on the commission. Instead, he'll run for a Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court judgeship.

"It's always been my dream, to be a judge, ever since I was a kid," Sullivan said. "It's just time, after eight years on the commission."

And it's time for someone else to take his place. Though no one has formally filed with the Wayne County Elections Division to run for the commission's 11th district seat, which includes the communities of Belleville, Canton, Sumpter, Van Buren and Wayne, the rumor mill is abuzz with the names of possible candidates.

One such rumored candidate, Robert Bovitz, a Canton Republican who ran (and lost) against Sullivan six years ago, said he will not run for the position again.

"Everything is different now," said Bovitz, who has since he last ran married and started a family. "It's just not something that will fit in my life at this time, even though I have stayed involved with the party and do all I can to support our local candidates."

But another possible candidate, former State Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton, isn't ruling out the possibility of running for Sullivan's seat. He has until the county's May 16 deadline to file.

"I was recruited very hard by my party to run against Sullivan two years ago and chose not to because I really love my job (as a manager for a medical supplier)," Bennett said. He'd heard through the

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Oakwood open house

Oakwood Health Center-Canton is hosting an informal open house hosted by its newest pediatricians, Resham Batra, Christine Brenner, and Nutan Saxena. On Tuesday, Feb. 21 and 28 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. the center's staff and board-certified physicians will be on hand to meet visitors, answer questions and offer a tour of the facility. Participants will receive informational packets containing advice, office hours and contact information. Reservations are not required and refreshments will be available.

In addition, the Oakwood pediatricians will be available for an online chat from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 and from 8 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 at www.oakwood.org. For additional information about the pediatricians at OHC-Canton, please visit the Web site or call (800) 543-WELL.

Senior breakfast

Senior citizens are invited to a complimentary breakfast, and spend a little time with State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and have the opportunity to ask him questions. This free breakfast will be offered on Monday, Feb. 27th, from 9-10:30 a.m., at the Van Buren Township 'September Days Senior Center' in the Otisville-Sheldon Room. The Senior Center is located at 46425 Tyler Road, in Belleville

(between Belleville and Beck Roads). Please call Sarah to reserve a spot at (734) 699-8918.

One Guest Speaker will be Joan Rich, from the Traffic Improvement Association (a non-profit group). She will talk on useful tips for senior drivers, and will address a few issues related to mobility and compensation skills. This will include facts and myths about senior drivers, and engineering changes to aid mature drivers.

Two officers from the Van Buren Township Police Department will also speak about safety and driving issues in Van Buren Township.

Patterson will also speak about issues of interest to seniors.

Call Sue Trussell, Sen. Patterson's district representative, at (734) 783-1642 with any questions.

Transportation plan presentation

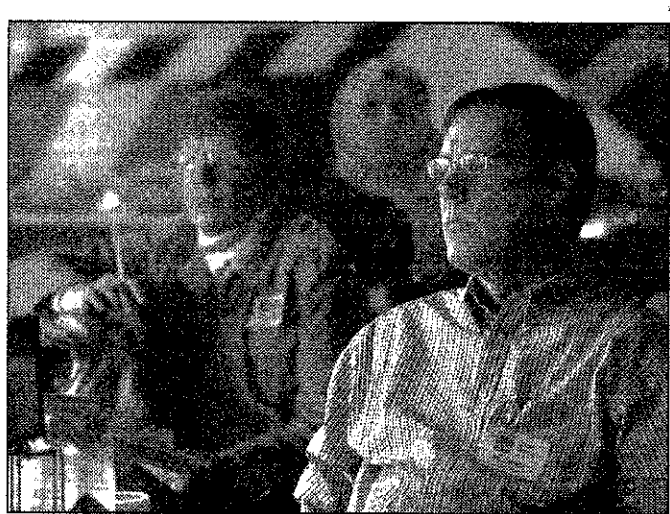
A presentation detailing progress made on the initial phase of Western Wayne County's Transportation Improvement Program (WWTIP) study will be given at a Feb. 21 study session at 7 p.m. at Canton's Administration Building located at 1150 Canton Center.

The study was initiated in 2005 by the Western Wayne Transportation Task Force

(WWTTF) with members from Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Van Buren Township, Westland, Wayne County Department of Public Service, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The study area consisted of everything south of Five Mile Road to I-94 as well as the area roughly between Napier Road and Newburgh Road.

Objectives of the study include: maximizing the efficiency of area roadways, promoting a safe roadway system, developing a transportation system that complements the natural and cultural environment, planning for adequate roadway improvements with the least disruption on existing and planned land uses, developing a transportation plan which is built upon realistic financial planning and engineering feasibility, and providing ample opportunities for non-motorized and transit travel throughout the study area and region. Parsons-Brinckerhoff of Detroit, a large national transportation consultant, is performing the planning and engineering analysis work for the group.

The study session is open to the public. For more information, call Canton's Municipal Services Department at (734) 394-5160.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marketing meeting

Paul Wells and Sharon Adams attended one of the first marketing coffee meetings sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA, to inform local businesses about some of the upcoming changes on Ford Road and to help them capitalize on all the new IKEA customers once the store opens this summer. The last meeting in the series will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Imagine Theater, which is located at 39535 Ford Road. So far, representatives from about 100 businesses have attended the meetings. There is no charge, and coffee and donuts will be provided. To register, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 or send an e-mail to cherylg@cantonchamber.com.

Scholarship help

Parents and students in the Plymouth-Canton school district no longer have to physically visit their high school's counseling office for one of the most time-intensive processes for high school seniors: Identifying and applying for scholarships to

help fund their college education.

District officials have now put that information on the district's Web site. Families can now visit the site, which currently lists 65 scholarships, any time of the day or night at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/scholarshipsSmartURL.htm>

Merit scholars

Eleven students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) were named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists this week.

The students — Canton High School seniors Julie Constantine and Nivedhitha Subramanian, Plymouth High School seniors Adam Davis, Liyan Liu and Xiwen Wang and Salem High School seniors Myron Chang, Yiyan Lu, Vikram Raghunathan, Trevor Sponseller, Teresa Wang and Stacy Yee — rank in the top 1 percent of their peers across the nation.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 15,000 academically talented high school seniors as finalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered next month. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2004 PSAT/NMSQT. Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist—record of very high academic performance in college prep course work, SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, detailed scholarship information about extracurricular activities and leadership positions, self-descriptive essays, and full endorsement of the high school principal.

Officers will teach proven crime prevention strategies that will help prevent theft at job sites, secure heavy equipment and reduce the overall cost of theft. The goal is to create an environment that makes it difficult to steal. This informative seminar is recommended for builders and their management level representatives.

District hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District Seven, in the Canton Public Library, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, and can be reached at (734) 397-0999.

All are welcome. No appointments are necessary. For more

information, call Patterson's office at (866) 262-7307 or (517) 373-7350.

Newcomer meeting

The Canton Newcomers invites those interested in learning more about this social, civic and charitable organization to its March 1 general meeting. In addition to monthly meetings, the group also hosts interest groups throughout the month that include: Book Club, play groups, Creative Kids, Chick Flick, Couples Social, scrapbooking and many more.

The Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September through May) at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, which is west of Canton Center b between Woodmere and Weathersfield.

For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter, visit them on the Web at newcomers.angelcities.com. You can also call (734) 737-0755 with any questions. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

Disaster recovery seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a seminar called "Disaster Recovery Planning for Your Business" on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the chamber office, 45535 Hanford Road in Canton. The seminar will run from 9-11 a.m. and cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members.

The seminar is a two-hour educational class that is designed to allow business owners and managers to develop and maintain a disaster recovery plan. The seminar includes a consultation and business analysis. Participants will learn how to create and maintain a recovery plan, as well as how to stay healthy and avoid computer virus attacks.

The seminar is presented by Linda Whiteaker, certified business continuity planner with Whiteaker Associates. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 or visit the chamber's Web site registration form at www.cantonchamber.com/eventform.asp. Registrants must include the seminar name when registering online.

Construction site theft seminar

Construction site theft is an ongoing problem for both law enforcement and the construction industry. The Canton Police Department has partnered with Plymouth Township Police, Northville Township Police and Crime Stoppers to present a construction site theft prevention seminar. "We Nail Thieves" is being held Friday, Feb. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Anyone interested in attending should reserve a seat by calling the Canton Police Department's Community Relations Division at (734) 394-5325.

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Croquet, anyone? AAUW presents 'Alice'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

"I'm not a witch, I'm a queen," said Sharon Belobraidich, tapping the gold crown on her head for emphasis. "That's what the kids called me today."

It's an easy mistake to make, since she has made a name for herself playing the villain — or "a stupid fellow" — in the annual Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women children's play.

This year is no different. She may be decked out as a queen, but she's the Red Queen who is forever yelling "off with their heads" in the group's presentation of *Alice in Wonderland*.

For 47 years, the organization has been presenting children's theater productions, taking classics like *Pinocchio*, *Snow White* and *Alice in Wonderland* and crafting hourlong "AAUW versions."

This year's installment will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

"We tried to lengthen and add to Alice, we have additional commentary from the storyteller and added three flowers who sing," said Mickey Edell, who is sharing directing duties with Pam Dean. "We've added more audience participation because the adults as well as the kids enjoy it."

Preparation for this year's production began last summer when the script was updated. Tryouts were held in October. The twice-a-week rehearsals began last month.

"We try to get as many members involved as possible," said Dean. "Some make all the costumes, others take care of the house and providing lunch. There are some members who don't like to be on stage, but we need them



Becky Copenhaver of Canton will play the White Rabbit in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's version of 'Alice in Wonderland.'

for their expertise."

"We yank in everybody we can to help," added Edell.

Belobraidich can relate.

While keeping her crown in place, she was bending over the piano, coaching Jan Branton with the music. She started out doing that 35 years ago, but five years in found her niche on stage, playing such dastardly roles as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, the Queen in *Cinderella* and the *Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk* or as the brainless Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*.

"I couldn't be Alice, I have to be someone who's stupid with no brains or mean," said the retired first-grade teacher. "I don't know how to be nice."

Members all say that it's the camaraderie that makes doing the play so much fun, but it's the reaction of the kids that makes it extra special. Scenes are written to put the characters in the audience, and when the play is over, they're in the lobby to meet and greet the audience.

"We have a lot of members

of the audience who come back every year," said Edell. "They'll go through the line and tell you you did this last year, you did this in this play. It's a combination of doing something for the community and celebrating the arts."

The oldest member of the cast is Sylvia Rozian, who is doing a reprise of her very first role. She's the caterpillar. Melissa Uhl is the youngest member and has been involved in AAUW plays for 35 years plus.

"I was here in womb," said Uhl, who is following in her mother's footsteps.

Another mother-daughter pairing is stage manager Jan Carney and daughter Trisha, who plays Tweedle Dee.

"I'm so glad to see mothers passing the commitment to AAUW on to their daughters," Edell said.

For a second year, the AAUW is offering a program after the 10 a.m. show Saturday with activities to help Girl Scouts and Brownies earn their theater badges. Last year, 45 Scouts turned

out to try out makeup and get up on stage.

"We have a whole plan we follow," said Edell. "There's only two activities they need to do to complete it."

Tickets are priced at \$6 and are available at The Book Cellar & Cafe, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, and at Fanatic U at 30409 Ford in Garden City. They're also available at the door.

School ticket sales have ended in the Plymouth-Canton district, however, Garden City students can buy tickets Tuesday, Feb. 21, through Friday, March 10, at their local school.

"It's amazing how it comes together," said Edell, watching a rehearsal that was minus an ailing Alice. "As a director, you get nervous the week of the play because it's chaotic."

"But after the first performance you say who are these people and where did they come from?" added Dean. "It all comes together perfectly."

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P-CCS to DeVos: 'It's about funding'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos, who spent a few hours campaigning in Plymouth and Canton Friday, asked to meet with Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan.

"He feels we're one of the school districts in the state that does a good job with the money we get," said Ryan. "He likes the fact we have low administrative costs."

Plymouth-Canton Schools has long been recognized as doing more with less state funding, and that includes having some of the lowest administrative costs in the state.

An independent Standard & Poors study indicated that 92 percent of the school districts in Michigan have higher administrative costs than P-CCS.

DeVos said Friday he's not inclined to change Proposal A and the funding mechanism for public schools if elected governor.

Instead, DeVos said, school districts need to pare administrative costs to improve their budgets.

"We're 48th in the country in the amount of money that gets stuck in administration versus going into classroom delivery," said DeVos.

"It's a matter of management, priority and accountability, that's why charters are such an important part of the mix. They provide a real challenge for every school to be focused on what it delivers to its students and the



DeVos

parents who send them there.

"A lot of them (public schools) have apparently made the decision to go into

deficit spending ... but have they really done what they need to do to adjust their expenses to suit the reality," questioned DeVos.

Ryan met for some 10 minutes with DeVos, who then talked with several Plymouth-Canton school board members. Trustee Barry Simescu said board members told DeVos it was all about funding, and the inequities of Proposal A.

"We told him we're running one of the most efficient school districts in the state and we're still running a budget with problems," said Simescu, who said politically he's an independent.

"He listened, but didn't indicate he had any plans to change anything. I wish somebody would finally address the inequities of Proposal A."

Ryan said any real change, realistically, will only come from whichever candidate — DeVos or Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm — can improve Michigan's fragile economy.

"That's going to be the big question of the election, who can do the most to fix the economy," said Ryan, "because then the picture brightens for all entities that receive state funding."

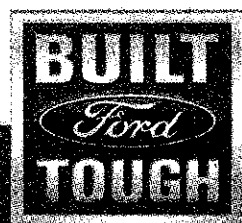
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Local teen charged in crash that left friend in coma

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton police last week charged 17-year-old Jessica Olson of Canton with a felony in connection to a Dec. 3 car accident that left her 17-year-old passenger and friend in a coma. Olson was arraigned Tuesday at 35th District Court on the charge of minor operating while impaired causing a serious injury accident.

According to Sgt. Rick Pomorski, the accident occurred around 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 30 on Ford Road just west of Canton Center Road. He said the car Olson was driving



Olson

crossed the center line and struck a pick-up truck in the oncoming lane. He said the department had been waiting for the results of toxicology tests, which he said came back and showed Olson tested positive for THC – the active ingredient in marijuana.

Police are not releasing the name of Olson's passenger, who was seriously injured in the accident. According to Pomorski, she spent weeks in a coma at the University of

Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She is no longer in a coma, but has suffered a serious traumatic brain injury, and is still at the hospital where she is undergoing rehabilitation.

Pomorski said both girls are students at Canton High School.

"From what I understand, they are best of friends. This is such an unfortunate situation," he said.

Olson was released on personal bond by Judge John McDonald. Her preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 24, at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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grapevine that Sullivan may not run again, and has thought about whether this is a good time in his life to pursue the office, he said.

"So many county issues involve state decisions," Bennett said. "I can still walk onto the Senate floor and discuss issues with my former colleagues. I definitely would be a good fit on the commission."

Because the county budget doesn't look any brighter as the Michigan economy remains sluggish, Bennett said his experience on the State Appropriations Committee would be valuable, should he run for the office.

"I served on appropriations in good times and bad, and produced balanced budgets

when we were wondering how to spend all that money, and when we didn't have any money to spend," he said.

Other possible candidates for the commission seat are Canton residents Gerald Law, and Kevin McNamara, son of longtime Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

Mark Slavens, also of Canton, and who serves as the president of the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools board of education, said he has also been approached by his peers about running for the county commission.

"I've been approached about running for a few things," Slavens said. "But I haven't made any decisions about anything."

The deadline to file to run for a judgeship is May 2, and according to the Michigan Secretary of State elections division, only incumbents have

so far petitioned to be on the ballot in the 3rd Circuit Court.

Between now and May, Sullivan must gather at least 6,500 signatures from registered Wayne County voters, and present an affidavit stating he intends to run for the judgeship and is qualified to be a judge, and forward them to the State Bureau of Elections.

Commissioner Sullivan, who is the commission's vice chair, said his announcement was bittersweet.

"I have truly enjoyed my time on the Wayne County Commission and I will miss being able to serve the people of Wayne County in that role. However, it has always been my dream to be a member of the judiciary and now is the right time to move on," he said.

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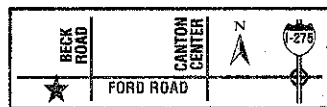
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Sandy's Sew & Vac, located at 28790 Plymouth Road in Livonia is one business sponsoring Project Linus National Make A Blanket Day.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, nearly 230 Janome America sewing machine dealers across the country will gather donations of thousands of new, handmade blankets to share with for those

in need of security, warmth and comfort.

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that distributes the blankets to children in need throughout the United States.

Sandy's Sew & Vac will host blanket-making workshops and serve as a drop-off point for finished blankets.

Following the community-wide effort, Project Linus representatives will distribute the blankets to children's hospitals, fire departments and family service organizations.

Participants can enter a raffle to win a Janome computerized

sewing machine.

Since 1995, Project Linus has distributed more than 1.4 million blankets. When possible, blankets remain in the area in which they are created. For more information, see www.projectlinus.org.

NATURALLY SPEAKING

Nature's choice Nutritional Educational Center recently opened its doors in Plymouth. More than a health store, the business is run by mother-daughter duo Georgia Schlee and Heidi Place. They sell Nature's Sunshine herbal and

homeopathic products, as well as an exclusive skin care line by Elina.

The store sells water distillers, air purifiers and soon-to-come an assortment of soy candles. Shoppers will find an assortment of herbal, caffeine free coffee and teas.

"We carry one line of products we feel are the best quality," said Place, a Plymouth resident. She added that she aims to eliminate the confusion a shopper might experience elsewhere, when choosing between different brands of calcium supplements, for example.

What truly sets Nature's Choice apart from other health stores are the services, and soon classes, offered by Schlee. She is a natural health professional who searches for the root causes of disfunction and illness, rather than the symptoms, Place said.

Though Schlee has long run a business out of her home, she and Place expanded to offer more retail services at the store.

Place said she enjoys the experience of owning a business. While it is difficult, she said, "it's different because it's yours."

The store is currently offering free voice bios, the complimen-



tary health-oriented computer screenings detect at what percentage each organ in the body is functioning.

Nature's Choice is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The business is at 942 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-7773.

Businesses to be on display at Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the semi-annual Consumer Expo on Feb. 23 at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually - in February and October - and features more than 50 businesses from the community that display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance and travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Admission is free, and the expo is open to the public. Other features include a cash bar and door prizes.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com or call (734) 453-4040.

Elementaries 'lasso' students at roundup

Do you know a member of the class of 2019?

If you have or know a student who will be in kindergarten next year, then you do. All 17 elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will host a Kindergarten Roundup for parents and children at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 28.

Parents will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials.

They'll also get an opportunity to hear about the district pilot all-day kindergarten program that will be offered in the fall at four schools - Walker-Winter in Canton, Wildwood in Westland, Hicks in Inkster, and Roosevelt-McGrath in Wayne.

Incoming kindergarten students will get the chance to visit the kindergarten rooms, make a craft and meet the teachers.

They also will receive a backpack full of school supplies.

Children who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2006, are eligible for kindergarten.

Parents must provide three proofs of residency, the child's birth certificate and immunization record to register their child.

For more information or to see which school a child will attend, call (734) 419-2000.

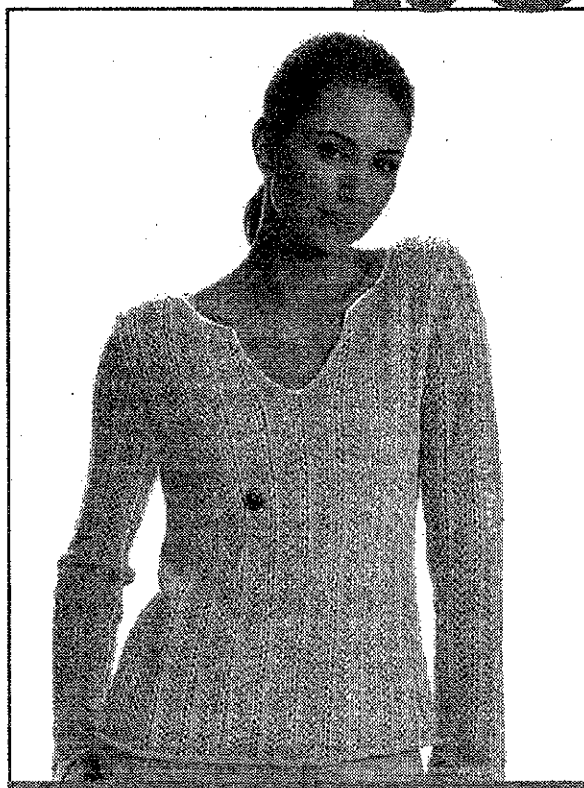
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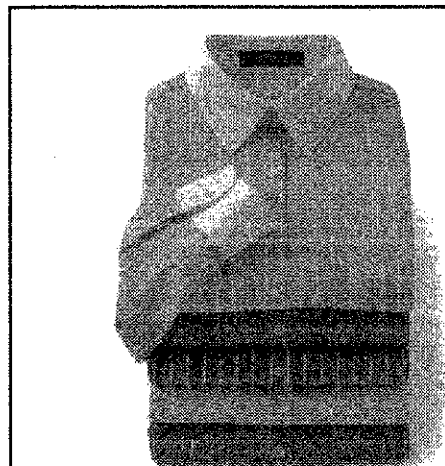
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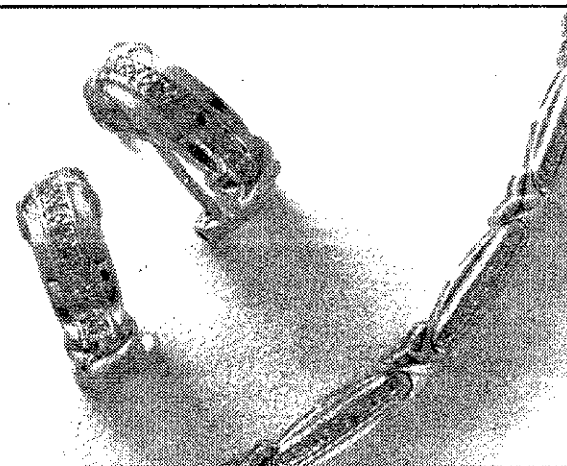
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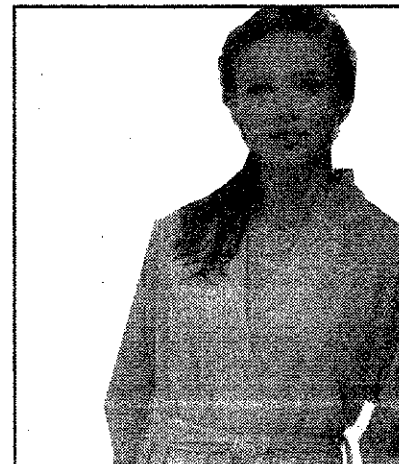
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DEATHS

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Lillian "Patricia" Bassett
Bassett, 90, of Plymouth, died Feb. 12.
Paul E. Boelter
Boelter, 89, of Utica, formerly of Rochester and Port Sanilac, died Feb. 11.
Helen T. Burke
Burke, 78, of Vero Beach, Fla., died.
C
Frances T. Caldwell
Caldwell, 89, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 3.
William J. Cecelski
Cecelski, 76, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 10.
Gladys E. Cutsinger
Cutsinger, 98, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 15.
D
Margaret M. Donnelly
Donnelly, 73, of Rochester, died Feb. 2.
Margaret Rose Downer
Downer, 54, of Garden City, died Feb. 3.
F
Todd W. Ferguson
Ferguson, 43, of Waterford, died Feb. 15.
G
Jason William Gamble
Gamble, 28, of Wayne, died Jan. 9.
H
Jerry D. Holley

Holley, 66, of Oakland Township, died Feb. 8.
M
William J. Markley
Markley, 71, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 15.
Erwin W. Miller
Miller, 80, of Brighton, died Feb. 11.
N
Robert Nigohosian
Nigohosian, 69, died Feb. 13.
P
JoAnn P. Pagett
Pagett, 66, of Keswick, Ontario, formerly of Rochester, died Feb. 11.
Angela M. Paschke
Paschke, 36, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 12.
Marguerite J. Primo
Primo, 87, of Lake Orion, died Feb. 8.
Virginia V. Pryce
Pryce, 86, of Westland, died Feb. 7.
S
William R. Steiner
Steiner, 76, of Rochester, died Feb. 7.
W
Joseph Montgomery Weaver
Weaver, 88, of Harbor Springs, formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 2.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in *Passages* on page C4.

HOOPS

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has been refunded.
In an interview with the *Observer* in August, Flower said the league never got off the ground due to a combination of factors, including lack of interest and personal problems he had encountered. Refunds would be forthcoming, he added.
Six months later, parents say, nothing has changed.
Since August, Flower's phone number has been disconnected, and attempts to reach him have been unsuccessful. At least two parents of players who registered for the league have filed complaints against Flower with the Plymouth Township Police Department.
"My son told me that some of the boys he knows paid the \$115 from their own savings," said Kit McGuigan, a former

PCJBA coach. "I also heard that one of the other coaches paid some of the other players back — over \$400 — out of his own pocket."
"Al put his heart and soul into the league for a very long time. Al was the league. He gave so much of his time and energy," McGuigan added. "He was essentially at every game, checking on everything. He ran things like a compassionate drill sergeant — he was stern, but fair with the kids and adults."
In the August interview, Flower said approximately 30 kids had signed up for the league, but McGuigan estimated the number to be much higher.
"Al told me he had close to a full league a few weeks before everything came crashing down," McGuigan said. "Based on how many kids are usually in the league and on the number of people I've talked to who have lost money, I'd say there were 100 kids — minimum —

who signed up."
"I wrote my check on Feb. 12 and it was cashed that day," said Joanne Kind, whose son, Rory, was registered to play in the troubled league. "I think people would have felt a lot better about it if he would have just been up front with us."
Several parents of players who had paid and registered to play in the league said Flower never returned phone calls they made to him last spring. "A couple of weeks after the league was supposed to start, I called Al because I hadn't heard anything," said Canton resident Bill Blackerby, whose son, Zack, was registered to play in the league. "I left at least six to eight messages with Al, but he never returned my calls. It's a pretty disappointing situation."
"Al (collected) the money and there was no basketball played," said Plymouth resident Colleen Bouton, whose son was scheduled to participate in the league. "Where's the

money? Maybe his intentions were good at the beginning, but he's hurt a lot of people."
McGuigan has been told by authorities that even filing charges against Flower doesn't guarantee anyone will get their money back.
"It's hard to believe that someone could simply walk away with so much money with so little consequence," McGuigan said.
Individuals who wrote a check for the ill-fated league are encouraged to contact Det. Dave Hayes at the Plymouth Township Police Department. Hayes can be reached at (734) 354-3244.
"One of the things Al always projected to the kids and to the coaches was the importance of honesty and sportsmanship," said Deborah Mollner, the mother of a longtime PCJBA participant. "What kind of message is he sending to the kids (now)?"

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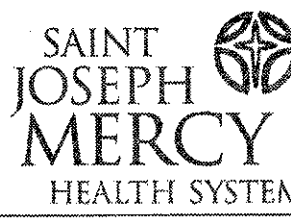



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American Dream has bypassed Michigan's working class

There's an old saying that goes you can't pick your family or your neighbors, only your friends. In my case, I dearly love (most of) my family members and I get along well enough with my neighbors.

But from all that I've been reading and listening to recently about the sad state of affairs

throughout Michigan, it seems my (extended) family is precisely the type of folks who have no future here.

A little background: My maternal family tree can be traced back to County Monaghan, Ireland, to one Francis McElmeel, who was born in the early 1800s. Like many other people in this area, I still have countless relatives in the mother country, in my case the Emerald Isle.

My maternal grandparents emigrated to the U.S. in the 1920s, my grandfather as a young adult on his own, my grandmother as a teenager with her parents. They eventually made their way to the Detroit area, where they met and were married in 1936 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in the city.

Over the years, they moved to Lincoln Park, where they raised 13 children with my grandfather the sole bread-winner of the family; he retired in 1973 after working 43 years for Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse. He kept his grandchildren amazed in his later years by showing off his "souvenir" of working in the steel mills — a right hand missing the ring and pinkie fingers.

The very idea that a family of 13 children could be financed today with one salary is beyond the pale — unless, of course, your income is that of a professional athlete or corporate executive. Yet that's what my grandparents did, even sending most of their children to parochial schools. They were the very embodiment of hard work until the day(s) they died — my grandfather in 1992, my grandmother in 2000.

Their children have grown into adulthood, middle age and now their twilight years, themselves marrying and having children. That next generation, while spread from early childhood to approaching 50, has further multiplied and spread the family genes to succeeding generations. Amazingly enough, virtually every descendant from that union some 70 years ago still lives in the metro area, including myself, my wife and our two children. When you count all the various in-laws added to the brood over the years, the numbers are quite staggering.

Yet to hear Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other elected officials talk, my family has no role to play in the future of Michigan — despite the rather large role we played in its history. Why?

Because we are a family of typical Michigan stock. Many of my uncles served in the U.S. Army (Vietnam era); most didn't attend college. In fact, although the numbers have increased with each generation, only a handful of my relatives have any post-secondary schooling.

Instead, the vast majority found honest work in the automobile industry — more than I can count. Those that didn't labored elsewhere, in construction work, as county or city employees, as service workers and many other essential jobs that have provided them a good, solid living — the very essence of our state's middle class.

We gather often as a group, to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and, regrettably, funerals. We go to Red Wings games, to Tigers games, to concerts at Cobo Arena and Pine Knob (take that, DTE). We head outdoors to places like Hines Park and Erie Metropark. Some of us own boats or snowmobiles that get dragged up North whenever the opportunity arises.

Truth be told, as a group we probably drink too much, smoke too much and (on occasion) eat too much. I have no doubt that we've contributed our fair share to Michigan's ongoing obesity problem.

In short, ours is a story that could be retold by any one of thousands of Michigan families, people who came to this state in search of a better life than they left behind. For the most part, we found it and have been able to give the next generation a better foundation in the process.

But is this where it stops? Have we reached the point where Michigan offers no promise to those willing to work hard and sacrifice to earn a living? Let's face it — we aren't all going to be engineers or biomedical technicians or life sciences specialists, just as most of our ancestors weren't those things.

I fear for my children's future in this area, where we've been told that it will be impossible to earn an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. Those days are gone forever, and they're not coming back. What about all the people who have in the past and continue

to engage in the hum-drum of blue-collar work? Sure, I want my children to go to college. In fact, they're probably sick of listening to me recite the same mantra every day — your education is your ticket in life. But, just as with any big game or red-hot concert, not everyone is going to be able to acquire a ticket.

I've been fortunate enough to have witnessed and partaken in the classic American dream. Some might tell me it's time to wake up. That's fine — because I'm afraid the nightmare is just around the corner.

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Patterson's proposal could spur needed tax reform

If there's one person in Michigan politics who can be depended on to raise a rumpus, often at just the right time, it's Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. He did it again — big time — last week in his State of the County speech.

He announced he'd lead a statewide drive to repeal the Single Business Tax, and he's planning to raise \$800,000 in pledges from businesses and individuals to fund a petition drive to put the issue on this November's ballot.

Michigan's main business tax, the SBT, is essentially a tax on payroll. But it is complex, difficult to administer and stands out like a sore thumb in comparison with business taxes in other states. According to state government revenue forecasts for 2006, the SBT yields \$1.8 billion in revenue for the state, representing nearly one-quarter of the state's total \$8.2 billion general fund.

Flourishing his reliably flamboyant rhetoric, Patterson called the SBT "damnable," a "job killer" and a "business killer."

"More than the global economy, the Single Business Tax is killing this state because it is killing jobs in Michigan," he said.

He assaulted "our friends in Lansing" for pussyfooting around the fundamental problem of Michigan's arcane tax structure. "They've introduced legislation, which quite frankly nibbles around the edges of meaningful business tax reform. ... We've been arguing about the impact of the Single Business Tax in this state for more than 15 years. The endless debates on this subject have produced more flatulence than a Super Bowl party at an MSU frat house."

Whew! But regardless of the rhetoric, Patterson's move does two things, both very good. First, by threatening to put a radical — and likely popular — tax cut on the ballot, he is forcing both the Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm to get serious about a problem that they've been ducking for years.

Second, it puts front and center just what \$1.8 billion from the SBT buys. It's almost exactly the same amount the state spends in total for either all our colleges and universities or the entire corrections system. So if you eliminate the SBT and don't make up the revenue it produces, you have no higher education system or no jails and prisons.

Patterson's speech also sets up a magnificent-sensible scenario for a way out of this morass. He hints at a way in which Michigan can simultaneously reform its out-of-date tax system and begin to resolve the chronic billion-dollar-plus structural state budget deficit.

At the same time, we could undo the damage to our economic future that's been caused by \$300 million in cuts to our universities over the past five years.

Here's how it could work:

Most importantly, anybody who knows anything about economic development would love it, as it is plain that our economic future absolutely depends on the ability of our higher education system to help us toward a knowledge-based economy.

The Legislature passes a bill repealing the SBT, which is signed by the governor. Contained in the bill is a requirement that the \$1.8 billion in lost revenue be replaced either by an increase in the state income tax or a reduction in the rate of the state sales tax, which would then be expanded to apply to both goods and services.

Voters statewide will be presented with a choice between these two on the November ballot. And the legislation contains an earmark allocating a specified percentage of the new revenue stream to our state's colleges and universities.

Business would love it. Politicians who want to be anti-tax would love it, especially since selecting which device to make up the lost revenue would be put in the hands of the people. Colleges and universities (and their students and their families, who have been forced to make up for legislative cuts in state support by increased tuition payments) would be thrilled.

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I asked Tom Clay, the respected research director of the Michigan Citizen's Research Council, how the numbers worked. He estimates a 5-percent sales tax (down from the present 6-percent rate) levied on most services — excepting health care — would come close to making up the loss in income from the SBT.

When I presented this scenario to Patterson, he jumped at the idea.

"To get the Legislature and the governor to act saves me a long season of hard slogging," he told me.

"Broadening the sales tax while reducing the rate seems fair. And earmarking part of the revenue stream for higher education strengthens just the things in Michigan that will drive our future economic growth."

OK, Gov. Granholm. OK, legislators. Brooks Patterson has teed it up for you. Do you have the guts to do the right thing at the right time? Or will you whiff and fail us, yet again? It's your choice.

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DeVos: This year's governor's race is all about jobs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Dick DeVos said it's no surprise when talking with people he's met across the state — including those with whom he spoke to Friday in Livonia, Plymouth and Canton — there's one campaign issue the people of Michigan want the next governor to tackle the most.

"It's all about jobs, and how are we going to get Michigan back to work," said DeVos. "Seems to make sense to me that if the issues are business related, maybe it's time for somebody with a business background."

DeVos, who made his fortune heading the Amway Corp. in Grand Rapids and is the Republican candidate for governor, said in order to get Michigan back to work, the state's Single Business Tax needs to be repealed.

"It's a tax that punishes employers," said DeVos. "If employers add health care for their employees, they get

taxed on it. It's a disincentive to do what we want to do in this state and have jobs.

"I would ask for a repeal as soon as possible, and we would work — in the meantime — to resolve how to take care of any deficit as a result," said DeVos. "We need to take that kind of bold step forward in this state. This governor said in the campaign she was going to get rid of the Small Business Tax, and it hasn't been done."

DeVos has been criticized by Granholm for failing to outline details of his economic recovery program. DeVos said not to worry, it's only February, and he's not tipping his hand early in the campaign.

"The current governor didn't issue any plans (in her last campaign) until September, that's the histo-



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ry," said DeVos. "We'll have proposals in place well before a full and lively debate."

DeVos is also quick to fight back against accusations by Democrats that his corporation cut Michigan jobs and invested in China.

"They're lying," DeVos said straight-faced. "I had to restructure a company during a time when we also knew we had to grow the business, and entered the China market. Not one job

left the United States to go to China, not one product manufactured at our plant in China left China to come to the United States.

"The Democrats are saying one plus one equals 11," he said. "Maybe in the new math, but not in the real world."

When it comes to new math, DeVos isn't too sympathetic about the dilemma faced by many school districts throughout the state which are dipping into cash reserves that are rapidly disappearing, resulting in program cuts.

"We're 48th in the country in the amount of money that gets stuck in administration versus going into classroom delivery," said DeVos. "It's a matter of management, priority and accountability, that's why charters are such an important part of the mix. They provide a real challenge for every school to be focused on what it delivers to its students and the parents who send them there."

"A lot of them (public schools) have apparently made the decision to go into deficit spending ... but have they really done what they need to do to adjust their expenses to suit the reality," questioned DeVos.

Last summer, more than 10,000 supporters of education rallied at the state capitol, urging legislators to change Proposal A and its funding mechanism for local school districts. DeVos said if he's elected, the tweaking of Proposal A will not be a priority.

"I don't foresee a change in Proposal A ... it's working quite well, considering the circumstances," he said. "If you're going to cut back and continue to do everything you used to do to be everything to everybody, at the end of the day you're going to be nothing to nobody."

"This governor flatlined funding for education per student for the first few years," he said. "Gov. (John) Engler, a Republican gover-

nor, had 12 years of consistent increases for education. He realized it was a priority, and put his money where his mouth is."

Despite the adversities of Michigan's automotive industry, DeVos said it's up to the carmakers and suppliers to deal with the realities, not the state.

"No governor can solve the problems of the auto industry," said DeVos. "The leaders of the unions, the leaders of the companies, have got to work together to resolve those issues and make those hard choices to get those companies back on their feet."

"You're not going to diversify the economy without helping small- and medium-size business to grow," he said. "They're going to be the engines for jobs of the future ... taking up the slack and offering opportunities for those workers to get back to work."

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Schoolcraft marks Women's History Month

Schoolcraft College will mark the first day of Women's History Month with a talk by Suzanne Mallare Acton, artistic and musical director for Rackham Symphony Choir, on Wednesday, March 1.

Acton will speak on Voices of Light: Looking at History through a Modern Multi-Media Lens. Voices of Light is a contemporary oratorio, written to accompany the 1928 silent film

masterpiece *La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc* (The Passion of Joan of Arc). She will accompany her remarks with scenes from the film.

The piece is a celebration of female spirituality and heroism, bringing to life the trial and end of life of St. Joan by giving her a voice. The text is built around a series of writings by women writers of the Middle Ages.

The talk begins at 11 a.m. in the Forum Building, room 310, from 11am-12pm. A question and answer period will follow.

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For arthritis, back pain, muscle aches and neck stiffness, use heat. Heat opens up blood vessels, and augments local blood supply. The flow of blood through an inflamed area carries away chemicals irritating the area and brings in nutrients that hasten healing. Thus heat helps.

In the same situations there is a role for cold. What cold does is to create numbness around the irritated areas, replacing the sensation of pain with the more acceptable sense of tingling. You feel better, but the underlying impairment remains unchanged. Thus cold comforts.

In the way of applying heat, physicians are leery of electric heating pads. The heat keeps flowing and can cause a burn at the site of application. Hot water bottles and hydrocollator packs start hot and cool down, resulting in little chance of heat injury.

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ATHLETES AND ASTHMA

It takes their breath away

Asthma doesn't stop P-CEP athletes from competing in the sports they love

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Taylor Fox was a highly skilled, physically imposing 215-pound force when he stepped onto the wrestling mat for his opening-round match in last weekend's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

But less than 10 minutes later, his physical state had deteriorated so much that the wobbly-legged Fox had to be assisted by two teammates — one arm around each of their shoulders — to a nearby chair.

As in several of Fox's matches this season, the senior had been literally floored by asthma, a relentless opponent that gains strength as the intensity of the competition deepens.

"I was ahead 7-2 after the second period, but I took a nosedive in the third," remembered Fox, who was initially diagnosed last fall. "By the time overtime started, I couldn't even move, and I ended up getting pinned. The asthma causes a combination of things, including muscle fatigue, a tightness in my chest and it just saps all my energy."

"It's been like this all year. I know if I can pin my opponent in the first two periods, I'm all right. But if it goes to the third period or into overtime, that's when it hits me the hardest. It's frustrating because I was really looking forward to my senior year and now that it's here, I can't do anything."

HE'S NOT ALONE

Fox is one of several asthmatic student-athletes at the



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton-Salem hockey player Annie McTurner doesn't let asthma slow her down on the ice. The first-year player has one goal and five assists for the high-flying Penguins this season.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who participate in sports in spite of the energy-sapping, breath-stealing disease. According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, exercise-induced asthma affects up to 20 percent of highly competitive athletes.

For many of these athletes, like Canton wrestler Joe Wilson, the effects of asthma don't peak until the exercise has subsided.

"In most cases, I don't notice anything physically wrong until the very end of my matches," said Wilson, who has been a

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ALL ABOUT ASTHMA

■ Asthma is a disease of the lungs in which the airways become blocked or narrowed, causing breathing difficulty.

■ A chronic disease, asthma affects nearly 20 million Americans.

■ Exercise-induced asthma can be effectively treated by doing the following:

1. Use a fast-acting inhaler 15 minutes prior to exercising;
2. Warm up for 6-10 minutes before beginning a full exercise program;
3. Drink plenty of fluids;
4. Stop exercising if symptoms arise; and
5. Cool down at the end of the exercise.

■ Several well-known athletes have asthma, including recently retired NFL running back Jerome Bettis, former NBA star Dennis Rodman, Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and retired NBA great Hakeem Olajuwon.

Source: The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (www.aafa.org).

Sidelines

Hoop events

Canton Leisure Services will be offering a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and hoop shoot competition Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Summit on the Park gymnasium. Registration for the hoop shoot begins at 9:30 a.m. The 3-on-3 teams must be registered before 11 a.m.

Kids between the ages of 8 and 15 years old are eligible to compete in the hoop shot contest, which gives competitors 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. The Canton winners will advance to a regional competition.

The entry fee for the 3-on-3 tournament is \$45 per team. Pre-registration prior to the day of the event can be completed at the Summit. The tournament, which is for boys and girls who are in grades third through eighth, will begin at noon. Teams are guaranteed two games and division winners will receive awards.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

Football meeting

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current and future Wildcat football players are encouraged to attend the meeting. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

Ice Sharks win

The Plymouth Ice Sharks Squirt B youth hockey team recently finished first in the inaugural West Michigan Cup Tournament held in Battle Creek. The Ice Sharks compiled a 4-0-1 record and defeated Grosse Ile, 4-0, in the title game. The Ice Sharks advanced to the final game by edging Jackson, 5-4, on William Kawsky's overtime goal. Goalie Peter Contos notched two shutouts.

The team consists of: Ryan Bamford, Jack Collop, Contos, Daniel Countegan, Steven Dunn, Bobby Fletcher, Justice Graves, Evan Hicks, Steven Homrich, Kawsky, Brendan McCann, Hunter Schlamp, Anthony Sloan, Ray Williams and Brandon Zack. The Ice Sharks are coached by Tim Gilbert, George Dunn, Bob Fletcher and Tom Homrich. The team is managed by Holly Dunn and Gina Sloan.

Let us know

Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy? Or do you have an interesting sports-related hobby or job?

If so, contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so he can lead the community know about it in a feature article.

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Re-energized Wildcats upend Chiefs in 4

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Playing at full strength for the first time in over a month, Plymouth's volleyball team never looked stronger in its four-game victory over cross-campus rival Canton Wednesday night.

The Wildcats, who have been plagued by injuries since the beginning of January, won 25-11, 25-17, 20-25 and 25-15, in a match played in the Chiefs' gymnasium. The victory improved Plymouth's record to 29-9 overall, 6-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"It was so refreshing to see the whole team work together to get the victory," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "The girls seemed relaxed and energized to give it their all."

"We came out strong in the first game, both offensively and defensively. The third game was a little bit of a let-down as we had difficulty passing the ball. Canton gained the momentum and we had a difficult time gaining it back to win the third game. Before the beginning of the fourth game the girls knew what they had given up during the last game and they were determined to come back to win the fourth."

It was "Senior Night" for Canton, which honored six players who were playing their final home match: Kelsey Bailey, Rachael Beaudoin, Krista Holcomb, Lisa Western, Sarah Alexander and Izabela Paszkowska.

"The team played hard again, we just came up a little short," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "It was 'Senior Night,' so everybody came out ready to play, especially our back-row senior players Krista and Sarah."

Several Wildcats turned in stellar performances: Brittany Hengesh (12 kills, six solo blocks and three block assists); Jeanine Moise (13 kills); Janet Hanchett (seven kills); Jackie Dorre (nine kills); Sarah Haskins (39 set assists, five block assists); Lindsay Vogelsberg (19-for-19 serve receptions and 17 digs) and Brandi Swyhart (14 digs).

"Brittany was a solid force at the net for us," McCausland said. "Jeanine (who was returning from a knee injury) was still not at her best, but I am looking forward to her stepping it up for the final weeks of play."

Paszkowska paced the Chiefs with five kills, one solo block and three block assists. Junior Emily Hoernschemeyer also played well, registering four kills.

SALEM 3, NORTHVILLE 0: The Rocks clinched the WLAA Lakes Division title with a convincing 25-19, 25-17 and 25-17 sweep of the Mustangs. With the win, Salem improved its record to 38-7-1 overall and 10-0 in the WLAA. The Mustangs fell to 6-4 in the league.

Leading the Rocks were Teresa Coppiellie (12 kills and eight digs); Lauren Price (16 kills, five aces and 12 digs); Lauren Kurtz (eight kills and five block assists); and Jordan Falcuson (26 assists, eight digs and three aces).

Salem returns to action Monday when it hosts Plymouth in a WLAA cross-over match. The opening serve is set for 7 p.m.

Chiefs win on pick-and-roll

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Whoever designed the very first pick-and-roll play decades ago would have high-fived Canton's Andre Bridges and Ryan Waidmann had he or she been at Friday's "Senior Night" game against Walled Lake Northern.

With seven seconds left and the Chiefs trailing, 51-50, Bridges secured an in-bounds pass near midcourt, drove his defender toward Waidmann's pick at the free-throw line, then threaded a pass to a cutting Waidmann, who laid the ball in with 0:03 left for the winning points in Canton's 52-51 victory.

A desperation three-point shot by the Knights' Alex Ropek fell two feet short and into the waiting hands of Canton's Andy Larsen as the buzzer sounded.

"Coach (Jason) Waidmann deserves the credit

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Andre Bridges goes in for a layup during Friday night's win over Walled Lake Northern.

Northville is team to beat in WLAA

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northville will take an unbeaten record — and a huge target on its back — into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament.

The 17-0 Mustangs, who earned the No. 1 seed in the tourney thanks to their spotless 11-0 conference mark, will host eighth-seeded Walled Lake Western in Tuesday night's opener. The winner of that game will take on the winner of Tuesday's Livonia Stevenson (6-5) at Livonia Franklin (6-5) game in Friday's second round. Lakes Division teams host games against Western Division teams in the first round. The Western Division schools will host the second-round games. If both teams are from the same division, the team with the better record is the host.

On the other side of the bracket, No. 3 seed Canton (9-2) will travel to No. 6 seed Walled Lake Northern Tuesday night to take on the Knights, who they

nipped, 52-51, on Friday. The winner of that game will play the winner of the Westland John Glenn (5-6) at Walled Lake Central (10-1) match-up on Friday night.

All first- and second-round games are scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m.

The WLAA championship game is set for Wednesday, March 1, at approximately 7 p.m. at Plymouth High School. The third-place game is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. on the same night. An awards ceremony honoring the division and league champions, and the All-League team will be held between the consolation and championship games.

The four teams that did not qualify for the WLAA tournament — Salem, Plymouth, Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial — will play each other in a round-robin format beginning Tuesday. Churchill will play at Plymouth that night while Salem will travel to Wayne. On Friday, Plymouth will play at Wayne and Salem will host Churchill.

CHIEFS

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for drawing up the high pick-and-roll play we used," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, moments after his team had improved its record to 13-4 overall and 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "It looked like 'Dre was going to take the ball all the way to the basket, but he showed great vision when he found Ryan cutting. It was a great pass."

In case you missed Friday night's exciting showdown, you can see the same two teams square off again on Tuesday night at Walled Lake Northern in the opening round of the WLAA conference tournament.

Canton earned the third seed while the Knights (8-8 overall and 5-6 in the WLAA) are seeded sixth.

The winner of Tuesday's game will play the winner of Tuesday's Westland John Glenn-Walled Lake Central quarterfinal match-up.

"I've never coached against a team in back-to-back games

like this, so I don't know what to expect," Paye said. "Although I'm sure Northern gained some confidence from tonight's game."

Larsen, who started for the first time in over a month, led the Chiefs with 13 points and nine rebounds. Waidmann finished with 12 points and seven boards, Bridges scored eight and Neal Sharma contributed seven. Steve Paye chipped in with six points and five rebounds for the winners.

Ropek enjoyed a productive night for the Knights, racking up 19 points and six rebounds. Robert Johnson netted 11 points and Ryan Bahnmler twined 10, including a pair of fourth-quarter triples that kept Northern in the game.

The opening 20 minutes of the contest had "blow-out" written all over it.

When Larsen converted a driving lay-up with 3:58 left in the third quarter, Canton led 35-22.

Northern, however, closed the quarter with a 12-4 run and trailed just 39-34 with eight minutes to play.

"We stopped making our shots and started giving up a

lot of offensive rebounds at the other end," said Paye, referring to the Chiefs' second-half collapse. "It seemed like Northern was getting multiple shots every time down the court."

With 2:05 left, Bahnmler swished a 23-footer to knot the score at 48-48. Fifteen seconds later, Waidmann put Canton up 50-48 with a strong inside move.

A single free throw by Ropek with 1:36 to go made it 50-49. The Knights then grabbed their first lead since the opening seconds of the game with 15 seconds to go when Nick Bortz drained an eight-foot baseline jumper. Bortz had misfired on 11 of his first 12 shots.

Canton then called timeout with 10 ticks left to diagram the game-winning pick-and-roll.

The Chiefs outrebounded the Knights, 36-32. Canton hit 21-of-53 shots from the floor (39.6 percent) and 8-of-13 free throws (61.5). Northern connected on 15-of-47 field goals (31.9) and 19-of-28 freebies (67.8).

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Canton Agape victory has special meaning for players

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape's basketball team was playing for more than a "W" Friday night in its homecoming game against Sterling Heights Bethesda.

The Wolverines dedicated the game to the memory of the school's founder, Pastor J. Earl Moore, who passed away Wednesday at the age of 81.

The inspired Wolves upended Bethesda, 81-47, to improve their record to 10-5 overall and 6-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Eagles slipped to 6-9 and 5-5, respectively. Bethesda had defeated Agape a month earlier.

Agape senior forward Derek Leathers, who is the grandson of Moore, netted 20 points and 14 rebounds.

"Derek was very focused, very serious tonight," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "You could tell he really wanted to win this one for his grandfather."

Also playing well for the winners were Ty Majeski (15 points), Mark Mullett (13 points), Devin Bottiaux (12 points and 10 rebounds) and Jack Anleitner (11 points, seven assists and eight rebounds).

Matt Swartz paced the Eagles with 14 points.

"This was our best shooting night of the season so far," said Anleitner, whose team connected on 45 percent of their shots. "They came out in a zone and we were hitting our shots."

Agape raced to a 31-18 lead after one quarter and a 50-28 halftime advantage. The Wolves padded their lead to 66-39 with eight minutes to play.

NORTHVILLE 44, PLYMOUTH 37: For a half, it looked as though the Wildcats would be the first team this season to knock off the Mustangs, however, Plymouth was done in by a one-point third quarter.

Led by senior guard D.J. Coleman, the visiting Wildcats led 22-18 at the intermission. Northville re-established control

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in the third when it outscored the Wildcats, 11-1, to secure a 29-23 advantage. Plymouth slipped to 6-11 overall and 4-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northville improved to 17-0 and 11-0, respectively.

Coleman finished with a team-high 15 points for Plymouth. Senior forward Josh Le Duc didn't score, but he did block four shots and grab a team-high five rebounds.

Alvin Storrs led the winners with 17 points. Storrs drained 11-of-13 free throws. Chris Lorente also had a solid night for Northville, chipping in with 11 points.

Plymouth hit 9-of-17 free throws while the Mustangs connected on 13-of-20 shots from the line.

"The bottom line was we had too many turnovers and not enough assists," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We had some good shots, but we couldn't knock them down."

The setback knocked the Wildcats out of the WLAA conference tournament. It was erroneously reported in Thursday's Observer that Plymouth had already clinched a spot in the tourney field.

The Wildcats will return to action Tuesday when they host Livonia Churchill. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 62, PCA 60 (OT): The Eagles lost a heart-breaker to host Southfield despite 25 points from sophomore guard Trevor Zinn, who canned six three-pointers. Zinn nearly won the game for PCA just before the regulation buzzer, but his driving floater rolled out of the cylinder. He also narrowly missed a baseline jumper at the end of the overtime that would have sent the game into another extra session.

"We executed both plays just like we wanted to," said Doug Taylor. "We got great looks, but the ball wouldn't drop. Trevor's

shot at the end of regulation was half-way down and popped back out."

Complementing Zinn's fine play were Dave Koscielny (10 points), Matt Saagman (three points and eight assists), Justin Govan (seven points and eight rebounds) and Ryan Barber (seven rebounds and five points).

Fred Hill paced the winners with 22 points. Steve Lewis chipped in with 11.

Southfield led 20-13 after one quarter before the visiting Eagles stormed back to grab a 26-25 halftime lead. The game was tied after three quarters, 42-42.

PCA nailed 10-of-17 free throws while SC hit 11-of-19 shots from the stripe.

"We made 10 three-pointers, so we shot well," Taylor said. "It was just a great game."

PCA returns to action

Tuesday when it hosts Birmingham Roeper at 7 p.m.

WAYNE 54, SALEM 51: Four Zebras scored in double figures and Wayne picked up its first win since beating Walled Lake Western Jan. 27 in running its record to 3-14 overall, 2-9 in Western Lakes Activities Association play.

Sophomore forward John Hill led the Zebras with 15 points, while sophomore guard Mike Lee added 11 and junior guard Josh Lewis and senior forward Justin Collop each chipped in 10.

Sophomore forward Grant Stone led the Rocks (3-14, 3-8) with 18 points, while Billy Leddy added nine. Ironically, the Rocks also last won on Jan. 27, when they beat John Glenn.

Salem actually led 43-40 after three quarters, but the Zebras used a 14-8 fourth-quarter edge to pull the game out.

"It's been awhile since we won, so it was nice," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "(Salem) took the lead in the third quarter, and with our record we could have folded, but we didn't. It was nice to win it down the stretch."

Perfect Play Inc. to host clinic

Perfect Play Inc., a basketball training company whose staff consists of former NBA, NCAA and European pro players, will be hosting a "March Madness Basketball Blitz" on Saturday, March 4, at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

The tutors of Perfect Play, including former NBA player Brandon Williams and ex-University of Michigan star Jimmy King, will host three group sessions of workouts

that improve participants' agility, speed and defending and shooting skills. Other tutors include Troy Coleman, Ann Marie Carravallah, Dan Young and Saddy Washington.

Along with the sessions, there will be several skills contests, including "Defender Challenge," "Dribble Relay," "Three-Point Challenge" and a free-throw contest.

The times of the sessions are 8-9 a.m. (ages 10-11), 9:30-

10:30 a.m. (ages 12-13) and 11 a.m.-noon (ages 14 and up). The cost is \$10 per player and only 20 players per age group will be accepted.

To register, call (734) 769-9839; send an e-mail to info@perfectplayinc.com; or visit the company's Web site at www.perfectplayinc.com.

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key member of the Chiefs' district-championship squad. "Usually, I don't feel it until a few minutes after my matches. That's when my chest will get tight and it will get harder to breathe. My parents hold my inhaler during my matches just in case I need it afterwards."

"If I'm in a close match and it's near the end, I'll notice the asthma a little more. But I don't wrestle any differently than I would if I didn't have it."

INHALER TO THE RESCUE

Plymouth-Canton-Salem hockey player Annie McTurner said her asthma worsens as the intensity of her exercises increases.

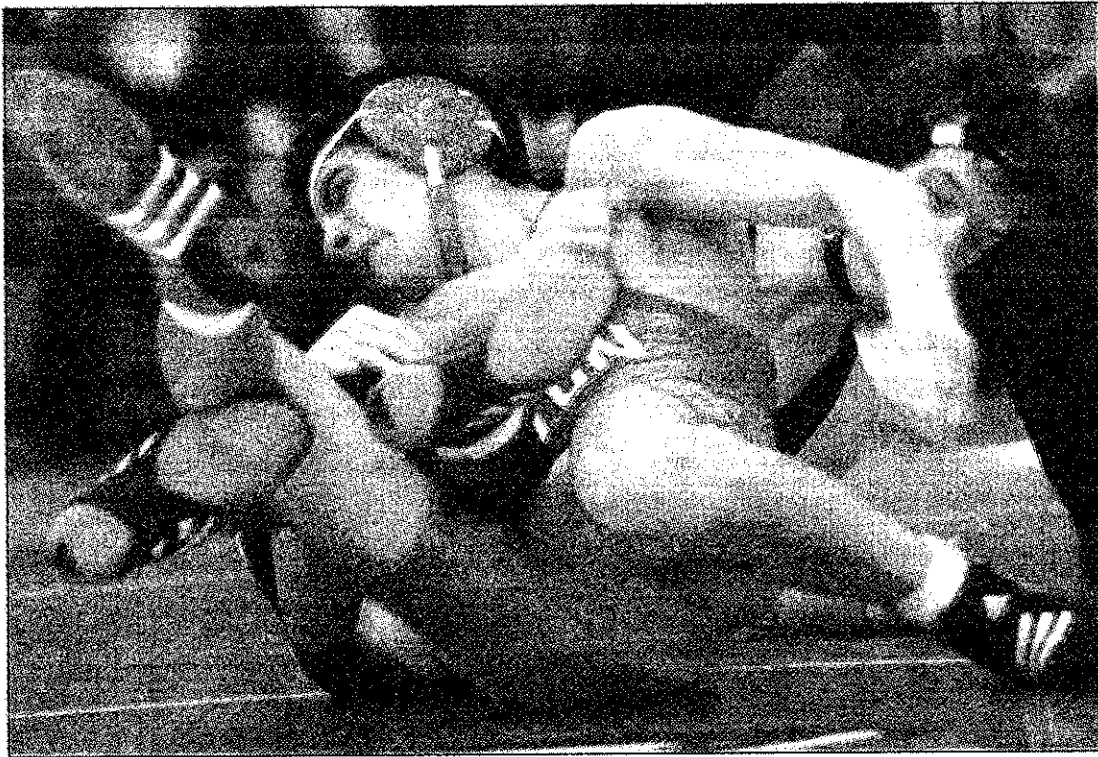
"If I go out really fast, it gets to me more," she said. "There are times I have to go to the bench if it gets too bad, but that doesn't happen very much."

McTurner said her inhaler is never very far away when she's skating for the first-place Penguins.

"I usually keep it in the locker room," said McTurner, who has netted one goal and five assists this season. "When I need it, I take two sprays from the inhaler and that expands the airways and makes it easier to breathe. It only takes about 20 seconds to work."

The toll asthma takes on athletes often varies depending on the sport. Swimming is believed to be the best sport for asthmatics because meets are held in humid arenas. Asthma is especially bothersome in cool, dry conditions.

Fox said he was rarely affect-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Asthma hasn't stopped Canton wrestler Joe Wilson from posting a stellar season. Wilson uses an inhaler after most of his matches.

ed by the disease this past fall when he excelled for the Wildcats' football team.

"Football-wise, it didn't affect me at all," said Fox, who is eyeing a collegiate football career. "In football, I get 30 seconds or so in between plays to rest, and I think that makes all the difference in the world. In wrestling, you're going for two minutes straight and then you only get 14 to 20 seconds to recover."

ADVANCES IN TREATMENT

Dr. James Fordyce, who treats several asthmatic athletes out of his Dearborn office, said significant strides have been made over the past two

decades in treating exercise-induced asthma.

"There has been a lot of important research completed on asthma in the past 15 to 20 years," Fordyce said. "We have inhalers now that are effective and safe. People can, for the most part, live normal lives."

"Even though we know a lot more about the disease than we did 20 years ago, the incidence of asthma — and the mortality rate for it — has been going up. No one is really sure why this is so. The number of asthma cases in our office is three-fold compared to what it was 12 years ago."

Fordyce said most athletes use two inhaled medications:

Albuterol and Ipratropium.

"Some athletes do well with just one while others need a combination," Fordyce said. "I have one cross-country runner who I treat that needs three medications before he competes."

Not long after he informs patients that they've been diagnosed with asthma, Fordyce delivers the following inspirational message.

"I tell them all that having asthma should not preclude them from participating in sports — any sports," he said. "I have patients who play soccer and run cross country."

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Franklin ties Canton with last-minute goal

With goaltender Joey Garbutt pulled for an extra skater, Livonia Franklin's Brian Kozlowski scored the game-tying goal at 14:39 to earn the Patriots a 3-3 tie with Canton Friday night.

D.J. Tracy and Steve South each got their second assists of the game on Kozlowski's goal, which capped a furious third-period rally for the Patriots (9-9-4).

The Chiefs scored once in the first and twice in the second to take a 3-0 lead. Pat Gallagher (from Kevin Tollison) scored the first of his two at 3:57 of the first period, then added the second (from Brad Barath and Brad Giacomino) at 6:35 of the second. Justin Ward (from Derek Trospier and Rob Dew) capped Canton's scoring at 13:55 of the

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second.

Dan Kozlowski (from Anthony Farthing) got Franklin on the board at 1:55 of the third. David Muller (from Tracy and South) scored Franklin's second goal.

STEVENSON 10, SALEM 1: The Spartans (21-1-1 overall, 13-0 Western Lakes, 8-0 Lakes Division) got three goals apiece from Shaun Anderson (three assists) and Ryan Zucal (two assists).

Michael Voran had a pair of goals and an assist, while Corey Matson (two assists) and Marcus Voran had the other goals for Stevenson.

Steve Heilser's second-period goal was the only score for Salem (3-18, 0-11, 0-7).

Attack whitewash Plymouth Whalers

Scott Tregunna netted two goals and two assists to lead the Owen Sound Attack to a 7-0 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night in Owen Sound.

Tregunna was named the game's first star for his efforts. The Attack's Derek Brochu was designated the game's second star thanks to his pair of lamp-lighters.

Owen Sound's Michael Ouzas stopped all 26 shots he

faced for his second shutout of the season. Marek Bartanus also sparked with two goals and an assist for the winners.

The victory improved the Attack's record to 28-21-3-3 for 62 points.

Justin Garay suffered the loss between the pipes for the Whalers. He faced 28 shots before giving way to Jeremy Smith in the third period.

Owen Sound led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 with 20 minutes to play.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Birmingham Roeper at PCA, 7 p.m.
Salem at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
WLAA Conference Tourney
2nd round games (at Western Division sites)
Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 23

WLAA Conference prelims at Salem, TBA

Friday, Feb. 24

WLAA Conference diving at Salem, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 25

WLAA Conference finals at Salem, TBA

BOYS WRESTLING

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Canton, Livonia Franklin, Novi CC
and Saline at D1 regional at Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

MHSAA individual regional

at Southgate Anderson, TBA

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Feb. 20

Plymouth at Salem

at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Plymouth, Salem and Canton at

WLAA tourney at W.L. Central, noon

ICE HOCKEY

Monday, Feb. 20

Canton at Hartland at

Hartland Arena, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Plymouth at Chelsea at Arctic Coliseum, 6:30

p.m.

Salem at West Bloomfield at

St. Mary's Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Canton at Dexter at

Veterans Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

WLAA cross-over games at

Lakes Division sites

Saturday, Feb. 25

PCS Penguins at H.W. Regina, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 20

Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

Salem, Plymouth and Canton at

WLAA tourney at Livonia Churchill, 8 a.m.

PCA at U-M Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 21

St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 21

St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 24

Whalers vs. Erie Otters

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

Whalers vs. London Knights

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 2 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

PREP SWIMMING RESULTS

SALEM DOUBLE-DUAL

Feb. 9 at Salem

TEAM SCORES: Ann Arbor Pioneer 108, Livonia Stevenson 78; Pioneer, 139, Salem, 44; Stevenson 134, Salem 51.

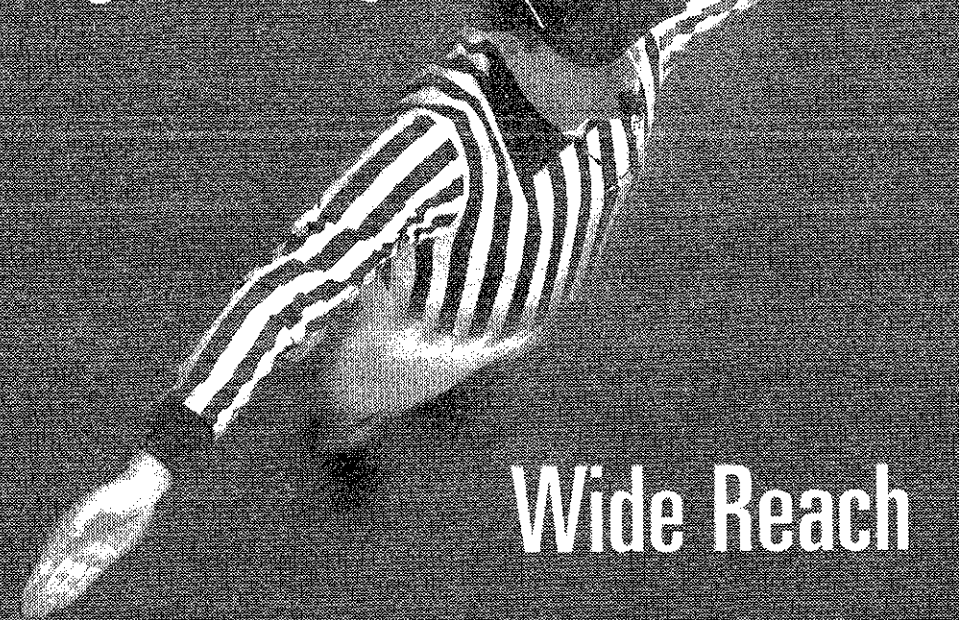
FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: Stevenson (Robert Luke, David Gosdzinski, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman), 1:39.46; **200 freestyle:** Chris Buck (AAP), 1:47.48; **200 individual medley:** Travis Hatt (LS), 1:57.6; **50 freestyle:** Sho Koba (AAP), 21.85; **1-meter diving:** Kyle Powell (Salem), 159.15 points; **100 butterfly:** Jason Hass (AAP), 52.76; **100 freestyle:**

Koba (AAP), 46.98; **500 freestyle:** Jeff Pauza (LS), 4:51.17; **200 freestyle relay:** Pioneer (Dustin Hennigar, Hass, Buck, Koba), 1:28.83; **100 backstroke:** Buck (AAP), 55.6; **100 breaststroke:** Gosdzinski (LS), 1:00.83; **400 freestyle relay:** Pioneer (Buck, Hass, Robert Steele, Koba), 3:16.88.

Stevenson 2nds: Pauza, 200 freestyle (1:47.6); Massman, 50 freestyle (22.13); Bruestle, 100 butterfly (54.27); Hatt, 100 freestyle (48.45); Luke, 100 backstroke (56.95); **3rds:** Gosdzinski, 50 freestyle (22.58); Steve Smith, diving (145.80). **Stevenson's dual meet record:** 8-2 overall, 4-0 WLAA-Lakes Division.

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Stingrays prevail

The Plymouth '92 Stingrays won the Steel City Cup, which took place in Pittsburgh, PA., on Jan 27-29. The Stingrays beat the Virginia Wolves, Parma Flyers, Pittsburgh Predators and the Toronto Ojibwas to win the title. The Stingrays shut out the Predators in the finale, 3-0. The team consists of: Gordon Bell, Cameron Benedict, Dave Brouillette, Tony Brown, Warren Buzzard, Andrew Carlson, Taylor Currier, Z.J. Doyle, Kenny Durham, Brian Gardner, Steve Haburne, Jake Hillman, Ian Kain, Matt Keast, Tommy Lorenz, Sean Murphy, Parker Pakula, Nick Riley and Keith Zech. The team was coached by Chris Benedict, Jim Haburne, Vince Doyle and Norb Pakula.

Falls don't derail Canton gymnasts

A pair of falls on the balance beam didn't prevent the Canton gymnastics team's record from rising Wednesday night.

The Chiefs handed Walled Lake Consolidated a 143.65-135.80 setback to improve their record to 8-1 overall and 7-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Alyssa Kelley and Kate Staley paved the way with all-around scores of 36.40 and 36.05, respectively.

"Alyssa had a fall on beam, but still had a fine all-around score," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Kate made her 36.05 again and Jessie Murray just missed with a 35.95. Since we committed two falls on beam, this was still a good night."

Kelley won the vault and floor exercise with identical 9.5's. Murray captured the top spot on the beam with a 9.3. Hannah Saarinen sparked for Walled Lake, winning the bars with a 9.0.

BRIGHTON 146.60, PLYMOUTH 130.85: Despite the loss, the Wildcats posted their season-

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best score Wednesday night at Brighton.

"Tonight's performance should boost the girls' confidence heading into next week's league meet," said Plymouth coach Diane Hodur. "We got Ashley Brimmer back tonight and Jordan Brodehl, who was injured, has really been stepping up for us. All the girls are really working hard and working together to improve."

Brodehl paced the Wildcats with a fifth-place finish in the all-around (35.30). Nicole Drouillard was impressive for Brighton, winning the all-around with a 37.10 and earning a 9.7 with her floor exercise.

CANTON 143.65 W.L. CONSOLIDATED 135.80 Wednesday at Walled Lake

ALL-AROUND: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.40; 2. Kate Staley (C), 36.05; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 35.95; 4. (tie) Kara Ahern (C) and Hannah Saarinen (WLC), 35.15; 6. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 34.25.
VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.5; 2. Kate Staley (C), 9.0; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 8.95; 4. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.7; 5. Kara Ahern (C), 8.6; 6. Hannah Saarinen

(WLC), 8.55.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Hannah Saarinen (WLC), 9.0; 2. Kate Staley (C), 8.95; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 8.8; 4. Kara Ahern (C), 8.65; 5. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.5.
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.3; 2. Hannah Saarinen (WLC), 9.2; 3. Kate Staley (C), 9.1; 4. Kara Ahern (C), 8.8; 5. (tie) Chelsea Seldon (C), Kiley Tobel (WLC) and Kelly McKay (WLC), 8.6.
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.5; 2. Kara Ahern (C), 9.1; 3. Kate Staley (C), 9.0; 4. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C), Shannon Slayton (WLC) and Jessie Murray (C), 8.9.

BRIGHTON 146.60 PLYMOUTH 130.85

Wednesday at Brighton

ALL-AROUND: 1. Nicole Drouillard (B), 37.10; 2. Lauren Diluolo (B), 9.3; 3. Rachael Page (B), 36.15; 4. Monica Cauley (B), 35.65; 5. Jordan Brodehl (P), 35.30; 6. Lauren Brasseur (B), 31.25.
VAULT: 1. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.4; 2. Lauren Diluolo (B), 9.3; 3. Jordan Brodehl (P), 9.0; 4. Rachael Page (B), 8.6; 5. (tie) Jordan Brodehl (P) and Ashley Brimmer (P), 8.5.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.2; 2. Johnson (B), 9.05; 3. Rachael Page (B), 8.85; 4. (tie) Jordan Brodehl (P) and Lauren Diluolo (B), 8.65.
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Schoolcraft men's hoop team penalized for 2nd straight year

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft men's basketball season will end prematurely for the second straight season after the National Junior College Athletic Association denied an appeal and will ban the Ocelots from postseason play.

Schoolcraft, 23-4 this season, did not file an ejection report in a timely manner to the NJCAA when coach Carlos Briggs was hit with a pair of technical fouls and tossed with only 40 seconds left in a game Jan. 28, an 87-76 loss against Eastern Conference leader and rival Mott Community College in Flint.

Earlier this season, the school did not report two ejections in a timely manner, one against Briggs on Nov. 24, and another against player Antonio Bonds (who is no longer with the team), on Nov. 26, in the Battle at the Beach Tournament held Thanksgiving weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.

NJCAA rules state that any player or coaching game disqualifications must be filed by noon on the first business day following the ejection.

Schoolcraft's written appeal, according to NJCAA Executive Director Wayne Baker, was denied unanimously, 11-0, by a committee which consisted of NJCAA officers, four at-large Region directors and one college president.

"You hurt for the student-athletes, but you also have to be fair to all the other programs who are following the rules," Baker said. "We warned them (Schoolcraft) after the first offense. We've been fair and up front. We did not make an arbitrary decision. It's in the bylaws. There's not much we could do."

The ban prevents Schoolcraft from hosting the NJCAA-Region 12 Tournament (March 7-8) and competing in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Playoffs

next weekend in Kalamazoo.

The 40-year-old Briggs, a former Schoolcraft All-America, is in his final season at his alma mater. He will coach his final game Tuesday at home against St. Clair CC.

"It's the second offense by this coach this season," Baker added. "He did not sit out a game (after the first ejection), and by rule, another violation warrants automatic probation. If this was the only incident this season, we wouldn't be talking. If this had been an isolated case, I would have said, 'just get your paperwork in.'"

It's been a rough season already at Schoolcraft. The NJCAA came down on its men's soccer program when three players enrolled in course that started later in the semester, leading to the forfeit seven men's soccer wins and the dismissal of coach Dominic Scicluna.

"I made a passionate appeal on behalf of the kids, they're the ones who are suffering," Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox said of the basketball situation. "The (ejection) rule is good and I understand it, but procedures are not taking place with the rule. There are hiccups in the system. Whoever is the site administrator (at the game) should notify the school involved and that did not happen. We did not get a call from Mott. If somebody gets tossed, then call them and report it."

When Fox was asked why the report was filed 24 hours late, he answered: "It's a personnel issue. I can't get into that."

Fox, however, said "we have a monthly meeting with all our coaches to go over updates and rules changes."

"If I have to take it on my shoulders, so be it," the new A.D. added. "And if there's a void in the leadership, don't blame the kids. It's a tough one."

Going into Saturday's scheduled home game against Macomb CC, Briggs, who took over a downtrodden program,

was 247-36 overall in nine seasons with three trips to the NJCAA Division I Nationals and five MCCA titles.

Last season (2004-05), Schoolcraft finished 27-3, but was banned from postseason play over sanctions stemming from the use of a college-owned van that transported nine players and provided a meal on a trip to a college showcase in Indianapolis, Ind.

After the school failed to appeal, Briggs and Schoolcraft administrators clashed over a variety of issues and his contract was terminated, only to be given a one-year reprieve last April by Schoolcraft president Dr. Conway Jeffress after Briggs supporters protested in front of the administration building.

"If I'm at fault, it's because I stood up for kids when nobody else would," said Briggs, who sent over 30 players to the Division I ranks, including Derrick Bird (Auburn), Sam Hoskin (DePaul), Gary Johnson (Central Florida) and Mike Williams (Western Michigan). "They never took the time to understand athletics or put somebody in there who understood."

"They want to go back to the 'old Schoolcraft.' Whatever I succeed that we've had, I've always given credit to our administration. But maybe they felt basketball started to outshine academics."

"I've always believed, however, both go hand-in-hand. When you think of Duke, you think about academics and basketball. When you think of Notre Dame, you think of academics and their football program. When you talk about Stanford, you think about academics and their all-around sports program."

Briggs' replacement may be coming soon. Fox has already begun interviewing a possible successor for next season when the Ocelots drop down from Division I to Division II NJCAA status.

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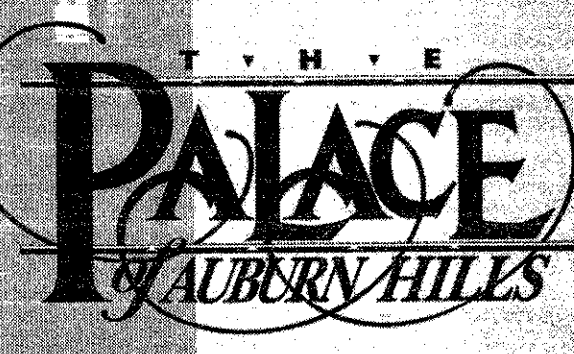


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Schoolcraft fends off Kirtland; Cornerstone spoils MU 'Senior Night'

The beat goes on for the Lady Ocelots. Schoolcraft's women's basketball team Wednesday defeated Kirtland College 89-80, sparked by a 26-point night by freshman forward LaShanda Thomas.

The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 24-2 overall, with the Lady Ocelots ranked third in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II polls.

Because Kirtland is on probation, the game does not count in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference standings. The Lady Ocelots remain 8-2 in league play, a half game behind Delta and Mott, entering weekend action.

Thomas, who just missed a triple-double on Feb. 11 against Henry Ford Community College, connected on four of 11 three-point tries and nailed all 10 foul shots.

Also sparking the Lady Ocelots, who led 44-40 at the intermission, was sophomore forward Charlese Greer (19 points, six rebounds), freshman forward Maricka Seay (18 points, 18 rebounds) and sophomore guard Tomica Hodge (nine points, eight boards).

For the Firebirds (11-16), Liz Stempke led the way with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

CORNERSTONE 68, MADONNA 55: Errant shooting, both from the floor and charity stripe, cost the Crusaders in this Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup Wednesday night at the



Madonna University freshman forward Christine Carrico (left) battles Cornerstone's Lisa Wightman for a loose ball during Wednesday night's game.

Madonna University activities center.

MU (12-16 overall, 7-6 in the WHAC), hit just 23 of 78 field-goal attempts (29.5 percent) and only five of 17 free-throw tries. The Golden Eagles (21-8, 8-5), on the other hand, hit nearly 50 percent of their shots from the floor and 21 of 26 from the line.

The main thorn in the Madonna side was guard Jenna Plewes, who scored 25 points, including 11 free throws. Adding 12 points was center Katie Anderson.

Fitting for Madonna's "Senior Night" was the play of the team's two seniors Sarah Thomson and Lydia Prusinowski. Thomson, a 5-11 forward, led the Crusaders with 17 points and nine rebounds while 5-8 guard Prusinowski chipped in with 14 points and six boards.

Junior guard Stephanie Childs and sophomore forward Caryn Inman tallied eight and seven points, respectively. Sophomore forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added seven rebounds.

S'craft cages Firebirds; Golden Eagles down MU

Despite its lame-duck status due to probation, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team isn't playing out the string.

The Ocelots led 58-28 at halftime en route to a 111-73 victory Wednesday at home over Kirtland Community College.

Wallace Hall scored a game-high 25 points as the Ocelots improved to 23-4 overall. Darryl Garrett added 17, while 7-foot center James Davis finished with 15 points, 16 rebounds, four assists and three blocks.

DeMario Curry and Derrick Coleman chipped in with 11 points apiece, while Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) and Garrett each dished out six assists.

Tony Brown led the Firebirds (12-15), coached by former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue, with 23 points. David Allison added 17.

CORNERSTONE 102, MADONNA 78: Guard Josh Liggins nailed six 3-pointers Wednesday night, leading

Cornerstone University (19-10, 10-3) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball win over visiting Madonna University (10-18, 4-9) at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Liggins was 8-of-17 from the floor and 7-of-9 from the foul line en route to a game-high 29 points. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

John Jonker, who had 35 in a previous meeting against MU, added 18 points and 15 rebounds. Kevin Wurn and Jim Cochran added 15 and 14 points, respectively.

MU, shot shot only 38.1 percent from the floor (24-of-63), got a team-high 18 points from Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian). Henry made 4-of-5 three-point attempts.

Jordan Napier (Agape Christian) and Adam Kerfoot added 15 and 12 points, respectively. D.J. Bridges (Canton) added nine points.

MU was outrebounded 50-31.

Wayne State men icers battle to 7-7 draw

In a wild finish, the Wayne State men's hockey team (5-17-6, 2-7-5 CHA) rallied from a three-goal deficit on three occasions (3-0, 5-2, 6-3) to earn a hard-fought 7-7 overtime draw at Robert Morris University on Feb. 10.

The host Colonials outshot WSU 12-11 in the opening period and held a 3-0 lead, but Wayne State pulled within a goal at 3-2 in the second period, as Derek Bachynski scored a power-play goal at the 6:56 mark and Adam Krug (Livonia, Mich./Sioux City Musketeers) recorded his third career short-handed goal at the 9:02 mark.

Two RMU power-play goals put the Colonials ahead, 5-2, but Wayne State would score four of the next five goals over the next 17 minutes to tie the game at six.

Another power-play goal for Robert Morris put the Warriors down one before WSU junior Jason Bloomingburg (Canton, Mich./Texas Tornado) pushed the puck across the goal line with 0.1 seconds remaining in regulation to complete the Warrior comeback.

Warriors goaltender Matt Kelly allowed six goals on 21 shots in the first 33:27 before being lifted for junior Will Hooper (13 saves).

The squads met again on Feb. 11, with Robert Morris edging

WSU by a score of 5-4. Bloomingburg scored the second fastest goal to start a game in school history lighting the lamp just 10 seconds into the contest, and John May (Livonia, Mich./Springfield Junior Blues) followed 76 seconds later with his third goal of the season to put WSU in front, 2-0.

The Colonials scored the next three goals to take the lead in the second period, and the two teams proceeded to exchange goals until RMU's Aaron Clarke scored the game-winner at 11:33 of the final period.

Hooper made 28 saves in the game including double-digit totals in both of the first two periods.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

A pair of third-period goals by Mercyhurst helped put an end to the WSU women's hockey team's four-game winning streak, as the Warriors fell, 4-2, to the sixth-ranked Lakers on "Skate For The Cure" Night at City Sports Center Arena on Feb. 10.

The Warriors answered each of the Lakers' first two goals as Sam Poyton became the first women's hockey player in WSU history to score 20 goals in a season, while Melissa Boal scored her 13th of the year, on a power play, to send the teams into the locker room tied at two with the third period remaining.

Mercyhurst took a 3-2 lead at the 5:06 mark and added a late goal to

put the game away.

Wayne State fared slightly better on Feb. 11, however, skating to a 2-2 tie with its conference rival. Poyton tied the game at one with her 21st of the season, extending her scoring streak to six games, and Boal recorded her second power-play goal of the series in the second period to put WSU ahead, 2-1.

The lead held until 17:42 of the third period, when MC's Valerie Chouinard tied the game with her 19th of the season. Mercyhurst managed four shots on goal in overtime, compared to two by WSU, but neither team could break the deadlock.

Mercyhurst outshot the Warriors 35-28, with Valery Turcotte making 33 saves for WSU. After losing the first 24 meetings in the all-time series with the Lakers, Wayne State has recorded two ties against MC this season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Wayne State men's basketball team (10-12, 5-9 GLIAC) split a pair of home conference games last week, beginning with a 62-61 loss to Mercyhurst on Feb. 9.

Thirteen first-half points by Kris Krzyminski helped put WSU ahead, 32-24, at halftime, and the Warriors led by as many as 12 early in the second half before the Lakers went on an 14-2 run to tie the game at 41 with 10:53 remaining.

Several lead changes ensued, and while senior Herb Goliday's (Royal Oak Twp.) lay-up with 6.4 seconds left put the Warriors up by one, Mercyhurst's Avi Fogel made two free throws with 2.4 seconds remaining.

Krzyminski tied his career-high

with 22 points, while Goliday finished with 13 points as both played all 40 minutes. Jacob Black added 11 points, five rebounds, three steals and three assists.

On Feb. 11, five players scored in double figures as Wayne State defeated visiting Gannon University, 74-57, as WSU honored the 50th anniversary of its 1955-56 team that advanced to the NCAA Division I Sweet Sixteen.

The game was close for much of the first half and into the second, with Gannon clinging to a two-point lead with 13:49 to play.

Krzyminski drained a three-point-er to ignite the offense, as the Warriors went on runs of 9-0 and 9-1 and made 19-of-24 (79.2 percent) of their shots in the second half.

Wayne State, now in fifth place in the South Division, is still alive for a spot in the GLIAC Tournament.

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Teachers want pupils to succeed

How can I make my Comp 1
teacher like me?
Struggling Student
Garden City

If I knew how to make people do something, I'd be a multimillionaire! It seems that you feel your teacher somehow has it in for you and that not liking you will show in your grade. Having a number of teachers in my family, I can tell you from my experience that teachers actually want *all* of their students to succeed. Yep, that's right ... I know, hard to believe isn't it? Teachers become teachers as a way to help kids like you and maybe even to help our society become stronger. Now, as for your Comp 1 teacher ... I suspect that you're experiencing negative consequences in your Comp 1 class. Maybe referrals to your administrator or after school detentions? I encourage you to choose your behavior wisely in order to minimize the negative consequences you're experiencing. If your behavior is disruptive to the class to the point of interfering with the other students' learning, you aren't leaving your teacher much of an option. I bet that if you listened in class, did all of your assignments and kept your disruptions to a minimum, you would experience more positive consequences. And, because you'll be doing assignments and paying attention in class, your grade will see a boost as well!

My friend keeps lying and makes me second choice if there are older people around. I'm starting to get sick of her and I don't think my mom should keep driving her around if she keeps doing this. But she tries to win back my friendship with gifts. Should I forgive her?

Confused
Garden City

It sounds like your friend's actions are hurting your feelings. Have you told your friend how it feels when she dumps you to be around older people? Besides being angry, you're probably feeling abandoned and used. From your letter, it seems that your friend is at least a little bit aware of what she's doing — the gifts might be her way of apologizing to you. You might want to talk to your mom about how you feel because she may not be aware of the way your friend treats you. Talk to your friend about how you feel when she treats you badly. If your friend doesn't change and you decide you've had enough, then tell your mom that you want to stop spending so much time with your friend and that she doesn't need to be your friend's taxi service anymore. About forgiveness ... it's never healthy to hang on to negative feelings, but it's not healthy to keep yourself in a situation where you're not being treated right either. If your friend is taking more than she's giving, forgive her and move on. Take care of yourself and find friends that treat you with respect.

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Midwinter break



Ann Michelle Householder removes son Liam's skates after a fun time on the ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center.



There's an early evening crowd at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice rink.

Recreation facilities gear up for school vacation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Skating, bowling, basketball tournaments, field trips, a performing arts camp — thanks to the staffs of local recreation facilities, children have a variety of activities to choose from during midwinter break.

At the Livonia Community Recreation Center, Ann Cox talks about the three point and free-throw shooting contests for ages 10-13 on Monday, Feb. 20. All that's needed is an annual pass, or daily pass which varies in price from \$4 to \$11 depending on age and residency.

A dodge ball showdown follows on Tuesday, Feb. 21, more basketball on Wednesday, Feb. 22, and a hoop shoot on Thursday when game room tournaments also offer an opportunity to play air hockey, pingpong, pool and foosball. For a schedule of activities, visit www.ci.livonia.mi and click on recreation center, or call (734) 466-2900.

'LOTS OF FUN'

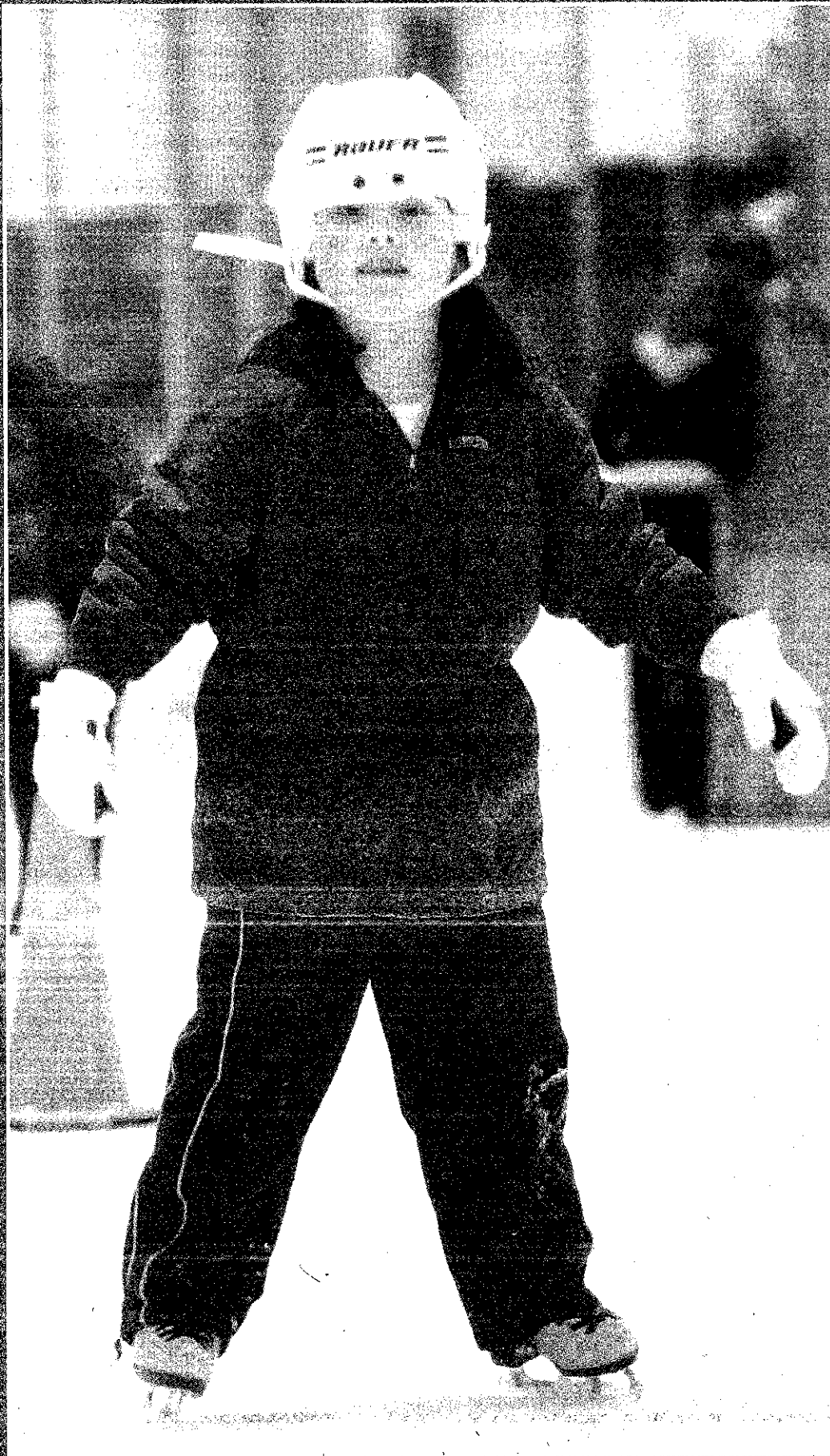
"We have lots of fun stuff for kids, a tree fort for ages 12 and under, a leisure pool with a slide into the lazy river, a water playground with sprays and geysers, and a climbing wall," said Cox, a rec center staffer. "Classes to learn how to climb the wall are noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, for ages 6-12."

While Michelle Badolato's 2 1/2-year-old son, Christian, is still too young for school, he's able to enjoy swimming at the YMCA in Livonia. Badolato, the Y's membership coordinator, has signed him up for Splash, a series of five 30-minute classes Monday through Friday, Feb. 20-24.

"The class is on learning how to be safe and have fun while swimming," said Badolato. "Every day, Christian wants to go into the pool and come to the YMCA. I've taken parent-child classes with him since he was 18 months."

Swimming is just one of the activities the Y has planned for midwinter break. A camp includes field trips for ages

PLEASE SEE MIDWINTER, C5



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Six-year-old Julia Scannell takes a spin around the Plymouth Cultural Center ice rink.

Y Adventure Guides bring parents, kids together

BY NEAL HALDANE
CORRESPONDENT

The baby garter snake circled around my daughter's fingers as a group of her friends approached.

"Does he bite?"

"What does he feel like?"

After a few moments of hesitancy, the two girls began holding the tiny reptile, letting it wriggle around their hands and feeling its scaly skin.

Weeks later, those same girls dressed in their

best party clothes twirled and danced with their dads. We did the *Hokey Pokey* because "that's what it's all about" and cried a few tears when the DJ played *Butterfly Kisses*.

Similar adventures have occurred with my son. We've hiked behind a waterfall and competed in exhausting capture the flag games. We've won the prestigious water balloon toss at the bike rally, but fell (literally) short in the three-legged race.



Erin Erickson, Amanda Rich and Laura Haldane take turns holding the baby garter snake.

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phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend: Thursday, March 2, 7-9 p.m., Ypsilanti Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti; Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-noon, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia; Tuesday, March 7, 7-9 p.m., University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; Thursday, March 9, 7-9 p.m., Southfield Parks & Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; or Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.-noon, Plymouth Board of Trustees meeting room, 42350 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Raise the barn

The Salem Area Historical Society presents "Raise the Barn" dinner and auction 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 in the clubhouse at Fox Hills. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes a multi-course buffet dinner and live auction. Proceeds will be used to "raise the barn," which the Salem Area Historical Society is restoring on its site at N. Territorial and

Curtis. The barn, which dates to the 1830s, is Washtenaw County's oldest. For reservations or more information, call Jean at (248) 349-2687 or Don at (248) 349-3550.

Women's club

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speaker will be Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, candidate for the U.S. Senate. There is a \$15 charge for the luncheon. Visitors and guests always welcome. For reservations, call (248) 320-5473.

Mercy auction

An opportunity to have a great evening and support a worthy cause comes when Mercy High School in Farmington hosts its 27th-annual auction March 4. The evening includes a strolling buffet dinner, and live and silent auctions. Entertainment will be provided by the Mercyaire and the Mercy Mimes. The auction is a parent-sponsored fundraising event. Proceeds will benefit the quality of education for Mercy young women. WDIV's Steve Garagiola emcees the evening; Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle International Auctioneers will be the auctioneer. For auction reservations or more information, call Erin Carlesimo or Diane Ludwinski, (248) 476-8020, Ext. 253.

Daddy-Daughter Ball

Northville Parks and Recreation invites young ladies and their special gentlemen (dad, uncle or brother) to the 23rd-annual Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball. Live entertainment, dancing, crafts, games and treats will set the stage for one unforgettable night. Prince Charming will be there too, and is sure to make it magical! The ball takes place 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline, Northville). Tickets are \$10 per person per dance, and can be purchased at the Recreation Center. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411. Tickets are limited and do sell out.

Genealogical societies

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. March 2 for a presentation on "Genealogy and Adoption Research," presented by guest speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan, a search-and-support organization founded in 1972 by people directly

affected by all aspects of adoption. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. A help session starts at 6 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.

The Western Wayne County

Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Guest speaker Chauncy Miller will talk about Elmwood Cemetery, giving facts and lore of Detroit's 150-year-old cemetery. The meeting and classes are open to the public free of charge, and guests are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-3079.

Parenting seminar

Jim Fay, one of America's most sought-after presenters in the areas of parenting and school discipline, returns to the Northville area for two "Love and Logic" parenting seminars March 6 in the auditorium at the new Northville High School on 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck. The first session, 4:30-6 p.m., is for parents of preschool and elementary-age children; the second session, 7:30-9 p.m., helps parents learn how to quit arguing with their children, ways to handle recovery time and food issues, and how to get their children to help around the house. For more information, call (248) 344-8443.

Grace & Gloria

Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for "Grace & Gloria," 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 & Gloria" 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 Gloria, 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 Gloria 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.

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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.

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.-6 p.m., Monday through 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.newhopecenter.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@philipshq.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.

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Encouraging the emotional life of boys

This column draws on *Raising Cain* by Kindlon and Thompson. Here is a simple explanation of "emotional literacy." "If a boy gets to say, 'I'm hurt,' and he gets to say it over and over in an *accepting* (italics my own) environment, he can then recognize that he is hurt, because he's been validated (given confirmation or approval). If he feels hurt and nobody validates the word, then after a while he doesn't recognize it as hurt." This is basic psychotherapy: articulation (saying it), acknowledgment (admitting to its being real), and validation of a life experience.

**Teens
in 2006**

Alice
McCarthy

Below are points that the authors believe have the potential to help protect the emotional life of your son. They say these are foundations of parenting and creating communities that reflect and cultivate the inner life of boys.

1. "Give boys permission to have an internal life; approval for the full range of human emotions and help in developing an emotional vocabulary."

The author explains that the informed parent respects the internal life of his or her son, makes reference to it, and shares his or her own internal life. (My five children close each telephone call to me with "I love you," and I return the sentiment.)

2. "Recognize and accept the high activity level of boys and give them places to express it."

Parents of boys need no explanation! The authors say: "(B)oy need to learn how to manage their physicality to do no harm, but they need not be shamed for exuberance."

3. "Talk to boys in their language – in a way that honors their pride and masculinity. Be direct with them; use them as consultants and problem solvers."

The authors conclude that: "If you are willing to ask consultative questions, put your emotional cards on the table, you will not be disappointed with brief answers; you can communicate with boys. Above all you have to convey your respect for his psychological defenses, his wish to be strong."

4. "Teach boys that emotional courage is courage and that courage and empathy are sources of real strength."

There aren't many models of important leaders who show emotional courage, state the authors, but parents need to recognize and identify emotional courage in those close to us – to point out models of male heroism "that goes beyond the muscular, the self-absorbed and simply heroic." How to teach emotional courage? Encourage pet ownership; give opportunities for interacting with the very young, the elderly, and the environment. Community service programs are invaluable as a means to developing male empathy.

5. "Use discipline to build character and conscience, not enmities."

The authors (and I) believe boys need discipline that is clear, consistent, and not harsh. "The best discipline is built on the child's love for adults and his wish to please. If boys are unduly shamed, harshly punished, or encounter excessive adult anger, they will soon react to authority with resistance rather than with a desire to do better."

6. "Model a manhood of emotional attachment."

These therapists explain that parents need to encourage and support boy-to-boy friendships. These friendships may not look the way you expect them to look, be

as close as women's, or be different. But they are extremely valuable. My 41-year-old son has two loyal friends he always sees when he visits me. Many a boy has been at our dinner table, and I would have had it no other way. Two sons have middle names to honor friends of my husband.

7. "Teach boys there are many ways to be a man."

Celebrate the natural creativity, risk-taking, energy and boldness of boys. "We need to celebrate the many ways boys contribute in this life."

Be sure to review the last chapter of *Raising Cain*. A good summary: "The only thing that will make growing up psychologically safe for our sons is for them to know we value them and that we love them and that we have every confidence that they will grow naturally into good men."

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.bridgcomm.com. See the column of Feb. 12 for an extensive list of books related to boys.

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Redford dance studio to present master classes

The Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit is hosting An Experience in Dance, a series of master classes with Dorothee Jaxon Alexander for instructors and students at the

studio, 23224 Joy, between Telegraph and W. Outer Drive, Redford.

Classes takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 20-24. Cost is \$75 for 5-day work-

shop, \$17 individual class, plus \$10 registration fee. For more information, call (313) 534-0301.

Alexander performed with the Detroit City Dance

Company and currently is artistic director of The Repertory Dance Company of East Harlem. She has choreographed for companies and professional dancers.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

1. "Cell," Stephen King
2. "Memory in Death," J.D. Robb
3. "The Hostage," W.E.B. Griffin
4. "Last Templar," Ray Khoury
5. "Mary, Mary," James Patterson

NON-FICTION

1. "Marley and Me," John

Grogan

2. "For Laci: A Mother's Story," Sharon Rocha
3. "My Friend Leonard," James Frey
4. "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion
5. "Night," Elie Wiesel

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

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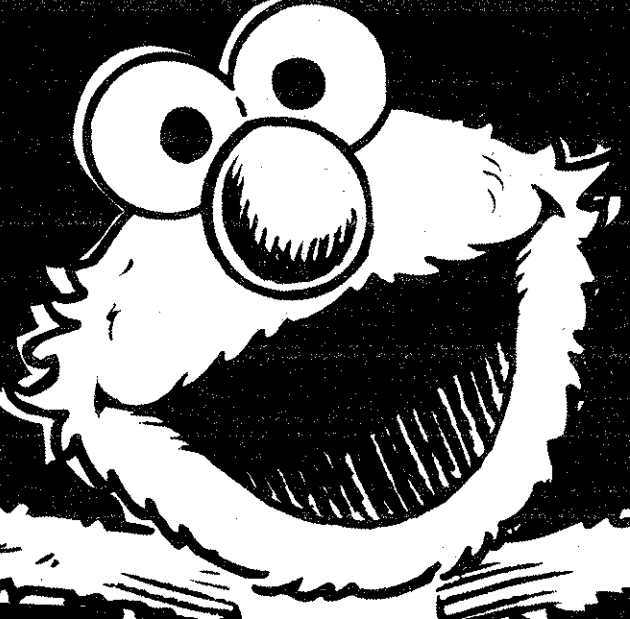
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WEDDINGS

**Conroy-Dersey**

Marisa Lynne Dersey and Michael Patrick Conroy were married Jan. 5, 2006, at Belongil Beach, Byron Bay, in New South Wales, Australia.

Marisa is the daughter of Ken and Jan Dersey of Plymouth. She is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and a 1999 graduate of Emory University Law School. She is employed as an attorney.

Michael is the son of Mrs. Janet Conroy and the late Harry Conroy of Minnesota. He is a graduate of Purdue University. He is employed as a senior project manager with Rudolph and Sletten in San Diego.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Michael Conroy spent their honeymoon in Australia. They are making their new home in San Diego, Calif.

**Sicilia-Kozan**

Christina Marie Kozan and Eric Gregory Sicilia were married Nov. 5, 2005, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church before the Rev. David Brown. A reception was held at Laurel Manor.

Attending the bride were Laura Newlin, Megan McCarthy and Marin Jacoby.

Attending the groom were Steven Sicilia, Michael Sicilia and Greg Sicilia.

Christina is the daughter of Christopher and Kimberly Kozan of Livonia, and Robbin Stenfelt of Webberville. She is a graduate of Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College. She is a teacher's assistant.

Eric is the son of Marion and Joe Palazzolo of Livonia, and Greg and Candy Sicilia of West Bloomfield. He is a graduate of Churchill High School and Madonna University with high honors. He is employed in hotel upper management.

ANNIVERSARY

**Thompson's Golden**

Robert (Bob) and Sandra (nee Doty) Thompson of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 18. They were married Feb. 18, 1956, in Wood River, Ill. They have lived in Westland for 41 years. Bob was born and raised in Detroit.

Sandra was a supervisor for 34 years with Michigan Bell/Ameritech, retiring in 1988. Bob was a teacher for Wayne-Westland Community Schools for 33 years, retiring in 1992. Their hobbies and interests include, Metro Detroit ASA Softball Hall of Fame-Managers, coaching women's fast pitch softball for 34 years, traveling, watching college sports, and they have belonged to a local pinocle club for 42 years.

Bob and Sandra enjoyed an anniversary dinner with family and close friends at a local restaurant.

ENGAGEMENTS

Schilk-Mancha

Daniel and Roslyn Schilk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Kathryn, to Eric Todd Mancha of Plymouth.

Nicole is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University, College of Nursing. She is employed as a nurse at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, Eric, is the son of Donald and Jane Mancha of Plymouth. He is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and a 2002 graduate of the National Fire Academy. He is employed



at Ford's and Pittsfield Fire Department.

Eric and Nicole are planning a May wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

**Borowiec-Tomczyk**

Jamie Lynn Borowiec and John Walter Tomczyk, both of Marquette, are pleased to announce their wedding engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rick and Patti Borowiec of Howell (formerly of Livonia).

The groom-elect is the son of MaryAnn Tomczyk of Commerce Township (formerly of Livonia) and the late Dennis Tomczyk of Emmet, Mich.

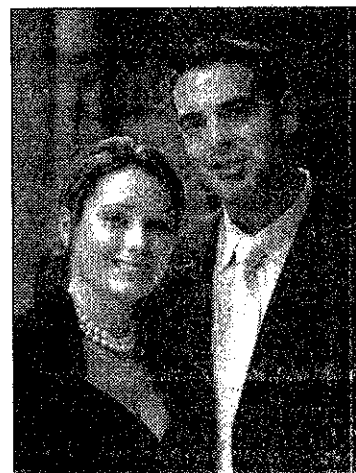
The couple plan to wed April, 2007.

Spallone-Thompson

Robert and Lori Spallone of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Suzanne, to John A. Thompson of Livonia.

Nicole is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 graduate of Madonna University with a degree in nursing. She is employed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital as a registered nurse in the operating room.

Her fiancé, John, is the son of Horace and Lynn Thompson of Big Rapids. He is a 1994 graduate of Big Rapids High School. While serving in the United States Navy, he earned a bachelor's degree in health care management from Southern Illinois University. He is employed by Zimmer as a senior orthopedic sales associate.



John and Nicole are planning a September wedding at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth, followed by a reception at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

After a honeymoon in the Hawaiian Islands, they will make their home in Livonia.

ANNIVERSARY

Wiley's Silver

Scott and Sheri Wiley of Redford recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married May 24, 1980, at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Sheri grew up in Westland and Scott grew up in Garden City. They met through friends in 1977.



Sheri is a homemaker and Scott is employed in Wixom. They enjoy the outdoors, biking, and camp as often as they can. They are active with their church, Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church where they both serve on different committees. They have lived in Redford for 14 years. Scott and Sheri have one son, Cody.

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.

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.

Detroit St. Theresa

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for June 10, 2006, at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. N. in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11. For more informa-

tion, call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-4526.

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/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Franklin High School

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klvingston@nu-core.com.

EUGENE E. PREVOST

D.D.S.

Age 77, February 16, 2006. Beloved husband of Alice. Loving father of Kenneth (Mary) and Lynn Prevost. Dear step-father of Rhonda (John) Franchi and Roland DiMichele. Devoted grandfather of Alicia, Dane, John, Kelsi, Alise, Wesley and Roland. Dear brother of Dr. Ronald (Linda) and Robert Muske. Eugene was a dedicated and respected dentist, an avid hunter and fisherman. A memorial gathering will be held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Saturday, February 25th from 10 AM until Memorial Service at 12 noon. Memorial contributions may be directed to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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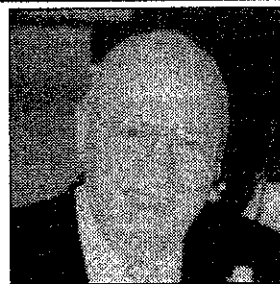
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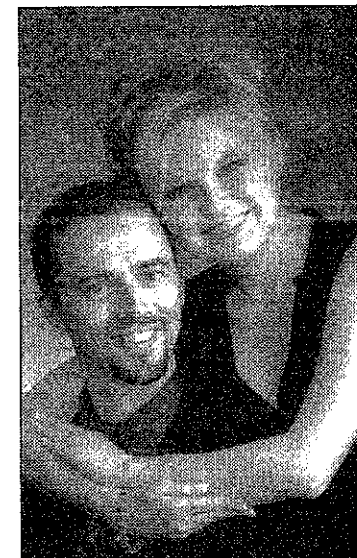
JOYCE ANN GREENWELL

Age 58 of Westland, Michigan, passed away on February 14, 2006, after a brief illness. Ms. Greenwell was born March 23, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Herman Wood and the late Esther Mary Greenwell. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses during her life. She is survived by two sisters, Shirley Clark and Betty (Gordon) Sherman of Westland, and three brothers, Neil (Barbara) of Douglas, Georgia, Gary (Linda) Greenwell of Silver Creek, Georgia, Wayne (Arlene) Greenwell of Valdosta, Georgia, and a host of nieces and nephews. Memorial Services for Ms. Greenwell will be 5pm Saturday, February 18, 2006, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Westland, Michigan. Dennis DeCarlo will be officiating. Interment will be at McLane Riverview Memorial Cemetery in Valdosta, Georgia, at a later date. Arrangements provided by the Ziomek Funeral Home.

**PASTOR J. EARL MOORE**

Age 79 of Canton, MI. Beloved husband of Bobbi for over 60 years. Dear father of Diana (Jude) Barlage, Steven (Theda), Pastor Mark (Nancy), son-in-law Dean Leathers and the late Kimberly Moore Leathers. Dear grandfather of John Krivis, Jason Krivis, Emily Barlage, Dana Moore, Scott Moore, Timothy Lutz, Adam Lutz, Melissa Parker, Andrea Moore Glaze, Lindsey Moore, Derek Leathers, and nine great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Pete Moore and Ruth Johnson. In state Monday, 9:30 am, until funeral service, 10 am, at Agape Family Worship Center, 45081 Geddes Road (btwn Sheldon & Canton Center), Canton. Visitation Sunday, 3-9 pm, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agape Family Worship Center, 45081 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

**Jacek-Andrus**

Michael and Vicki Jacek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Renee, to Bradley George Andrus.

Michelle is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed at ISCG.

Her fiancé, Bradley, is the son of Gary and Dianna Andrus of Royal Oak. He is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at Kawasaki Robotics.

Bradley and Michelle are planning an August wedding at Divine Child Church in Dearborn.

Bakowski-Steinhelper

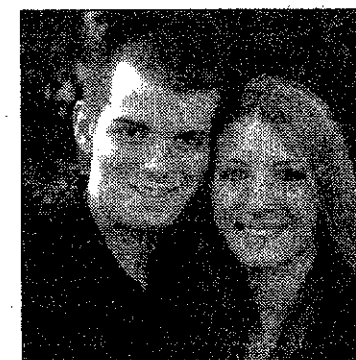
Robert and Irene Bakowski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie, of Northville to Jason Thomas Steinhelper of Novi.

Lauren is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at DFCU Financial as a member relations representative.

Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Thomas and Patricia Steinhelper of Novi. He is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.



Michigan State University. He is a customer development specialist for Gordon Food Services. Michael and Kimberly are planning a May wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.



Arbor. He is currently attending the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and will receive his JD this spring.

Jason and Lauren are planning an August wedding at Laurel Manor.

ANNIVERSARY

Green's Golden

William A. and Joyce (nee Brandt) Green of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 4. They were married Feb. 4, 1956, at Covenant Lutheran Church in Detroit. They moved into their home in Livonia after their honeymoon and are still in that same home after 50 years. Bill has lived in Livonia 60 years.

Bill worked as a tool and die maker for General Motors Spring and Bumper and has been retired for 15 years. He has served as assistant scout

leader of Troop 897 for 39 years.

Joyce is a homemaker. She worked part time at Montgomery Ward. They are members of the Livonia Historical Society, are certified health consultants and give free consultations.

Bill and Joyce have three children, Timothy (married with two children) of Pinckney, Linda of Woodland, Wash., and Lori (married with two children) of Westminster, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

During their Christmas visit



to Colorado, they were guests of honor at a surprise party with family and friends.

GUIDES

FROM PAGE C1

We've seen turtles sunning themselves on logs and eagles soaring overhead.

We've dipped candles, kayaked, bowled, roasted s'mores, and played board games during rainy days.

FULFILLING LIFE

All these events share a common catalyst – the YMCA Adventure Guide program.

Without this program, my photo album and my life would have been much emptier.

In today's drop-off-the-kids world where parents merely chauffeur their children from one organized activity to another, the Adventure Guide program requires a shared commitment.

We don't drop off the kids and let someone else run things. We jump in and interact with our children. One month, we may be making birdhouses or pine cars at someone's house. The next, we're visiting a cider mill or playing laser tag.

Several times a year, we take over the YMCA and play tennis, shoot hoops, swim and eat pizza during the fun nights. Three times a year, we head to a camp for a weekend of archery, high ropes, horseback riding, games, campfires and crafts.

To tell the truth, I look forward to these activities as much as my children.

In addition to the parent-child connection, I've had the chance to meet and spend time with a wonderful group of dads who also invest their energies in the program. I expect many of these friendships to last long after my children grow too old for the Adventure Guides.

Until then, I will cherish each moment I spend with Laura and Christopher and fellow adventurers. I remember canoeing on a crystal clear lake with my daughter urging me to paddle faster, "Warp speed, daddy." I've skated on a frozen lake with my son under a sky brimming with stars.

It's not all rainbows and ponies, though. Sleeping in a cabin with a half-dozen dads who snore does little for your temperament and morning comes early in rooms without curtains or shades.

We've survived some interesting meals at camp, most notably a dinner of tater tots and "hurkey," which I hope to this day was a combination of ham and turkey and not some other protein source. Fund raising remains a constant headache and some events lose their luster after five or six years.

GOOD TIMES

Nonetheless, after all the sleepless nights, bad meals, and candy bar sales, my children and I can rattle off dozens of memories. And guess what? My children don't have to fill me in on all the details. I was there. I have seen my children, and myself, overcome an obstacle, befriend another person, or try a new challenge.

Now, the challenge for the Adventure Guides program

involves enlisting new members. Turnout has been dwindling for several years. It seems the current generation of parents can't find or won't make the time to spend with their children. I know it's tough to schedule a hike or fly a kite given all those other commitments.

But I can't understand why so many parents fail to see the benefits of being more than a guest star in their children's lives.

Is the visit to the driving range so vital? Chores? Hockey or basketball on TV? Internet? What could be more important than helping your child make a Popsicle-stick frame for a picture of both of you mugging for the camera or urging your kid up a rock wall and seeing that smile at the top?

Organized sports and after-school activities have their place, but they can't replace one-on-one time spent with your children.

Not convinced? Bring your son or daughter to the next Adventure Guide outing. You don't have to commit more than one evening.

Call the Livonia Family Y at (734) 261-2161 for more information and a schedule of upcoming activities.

You don't have to become a full-fledged member of the Y, either.

Just become a program member and you can enjoy all the benefits of the Adventure Guides program.

I can't guarantee an absence of "hurkey," but I can promise a memory that will last a lifetime.

Neal Haldane is a professor of journalism at Madonna University and former *Observer* editor.

MIDWINTER

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3-14. The cost is \$35 a day for facility members, \$50 for program and nonmembers. For more information, call (734) 261-2161. Even though Jon LaFever isn't a father himself, the Canton Leisure Services youth development specialist has spent weeks scheduling a midwinter camp (ages 11-15) with field trips to SuperBowl in Canton, Putting Edge glow-in-the-dark mini golf in Novi, Laser Quest in Westland, Game Works at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills, and Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills from Feb. 27 to March 3. Call (734) 398-5570.

"It's an opportunity for parents who don't want to leave their students at home unattended," said LaFever. "We pride ourselves on having activities that teens enjoy. A youth advisory council of high school students meets regularly with ideas for the teen center. It's an after-school program that we pick kids up and bring them back to the center to play pool, air hockey, pingpong. We have a computer lab, play stations, large screen TV, and a lounge with restaurant booths to hang out."

SKATING AWAY

All kids need to ice skate at the Plymouth Cultural Center is a day pass. The cost is \$15 for youth and seniors, \$20 for adults. Call (734) 455-6620 or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

"It's a prepaid punch card similar to those from car washes," said Mark Hammar, facility manager. "They would pay up front for five sessions. They would come for open skating. Someone would punch the pass and after five sessions come

back next time for free."

For those who like to roller skate, the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation hosts a matinee 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at Riverside Arena on Plymouth Road. Fee is \$6 and covers skate rental, pizza and beverage. Inline skates can be rented for an extra \$4. Call (734) 421-3540.

Margaret Martin has an entire week of activities planned through the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. Monday kicks off with a party at the Westland Bowl. Tuesday is golfing fun on the Municipal Course and Wednesday, gym games. A Rocker Soccer Clinic takes place Thursday for grades one-eight (\$15, pre-register at Bailey Center or call (734) 427-6017). A Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic follows March 3 (grades one-eight, \$20). Pre-register by March 1. Call (248) 377-8653. Martin is especially looking forward to the Nursery School Olympics for ages 18 months to 5 years old 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 4. Cost is \$4 per child, parents and spectators free. Martin is still looking for volunteers where children provide the entertainment. Call (734) 722-7620.

"We wanted to have something fun for children to do every day of mid-winter break and they would be able to do a physical activity every day," said Martin, program supervisor. "The racquetball courts are open during the day and basketball hoops are available every day 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., but they should pre-register ahead."

Dance Electric hosts a performing arts camp Feb. 20-24, at its studio in Farmington Hills. Students ages 6-17 learn about acting, making a commercial and music video, dance, and voice. Cost is \$295. Call (248) 477-3830 or visit www.dance-electric.com.

GOTTA HAVE ART

The Plymouth Community Arts Council explores the arts of Asia Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 27 to March 1 (ages 5-12). The cost is \$81 members, \$93 nonmembers. Call (734) 416-4278.

"We'll also have a Beverly Meyer concert March 3 at 7 p.m. that appeals to young children," said Leslie Greeneisen, program director. "Part of the First Friday Series, it's an outgrowth of our Music in the Park program and designed for all members of the family."

On March 2, musician Robert Jones talks about the blues, spirituals and freedom songs during the ArtReach Luncheon. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds go to send fifth-graders in Plymouth Canton schools to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

As director of youth services for the Plymouth District Library, Carol Champagne tries to plan several events for school breaks. At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, kids of all ages can enjoy the new *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* film. There is no charge.

"I think we're going to have a lot of fun," said Champagne. "It's based on children's literature. Books by Roald Dahl are always real popular."

An educational program, Magnificent Mesozoic, focuses on evolution 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Presented by the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum, the monthly program is open to kids ages 5-12 and their parents, but seating is limited. Ages 5-12 will want to put on their shorts for limbo and hula hoop contest during a Winter Beach Party 2 p.m. Thursday, March 2.

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Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARING
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 7 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 13 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 15 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 18 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 18, 2006.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
2006 MARCH BOARD OF
REVIEW SESSIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2006 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and appointments from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 20, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 15, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday, March 15, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser
City Clerk

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Peppers great for vitamin C

Jill from Lincoln Park is a big fan of getting enough vitamin C. She usually gets it from citrus fruit, but wants a healthy vitamin C ingredient to add to her cooking list.

Jill, you might want to take a walk on the spicy side! Ounce for ounce, green peppers have three times the vitamin C content of oranges and that is just half the equation. Red and yellow peppers pack twice as much vitamin C as green. That's a whopping 170 milligrams in just three tasty ounces. Green peppers also supply large amounts of beta carotene and the amount goes up as they ripen into red or yellow peppers. In fact, a red pepper has nine times the beta carotene of the green variety.

Bob from Redford has been running for years and has never experienced the so called runner's high. He e-mails asking what is missing?

Bob, for many people exercise provides improved mood and an overall feeling of well-being. The feeling of euphoria known as a runner's high became all the buzz way back in the 1970s. Many runners say it really does happen, and yet others never experience it and probably never will. The whole concept led to talk of people actually becoming hooked on exercise.

It was originally thought that natural painkillers called endorphins produced in the blood stream helped produce the high, however there is really no solid evidence to support this. Not everybody gets high or even exhilarated from a workout and that is really the wrong reason to head to the gym or the track anyway!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

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Controversy clears

PSA testing helped save man's life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Manuel Rosenbaum is happy he's still able to volunteer to read college level texts at Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic in Troy. If the 76-year-old retiree hadn't gone for PSA testing every six months after his brother was diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer, he might have died as Irving did five years ago.

That's why Rosenbaum is concerned about the controversy over a study published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* in January. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in April 2004 after a PSA revealed his numbers had risen to 5.1.

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, more than 230,000 U.S. men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2006; about 27,000 men will die of the disease.

"Because of my brother, I was getting tested every six months instead of once a year as recommended for men over 50," said Rosenbaum, whose PSA level has dropped to zero since receiving 38 radiation treatments and hormonal therapy. "The study published last month claims to show whether you get a PSA or not, it makes no difference in your ultimate survival. There are many studies that show the opposite, studies that show the sooner you diagnose prostate cancer the more the person will likely survive and be cured eventually."

Views on PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood testing have changed since Rosenbaum began volunteering to speak on prostate cancer for

the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute seven years ago.

"I followed a script and showed slides. Back then the PSA wasn't specifically known for detecting cancer," said Rosenbaum, of Oak Park. "Irving was diagnosed at the end of 1995 and had also been getting PSAs and DREs (digital rectal exam), but was diagnosed with an aggressive form that already spread to his pelvic bone."

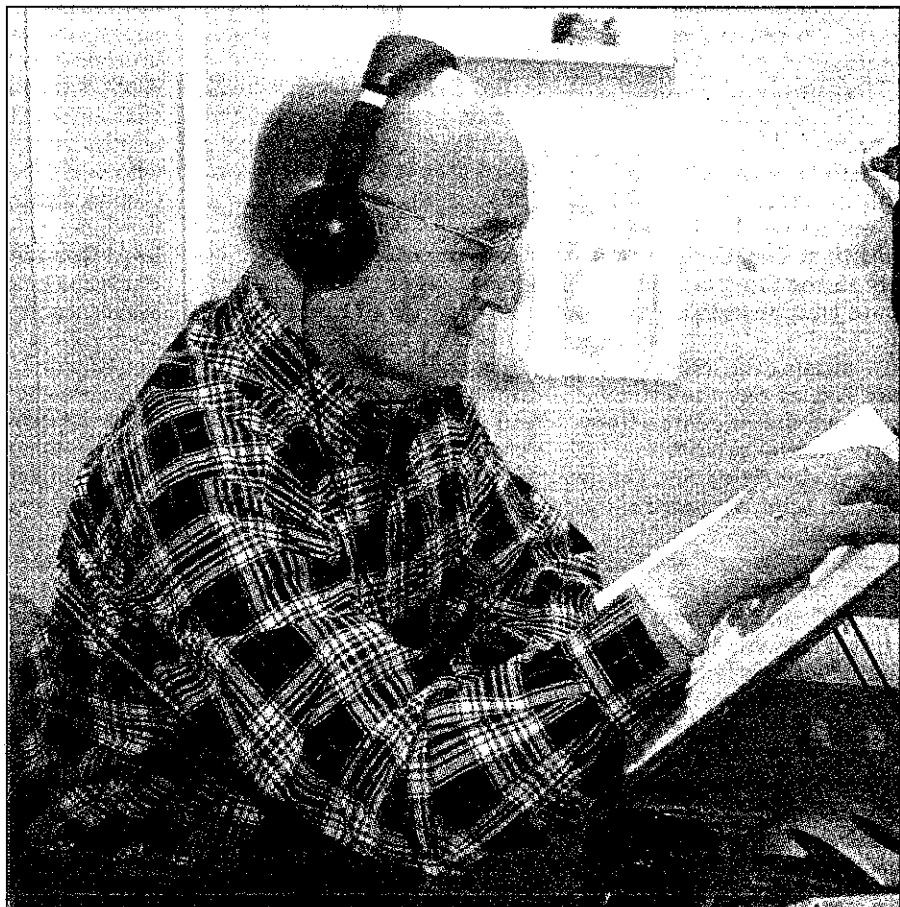
Dr. Jeffrey Forman doesn't have a family history of prostate cancer, but thinks it's wise for men over age 50, and African American men 45 and older, to have an annual PSA and DRE. A prostate cancer specialist at Karmanos, Forman is only 49 but has gone through testing for several years. He strongly disagrees with the recent study.

"The PSA and DRE should be done and there is more benefit than harm in doing it," said Forman, medical director of Karmanos affiliates and satellites including the Weisberg Treatment Center in Farmington Hills. Rosenbaum was treated at the Weisberg center by Forman, a West Bloomfield physician who is a professor in the department of radiation oncology at Wayne State University.

"A number of studies have shown a benefit, a previous body of scientific literature. There's no question early detection leads to an improved cure rate. Small cancers have a higher success rate."

Rosenbaum wants to encourage men to take the PSA and the DRE.

"You hear a lot of guys were afraid to take the DRE," Rosenbaum said. "It takes a few seconds and maybe it's



STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A simple PSA blood test has made it possible for Manuel Rosenbaum to conquer prostate cancer so he can continue to volunteer to read textbooks at Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic in Troy.

annoying or uncomfortable, but (it's) over in a few seconds. There's no good reason for a man to turn away from getting examined, and to talk to their physician about the meaning of their results. Like any test, the PSA isn't perfect. A well-informed physician will know that. There may be reasons for a high number that can be identified and ruled out."

Today, Rosenbaum is able to continue volunteering because of the early detection and treatment of his cancer. Once a month he visits the Us Too support group at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak to help newly-diagnosed men who are considering different treatments. He initially received two drugs to suppress testosterone. He still gets hot flashes, one of the side effects, but is eating more soy products to reduce the intensity.

Rosenbaum is just grateful to be alive for his three sons, two grandchildren, one step-grandchild and wife of 50 years, Regine. That's why he gives back to Karmanos and nonprofits such as Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (www.rfbd.org, click on local link) which was founded nationally in 1949, in Michigan in 1958.

Don Haffner, director of the studio, is as thankful to Rosenbaum for volunteering to reading textbooks. He has the expertise needed to pronounce the words he became familiar with while working in research, supervising a microbiology lab, and teaching at Cornell Medical College in New York City. Rosenbaum is one of about 150 volunteers who record texts for levels ranging from kindergarten to graduate school.

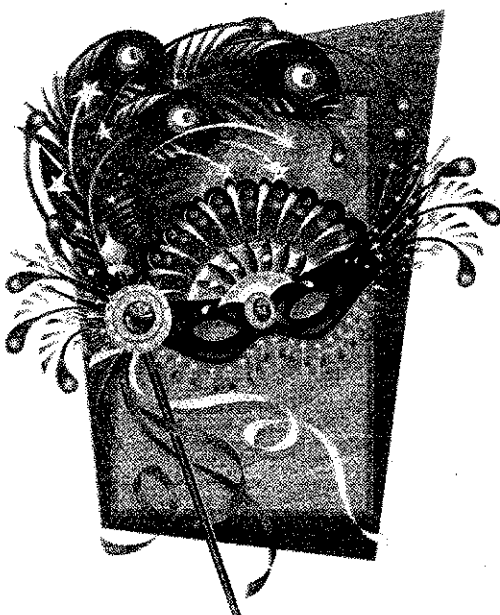
"It's especially important because of his background," Haffner said. "When you get to chemistry and microbiology, we only have a handful of readers. We're always training new people and always looking for new people. We have nine sound-proof booths and almost never have them filled."

"It's (volunteering) important because we're working with students who have sight problems or reading disability, dyslexia, and are not able to read standard print, but by listening they can keep up with their classmates and even excel."

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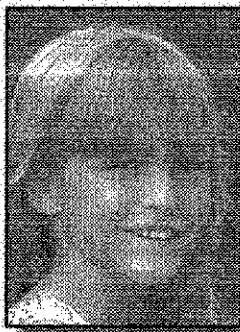
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In honor of National Heart Month, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is teaming up with Kroger to offer cholesterol screenings. Cost is \$10. No fasting required.

According to the American Heart Association, while 200 mg/dL or less is a desirable cholesterol level, nearly 107 million Americans age 20 or older have blood cholesterol levels of 200 mg/dL (considered borderline high) and almost 38 million have levels of 240 mg/dL or above (considered high blood cholesterol).

Cardiovascular diseases rank as America's No. 1 killer, claiming the lives of 38 percent of the more than 2.4 million Americans who die each year. High blood cholesterol levels are a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. For dates, times and locations, see schedule below or visit www.vna.org:
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 5990 Sashabaw, Independence Twp; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 3097 Baldwin Road, and 2-6 p.m. Feb. 21, 460 N. Lapeer, Orion Twp; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 19855 12 Mile, Southfield; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 10805 Highland at Elizabeth Lake, White Lake; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 25780 Middlebelt Road at 11 Mile, Farmington.

Efforts raise awareness of congenital heart defects

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Margaret Long continues to do everything she can to raise awareness about recognizing congenital heart defects (CHD) with an Awareness Day on Feb. 14, and a week leading up to Valentine's Day. On Thursday, Feb. 16, the Troy resident gave a presentation to third through fifth grade students at Mark Twain Elementary in Royal Oak. Afterwards, their teacher told Long the students talked about her presentation until the final bell rang.

"I hope to spread awareness," said Long. "They took stuff home, stickers and brochures and a sheet on how the heart works. The kids were extremely interested to hear about congenital heart defects."

"We looked at the school's defibrillator and talked about athletes who's heart stops and they didn't even realize they have CHD. They had good questions. I put a note on one sheet for them to take home to their parents to e-mail their congressman about passing H305 to make Feb. 7-14 CHD awareness week. More awareness would bring funding for research."

Families of children with congenital and acquired heart disease, adults with congenital heart defects and the professionals who work with them are joining forces to have the week leading up to Feb. 14 proclaimed in all 50 states as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.

This year the U.S. Senate passed a bill declaring Feb. 14 "A Day For Hearts - Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day."

Many states and cities also issued a Proclamation that

February 7-14, 2006 was to be CHD Awareness Week.

Long's youngest son was born with five significant heart defects. Ethan was not diagnosed until after he was born. Fortunately the physicians at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak quickly recognized the problem and he was immediately life-flighted to University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital where he had the first of three surgeries at five days old.

Today, Ethan continues to enjoy life and is like other 9-year-olds. He is in third grade. Sadly, many children are born with heart defects that are not diagnosed in time to save their lives. That is why Long believes it is so important to increase awareness of CHD and to screen all newborns.

The Congenital Heart Information Network (CHIN), which sponsors the national awareness day was launched in 1996 as an international non-profit organization that provides reliable information, support services and resources to families of children with congenital and acquired heart disease, adults with congenital heart defects, and the professionals who work with them.

For more information, visit www.tchin.org, or call (215) 493-3068.

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Half hour to health

A fun and informative look at how the human body works and the five aspects of health will be covered in a lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. Topics include the most beneficial foods for your health and how low carb diets may be dangerous for some individuals, learn how to sleep correctly and eat and drink to reach optimal health. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 455-4444.

Say Goodbye lecture

Learn strategies to restore balance to your body using healthy foods, herbal supplements, good fats, vitamins, minerals, and non-prescription hormone creams 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail in Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$29. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or click on www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Thyroid cancer support

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends, and meets monthly. The next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Costello Elementary Media Center, 1333 Hamman, Troy. For information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Fun workshop

ALS of Michigan is offering a workshop for kids who have a connection to a Lou Gehrig's Disease patient 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield. If you are a parent, aunt or uncle, grandparent or family friend of a child who might have fun gathering with other kids in similar circumstances to make a project that will promote laughs, questions and an opportunity to share feelings and thoughts, call (800) 882-5764 to RSVP or for more information. No charge. Reservations not required. There will be refreshments for adults while kids interact and work on a take home project with an adult leader at each table. Kids will also be able to interact with a certified Pet Therapy Dog. Please bring pictures with you that can be cut, as well as small memory items that can be used in projects. In Michigan, more than 12,000 people are battling ALS, an always fatal disease which attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move, speak, swallow, and eventually breathe while the mind stays fully aware.

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G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 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 self-help mental health organization meets Feb. 24, and every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027. Recovery also meets 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard and West Chicago, Livonia; 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, west of Middlebelt. For location or times of other meetings, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living.

Role play workshop

Samaritan Counseling Services is offering a workshop on improving interpersonal skills 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Samaritan's Conference Room. Gain insight into yourself, improve interpersonal relationships, learn to handle anger, fear and hurt through the Bles method of scenario role playing led by the Rev. Maymette Dolberry. Sessions will be offered each month for those who would like to continue to sharpen their interpersonal relationship skills. Reduced rate if four or more sign up. To register, call (734) 677-0609.

Eating disorders sessions

A two-part educational presentation about eating disorders, focusing on how genetics plays a role 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 (focus on adolescents) and Wednesday, March 1 (focus on adults), in the first floor auditorium of the Administration Building at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. No charge. Call (248) 898-9700.

Golf fitness seminar

Gearing Up for Golf 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Orthopedic surgeon Philip Schmitt, D.O.

and physical therapist John Connolly discuss how range of motion and proper body mechanics can affect your golf game and how to physically prepare for the season so as to prevent injury, also how long you can expect an injury to keep you off the greens. No charge. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 937-3314.

Divorce support

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, gaining financial control of your divorce, Jacqueline Gold-Roessler, CDFA, and partner David Roessler, CDFA, discuss the financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following divorce; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on the first 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.

Mentally ill support

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County provides family support meetings for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness on the first Monday of every month at 30233 Southfield, Suite 220, Southfield. For information and referral for AMI Oakland-South, call (248) 557-6440, AMI Oakland-North (248) 706-0591. AMI general meeting is held the fourth Thursday of every month. Education regarding mental illness-related topics is provided in the Administration Building Classroom ABIW (lower level) at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Enter west service drive and park in west lot. Time is 7:30 p.m., refreshments at 7 p.m. For information, call (248) 706-0591.

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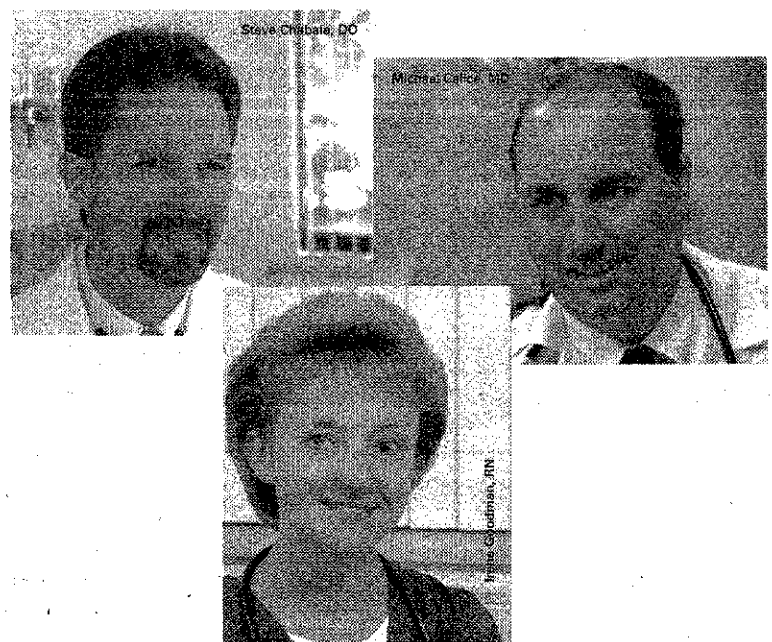
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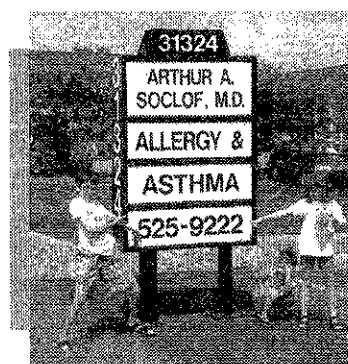
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Artrageous Fashion

Runway shows set charity gala apart

By Wensdy White

When Virginia Sullivan moved back to Michigan after spending 20 years in New York, she didn't want to leave her fashion career behind. She quickly carved a niche for herself in Metro Detroit, reinvigorating the local fashion scene in the process. One of Sullivan's first tasks was to launch the Fancub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards at last year's Artrageous charity gala. Students from Wayne State University, International Academy of Design & Technology, Cranbrook Arts Academy and College for Creative Studies showed clothing on the catwalk and competed for scholarships. The FAFFAs were such a hit, they'll be staged again this year, along with an added competition for new and emerging designers. PINK tracked down the busy Ms. Sullivan for a chat about Artrageous 2006 fashion.

What are the FAFFAs?

The Fancub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards. They're the Detroit fashion equivalent of the Emmys or the Oscars. The FAFFAs may sound new to people right now, but in a year or two they will be as well known as the Emmys and Golden Globes. I really believe that, isn't that scary?

What are the different categories?

Students can enter garments in four categories: Artrageous Office, Artrageous Weekend, Artrageous Evening and Artrageous Outrageous. Students will win FAFFAs in each category and their schools will receive grants.

Why did you start the FAFFAs?

The whole thing — which is orchestrated through me by Fashion Detroit — the whole goal is to create awareness of fashion in Metro Detroit, and of



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER A. JABLONSKI

Virginia Sullivan, right, talks with fellow judge Susan Howes of HOUR Detroit, during last year's FAFFAs at Artrageous.

course Fancub's goal is to promote arts education in fashion.

Tell us more about the emerging designer's fashion show ...

Our "New and Emerging Fashion Designers" category will be a separate fashion show. This is where we're really going to be able to make a difference in designers' lives. "New and Emerging" does not mean in terms of age, it doesn't mean they're right out of school necessarily. The vision is much larger.

Who is overseeing this category?

This is going to be orchestrated by the Detroit Design Lab through Sarah Lurtz. Sarah will be working with the designers she already represents, as well as looking for new talent to represent at the Design Lab.

How many new and emerging designers do you expect?

We will probably have eight designers showing a small collection of their clothing, between 6-8 designs, so we the judges will get a feeling of what their concepts are. We will give a grant to the Design Lab in the winner's name.

What should the audience expect?

They can see the pulse of

fashion in Detroit — what's new, what's hot, a lot of Spring 2006. They'll get ideas, they'll be energized. But what I really want them to see is that they do not have to leave Detroit to be in fashion — Detroit is alive and well and fashionable. It offers its residents fashion schools to get an education, designers who are very talented, fashion boutiques, fashion retailers, so many things. Also, garments will be available for sale.

How did you get involved with the Fancub Arts Foundation?

In New York I was a professor at FIT and had my own fashion and image consulting company for 20-plus years. I also had a mentorship program with a lot of students who were interested in getting into fashion, so I was very aware of how important the fashion arts were for students. I came to Detroit to take care of ailing parents, and happened to meet (Fancub President) John Bloom. The best thing about John is that he is very open to ideas and very committed to providing arts education in the Metro Detroit community.

So you proposed the FAFFAs?

There were no grant recipi-

Artrageous 2006

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25
Where: American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield
What: This premiere charity gala includes three fashion shows, live entertainment and an Artist Market, along with wines and tastings from more than 25 local eateries.
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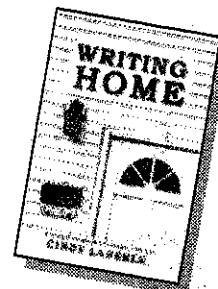
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Rx for success: a pharmacy career

(NewsUSA) — What would happen if no pharmacists were available to fill your prescription at the local drugstore, or to recognize medication errors in the emergency room?

That could be reality if America doesn't train another 150,000 pharmacists by 2020.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 7,000 to 10,000 pharmacist positions are left unfilled every year.

Pharmacy graduates can expect a variety of possible career directions as well as four or five job offers. Besides earning a mean annual wage of \$77,050, pharmacists can choose from a wide variety of employment settings, from research laboratories to poison control centers to veterinary clinics.

To help teachers encourage students to pursue a career in pharmacy, health and science, the pharmaceutical company Roche created a free teacher's guide in collaboration with the Parenteral Drug Association Foundation for Pharmaceutical Sciences Inc. and WLIW New York public television.

"Encouraging students who already have an interest in health and science may be key to closing the potential shortage gap of pharmacists," said Vivian L. Beetle, director of corporate relations and contributions for Roche. "Roche believes that teachers play a positive and vital role in directing students into a career path."

The guide is designed to help teachers identify students with an interest in science and show them how to engage students in dialogue about career opportunities in pharmacy. It includes profiles of students who have pursued a career in pharmacy, a list of colleges and professional organizations and a student self-



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assessment tool.

Would your children or students succeed in a pharmacy career? They should consider the following:

- Are they good at math?
- Are they interested in science, especially biology and chemistry?
- Are they detail-oriented and focused?
- Do they care about others and want

to make a positive contribution to society?

■ Would they be interested in a career that offers the opportunity to work anywhere in the country?

Roche is working with others to distribute the guide, titled *Pharmacists: Unsung Heroes*, among educators. It also can be downloaded at www.wliw.org/pharmacists.

Experts say allied health work force in jeopardy

(NewsUSA) — From rising health care costs to an increase in the number of Americans who lack health insurance coverage, there are many health care issues that are attracting considerable attention in Congress.

However, some say there's one key dimension that fails to receive sufficient notice: the adequacy of the allied health care work force. Apart from doctors, nurses and pharmacists, these professionals are the personnel engaged in patient care in hospitals. They also work in a wide range of other health care settings.

An increase in demand, retirements, technology advances and other opportunities for allied health graduates have placed a strain on the educational pipeline. According to the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, an organization representing allied health education in the U.S., a vivid illustration of this disturbing trend may be found among the allied health professions.

Currently, many sectors within the allied health professions are vulnerable. For example, although a high proportion of all treatment furnished in a hospital is accompanied by medical laboratory tests, the medical technologists who perform these procedures are experiencing a personnel shortage that is just as severe — if not worse — than what afflicts the national nurse shortage.

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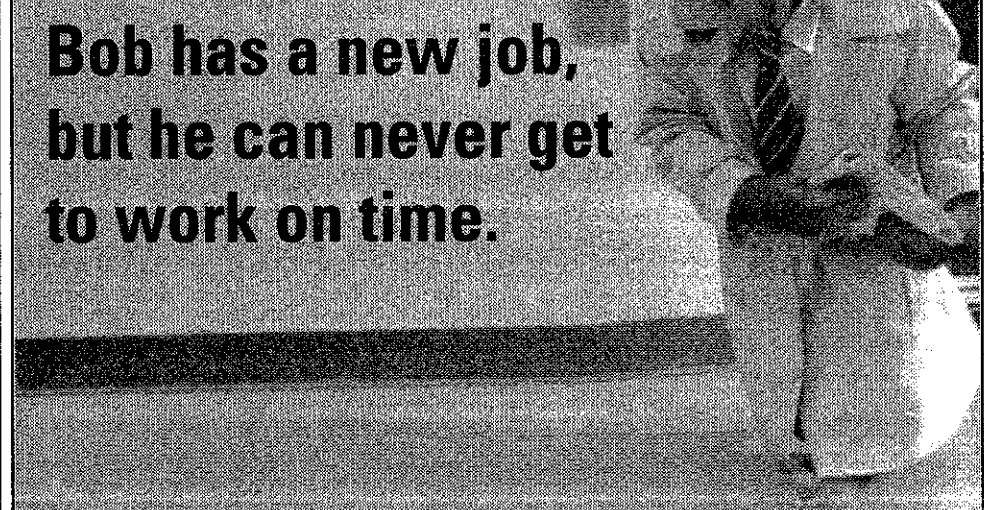
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Help Wanted-General 5000

MAINTENANCE PERSON WANTED
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MANAGER, EMPLOYMENT & RECRUITMENT

Owens Community College is a public, state-assisted, two-year institution of higher education. We are seeking applicants for the position of Manager, Employment/Recruitment (Toledo Campus). Responsibility for managing the college's recruitment and hiring process. Coordinates and monitors effectiveness of advertising with both print and electronic media. Conducts job fairs and develops other techniques to identify applicants for employment. Develops initiatives to recruit applicants, monitors staffing patterns and minority employment and recommends adjustments to meet the divisional needs and institutional goals. **Qualified applicants must possess the following qualifications and must demonstrate in application material how qualifications are met:** Required: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or a related field and three (3) years of professional level work in a related human resources area. Preferred: Master's Degree in related field, seven (7) years experience of which three (3) years experience in higher education. **Salary range is \$39,437 - \$46,088.** Applications with **out salary history considered will not be considered.** Application review will begin after March 6, 2006. position is open until filled. Completed application materials include application, cover letter, resume, three (3) letter of reference and copies of transcripts required. **Owens Community College has a new online application system and will no longer be accepting paper applications.** To complete an Owens Community College application go to: <https://jobs.owens.edu>. Candidates who do not have access to a computer with Internet connection are welcome to visit our Resource Center in the Human Resources department during lobby hours from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Appointments are encouraged but not necessary. To set up an appointment, please call 567-661-7292**

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Engineering

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Follow this recipe for cooking up a colorful new room

(NAPSI) — For many, choosing the right color scheme for their new home can be a daunting household task. But, just like learning how to cook a great meal, creating the perfect room can be achieved with the right ingredients and a good recipe.

"Spicing up the home with color is a great way to brighten the indoors, but the actual color selection process often can be quite overwhelming," said Barbara Richardson, director of color marketing for ICI Paints and a licensed interior designer. "Follow these simple, sensible tips, and you'll paint like a pro to create a delectable treat of a colorful new home — and have fun in the process."

CONSULT A COLOR "COOKBOOK"

You wouldn't attempt to whip up a gourmet meal without consulting a cookbook or an experienced chef. Similarly, take advantage of the design assistance that is available to you. For computer-savvy do-it-yourselfers, free design advice

is available with the simple click of a computer mouse.

For example, the Glidden Online Color Consultant, located at www.glidden.com, combines individual tastes with direction from color experts to determine a user's ideal paint palette through a step-by-step guided process. Color chips of shades chosen online can be ordered and sent free of charge. Since it's preferable to make paint selections surrounded by the furniture, lighting and accessories of a room, reviewing color chips in the comfort of home provides the extra confidence needed to proceed with a paint project.

DO A TASTE TEST

It's important to see before you believe, especially when it comes to paint colors. So, how do you experiment with paint colors and avoid the stress and mess?

Try the self-adhesive, repositionable color swatches. Simply place swatches on a wall, then remove and restick as many times as necessary to select the best colors to coordi-

nate with furniture and accessories.

DON'T LEAVE OUT ESSENTIALS

For the best topcoat results, most projects will require a coat of primer first. A primer called Gripper Grey, for example, was specifically developed for use under dark or vibrant paints. These primers use shades of grey to create a better foundation that enhances the true richness of popular topcoat colors while saving time and money.

"Most DIYers don't think twice about applying deep colors, such as dark reds, greens or blues, over a white primer," said Richardson. "Only after the paint has dried do they realize that the primer affects the intensity of the topcoat. As a result, more time and money are spent on applying additional layers to achieve the desired color."

By following a recipe for painting success, do-it-yourselfers can create a room that will be savored for years to come.



Color selection for a home's interior can be overwhelming, but design advice is just a computer mouse away.

Get the facts: Determine market value properly to sell your house

I am going to sell my house. How do I determine what price it will sell at?

For the most part sellers don't want to feel like they are giving away their house and buyers don't want to pay over market value. What is supposed to happen is that the house will sell at market value.

Some of the things that make up the market value are:

- What similar properties in the same area sold for. If your house has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 2,000 square feet, you need to examine what houses that have 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a similar number



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of square feet have recently sold for in your area. And let's say you found out that the range is between \$200,000 to \$240,000; that is most likely your range.

Now often when I have told sellers what the range is and I ask them how they want to price their home, they pick the top of the range. However, there is still more

that goes into the pricing of the house.

- Updates. If the house you have has all granite or higher-end countertops and other upgrades it will be worth the higher amount of the range. If, on the other hand, the house isn't updated that is an indicator that it will sell for the lower range.

- The condition. If buyers determine that the house is in sad shape that will affect its market value. This could mean that it's dirty and is cluttered. This is why it's critical for sellers to keep their houses in pristine shape when it's being sold. Buying is an emotional experience and

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even though it really doesn't cost anything to put away dirty dishes it could affect the price.

- The terms. You want to make it as easy as possible to buy your house. If you are asking buyers to wait six months until you are ready to move this will mean that your house is now less attractive on the market.

which means that your mortgage must be completely paid off if you do this.

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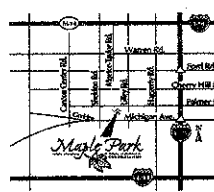
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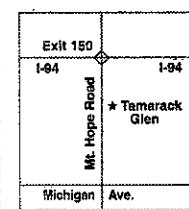
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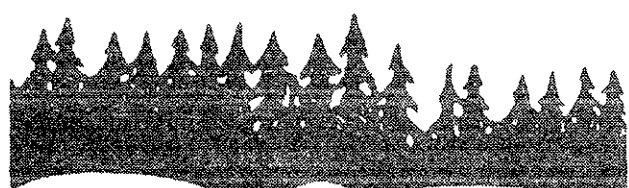
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New officers

Kevin N. Koehler, president of the Construction Association of Michigan, announced that the CAM membership has elected a new slate of officers and directors to serve on its 2006 Board of Directors. The association's new leaders were installed at the organization's 120th annual meeting.

CAM's new chairman for 2004 is Robert A. Singer, president of Duross Painting Co.

CAM's newly elected Vice Chairmen are Todd A. Garriss, owner/president of Walltec LLC, and James A. Sinkel, president of Smith Brothers Electric. Randy L. Brooks, executive vice president of Temperature Engineering Corp. was elected treasurer.

Each year, three individuals retire from CAM's Board of Directors and three new members are elected by the membership to serve in their place. The newly elected directors are Brian J. Brunt, vice president of Brunt Associates Inc., Robert J. Michielutti Jr., president of Michielutti Bros. Inc., and Glenn E. Parvin, president of Custom Architectural Sheet Metal Specialists (C.A.S.S.).

Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:

■ 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.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, "So You Found the Land ... Now What?" 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. Registration, (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 27 & March 1, Basement Remodeling, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 23, Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248) 433-0885.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 27, and March 1, 6, and 8, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, \$190 plus \$30 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 23, Farmington Community Education. (248) 489-3333.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Feb. 28 & March 2, 7, 9 "How To Build Your Own Home," Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. The cost is \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb. 24, Birmingham Community Education. (248) 203-3800.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Feb. 28, and March 2, 7, 9, "How To Build Your Own Home," South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, \$190 plus \$20 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb. 24, South Lyon Recreation Department. (248) 437-8105.

Condominium Living

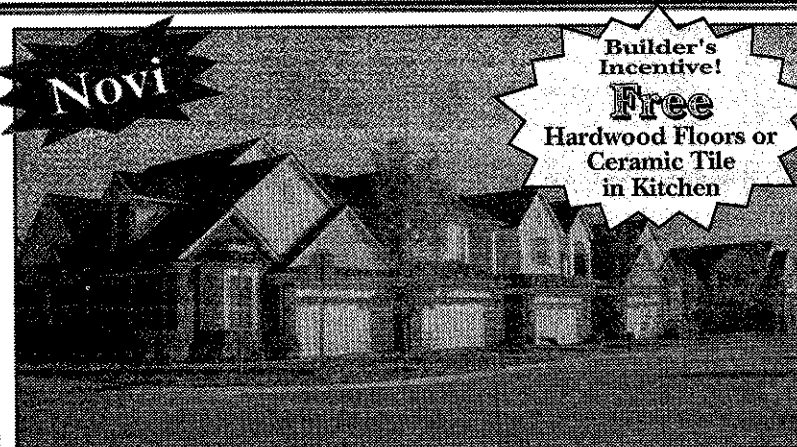
Condo Owners of Livonia is sponsoring a free seminar for all those living in or considering a condominium. The first in a series "Rules and Regulations, Who Wants Them? Who Needs Them?" will be held 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. This series will address all the aspects of condominium ownership and association membership. Call Michael, (734) 464-7455 (condownersoflivonia@earthlink.net).

New leases

Liberty Property Trust announced that it has signed leases with two new tenants and four existing tenants for Class A office space in Michigan totaling 29,623 square feet. According to Joe Trinkle, Liberty's city manager and vice president in the region, "Liberty's occupancy continues to outpace the market and we anticipate continuing this trend during the rest of 2006."

Homebuyer Seminar

Flagstar Bank Home Lending is offering a free First-Time Homebuyer Seminar from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Flagstar Bank Corporate Headquarters Auditorium, 5151 Corporate Drive (just off Long Lake, west of Crooks), Troy. Seating is limited. To reserve a space, call Michelle Ulman, (248) 723-6432, Ext. 247.



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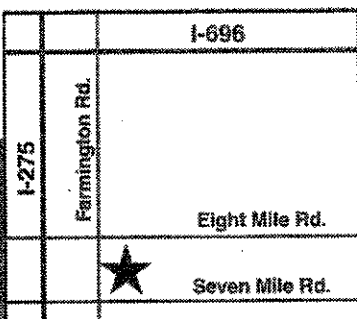
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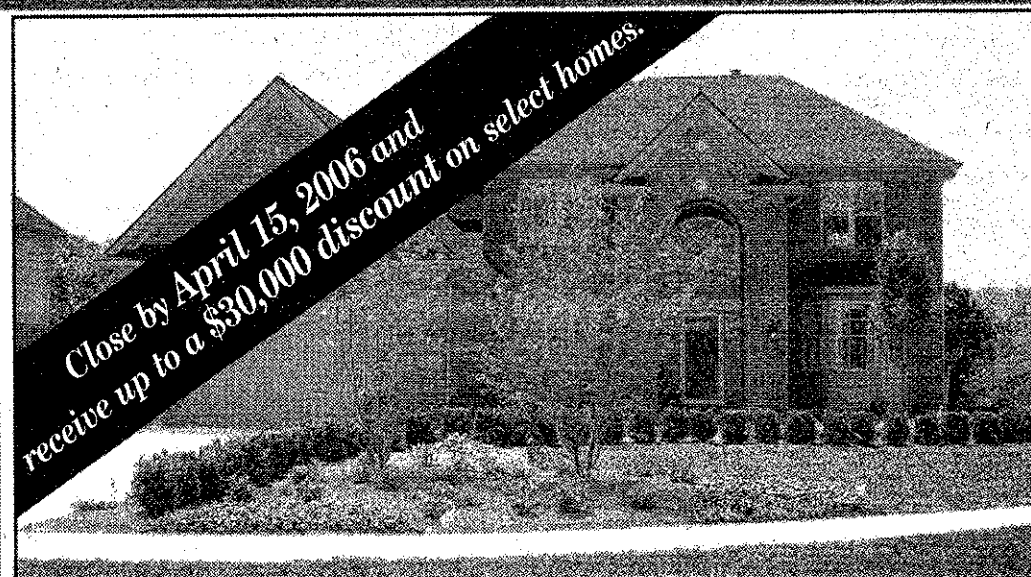


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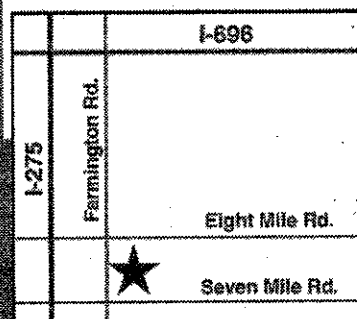
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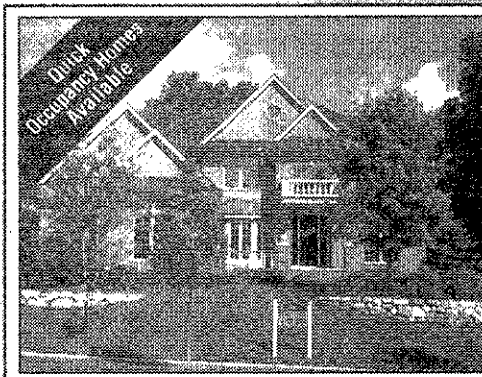
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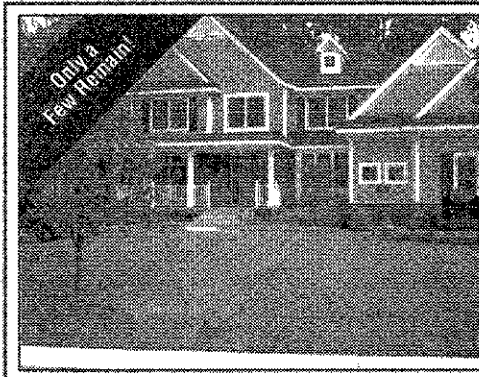
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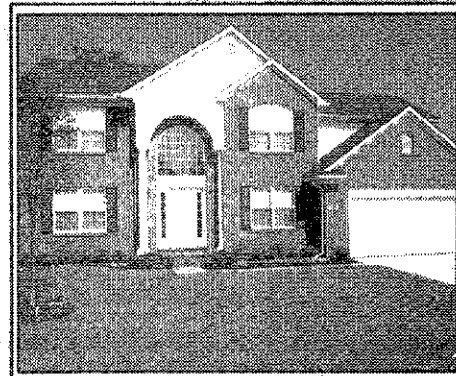
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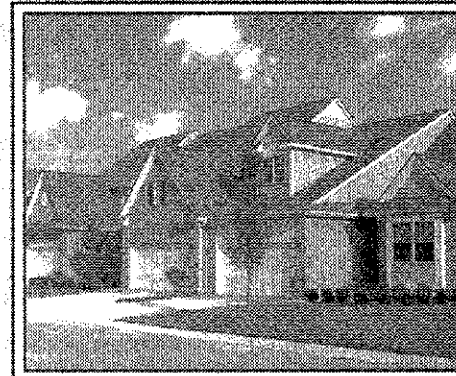
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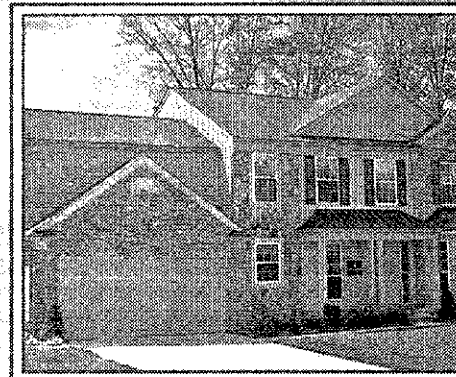
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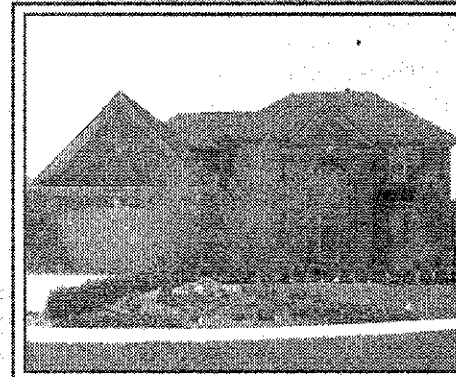
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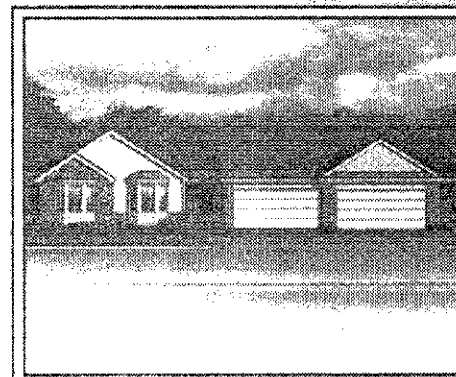
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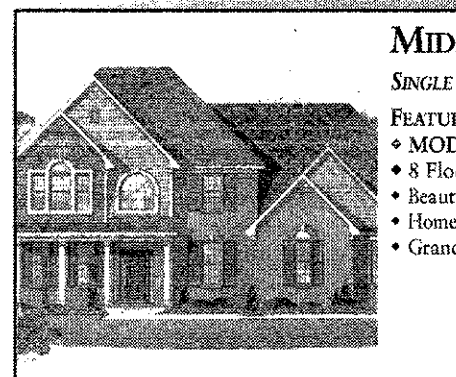
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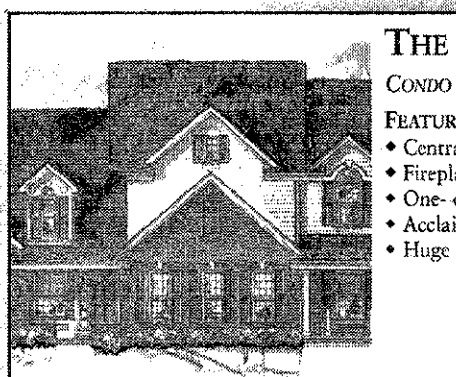
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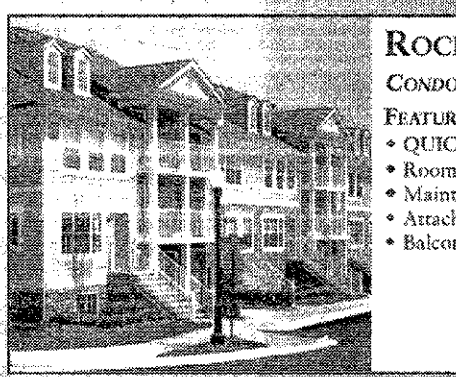
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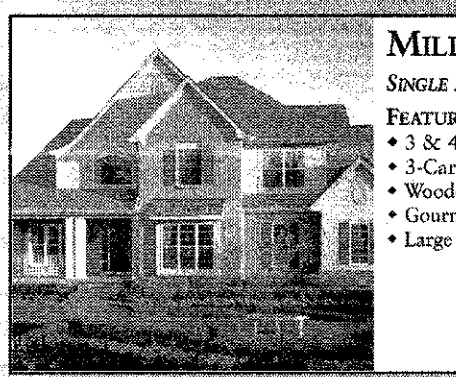
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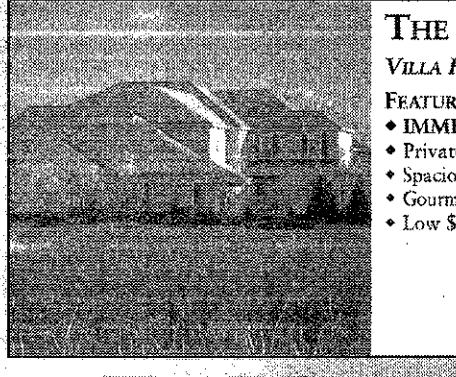
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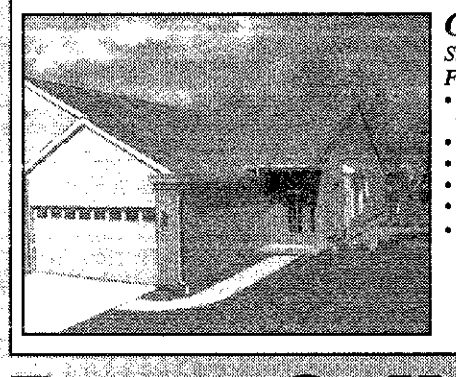
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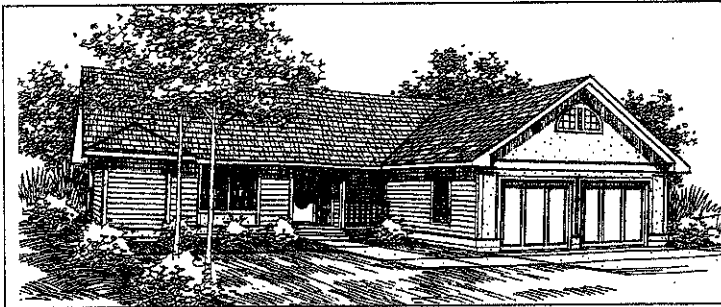
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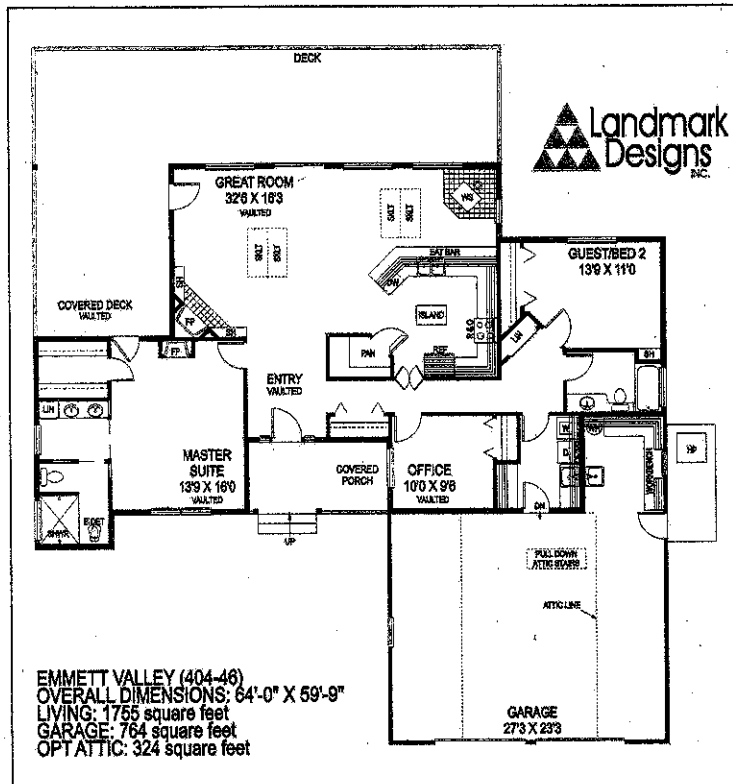
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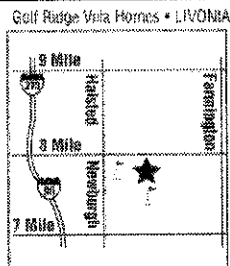


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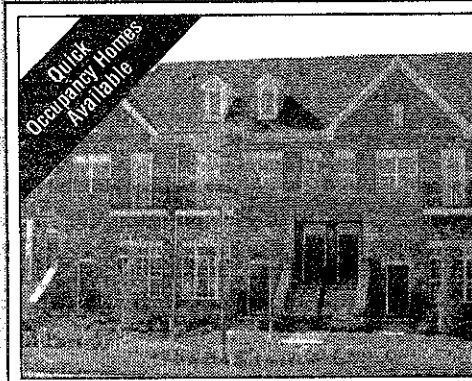
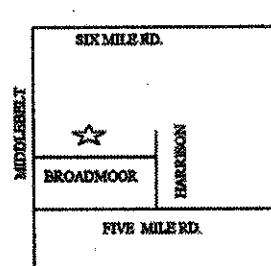
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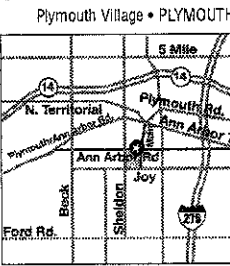
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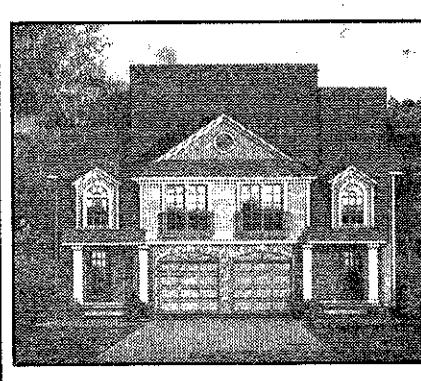
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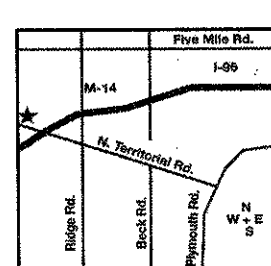
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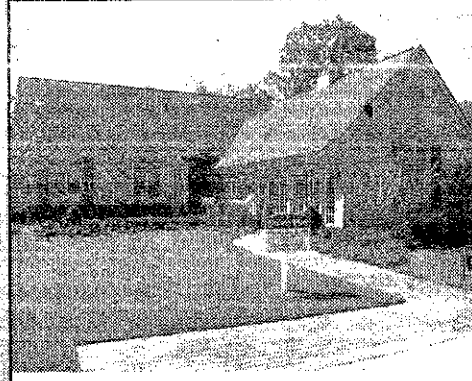
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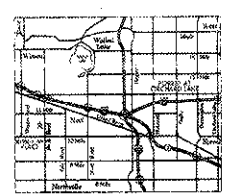
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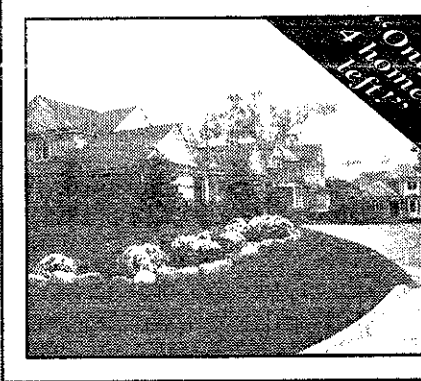
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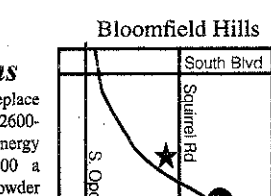
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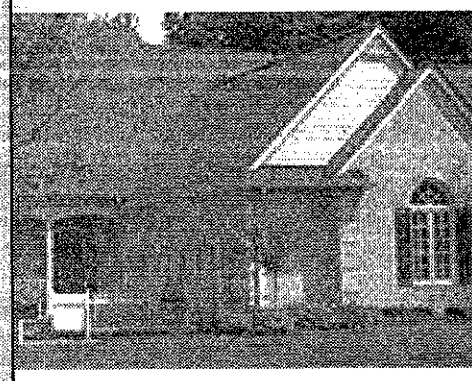
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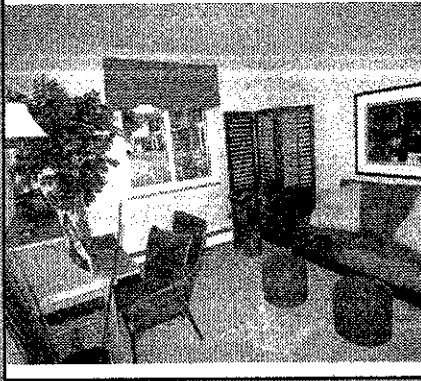
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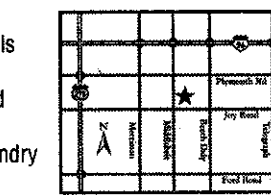
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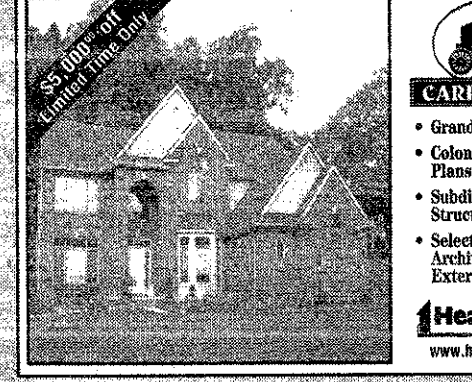
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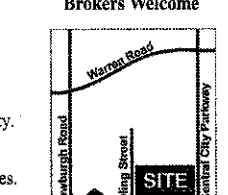
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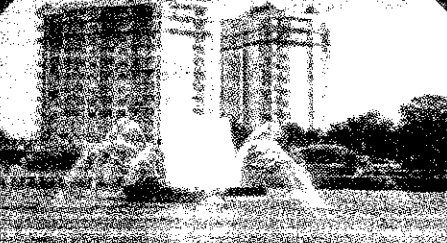


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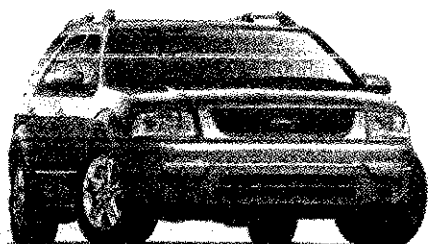
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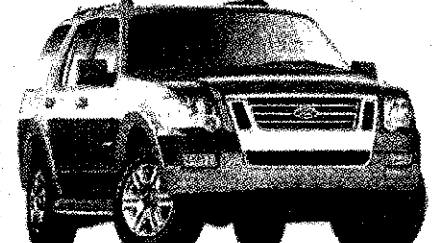
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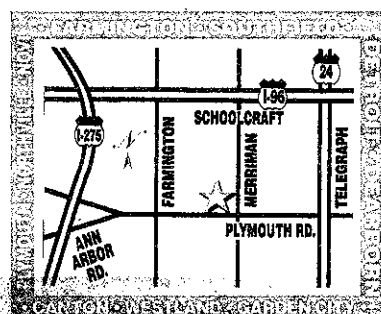
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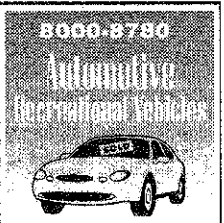


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These days, when manufacturers share platforms among their different models, it can sometimes be difficult to tell one car from another. That won't be a problem for the 2006 Scion xB. This is a unique car in many ways, and the most obvious is the way it looks – you can spot one (almost) a mile away. And getting a unique vehicle doesn't have to cost a lot, either; the xB starts at under \$15,000.

The xB, built by the Scion division of Toyota, looks like a box on wheels. It's actually more attractive than that sounds; it's tall with sharp lines. The xB comes with multi-reflector halogen headlamps, a chrome exhaust tip and an exterior ground effects kit that includes a front air dam, rocker panel extensions, and a rear valance panel. Stainless steel exhaust, fog lights and a rear lip spoiler are optional.

The unique shape of the xB means that there is plenty – and I mean plenty – of headroom. You could almost wear a ten-gallon hat without touching the top of the cabin. There's a good amount of legroom, as well, and with the 60/40 folding rear seats and big rear hatch, there's cargo space aplenty.

The standard cloth seats are relatively comfortable and provide good driving position. My only gripe about the way the driver's area is laid out is the lack of a footrest on the left side. It's tough to find a comfortable position for your left foot. The layout of the cockpit is a little different than you may be used to – the instrument panel is actually mounted on top of the dash. It's easy to read, though, and is easy to get used to.

There are a lot of nice standard features for a car in this price range. Air conditioning,



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The unique shape of the Scion isn't always an advantage, as a listen to the audio system will show. The acoustics are difficult to engineer, but Scio makes a good effort. The standard audio system is a Pioneer 160-watt AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. The sound is clean, but the rear speakers are almost impossible to hear because they're buried in the back behind the seating area. One nice feature is the optional sound system (also made by Pioneer) with an iPod connection system. With this system, one cable connects your iPod to the sound system via the center console. Press a button on the head unit and it will display the song information on the track that's playing. You can, if you wish, also add a subwoofer and either XM or Sirius satellite radio.

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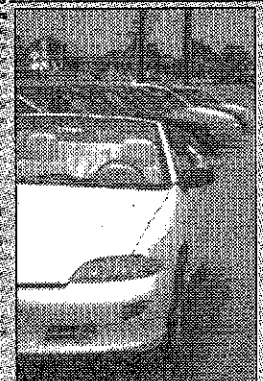
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