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Brandy Louwers of Westland, left, looks over the selection of flowers while Milan Sucech of Plymouth picks up his purchase at Heide's new location on North Main Street

## Heide's Flower's enjoying new Plymouth location

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who made a mad dash to Heide's Flowers & Gifts on Valentine's Day to buy flowers for that special person may have been shocked to see an empty store.

In this case, the empty store is not a bad sign. Last month, Heide's moved from its longtime spot on Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey

Business is doing well at Heide's new location on 217 N Main - thanks to more than a little help from neighbors, said owner Steven Mansfield. The new location is north of downtown, just south of the railroad tracks.

"Main Street Car Wash put up a sign saying where we moved," Mansfield said.

Other businesses have helped out by pointing customers to the new location, he said.

"People are finding out where

were are real easily. We have a little bit more visibility."

The nearby CSX railroad crossing, just north of the new shop location, may be an annoyance now, but Mansfield said he is confident it won't be for long.

"I knew the railroad (crossing) wouldn't be a problem because of the plans to build the underpass (on Sheldon Road)," he said.

The biggest money-making days of the year for Heide's, and any florist, are Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Easter and the December holidays.

Heide's has been in Plymouth 104 years, and was in Old Village before moving to Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Mansfield said he credits the business's success to its service.

"We do everything it takes to help a customer get or do what they want."

Even with the sagging economy,

Heide's business has been good, Mansfield said. But sales of silk flowers took a hit, because of competition from larger retailers such as Sam's Club and Meijer.

For that reason, Heide's sells custom silk flower arrangements at its new location.

Parking was a big reason behind the decision to move. The old location, on 995 W Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, only had eight spots available on site. At the new location, there are more than 20 parking spots available.

For now, Heide's old location, 995 W Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, is still vacant.

Bob Anderson, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority director, said he doesn't think the spot will be vacant long. Downtown Plymouth's vacancy rate for businesses is very low.

The big drawback of the building, at least for some businesses, is

the large windows. However, the abundance of natural light might be good for some businesses, such as art studios, Anderson said.

"It seems like every time (a business) leaves, we get something as strong or stronger coming into the spot," Anderson said.

A used children's clothing store on Main Street, across from the Penn Theatre, has packed up, but coming soon to its place will be a shoe store specializing in orthopedic footwear.

An upscale salon is also coming soon to downtown Plymouth, and a new Subway restaurant on Ann Arbor Trail near Harvey is thriving. Becoming Subway's neighbor soon will be an upscale kitchen store.

"I'm confident that someone will come into Heide's old location," he said.

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## Drafty senior center headed for major fixup

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township's senior center is on the list for a variety of improvements, once all the bureaucratic hurdles have been scaled.

A total of \$135,590 has tentatively been slated for improvements at the Friendship Center, located on Schoolcraft at Bradner, north of M-14. Installing new energy-efficient windows, making restrooms handicapped accessible and removing a stage are the main things on the to-do list, said Jim Anulewicz, township public services director.

Many Friendship Station users have complained that the building gets drafty and cold.

"The seniors indicated to us that there were some problems with cold air coming in through the windows," Anulewicz said.

"The seniors just don't use it," he said of the stage. If removed, more people would be able to use the building.

Community development block grants would be used to fund the project. Plymouth Township trustees held a public hearing last week and approved allocating the block grant funds for the project.

Wayne County and the federal government will ultimately have to give approval to Plymouth Township to use the block grant funds.

The biggest portion of funds, \$88,000, will be used to make improvements at the Friendship Center, if approved.

The Friendship Station building was first used as a church, and still has the original stained-glass windows.

Next, it was used as a Michigan Department of Transportation field office until the late 1970s, when the state sold the building to Plymouth Township. The field office was used by workers building M-14.

While the stained glass windows might be pretty, they're not very good at keeping out the cold winds.

With the recent chilly temperatures, the problem has become more pronounced, said Bob Lipmyer. The 69-year-old self-proclaimed "baby" of the senior center said the problem is especially noticeable near the stage, which at one time was used as a church altar.

"It's worse than drafty," Lipmyer said.

"We have people in their 90s who use the center and they get extremely cold back near the stage area."

The Friendship Station is utilized by an estimated 100 seniors from Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The building is used for weekly card games, occasional dinner events and for fitness classes.

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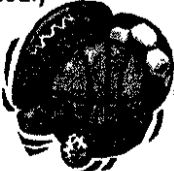


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new center, which will be built at Cherry Hill and Rudge roads in the newly-constructed Cherry Hill Village.

"Jennifer will be responsible for the operations of the Performing Arts Center," said Conklin. "She'll build partnerships and collaborate with user groups. Her energy, enthusiasm and knowledge of the arts community will transfer into results for the new center. We need to start now so we can have programming in place when the center opens."

Bids for the \$10 million arts and education were opened Friday. The 30,000-square-foot facility will have approximately 400 seats, an educational wing, dressing rooms and rehearsal and classroom space. Groundbreaking could come as early as April, with an anticipated completion the fall of 2004.

"It will be an awesome addition to the arts in the community, and the region," said

**'Her energy, vitality and instincts have been a great benefit to the arts council during a time of tremendous change.'**

**Stella Greene**  
PCAC's development director

Tobin. "I really like the education component and the fact we'll have community-based programs." Tobin's resignation at the PCAC is effective Feb. 21. Soon afterwards, she'll start her new \$50,000 a year position.

Tobin began her career with the PCAC as the founder and director of the Whistle Stop Players, a children's troupe, in 1994. For the last five years, she's been the director of the arts council.

"It was a challenging time for the PCAC," Tobin said. "We had no home facility, with an office over Wiltse's drugstore (in downtown Plymouth). Our programs were held all over the

community. Then we got an old church and converted it to the facility we have today. The PCAC is in good shape now."

Stella Greene, the PCAC's development director, will also hold the title of interim director until the PCAC board finds a replacement for Tobin. Greene agrees that the PCAC is in good shape.

"Jennifer has done an outstanding job," Greene said. "Her energy, vitality and instincts have been a great benefit to the arts council during a time of tremendous change."

"We certainly don't like losing her, but there are so many positives," said Greene. "With Jennifer at the new arts center, it will only strengthen the linkage between the two communities. We should feel flattered that Canton came to the arts council to get the energy they need for new programming."

And, for Tobin, who is a Canton resident, it means a dream come true.

"This is as good as it gets. Opening a real live theater that just doesn't happen," she said. "This is the chance of a lifetime."

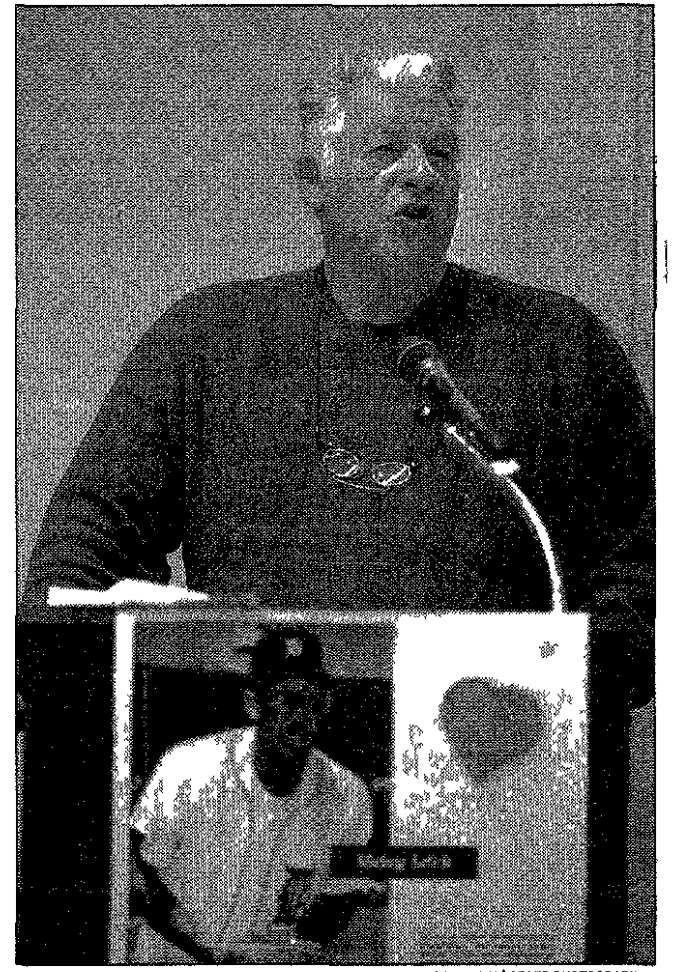
**Tiger hero entertains with memories of championship**

Detroit Tigers and World Series hero Mickey Lolich told baseball lore to the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club on Friday.

Lolich pitched in and won three games for the Tigers against the St. Louis Cardinals in 1968, bringing the 1968 world championship to Detroit.

"Everybody asks if I was nervous, if I was scared. The adrenaline flows, and you are just excited to be there. I had already pitched a nine inning game and won that one. And, I pitched another nine inning game and won that one. When they came to me and asked me to pitch another game, I knew my teammates and the people of Michigan, if I had faltered, wouldn't hold it against me. So, I wasn't nervous."

Rotary meets at lunchtime at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Students from P-CEP often attend as guests of Salem principal Gerald Ostoin.



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Former Detroit Tiger pitcher Mickey Lolich recalls the 1968 World Series during his luncheon address to the Plymouth Rotary Friday at the Cultural Center.

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**BOOK**

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hand-drawn animal illustrations and the antibullying message

"The kids did very well with understanding the story, even though it was an upper-level story," Kozub said

Nearly every child has had some experience with bullying. Some are victims of bullying by classmates, neighborhood kids or siblings. Others may be bullies themselves.

*Rumble* features two cat bullies, named Raja and Malcolm, who taunt other students, an elephant teacher Ms. Ivory's class.

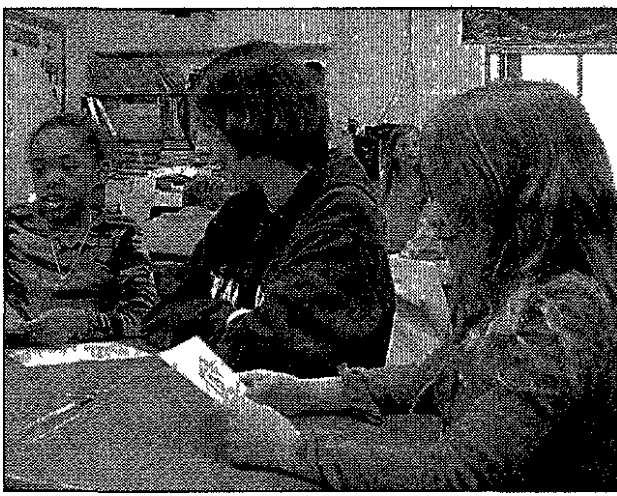
In *Rumble in the Jungle*, the bullying takes place on the school play-

ground at recess. In retaliation, the victimized third-grade children decide to take a nonviolent stand against the bullies — by photographing their misdeeds and showing the photos to Ms. Ivory.

"The message is to treat others the way you want to be treated," Kozub said. "I thought that was valuable."

Frank Benages of Plymouth, a senior account manager, arranged for the book's printing through Kalamazoo-based publisher Fidler Doubleday Inc. Copies of *Rumble in the Jungle* are available at the Plymouth District Library, Canton Public Library and Gallimore Elementary. So far, no copies are available for sale to the public.

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illustrator Amy Cordara from Starkweather is flanked by Gallimore third-graders Shaday Pankay (left) and Amber Johnson. The pictures were taken a few ago in Reggie Kozub's classroom.

**Other books in the works**

It seems that Starkweather students' first publishing venture was so successful that other projects are now in the works.

Starkweather English teacher Regina Wilburn said that one project, a book containing short stories and poems, is in the final editing stages.

"This book is for an adolescent audience," Wilburn said. "They're drawing from their own personal experiences to teach lessons about life."

"They're hoping that if they get their own stories out, kids

will learn from them," she said. The other book is in the beginning stages. It is about a group of students from different backgrounds who are forced to work together.

"All the dialogue is done in poetry," Wilburn said.

Interestingly enough, the Starkweather students are learning about teamwork as they write about it in verse for the book.

"This is teaching them the small group dynamic," she said, adding, "they can take these skills into the workplace."

**CAMPUS CLIPS**

**Illinois State University**  
Sandy Michelle Donahue has been placed on the Dean's List at Illinois State University for the Fall 2002 semester.

Students who make the dean's list have achieved grade-point averages that place them in the top 10 percent of their respective colleges at the university.

**Olivet College**  
Sulaiman Salam of Canton has been named to the Dean's List at Olivet College for the 2002 fall semester.

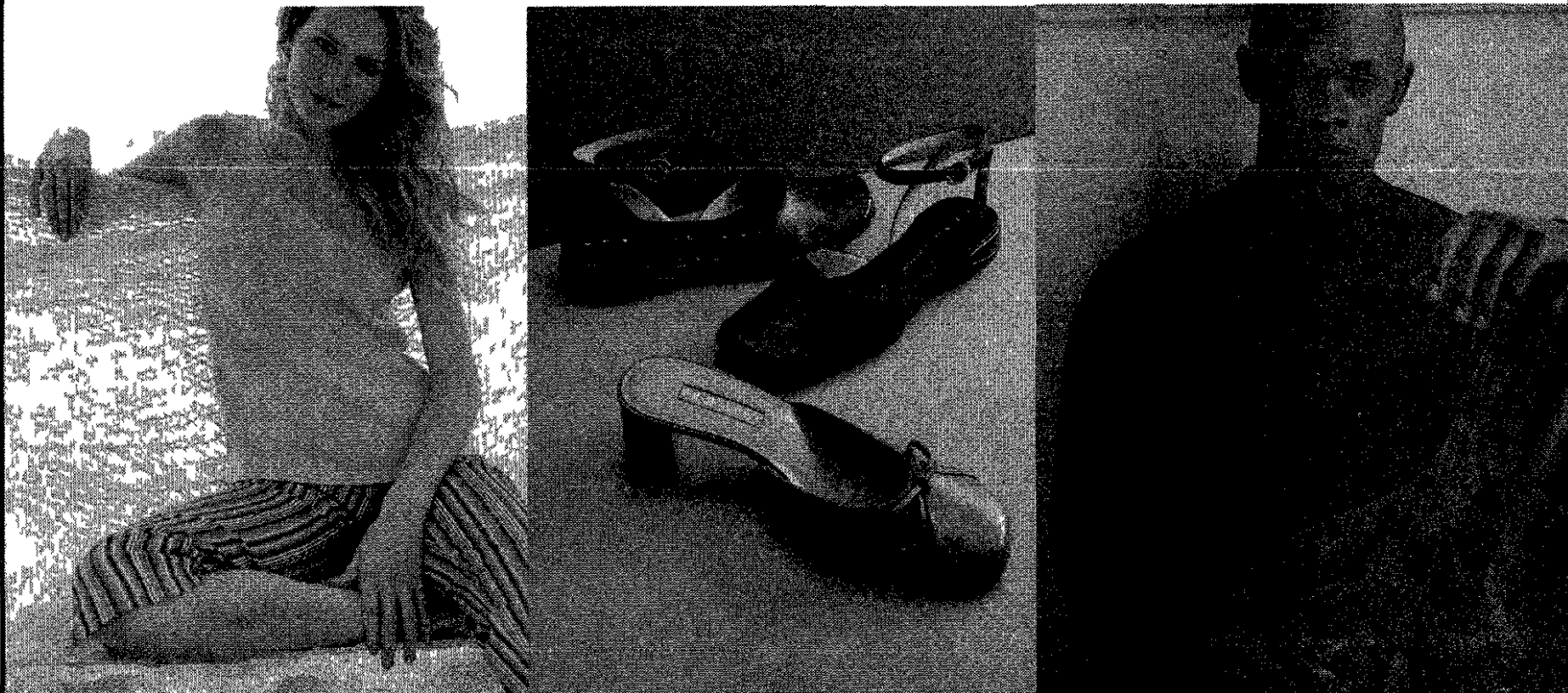
**King College**  
Julia Kristen Branham of Northville was named to the Dean's List at King College for the fall 2002 semester.

**Sena Heights University**  
Jaclyn Amanda Novak of Canton was named to the Dean's List at Sena Heights University for the fall 2002 semester with a 3.88 GPA. Jaclyn is a Fine Arts Major with an Education minor. She is the daughter of Robert and Lynnette Novak.

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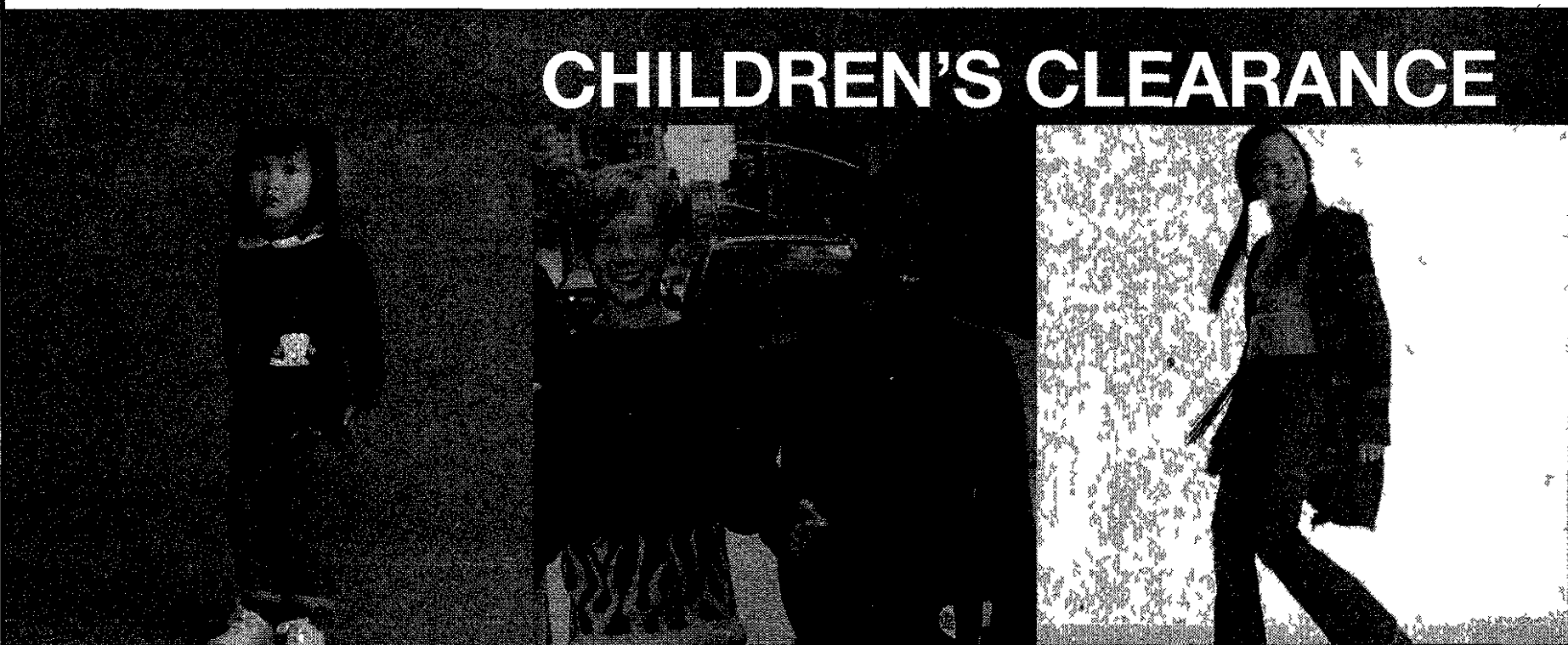
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## St. Mary Mercy leads Red Cross blanket drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital collected 500 blankets for the American Red Cross Blanket Days, making them the top blanket drive in Wayne County.

Through the extraordinary efforts of Sister Janet Mary, almost 500 blankets were collected from the staff and visitors at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia," said Lou Bischoff, Blanket Days committee member. The hospital has participated in the Red Cross Blanket Days campaign for the past four years by hosting an internal drive and using their building as a drop-off site.

In recognition of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's efforts, the Red Cross gave them a Wayne County drive champion certificate and 10 tickets compliments of the Detroit Pistons.

With the help of more

than 175 organizations, the Red Cross Blanket Days campaign collected 6,611 blankets to benefit homeless people in 85 local shelters as well as for victims of disaster.

Since November, the Red Cross has distributed more than 9,500 blankets to local shelters and homeless outreach organizations and an additional 500 blankets to disaster victims.

According to reports in the Detroit Free Press, there is an estimated 6,000 homeless people in Metro Detroit.

The Red Cross teamed up with presenting sponsor Mejer, WJBK-Fox2, the Detroit Pistons, Compaware, Goodwill Printing and longtime partner World Medical Relief for the 2002 Blanket Days campaign.

For more information of the campaign and related stories, visit [www.semred-cross.org/blanketdays](http://www.semred-cross.org/blanketdays)

## Sheriff takes action on deadbeat parents

Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, working closely with county prosecutors, have identified and arrested 67 of Wayne County's 115 worst child support deadbeats as part of a new effort being spearheaded by Sheriff Michael E. Duggan.

The Felony Friend of the Court Unit was created in early January to identify, secure warrants for, then track and apprehend the very worst offenders among Wayne County's 28,000 men and women who owe a collective \$3.7 billion in back child support.

For these individuals, Duggan is issuing felony warrants, as opposed to civil warrants. The maximum penalty for a felony conviction for non-payment of child support is four years in prison.

"The non-payment of child support is one of the most heartless crimes we see every day because of who it affects," said Evans. "These people are not only letting innocent children go without life's bare necessities, they are thumbing their nose at the system. This new approach should send a clear message that neither of those behaviors will go unpunished."

Since early January, sheriff's deputies and prosecutors have identified more than 100 people they have classified as the most egregious violators and have been executing felony warrants. According to Evans, these are individuals who are employed and have a high likelihood of making good on their payments. In just the first month of operation, 67 of the violators, who collectively owe more than \$2.3

million in back child support, have been arrested. So far, more than \$1 million of that money has been collected or ordered to be paid as a condition of probation.

"This is just the first round," said Evans. "We expect that prosecutors will identify additional deadbeats on a regular basis and add them to our felony list."

Because of the efficiency of Sheriff's Department Friend of the Court officers, Evans said that between an average of 700 civil FOC arrests are made each month. Approximately 100 of those are as a result of an aggressive identification and apprehension effort by deputies. Others are arrested when individuals encounter a police officer for unrelated reasons and are found through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).

system, to be wanted for non-payment of child support.

According to Duggan, in order for a person to be charged with a felony for non-payment of child support, their case must meet the following criteria:

- Must owe at least \$10,000 in back child support.
- Has been identified as having the ability to pay, but refuses.
- The ex-spouse must be willing to press charges against them.

"As word gets out to these scofflaws that they may face felony charges, we believe many of them suddenly will be inspired to make good on their responsibility to their kids," Evans said.


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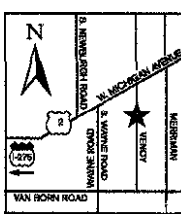
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Gail Posner a registered dietitian and owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield stands on a scale with some of her favorite lowfat foods plain popcorn oatmeal Kashi grain cereal and crackers



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Cactus leaves at the Westborn Market in Royal Oak

## Time is right for cactus leaves, blood oranges and mangos

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

During a visit to Westborn Market's Berkley location in search of a unique fruit, we came upon an intriguing leaf

A cactus leaf, that is Actually, they're called Opuntia pads or nopalitos and they're edible

We also found them at the Livonia location and Nino Salvaggio's markets

"You can chop it and fry it with eggs or bread it, fry it and eat plain," said Vince Sciarino of Westborn "For cactus, we have a small base of regular customers"

The fruit of the cactus, commonly known as prickly pear, is common in the U.S. Eating the pads is an old idea turned trendy Cooked nopalitos are native to the U.S. and Mexico and every day more than 20,000 are sold in Texas

Imagine the combined flavor of green beans and bell pepper If boiling, the texture is similar to okra, which is somewhat slimy

They're soft, but crunchy and a bit tangy

Look for fresh pads that are a bit bigger than a large hand

The pads, sold individually, should have a glossy green skin and be about 3/8 inches thick. If the pad is too thick and dull, the insides might be too pithy Wrapped in plastic and refrigerated, it can last up to two weeks Add to salsa, eggs, chili, burritos or fry or grill alone

The primary rule before cooking, of course, is to remove the pickers

Some other tips  
■ Using gloves to clean pads, take an ordinary kitchen peeler and remove spines and eyes Wash well Trim edge to remove bruised and dry parts and wash well again, washing off some of the sticky liquid the plant releases Make certain the pickers and eyes are removed

■ If you just want to taste it, dice to the size of small green beans, and simmer in water or saute in butter for a few minutes Salt to taste and enjoy Try these easy recipes

### FRIED CACTUS LEAVES

2 fresh pads  
1 cup cornmeal  
dash of salt  
Oil for frying

De-pick as described in article Slice into 1/2-inch squares

Sprinkle with water and then salt Set aside for about half an hour to allow the juice to come out

It will be rather slick and sticky

The best way to coat the nopalitos is to shake them with the cornmeal in a paper bag

In hot oil, almost smoking, fry only as many of the nopalitos at a time as will cook without stacking on top of one another

As soon as they brown, remove and drain on a paper towel

They taste almost exactly like fried okra and green beans

Source <http://www.geocities.com>

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# Let's cook well together

New series focuses on good food for a trimmer community

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Registered dietitian Barbara Beznos wants to empower people to live healthily and lose weight With fiery enthusiasm she asks people to demand better food Demand it in restaurants

## SLIMDOWN HOMETOWN

Demand it in our schools All you need to do is request it, repeatedly Beznos, owner of Integrated Nutrition in Farmington Hills, empowers clients to help them regain control over food habits and release guilt that may stem from weight gain

"Demand healthier foods," Beznos said "At restaurants, request more vegetables on the menus Better yet, grow your own vegetables if possible"

America's interest in "bigger portions" hurts our health, explained

Beznos Bigger portions at restaurants are celebrated and quality is overlooked

Here are three words dietitians also recommend for healthy meals Eat at home

At home, you have control over how food is prepared, how much salt is added and what kind of oil is used At home, you can have much-needed whole grain bread It's better than typical white bread made from bleached refined flour, said Gail Posner, registered dietitian and owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield

"I guarantee that you can make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with whole grain bread in less time than it takes to go through a drive-through restaurant," Posner said

Both Posner and Beznos said metro Detroiters share bad traits "We're a city with door-to-door service," Posner said "We drive

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## Together, we can all slim down

We've all heard the bad news Detroit's the third-most overweight city in the U.S., according to a poll taken in January by *Men's Fitness* magazine

At least we're not Chicago, ranked No. 2, or worse, Houston, No. 1 Still, it's nothing to laugh about Twenty-two percent of Michiganders are obese, says the Center for Disease Control Obesity-related illness is the second leading cause of death nationwide, killing 300,000 annually, next to smoking

In our new series *Slim Down Hometown*, we'll speak with nutritionists who will suggest foods to avoid or include in your

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### SHITAKE MUSHROOM AND TOMATO POLENTA AND CRUST

1 cup yellow corn meal (instant polenta)  
1 cup instant grits (white corn meal)  
2 cups hot boiling water  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Pepper and salt if desired

Spray large saucepan with non-stick cooking spray and boil water Add olive oil Slowly add

already mixed corn meal and grits, continue to stir until properly combined Cover and simmer for 30 minutes but check and stir every six minutes to keep from sticking

Pour into small cake or brownie pan and smooth out Refrigerate for a few hours until hard

### BAKED FRESH ORGANIC TUBERS AND SAUCE

1 small butternut squash  
2 large yams  
2 large new potatoes  
1 large red yam  
4 large carrots

#### SAUCE:

1/2 cup marinara sauce  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 can vegetable/defatted chicken broth  
1/2 teaspoon full of mixed herbs/Italian

1 teaspoon sugar  
Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon

Peel and cut all potatoes into large cubes Peel and take seeds out of squash and cut the same size as potatoes Clean carrots and cut into similar chunks Put into covered casserole Mix sauce together and pour over all the chunks Bake for one hour at 350-375°F

More recipes inside.  
Taste, Page B3.

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# Heat up winter with minestrone, other soups

Since the holiday season is well behind us now I thought I would share some of my favorite winter



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soup recipes with you. These are not hard to make and are great as a lunch item just on their own or for dinner served with some fresh and crusty warm bread. Hot soup and bread always keep the cold winter blues at bay.

## MINESTRONE

This winter vegetable soup makes good use of seasonal vegetables. Vary them according to what is available, including rutabaga and winter squash if you wish.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 leek halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 14 ounce can of chopped tomat

- 1 carrot finely diced
- 1 small turnip finely diced
- 1 small potato finely diced
- 1/2 cup of celery finely diced
- 1/2 cup of pumpkin or winter squash finely diced
- 3 cups water
- 4 cups chicken broth or vegetable stock
- 14 ounce can of cannellini or kidney beans rinsed and drained
- 3 ounces leafy cabbage or calvo lo nero (the Italian Cabbage variety which are particularly attractive in this dish)
- 1/2 cup of pasta shapes or broken spaghetti
- Salt and pepper
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese to garnish

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and cook for about three to four minutes, stirring occasionally, until slightly soft. Add the tomatoes, carrots, celery, pumpkin, water and stock. Bring to a boil and stir occasionally. Stir in the beans and cabbage. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat and simmer for 50 minutes until all the vegetables are tender. Bring salt water to a boil in a

saucepan. Add the pasta and cook until just tender. Drain and add to the soup. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning. Ladle into warm bowls and sprinkle with freshly grated cheese. Serves 6-8.

## SPICY KIDNEY BEAN, PUMPKIN AND TOMATO SOUP

Pumpkin is a greatly underrated vegetable. It balances the spicy heat in this soup and gives it a splash of color, too.

- 1/2 cup dried kidney beans
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 onions finely chopped
- 1 stalk of celery thinly sliced
- 1 carrot halved and thinly sliced
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste
- 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/8 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
- 5 cups water
- 1 bay leaf
- 14 ounce can of chopped tomatoes in juice
- 1/2 cup peeled and diced pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon chili paste
- Salt
- Pepper
- Fresh cilantro to garnish

Cover the beans with cold water and let soak for 6 hours or overnight.

Drain the beans and put in a saucepan and add enough cold water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil for 10 minutes. Drain and rinse well.

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onion and cook covered for 3-4 minutes until they are just softened.

Add the garlic, celery, and carrot and continue to cook for 2 minutes.

Add the water, drained beans, tomato paste, thyme, oregano, cumin, water and bay leaf. When the mixture begins to bubble, reduce to a low heat and cover. Simmer gently for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the tomatoes, pumpkin and chili paste and continue simmering for about 1 hour more, or until the beans and pumpkin are tender, stirring from time to time.

Taste and season the soup. Stir in a little more chili paste if desired.

Garnish the soup with fresh chopped cilantro. Serves 4-6.

## CURRIED LENTIL SOUP WITH FRIED ONIONS

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 large onion chopped finely
- 1 large leek thinly sliced
- 1 large carrot grated
- 1 1/2 large garlic cloves finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon chili paste
- 1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger or paste
- 1/2 teaspoon Garam Masala or curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 5 cups water
- 1/2 cup split red lentils or yellow split peas
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garnish: 1 red onion. Halved and thinly sliced into half rings
- Oil for frying

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onion and cook for four to five minutes, stirring frequently until it begins to brown slightly. Add the leek, carrot and garlic and continue cooking for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the chili paste, ginger, garam masala, or curry powder, cumin and turmeric. Add the water and stir to mix well.

Allow the soup to cool slightly, then transfer to a food processor and puree until smooth, working in batches if necessary.

Return the soup to the saucepan and simmer over a low heat. Season with salt and pepper to taste. For the fried onions garnish heat oil to a depth of about 1/2 inch in a small frying pan over a medium to high heat or until it starts to smoke.

Drop the onions about 1/3 of the onion slices and fry until golden brown. Using a slotted spoon transfer to paper towel and drain. Cook the remaining onions in batches and drain.

Ladle the soup into bowls and sprinkle with the onions. Serve immediately. Serves 4-6.

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# Celebrate bread and its artisanship

One of my favorite Artisan bakers is Bob Pisor, who owns Stone House Breads on the Leelanau Peninsula.

"Bread ought to be a celebration," Pisor says. "How you make it from just flour, water and salt is the challenge." His loaves are magnificent.

Interest in Artisan bread is growing rapidly. Probably because there is something eminently satisfying about an "honest" loaf.

(as Bob is fond of calling it). Artisan bread is hand-crafted with a real crust, well-browned, and has a rustic appearance. The loaves are substantial without being heavy and their texture displays interesting irregularity - with small and large holes occurring at random. Often, the bread is chewy, moist yet resilient, and it has wonderfully complex flavors. All of this is accomplished by using time-honored ingredients and methods naturally.

fermented starters instead of commercial yeast, all-natural flour so you can enjoy the taste of the grains from which it was milled, purified water, time to allow a long, slow rise in a cool environment, and then a hot stone hearth for the culmination of the whole process.

Artisan bread baking is steeped in tradition. It involves skilled hands and a heart for excellence. At its best, you have a food that is satisfying to eat all by itself. But, for a change of pace, you will find it goes superbly with European butter, organic jam and preserves. Fine wine. Exotic honey, mustard and chutney. Extra virgin olive oil. Aromatic coffee and tea.

Now, let's turn from the romantic qualities of Artisan bread to a few of the practical considerations.

To slice or not to slice? Slicing the whole loaf at the outset will cause moisture to escape. On the other hand, if you slice your loaf as needed, (a few slices at a time) and place it face down on a board, you will be happily surprised at how long it lasts. The outer crust acts as insulation and should the exposed slice dry out a little, simply cut it off and you'll

find the rest of the loaf is in good shape for two or three days.

Should it be kept in the refrigerator?

Artisan, hearth-baked loaves are best kept at room temperature. They do not take well to refrigeration (only supermarket bread with preservatives, and in a plastic bag, do well there). Either keep your Artisan bread in the brown paper bag in which it came, or leave it uncovered face down on a cutting board. I prefer the latter. That way, I can enjoy its beautiful appearance every time I pass by.

Paper or plastic?

Another reason for not slicing Artisan bread is that is then has to be wrapped in plastic. Inevitably, the crisp crust - so carefully achieved by the baker - becomes soft. And the bread loses its chewy consistency. Paper, on the other hand, helps ensure that your bread gets to your table in as fine condition as when it leaves the bakery.

How about freezing - will it work?

It will indeed if you follow some straight-forward rules. The first is to place it in a

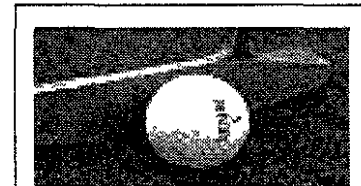
freezer storage bag (yes, now plastic is OK!). Then, you need to expel all the air before sealing it. If you want to be extra diligent, you can wrap the loaf in foil before placing it in the bag. I never do but it's advisable if you want to store the bread frozen for more than a couple of weeks.

When the time comes for you to enjoy the bread, take it from the freezer and place it on your kitchen counter - out of the foil and freezer bag - and let it come back to room temperature. Naturally (No microwave, please!).

Then, sprinkle some water on top of the loaf and place it in a pre-heated (450°F) oven for five to seven minutes. With dinner rolls, do the same but leave them in the oven for just three minutes or so.

And that's it! You will then be in a position to appreciate what Bob Pisor meant when he said, "Bread ought to be a celebration!"

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery on South Main Street in downtown Rochester (248) 601 1542 and a Bloomfield Hills resident. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste.



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## CACTUS

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### MEXICAN BREAKFAST WITH NOPALITOS

- 2 young cactus leaves
- 1 small chopped onion
- 10 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- dash of salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil

17 ounce can of red or green salsa

Rinse and drain cactus, chop in half. In a saucepan, heat oil and fry onion. Add cactus. Combine eggs, sour cream, salt and pepper in a blender. Beat until the mixture is frothy. Pour the mixture over the cactus and stir constantly until they have the consistency of scrambled eggs. Accompany with the salsa and serve with refried beans and warm corn tortillas.

### GRILLED CACTUS PADS

1 pound cactus leaves  
olive oil as needed

Grill the leaves over charcoal or wood fire for 10 to 12 minutes on each side.

Thicker leaves may take slightly longer to grill. Brush leaves with oil occasionally while grilling. Serve hot.

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everywhere and with the cold weather it makes the idea of walking even less attractive"

Also, many people also mistake hunger for thirst for hunger. We consume excessive calories when all we might need is just a glass of water. Change is slow.

Improve eating habits with a happy attitude. Don't try to change your whole lifestyle immediately. Start small.

Don't try going from two glasses of water each day to eight, increase it slowly with just one or two more glasses.

And don't compare yourself to others, Beznos said.

"On a daily basis, overweight individuals compare themselves in size to others and sometimes feel out of place with those who are thin," Beznos said. "Everyone needs to find their own logic and understanding or 'matter of taste' of what they eat."

Beznos said a high fiber diet of fruits, vegetables, beans, grains, and nonfat dairy products improves insulin and glycemic levels which can lead to weight loss. She recommends the following meal in place of a fatty one:

- 1 cup spaghetti with tomato sauce
- 2 kinds of vegetables or mixed salad
- 1 cup of minestrone soup

## Experts share tips

Barbara Beznos, registered dietitian at Integrated Nutrition in Farmington Hills, said:

- Back local restaurants and demand healthier items on the menu
- Don't eat in cars
- Eat home when possible
- Enjoy Michigan-grown crops
- A high-fiber diet of fruits, vegetables, beans, grains, and nonfat dairy, improves insulin and glycemic response. This can lead to weight loss.
- Eat foods that remain in their natural state, they have more nutritional value (fiber, minerals and vitamins) and fewer additives and calories than processed foods.

Gail Posner, a registered dietitian at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, said:

- Carry a small cooler in your car with carrots or fruit. Keep cans of tuna in the car to avoid fast-food restaurants on busy days.
- If you must eat fast food, skip the mayonnaise on the chicken sandwiches.
- Eat slowly. It takes 20 minutes from the first bite of food for the brain to tell your stomach that it's full. Take smaller bites.
- One bagel equals six slices of white bread. Try lowfat graham crackers instead.
- Replace regular pasta with wheat pasta - fewer empty calories.

That meal, said Beznos, has 485 calories, 5 grams of fat, 20 grams dietary fiber and 15 grams sugar.

And it is healthier than eating:

- 1 cup macaroni and cheese
- 1 hamburger on a bun
- 1 can soda.

This meal has 720 calories, 25 grams of fat, 3 grams of dietary fiber and 54 grams of sugar.

Instead of drinking a can of cola with 180 empty calories, have a thick stacked open face

turkey sandwich. Add whole grains like Total whole grain cereal or shredded wheat cereal to your breakfast, or healthy food that's low in fat.

"Remember, everyone must find the best foods for their own vitality, physical strength, optimal nutrition, strong minds, and longevity," Beznos said. "You should experience health and harmony in the body. Make it a matter of taste."

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## Slim down with these tasty dishes

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### TOPPING

- 1/2 3/4 pound shitake mushrooms
- 4 or 5 medium tomatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Soak and wash shitake mushrooms and throw away stems (not to be eaten), chop into small pieces.

Put whole tomatoes into boiling water for five minutes to loosen skin and then soak in ice water to remove skin. Chop similar to size of mushrooms.

Chop onions and sauté in one-tablespoon oil. Add mushrooms, tomatoes and remaining oil and

cook over medium heat. Season with basil, dill and thyme.

Pour on top of polenta. Before going to picnic, bake in oven for 45 minutes at 325° degrees. Let cool completely. Cut in chunks and wrap.

Serves 8

### CORN AND POTATO CHOWDER

- 3 ears corn taken off the cob
- 3 whole carrots sliced into rounds
- 2 celery stalks sliced small
- 2 small potatoes peeled and diced
- 1 large tomato chopped
- 1 teaspoon cilantro dried or fresh
- 2 teaspoons dill weed dried or fresh

- 1 teaspoon cumin ground
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 cans defatted chicken broth or vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Combine all ingredients in soup pot except seasonings and broth. Sauté in olive oil until soft. Stir so it doesn't stick. Pour in broth and mix in seasonings.

Simmer until soup is done. Serves two people. Each serving contains 240 calories, 8 grams of protein, 45 grams carbohydrates, 3.5 grams fat. This recipe is high in potassium, vitamin A, magnesium, folate and phosphorus. Source: Dietitian Barbara Beznos of Farmington Hills.

## TOGETHER

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diet. We'll talk about trends - healthy and unhealthy - offer

tips for dining out sensibly and discuss weight control. Local chefs and registered dietitians will share recipes for healthy dishes that taste good, too.

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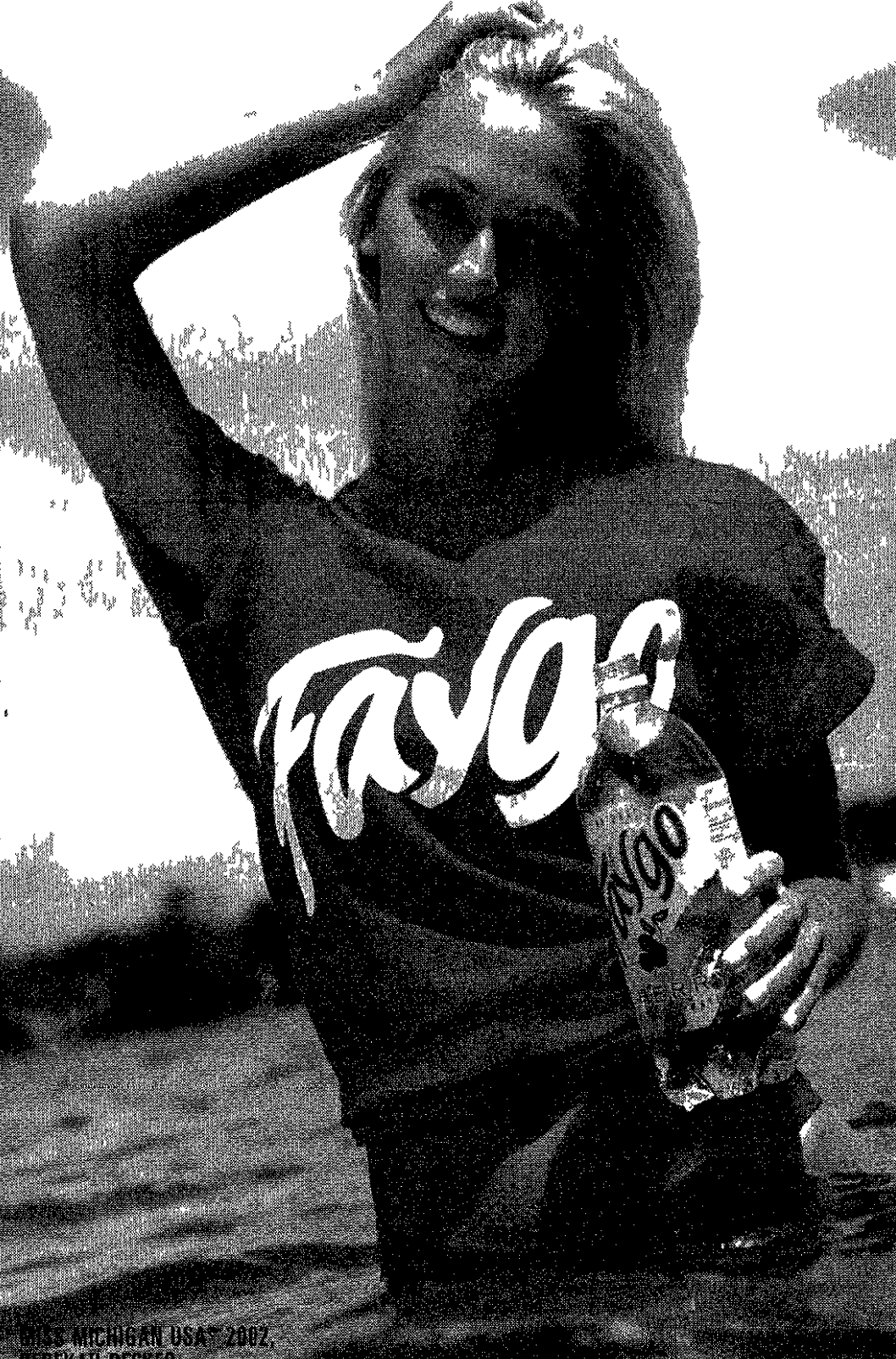


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## 'Dinner and a Movie' celebrates '30s comedies

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

The slapstick scenes, witty dialogue, gender wars and gutsy heroines of the screwball romantic comedy emerged in the 1930s

This month, Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills celebrates the film genre with dinner-and-a-movie screenings of classic romantic comedies

*The Awful Truth* with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne is scheduled for Feb 19 *Platinum Blonde* with Jean Harlow, Loretta Young and Reginald Owen is set for Feb 26

"It's a lot of fun to see '30s movies in a '30s house on a big screen," said Meadow Brook Hall's acting director Sally Victor of the venue's *Dinner and*

### FILM

**What:** Dinner and a Movie series at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills

**When:** 7 p m (doors open), 7:30 p m (screening), Wednesday, Feb 19 and Feb 26

**Tickets:** \$25 per person and include dinner A cash bar is available Space is limited, so please call in advance for reservations (248) 370-3140, or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org) on the Internet

### a Movie series

Enhancing the experience is screening locale Films are shown - and dinner is served - in Meadow Brook Hall's elegant ballroom, the original motion picture-viewing room of residence owners Matilda Dodge

Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, Alfred G Wilson

Films from the 1930s are the current focus of the series since "Meadow Brook was in its heyday in the '30s," said Victor *Dinner and a Movie* is in its sec-



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Meadow Brook Hall's *Dinner and a Movie* series is held in the estate's ballroom where Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, Alfred G Wilson, viewed motion pictures in the '30s

ond season and also runs in October

Screenings begin at 7:30 p m (doors open at 7 p m), and feature a multicourse dinner, including appetizer, main course and dessert Each course is served during a break in the film and accompanied by an informal discussion of the

movie, its history and trivia.

"The discussion is led by our curator who talks about the movie in a fun way," said Victor "The personality of attendees tends to be somewhat outgoing, so there are many questions and lots of talk, but it's very informal"

Past audiences have been

diverse and screenings regularly sell out, said Victor "There isn't an age demographic The program seems to appeal to people who simply enjoy old movies We have 20-somethings and 70-somethings in the crowd plus everything in between"

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BY KEELY KALESKI  
STAFF WRITER

If a ship sunk in 1913, underwater it looks just as it did then It's a cool thing to see, and one of the reasons Dennis Bosak joined the Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club

The club is hosting a Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival on Saturday at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn Bosak said anyone who's interested in history, archeology, boaters and water enthusiasts should attend

"Over 4,000 ships sank in the Great Lakes and to date they've only found half of them," said Bosak "It's history underwater

The Great Lakes area is full of wrecks and artifacts"

Festival-goers can choose from a variety of events and activities Check out the shipwreck artifact and museum displays and exhibits by marine artists in the Dome Room Representatives from local historical preservation and historical societies will have displays too

Two seminars are being presented from 9-11 a.m Award-winning authors and photographers Jack and Sue Drafahl will talk about the challenges of taking pictures with a digital camera under water Jarrod Jablonski, of Global Underwater Explorers, offers an introduction to Doing it

Right, a common sense approach to diving that stresses safety and the importance of practice and experience

Visit "Fabulous Fiji," the Solomon Islands, Thailand and Bangkok with divers during the Saltwater Program noon to 2:30 p m

Attend the Diver's Forum 3:30-5 p m to learn more about the controversy behind the sinking of the *Carl D Bradley* from Rick Mixer The ship was one of six "Titanics of the Great Lakes"

Jarrod Jablonski talks about the British hospital ship *Britannic* that sunk on Nov 21, 1916 after an unexplained explosion The *Britannic* was approximately 20 feet longer than the Titanic

Lee Murdock brings Great Lakes legends to life through song during the Freshwater

Program 6:30-9 p m

A highlight is Tony Gramer's presentation - "36 Hours Adrift, the sinking of the schooner *Corsair*"

"The wreck is almost still in intact," said Bosak A 133-foot schooner, *Corsair* sunk on Sept 28, 1872, off Thunder Bay light-house Two of the seven crew survived to tell the story The wreck was located in the summer of 2001 Gramer and his crew joined in the filming and documentation in 2002

Ric Mixer shares his research about "The Great Storm of 1913"

His research includes firsthand accounts of diving the Charles S Price, Regina and Louisiana and interviews with people who survived the storms

Bosak, a Livonia resident is president of the Ford Seahorses



Jennifer Krapf of Redford won first place for this photo titled "Helmsman Needed" in the 2002 Ford Seahorses Underwater Photo Contest.

Diving Club "It's one of the oldest scuba diving clubs in the U.S.," he said "The membership is diverse, and you don't have to be a Ford employee to join

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# Try taking a second look through the viewfinder

Have you ever taken a family shot only to discover to your chagrin when you pick up the photos at the lab that there's a telephone pole "growing" out of your mother-in-law's head?

Have you ever gone to the zoo, taken what you thought was a terrific shot of the lion, and decided to impress your friends into thinking you just came back from Africa?

But, lo and behold, you pick up your prints only to find out there's a refreshment stand in the background!

Well, don't jump in despair into the lion's den

There's a simple way to avoid these mistakes in your pictures. The solution is what I call the "hard, second look"

through the viewfinder before you snap the shutter

It's true most people don't look closely through the entire viewfinder and they'll end up with distracting chair legs in the shot of junior crawling on the floor or the tree "sprouting" out of your outdoor subject's head

But by taking that second, hard look through the viewfinder, you

can eliminate all these problems. Once you see the distraction, all that's required is simply moving yourself or moving your subject just enough to remove it.

Understanding depth-of-field can eliminate a distraction, too. Using a large aperture will significantly reduce depth-of-field so that an unwanted object in the background or even the background itself will be blurred out in the finished print.

Taking a second, hard look through the viewfinder can also cause you to see something that will enhance your photo.

Say you're photographing a family member at the edge of a lake and just before you trip

the shutter, you see the majestic mountain across the lake.

You think, "What a great backdrop for the picture!" And by simply moving you and your subject slightly, you can include the mountain in the composition for a much stronger photograph.

Are you beginning to see the value of taking that second, hard look through the viewfinder before you snap the shutter?

If so, your photographs will be greatly improved and you won't have to throw yourself into the lion's den!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.



**Focus on Photography**

Monte Nagler



No distractions here. Monte Nagler's "second, hard look" assured a non-distracting background in order to focus attention on this delightful woman from China.

## WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback, we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls.

Also, please spell any uncommon items.

If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

### WHAT WE FOUND

— For teddy bears made from old fur coats there is a lady at the Town Peddler Craft & Antiques Mall on Plymouth Road in Livonia, (734) 513-2577.

— For '50s, '60s and '70s memorabilia try the Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

— For men's pajamas with-

out button on the top try the Vermont Country Store catalog (802) 362-8470.

— For 8mm movie film made into DVD or VHS try the Transfer Zone in Oak Park, (248) 548-7580.

### FIND AND SEARCH

Need the name and telephone number of the person who called wanting the 30 year old sewing machine for Harlan School in Birmingham.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

— A women and children's consignment clothing store for Gladys of Detroit.

— A store that sells Walden Farms chocolate syrup 0 calories for Mary of Livonia.

— A pattern for gowns. Dresses and sleepers for cabbage patch dolls and preemies for Margaret of Livonia.

— A store that sells V620 color film for an Argus camera for John of Livonia.

— A store that sells Adamski's Original chili starter champion chili in a 5 3/8 glass jar made in Livonia for Ollie of

Garden City.

— A store or catalog that sells Muscle Rub by Dr. Sheffield (for arthritis) for Loretta of Southfield.

— A business that buys used opera albums in original jackets for Mrs. M.

— A copy of the Harvest Moon vegetarian cookbook formerly in Plymouth (no longer in business) for Veronica.

— A store that sells the sugar cookies from the Butcher Block formerly located (no longer in business) in Livonia for Melissa.

— A store that sells Glade stand and zip bags and Zip-Loc easy stand bags for Mirabell.

— A store that sells fabric to be used in making a women's bath robe in colorful material, preferably 100 percent cotton for Carmen of Orchard Lake.

— A store or someone who has the animated (little) Land Before Time figure toys sold at Burger King four years ago for Mary of Livonia.

— A store that sells the book American Babies 1st year of Life for Tom of Farmington.

— A store that sells the Fantasy dolls by Candice

Spelling, wife of Aaron Spelling.

— A store that sells Corning Ware grab-it bowls for Betty.

— A store that sells a therapeutic herbal pad (holy pad) that was formerly sold at Angelica's Garden in Royal Oak and that can be used as a hot or cold pack for Vicki of Canton.

— Someone who has the recipe for Bill Knapp's tortilla soup for Delores.

— A business that buys LPs from 1960-1970 for Helen.

— A VHS tape of the Bonanza show titled Forever with Bonnie Bedelia for Pam.

— A company that manufactures little spice jars with the labels on the top of the jars for Tom of Bloomfield.

— A store that sells a stirring spoon with a hook that attaches to the side of a pot for Connie.

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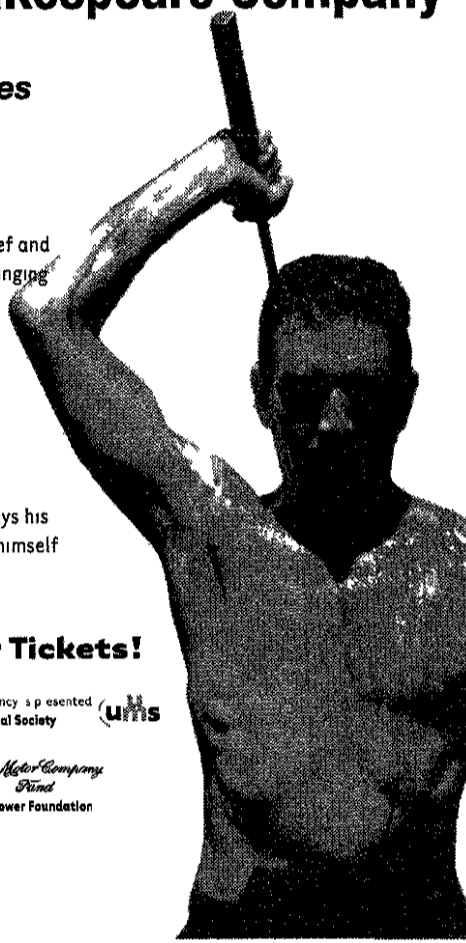
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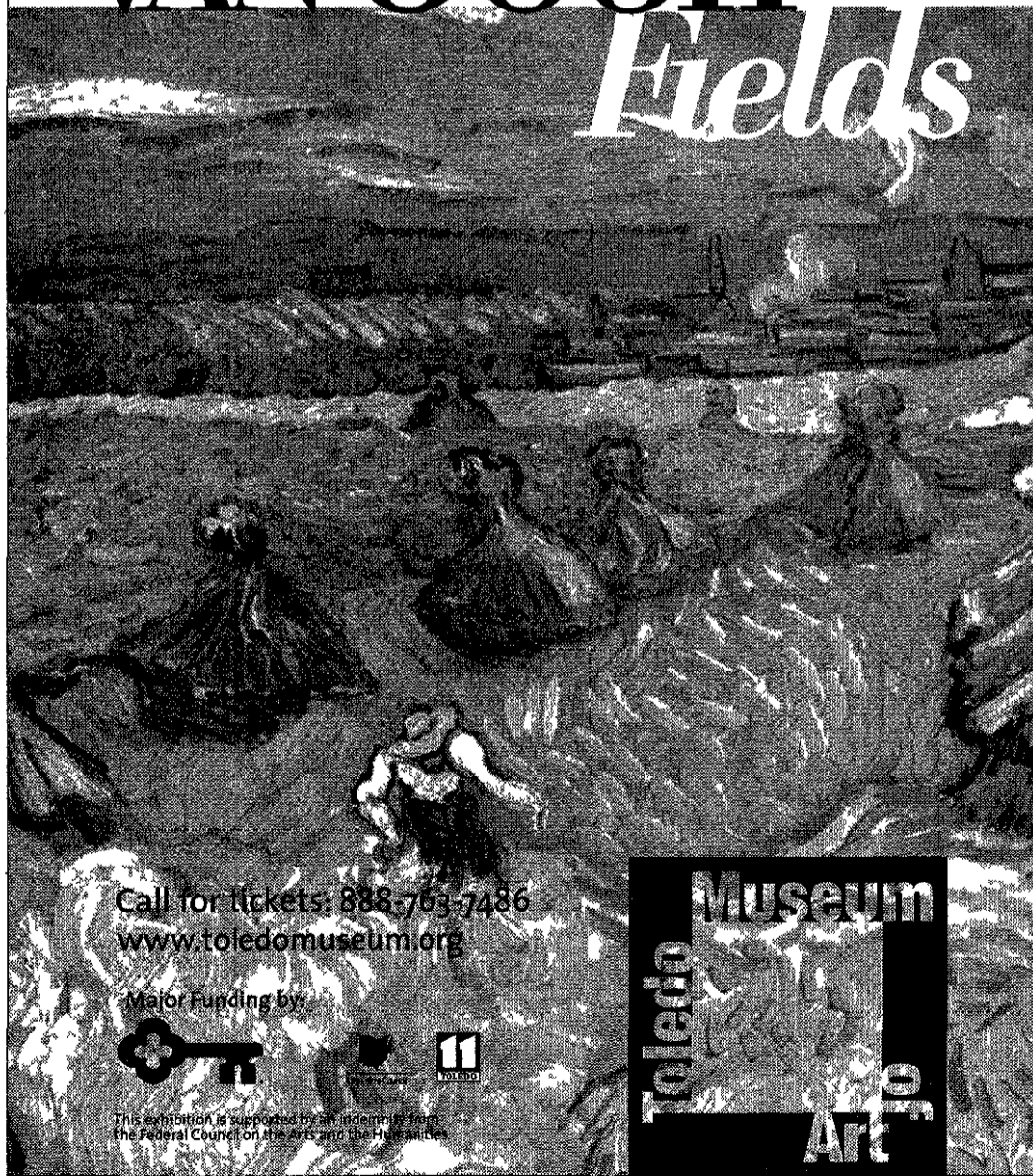
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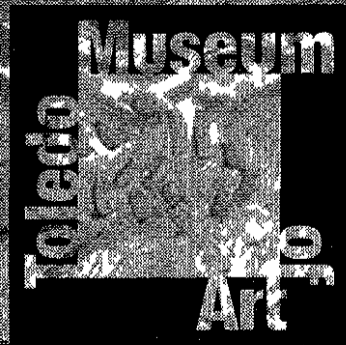


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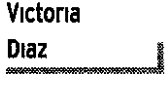
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Dialogue brings story of Sapphire's Grave alive

SAPPHIRE'S GRAVE, BY HILDA GURLEY-HIGHGATE (DOUBLEDAY, \$23.95).

Sapphire's Grave is a historical romance which marks the literary debut of Detroit attorney Hilda Gurley-Highgate

The novel traces several generations of a fiery slave woman named Sapphire, and begins aboard an 18th century slave ship, taking to sea out of Sierra Leone, West Africa



Victoria Diaz

Along with this, Gurley-Highgate's prose sometimes careens toward the awkward ("Tears had been waiting for their cue, which they had known would come Nodding at each other, they stepped out from behind Queen Marie's eyes")

And, perhaps because she includes so many characters here, she occasionally appears even to lose track of some of them herself (For example, I counted four daughters born to Sapphire, though the author says three)

Flashbacks - some brief, some extended (and interspersed throughout) - further add to the confusion. In spite of the confusion, though, Sapphire's Grave has a way of holding a reader's attention much of the time

Perhaps Gurley-Highgate will get back to her characters some day, giving each of them more attention, nuance, and texture, and, in the process, bringing readers a more rewarding and meaty story

An added thought One wonders if this author has ever tried her hand at playwriting Her dialogue consistently rings true and alive, vivifying her characters more than anything else by far

I found myself wanting to hear more of it all the time, and wondering why relatively little can be found on these pages

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident who writes about books, movies, and theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Among the noble descendants of the blue-black, fiery Sapphire is Sister, who is driven mad, suffering visions of her forebears and their unspeakable suffering and humiliation

Her daughter, Lilly, caring for her mother at an early age, "learned to control, gently, with the unassuming wisdom of one who knew what was best for others"

The "fatherless," sensuous, Vyda Rose, also part of Sapphire's "bloodline of heroines," meets with harrowing tragedy Jewell shares a deep love with her white employer The artistically gifted Amber creates with her hands the "generations old" images she sees in her mind's eye

And, at story's end, we meet the charismatic matriarch named Rae'ven The kaleidoscopic novel encompasses more than 200 years, countless generations, and numerous players in less than 250 pages

Readers may come away from Sapphire's Grave a little dizzied, feeling that Gurley-Highgate has attempted what so many first-time authors attempt That is to say, she has tried to include too much in too little space, and her reach - though certainly commendable - may have exceeded her grasp

It strikes me that the story of any one of these leading characters would have made for an intriguing novel But trying to write about them all, as she does here, threatens to turn them into rather sketchy "types," not fully dimensional characters

Young actor jumps at chance to play Daredevil hero

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG CORRESPONDENT

Scott Terra wasn't familiar with Daredevil when he got the role of the character's alter-ego as a young man in the movie "When I learned Daredevil was a super hero, I thought it would be cool to play one," said Terra, 15

"I enjoyed being the cornerstone for Daredevil's story" Daredevil, which opens Friday, is the first of three movies based on Marvel Comics characters to come out this year

Academy Award winner Ben Affleck (Good Will Hunting, The Sum of All Fears) plays the title character as an adult Terra, who was in last year's Eight-Legged Freaks, appears in the beginning and in flashbacks as young Matt Murdock He is blinded and has to come to grips with his handicap, and train in the martial arts Terra's part in the movie, which he auditioned for three times, is 20-25 minutes long

"Daredevil is more of a real person He has no super-powers per se like Spiderman He doesn't have all the money and technology like Batman He's on his own," said Terra "Not only that, he's fearless, he has nothing to lose and that makes him even more fearless Plus, he's blind and that makes his character more interesting and challenging"

PREPARATION To prepare for the role, Terra did not read any Daredevil comics Instead, he learned martial arts and gymnastics Additionally, he worked with Tom Sullivan, a blind man hired by the movie company to coach both Terra and Affleck in their respective performances to make it look believable According to Terra, playing someone who's blind was the biggest challenge of making this movie

"(Sullivan) showed me to keep my eyes focused without making them look focused I had special contacts on (in some scenes) to make my eyes look cloudy, I saw only bright light," said Terra "When I had my eyes covered, it seemed like my hearing was more sensitive"

Terra worked closely with veteran actor David Keith (Firestarter), who plays Daredevil's father, Jack Murdock, a washed-up boxer controlled by the mob He makes his son promise to become a thinker not a fighter. He also throws a fight, resulting in his getting murdered This sets Matt on his course to becoming Daredevil as he goes after his father's murderers

"I mainly worked with David Keith He was a very cool guy. He was very prepared and very professional," Terra said Since Terra and Affleck play the same character, they had no scenes together However, Terra met Affleck twice - at a round table script-reading and on the set

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# Join Van Gogh in the 'Fields' at Toledo Museum of Art

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

"It will absolutely take your breath away. It will leave you speechless." Strong words from a man who regularly views some of the best art in the world.

Then again, he is talking about Vincent Van Gogh. Roger Berkowitz, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, said the exhibit, *Van Gogh Fields*, is almost overwhelming to view.

"People respond to Van Gogh so strongly because of the physical power of his work," Berkowitz said. "The thick strong brush strokes, the textured paint and incredible composition. And because of the letters that he wrote to his brother, we have a sense of the personality behind the artist whose career only spanned 10 years."

The Toledo Museum of Art is the only place on the continent to view *Van Gogh Fields*. If you miss its Feb. 23-March 18 run, you'll have to travel to the Kunsthalle Bremen museum in Germany to see it.

The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between both museums.

The *Fields* exhibit is a stark

**'Each piece is coming in individually from private collectors and curators all over the world.'**

Roger Berkowitz  
director Toledo Museum of Art

contrast to the DIA's successful showing of Van Gogh's portraits, yet is still intimate. *Fields* examines one of the artist's most depicted subjects, the landscape.

"Each piece is coming in individually from private collectors and curators all over the world," Berkowitz said.

*Fields* begins with a single self-portrait of the Dutch artist that he painted in spring or summer of 1887.

From there, the viewer will see 21 other paintings, five drawings and two watercolors including *Field of Poppies* — a controversial piece when Van Gogh painted it.

"It was so modern at the time, it was not embraced," Berkowitz said.

Tickets are selling well and



The Toledo Museum of Art is the only museum in North America to house *Fields*, an exhibit of works by Vincent Van Gogh.

those traveling from Michigan should purchase tickets in advance to get their desired day and viewing time, he said.

"It's absolutely amazing to view the fields in such a focused way," Berkowitz said.

Lenders to the exhibit include The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, The National Gallery and Tate Gallery in London, The Art Institute of Chicago and many others. It's worth the trip just to see *Wheat Fields with Reaper*, *Auvers*, which is on permanent

display in Toledo.

Nearby, one can view the Carnegie Museum of Art's *Wheat Field at Auvers Under Clouded Sky* — one of Van Gogh's final paintings.

"I am in the mood of almost too much calm, just the mood needed to paint this," reads a letter from the artist to his brother Willemmina in 1890. One month later, Van Gogh shot himself near the fields that he painted.

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## VAN GOGH: FIELDS

**What:** Twenty-two paintings, watercolors and five drawings all of fields by Vincent Van Gogh

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 23, to Tuesday, March 18

**Where:** Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Avenue, west of the downtown business district, one block off I-75

**Exhibit hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.

**Admission:** \$10 adults, \$9 students and children over 5. Children under 5 admitted free.

Purchase tickets in advance, call (419) 255-8000 or visit [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org)

### Programs

■ **Contemporaries Evening - Go-Go with Van Gogh**, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1

Party hosted by the Toledo Museum of Art Contemporaries. Enjoy food and music, \$75, call (419) 254-5771, Ext. 7494

■ **Van Gogh's Birthday Celebration - 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 30**

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Van Gogh's birth, music creation stations related to the artist, food, art and more.

# History Channel launches special shipwreck series

The History Channel is producing a new series about shipwrecks that brought KPI Productions, a specialized television recording team, from New York City to Whitefish Point in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, home of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society.

A new series will tell the story of four world-recognized shipwrecks, their meeting with fate, and how technology was used to help find the wrecks and try to explain what caused the ships to go down. The story of the Edmund Fitzgerald is the first wreck in the series to be produced.

Emphasis of the program will be new technologies used in underwater exploration, investigative analysis, archeology, still imagery and use of High Definition video. A special segment on raising the Edmund Fitzgerald bell from 535 feet and replacing the ship's bell with the memorial bell to the crew is also planned.

KPI Productions was highly interested in information about the 1989, 1994 and 1995 expeditions to the wreck site. Supporting this interest, the Society has provided High Definition video footage and still images for the Fitzgerald

episode. Shipwreck Society executive director Tom Farnquist has led three separate expeditions to the wreck site.

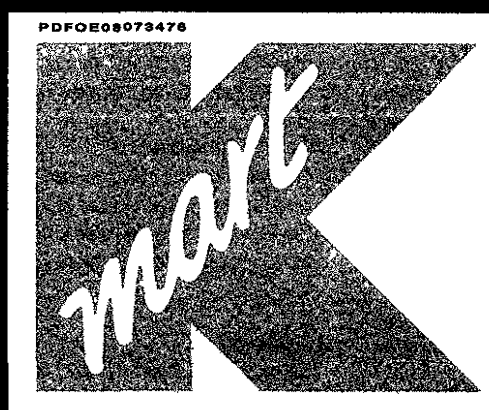
Additionally, the production team interviewed five staff and board members of the Shipwreck Museum who were part of the crew for these expeditions and research projects to appear during the program. Filming was done in January on location at the Shipwreck Museum.

"We need to remember that while most of the world's shipwrecks have occurred on the vast oceans, Herman Melville himself recognized the fury of the Great Lakes," said museum executive director Tom Farnquist.

and museum executive director Tom Farnquist.

"The Great Lakes know what shipwrecks are, for, out of sight of land, however inland, they have drowned full many a midnight ship with all its shrieking crew" -- *From Moby Dick*

The date of broadcast is not yet determined, but producer Ron Marans said it would be sometime near the end of July. Please check History Channel programming or the Society's Web site at [www.shipwreckmuseum.com](http://www.shipwreckmuseum.com) for broadcast dates.



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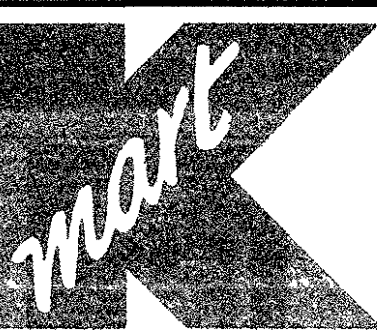
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# RU wrestling coach loses his struggle against cancer

If this were a perfect world, sometime today or tomorrow Jim Carlin would be in "the pit" at Redford Union High School leading wrestling practice



Paul Beaudry

It's a small room, off a smaller stairwell, off of the school's small gym. He'd be congratulating his team on the district win and getting them ready for Wednesday's

team regional at Birmingham Groves. He'd be laughing, he'd be teaching, he'd be doing what he loves best — coaching wrestling.

But this isn't a perfect world. Truth is, it's a very, very cruel one. It claimed Carlin's mother, Lois, when he was 1. It claimed his father, John, three weeks ago — a blink of an eye after he was diagnosed with lung cancer at the beginning of January.

And this very imperfect world took him Thursday night. The lymph node cancer he's been fighting since 1991 won't

It shouldn't happen to anyone, let alone a 33-year-old whose passion for life and living it to the fullest is exceeded only by his passion for wrestling, for teaching kids, for making them try to be their best.

Do not feel sorry for Jim Carlin. That's the last thing he'd want — and it's probably a reason why he'd occasionally hide the fact that cancer took his arm.

He'd rather you laughed and remembered the good times.

"He's the greatest," said his sister Laura, the closest in age of his five brothers and sisters

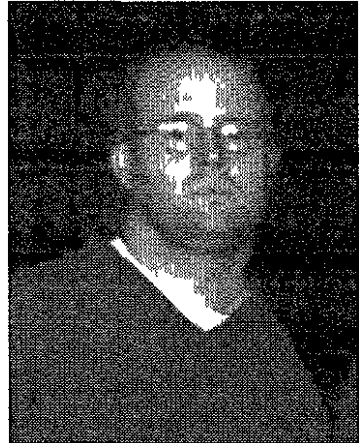
'He always makes you laugh and he's always been silly. He's so close with his nieces and nephews. He's the kind of uncle that will play with them until they cry and run away, but they come back a few minutes later for more.'

### MAKING YOU LAUGH

Pete Mazzoni and Carlin go back to 1980 when they were both in the sixth grade. They went to Stevenson High School together, stayed close through college, became coaches through their love of athletics and have been best friends since Day One. "He's always been the guy to make you laugh," said Mazzoni, the hockey coach at Livonia Churchill. "We went golfing one day and he was driving the cart over a bridge. His hand slipped off the steering wheel and we didn't make it over the bridge. The front wheels were torn up. He looked at me and asked, 'Do you think they are going to be mad?'"

Truth is, you couldn't stay mad at him. How can you get ticked at someone who lives life to its fullest? Someone who can have his team beat you on the mat then buy you a beer afterward. Someone who blows up a rubber glove, sticks it in his empty sleeve, holds it out for an opposing wrestler to shake, then grins when the horrified wrestler pulls the glove out of his now-dangling sleeve.

"You can't," said Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola, who witnessed it firsthand when Carlin coached under him at Garden City. "That kid pulled the glove out and just freaked out. But that's typical of Carlin. He would always laugh at things, at life. And he would never, ever complain about what he was going through."



Jim Carlin in the Redford Union wrestling team photo taken earlier this season

Maybe it was part of the wrestling mentality. Most wrestling coaches will tell you they aren't like normal people, certainly not like normal coaches. "We're not," Chiola said. "Other coaches don't understand it. We'll be at the same tournament and I may see something in a match and try to help him. We'll practice together. We've been at meets where he's had two kids wrestling at the same time and he'd go coach one kid and I'd coach the other. Other coaches don't understand that. They don't see how we can go out on the mat and try to beat the others' brains out, then hook up for beers after that."

### THURSDAYS

Every Thursday during the season, the strange group of coaches would do just that at the Ground Round. Carlin went, Chiola is always there. Stevenson's Bob Moreau too, as is Churchill's Marty Altounian, Garden City's Aaron Davis, RU assistant Jim Gourlay and maybe some others.

"And we sit there and just talk about wrestling," Altounian said. "We'd wrestle each other a couple hours

before, then go out afterward. We talk about the meets and Jim always, always tries to pull a prank on someone. It might be the waitress, it might be the last one there, but he always tries to make us laugh."

Carlin got into wrestling when he was a freshman at Stevenson. Moreau was his coach for the first two years, Don Berg after that. After he graduated from Stevenson in 1987 and started taking classes at Eastern Michigan, then Schoolcraft, he'd help out Berg at Stevenson and teach clinics for Livonia adult education. From there, he coached with Chiola at Garden City. In 1998 he got his head coaching job at RU.

"He really got into it," Moreau said. "He's got such a passion for wrestling. He puts all kinds of time and effort into it. He helped Don Berg when Stevenson was nothing and turned it into one of the top four in the state for years. And he went to RU and turned them from one of the worst in the state to a team that could be in the top eight in Division 2. He just puts 150 percent into it."

### CANCER STRIKES

But while he was taking classes and helping coach, he also learned what the cause of a lump on his hand was — lymph node cancer. In 1991, he lost a couple of fingers. A couple of years later, he lost his whole hand. A lump near the elbow cost him his arm up to the joint. In 2001, he lost it up to his shoulder. And 10 days later, Carlin was back helping coach football at RU without missing a beat.

"But he never, ever complained about it, never said it wasn't fair, never griped," Mazzoni said. "Occasionally, if we went to a reunion or saw some people who didn't know, he'd tuck his sleeve in his pants. He didn't share it with

people he didn't see all of the time."

And sometimes, he didn't share it with the people he saw all the time.

"One day he was leaving practice (at Garden City), and he turned to me and said, 'Oh, meant to tell you. I won't be at practice for a couple of weeks. I'm having chemotherapy,'" Chiola said. "And he said it like it was no big deal. He'd be back two weeks later wearing a hat and ready to go."

At the beginning of this season, things started to get worse. He was tiring more easily and missing meets on occasion. Ask him how he was doing and things couldn't be better.

He went to Beaumont Hospital in the beginning of January and found out there were problems. Big problems. Enough to force him to miss his father's funeral. This time, the cancer was going to claim it all.

"Even when you saw him at the hospital he said he was going to be around for months, even though the doctors would say days," Gourlay said. "He's always been very private about it."

The doctors planned on sending him home Feb. 3, but not before one last piece of business remained — a party the night before. Not a big one, but considering he was still in a hospital room it was big enough. Room size be damned, his wrestlers, his coaches, his friends and his family piled into his room at Beaumont — 15, 20 at a time, telling stories and laughing. There was pizza, frozen Cokes, jawbreakers — all the things he craved, he could have.

"He asked for a chew (of tobacco) and someone gave it to him," Chiola said. "The nurse went to give him medication and busted him. She looked in his mouth and went, 'What is that?'"

They took him to his sister

Kim's the next day, because the house that she and husband Ken have was a little more accommodating to his needs. But any of the Carlin clan — Frank, Kelly or John — would have gladly put him up.

On the way home from the hospital — typical Jim — he wanted the ambulance to turn on the siren, and was surprised when they told him no. But once the ambulance turned the corner, the lights were flashing and the siren was on. He'd won out and was laughing the whole way.

And on Feb. 6, he watched his team wrestle one last time. He was a little doped up and a little out of it, but the fire was inside and the passion was there. And no one in the gym was happier than Carlin to see his team — a team which Carlin's cronies think could go to the state finals — beat Lincoln Park.

### ALWAYS REMEMBER

When he came home from the hospital, he had a steady stream of visitors at his sister Kim's house. Old wrestlers, old coaches, all of them friends. Some knew for a while, some just found out, all wanted to be with him.

Over his last few days, his system shut down, but never his spirit. On Thursday at 7:10 p.m., his spirit was overwhelmed.

"He knew it was the end, but in the last week and a half, he decided he's going to go out strong," Laura said. "I firmly believe Jim was put on this earth for a reason. He's a learning lesson for all of us. I think he was brought into our lives so we all know how to be so strong."

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# Schoolcraft secures a conference title with OT win

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Chalk up another Eastern Conference men's basketball championship for Schoolcraft College

The Ocelots were able to survive a severe test Wednesday night before pulling out a thrilling 97-95 overtime win at Flint Mott

Freshman guard James Holmes of Belleville came off the bench to score a game-high 29 points, while 6-foot-6 center Torvoris Baker and UNC-Charlotte signee Marcus Bennett each added 22 for the Ocelots, ranked No. 4 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll

With just two games to go, Schoolcraft, 24-1 overall, clinched its fourth straight conference title (11-0 record). Mott, meanwhile, falls to 17-8 and 8-3

Schoolcraft shot a blistering 66.6 percent from the field (36-of-54), but had trouble shaking the pesky Bears, who made a total of 15 three-point shots

The Ocelots, who led by only two at halftime, 36-34, took 70-61 lead on a Gary Johnson basket with 5:12 left. But Mott stormed back to send the game into overtime on a three-pointer by Darrell Evans with 19 seconds to play to make it 79-61

Schoolcraft had two chances to win the game in the final seconds as Holmes' short jumper rimmed in-and-out as well as Baker's tip-in attempt

In the overtime, Mott took an 87-83 advantage with 2:23 to go on a basket by Jay Youngblood

The Ocelots regained the lead, 90-88, on a big three-pointer by Holmes with 1:12 left, but Youngblood tied it again at 90-88 just 16 seconds later, only to have Baker score inside

Schoolcraft then came up with a big steal (by Bennett) and Baker nailed 3-of-4 free throws to close out the win

"We made basketball plays tonight, it was our execution down the stretch that did it for us," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "We had a stretch after getting that nine-point lead where we didn't handle their pressure very well. Mott fought and clawed the whole game, but we never gave up. Gary Johnson, down the stretch defensively, made some big deflections and got his hands on a lot of balls. And Baker was a warrior out there. Andre Scott came up with a big block for us (in OT). Both Bennett and Holmes knocked down shots and that's what you have to do to win championships on the road."

Kris Krzymanski paced Mott with 22 points, while DeMarcus Ishmeal added 21. Youngblood contributed 19 and Evans finished with 16

"We broke down defensively a few times — that was key," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "You can't fault our kids' effort. They gave everything they had. You won't see a better basketball game and we have a lot of respect for Schoolcraft and how well they prepare."

**Schoolcraft 84, Mott 81 (women):** Pam Wingate scored 24 points and Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) added 17 points and six assists Wednesday as the Schoolcraft women's basketball team (17-7, 9-2) pulled out a victory at Flint Mott (15-8, 9-2)

Schoolcraft, Mott and Oakland CC are all tied for first in the Eastern

Conference

Crystal Pittman contributed 14 points and seven rebounds for the Lady Ocelots, while Mia Henderson had 10 points and six rebounds

Mott's Teona Blythe led all scorers with 32 points and 12 rebounds. Monique Edwards-Thomas and Tracy Johnson chipped in with 17 and 15 points, respectively

It was the second win in a week for SC over another league contender. On Feb. 5, the Ocelots defeated OCC in overtime

**Madonna 63, Spring Arbor 61 (women):**

Madonna University squandered a 10-point halftime lead, but battled back to beat Spring Arbor in overtime Wednesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Madonna

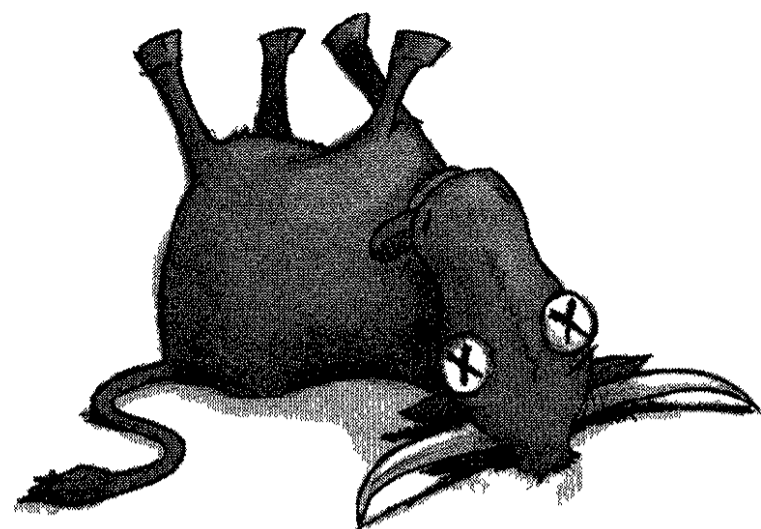
The Crusaders improved to 8-18 overall, 6-5 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 18-7 overall, 8-3 in the conference

If there was a factor that favored Madonna, it was rebounding

The Crusaders had a 49-40 edge on the boards, including a 28-17 lead in the offensive rebounding. That led to a 21-7 Madonna advantage in second-chance points

Courtney Rehbine led the Crusaders with 12 points, she also had 10 rebounds and four steals. Sarah Thomson contributed 11 points and eight boards off the bench, and Lindsay Simmon finished with 10 points, nine rebounds (seven offensive) and two steals. Madonna led 32-22 at halftime

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# Salem powers to win over Western

The overall balance and defense of the Salem volleyball team was too much for Walled Lake Western Wednesday, which lost at home to the Rocks, 15-3, 15-7.

Salem improved to 20-7 overall, 6-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Amanda Bradley led the Rocks with seven kills and four service aces. Jordan Falcusan added three aces and 17 set assists, with Nicole Genrich getting three kills and six digs, Jill Niemi collecting five digs and Ellen Canale totaling three kills.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Salem concludes its dual-match season at home against Canton at 7 p.m. Monday. The WLAA Tournament is scheduled for Wayne Memorial Saturday.

**Canton beats Stevenson**  
On Wednesday, host Canton downed Livonia Stevenson in a WLAA match, 15-13, 15-7, as Cindy Rotramel had 10 kills in 23 attempts with no errors, along with eight digs. Colleen O'Brien contributed

seven kills and a team-high 17 digs, while Heather Richardson came off the bench to serve four aces and added eight assist-to-kills with only one error in 10 attempts.

Canton is 18-8 overall and 6-2 in the WLAA. Clarissa Schick and Kelly Gibbons each recorded six kills for the Spartans, who fell to 17-18 overall and 3-5 in the WLAA. Lisa Montgomery chipped in with five kills. Setter Laura Flaughler had 16 assist-to-kills. Kristen Hutchins led in digs with nine, while Ashley Aja contributed six

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take advantage of. With their forwards disrupting the Rocks' passing lanes, the Chiefs kept swarming defensively, ultimately forcing a turnover that led to a scoring chance.

Commiskey gained possession of the puck near the Salem red line, skated out into the circle, wheeled and slapped his shot over DeMars' left shoulder. The go-ahead goal came with 9:19 remaining, Matt Gabriel and Ryan McKendry assisted.

The Rocks tried to turn it up a notch, and they did get several solid scoring chances, but none resulted in a goal.

"They executed really well," said Feiler of Canton. "In our first game against them, we got up 3-0 and had them reeling a bit. They didn't do that today."

"They beat us in the third period. They played good, solid hockey."

And the Chiefs won with it.  
**Salem 6, Dearborn 3:** It took them a while, but

once the Rocks got into gear they crushed Dearborn Wednesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem scored five goals in the final period, with John Schultz getting a goal and assisting on two others in the period.

First-period goals by Eric Wahgorski and Lance Wojewuczki gave Dearborn a 2-0 lead after one Salem narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a Jeff Harris goal in the second period, assisted by Bryan Young.

Young would finish with a goal and two assists (as would Harris), scoring his goal at 8:59 of the third period to tie it at 2-2 (assisted by Schultz and Mark Nagel).

Craig Bauldry's goal put Salem ahead to stay at 7:51 of the third (assisted by Young). Nagel made it 4-2 at 4:02 (assisted by Harris and Schultz), with David Gill (from Aaron Cheesman and Mike Maurer) and Schultz (from Eric Culps) also getting goals.

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the Salem win. Matt Howard was in the net for Dearborn.

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fill all the above-stated needs. Inman is a three-sport athlete at Oxford, playing basketball and running track as well.

"She's a gifted athlete," said Abraham. "She has a nice framework for the middle-hitter position, she's tall and fast and has a nice arm action. Caryn has the ability to challenge for that spot right away. She's a good all-around volleyball athlete. She's smart at the net and good in the back row, and has the ability to make a quick transition (to the college game)."

Spooner is similar in ability, according to Abraham. "She has a lot of good athletic tal-

ent," the Madonna coach said. "Heather is strong and smart."

We're hoping we can make her a player who can contribute at outside hitter and middle hitter, maybe the right side, too.

"I felt she brings to the table good court sense. She's a smart player who hits the ball hard."

It helps that both come from strong volleyball programs, something Abraham stressed.

The same could be said of DeNardin, who spent two years at St. Clair CCC, which finished second in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference to Schoolcraft College, posting a 14-2 conference mark (42-19 overall).

"Her coach described her passing as 'automatic,'" said Abraham. "She's an excellent

athlete who plays to win. She'll be a defensive specialist for now."

DeNardin could fill the libero position currently held by Amanda Suder (from Salem HS), who is entering her senior year. Wherever she blends in, Abraham figures "you can never have too much defense."

Or passing. "Those three kids, I'm really happy with," Abraham summarized. "We're still looking for three more. But we're looking for quality, not quantity. And I'm very happy so far."

The degree of his happiness may not be completely clear for another year or so, when Madonna makes another run at the NAIA Championship.

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The Chiefs' defense also kept the Warriors in check, their leading scorers were Tony Santiago and Tim Acho with seven points apiece.

Canton completes its regular season on the road, playing at Livonia Churchill Tuesday and at Livonia Franklin Friday.

**PCA 34, B.H. Roeper 30:** A third-quarter surge, sparked by an effective half-court press, enabled Plymouth Christian Academy to beat Bloomfield Hills Roeper Friday in Bloomfield Hills.

PCA improved to 7-9 overall, 4-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Roeper is 2-8 in the MIAC.

The Roughriders held the ball, trying to control the tempo with a delay game, and it seemed to be working in the second quarter when they outscored the Eagles 11-5 to take a 20-14 halftime lead.

But in the third quarter, PCA's 1-2-2 half-court pressure turned the tables on Roeper, leading to a 13-4 Eagle run and a 27-24 lead after three quarters.

That made the Roughriders' slow-down tactics ineffective. Ben Pew paced PCA with 12 points and 14 rebounds. Clay Welton and Dan Carty added 10 points apiece, with Welton also grabbing seven boards.

Chris Andrews' 10 points led Roeper. **Light and Life 75, Canton Agape 62:** The first quarter doomed Canton Agape Christian Thursday at Taylor Light and

Life Christian.

The loss left the Wolverines at 12-6 overall. Light and Life is 12-5. The Crusaders outscored Agape 22-4 in the first eight minutes, pretty much sealing the Wolverines' fate.

Agape outscored Light and Life the rest of the way, but not by nearly enough. The Wolverines' best run came at the start of the second half, when they scored the first eight points to narrow the deficit to four. That, however, was as close as it got.

Charlie Hough led Agape with 14 points. Matt Ratchff contributed 13 points, Alex Tarnowski scored 12 and Jordan Napier finished with eight points and 17 rebounds.

Wendell Claxton and Joe Sobocinski scored 18 points apiece for Light and Life. Kyle Kennedy netted 16.

## WHALERS

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goals elevated the Whalers to victory over the Windsor Spitfires in an OHL game Thursday at Windsor.

Windsor scored first, getting a goal from David Lomas 4:25 into the second period.

Karl Stewart knotted it for the Whalers with a short-handed goal at 11:02 (assisted by Chad LaRose and Nate Kiser).

Plymouth took the lead with an unassisted score by Eric Lundmark just 1:17 after Stewart's goal.

A power-play goal by LaRose (from Stewart and James Wisniewski) with 2:16 left in

the second made it a 3-1 game.

Craig Kennedy narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a power-play goal for the Spitfires 1:37 into the final period, but an unassisted goal by Ryan Ramsay at 10:11 of the third restored the Whalers' two-goal cushion.

Paul Drew made 34 saves in goal for Plymouth. Ryan Ashaber had 17 stops for Windsor.



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### ■ Managed care

The University of Michigan Medical School's Forum on Health Policy will host "Can Managed Care Survive Today's Challenges?" a symposium that explores the current challenges to managed care, medical insurance and the prospects for the system's survival in the face of rapidly rising medical costs, employer and employee resistance to premium increases and federal and state policy changes.

The symposium, which will take place noon to 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, in the Ford Amphitheater, U-M Hospital will feature Michigan Department of Community Health director Janet Olszewski, M-CARE director Zeldia Geyer, Sylvia and medical economics and health care delivery experts from the U-M and beyond. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 734-615-8334 or e-mail [renyas@umich.edu](mailto:renyas@umich.edu).

### ■ St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia received recognition from the American Heart Association for creating the Heart Safe Livonia Coalition. The hospital was honored Feb. 4 at the Detroit Athletic Club with the American Heart Saver Award.

Heart Safe Livonia is an organization that provides public awareness and serves as consultants for automated electronic defibrillators in businesses. Under the direction of Ginger Ramsay, RN, Community Outreach at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Heart Safe Livonia has been instrumental in placing defibrillators in a number of Livonia organizations since its inception in 2000.

### ■ Stop smoking

Dr. Arthur Weaver is conducting a Stop Smoking program 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20; 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24; and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 3 at Canton High School. No charge by donation. Call (734) 416-2937 to register and for more information. Weaver, emeritus professor of surgery at Wayne State University, has offered hundreds of smoking cessation programs for the past 30 years.



# ISHA Yoga

## Master explains how program brings harmony to mind, body

BY LAURA COLVIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Isha yoga is a simple, yet powerful tool for preventative health and has helped thousands find relief from asthma, obesity, hypertension, sinusitis, migraine, arthritis, and other chronic ailments.

So says the program's developer Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, who recently spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Originally from South India, Sadhguru is known as a realized master, mystic and yogi, and has developed a following both in the United States and internationally.

Representatives from the local medical community attended the event at St. Mary Mercy. Several had personal experience with the program, and were willing to endorse it.

"As a physician, I see a lot of scientific advancements," said Dr. Kalpana H. Rajdev, a family practitioner with Henry Ford Hospital. "But we've developed an over-reliance on medication today. I've seen for myself that these practices work. Even just 15 minutes of meditation a day will lower blood pressure."

The program employs ancient yogic principles and involves meditation, simple yoga postures, and breathing techniques. Unlike more demanding forms of yoga, no physical agility is required. The practice can be done while sitting in a chair.

People have the misconception that yoga will require hard work, or they will have to change the way they live," said Rajdev, "but that's just not true. It is very simple."

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Now a volunteer with the non-profit Isha Foundation, Rajdev says she recommends Isha yoga to her patients, but also finds time every day to do the practices herself.

"I have a lot more energy than I used to," she said, "and I'm happier. I'm having fun every day."

The program is also said to enhance memory, concentration and decision-making capacity.

Dr. Dorrie Rosenblatt, a retired geriatric physician from the University of Michigan, also attended the event. Rosenblatt was once unable to walk more than 150 feet and qualified for a handicapped-parking permit due to a heart ailment that required three surgeries. At night she slept attached to a breathing machine.

Her health was so poor that she considered herself a "cardiac cripple."

But Sadhguru and Isha yoga, she claims, changed her life. After engaging in the practices prescribed by Sadhguru for only a few months, Rosenblatt was able to go along on a trip with the Isha Foundation. The group embarked on an 80k Himalayan trek at an elevation of 16,000 feet.

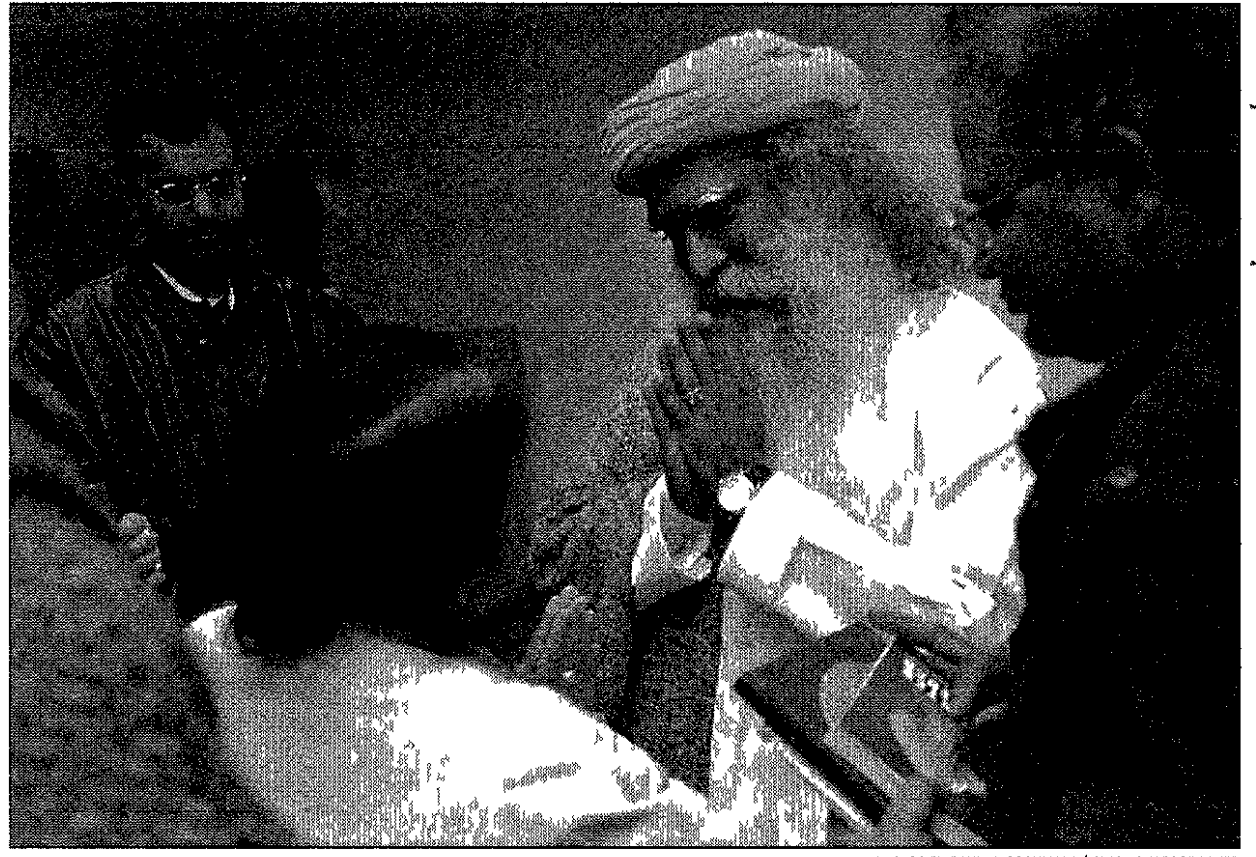
"It wasn't easy, but I did it," Rosenblatt said. "I'm not cured, and I still see my cardiologist regularly. But I no longer consider myself a cardiac cripple. The whole quality of my life has improved."

Respected and honored for her work in the medical community, Rosenblatt is currently working on research to document the effects of Isha yoga.

"Even as a physician, I don't yet understand it," she said, "But I tell you, it really happens."

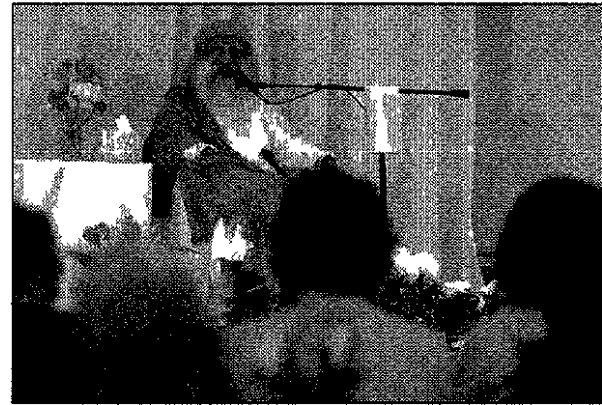
### MIND AND SPIRIT

Isha yoga, said Sadhguru, is not a miracle cure. Rather, it is a holistic approach to health through personal exploration and awareness.



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Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev meets with people after his talk at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.



An attentive audience listens to Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev explain his approach to yoga at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



Kama Patel of Northville asks questions about Isha yoga.

"The word health comes from the word whole," he said. "Only when there is a sense of wholeness in your body, mind and spirit, only when you feel complete within yourself, can we say you are healthy."

The program operates on principles described by yogic sages about 3,000 years ago.

According to these principles, the human being is composed of five koshas, also known as sheaths or layers. These are:

■ Annamaya kosha, the physical body, refers to skin, muscle, bone, etc.

■ Pranamaya kosha, the energy body, refers to the circulation of breath.

■ Manomaya kosha, the mental body, refers to the nervous system.

■ Vijnanamaya kosha, the wisdom body, refers to the intellect.

■ Anandamaya kosha, the bliss body, refers to the innermost self. The "destination."

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## Live birth to be broadcast from Hutzel

On Monday, Feb. 17, Discovery Health Channel will broadcast live the labor, delivery and birth of babies from three medical centers across the country, including Hutzel Women's Hospital in Detroit.

*Birth Day Live!*, a 10-hour televised marathon, celebrates one of life's greatest joys - the birth of a child.

*Birth Day Live!* premieres Monday, Feb. 17, and will air from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Developed in partnership with the March of Dimes, the event will follow patients, doctors, and nurses at Detroit's

Hutzel Women's Hospital, Florida Hospital in Orlando, and Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix.

Award-winning journalist and author Mary Alice Williams will anchor the event from Florida Hospital. Throughout the broadcast, she will interview medical experts and will be joined by correspondents stationed at each hospital. Dr. Steve Salvatore, Discovery Health medical correspondent and host of Discovery Health's "Super Surgery" series, will report live from Hutzel Women's Hospital with updates and interviews

with the families, doctors and nurses involved in the deliveries being filmed that day.

*Birth Day Live!* takes viewers behind the birth statistic of nearly 12,000 babies born daily in the United States and presents parents and parents-to-be with a rare, televised look at the hard work and split-second decisions it can take to birth a baby. The event will also examine the emotional and educational resources available to parents who may suddenly face the difficulties of a premature birth. *Birth Day Live!* is designed to focus

attention on the issues surrounding a healthy birth and the growing incidence of premature births in the United States, estimated by March of Dimes to be 476,250 last year, an increase of 27 percent since the 1980s. According to March of Dimes, nearly 50 percent of premature births have no known cause.

Deliveries of all kinds, from Caesarean sections and natural childbirth to premature and high-risk, will be chronicled in *Birth Day Live!* The 10-hour live event will

PLEASE SEE BIRTH, C8



# Study finds mental gains after damage

BY LINDSEY TANNER  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) - Neurological damage in very small premature babies may decrease over time, according to research that tracked children through age 8 and found substantial mental gains.

Many youngsters once considered retarded ended up scoring in the nearly normal range on tests of verbal function and IQ, the study found.

Children who received early intervention such as speech therapy, those from two-parent families, and those whose mothers had high levels of education were found to experience the greatest improvement in mental function.

The findings are surprising because previous research has found negative long-term results for very small preemies, and conventional thinking says that IQ doesn't change - at least in people born at a normal weight.

"We were thrilled by the findings and surprised because previous reports suggested that there's an adverse outcome for very low birth-weight babies," said lead researcher Dr. Laura Ment, a Yale University pediatric neurologist.

We found children progressively getting better between 3 and 8 years of age," Ment said.

The study involved 296 children born at 28 weeks

and weighing just over 2 pounds (one kilogram) on average. Results appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Children born extremely prematurely are at risk for a variety of neurological problems, ranging from cerebral palsy, mental retardation and vision trouble to more subtle learning and behavior difficulties.

## BRAIN CAN REPAIR

Ment said the study results echo recent research in animals showing that the developing brain can repair itself.

A JAMA editorial suggests that broader tests of mental function would have had poorer results and notes that IQ improvements were still in the average to low-average range.

"Despite improvements in scores, such low average functioning can place a child at significant academic disadvantage," said editorial author Glen Aylward, a developmental specialist at Southern Illinois University's medical school.

The youngsters were given a test of verbal abilities and three different IQ tests starting at age 3.

The average IQ scores increased from 90 to 95.

The average score on the verbal test increased from 88 points at age 3 to 99 points at age 8. Data from normal birth-weight children suggest

average verbal scores improve by about 4.5 points over time, the authors said.

Nearly half of the children with verbal scores in the mental retardation range - below 70 - at 3 years of age scored at least in the borderline range - 70 to 80 - at age 8. And about two-thirds of the children with borderline scores on both tests at age 3 had scores in the normal range at age 8.

A score of 100 would be average on both the IQ and verbal tests for a normal birth-weight 8-year-old.

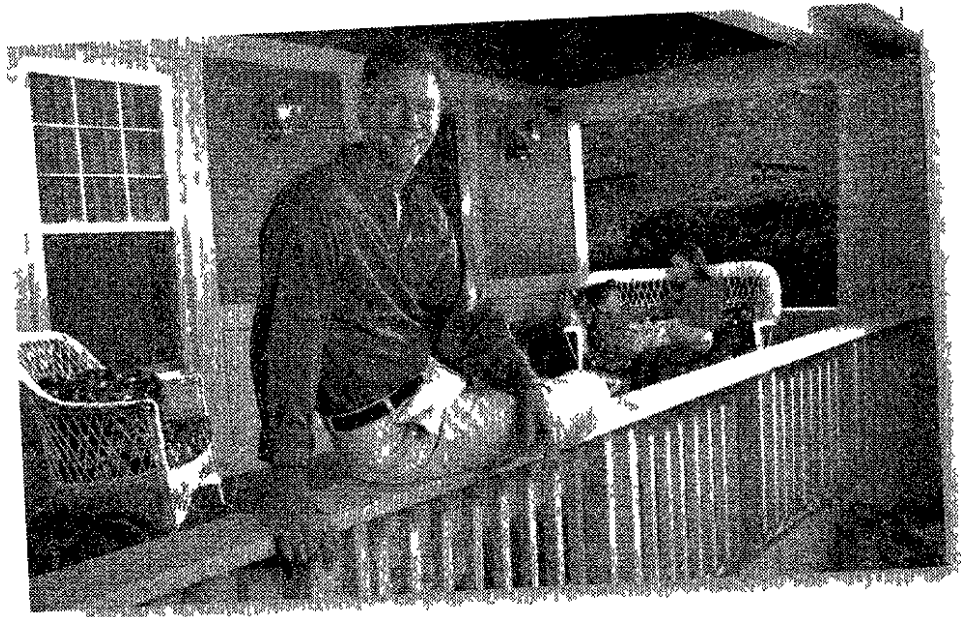
Less significant improvements were found in children born with bleeding in the brain - a common complication in very low birth-weight babies.

Prominent preemie researcher Dr. Maureen Hack was skeptical of the results and said the children studied were not given tests designed to measure problems usually linked with prematurity, such as attention deficits and visual-motor impairments.

Hack also faulted the researchers for not comparing the prematurely born children with youngsters born at normal weight and said the preemies likely would have fared worse if such a comparison had been made.

"I personally feel that basically, the functional problems persist," said Hack, of Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland.

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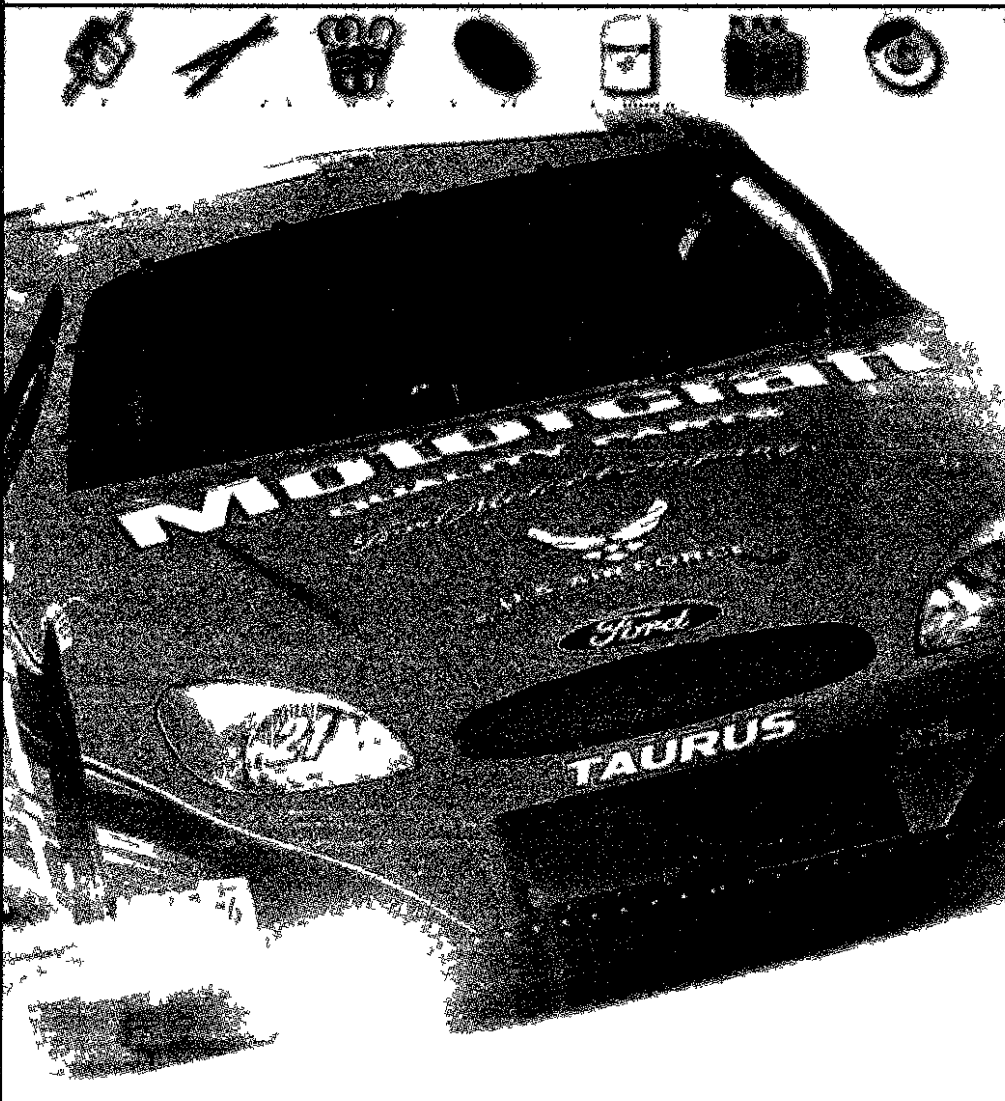
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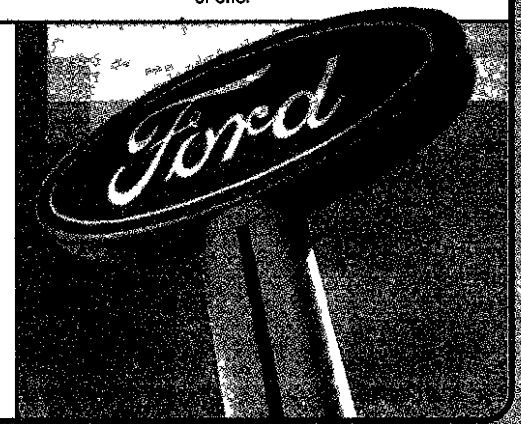
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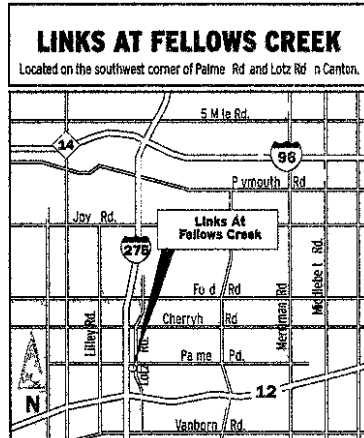
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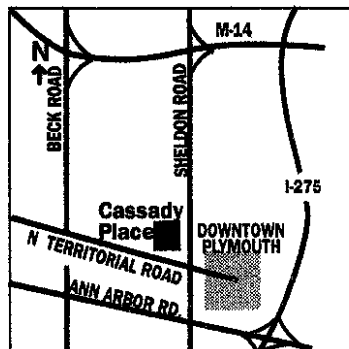


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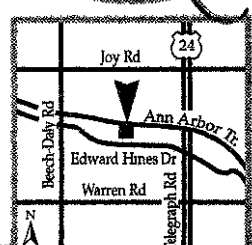
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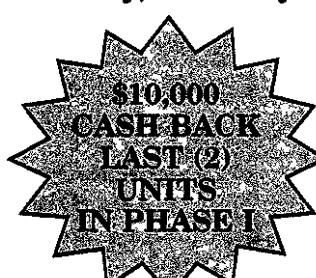
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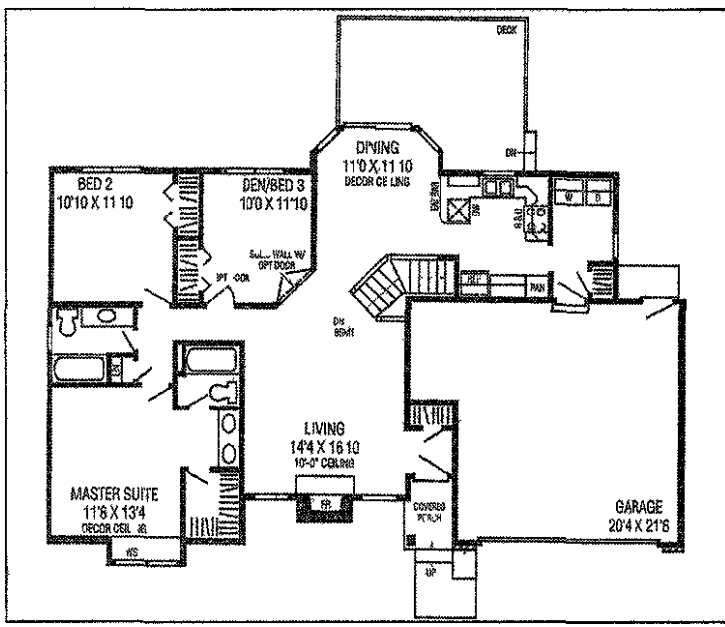
The Yankton is traditional in style, accented by large paned windows. The chimney is enclosed with wood rather than brick. A small covered porch protects the front door.

This ranch has 1,359 square feet of living space and an unfinished basement.

The living room has a 10-foot ceiling and a fireplace flanked by windows.

The master is adjacent to the living room. It has a large suite area with a window seat. The bath has a combination tub/shower and two-sink vanity. A corner walk-in closet provides plenty of storage space for clothes.

Two secondary bedrooms are toward the back of the house. Each has a pair of windows and a wall closet. One of those bedrooms can be converted to a den with an optional door or French doors facing the living



room

The dining room has a decor ceiling and a bay window. The kitchen contains an eating bar

and pantry. The utility room with washer, dryer and storage closet, is beyond the kitchen. A door to the two-car garage is off

this area, also.

The staircase to the unfinished basement is just off the living room. If a basement weren't needed, this would make an ideal area for a storage closet.

The Yankton would be ideal for the first-time homeowner or for empty nesters. It has a simple, open layout that easily could be made wheelchair accessible. This ranch is versatile and would meet the needs of many different owners.

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# Insulation, ventilation form potent 1-2 punch

Wasting energy because of inadequate attic insulation is the least of your problems when you consider worst-case scenarios, which became reality for many Michiganders a couple of winters ago.

For those with short, optimistic memories, I'm talking about the potential structural damage to your home from ice dams, the byproduct of insulation allowing heat loss through the roof.

The ice dams that hang from gutters are actually created in your attic, where poor ventilation and improperly installed insulation work together to allow your roof to heat up in the winter.

The peak of your roof is probably warm and clear of snow (because hot air rises), while the eaves at the bottom remain cold and snowy. When the snow melts off the top of the roof and the water runs down to the eaves, the water freezes and forms an ice dam.

In some cases, those ice dams can get so big and heavy they can tear off your gutter and overhang. But even if that type of damage doesn't occur, the gallons of water behind the dam can and will do major damage to your roof, attic, drywall and your home's interior wiring.

What to do to prevent ice dams?

There are two things you can do to keep warm air from seeping out of your home's interior living space and into the attic, thereby keeping your roof cool - improve the insulation and maintain proper ventilation. Most people have fiberglass



Larry Kaufman

insulation, which may be installed incorrectly. For that type of insulation to work, it cannot be squashed in size to fit tight places. The air pockets in the insulation must remain

for it to be effective.

A three- to six-inch layer of blown cellulose, on the other hand, can get into nooks and crannies that rolled insulation cannot. Adding blown cellulose to my own attic had reduced my heating bills and eliminated all ice dams from my roof.

Improving the ventilation, meanwhile, can be as easy as cleaning or replacing soffit vents blocked with insulation, painted over or just plain dirty. Soffit vents are on the underside of your home's eaves. The idea of soffit vents is that air enters them and flows through the attic.

Styrofoam, plastic or cardboard air baffles can help prevent the blocking of airflow from insulation stuffed between the sheathing and top plate. If all goes as planned, your attic should always be the same temperature as the outside air - cool in the winter and warm in the summer.

Larry Kaufman of DTE Energy's Residential and Small Business Marketing group has conducted more than 50 energy savings workshops for the energy company and is an expert adviser on home energy.

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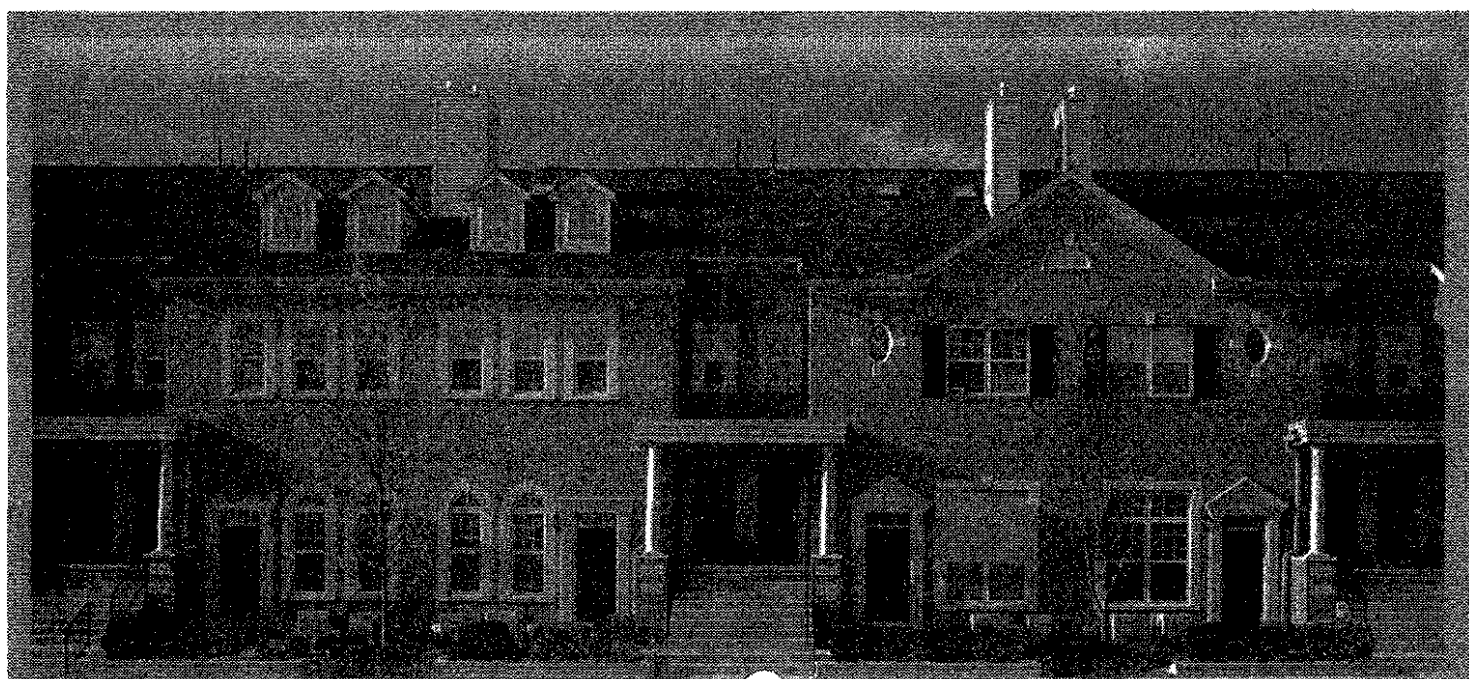
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Cathie Ferdon, sales consultant, takes prospective buyers through the models.

They're impressed with the garages, designs, location and price," she said. "Canton is a wonderful place - location, proximity to shopping, freeways, close to the airport."

I-275, literally around the corner from the Links at Fellows Creek, provides great access to all major employment centers, Robertson added.

Clarke said it took about 2 1/2 years from first starting to assemble 18 different properties for the project to breaking ground, but the effort is well worth the potential pay-off now and in the future.

"This gets us the entry-level buyer, we hope, to sell another house to and another house and another house," he said.

Empty-nesters will be drawn to the ranch concept with everything on one level, Robertson said.

Three ranch plans, all with individual, private entrances, are offered.

The Wicklow, an upper level middle unit of 1,285 square feet with two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a single-car garage. Base price is \$148,990.

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All of the master suites contain a shower and walk-in closet.

All buildings will be landscaped.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

A clubhouse and outdoor swimming pool are on the drawing board for future construction.

The Links at Fellows Creek is serviced by city water, sewers and sidewalks. The property tax rate is \$33.03 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$164,000 condo there would pay about \$2,700 the first year.

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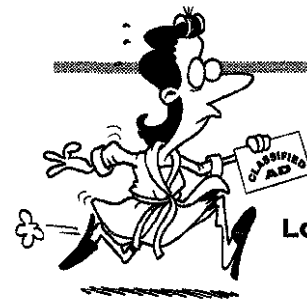
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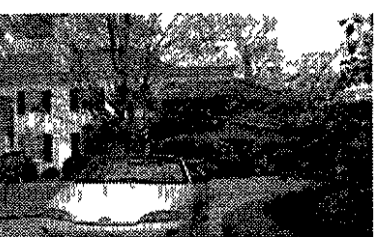
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 Full or part time for Canton home daycare Exp preferred Call (734) 455 4988

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**CANTON TOWNSHIP JOB FAIR**  
 The Charter Township of Canton is hosting a JOB FAIR on Friday February 21st 4pm 7pm and Saturday February 22nd 10 12pm at the Summit on the Park Banquet Facility 46000 Summit Parkway Canton MI 48183 734 394 5460 Canton Township is hiring several full time positions including Police Officer Public Safety Service Officer (Dispatcher) and Firefighter Also hiring for several part time/seasonal positions including General Grounds Building Attendant Facility Attendant Preschool Instructor Pro Shop Assistant Program Assistant Jr Counselor Sr Counselor and Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator Come prepared to complete an employment application and learn more about some great opportunities with Canton

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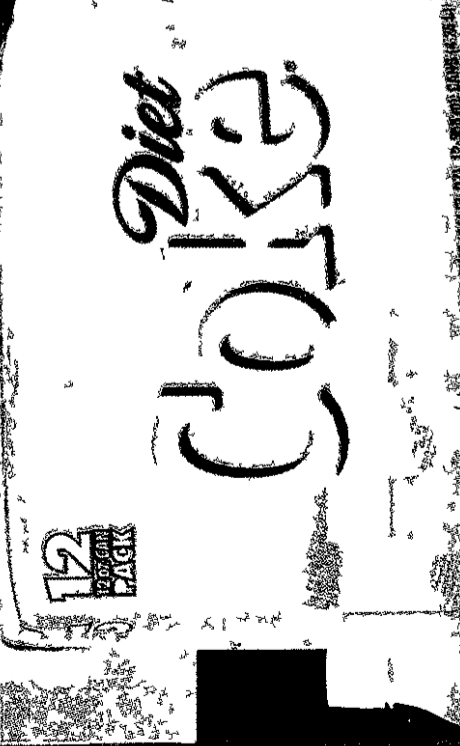
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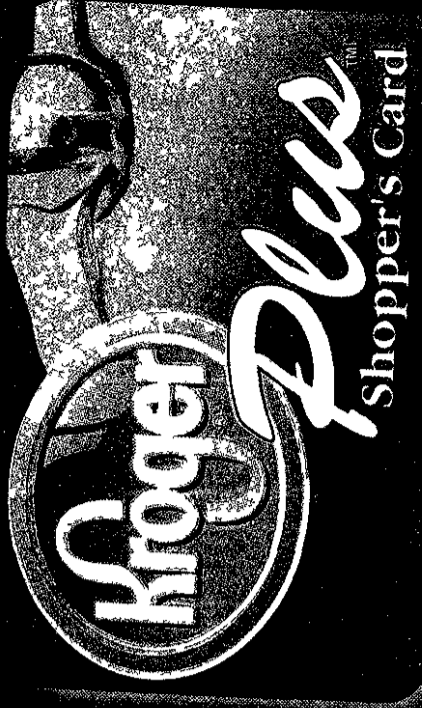



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## What you should know if you're ready to lease a car or truck

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**Anne Fracassa**

BY ANNE FRACASSA  
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This week I want to do more than just tell you about a new car I want to explain why it still makes sense to lease a car or truck.

Not only is it a good idea in some cases, but also it's good to do your homework. I'll get into that today, too, by explaining what common lease terms actually mean.

Remember, when leasing a new vehicle — like, say, the 2003 Pontiac Vibe, which is a popular choice, you should always read — and reread — the lease to be certain you know and understand all the obligations and commitments of the lease agreement.

Most times, the leasing dealer will explain all the commitments before you sign the agreement. But just to be certain, you should have a professional take a look at it. Hiring a lawyer to read the lease agreement could save you money down the road when you decide to turn in, or purchase your leased vehicle.

To help you understand some of the terminology you'll find in the lease agreement, we've defined some of them. These terms are defined by Ford Motor Co. literature and other industry sources.

These lease-term definitions should help you make a wise choice when leasing — or buying — your next new car, truck, minivan or sport utility vehicle.

**RESIDUAL VALUE**

Also known as lease-end value or guaranteed future value. All three of these terms are used to let you know what the leasing company feels your vehicle will be worth at the end of the lease agreement. This value is always determined at the start of the lease. It will vary according to the terms of the lease, how much mileage is allowed and the make and model of the vehicle you lease.

**RECONDITIONING RESERVE**

This is your refundable security deposit. You will have to pay a security deposit in cash at the beginning of your lease. It will be held until the lease's end. The leasing dealer uses this money as leverage that you will meet all lease obligations and commitments. This security deposit is usually refunded to you unless there is excessive wear and tear on the vehicle or the mileage has exceeded what you agreed to at the beginning of the lease. If this



2003 Pontiac Vibe: Should you Buy or Lease your next vehicle?

applies in your case, money is subtracted from the security deposit and you'll receive the remaining amount.

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The standard mileage allowed on a leased vehicle is 15,000 miles per year. That's about what the average person drives in a given year. If you think you'll be driving more than 15,000 a year, you can add more mileage options to your lease. Ford Credit charges 8 cents per mile and allows it to be added to your monthly lease payment. This also lowers the lease-end value of the vehicle by the same amount, so it's very important for you to determine how much mileage you'll put on the vehicle. If you prepay the mileage and don't use it, the leasing company will refund you 8 cents per mile unused. The total must be greater than a dollar and applies only if you don't buy the car. If, by chance, you drive more than 15,000 per year and don't prepay the mileage, the leasing company will charge you more than a dime per mile. If you decide to purchase your car at the end of the lease, you won't be charged for any excess miles.

**PURCHASE OPTION**

It's a clause written into your lease that allows you to purchase the leased vehicle at the end of the lease for a predetermined price.

**PURCHASE OPTION PRICE**

The purchase option price is negotiable. Some dealers may write leases with a purchase option price higher than the guaranteed future value, but in most cases the guaranteed future value is the same amount as the purchase option price.

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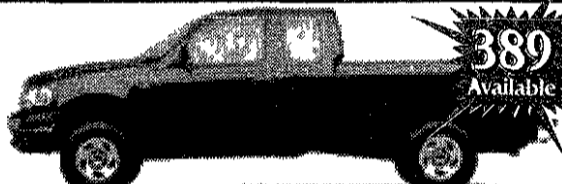
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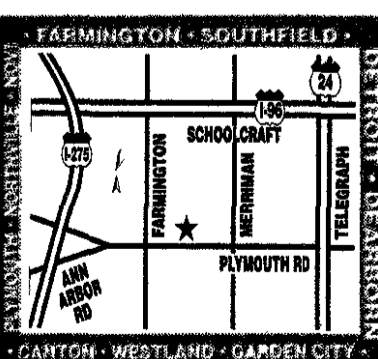
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<p><b>2003 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR</b></p> <p>CD Silver clearcoat MET dark graphite cloth integrated fog lamps tilt speed control split rear seat air 1 disc w/MP3/cock 16 alloy wheels 2.0L DOHC 16V ztec engine automatic P203/50R16 BSW tires [Stock #31296] <b>MSRP \$15,505</b></p> <p><b>\$11,521.60*</b></p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      157 Focus' Available</p> <p><b>\$264.14**</b>      <b>\$215.15**</b></p>	<p><b>2003 TAURUS SE SEDAN</b></p> <p>Vibrant White cc mod graphite cloth air cond 5 spk painted alum whis spd control rem keyless entry dual pwr mirrors/pepper lighting AM/FM stereo cass 3.0L 2V 8-cyl flex fuel eng auto O/D trans P216/60RX16 al season tires 5 pass regional pkg 5-pass w/ldr console fir shft [Stock #31397] <b>MSRP \$20,435</b></p> <p><b>\$14,034.90*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      248 Taurus' Available</p> <p><b>\$256.23**</b>      <b>\$214.12**</b></p>	<p><b>2003 RANGER 4X2 XLT SUPERCAB</b></p> <p>Black cc dk graphite cloth tachometer 4-wheel ABS 3.0L EFI flex fuel V6 eng 5-sp auto O/D trans, P225 steel BSW all season tires 3.73 rat o reg axle 4600 GVWR slidng rear w/ndow pwr windows/locks remote keyless entry privacy glass speed control/leather wrapped steering wheel [Stock #32336] <b>MSRP \$19,630</b></p> <p><b>\$13,028.32*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      81 Rangers Available</p> <p><b>\$226.40**</b>      <b>\$181.70**</b></p>	<p><b>2003 F150 4x2 XLT</b></p> <p>Oxford white cc dk graphite cloth AM/FM stereo/clock/cassette 4.2L EFI engine elec 4-spd auto O/D P235/70R16 BSW all season tires 3.31 ratio reg axle sliding rear w/ndow speed ctrl/tilt steering wheel trailer tow class III AC [Stock #31976] <b>MSRP \$21,710</b></p> <p><b>\$18,451.60*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      207 F-Series Available</p> <p><b>\$278.16**</b>      <b>\$231.14**</b></p>
<p><b>2003 WINDSTAR LX</b></p> <p>Light Parchment Gold mod parchment cloth elec AM/FM stereo/clock/cass/clock remote keyless entry A/C luggage rack enhanced steering group 2nd/3rd row pr vcy glass 3.8L OHV engine 4 speed auto O/D trans P215/70R15 BSW tires [Stock #32020] <b>MSRP \$23,431</b></p> <p><b>\$19,276.68*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      137 Windstars Available</p> <p><b>\$350.30**</b>      <b>\$314.47**</b></p>	<p><b>2003 MUSTANG COUPE</b></p> <p>Red/fe cc dk chrol cloth frnt fir mats singl wing r spoiler pwr drivers seat spd ontri ar AM/FM stereo CD w/clk 16 pntd alloy whis 3.8L EF eng 5 spd man trans P225/55R16 94T BSW all ssn pony pkg tilt w/rd strng whl 16 plshd alum whis 6CD chnrg rad o/w/mach [Stock #31099] <b>MSRP \$20,410</b></p> <p><b>\$15,990.36*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      48 Mustangs Available</p> <p><b>\$306.25**</b>      <b>\$257.25**</b></p>	<p><b>2003 EXPLORER XLS 4x2</b></p> <p>2003 model year Aspen green clearcoat graphite cloth capt chairs four mats C/K carpet ar XLS sport group privacy glass prem cassette/CD radio cast alum run wheels 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng 5 speed auto o/d trans P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires 3.73 LS axle [Stock #30545] <b>MSRP \$28,060</b></p> <p><b>\$19,459.57*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      214 Explorers Available</p> <p><b>\$286.45**</b>      <b>\$242.84**</b></p>	<p><b>2003 EXPEDITION XLT 4x2</b></p> <p>Silver birch clear coat met flint grey capt chair cloth P265/70R17 OWL all season tires 3.73 ratio rim slip axle running boards auxiliary heater/A/C prem stereo 6-CD/cass w/lock fog lamps third row seat 4.6L EFI V-8 4 spd auto trans reverse sensing system [Stock #32343] <b>MSRP \$28,495</b></p> <p><b>\$25,255.08*</b> OFF LEASE BUY</p> <p>FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL      ZERO DOWN      \$1500 DOWN      30 Expeditions Available</p> <p><b>\$402.26**</b>      <b>\$356.70**</b></p>

MODEL	DOWN PAYMENT	TOTAL DUE AT INCEPTION
FOCUS	0 Down	\$359
WINDSTAR	0 Down	\$1898
TAURUS	0 Down	\$586
TAURUS	\$1500	\$2129
TAURUS	0 Down	\$474
RANGER	0 Down	\$2017
RANGER	0 Down	\$379
MUSTANG	0 Down	\$1922
MUSTANG	0 Down	\$435
MUSTANG	\$1500	\$1723
EXPLORER	0 Down	\$531
EXPLORER	0 Down	\$2075
F-150	0 Down	\$493
F-150	0 Down	\$2033
EXPEDITION	0 Down	\$609
EXPEDITION	\$1500	\$2151

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