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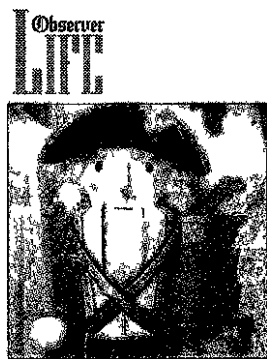
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When you bring your donations to the office, we'll ask you to leave your name and hometown, so we can recognize your generosity in the paper. Of course, you're perfectly able to remain anonymous if you prefer. For more information, give us a call at (734) 459-2700. Happy holidays, and please keep our Cheer Club in mind!



PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Three-year old Emerson Recto of Plymouth hands Santa a letter during his arrival at Kellogg Park in Plymouth Friday night. She drew him a picture and wrote that she wanted pretend makeup for Christmas.

Santa kicks off festive holiday season

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Noelle Percha of Whitmore Lake grew up in Plymouth, and her husband works at a barber shop here, so it was no surprise to see Percha in Kellogg Park Friday night to greet Santa Claus. And she wasn't alone. Hundreds of people filled the park to witness the arrival of the Jolly Ol' Elf, who arrived as he does every year aboard one of the trucks from the Plymouth Community Fire Department. 'I think it's a very nice event,' said Noelle, who was born on Christmas Eve and attended her first Santa arrival. 'The kids love Santa and this is a great chance for them to see him. Former Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce president Tony Welsh led the throng in Christmas carols leading up to the big moment. When Santa hit the stage, he was presented a key to the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Dwyer and new Township Supervisor Richard Reaume. Santa accepted the key, then brought dozens of children onto the stage to help him lead more Christmas carols. Then, with the help of 8-year-old Delaney Diggs of Canton, who has been battling Ewing's Sarcoma, he threw the switch to light the city's Christmas tree and officially begin the holiday season.



Students from Plymouth Canton high school choir sing Christmas carols while waiting for Santa's arrival in Kellogg Park Friday night.

Also on hand were Delaney's mom, Renee LaForest, her 10-year-old sister Emilee and 6-year-old brother Josh. It was the kind of event that helps make Plymouth what it is, according to Dwyer. 'It's all about community, all about having fun, all about the kids,' Dwyer said. 'It's amazing how many people come down to the park for this. It's purely Plymouth.' bkadrich@oe.hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700

Local generosity hits the air

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Trish MacDonald of Plymouth wanted her sons - 4-year-old Sam and 6-year-old Max - to get a glimpse of what she believes the holiday season is all about. That's why MacDonald and her boys braved the cold weather Friday to be in the audience for a live edition of Jim Harper's Magic Morning show, the popular WMGC 105.1 morning radio program that kicked off its annual Toys for Tots campaign. The show originated from John Kim's new Compass Cafe at the corner of Main and Penniman. The four-hour show started the 2004 Toys for Tots drive. Harper and his cohorts run every holiday season.

'I wanted to show the boys that this is the time of year for giving,' said MacDonald, who contributed Batman and Robin to the toy collection. 'And the boys wanted to see the (Compass Cafe)'. They saw plenty of giving, as the opening day of the radio drive brought in some 2,000 toys and more than \$1,500 in cash donations. It's a level of giving that is no longer surprising - but is still very gratifying - to show host Jim Harper. 'It's one of the real Christmas miracles where people who have the least seem to give the most,' Harper said. 'In a selfish way, it restores our spirit.' Harper said this was the fourth year the show has come to Plymouth to open its holiday drive.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nicole Murn and 7-month-old son George stopped in at the Toys for Tots kickoff for awhile before heading out for a day of shopping. The show drew some 2,000 toys and more than \$1,500 in cash donations.

Plymouth senior, 84, foils phone scam artists

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

If there was one lesson in life, Caroline Weage learned well, it's that you never get something for nothing. Or, in this case, you don't get a lot for a little. The 84-year-old Plymouth woman knew what to do when a man called her with surprising news, that a \$1.5 million prize was awaiting her. All she had to do was wire \$399 to an address in Jamaica to process the check. 'I knew right from the beginning it was a scam,' said Weage. 'I know that you never give money to get money. If you've really won a contest, they'll give you the money.'

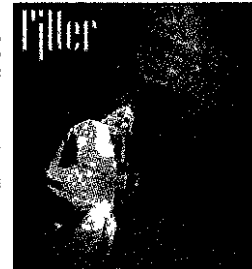
Weage received the call Monday from a man claiming to represent an international lottery based in Jamaica, notifying her that all she needed to do was find the nearest Western Union office and wire the cash. Within an hour, someone would be at her door to make travel arrangements for the Ritz-Carlton hotel to pick up the spoils. 'Someone called me, and gave me a phone number to talk to another person,' said Weage. 'I knew it was a scam, but I called that number to get as much information as I could, to give to police.' The man, who identified himself as Paul Drake, was in a hurry to get the money, calling Weage several times within hours. One of those calls came when Plymouth police

Officer Chris Lahtinen arrived at Weage's house to take the report. 'When the officer took the call and identified himself, the guy knew he was in trouble,' said Weage. 'The officer asked him why he wanted me to send money, and then told him to take my name off the list and don't bother me anymore. Lahtinen said Weage played it smart, and warned others of the scams that promise big money for a small stipend. 'She was smart in not giving out any information, and did the right thing in trying to get as much information as she could,' said Lahtinen. 'The scams seeking to get people to

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**PANIC PARTY**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Men's Panic Party" Dec 16 to help men get their Christmas shopping done in downtown Plymouth

The evening will feature free gift-wrapping, "men-style" treats and extra shopping help

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. in a variety of downtown Plymouth businesses

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540

**FEATURED SOLOIST**

Plymouth resident Lauren Erickson will be a featured soloist at The Tuesday Musical of Detroit Holiday Concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec 7, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church

Erickson (flute) will be accompanied by Lydia Cleaver (guest harpist) performing Four Medieval Dances by Joseph Lauber. She will perform Cantabile et Presto (1904) by Georges Enesco and Tambourin by Gossee, accompanied by Noriko Ernst (guest pianist). Erickson will also play flute for Jan Rae Purdy, coloratura soprano, the beautiful aria Charmante Oiseau (La Perle due Bresil) by Felicien David, accompanied by Noriko Ernst. The church is located at

19950 Mack. Admission is free, with a donation of \$5 suggested. For more information, call (248) 848-9930

**GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS**

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a holiday workshop for those who are grieving

All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec 6 at Ward Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. The workshop will end with a special time of remembrance.

There is no need to register, but for further information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966

**HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors kicks off the holiday shopping season and helps a good cause at the same time from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 1 at the Plymouth Cultural Center

The Holiday Marketplace is a one-stop holiday shopping extravaganza with almost two dozen vendors. This marketplace will include everything from children's toys to gourmet

chocolates, from house wares to skin care, from floral arrangements to candles and cosmetics to jewelry. It's all together in one location under one roof.

Vendors will have items for take with purchases, plus accepting orders, many are offering special discounts. All vendors have donated a product representing their line to offer for our raffle to assist efforts in the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program.

In addition, we will have a complimentary refreshments & dessert station. Admission and parking is free. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call Pat Edmunds, (734) 454-0645

**PLAYERS' PRODUCTION**

The Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council present *The Trial of Goldlocks*, a one-act fairy tale fantasy in verse by Joseph Robinette

Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec 3, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec 4 and 2 p.m. Dec 5 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Tickets, priced at \$5, are available by calling (734) 416-4278

**JEWELRY FESTIVAL**

Native West in downtown Plymouth celebrates its 15th annual "Holiday Jewelry Festival," featuring a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest, Dec 2-5

It's a trunk show of Native American jewelry offering an assortment of sterling silver using turquoise, sparkling opals, coral and gold. The show will also feature a selection of inlay pieces with hand-cut stones.

The event runs 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec 2 (with food and refreshments), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Dec 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4 (with free carriage rides from noon-4) and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 455-8838

**MAKE IT-TAKE IT PARTY**

Kids ages 5 and older can make a special gift for holiday giving Dec 11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council

Class is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., so bring a lunch and be ready with creative wonderful art and play some games during this fun-filled day. Participants will even make the wrapping and have it all decorated to take



**Holidays in music**

The Plymouth District Library presents 'Winter Holidays in Music and Poetry' at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5. Local residents will share the songs and poems of their native holidays, to include Lunar New Year, Christmas, Epiphany, Hanukkah and Carnival. Acoustic guitarists David Cocagne (right) and Mike Blaskiewicz of the Troubadours will provide seasonal music. The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will sponsor this free program and provide refreshments. Call (734)-453-0750, Ext. 4, to register.

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The cost is \$40 for PCAC members, \$45 for non-members. Class size is limited. To register or for more information, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278

**\$\$\$ AND SENSE**

The Plymouth District Library's monthly personal finance meeting, \$\$\$ and Sense, welcomes experienced stock broker Bart Gravelle at the next meeting from 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 1

Ask the Broker will be an informative question and answer session with Gravelle, who is affiliated with the investment firm of Hilliard Lyons, Inc. of Trenton

Gravelle will cover the details of broker training and certification, client strategies and broker fees. He will provide valuable information on different investment options, tax ramifications and portfolio management

For more information contact librarian Darlene Ussel at 734-453-0750, Ext. 206

**GIFT WISH LIST**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, working with realtors around the Plymouth community, has come up with a way to take the guesswork out of Christmas shopping. The chamber is offering the

'Gift Wish List Program,' where participating merchants will maintain a list of items customers have registered as being part of their "wish list". Customers will then receive a "Gift Wish Card" designating the merchants with which they are registered

For more information on the new program, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540

**CANTON CONCERT BAND**

The Canton Concert Band presents its holiday concert, 'A Sleigh-Ride Celebration,' at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec 11

The evening of classic and holiday favorites will be at the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. Tickets are \$8, and are available at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 734-394-5460

For more information about the concert or the band, go to www.cantonband.com

**TOY DONATIONS**

Mel's Golden Razor will once again be collecting new toys for needy families and kids. It's the 25th year the barber shop has collected toys

Donations will be collected starting Nov 25, and the program runs through Dec 18. Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest. For more information, call

(734) 455-9057

**HOLIDAY GREENS MART**

The Plymouth Garden Club offers its Holiday Greens Mart from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4 at Betner's Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth

Offerings include Boxwood wreaths, Noble Fir/Incense Cedar wreaths, mixed-green bundles, mixed-green roping and handmade bows

Proceeds support college scholarships granted to local high school students. For more information, call (313) 594-0540

**CINDERELLA PERFORMANCE**

The Canton Youth Theater presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* Dec 2-5 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

A classic fairy tale, this presentation will charm audiences of all ages with its timeless music and beloved heroine. Artistic sets, beautiful costumes and clever magical transformations invite everyone into this fanciful world of 'dreams do come true' and "happily ever after"

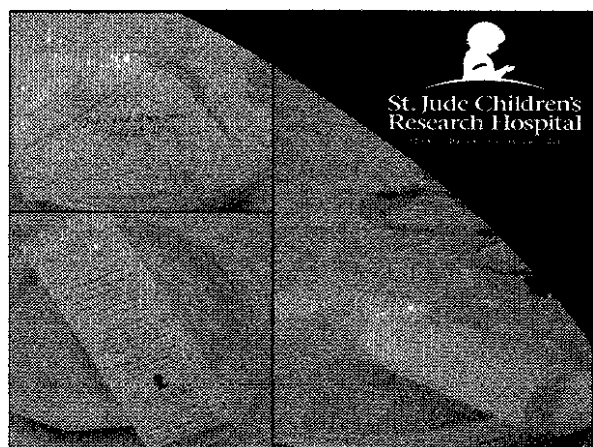
For more information, call the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5460. This production is presented by Ever After Productions, Canton Leisure Services and RE/MAX Classic Bittenger Team

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# Gathering to give thanks

## English class gets together for traditional meal

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Whether it was to eat — for some, the first time — a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, or just a chance to socialize with friends, nearly two dozen students from the English as a Second Language class at Starkweather Center in Plymouth gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Sweet Afton Tea Room on Forest Street Wednesday.

The intermediate class is made up mostly of women — from Japan, China, Albania, Poland and several other countries — who are trying to break the language barrier by learning English. Marilyn Collins, who teaches the group, says the outing is one of many to help her students become more comfortable with venturing outside their homes. It's good for them to get out on their own, said Collins. The women will go out with their

husbands, many of whom speak English better than their wives because they were transferred to work in the area but not venture out alone.

And, for a lot of them, they go out in the group for social reasons, she said. They don't know anybody and they make friends in class and have a connection. Learning the language our customs, even driving, is an issue for a lot of them.

Agnes Matak, 30, is a new comer to Plymouth, moving from Poland with her husband, a construction worker, just a couple of years ago.

Last year, my husband and I cooked stuffed turkey, said Matak. "It was the first time I had stuffed turkey because we don't have that in Poland."

But eating turkey and dressing with all the trimmings — including mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potato casserole, buttered corn and homemade pumpkin pie — was a real treat.

It was really delicious and fun, she said. I don't have the recipe to do everything. I really enjoyed it.

Matak started taking the community education English class in January 2003 at Starkweather.

I learned in Poland, but I never practiced, said Matak, who has an unmistakable Polish accent. I was afraid because people didn't understand me



Students in Marilyn Collins' English as a Second Language class got together at the Sweet Afton Tea Room for a traditional Thanksgiving meal Wednesday for some of them the first such meal.



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because of my accent. In class, we speak slower and the teacher speaks slower, she said. We can learn English more than on TV or in a movie. They speak fast and use a lot of slang. I feel more comfortable (now).

Entela Turaku, 33, has been in the United States for six years and learning English at Starkweather for three.

In Albania, I studied Russian, and then for four years I lived in Greece and learned to speak Greek, said Turaku, who lives in Westland. Now I try to

learn English. I can read. It's hard to write. I make mistakes when I write.

Barbara Sabatini, who also teaches the class, got the idea of going to the Sweet Afton Tea Room because her son works at the restaurant part time. She just wanted to take the students out to eat with a sampling of Thanksgiving fare from the menu.

But Scott (owner Scott Rye) said, "Why don't I cook the whole dinner for you?" Sabatini said. So this is an extra special treat for us.

Most of the students don't eat in restaurants like this, she said. The people at my table commented about the linen tablecloths. They don't get that very often.

Despite the requirement students speak English, they sometimes speak in their native language to friends and try to teach each other their native tongues.

I catch them, now and then, said Collins, with a chuckle. And I reprimand them."

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### GROWTH WORKS

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"I don't want to do that, I want to have the problem solved," said Yagiela. It's further evidence there are problems with the delivery system that need to get fixed.

Chief Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mary Beth Kelly

told state and county officials the five-year program, which is in its second year, could be terminated. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficino in Canton Township this week said county officials have met with the judge.

She had some concerns about the psychiatric assessment in the program that it wasn't adequate, said Ficino. I think we've reassured her

that is not the case.

I don't anticipate the status of the program changing, he said. Is it going to be done with less money? Yes. Like everything else in government, in these lean economic times, there's less money to go around.

Yagiela said the nearly \$13 million generated annually by the CMO program is about 80 percent of Growth Works' rev-

enue. Care management by far is where we spend the most money and has the most resources, said Yagiela.

The program employs about 60 case workers to serve 300 youths. I may have to stop serving kids in the first part of next year because it's bankrupting the organization, he said.

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# Ex-county hospital workers gather for holiday reunion

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Twenty years after the Wayne County General Hospital closed in Westland, former employees are being invited to a holiday reunion.

The hospital, on Merriman Road north of Michigan Avenue, will stir memories as former workers meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, in a private room reserved at the Golden Corral buffet on Warren Road, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

"The hospital was opened in 1962, and it was a trauma hospital," Westland historian Jo Johnson said. "It had the first kidney dialysis unit in Michigan, and the second kidney transplant in Michigan was performed there."

The hospital, recognizable by its pale turquoise color, also was used as a teaching facility

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Jo Johnson  
Westland historian

by the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, Johnson said.

According to historical documents found online, formal ceremonies opening the hospital occurred in February, 1962, with then-U.S. Surgeon General Luther L. Terry participating. The six-story facility had 350,000 square feet of space, and attached to it was a

two-floor, 28,000-square-foot health center and a smaller laundry wing.

The total cost of the complex: \$15 million.

In 1967, the hospital received a federal grant enabling it to set up a central delivery system for dialysis, and more than 1,000 patients went there for dialysis treatment in the first year.

In that same year, the hospital started a training program instructing patients in the use of portable dialysis units that they could use in their homes.

Although the county operated the hospital, it was later owned by Oakwood's health care system. Ultimately, the facility was closed in 1984 and demolished several years ago.

For more information about the reunion, call historian Patricia Ibbotson at (313) 561-0177.

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## FOR THE RECORD

### DEATHS

- A**  
Alice Aldrich 88 died Nov. 22
- B**  
Carl Herman Berke 53 of Pinckney died Nov. 21  
Mary M. Bixler of Westland died Nov. 19  
Louis A. Borensch 81 of Manistee formerly of Rochester Hills died Nov. 23
- C**  
Eugene D. Cotter, 80 died Nov. 22
- G**  
Betsy Moran Garthwaite 41 died Nov. 24  
Barbara Jean Gustafson (nee Roubie) 63 died Nov. 19
- H**  
Joan W. Holden 71 of Clarkston died Nov. 22  
Adrian L. Holcombe, 73 of Clarkston, died Nov. 23
- J**  
Carolyn Louise Johnson 81, of Dearborn formerly of Birmingham died Nov. 22
- M**  
Linda Ann Mendenhall 59, of Farmington, died Nov. 18
- W**  
Lillian Marie Wilcox Whims, 92 of Coral Springs Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe and Troy died Nov. 22  
Luella M. Winning 70 of Westland died Nov. 23



**For the Record** appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's *Community Life* in *Passages* on page C5.

Department responded to the following runs during the period Nov. 17-23:

- Tuesday, Nov. 23 – Commercial rescue run on Haggerty, residential rescue run on Irvin
- Monday, Nov. 22 – Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Sheldon and on Haggerty; rescue run to a public building/school on Church, investigation on Shadywood
- Sunday, Nov. 21 – Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Terry and on Canton Center, rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Ann Arbor Road and on Ann Arbor Trail
- Saturday, Nov. 20 – Residential rescue runs on Coolidge on Provincetown Lane and on Newporte
- Friday, Nov. 19 – Residential rescue runs on Albert, on Dewey and on Northville Road; commercial rescue

run on Concept, vehicle accident with extrication on westbound M-14 east of Beck

■ Thursday, Nov. 18 – Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Greenbriar Lane, vehicle accident at Lilley and Joy

■ Wednesday, Nov. 17 – Industrial rescue runs on Postiff and on Plymouth Oaks, residential rescue runs on Newport, on Blanche and on Oakview Court, vehicle accident with wash-down at Main and Mill, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon

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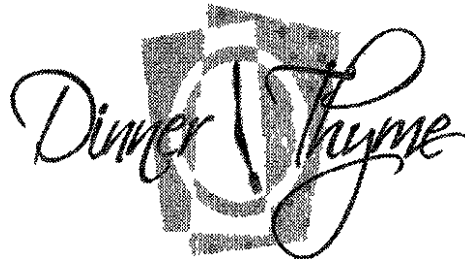
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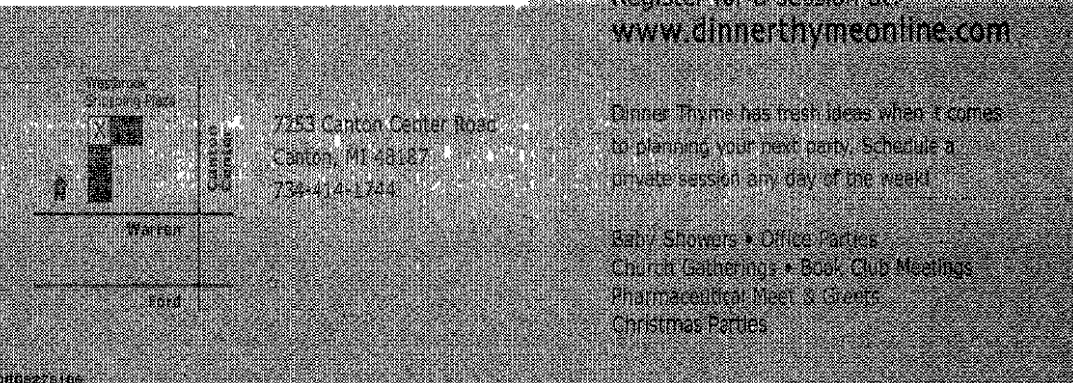
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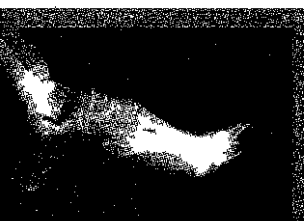
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**Library display makes big deal of small business**

A new display at the Plymouth District Library features information on small businesses in Plymouth, which make the area unique by serving the needs of the community and creating a destination spot for others

To support the small business community, the Library should be a part of a small business tool kit

The Library collection has ideas for the right business, business plans, start-up manuals, legal responsibilities, financing, taxes, insurance, managing, hiring, advertising, marketing, benefits and much more

The materials are available in a variety of formats: book, e-book, cassette/CD, video/DVD, CD-ROM, maga-

zine, newspaper, electronic database and Internet sites. The Library also has Internet and word processing computers available for in-Library use

Also featured in the display is the Biz Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, the local partner of the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, with information on services and upcoming workshops

Another valuable resource is SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), contact resources and workshops are noted in their brochure

Contact the Library for additional business information at (734) 453-0750, press 3 or visit the Web site at plymouthlibrary.org



Bella Mia, a fashion boutique in Old Village, is just one of the area's small businesses featured in the Plymouth District Library's display, 'Small Business is Big Business in Plymouth'

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# Athletes behaving badly is hardly a new phenomenon

OK The entire state — make that, the whole nation — is loudly indignant over the famous basketbrawl incident in which players from the Indiana Pacers, all of whom make more money than God, climbed into the stands to beat up fans during a game against the Detroit Pistons



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not go there But there are two other things being said that just aren't true First of all, this had nothing to do with Detroit

That's right Whatever may be wrong with Detroiters, they are, by and large, poor Few can afford tickets to Pistons games Even if they could, many don't have cars, and would have a hard time getting there The Detroit Pistons play, not in Detroit, but in Auburn Hills, a middle-class suburb 40 miles away

Most or all the fans involved in the melee were prosperous white suburbanites Matter of fact, the one who allegedly started it all by throwing something at Ron Mad Dog Artest was recognized by one of his former neighbors who was watching videotaped replays of the mayhem Too bad for him the neighbor is now the Oakland County prosecutor

Anyway Time to debunk the second big falsehood There's nothing new about players going after fans Unusual, yes Original, no

Not only is this not the end of life as we know it, it has happened before

That's right, and what's more, it also involved Detroit A player attacked a fan — and a crippled fan, yet — and vaulted into the stands and beat him up

The outraged authorities suspended the athlete — and his entire team went on strike in solidarity Don't know the story? That's perhaps because it was nearly a century ago The date was May 15, 1912, and the player was good old Ty Cobb, sometimes known as the sociopath of the base paths

Ty Cobb was not a nice man He liked to spike people He beat up his own teammates, and once nearly killed a black man with his fists just because he felt like it But on that spring afternoon, he met someone as wonderful as he was

Claude Lueker spent four innings calling him everything except a child of God Finally, Cobb hopped the fence and whaled the tar out of him, Sportsmanlike, this was not Lueker had only one arm, and was missing most of the fingers on that hand

Ban Johnson, the president of the American League, was as horrified as NBA officials seem to be today He suspended the Georgia Peach indefinitely for acting without regard to the dignity of baseball

That outraged his fellow Detroit Tigers, who promptly went on strike The American League told the manager and the owner of the team they would be fined heavily if the team didn't play Frank Navin, the owner, told the manager, Hughie Jennings, to find some players before the next game, or else

The manager could take a hint He found some college players He made two middle-aged scouts play, and he picked a few guys out of the stands

They lost to Philadelphia, 24-2 Sports historians are still wondering how the ersatz Tigers got the two runs Everyone was horrified the American League then banned replacement players and teams, and the Tigers returned to play

Then the league folded, and Ty Cobb (no Ron Artest, he) was allowed to return to the field He went on to bat 410 The Tigers finished the season about as poorly as they did this year, and nobody knows what happened to the foul-mouthed heckler who was beaten up by baseball's greatest hitter

What's the moral of the story? Perhaps that even if you think moral values are eroding testosterone always has been with us And in general, people who make \$5 million a year risk a lot if they get into fistfights with your average slob

And vice-versa Profile in courage Last summer I wrote about Ron Kagan, the Detroit Zoo director who had decided that Detroit had neither space nor climate to properly maintain the zoo's two aging elephants, and so he planned to send them to a wildlife sanctuary

But now the American Zoological Association opposes that, and wants the elephants sent to the Columbus Zoo instead

Kagan doesn't think Wanda and Winky would be any better off there, and things are at an impasse Another complication Wanda is technically owned by San Antonio Zoo, and it won't sell her to Detroit Though it may risk the zoo's accreditation, Kagan vows to keep fighting for what's right for the elephants

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# Michigan hospitals serious about reducing medical injuries, death

Five years ago, health care providers across the country were jolted into action by a report suggesting that an unacceptably high number of injuries and deaths were the result of medical errors The Institute of Medicine's 1999

To Err Is Human challenged all of us in the health care community to dramatically reduce these incidents and offered a number of recommendations for doing so Michigan hospitals promptly responded to this challenge by instituting reforms and revising practices that have improved the quality of care and fostering a culture of patient safety for practitioners

As a result of this landmark study, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association joined with key stakeholder groups — including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Pharmacists Association and a number of employers and unions — to establish the Michigan Health & Safety Coalition The coalition is a voluntary effort to improve patient safety by sharing information, developing sys-

temic approaches to identify and correct errors, and helping establish performance standards and incentives for improved performance

Gov Jennifer Granholm recently acknowledged the coalition's efforts and invited it to assume the role of State Commission on Patient Safety In this capacity, the group is holding several public hearings throughout the state and then will make recommendations for improving patient safety to the governor

We know information is important That's why since 1996, Michigan hospitals have voluntarily provided the public with hospital-specific information on important care indicators, including length of stay, morbidity and mortality for more than 20 important medical procedures, including select medical and surgical cases, heart cases and hip and knee replacements

The MHA has also addressed medical errors through its Keystone Center, which offers health care providers information, resources and collaborative opportunities to implement proven interventions in Michigan hospitals Through the MHA Keystone Stroke, Michigan hospitals have worked with the Michigan Department of Community Health and state stroke experts to

improve stroke care The MHA Keystone Intensive Care Unit project — a partnership with Johns Hopkins that started just one year ago — has already reduced blood stream infections and decreased respirator-associated pneumonias Michigan hospitals accept responsibility every day for improving care and safety and are aggressively forging new methods of bringing the best evidence based care to all Michigan citizens

The MHA has been recognized nationally for its efforts to deal with the most frequently cited problem in the IOM study — medication errors In 2001, Michigan's hospitals were recognized by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices for their participation in a national initiative to improve medication safety awareness and enhance safe medication practices

The IOM's report claimed, 'It may be part of human nature to err, but it is also part of human nature to create solutions, find better alternatives, and meet the challenges ahead' Michigan's hospitals are committed to doing just that and will continue to build upon the progress spurred by this landmark study

Spencer Johnson is president of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association



Spencer Johnson

## LETTERS

### Free press, or best buy?

Regarding your newspaper's announcement of purchase by Gannett, the article failed to mention that Gannett also owns *The Detroit News*

This means there is one less independent voice of news and views in our metropolitan area We hear a lot about the growing influence of a few giant corporations in the broadcast

media It continues to happen in print as well I just wonder if Gannett will allow a truly liberal voice like Jack Lessenberry's (even though he does tone it down a lot for Hometown Newspapers) to continue on the editorial board Do we truly have a free press or just the best press money can buy?

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# Girl donates hair for sick children

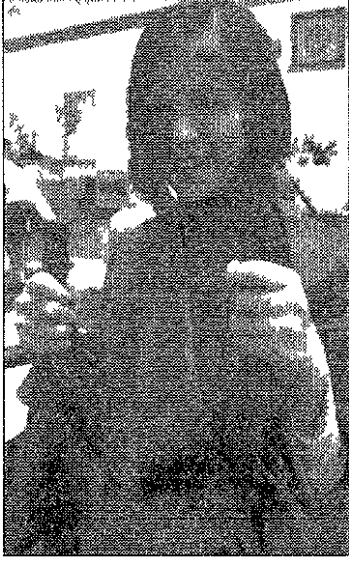
BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Kristine Lentz's first haircut in three years was a doozy. Sitting in an old barber's chair in Redford Friday the Canton 10-year-old sat by silently and watched as more than 11 inches of her beautiful brown locks were shorn off and carefully placed into a plastic bag.

It's not that Kristine necessarily wanted to see her hair cut off. She actually likes her hair just fine.

But she made the decision three years ago that she wanted to donate her hair to an organization called Locks for Love, a Florida-based nonprofit that aids financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss. Since its inception in 1997, the group has provided custom fitted hair prosthetics to more than 1,000 children, mostly suffering from an autoimmune condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cure.

To make these special hair pieces, which must be hand assembled, the group uses



Kristine Lentz shows off her donated locks.

human hair and relies on hair donations nearly as much as it does on the monetary kind. These donated locks arrive by the thousands in little plastic bags with the vast majority coming from children.

This is why Kristine found herself at Cardinal's Barber

Shop in Redford last week.

The Tonda Elementary student learned about Locks of Love three years ago from a classmate who talked about it during show and tell. Impressed, Kristine went home and decided to get her own hair cut so she could send it to the group. She had added inspiration: Both of her grandmothers have died of cancer, and she saw this as a way to make a difference.

So you can imagine how disappointed she must have been when she learned several weeks later that the hair she sent was too short for the group to use. What she sent in was seven inches long, but Locks of Love needs a minimum of 10 inches because of the way the hair prosthetics are manufactured.

Undaunted, Kristine went right back to work, promising she wouldn't stop growing her hair until it reached the proper length. On Friday it had.

I just want to help people, she said, sitting in the chair and wondering what her Tonda classmates were going to think when she returned to the class-



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Kristine Lentz, 10, watches as stylist Sam Jasmund cuts more than 11 inches of her hair on Friday.

room on Monday.

Kristine's mother, Annette Lentz, witnessed the shearing of her daughter's hair and couldn't believe how different she looked, going from long hair to a short bob.

I am very proud of her, and was when she first decided to do it three years ago, Lentz said.

This is so great. She is so independent. She said she wants to do it one more time.

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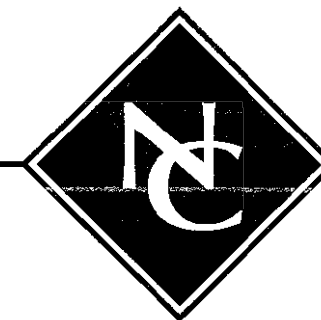
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# State offers safety tips on use of space heaters

Last year more than 2,500 residential fires in the state of Michigan were related to the use of supplemental heaters, such as wood- and coal-burning stoves, kerosene heaters, gas space heaters and electrical heaters. The Office of the State Fire Marshal wants homeowners to know they can reduce the chance of a home fire by following simple guidelines on

the installation and use of these appliances.

"The numbers tell a distressing story - 1,346 of the residential fires last year were caused by children playing with heat sources, 11 deaths resulted," said State Fire Marshal Andy Neumann. All told, 41 injuries and 15 deaths last year were related to the use of supplemental heat sources in homes, apart-

ments, and manufactured homes.

Most of the fires related to supplemental heating appliances are caused by improper installation, maintenance, or use of the appliances. Every appliance should have a complete set of installation instructions and should be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. More specifically

■ Wood stoves should sit on a non-combustible surface or on a code-specified or listed floor protector.

■ Fireplaces should have noncombustible materials around the opening and hearth. Always use a fireplace screen to keep sparks from igniting materials in the room. Do not burn newspapers or other trash in a fireplace because they burn too hot and

can ignite a chimney fire. Never use pressure-treated wood in stoves or fireplaces because it contains toxic chemicals that can cause illness. Use artificial logs made from wax and sawdust one at a time in fireplaces and never use in wood stoves. This is because the heat can melt the log causing it to flare up or leak burning liquid from the appliance.

■ Space heaters should be placed on a firm surface out of the way so that they cannot be tipped over and spill fuel or have hot surfaces come in contact with combustible flooring. Also, when purchasing a space heater, be sure to look for a unit with an automatic shut off if it tips over. Avoid the use of extension cords with electric heaters and never use heaters to dry clothing or other combustibles. Electric heaters with frayed or damaged cords should be thrown away.

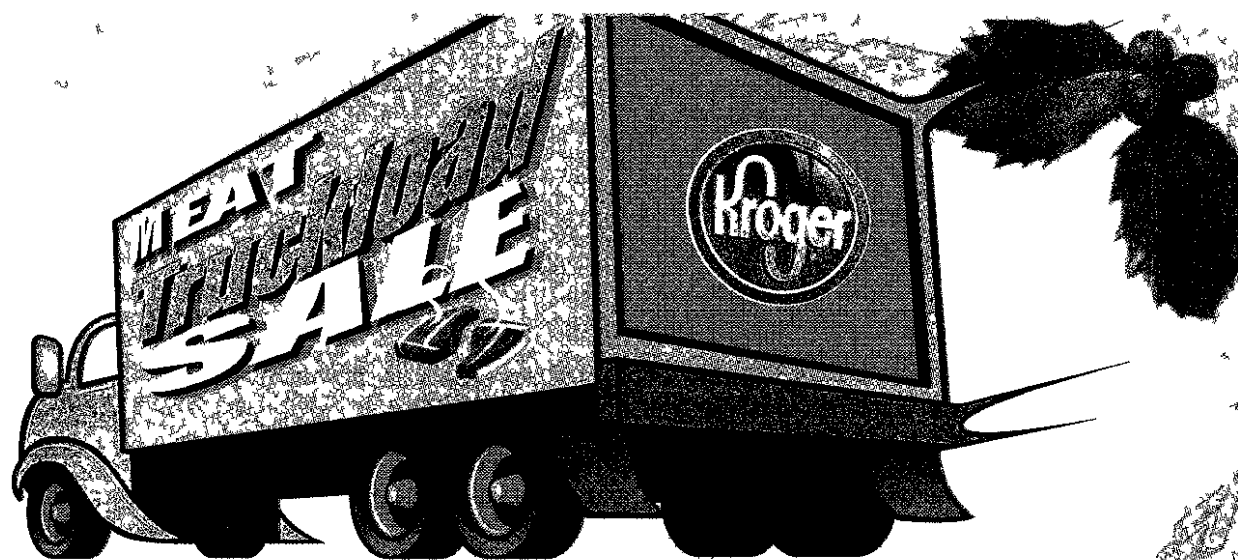
■ Combustibles such as curtains, chairs, firewood, and even walls should be at least three feet away from the appliance.

■ Unvented gas-fired space heaters should not be used in small-enclosed areas, especially bedrooms, because of the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning.

For operation, it is critical to use only fuels specified by the manufacturer as appropriate for the appliance. Use coal only if specifically approved by the stove manufacturer. Gasoline or other flammable liquids should never be used to start a wood fire since it might explode or flare up. Never use gasoline in kerosene heaters. Even small amounts of gasoline mixed with kerosene can increase the risk of fire.

Regular maintenance is also critical for safe operation. Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually by a professional chimney sweep. Creosote is an unavoidable product of wood-burning stoves and fireplaces. Creosote builds up in connectors and chimney flues and can cause a chimney fire. Kerosene heaters should be cleaned and wicks replaced annually.

By following the manufacturer's instructions for operation and maintenance, homeowners greatly reduce the chance for a home fire," said Neumann. "Most importantly never leave fireplaces or space heaters unattended and keep young children away from any appliance that has hot surfaces that can cause burns."



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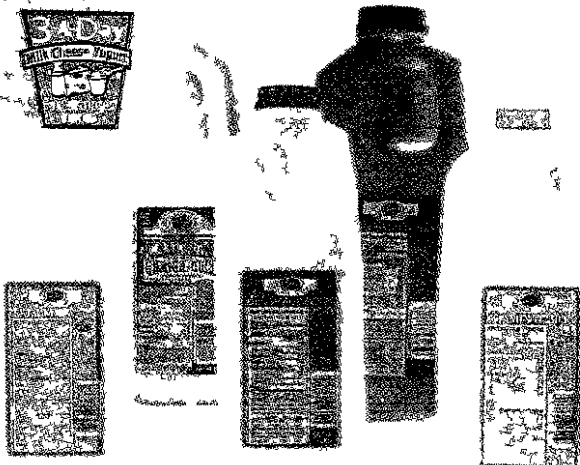


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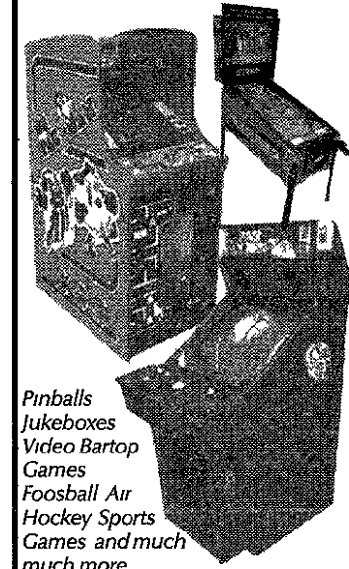
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## Chief icers assist cancer-stricken kids

It's too early to say how Canton's hockey team will perform on the ice this season, but the Chiefs' off-ice efforts are already worthy of a standing ovation.



Ed Wright

First-year Canton hockey coach Mike Behen, who is a researcher at Detroit's Children's Hospital of Michigan, has organized an ambitious fund-raiser for his team that will benefit children who are patients in the CHM pediatric

oncology ward. Beginning this week, Canton hockey players will be seeking pledges from local businesses and residents that will be deposited into the team's "Big Goals" fund. Each pledge that is collected will be multiplied by the number of goals the Chiefs scored at the end of the 2004-05 season.

All money raised will be donated to CHM to assist in the care and treatment of the hospital's young, cancer-stricken patients, who have been dealt a jarring, life-altering blow that no on-ice body-check can come close to matching.

For me, it's hard to walk through the pediatric oncology halls without getting

upset," said Behen. "It's awful to see what some of the kids go through."

"I think it is important for the players on the team to get involved in something like this beyond hockey. It will make them appreciate things a little more."

Last year, the Chiefs scored 84 goals, but Behen has his sights set higher for the upcoming campaign.

"We play 24 games and our goal is to score over four goals a game, so that would work out to at least 100 goals this season," Behen said.

Behen stressed that no pledge is too small.

"Even if it's a penny-a-goal, we'll take

it," Behen said. "We are going to visit the hospital at least twice as a team this year. We're going to go up there in about a week so that the players can see what it's all about. Then we'll go again at the end of the season to deliver the money we've raised."

"We're not going to ask the players' parents for pledges, as they have already pledged enough just so their kids can play hockey (P-CEP hockey players are required to pay over \$1,000 out of their own pockets to play the sport). But we're going to ask for pledges from fans, the

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## Sidelines

### Turkey shoot

On Saturday, Nov. 20, Canton Leisure Services and the Plymouth Elks combined efforts to offer a free free-throw shooting contest to members of the Canton and Plymouth communities.

The winners in each age group received turkeys, which were donated by Holiday Market and the Michigan Ave. Kroger store.

Following are the top finishers in each age group followed by how many free throws the each first-place shooter made out of 25 attempts.

**Boys 8-9 years old:** 1 Devin Slominski (11), 2 Hutner Cole; 3 Justin Broughman

**Boys 10-11:** 1 Nicholas Flowers (17), 2 Robert Neff

**Girls 10-11:** 1 Bridget Cole (nine), 2 Amanda Thielman, 3 Jessica Pugh

**Boys 12-13:** 1 Michael Darouie (19); 2 Mark Main, 3 Josh Wright.

**Girls 12-13:** 1 Jenna Mizzi (12)

### Whalers trade

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 18-year-old left wing Ryan Stephenson from the Kingston Frontenacs Tuesday in exchange for a Guelph's seventh-round draft selection in 2005.

"Stephenson is a capable left winger with size and skill who's been in the league for three years," said Plymouth president, general manager and coach Mike Vellucci. "He'll help us."

Stephenson, who is 6-foot-4 and 215 pounds, was originally drafted by Kingston in the third round (42nd overall) in the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

He enjoyed his best season in the OHL last season when he scored eight goals with eight assists and 54 penalty minutes in 68 games.

This year, Stephenson has four goals, three assists and 14 penalty minutes.

### Softball camps

The Madonna University softball team will hold a hitting camp on Saturday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 18, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$30 per session. Interested players should mail a check to Madonna University Softball, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

The MU softball team will also hold three four-week sessions of a fundamental camp that will cover all phases of fast-pitch softball.

The first session will run all four Sundays in January from noon to 2:30 p.m., another session will run all four Saturdays in January from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the third session will run on Jan. 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 17 from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost of each four-week session is \$150.

For more information on the camps, contact Al White at (734) 432-5783.

## Tall order

### Size is strength of Chief cagers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Senior point guard Andy Cortellini will be handed the keys to the Canton basketball team's offense for the second consecutive year by second-year coach Charlie Paye.

Judging by the size and athleticism of the Chiefs' lineup, Cortellini may feel like he's driving a powerful red Ferrari by season's end.

Even though Canton lost four starters to graduation from last year's 13-8 squad, it has the potential to improve on that record thanks to Cortellini's court sense and the skills of his fellow starters.

Andy should be one of the better players in the conference this season," said Paye, who is entering his 17th season as a coach. "He's quick, he sees the court well and he is a good perimeter shooter."

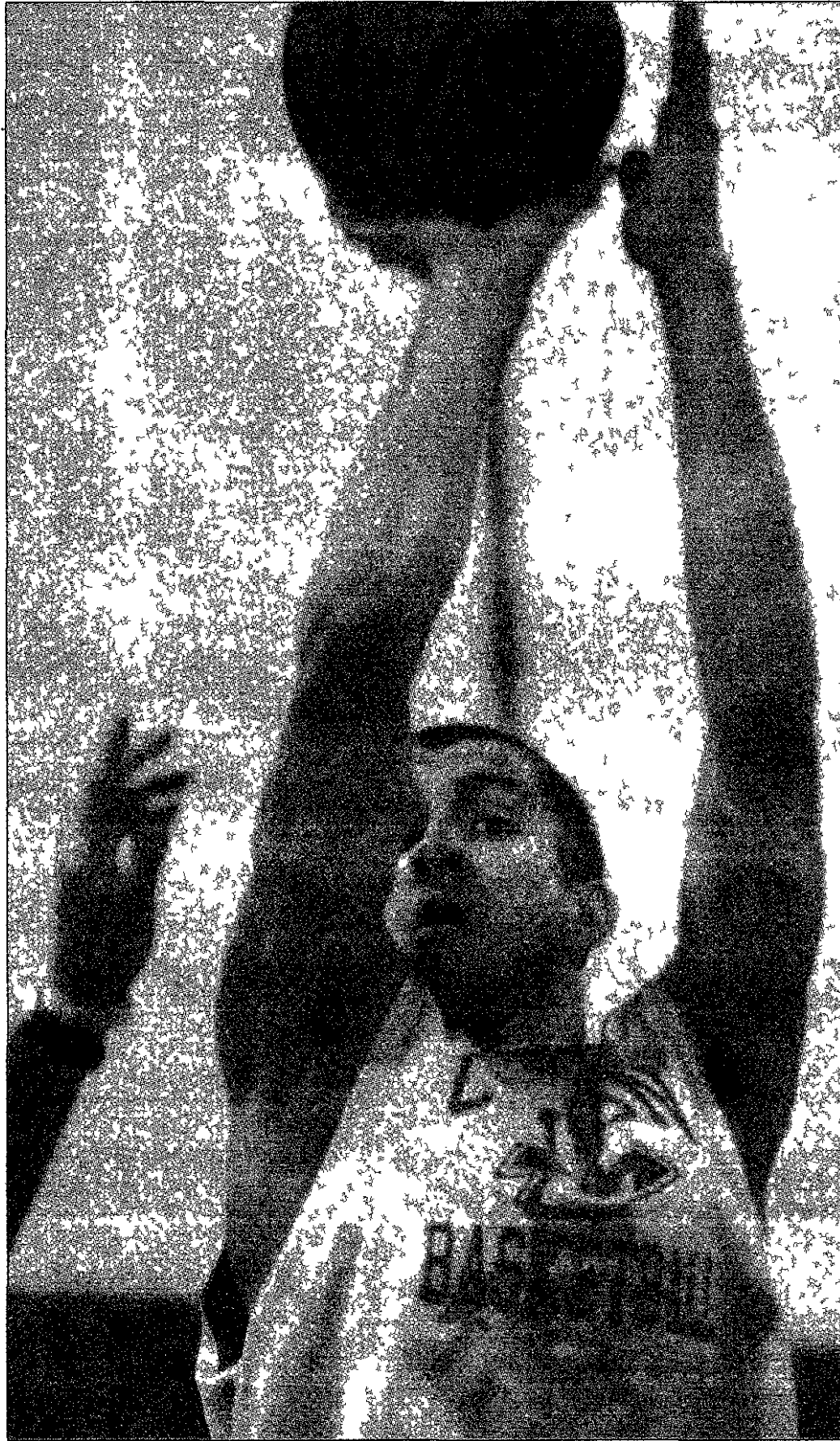
### PREP HOOP PREVIEW

Last year, many of Cortellini's passes found the waiting hands of the graduated D.J. Bridges, Brad Waidmann, Travis McKinney and Matt Paye (Charlie's son). Coincidentally, three of the departed players have younger brothers that play for this year's unit.

Joining the 5-foot-11 point guard in the starting lineup will be a quartet of seniors: 6-8 center Kevin Thornton, 6-4 forward Julian Smith, 5-10 off-guard Jason Houdek and 6-1 forward David Cahille.

"Kevin is an excellent shot blocker, so he'll be one of the keys to our defense," Paye said. Julian can really get up and Jason is an outstanding outside shooter. David is versatile in that he can

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kevin Thornton is one big reason the Chiefs should make a run at the Western Lakes Activities Association title this season. The 6-foot-8 center is one of the WLAAs' best returning post players.

## Friedrichs is area's top coach

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BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

After three straight sub-500 seasons, Livonia Churchill fifth-year coach Reid Friedrichs was looking to get back on the winning side of the ledger in 2004.

In his first season as coach (2000), Churchill finished 12-7-3 overall and reached the regional finals before losing to Birmingham

Brother Rice, 4-2. Then came seasons of 8-10-2, 6-8-2 and 8-10-2.

This fall, Churchill turned things around with a 11-6-2 record, thanks largely in part to a rejuvenated offensive attack.

"We scored a lot of goals," said Friedrichs, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year. "I'm surprised how hard they worked and at times how well they played. I was really happy with the effort."

"We were a couple of bad bounces away from having a great year."

Churchill played tough against some of the area's top teams, tying Novi and losing by only a goal to both Salem and Stevenson.

The biggest disappointment was a first-round district setback to Walled Lake Western, 2-1.

"We always prided ourselves on being ready for the playoffs," Friedrichs said. "We played hard, but just got unlucky and that happens. It was a good season except that we tripped up in the playoffs, and that took away from it."

## Defense the key for hustling Rocks

### Salem hoopers look to out-work opponents

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The 2004-05 Salem basketball team promises to be more gritty than flashy, and more dive-for-loose-balls aggressive than light-up-the-scoreboard impressive.

But just because the Rocks will probably rack up more floor burns than ESPN Sportscenter-type highlights this season, don't think they won't be dangerous to play against.

"We're going to have to rely on our team quickness and defensive hustle this season," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We're going

to be in a lot of defensive, hard-nosed games. We don't have a lot of great scorers, but we have kids who are quick and who will hustle and work hard."

The key to our season will be how quickly everyone comes together. We have four seniors, four sophomores and the rest are juniors, so we need to jell quickly as a team."

Salem lost five key contributors from last season's 8-



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Salem sophomore guard Kevin Burleigh (left) will be counted on to provide the Rocks with strong play off the bench this season. Salem finished 8-13 in 2003-04.

13 squad. Four players graduated while the fifth — senior Dominique Washington — transferred to Farmington Hills Harrison.

Four seniors have earned starting nods for the Rocks while two juniors are battling for the final berth in the starting lineup.

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## Unbeaten London ousts Whalers, 4-2

The Plymouth Whalers entered Friday night's Ontario Hockey League game at London hoping to derailed the Knights from their record-breaking unbeaten streak.

Instead, the Whalers were upended just like 22 of the Knights' previous 23 opponents, 4-2, before 9,066 people at the John Labatt Ice Arena.

The victory improved London's incredible record to 23-0-1, and brought them one win closer to the OHL's all-time season-opening unbeaten streak of 29 set by the Brandon Wheat Kings during the 1978-79 season.

London's Rob Schremp was the catalyst of the Knights' latest win. The high-scoring center recorded a hat trick and added an assist.

John Mitchell tallied both Plymouth goals. His power-play marker from Mike Knight and Tim Sestito with 26 seconds left in the second period cut the Whalers' deficit to 2-1. He added an unassisted, short-handed goal with 5:08 left in the game.

Cory Perry scored the other London goal. He also added an assist.

Gerald Coleman earned the victory in net for the Knights, turning away 20 shots. Justin Garay suffered the loss for the Whalers despite making 40 saves.

# Blue-line special

## Young Salem skaters feature defense

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Fresh faces dominate the Salem hockey team's 2004-05 roster as only seven skaters return from last year's 12-9-3 squad

Among the key contributors the Rocks lost to graduation were captain Andy Thackaberry, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association defenseman, defenseman Ryan Jones and forwards Aaron Cheesman and Kyle Emmons

Despite the fact Salem's defensive corps took a hit, its blue-liners will provide the backbone of this year's team, according to coach Fred Feiler

"Our goalie and defensive corps are this team's strong points," said Feiler, who has been the Rocks coach since the team's inception six years ago "Our offensive play will need to improve We're a little on the small side on offense and the players need to go to the net with more enthusiasm"

Senior Brandon DeMars returns as the Rocks' No. 1 goalie He will be backed up by sophomore Derek Edelen

"It's Brandon's third year on the varsity, so he brings a lot of experience to the team," Feiler said "Brandon will get the bulk of the playing time, but Derek is a good, solid back-up"

Defenseman John Maurer, the team's captain, is a three-year player who provides Salem with some punch on the power play The senior is one of Salem's top returning scorers, having tallied 17 points (eight goals and nine assists) last season The Rocks' other top returning scorer is also a defenseman — senior Craigen Bauldry, who chalked up five goals and 12 assists during the 2003-04 campaign

"We really need the seniors to step up and do the job for us this year," Feiler said "I'd like to see us improve as the season goes on Our main goal is to advance to the regionals during the post-season"

Seniors Ryan Sharrow and Tom Cooper are two returning forwards who should light the lamp on a consistent basis for Salem Sharrow, a winger, is coming off a junior season in which he tallied one goal and seven assists while

Cooper, a center, had three goals and five assists

Senior Adam Gilhkin is one of the Rocks' most talented players Gilhkin excelled as a sophomore two years ago, but played for a AAA Ann Arbor team as a junior

"Adam will be out there for all the penalty-kills and the power play," said Feiler, who predicted Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson will be the teams to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season

"They'll be right up there, but in the WLAA, there really isn't an easy game," he said

### CANTON

First-year coach Mike Behen will be taking over the reins of a team that is stocked with 13 seniors, including captain Reece McCabe, already a two-year letter-winner who is the lone first-team All-Observerland player returning from the area

"We have a lot of seniors, so they should be motivated to do well since it's their last season," Behen said "We're going to play an aggressive puck-control system We have four returning defensemen and our goalie is experienced, so defense will be one of the strengths of this team"

McCabe should be a dominant force on the ice this season after leading the Chiefs with 21 goals and 35 points during the 2003-04 campaign

"Reece is big, strong and fast, so he should be a big contributor to our team this year," Behen said "He's a good leader, too He's a very hard worker"

Also serving as captains for the Chiefs will be seniors Mike Kondratek, who is playing his first year of high school hockey after playing with the highly regarded travel team Honeybaked for the past few seasons, Pat Davison and Ben Laurin

"Mike is very quick and fundamentally sound out on the ice," Behen said "He brings a good work ethic to the team"

Senior forwards Bryan Wioncek and Garrett Hyman will be counted on to light the lamp for the Chiefs this winter

"Bryan is an extremely skilled and smart player who should be a



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Canton's Reece McCabe (17) defends Salem's Kyle Emmons during a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game last winter McCabe, an All-Observerland selection as a junior, is one of the area's top returning players this season

major contributor for us this year," Behen said "Once he learns to play within the team concept a little more, he could be a star"

"Garrett has good hands and he has a knack for putting the puck in the net He should be one of our leading scorers"

Junior Kevin Tollson and Nick Leadford will also provide a strong presence on the offensive end of the ice for the Chiefs Defensively, Davison, Laurin, Jon Sudia and Aaron Amin return to give Canton loads of experience along the blue line Playing the majority of the time between the pipes for the Chiefs will be senior Tony Hylko "Tony is very smart and highly motivated back there," Behen said

Other key players for Canton will be sophomore forward/defenseman Alex Lajoie, junior defenseman Patrick Gallagher and sophomore forward Brad Barath

### PLYMOUTH

As the first full varsity season approaches for the Wildcats, their coach, Mike Kaput, has realistic expectations for his young, senior-less squad

"We're going to compete hard every game, every line shift," Kaput said "This year will be a learning experience since it will be the first year at the varsity level for everyone We'll play to win every game, but we won't judge our season on just wins and losses"

Kaput knows what it takes to build a strong high school hockey program as he spent his prep career playing for Windsor Assumption

High School, which has a perennially strong team

Plymouth, which calls the Compuware Ice Arena home, played as a junior-varsity squad last year in the Little Caesar's Junior Varsity League The Wildcats shined, going 13-0-2 and winning their division

"We have 11 players back from that team," said Kaput, who added that 34 students tried out for this year's 20-player team "This is really a hard-working team with a lot of team speed We don't have any seniors, so we're young and small, but we have a lot of energy"

Junior captain Ryan Stamm, a center, should be one of the Wildcats' top scorers this season, Kaput predicted

"Ryan sees the ice really well and he moves the puck," Kaput said Stamm will be flanked by wingers Billy Gauthier, a junior, and sophomore Nick Rososchacki

"Billy is quick, has strong hands and has a knack for finding the back of the net," Kaput said "Nick is a tall, strong player who has a real good shot"

Sophomore Justin Deslets enters the year as the Wildcats' top goal-tender

"Justin is solid in net," his coach said "He'll probably be seeing a lot of shots, but he'll be fine, he'll keep us in games"

Plymouth's defensive unit will be led by sophomore Jason O'Gunn, who is an 'offensive-minded defenseman," according to Kaput

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# Penguins start strong, beat Pioneers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is making its presence felt early in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League

The Penguins improved their record to 2-0 in the MMGSHSL Tuesday night with a convincing 6-2 decision over the Ann Arbor Pioneers in a game played at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton The high-flying Penguins are 4-2 overall heading into their Dec. 2 game at Grosse Pointe South The Pioneers slipped to 0-2 in the league

"The girls are playing really well so far," said PCS coach Lori Callahan "We struggled early tonight, but we picked up the pace and started skating better"

Adrienne Cercione and Olivia Pennebaker scored first-period goals to give the Penguins a lead they would never lose Lauren Coleman, Emily Patton and Amy Coleman picked up assists

Patton scored at the 10:10 mark of the second period to make it 3-0 She was assisted by Tara Boliard and Pennebaker

Annelise Heeringa cut the Pioneers' deficit to 3-1 when she deposited a pass from Alexis Bourne into the back of the net, however, the Penguins retaliate minutes later on Erika Perkovich's goal (Stephanie Murray and Kristen Schwan assisted)

Schwan and Pennebaker added third-period goals to give the winners some breathing room

Kristi Kowalski played a strong goal in net for the Penguins, who fired 58 shots at the Ann Arbor net-minder Callahan praised Kelli Bargowski and Sara Skomeczny for their efforts on the defensive end of the rink

"We've been working on our break-outs and passing in practice," Callahan said "Once we get the passing down, we'll be even better We're still working out the kinks in our lines, but the girls seem to be jelling"

PCS captured third place at the inaugural Suburban Girls High School Hockey Classic last week The Penguins were edged in overtime, 3-2, by Northville on Nov. 18 before coming back to demoralize Walled Lake, 10-0, on Nov. 20

Schwan and Keely Kowalski scored the Penguins' goals in the loss Pennebaker tallied four goals and Cercione had three in the rout of the Wild Murray (two) and Sharla Gillespie accounted for the other goals

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play small forward and shooting guard

"I was really happy with our defense last year, but we lost two of our top defensive players in Travis and Matt. Hopefully, this group can pick up where last year's team left off."

The Chiefs' bench will be stocked with a talented mixture of young and old, tall and not-so-tall players.

Senior 6-2 forward Jacob Langdon is the lone reserve player who was a member of Canton's 2003-04 varsity squad. Forward Steve Paye (Charlie's younger son), who stands 6-4, and 6-6 sophomore Ryan Waidmann were key contributors to the school's junior varsity team that went 17-3 and unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season.

Senior transfer student Damon Staples, a 6-1 guard, 6-2 junior forward Andre Bridges (D.J.'s younger brother), 6-0 junior forward Andy Rossow, and 6-0 junior guard Rob

Eppler will give the Chiefs plenty of depth.

"Damon is very good in transition and he can really handle the ball," Paye said. "Andy likes to mix it up and is a good defender."

Canton's non-conference schedule is challenging, to say the least, with games against Novi, Redford Union, Monroe and Ann Arbor Pioneer included.

Paye predicts Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial will be the teams to beat in the WLAA.

There are probably five or six teams that can win the league, but those two look good right now," he said. "We were the last team to beat Wayne in the conference last year before they went on to win the league. The key for us this year is how we play on the defensive end. We're athletic enough to do well, so I'm confident. It's my second year here now, so the kids know my system. If we can stay injury-free, we should be competitive."

Canton opens Tuesday, Dec 7, at Monroe.

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Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye guides his team through a loose-ball drill during practice last week. The Chiefs are hoping to contend for a Western Lakes Activities Association title this season after finishing 13-8 last season.

**ROCKS**

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What's known for certain is that Jeff Lake (6-foot-9), Dave Cardenas (6-2) and Kyle Price (6-2) will make up the Rocks' front-court trio to start the season, and Brad Zonca (6-0) will man one of the guard spots. Still up in the air is which junior will start. Kevin Bradley (6-2) or Jon Pomorski (6-0).

They will all be rotating in, so all six will be seeing a lot of playing time, Brodie said.

Lake, who averaged four points per game last season, is the team's leading returning scorer. The Rock football standout's scoring average should rise considerably along with his offensive responsibilities when Salem opens at Belleville on Tuesday, Dec 7.

Cardenas will also be counted on to improve his 15 scoring average from last year.

"Jeff is a strong inside player, Brodie said. He's a good

athlete and he gives 100 percent all the time. Dave is very similar to Jeff, but he's not quite as big. He's very athletic and has a lot of ability.

A good ball-handler with a strong perimeter game, Zonca will see a lot of time in the backcourt along with Bradley and Pomorski.

"Kevin will play the perimeter and inside, depending on the match-ups," Brodie said. "Kyle will be a swing forward and Jon is a good floor leader who is aggressive defensively. Sophomores Mike Marek, Jerah Dixon and Kevin Burleigh will provide backcourt depth for the Rocks."

They're all about 5-6 with good court savvy and great quickness, Brodie said.

Coming off the bench to provide relief for the post players will be Joe Halewicz (6-foot), Billy Leddy (6-3), Brian Baumgart (6-6), Rory Kind (6-3) and sophomore J.P. Truesdell.

"We open with a very tough nonconference schedule, just



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Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie directs his team through a series of drills during practice Tuesday afternoon.

like last year, said Brodie, who was referring to nonleague games against Belleville, Monroe, Saline and Warren Cousino. "Last year, we got off to a slow start and didn't win any of our non-conference games. Hopefully, this year we get off to a faster start."

Salem will open its Western Lakes Activities Association

slate at Walled Lake Central on Jan 7.

Canton should be strong this season, said Brodie, when asked who will be the top contenders for the WLAA title. "And Wayne and Northville will be tough again. I think Walled Lake Central is going to be up there, too."

**KIDS**

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players, neighbors, their friends and business owners in the community. Whatever we raise, we are going to give to the hospital and tell them to use it however they see fit to best help the kids in the oncology ward.

For more information on this fund-raiser, visit the team's Web site at [www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefshockey](http://www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefshockey), or e-mail Behen at [mbehen@pet.wayne.edu](mailto:mbehen@pet.wayne.edu).

Hopefully, this imaginative and unique fund-raiser will spur other area teams to imitate similar programs to benefit severely ill children.

According to hockey tradition, whenever a player scores three goals in a game, fans take off their hats and throw them onto the ice in recognition of a hat trick.

My hat is off to the Canton hockey program for an idea

All money raised will be donated to CHM to assist in the care and treatment of the hospital's young, cancer-stricken patients, who have been dealt a jarring, life-altering blow that no on-ice body-check can come close to matching.

that will not only provide added incentive to its players, but serve as an inspiring power play for a worthwhile cause.

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**Wednesday Dec 1**  
 Franklin vs Plymouth at L'vonia Edgar Arena 6 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs Farm Unified at Compuware Arena 7 p.m.  
 Churchill vs Canton at Arct c Edge 8 p.m.  
**Thursday Dec 2**  
 PCS Penguins at Grosse Pointe South at City Sports Arena 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday Dec 3**  
 Churchill vs Salem (Edgar) 6 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at Canton 8 p.m.  
**Saturday Dec 4**  
 Ladywood vs H.W. Regina at Plymouth's Arctic Pond 6 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic) 7 p.m.  
 Dearborn United at Salem 8:30 p.m.  
 PCS Penguins vs Bloomfield at Hazel Park Ice Arena 2 p.m.  
**Sunday Dec 5**  
 Redford CC vs Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic) 1 p.m.  
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**Wednesday Dec 1**  
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# Fast-starting Whalers finish poorly, lose 5-2

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Over-confidence, boredom and missing players combined to spell doom for the Plymouth Whalers in their 5-2 loss to Windsor Wednesday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The loss dropped Plymouth's Ontario Hockey League record to 8-10-4-2. The Whalers fell four points behind the West Division-leading Spitfires, who improved to 11-11-2-2.

Plymouth played without three key players: Jonas Fredler, who was serving a suspension, John Armstrong, who was injured, and Mike Looby, who had returned to Brampton, Ont. following the unexpected death of his father last week.

Whaler coach Mike Vellucci said his team may have gotten a little too relaxed after it built a 2-0 lead after playing a near-perfect opening 17 minutes. Windsor grabbed back some momentum at the 16:58 mark of the first period.

I told the guys that they played the best 20 minutes of hockey they've played all year in the first period and the worst hockey they've played all year in the second and third periods, Vellucci said. "But that's the sign of an inexperienced team, which we are. We have to play hard all 60 minutes or we're not going to win."

Vellucci said Ryan Nie, his usually dependable goalie, may have been lulled into a state of relaxation prior to yielding Garlock's momentum-shifting goal.

"I think my goalie may have gotten a little bored after not facing one shot the first 15 minutes," Vellucci said.

The game opened as if it

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would be a rout in the Whalers' favor when Mike Knight and John Mitchell both scored in the first 12:10 to make it 2-0. Knight's fourth goal of the season was assisted by John Vigilante and Craig Cescon while Mitchell's came off helpers from Knight and James Neal. Plymouth outshot the Spitfires, 14-5, in the opening stanza, yet led just 2-1.

Windsor seized a 3-2 lead after two periods on goals from Cal O'Reilly and Paul Giallonardo. O'Reilly's goal was unassisted, Garlock and Steve Downie were credited with assists on Giallonardo's goal.

The game's pivotal goal came eight minutes into the final period when Spitfire center Jason Dixon beat Nie with a deflection off Ryan Donally's slap shot to make it 4-2. Downie pushed in an empty-netter with 55 seconds remaining to seal the deal.

Plymouth outshot Windsor, 28-21, but was stymied by goalie Kyle Knechtel following the promising opening period.

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# Vigilante feels right at home with Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Don't think Plymouth Whaler John Vigilante doesn't appreciate living just a long Zamboni ride from the Compuware Sports Arena, his home away from home during the seven-month Ontario Hockey League season.

The 19-year-old Dearborn native is the envy of several of his Canadian-born teammates, who get to visit home during the season about as often as hockey goalies fight — hardly ever.

"I love living just a half hour away," Vigilante said. "Most of my teammates' homes are several hours away, so they live with families around here, which is nice, but it's different living in the house you grew up in. I get home-cooked meals every night and I have family and friends at every home game."

Like the Whalers, Vigilante started slowly this season, finding the net just twice in the season's first month. However, like the Whalers, he has heated up over the past week, scoring three times to raise his season totals to five goals and eight assists.

"I struggled a little bit early on, but lately it seems I've been getting more opportunities to score," Vigilante said. "We have a young team, so we knew it might take a while to get going this season. We've been playing with more confidence lately, though, and it shows."

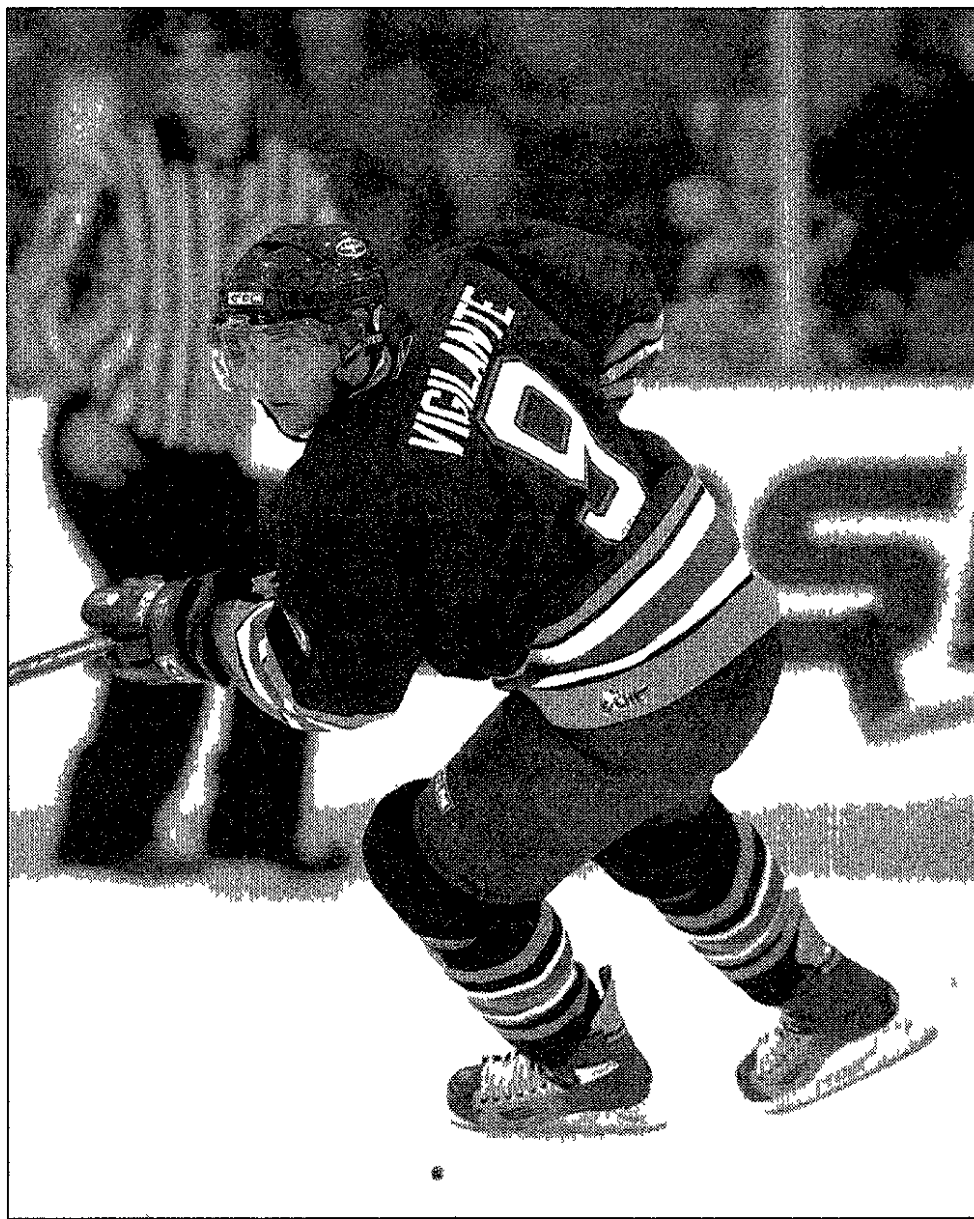
Following a productive youth-hockey career, the 6-foot, 200-pound Vigilante was drafted by the Whalers in the 11th round of the 2001 OHL draft.

He has been a fixture on the team's top lines the past few years, and has scored 50 goals and dished out 70 assists through Wednesday's 5-2 loss to Windsor. Vigilante said he was debating which college to attend when he was drafted by the Whalers.

"I was deciding between Michigan and Wisconsin," said Vigilante, who was recruited to play hockey by both schools. But when I was drafted by the Whalers, it made my decision easy. This is such a great organization to play for, plus it was close to home. I have no regrets."

A graduate of Dearborn Edsel Ford High School, Vigilante said the highlight of his young career came when he played for the United States under-17 all-star team three years ago.

"We beat Canada in the finals to win the World Championships," said



Dearborn native John Vigilante finds playing close to home advantageous, especially when it comes to home cooking and having family and friends attend his games.

Vigilante, who was the team's second-leading scorer. "It was the first time I had an opportunity to play against the greatest talent from all over the world. It was pretty exciting."

During the off-season, Vigilante runs a hockey school with his older brother, Mike, who plays minor-league hockey for the Portland Pirates.

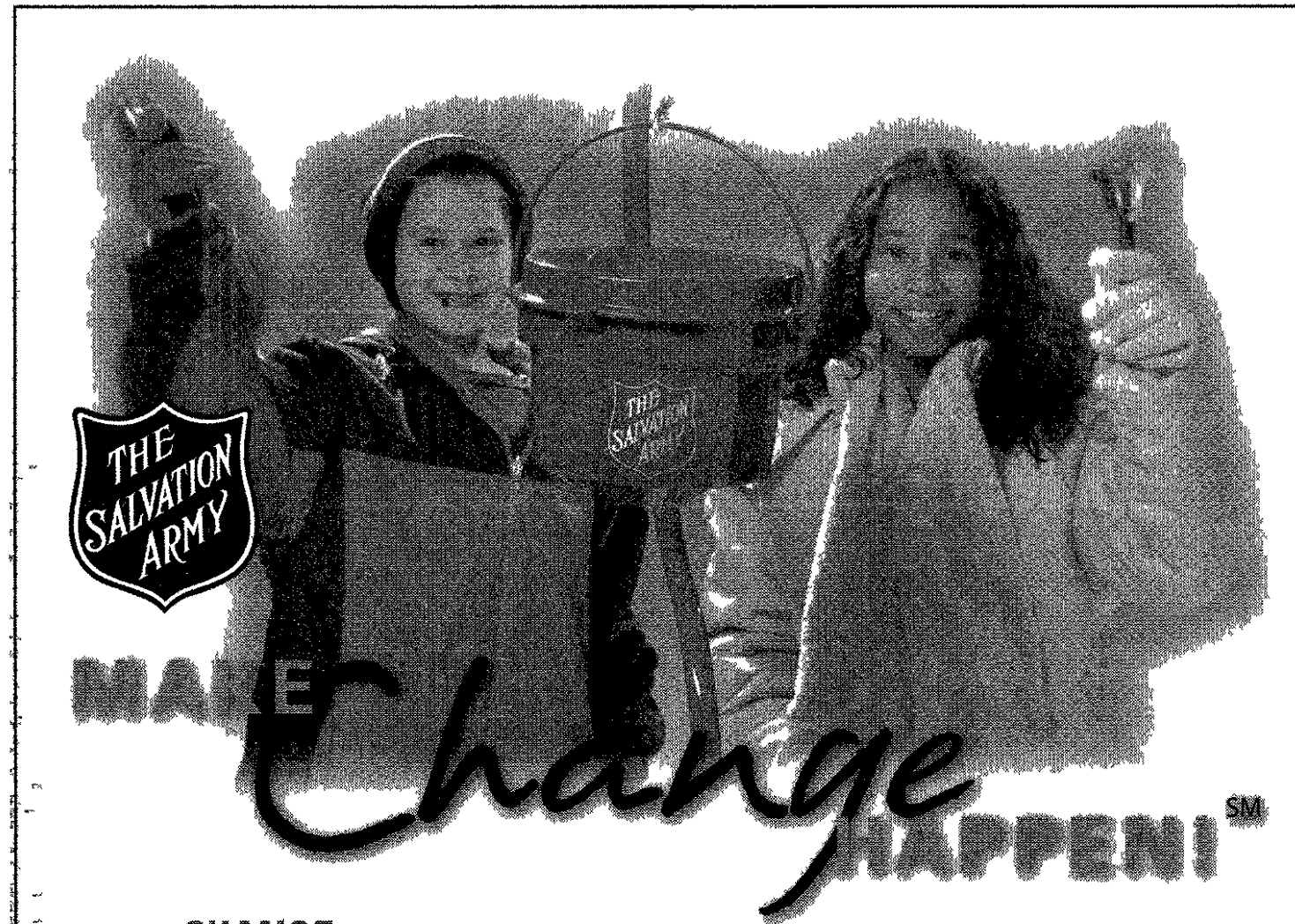
"It's a great summer job," said Vigilante. "We run it at the Dearborn Ice Arena. They publicize it for us, and we've had a pretty good turn-out. It's something I

would like to continue to do once my hockey career is over."

Vigilante said he has dreams of one day playing in the National Hockey League — if the work stoppage ever ends. But if that goal never materializes, he has alternate plans in place.

"I'm taking classes at Madonna University, so I want to get a college degree, he said. Then I'd like to get into teaching and coaching."

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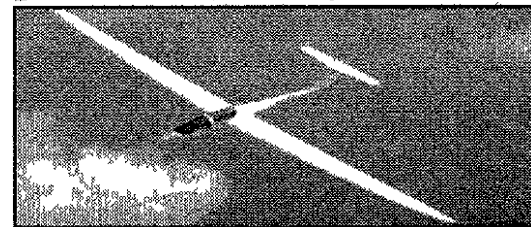
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# CC icers glide by Churchill, 2-1

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Compuware Arena is where Redford Catholic Central starts and wants to finish its 2004-05 hockey season.

The Shamrocks, who had their string of five Division I state titles snapped in last year's final — 3-2 by Marquette at Compuware — opened their new campaign Friday night with a hard-earned 2-1 win over longtime regional nemesis Livonia Churchill.

"It's too early to tell," was CC second-year coach Todd Johnson's first-game assessment. Our guys played like it was the first game of the year. Guys are getting to know each other, as far as the line combinations, and they learned quickly this is different than fall hockey and fall practice. They know they have to work harder and have to stay a step up to gain an edge."

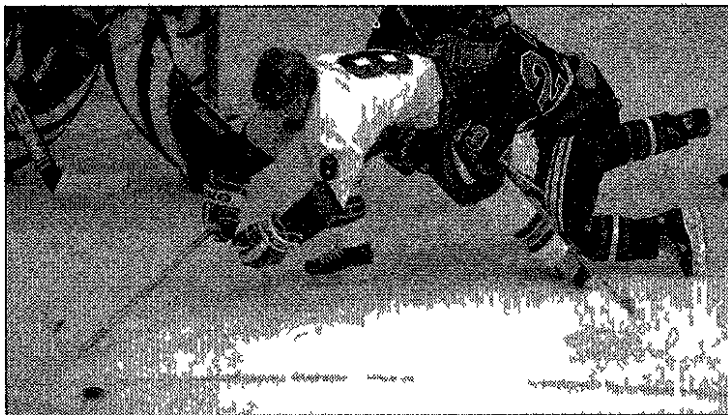
Churchill, which already had a game under its belt, a 9-2 season-opening win over Berkley, settled down after being outplayed and outshot (14-2) for much of the first period.

The Shamrocks, putting on heavy pressure early, took a 1-0 advantage at 2:26 when Mychal Evans stole the puck from behind the Chargers' net and snuck it past Churchill sophomore netminder Scott Lewan on a backhand.

"Basically I told them to relax and I wanted to make sure to put an emphasis on our forecheck because in the first period we weren't very aggressive with it," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "I don't know if our guys were nervous, but they (CC) definitely took it to us that first period."

"But our guys then did a nice job of regrouping and we felt the second and third periods were pretty even."

In the scoreless second period, CC took four penalties while Churchill was whistled for three. But neither the Chargers or the Shamrocks could capitalize when they enjoyed the man advantage



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Catholic Central's Mychal Evans gets held up by Churchill's Wesly Carpenter during play Friday night at Compuware Arena. Catholic Central won the game, 2-1.

"Things were going great then all the sudden both sides got a little antsy," Mazzoni said. "Maybe somebody just woke up, or I don't know what."

With 12:31 left in the third period, junior Wade Lefever gave CC a 2-0 cushion on a pass by Evans, who was all over the ice.

"He's a third-year player," Johnson said of Evans, a 5-foot-10, 180-pound senior winger. "He's always been a good, solid player."

But just when the Shamrocks seemed to have the game under control, Churchill struck for its only goal of the game less than three minutes later when Brandon Mishowski, who collected four goals in Churchill's opener, knocked home a rebound off a hard shot by teammate Justin Stadler. Justin Tonti also drew an assist on the goal to cut the deficit to 2-1.

But any sudden momentum Churchill would enjoy quickly evaporated because of two costly penalties in the final 10 minutes, including an interference call against Mishowski, who was shown the gate for the remainder of the night after being slapped with an additional 10-minute misconduct.

With 2:50 to go, Stadler broke in on CC goaltender Brian Hogan, but the sophomore, who had 13 saves on the night, held his ground and made the stop to preserve the win. Hogan also made a dandy

save in the opening period with 7:02 left when he denied Churchill's Matt Guilbault's backhand attempt on a break-away.

"All (three) of our goalies are rookies, but Brian (Hogan) played the way we expected tonight," Johnson said.

Churchill, meanwhile, was unable to pull its goalie in the final minutes as CC finished out the game in the Chargers' end.

"I'm not disappointed with the way we played, but we took four offensive zone penalties and that shows a lack of discipline," Johnson said. Three times we got called for penalties inside the goal crease. If can't control your emotions, you can't win games late season doing that."

"But overall I thought we played against a good team that is well-coached and had a good goaltender. And Justin Stadler is as good as any guy in the state. He's a factor every time he takes a shift on the ice."

Churchill, outshot 19-13 over the final two periods, got a clutch performance from Lewan (34 saves), who also started in the Chargers' opener.

"I'm not sure what happened on that first (Evans) goal, but for a sophomore to step into a game like that did exceed my expectations," Mazzoni said. "I think he gave us a lot of confidence."

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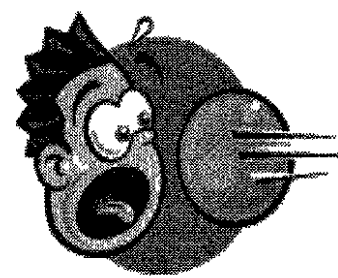
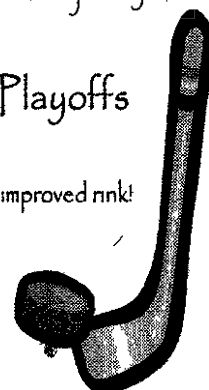
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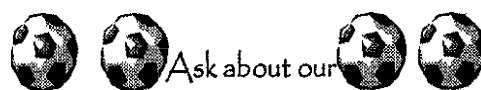
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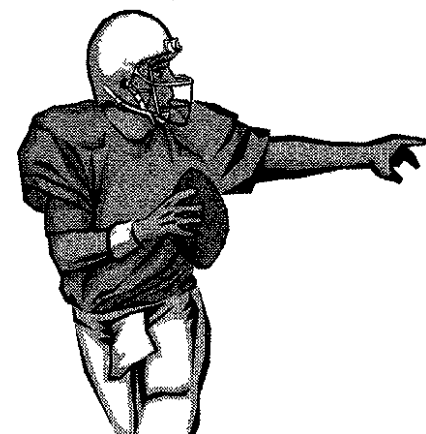
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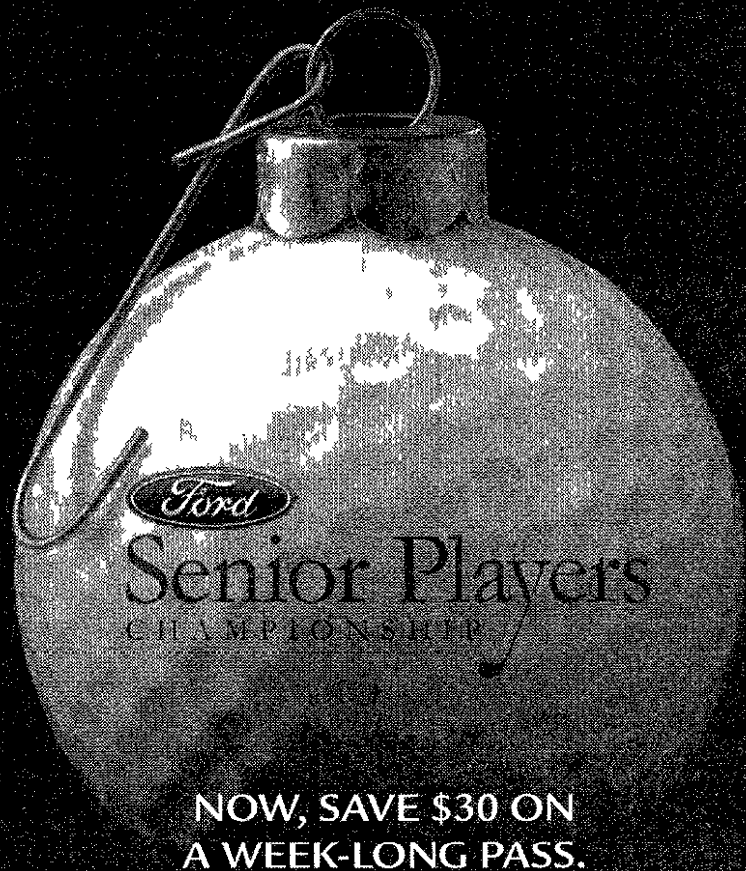
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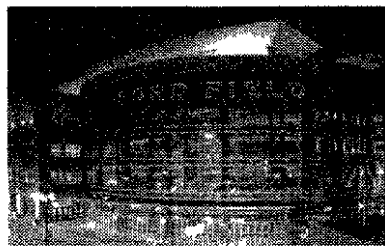
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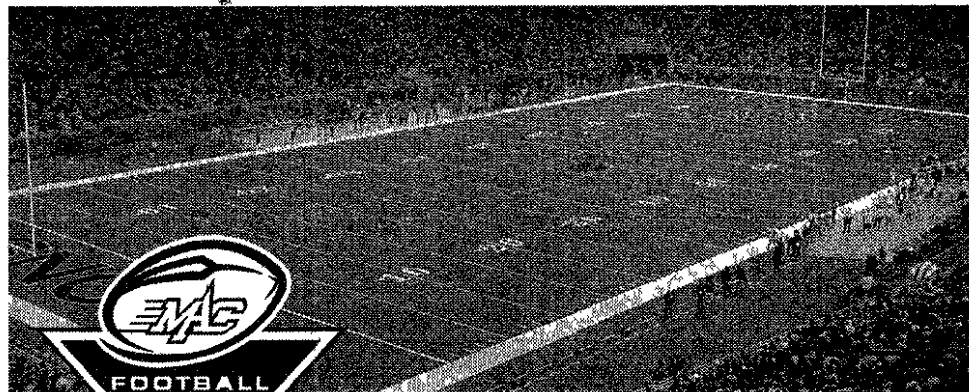
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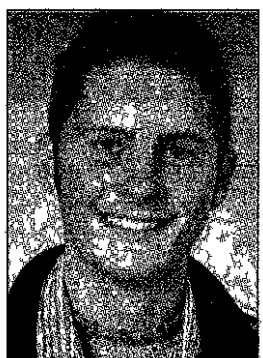
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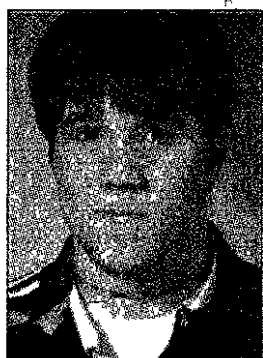
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# Standout kickers nab slots on All-Area boys soccer team

**Mitch Hildebrandt, Soph. GK, Liv. Stevenson:** The sophomore earned second-team All-State honors in Division I and was named All-Division I in the Western Lakes Activities Association

Hildebrandt started and played in 19 games, posting a 16-3 record as the Spartans captured the WLAA championship, Lakes Division and Division I district titles

He had only eight goals against and posted 12 shutouts

"Mitch is really a top goal-keeper," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said "In my experience, it's pretty rare that a goal-keeper as a sophomore has shown so much confidence and dependability beyond his years

He cares about the game and his team, and always works hard to improve"

**Steve Mischung, Sr. GK, Canton:** A two year starter, Mischung earned All-WLAA honors this season after garnering a second-team All State nod as a junior

**Josh Smith, Sr. Def., Redford CC:** The second year captain and MHSAA Scholar Athlete's talent and leadership abilities were sorely missed during the first part of the season, when he was sidelined by injury

When he returned, the Shamrocks rebounded and swept through the district round of the playoffs with

three shutout victories

Josh was kind of our anchor in the back," said Nora. Smith (two goals, four assists) was named to the All-State third team, All-Region and All-District teams and was an All-Catholic League honorable mention recipient

Nora said the Shamrocks will miss the sweeper's inspiration

Even before the game, he was always trying to get our team inspired and ready to go," the coach said "We're really going to miss him"

**Erk McKee, Jr. Def., Canton:** McKee, who doubled as a kicker for the Chiefs' football team, enjoyed a stellar junior season for the Chiefs



**Jordan Fylonenko Stevenson**



**Billy Sanders Churchill**



**Alan Morrow Garden City**



**Thiago Harris Salem**

**Cody Pickren, Sr. MF, Plymouth Christian Academy:** Pickren was the Eagles' main offensive threat this season, recording a team-high 17 goals and five assists, despite missing the latter part of the season with a knee injury

The Northville High School transfer was voted second-team All-State, first-team All-Region and second-team All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

"Cody provided us with a tremendous physical presence this year," said PCA coach Terry Bixler "He was a very unselfish player who created several scoring opportunities for his teammates"

**Brad Marsh, Sr. MF, Canton:** The senior mid-fielder earned first-team All-State honors and was voted to the WLAA's top post-season squad

The captain covered a lot of ground for the Chiefs and finished as the team's top scorer

**Nick Dordeski, Sr. MF, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior mid-fielder, who scored 21 goals and added seven assists, made Division I second-team All-State and was an All-Western Lakes selection

Nick was a fixture at the center of our midfield for the last three years," Richters said "He never goes unnoticed. He was our vocal leader and was typically part of our most important plays

"We played some very good teams and he was always matched up against their best player like a James Hannah of Northville. He'll definitely play at the next level"

**Jake Bennett, Jr. MF, Salem:** The junior mid-fielder was a first-team All-WLAA performer in his second year on the varsity

Bennett tallied four goals and six assists and provided the Rocks with all-out hustle each game, according to coach Ed McCarthy

"Jake was very versatile," McCarthy said "I could move him around to any position that we need. He has a tremendous work ethic and he's an aggressive tackler. Jake really has a flair for playing the game and he has a knack for doing special things out on the field"

**Jordan Fylonenko, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior forward, who scored 18 goals and added eight assists, earned Division I first-team All-State and All-WLAA honors

"Jordan's greatest strength is creating scoring opportunities,

not so much his scoring, but putting pressure on the opposing defense was his greatest strength," Richters said "He's one of the most dominant forwards in the state. He'll play Division I college soccer somewhere"

**Billy Sanders, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill:** The senior forward, an All-Region, All-Western Lakes and honorable mention All-State pick, accounted for a third of Churchill's goals this season with a total of 20 to go along with eight assists

"Billy really is a pure goal scorer," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said "He has a knack for finishing with the ball and was the best kid on our team. He has a nose for the goal"

"He was born to be a forward because he can score from anywhere and from any place. He's one of the hardest working kids I've had"

**Alan Morrow, Jr. F, Garden City:** The Cougars' co-captain led the team with 19 goals and 10 assists, tallying four game winners along the way

For his efforts he won the coveted Cougar Power Award" and earned honorable mention for the Mega Conference

Another honor was being the No. 2 seed on the All-District team

The third-year varsity member became more of a complete player in 2004, one reason Garden City advanced to the district final before losing a hard-fought, 3-1 contest to Dearborn

Head coach Bill Torn said Morrow's offensive talents also gave the team confidence in close games, which the Cougars tended to play all year

"When we were down we felt we were still in it because we were waiting for Alan to break free" and score a timely goal, Torn explained

**Thiago Harris, Sr. F, Salem:** A captain, Harris was dangerous with the ball, especially when the game was on the line

His late-game heroics have helped the Rocks to several key wins throughout his two-year varsity career

Harris was voted first-team All-WLAA

"Thiago (pronounced CHEE-ag-o) was our most creative attacker on the offensive end of the field," McCarthy said "Thiago had a number of heroic, game-winning goals. A couple of them helped us turn around our season. He's a dynamic player who is especially good at re-starts

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 GK-Steve Mischung Sr Canton  
 D-Josh Smith Sr Redford CC  
 D-Erik McKee Jr Canton  
 MF-Cody Pickren Sr Ply Christian  
 MF-Brad Marsh Sr Canton  
 MF-Nick Dordeski Sr Liv Stevenson  
 MF-Jake Bennett Jr Salem  
 F-Jordan Fylonenko Sr Liv Stevenson  
 F-Billy Sanders Sr Liv Churchill  
 F-Alan Morrow Jr Garden City  
 F-Thiago Harris Sr Salem

- SECOND TEAM**  
 GK-Brian Walsh Jr Redford CC  
 GK-Ricardo Sanchez Jr John Glenn  
 D-Kyle Thom Jr Liv Stevenson  
 D-Derek Herrmann Jr Red Thurston  
 D-Bret Fortuna Sr Redford CC  
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Debra Madonna

# Phone home

A special 'Make a Difference Day' project between Canton Administrative and Community Services and Michigan Military Moms began when Patricia VanDusen, volunteer events coordinator, asked Regina Adams, a Michigan Military Mom, "How can Canton help our servicemen/women who are overseas?"

The answer was to collect phone cards for servicemen and women, a collection which took place from October until the Nov 7 'Salute to Service' event at the Summit.

Now the "Moms" will add the phone cards to holiday packages.

Marilyn Johnson, "a very proud MMM" said, "Michigan Military Moms is a support group. We are there for each other. We give of ourselves through a hug, a smile, a kind word, or a listening ear."

Marilyn's 19-year-old son, Pvt 2nd Class Ryan A Johnson, an Army infantryman and a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, has been in Iraq since February. "Ryan left one week after graduation," Johnson said. "I am so proud of him and his unselfish act he is doing for our country. People don't realize how much military families go through."

Kathleen L. Chaney-White, proud mom of Marine Lance Cpl Erik Zinger, reminds us that these are "tough times, especially with the holidays coming up."

Mary Rowland said MMM's motto is "United by Pride."

I can't imagine coping without the support I've received and the opportunities to support other moms, Rowland said. My son, Sgt Landon J. Green, is currently in Iraq working as a JAG paralegal. He was the only one deployed from his unit stationed in Southfield last spring, which made it all the harder to watch him go. But he's never complained and met his duty in a way that makes me so proud of the fine young man he's become. Hopefully, he will return early next year.

Bev Boike's son, Tony, was in Iraq, now at Fort Hood, Ky, getting ready to deploy again in December. "We will have many more months of praying, worrying and waiting for him to return again," she said.

Jill (last name withheld upon request), has a son in the Air Force. "He has become the man every parent hopes their son will be," Jill said. "Our children have grown up and so must we. You realize that they're no longer your little girl or boy and you no longer can protect them. They are now protecting you!"

Peggy Emerick's son, Lt. T.J. Emerick, a pilot in the Navy, has been serving for seven years, with two years to go, and is stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was on deployment in the Middle East when 9/11 occurred and deployed again when the war in Iraq broke out. T.J. is not married. "When he is gone, I handle all of his financial affairs, and his dog, so he doesn't have to worry about things back home," his mom said.

Peggy said, "If you would have told me 15 years ago that my son would be in the military, much less flying a plane, I would have said you were crazy. I am so very proud of my son who has put some things in his life on hold so that his friends won't have to. I worry about him. Unless you have been through this yourself, it is a bit hard to understand."

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Megan Carrier (left), Katharine Steinke, Sarah Philo, Kayleigh Passarelli, and Elli Fackelman are living their dream of dancing the role of Clara with a ballet company.

## Sweet dreams

### Young ballerinas on toes for lead Nutcracker role

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Young ballerinas like Katharine Steinke play mice for years with the hope of one day landing the role of Clara in *The Nutcracker*. The 10-year-old from Farmington is just one of many dancers with the dream of playing the girl who awakens to dance with a doll in the Land of Sweets.

As soon as the curtain goes down, hundreds of girls turn out to audition with ballet companies based in Livonia, Farmington Hills and the Plymouth-Canton area. Clara is a plum role even though it takes a full year of practice and private lessons in addition to rehearsals with the cast for Tchaikovsky's fairy tale.

They all want to be Clara because the Nutcracker comes to life as her Prince Charming," said Jean Newell, artistic director of the Livonia Civic Ballet.

Megan Carrier travels all the way from Milford to play Clara in Livonia Civic Ballet performances Dec 11-12, at Clarenceville High School. Carrier was a Spanish Dancer last year after another

girl won the part of Clara. Her mother, Kim, says the entire family is as excited as her 13-year-old daughter who will dance with guest artists Olivier Munoz and Ana Lobe, formally with the Cleveland/San Jose Ballet. Kim's mother calls every day for an update.

"I think it's a great role," said Megan Carrier, who's studied dance for eight years at Suzanne's Main Street Dance Center in Milford.

All Claras seem to love the pas de deux that puts them in the spotlight with a partner - especially Elli Fackelman, the 14-year-old Walled Lake dancer who's playing Clara with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec 4-5, at Plymouth Salem High School.

I like to be the center of attention while I'm dancing and thought I would do a lot more dancing," said Fackelman, who's studied dance for nine years at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi. This is her fourth Nutcracker, including last year's with Livonia Civic Ballet. She's especially looking forward to working with



Ian Smith, a 6-year-old Canton boy enjoys playing one of the mice in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company production of the Nutcracker. His mom June, is ballet mistress for the company.

guest dancers Calin Radulescu, a former soloist with the Grand Rapids Ballet, and Sarah Dominique, a dance major at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids and student of Radulescu.

"I like the partnering and the party scene," said Fackelman. The story is built around Clara," added Plymouth-Canton artistic director Dawn Greene. "It's her dream, and the dream of young girls like Katharine Steinke, Kayleigh Passarelli of Southfield and Sarah Philo, Northville, the 10-year-olds sharing the role of Clara in three Nutcrackers presented by Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Thursday, Dec 9, and Sunday, Dec 12, at the Millennium Center in Southfield.

Passarelli and Philo have aspired to the lead role since they began dancing more than

five years ago. Steinke's thought of no other part than Clara since seeing the Pittsburgh Ballet production at 3 when she went back stage.

Johnston's love affair with *The Nutcracker* began during his first time out as a dancer with the Cincinnati Ballet at 18, and hasn't lost any magic for him at 48. Since retiring from the London Ballet Theatre in England, he's coached young dancers in 15 Detroit Ballet productions of the Nutcracker and at the Betty Johnston School of Dance based in Farmington Hills and Birmingham.

"Every year, it's a new Nutcracker and you keep seeing something wonderful happen," said Johnston of Farmington Hills. "The nicest thing now is seeing the young kids growing up and doing some of the parts I did - a mouse, the Chinese, watching these kids grow

and mature through the part.

They all just want to be a star. The high point is when they make their first entrance on the stage. Those first few seconds they're asking themselves is it going to happen, am I going to be perfect, do what I'm trained to do?"

On the other side of the footlights parents of dancers are enjoying the moment.

"I think it's an opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas," said Dori Fackelman, Elli's mother. "It's a tradition for many families and gives dancers the opportunity to be on stage."

Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company performances run 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5. Tickets are \$20, adults, \$10 children, \$5 for Sugar Plum Tea following 11 a.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday performances. Call (734) 451-2112.

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet performances run 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 9, and noon and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec 12. Tickets are \$4. Call (248) 642-4292.

Livonia Civic Ballet performances run 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec 12, with a program for seniors only 2 p.m. Dec 11. Tickets are \$18 reserved seating in rows 1-5, \$14 adults, \$11 seniors age 55 and older and students, \$9 children ages 5-9, \$9 groups of 12 or more, \$6 for Dec 11 seniors only performance. Call (734) 427-9103.

## Perspectives change facing life-threatening fight



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Delaney Diggs hangs an art project in the front window of the family home in Canton.

The first thing you notice when you meet 8-1/2-year-old cancer patient Delaney Diggs is her openness, and her smile. Especially the smile.

You think, "OK, it's nice to meet you, Delaney, but where's the kid who is sick?"

It's hard not to watch Delaney, who for more than two years has fought off Ewing's Sarcoma, and not be taken in by her upbeat personality. When we got there, Delaney immediately took the photographer by the hand and led him into her living room, proudly showing off work she has done in school.

Visitors are treated to a rendition of "I Feel the Earth Move," by Delaney's favorite singer, Carole King, a soulful performance that belies the girl's tender age.

Save the scarcity of hair beneath the ever-present baseball cap Delaney wears, and the sometimes-sallow expression in her eyes, there is no outward sign of the battles the family has fought, nor of the war that rages on.

The cancer is the hardest thing the family - mom Renee LaForest and



Brad Kadrich

siblings Emile, 10, and Josh, 6 - has had to deal with, but it's not the only thing. There's been a divorce, leaving Renee to handle everything alone. There's been a relocation, and getting children settled into new schools and new lives.

There have been job losses and friends' perspectives righted. When Delaney's cancer was diagnosed in June 2002, no one gave her much chance of beating it. It's an unusual cancer for a 6-year-old girl to get (it more frequently targets boys or patients 10-20) in an unusual place, attached as it was to her optic chiasm (some 57 percent of the time it attacks in the arms, legs or ribs).

She made it through 28 of the scheduled radiation treatments, including 21 of them introduced directly through her eyes. She's had countless surgeries many to battle shrinking pituitary

glands and a sinus cavity destroyed by radiation.

Here's a kid who could have simply given up - She asked LaForest early on if she was going to die - but instead has not only fought, but has taught.

"She's known everything that's going on all along," said LaForest, 39, a mother fighting desperately to keep her family afloat during hard times. "I told her if her body couldn't fight anymore, Jesus would come and take her to Heaven. Ever since, when she's been sick, she'd take my hand and say, 'Don't worry, Mom, I still have lots of fight.'"

She hasn't had to fight hard to win people over. She has sung the national anthem for large crowds, and she got to drop the puck at a Columbus Blue Jackets game, while the family still lived in Ohio.

When she was hospitalized, her favorite player, Tyler Wright, snuck in without worrying about cameras or publicity angles, and visited with her. She has helped raise money for his

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**DELANEY**

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**charity, Hats for Heroes**

At a Make A Wish Foundation event, Delaney belted out some Carole King tunes during a Karaoke session. One of the people in the room was King's sister, who sits on the board for Make A Wish. She told her sister and, soon thereafter, LaForest got a call inviting her and Delaney to California to meet the singer.

King was so impressed by the effervescent youngster, and her positive attitude while winning the fight for her life, she wound up recording a song with her. "That was wonderful," LaForest said. "For someone like Carole King to take the time, it really made 'Laney happy'."

It's all in how you deal with things. The cancer almost certainly will cause her problems for years. The radiation treatments are damaging her ability to fight off even the most common infection, yet Delaney refuses to give in to the cancer.

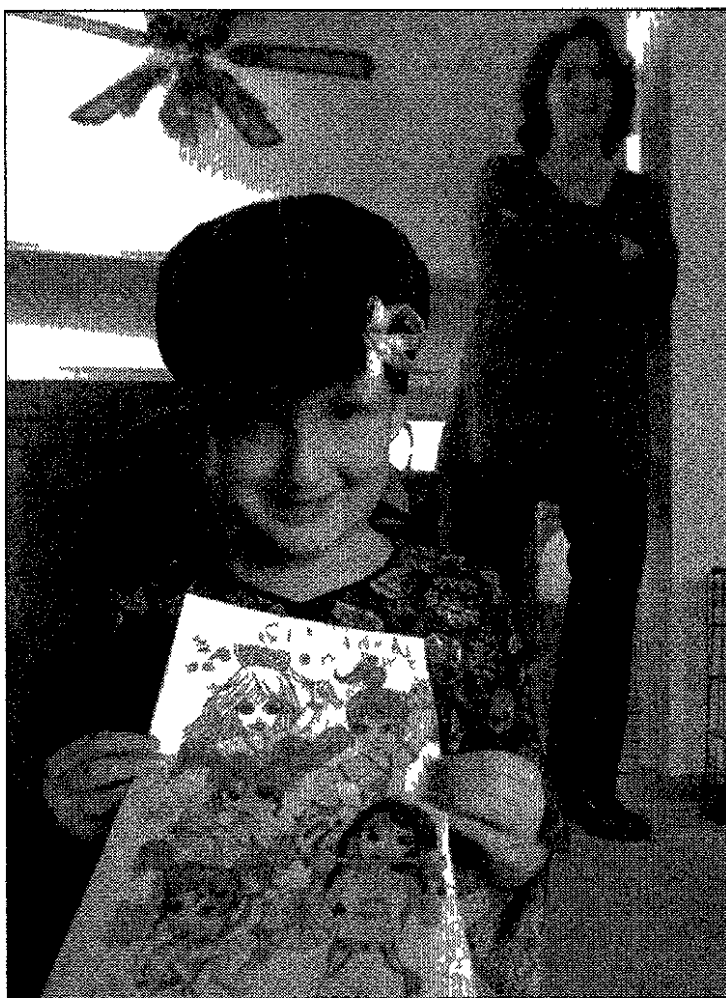
And LaForest is doing her best not to give in to everything else, despite immense strain. An IT-program manager-corporate trainer by trade, she lost a good-paying job when Delaney first got sick, when doctors first diagnosed sinus congestion.

She got another job, then lost it when doctors finally got it right and found the cancer. She hadn't been at the new job long enough to even qualify for unemployment.

She moved the family to Canton because she had a sister here, and because the children's godmother, Carol Sutherland, was able to put her in touch with a realtor. She also liked what she saw in Plymouth-Canton schools.

She's taken odd jobs to try to bring in some cash. She's dumped change into a jar and used it for gas money. She's had to bank on the generosity of her churches and the Salvation Army — and friends.

"She's really a very bright woman, with a good head on her shoulders," said Sutherland, the godmother who lived in Plymouth for 14



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Delaney Diggs loves to work on her art, including this one that declares "Girls have all the power!"

years before moving to Cleveland following the death of her husband. "She's done just a wonderful job keeping that family together, and basically doing it by herself."

LaForest would argue she hasn't done it by herself — her children have helped, particularly with the perspective. When tempers flare as they do in all families, the children agreed to sign a "stop yelling" pledge, promising to treat each other with respect.

When LaForest warned her kids Christmas might be a tad sparse this year, 10-year-old Emilie simply suggested baking something for Jesus' birthday.

With all three kids in school at Field Elementary full-time now, LaForest knows the easiest solution to all her problems would be finding a job. That hasn't been easy. Personnel people with good-paying jobs tend to cringe a bit when they see she's been out of the work

force two years. Those with the lower-paying jobs tend to believe — probably rightly so — she'd bolt if a better offer came along.

"No question about it a job would solve everything," LaForest laments. "If I could just find a job, everything would be better."

Still, she refuses to get down. OK, there are times she gets down, but she doesn't stay there for long, because she knows — despite how bad it seems at times now — things could be worse.

"I still have my daughter," LaForest said. "It's been hard to do 100%, but she's still here, so it's been worth whatever we've had to do."

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer. Anyone who wants to help — especially if you have a job to offer — can contact him at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or by calling (734) 459-2700.

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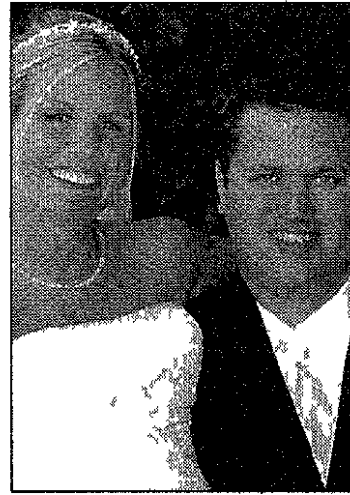
Christina Roig of Park Ridge, Ill., and Ethan Mosley of Okemos, Mich., were married June 27, 2004 in Chicago, Ill. before the Rev. Wayne Wachsmuth. A reception was held at the Hilldale Golf Club in Hoffman Estates, Ill. Christina is the daughter of Charles and Linda Roig of Roselle, Ill. She attended Western Illinois University. She works for the Okemos School District.

Ethan is the son of Gary and Carol Mosley of Plymouth. He is attending veterinary medical school at Michigan State University.

Attending the bride was her sister, Elizabeth Roig, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sandra Burns, Noelle Roig and Kristen France. Makaila Mosley was the flower girl.

Attending the groom was his brother, Matthew Mosley, as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Burns, Mark France and Tyrone Quiñenes.

Ethan and Christina spent their honeymoon in Orlando, Fla. They are making their new home in Okemos.



**Kolb wedding**

Don and Milbe Miller of South Lyon (formerly of Plymouth) announce the wedding of their daughter, Lisa, to Ryan Kolb, son of Mike and Cindi Kolb of Plymouth.

Ryan and Lisa were married Sept. 25, 2004 at Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island, with Dr. Vincent Carroll officiating.

The bride was attended by her sister, Maid of Honor Deanne Doyle, and bridesmaids Alyssa Kolb (sister of the groom), Tracey Miller (bride's sister-in-law), Stefanie Irahey, Angela Farmer, Jennifer Olrich and Melissa Potts (all friends of the bride).

The groom was attended by his brother, Adam Kolb, as Best Man, and groomsmen Todd Miller (brother of the bride), Jeff Doyle (brother-in-law of the bride), and Darrell Kennedy, Mike Danczak, Ryan Ossennmacher and Chris Gogozay (all friends of the groom).

Isabella Doyle, niece of the bride, was the Flower Girl, and Spencer Doyle, nephew of the bride, was the Ring Bearer.

After a reception at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island and a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple resides in Plymouth.



**Tennies-Hamann**

David and Donna Tennes of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Michelle, to John Jozef Hamann of Northville.

Heather is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is presently attending Madonna University. She is employed at Botsford Hospital Child Care as a preschool teacher.

Her fiancé, John, is the son of John and Ursula Hamann of Northville. He is a 2001 graduate of Catholic Central and is currently attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is a Midshipman 1st Class in the U.S.N.R.

John and Heather are planning a May 2005 wedding at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth.

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# One too many camels at annual animal blessing

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The animal blessing was supposed to be a fun activity for the children, but Dylan VanZant would have nothing to do with the three camels. The 4-year-old Livonia boy and his 2-year-old sister, Mikayla, were frightened by the large animals and probably would have been happier back in the day care center at the Fox Theatre. Dylan didn't have much success either when he tried to pet Lincoln's nose, jumping back when the 8-year-old donkey raised his head.

Nonetheless, Dylan said he was having a good time. The drizzling rain had paused long enough for the camels, donkey and five sheep to leave their heated tent behind the Fox Theatre for the blessing under the marquee by the Rev. Mark Barkowski of Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church, and the Rev. Steven Kelly of St. John's Episcopal Church across the street from the Fox. The Living Nativity scene has been part of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular for eight years, and the blessing is done annually before the Rockettes take to the stage to ensure the animals have a good run.

The VanZant children were dropped off earlier in the day by their father, Piet, who works for the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena. Once trainers succeeded in liming up the animals, the blessing began. Afterward, day care worker Jennifer Jezak took the children closer to meet the animals. Kayla stared up at the camel as Jezak held her but was more interested in touching the sheep. Dylan ran his hand over one of the sheep's back. It was then that one of the Rockettes, Kristen O'Rear of Tampa, encouraged him to pet the donkey.

"He didn't want to pet the camels," said Jennifer Jezak. "They're too tall." Carson, Nathan and Brady



Dylan VanZant, 4, and his sister Mikayla, 2, of Livonia had the opportunity to be part of the Blessing of the Animals with their daycare worker Jennifer Jezak.



Rockettes Kristen O'Rear and Katherine Cruden took part in the blessing of the animals outside the Fox Theatre.

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were all new to Detroit, yet remained calm. The three dromedary camels, who range in age from 8 to 11, will live 25 to 40 years.

"They're bred for temperament," said Monte McClure, a handler for the Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm in Kansas which trains the animals for the show. They love to travel. Brady ran up to the fence when I drove by with the truck. They're very calm. In the show they do their part and then just look pretty.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular continues to Dec. 26 at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Tickets range from \$20 to \$65.50 and are available by calling (248) 433-1515 or online at [OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://OlympiaEntertainment.com) or [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). For group tickets, call (313) 471-3099, for information, (313) 471-6611.

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## BIRTH

**Sarrah Rae Khelli**  
Ramzi and Candie Khelli of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Sarrah Rae Khelli, born Nov. 10, 2004, at the Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Sarrah is the couple's first child. Proud grandparents are Bill and Ida Denton of Canton and Rebej and Radhia Khelli of Bizert, Tunisia. Proud great-grandparents are Myrtle O'Brien of Wayne and Zohra Benkaram of Bizert, Tunisia.

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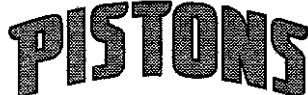
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## Star Struck

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By Dennis Fairchild

**ARIES (March 21-April 20)**  
Although there is a great deal of planetary activity in your solar chart life will seem much less of a struggle once you recall what worked best for you in the past and apply it to your current situation. Above all, don't waste time smashing through obstacles you could easily avoid.

**TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**  
Many Bulls have been feeling a bit lonely since last week's Full Moon, or that close ones aren't especially understanding. Well, there's more in life than waiting and begging for others' approval. True happiness comes from doing what is right. Let it be love yourself.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**  
Certain challenges have still to be faced head-on before your ruling planet Mercury retrogrades on Tuesday. However, you ought to be feeling more in control of situations and certainly of your own emotional responses as the days unfold. It's time to jettison anything unproductive.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**  
There are bound to be moments when you wonder if you are waging a losing battle. Because potent planetary activity during the early part of December relates to both emotional involvements and joint financial arrangements, some kind of upheaval appears to be unavoidable. Speak up, don't hide!

**LEO (July 24-Aug 23)**  
You are frequently regarded as fearless when in fact there are times when you're afraid and terrified. Now you must convey your true feelings and stop being so concerned about long term aims and financial security. You may be surprised how many others are in the same boat.

**VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)**  
Don't bother trying to justify your actions—just get on and do what has to be done. The Moon soon returning to your sign indicates that you can take great strides this week, once you learn how to lighten up and pay less attention to what others think, say or do.

**LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)**  
Get a good laugh over the next few days, balancer! If you're the type of person who admits that you make mistakes like everybody else, you have nothing to worry about this week. If however you claim to be perfect, others will take great joy in demonstrating that you're anything but.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)**  
Life always offers us a second chance and what happens over the next few days with the Moon in your element will help you to make a success of something you made a complete mess of the first time around. Give yourself a pat on the back for finally getting it right!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)**  
To be confident is an act of faith, therefore if you approach personal difficulties with conviction you are bound to triumph in the end. The Sun and retro Mercury at this time marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life. Now it's up to you to write the first word.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)**  
Current astro aspects signify that you are about to be confronted with situations that call for diplomacy and patience. Even if loved ones or biz associates have been deliberately holding out on you, keep your anger in check and gather more concrete evidence before making accusations.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)**  
You need a break—that much is certain. But will others allow you one? Obviously you're not feeling yourself at the moment, otherwise you would do as you please regardless of the consequences. With Mercury beginning retrograde, it's time to remind others that you too have an agenda!

**PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)**  
Communication is the key to your success this week and the more sociable you can be, the more you will achieve. However, for truly spectacular results, don't be too proud to enlist the help of others. On this occasion, at least many hands really do make light work.

Birmingham astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone 1 248 646 3555 or e-mail [DenFairchild@aol.com](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com)

# Time to be thankful for the generosity we receive

Just saw a survey online which says that Michigan ranks 42nd out of the 48 lower/continental states in our ability to give. While we have a great capacity, we don't do much with it. I am thinking, as we have just celebrated the national holiday of Thanksgiving, what transpired in the minds of the Pilgrims and the Indians? Would the Indians give some help to the Pilgrims? And were the Pilgrims grateful for what they received?

In a book by Elizabeth Cobb, *Chicken Soup for the Parent's Soul*, the author tells of a family that read a story in a magazine of a family who lost everything in a tornado. There were many similarities between the family reading the story and the family whose lives were devastated by the storm. To provide both an opportunity and lesson in generosity, the father invited the children to gather things they did not want to send to the family in need. Down came old clothes, used toys, almost-like-new books.

The daughter, the youngest in the family, brought out her well-used, worn and most special doll. The father told the



Dr Paul J Melrose

daughter she did not have to give her most favorite and special doll to the needy family, surely there was another one. But the daughter replied, "Lucy makes me happy. Maybe she'll make the other little girl happy, too."

The father realized that he had been taught generosity by the gratitude his daughter had for the love she had received through her play with this special doll. This story is in harmony with Dawn Groves, who believes that generosity is a powerful force for setting goals in one's life and it is acting in partnership with the divine. Many of the world's great religions value thankfulness and thankfulness comes as a response to generosity.

Gratitude is vital for Jews, because all things come from God. For the Christian, God is the giver of all gifts. Gratitude is the response of the receiver. In Islam, the prophet

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Mohammed said, "Gratitude for the abundance you have received is the best insurance that the abundance will continue."

Without being simplistic, I think it is true to say that more often there is a spirit of wanting more, letting the other fend for himself, and I will get it for me that predominates in life. But when one lives with these qualities, it is the opinion of another author that one then is not in touch with his/her authentic self, where a person focuses on such things as love, compassion, patience, tolerance, love and forgiveness. How far do we have to look in our community, house of faith,

around the world, to see such battles raging? For Thanksgiving as a national holiday, which embraces every faith in this country and yet, no one particular faith, it could be a day to think of the generosity of creation which provides all that we have. The generosity of the little girl as she gave away her favorite toy, in order that it would make that other little girl as happy as she had been. Is that so farfetched, that such an act does not touch something inside each of us?

Maybe that is too simple. But, to live an authentic life, to know where one's compassion and love is, such an act as the capacity to be generous to oneself in the act of giving and generous to the one who will receive such a gift, and the gratitude that could inspire in the other. Wouldn't that be something?

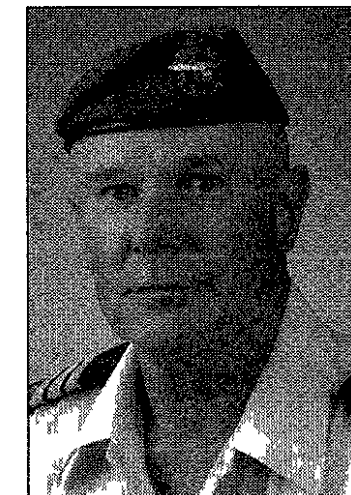
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## Military academies hold Holiday Ball

The 30th Michigan All-Academy Holiday Ball will be held Thursday, Dec. 30, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi, Mich.

Held annually in metropolitan Detroit between Christmas and New Year's Day, the ball is a formal dinner-dance to honor and entertain cadets and midshipmen from Michigan who attend the five U.S. Service Academies.

- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.
  - U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.
  - U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.
  - U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn.
  - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.
- The ball also will honor students who attend U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs at



Lt. Col. Roderick R. McDonald

Michigan universities and, for the fourth consecutive year, cadets who attend the Royal Military College (RMC) of Canada at Kingston, Ontario, which trains officers for all branches of the Canadian Forces.

For the first time in the ball's history, the dinner

speaker will be a Canadian officer, Lt. Col. Roderick R. McDonald, an air force pilot and deputy director of cadets at RMC.

The ball is sponsored by U.S. Air Force Academy Parents Club of Eastern Michigan, U.S. Air Force Academy Parents Club of Western Michigan, West Point Parents Club of Michigan, Naval Academy Parents Club, and Coast Guard Academy Parents Club. The ball is a formal affair, with cadets and midshipmen wearing dress uniforms. They will be recognized individually during dinner and pose for a traditional group photograph before the dance.

Other expected guests include family and friends of the cadets and midshipmen, alumni of the academies and other active-duty and retired members of the U.S. and Canadian military, members of Michigan's congressional

delegation, which nominated the majority of the cadets and midshipmen for their appointments to the U.S. service academies, and Canadian dignitaries.

The evening will begin with a reception and social hour at 5:30 p.m. in the hotel's atrium, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing afterward in the Oaks Ballroom.

Ticket prices are \$40 for cadets and midshipmen in uniform, \$50 for others. Prices will be discounted \$5 on tickets purchased by Dec. 10. To purchase tickets, contact Col. John C. Diller (USAF-Ret.) by phone at (586) 739-4244 or e-mail at [jdiller107176MI@comcast.net](mailto:jdiller107176MI@comcast.net).

The DoubleTree Hotel, Novi, at 27000 Sheraton Drive, is near the intersection of Novi Road and I-96. The hotel is offering a special room rate of \$69 for guests attending the ball. Call (248) 348-5000 for reservations.

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**CLASS REUNIONS**

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

**REUNIONS**

**Birmingham High School**  
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 22-23 2005 at Radisson Kingsley Inn Bloomfield Hills. For more information contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646 0235 or [nys1937@comcast.net](mailto:nys1937@comcast.net)

**Clawson High School**  
Class of 1955  
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**Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit**  
Class of 1963  
Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525 5416

**Ladywood High School**  
Class of 1984  
A 20 year reunion is being planned. Looking for classmates. Contact [Ladywood84@aol.com](mailto:Ladywood84@aol.com) for information

**Northville High School**  
Classes of 1964-1965-1966  
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder e-mail at [nancyambinder@comcast.net](mailto:nancyambinder@comcast.net)

**St. Damian School**  
An Alumni Mass and Complimentary Reception is being held 11 a.m. on Sunday Nov 28 2004 at St. Damian Church and Community Room in Westland. St. Damian will be celebrating 50 years in 2005. [alumni@stdamian.com](mailto:alumni@stdamian.com)

**St. Florian School**  
St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893 5027 or e-mail [gkowskisk@ameritech.net](mailto:gkowskisk@ameritech.net)

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## AROUND TOWN

### Entertainment books

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 05 books for \$20 with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan. Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be home delivered. For information or to order call Bill (734) 453 8253

### Cairo Coffeehouse

Schoolcraft College's year long Focus Middle East project reaches a grand crescendo Wednesday Dec 1 with Cairo Coffeehouse an opportunity for students staff and the general public to experience an afternoon of Middle Eastern music literature food and art. Free of charge and open to everyone the event will take place from 1 5 p m in the DiPonio Rooms A B and C at the VisTaTech Center

### Santa and the symphony

Santa Claus takes time out from his busy schedule Dec 11 to join the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra for its annual Sing Along with Santa concert at 4 p m at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ. Admission to the concert sponsored by Pfizer is \$12 for adults \$5 for children. Tickets are available by calling (734) 994 4801 on line at www.a2so.com by e-mail at tickets@a2so.com or by stopping at the symphony office 527 E Liberty Suite 208

### Wayne State forum

Wayne State University's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology hosts a patient forum on endometriosis at 7 p m Tuesday Dec 7 at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. The forum will feature information on topics including endometriosis and infertility surgical diagnosis and treatment and the overall effect of endometriosis on the body. A reception starts at 7 p m the forum starts at 7:30 p m. To RSVP call (800) 992 3636

### Holiday doll show

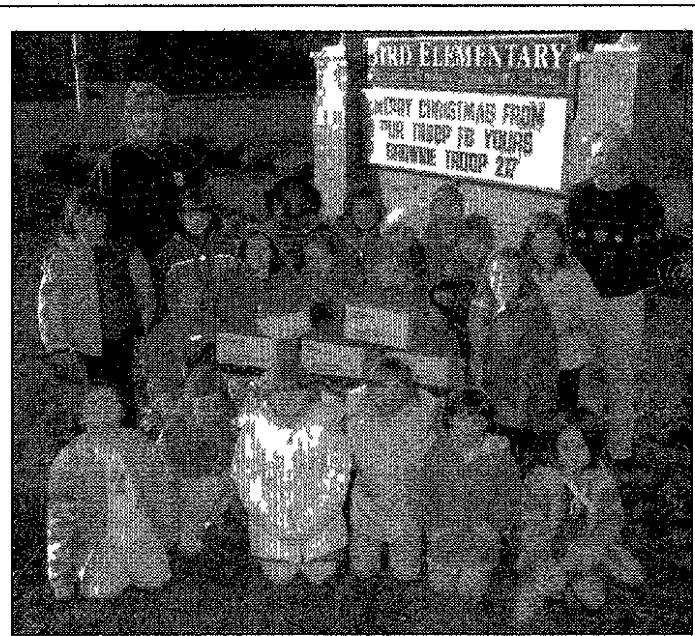
The Holiday Doll Show takes place 11 a m 3 p m Sunday Dec 12 at the Wayne Tree Manor 35100 Van Born in Wayne. The show features dealers collectors and doll artists selling new used antique and collectible dolls of all kinds including Barbies and their accessories. Admission is \$5 kids under 10 get in free with an adult. For show information call (734) 455 2110

### Wayne BPW scholarships

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a Career Development Scholarship to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the workforce or seeking to advance their career. To qualify a candidate must demonstrate financial need live and/or work in Wayne or Westland show formal acceptance into a college or vocational/technical program and have a minimum GPA of 2.8 if already enrolled. For an application send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club Career Development Scholarship Committee 14201 Robbe Road Belleville MI 48111. Completed applications must be post marked by Jan 21. For information call Judie Quinn (734) 699 6817

### Model railroad display

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## Troop to troop

As this year's service project, Bird School's Brownie Troop 217 packed up goodies for troops serving in Iraq. The troop targeted soldiers serving with the 1462 Transport Company 2nd Battalion, which saw action during the offensive in Fallujah. Among the items the Brownies collected were DVDs, magazines, books, candy chocolate, nuts and holiday music on CD. Brownies in the troop include Alicia Bethka, Aliya Blackson, Alanna Brown, Breah Carolan, Chloe Donlin, Haley Fenn, Amelia Hoover, Jaya Jankowski, Hannah Klingler, Keelin Kraemer, Maura Kraemer, Kate Leon, Alexa Rumohr, Jenna Salloum, Valerie Sanders, Annie Whellman, Madison Whitl and Mackenzie Zierau.

to the Novi Expo Center Dec 3 5 for the Toy & Hobby Expo 2004 featuring three collector shows in one location. Held at the Novi Expo Center at 196 & Novi Rd (Exit 162) young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trains in action and the excitement that builds as they race along hundreds of feet of 0 gauge rail on a 100 modular model railroad display. Hours for the show are Friday Dec 3 5 9 p m Saturday Dec 4 9 a m 7 p m and Sunday Dec 5 10 a m 4 p m. Admission for adults is \$7 children under 12 are free with an adult and parking is \$5. For more information call R.R. Promotions Inc (734) 455 2110. For recorded travel directions to the Novi Expo Center call (248) 348 5600 at any time.

### Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents Rumpelstiltskin through Jan 16. Performances are at 2:30 p m on Saturdays (Dec 4 11 18 Jan 8 15) Sundays (Nov 28 Dec 5 12 19 26 Jan 2 9 and 16) and Monday Friday Dec 27 31. Tickets are \$7.50 no child under the age of 3. For group rates and more information call (248) 349 8110. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E Main in Northville.

### Re-Max scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan with more than 65 offices and 1 325 associates presents its third annual American Dream scholarship program open to high school seniors in Macomb Monroe Oakland and Wayne counties. The scholarship program - \$500 to each of 20 student recipients - was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary three years ago. Because the program was so successful in its inaugural year RE/MAX decided to offer the scholarship contest for a second time last year and again this year making it the third annual program. To apply students must provide a short essay on what the American Dream means to them and the role that higher education plays in helping

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### Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 22nd annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec 10 12 at the Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School located at 8 Mile and Center St. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals stained glass seasonal items including Christmas decorations jewelry wood items and clothing. Show hours are 6 9 p m Dec 10 9 a m 5 p m Dec 11 and 11 a m 4 p m Dec 12. Admission is \$2.

### ABWA craft festival

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co host the annual Holiday Art & Craft Festival from 9 a m 4 p m Saturday Dec 4 at Pioneer High School 601 W Stadium Blvd at the corner of Main. There will be 135 juried exhibitors. Admission is \$2 children 12 and younger admitted free. For information e-mail abwa\_maiachapter\_2004craftshow@yahoo.com or call Cindy Lewis at (734) 649 7749.

### 'Mr Hockey' appearance

Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe appears at McCoy's Grill in Belleville at 6 p m Dec 17 to sign copies of his book Mr and Mrs Hockey a Tribute to the Sport's Greatest Couple. Proceeds from the book signing benefit the Belleville High School Channel 19 group. A \$49.95 fee gets buyers an autographed copy of the book and a Gordie Howe bobblehead. McCoy's is located at 333 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville. For more information call (734) 699 3258.

### Poetry contest

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58 000 in prizes will be awarded in the group's poetry contest. To enter send one original poem any subject and any style to The International Library of Poetry Suite 19921 1 Poetry Plaza Owings Mills MD 21117. Deadline for entry is Jan 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free of charge.

### Grief support

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

### Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth or by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453 3016. Cost of the book is \$20 with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. For more information call the symphony office (734) 451 2112.

### Crafters, artists wanted

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

## CLUBS

### Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A M meets at 7 a m every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer. New members are

always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins president Rotary Club of Plymouth A M via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455 9565.

### Mosaic

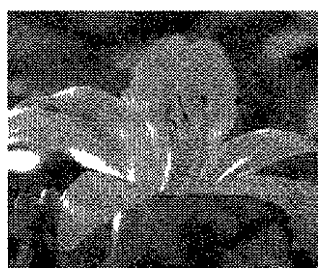
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues have small group discussion time crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first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

### Moms Club

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

### DAR

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



### ALICE ALDRICH

November 22 2004 Age 88. Beloved Wife of the late Edwin Loving Mother of Alice Perks Cherished Grandmother of Bruce Dennis Cindy Wendi and Great grandmother of Austin Josh Shane Michael A Matthew Michael G and Julia Dear Sister of Ellen Myneet. Alice formerly owned and operated Alice's Violetry Flower Shop for 20 years. She also promoted craft shows and arranged casino trips. She enjoyed baking square dancing traveling and was a member of The VFW Stars Funeral Service Monday 1pm at Thayer Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave Farmington (Blk W of Farmington Rd) Visitation Sunday 2 9 pm.

### CARL HERMAN BERKE

53 of Pinckney passed away on November 21 at Foundation Park Care Center in Toledo Ohio. Carl was born May 4 1951 the son of Clark S Berke and Janet M Wisniewski in Sioux Falls SD. Carl a loving father and brother is survived by two sons Graham Berke and Spencer Berke of Okemos beloved siblings Jane Berke of Ann Arbor and Carol (Frank) Miller of Canton. Carl was preceded in death by sibling Judy Schoepke of Whitmore Lake. Carl Berke was a craftsman a carpenter and a wonderful human being. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. A private memorial has already taken place. Memorial contributions are suggested to Foundation Park Care Center Toledo Ohio.

### LOUIS A. BORENTSCH

81 of Manistee formerly of Rochester Hills died Tuesday November 23rd in Manistee. He is survived by his wife Mary by his sons Dr Robert Borentsich of Saginaw and Dr Kenneth Borentsich of Manistee by 4 grandchildren and by a sister Louise Borentsich of Manistee. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday at St Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Memorials can be given in his memory for either the Manistee Catholic Central Schools or the West Shore Medical Center Foundation and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Arrangements by Johnson Funeral Home PC 480 Water Street Manistee MI 49660.

### EUGENE D. COTTER

November 22 2004 Age 80. Beloved husband of Joan (nee Pascoe). Brother in law of Rosemary Barrett (Donald) Robert Pascoe and James Schultz. Also survived by 4 nieces and 1 nephew. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday November 24 Prince of Peace Catholic Church West Bloomfield Arrangements by A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home (248) 549 0500.



### BETSY MORAN GARTHWAITE

Age 41 November 24 2004. Beloved wife of Tom Loving mother of Danny and Michael. Dearest Daughter of Patti and Tom Moran. Dear sister of Katie Moran Tom (Margot) Moran Debbie (Jim) Capadagli Peter Moran and the late Molly Moran. Also survived by her grandfather Tom Moran many loving nieces and nephews aunts and uncles. Betsy was very proud of her accomplishment in recently achieving her degree in nursing. Memorial contributions to the Danny and Michael Garthwaite Education Fund, C/O J.A. Moran 270 Kenwood Ct Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236 appreciated. Services were held Saturday at St. Clement Catholic Church in Centerline. Arrangements were handled by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Homes Inc 313 881 8500.

### BARBARA JEAN GUSTAFSON (NEE ROUBIE)

Age 63 of Canton died November 19 2004. She was born October 17 1941 in Bloomington Illinois to Lois (Minnesota) and Ken (Watertown NY) Roubie. She was raised in Grosse Pointe Park along with her siblings Patricia William (Bill) and Susan. She graduated from Dominican High School. She was a catalog model and sales associate at J.L. Hudson. She was an avid tennis player in the 1960s and 1970s. She moved to the Canton community in 1978. She was a dedicated wife and mother of three. She and her husband of 43 years Victor have three wonderful children whom Barbara loved dearly and was proud of all their accomplishments. Her son Ken has been married to his wife Janet for 8 years. He is a successful energy investment banker living in Houston. They have two children Buck (4) and Louis (1). Her daughter Julie has been married to her husband Andrew for 11 years. She is a financial services senior vice president for Citigroup in New York. Barbara's son Erik has been married to Brigid for 5 years. He is a biotechnology professional living in Minnesota. They have two children Jane (3) and Kate (2). Barb took great pride in being a mom and she built a wonderful home where ever she lived. She was proud, stoic, strong willed, and honest to a fault. She was known to speak her mind - a silent observer who always told it like it was. She didn't like to be the center of attention. She confronted and fought many challenges in life but was never bested by them. She was a reticent traveler but she loved St. Johns US Virgin Islands. She had a love and a passion for all living things especially her dogs. She loved her husband children and grandchildren with all her heart. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday November 23 at Resurrection Church in Canton. Arrangements entrusted to Schradler Howell Funeral Home Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



### JULIE MICHELLE RATKUS

November 27 1946 to November 29 2001. Three years can pass like a day or seem an eternity. Time can change many things but time cannot diminish the memories my love for you. Til we meet at sunset Love Carl.

### LILLIAN MARIE WILCOX WHIMS

Age 92 of Coral Springs FL formerly of Grosse Pointe and Troy MI passed away on November 22 2004. She was predeceased by her husband Vene Whims on October 7 1981 and she was of protestant faith. She is survived by her two daughters and wonderful sons in law Linda and Jerry Finch of Coral Springs FL and Nancy and Larry Schiller of Jupiter FL. She was the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. A Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 p m on Saturday November 27 2004 at the White Chapel 621 West Long Lake Road Troy Michigan with the Reverend Mary Lynch Mallory officiating. The family requests that donations be made to a Hospice of donor's choice in her memory. Price Funeral Home 3724 S Rochester Rd Troy MI 48053. BOYNTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL Family Owned & Operated (361) 734 5600.

### CAROLYN LOUISE JOHNSON

Age 81 of Dearborn formerly of Birmingham and Royal Oak died Monday November 22 2004 at Oakwood Hospital Dearborn. She was born November 12 1923 in Moline IL. Mrs Johnson attended schools in Moline Greenfield and Des Moines Iowa and graduated from Moline High School in 1941. She graduated from the Lutheran Hospital School for Nurses in 1945 with additional study at the Cook County Hospital School for nurses Chicago. She was a Registered Nurse in Illinois and Michigan and practiced at Passavant Hospital Chicago New England Deaconess Boston and Woman's Hospital in Detroit and also did private duty nursing in Chicago. As an avocation she was always interested in music. She studied piano privately in Des Moines and continued with private organ lessons with Emily Roberts at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She was a member and past president of P.E.O. Chapter BA. Quarters Mary Chase Stratton Chapter First Presbyterian Church Royal Oak where she served as Elder Deaconess etc. She also was a member and past Chairperson of the Birmingham Historical Board Past President of the Birmingham Historical Society and served on the Birmingham Historic District Commission. Surviving are her husband, J. Frederick Johnson M.D. whom she married December 27, 1947. Children: Ann Louise Johnson Locniskar (Roger John) of Newburyport MA; Ellen Marie Johnson of Ann Arbor; David Adrian Johnson (Sue) of Franklin and Paul Fredrick Johnson (Linda) of Midland; siblings Wallace (Janine) Carlson of FL; Warren (Dorothy) Carlson of AZ and Marie (Richard) Liljeborg of IL; sister in law Helen (Gene) Martz of IL; grandchildren Jessica and Amanda; step grandchildren Laurie Comerford (Scott) and family Jon Bird (Korri) and family and Jay Bird (Laura). A sister Greta is deceased. Services were held Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church 529 Hendrie Royal Oak 48067. Memorials suggested to the church www.kinseygarrett.com



### LUELLA M WINNING

Age 70 of Westland Nov 23 2004. Beloved Wife of George Dear mother of David Dear Sister of Sherman & Francis Schaffer. Funeral Service Sat 11am at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home 980 N Newburgh Rd Westland (Between Ford & Cherry Hill) Visitation Fri 4 to 9 PM Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Memorial Contributions to Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church or Chanty of Choice.

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## NAACP sponsors program for talented high school students

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- Challenged students to excel and consistently put a spotlight on their academic and artistic efforts and successes.
- Raised the standard of excellence and expectation among students of African descent.
- Promoted a climate of academic and artistic development.

Mobilized the adult community to serve as sponsors, mentors and coaches for students in the sciences, humanities, performing arts, visual arts and business. The branch is seeking students in 15 communities of Western Wayne County, including Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Lincoln Park, Sumpter Township, Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne and Westland. The branch is also opening up the competition to students in Ecorse, River Rouge, and Monroe County. ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program that culminates in a local and national competition where students compete for awards and scholarships totaling over \$50,000. ACT-SO the Olympics of the Mind, seeks to promote positive self-esteem, academic and artistic excellence, positive interaction between our youth and the adult professional community. Furthermore, ACT-SO encourages more African-American youths to pursue higher education. The competition involves solo performances or projects of individuals. Accompanists are allowed to assist the solo performances. Additional information about ACT-SO can be found at (1) www.naacp.org. Once here access the Programs link then scroll to ACT-SO.

The following all have something in common: a schoolyard bully, a battered spouse, road rage, Columbine, gang violence, the Shaken Baby Syndrome, stalking, date rape, gay bashing, sexual harassment, the Internet predator and murder — violence. The following also have something in common: Farmington, Farmington Hills, Call to Action Coalition, National Center for Violence and Crime, Broe Therapy Choir of Farmington Hills, Martin Luther King Jr., Department of Peace, HAVEN, Michigan Violence Crisis Line and Jesus Christ — robust attempts to 'fight for non-violence'.



Leonard J. McCulloch

## Join the fight on violence

This column has devoted four years to breaking the silence about the stigma of mental illness. At this time, this column joins with its community and state affiliates in zeroing in on the essential task of speaking out about relationship violence. You know, violence comes in many forms and none of us can escape it. Just check out the lead stories on 90 percent of your TV news at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

I bet everyone reading this column has been impacted, directly or indirectly, by the violence in our society. I myself, at age 20 in 1971, lost my childhood sweetheart to an act of un-solved abduction and murder. Then, in 1975, I was jumped by a gang. I was beaten, bloodied and bruised. What hurt more was that a crowd, stopped and watched. When it was over they all left. I will never forget crawling alone, on my hands and knees, blood dripping and dazed. It is staggering to know that as much as we hear now about the violence in our days, there

is much more that is still shrouded in silence. The Farmington/Farmington Hills Police Department responds daily to calls about domestic violence. A study in 1995 by the State of Michigan noted 5,466 rapes reported in Michigan. The other 5,466 went unreported. According to the FBI, 20 percent of homicide victims are between the ages of 15 and 24. Teen dating violence is becoming epidemic and ranges from harassment and intimidation through beating and rape. Statistics tell us that 5-10 percent of boys and men will be raped in their lifetime, nationwide and 25 percent of eighth and ninth graders surveyed reported being victims of dating violence. In 1998, The Michigan Domestic Violence Crisis Line received 60,000 calls.

Just one of the consequences of all this is a massive desensitization to violence. Look how casually it is portrayed on our TVs and in our cinemas and our children's video games. Then, there is the ever increasing rate of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in our society. This is the aftermath, often lifelong result of an individual being a victim of or witnessing violence. We also know that the problems of substance abuse often accompany the violence in our society but substance abuse

doesn't cause it. Many babies' brains have been permanently damaged for life in under three seconds by shaking from a parent who is quite sober.

Often, the perpetrators of physical abuse are brain damaged themselves. Many have undiagnosed traumatic brain injuries which causes a disinhibition over impulses and leads to the acting out of violence in impulsive and unpredictable ways.

On Oct. 1, I was fortunate to attend the 17th annual breakfast kick-off of the Call to Action Coalition, headed by Estralee Michaelson in our community. This is an expanding network of community sectors whose common goal is to promote a healthy and safe community by creating awareness and consistent action to address tobacco, alcohol, drug and violence issues. This year's focus is on breaking the silence around relationship violence.

You see, there are many opportunities to contribute. When it comes to violence and the silence, understand it, stop it, and prevent it!

Call To Action Coalition (284) 489-3408, Michigan Resource Center on Domestic Violence www.mcdasv.org/mrcdsv, The Broe Therapy Choir (248) 474-BROE, HAVEN 24-hour Crisis Line (248) 334-1274, The Department of Peace at www.dopcampaign.org, End Violent Encounters (EVE) 517-372-5572.

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## Babes in Toyland to come to life

Paper Bag Productions announces the opening of the Victor Herbert classic 'Babes in Toyland'. The production features 50 of the area's most talented children from Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford, Canton, Wixom, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, and Detroit. The show runs Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 19.

at Livonia Youth Theatre in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. On Saturday lunch begins at noon and the show begins at 1 p.m. On Sunday lunch begins at 1 p.m. and the show at 2 p.m. Lunch is a hot dog, bag of chips, cookie, and a beverage. Cost for lunch and the show is \$10. Show only tickets are \$7.

'Babes in Toyland' is one of Victor Herbert's best loved musicals and features the songs 'Lemonade', 'Floretta', 'The Gypsy', 'Jane', 'I Can't Do the Sum', 'He Won't Be Happy 'Till He Gets It', 'Before and After' and one of the most beloved classics - 'Toyland'. To make reservations or for more information, call (586) 344-7774.

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# Book explains 'installment' plan of motherhood

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Tasks don't seem so insurmountable when there is an end in sight, and raising children is no exception. Parenting writer and editor Anne Pleshette Murphy breaks up what might feel like 18 very long years in *The 7 Stages of Motherhood: Making the Most of Your Life As a Mom* (Knopf).

Murphy, the former editor in chief of *Parents* magazine and a regular contributor to ABC's *Good Morning America*, has gone through each one personally - her daughter is an 18-year-old college freshman and her son is a 14-year-old high school freshman.

The stages, she explains, are relative to where children are in their development, but they also help define the evolution of a mother's role.

## Stage 1 - Altered States

This is the shortest stage in terms of time - from the moment a woman finds out she's pregnant to the "fourth trimester," Pleshette's term for the three months after the baby comes home - but it's probably the biggest adjustment.

"Pre-pregnancy and moms-to-be assume that after a few months, they'll be back on their pre-baby paths, but there is no going back. You must accept that," says Murphy. "Then give yourself time to reflect on what kind of mom you see your-

self being and what kind of dad you see your husband being."

Murphy urges women to do this sort of soul-searching early on so there is time to think about how you get from Point A, maybe a busy social life that's organized by a Blackberry, to Point B, feeling like you've had a successful day because you showered before dinnertime.

"You won't know day from night, but you'll also feel the bliss of lying next to your little miracle," Murphy adds, and that's what will keep you going.

## Stage 2 - Finding Your Footing, Finding Yourself

Most new mothers can find their footing from the time their children hit the 4-month mark until the kids can walk.

Families settle into a somewhat predictable routine, which, although it is a different life from what mothers had before, it's a life they can live with, Murphy says.

This also is the stage during which many women go back to work after their maternity leave. Murphy's advice: Get used to the feeling of being torn between work and family. It's something you're going to have to deal with at every stage.

## Stage 3 - Letting Go

The toddler years are "fraught with guilt, anxiety and occasional anguish," according to Murphy. "Toddlers are challenging, loving,

wonderful and passionate but also highly unpredictable. And they have so much energy! Just looking at them is tiring," she says.

If moms don't make some time for themselves during this stage - even if it's just being alone while they change out of work clothes into play clothes - the whole family will suffer, Murphy says.

At the same time, 1- and 2-year-olds need a little time and space of their own as they begin to play with the building blocks that will eventually lead to their independence.

## Stage 4 - Trying To Do It All

The preschool and early elementary years can be even harder than the toddler years because parents' expectations of their children don't always match reality. Just because the kids were able to sit through a nice dinner once doesn't mean they'll be able to do it every night.

"They (preschoolers) are still really needy," Murphy warns.

So, while it's tempting at this stage for mothers to begin taking on new projects of their own - volunteering for charity or filling up their social calendar - they should resist doing too much, she says.

"You think you can be perfect at everything. A lot of moms are feeling there's something wrong with me if they can't do everything. But those are unrealistic expectations," Murphy says.

## Stage 5 - Reading the Compass to

**'Toddlers are challenging, loving, wonderful and passionate but also highly unpredictable. And they have so much energy! Just looking at them is tiring.'**

Anne Pleshette Murphy  
author

## God Knows Where

Ages 6 to 10 are supposed to be the easy years between toddlers and teenagers, but because it seems like kids are growing up faster these days, mothers can't let this stage slide by, Murphy says.

They should, however, let their children experience success and failure facilitated by their own hands.

"Moms need help understanding how to let their kids fall on their faces occasionally and to realize that their kids might not be the smartest or nicest in the class. Those are not the worst things. But mothers have a real tendency at this point to see their kids as an extension of themselves and they don't want to be seen that way."

Mothers also might find themselves less involved in their children's lives, and, says Murphy, that's completely normal as children's own friends become more important to

them. But instead of pouncing on kids when they do open up, Murphy urges mothers to proceed with caution. "Ask yourself, 'What are the battles worth going to the mat for?'"

Stage 6 - Living in the Gray Zone. Preteens might see everything in black and white, says Murphy, but their world is gray.

First, things change fast. "What was right yesterday isn't right today," says Murphy.

Second, mothers will find themselves shifting between roles of parent and pal.

"It takes an ego of steel to navigate the preteen years, because one day your kid is going to wake up uncomfortable in their own body. And when she stands with one foot in childhood, the other in early adulthood, and struggles to maintain her balance, the person she will grab onto with a desperate, clawing intensity is you," she writes.

## Stage 7 - It Gets Easier and Then They Leave

During the teenage years, mothers and their almost-grownup children relive every other stage as they struggle through dependence and independence in their developed bodies and minds, Murphy says, but it's not as bad as it sounds.

"Their (teens') brain development is such that they can be highly argumentative but, on the other hand, they might have a really good argument."

## Adoption fair set to recruit foster and adoptive parents

Orchards Children's Services is hosting an adoption fair 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 30215 Southfield Road, Southfield. As part of National Adoption Month in November, the fair aims to spread awareness about the needs of the many children waiting for adoption, and to recruit and retain foster and adoptive parents.

The fair will provide an opportunity to learn more about the adoption process and meet current adoptive parents. Of the 4,100 children in the state of Michigan with the goal of adoption, 42 percent are

from Wayne County, 55 percent are African American.

Since 1990, National Adoption Month has focused attention on the need for finding permanent loving homes for children in foster care. There are approximately 532,000 children in the U.S. currently in foster care and 129,000 waiting for permanent families. Of the children in need of adoption, 44 percent are African American, 53 percent are over the age of 8.

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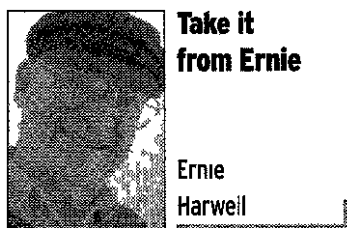
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"The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

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And remember, take care of your health before it's too late!

**Ernie Harwell** the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with Miss Lulu, his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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## East meets west

### Beijing doctor shares knowledge with Henry Ford researchers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Master Wan Su-Jian would have preferred to look at an x-ray of Alba Rodriguez's neck and back before beginning therapy, but since none was available he collected information by observing.

Trained in Western medicine as well as traditional Chinese medicine dating back nearly 2,500 years, Master Wan developed a form of qigong (chee gong) to treat physical conditions stemming from energy blockages in the body. Holding his hand over the head of Rodriguez, Wan explains through an interpreter the process of drawing energy from outside himself and redirecting it to Rodriguez, who's suffered with chronic pain since sustaining serious injuries in an automobile accident.

Wan is a qigong master as well as a highly respected Chinese medical doctor in Beijing. Sally Rich, a Bloomfield Hills resident, invited him to America to give several seminars at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan with locations in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. She's studied with him on three separate occasions in China. Since his visit to Livonia was announced, physicians from Chicago, New York, Kentucky, and Los Angeles have been calling her to ask for a meeting with Wan at their facilities.

I use energy to adjust people, said Master Wan, who arrived at the Henry Ford Center for Integrative



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Master Wan Su Jian from Beijing demonstrates the healing art of qigong on Alba Rodriguez at the Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine in Novi Wednesday.

Medicine earlier that morning to share his knowledge and learn about the center which is part of the Henry Ford Health System. Sometimes it's hard for Western medicine to accept this.

This was the opportunity for which Rodriguez was waiting - to evaluate an alternative treatment using her training as a researcher. Rodriguez is currently involved with two clinical trials at the center - one focused on alternative therapies to treat chronic low back pain, another compares the effectiveness of acupuncture to the antidepressant Effexor in relieving hot flashes

in breast cancer patients.

The center specializes in alternative therapies designed to compliment and integrate with conventional medicine. Earlier while leading a tour of the center Rodriguez told Wan about data gathered on patients treated there with acupuncture, neuromuscular therapy, traditional Chinese medicine including herbs and supplements, chiropractic care, mind-body-spirit therapies such as meditation and hypnotherapy, and holistic nutrition. Most have tried everything conventional medicine has to offer. Center researchers hope to prove the effectiveness of alternatives so insurance companies eventually cover patients' costs.

I felt tense muscles relaxing, said Alba Rodriguez. It was a great opportunity to see

alternative treatments used in other countries. I hadn't seen qigong before. At the center we're always open to what works to bring people optimal health and healing.

He's highly respected in China. It's a learning opportunity on both sides to share, create synergy. Everybody's learning something new they wouldn't have known before. We rely on X-rays, MRIs. We're not trained to look at people and analyze. I hadn't told him what my problem was. He was trained to pick up things that are not so obvious.

While there are no immediate plans to offer qigong at the center, Bob Levine is open to the idea. Levine has been involved with planning for the center even before it opened in June 2002. As director of

complementary and integrative research and co-director with Dr. Michael Seidman, Levine is dedicated to finding alternative treatments for patients.

"In 1994 I had a bad back and hip and could hardly walk so I explored many alternative therapies," said Levine. "I found some that were quite effective. I'm back to 100 percent functionality and playing sports."

"When one of our employees became aware of Wan's visit to the U.S., I thought it would be a great idea if we met to get an idea of healing modalities he's using. He'd also expressed an interest in our center for integrative medicine and how our center is integrated into the health system."

Wan commended the center for researching and gathering data on alternative treatments.

I use qigong on patients who've been to many western doctors and were still in severe pain, said Wan. "Qigong is harder work than acupuncture, but you really have good results."

Kathleen Stocking felt relief from her carpal tunnel syndrome after being treated with qigong.

I felt a release and did feel the energy. I had a lot of pain, said Stocking, a Henry Ford Health System administration supervisor. The pain is gone but there's a little tingling still.

Researcher Jeff Pocock felt something but wasn't sure what it was.

You can feel it. It's almost like static electricity, said Pocock. I've taken acupuncture and you feel tingling in your body just like this."

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## Recover support group

The self help mental health organization meets 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m. Monday at St. Matthew's Methodist Church and 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. All locations are in Livonia. Recovery Inc. helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings and sensations that interfere with daily living. No charge. For more information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recoveryinc.org](http://www.recoveryinc.org).

## Blood needed

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood to donate visit any day Monday-Saturday at the Livonia Blood Center 36650 Five Mile. Walk-ins are available or make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. To donate blood, you must be age 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health.

## Volunteers needed

If you are a postmenopausal woman age 45 to 50 in good health, not taking estrogen and are either experiencing frequent hot flashes or never experienced any, you may qualify for a research study at Wayne State University. For more information, call the Behavioral Medicine Laboratory and ask for research assistant Elaine Douglas at (313) 577-6588 or send email to [ac1728@wayne.edu](mailto:ac1728@wayne.edu).

## Cooking classes

Presented by the University of Michigan Health System at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, classes include simple meals for one or two, happy healthy holidays, fish dishes, fast recipes, eating to stop hypertension, super soups and salads for all seasons. Pre-registration required for all classes. Cost is \$30-\$50 for two. Discounts available when registering for three or more regular classes. To register, call MFIT at (734) 975-4387 ext. 236 or sign up online at [www.med.umich.edu/mfit/nutrition](http://www.med.umich.edu/mfit/nutrition).

## Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups: Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol-related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays; Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 300 Willets, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

## Red Cross safety courses

Began Sept. 17 and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation), Infant/Child CPR, CPR/AED review for professional rescuers, CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates, nurse assistant training and baby sitter training at the Livonia Service Center 36650 Five Mile, call (734) 542-0442 or visit [www.semredcross.org](http://www.semredcross.org) and Bloomfield Service Center 2388 Franklin Road, call (248) 322-2500. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First Aid/CPR/AED instructor and nurse assistant training. Costs vary.

## Research volunteers needed

Healthy individuals age 12 and older with seasonal, late summer allergy symptoms (stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, itchy eyes, nose or throat or watery or red eyes) are needed for a research study at the Michigan Respiratory Health and Research Institute in Novi. Individuals who qualify receive study-related office visits, limited testing and investigational medications at no charge and compensation for participating in the study. For more information, call Julie at (248) 473-6400 or (800) 326-5959.

## Hospice volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help provide services to terminally ill patients, their caregivers and families. St. John

Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Volunteers can choose from a variety of functions that include offering companionship by providing respite relief for caregivers, making supportive telephone calls, running errands and providing other services that are needed by patients, caregivers and families. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide administrative support in the Farmington Hills office.

Training to become part of the Hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, contact Pamela DiSanto or Katie Landa at (800) 248-2298.

## GEMS

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. Group swim from 6:30 p.m. Support group meeting 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Carolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey at (734) 522-0036.

## UPCOMING

## Flu shots

The U-M Michigan Visiting Nurses has received more doses of the flu vaccine. Shots will be available 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Busch's 37083 Six Mile. Livonia Patients must be over age 18 and in high risk groups as defined by the Centers for Disease Control. Cost is \$17. MVN accepts Care Choices, HAP, Paramount Elite and M-Care insurances for influenza and pneumonia immunizations in addition to cash, check or Medicare Part B at all public clinics. The CDC's flu vaccination recommendations can be found online at [www.cdc.gov/flu/protection/whoshouldget.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protection/whoshouldget.htm). To learn more about MVN services, visit [www.umvn.org](http://www.umvn.org).

## Benefit Holiday Ball

An Evening at The Nutcracker a benefit for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center Ypsilanti. The Center will be transformed into various scenes from the world famous ballet. The black tie affair begins at 7

p.m. with photos and a cocktail reception followed by dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing until 1 a.m. Twilight Tickets are available for those arriving after 9 p.m. for dessert and dancing only. For reservations or more information, call (734) 712-4040 or visit [www.stjoeball.org](http://www.stjoeball.org). One of the most anticipated traditions of the annual Holiday Ball is a pre-event sale of decorations and accessories. All decorations are available for purchase. Decorations may be previewed and reserved 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Dec. 2-3 at the Convocation Center. The fundraising goal for this year's event is \$630,000 with proceeds to benefit construction of a new 60,000 square foot, two-story surgery pavilion at the hospital.

## Grief and the holidays

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a holiday workshop for those who are grieving 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop ends with a special time of remembrance. Registration not required. For more information, call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966.

## Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14. Attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first-come, first-served basis in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

## Extreme Challenge

The fund-raiser benefitting Henry Ford Health System's pediatric hospice program takes place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at the William Clay Ford Center for Athletic Medicine, 6525 Second, Detroit. The Extreme Challenge, combining 30 minutes of boot camp with 30 minutes of studio cycling, offers participants one of the most invigorating workouts ever experienced. Participants are asked to donate \$10 for members of the Athletic Center and \$15 for guests. Proceeds go to providing care and support to chil-

dren (pre-natal to early adult) that suffer from life-threatening illness. For more information and to register for the Extreme Challenge, call (313) 972-4040.

## Hepatitis C Support Group

Meets 7:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 the third Monday of every month at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, West of Orchard Lake Road. For more information, call (248) 674-8152.

## Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

## ONGOING

## Alliance for the Mentally Ill

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self-help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 South Wayne at Bayview, first light south of Cherry Hill.

Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-8498. All are welcome.

**Alzheimer's and dementia support**  
Group meets 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month and features different topics for caregivers, family and friends of those who suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia at Alterra, Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills, 27900 Drake, Call (248) 489-9362.

## Divorce support

**Adult grief support group**  
A self-help support group for any adult grieving the death of a loved one meets the first and third Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland. No charge. Open to all. For more information, call (734) 522-4244.

## Grief support group

Meets 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia. All groups are free of charge and open to the community. For more information, call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464-7810.

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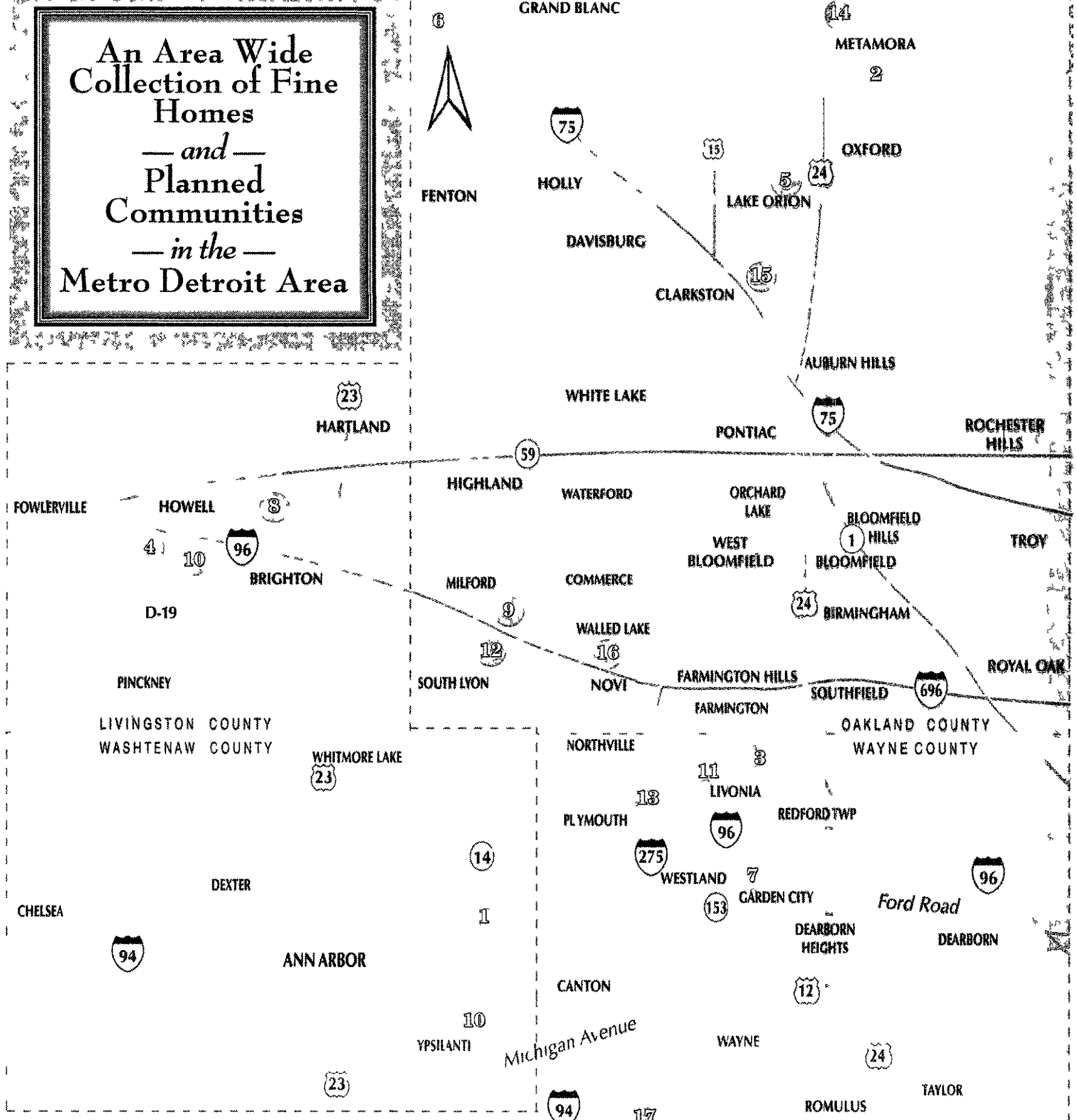


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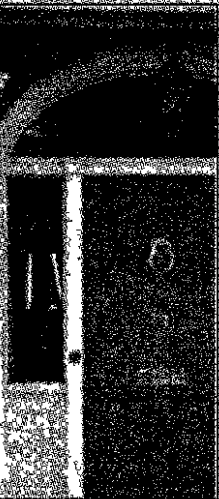
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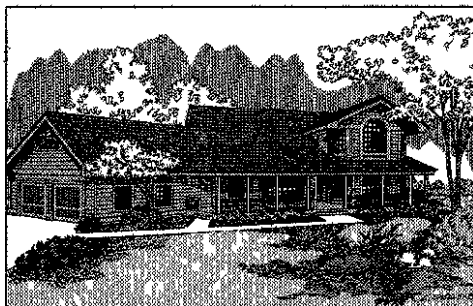
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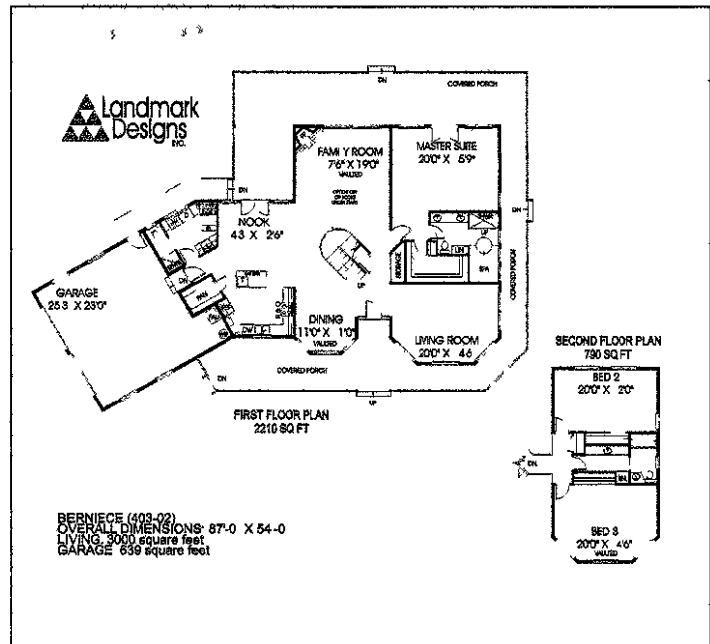


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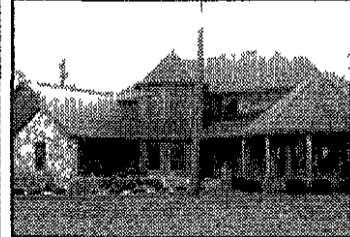
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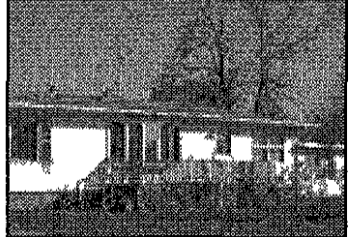
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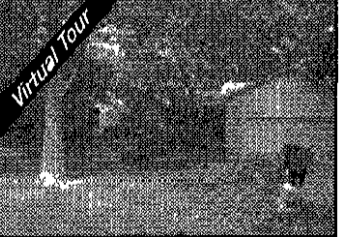
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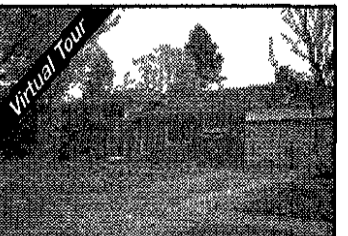
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues: Across 1 Bouncer, 4 Like some chatter, 8 Train sound, 12 Become older, 13 Majestic swimmer, 14 Balcony section, 15 Pirate's swig, 16 Surprise attack, 17 Canyon comeback, 18 Spotted cat, 20 Univ student, 21 Sports zebra, 22 Hagar of the comics, 26 Hero's award, 29 Candied item, 30 Travel word, 31 Checkup, 32 Nutritious grain, 33 Certainty, 34 Sapphire, 35 Limo passenger, 36 Fish feeding eagles.

Down 1 Sandburg or Sagan, 5 Tower over, 6 Set down, 7 Put a stop to, 8 Ring up sales, 9 Ad - committee, 10 Snort of disgust, 11 Prizm maker, 19 Nanny's vehicle, 20 Football great - Brown, 22 Container, 23 Terrible czar, 24 Congenial, 25 B-move pistals, 26 Part of MHz, 27 Alimony getters, 28 Beaver projects, 29 Shill bark, 32 Petroleum, 33 Herr's spouse, 35 Robust energy, 36 More nervous, 38 Heart outlet, 39 Rajah's land, 41 Helper, 42 Lawless of 'Xena', 43 Connors adversary, 44 Horse's brake, 45 Lingerie item, 46 Vegas lead in, 47 Prefix for form, 48 Kitten's plea.

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**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS**  
SF 29 likes laughing hanging out having fun Looking for similar SM 38-41 N/S for friendship or more **2510395**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth to spend time with **2401089**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SBF 42 5'11" 140lbs. enjoys film the art musicals Seeking handsome passionate active outgoing SBM 45-56 for LTR **2704112**

**NOT INTO GAMES**  
Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give 1 another chance seeks one-on-one relationship with SM Race, age unimportant **2405796**

**SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT**  
SM 45 blonde attractive friendly kind considerate polite seeking a SW/DM 42-62 for friendship possibly more **2512857**

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SBF 64 5'4" 150lbs blonde hair certified nursing asst. N/S seeks BM 61-62 for friendship, dating perhaps more **2514347**

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5'17lbs, thick not fat great figure interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously **276032**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42-55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically in shape with eclectic interests currently accepting applications **2528384**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
32 year old African American SF weight proportionate to height cute enjoys music movies travel Seeking honest hardworking independent SBM 32-41 for friendship LTR **2773562**

**PRECIOUS ONE**  
SWF very pretty a young 39 medium dark/green works in medical field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more **2520588**

**RING MY BELL**  
SWF 35 full figured Sagittarius smoker or enjoys kids currently living up North Seeking SW/DM 36-50 for friendship possible romance **2438329**

**CALL ME**  
Fun-loving affectionate real SBF 32 enjoys playing cards the outdoors can enlighten dinner having fun seeking SWM 30-60 for dating **2474843**

**IN IT FOR THE LONG-TERM**  
SBF 30 5'6" loves to get away for the weekend would like to get to know SM 23-41 w/ passion for travel and life **2509782**

**HERE I AM!**  
Stunning SBF 55 135lbs attractive and confident seeks someone fit pretty SF 30-42 N/S you won't be disappointed **2518753**

**YOU NEED ME**  
Very attractive young full figured mixed BF 30 5'6" searching for down-to-earth SM who is mentally/physically/financially secure male I need you as much as you need me! **2519124**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF 41 4'5" wishes to meet a long sized SBM 41+ for friendship and companionship **2595520**

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing active SWM 30-35 N/S fun male 60+ who likes being outdoors reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then **2717193**

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
No drama no games 45 SBPF inter ests concerts plays movies dining and travel Enjoys having fun seeking SW/DM for LTR **2423000**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF 45 tall pretty enjoys working out theater cooking comedy clubs Seeking tall SWM 42-60 attractive financially secure similar interests **2483446**

**SEARCHING**  
Sexy attractive SBF 51 145lbs brown complexion curly hair enjoys movies, dining ISO her soulmate a compatible SBM 45-55 possible marriage **2508956**

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
SWF honest pleasant long hair 42 no children Love to travel travel cooking children feeling like a lady Seeking honest genuine marriage minded SW/DM **2578655**

**BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive voluptuous SBF 33 N/S beautiful smile seeks single man 21 who is adventurous spontaneous interested in dating **2511305**

**BEEN THERE? DONE THAT?**  
Take heart DW/ WF young acting 53 5'9" blonde/hazel N/S works in a ware house Seeking that special romantic WM 49 60 who enjoys animals camping traveling **2511972**

**EPITOME OF BEAUTY**  
SBF 19 5'8" 140lbs, N/S loves journal literature writing reading movies Looking for SM 19-34 for possible relationship **2518785**

**SUMMER SCHOOL**  
Down-to-earth spontaneous SBPF 39 teacher seeks SWM 50-55 who is interested in the night life casinos movies dining and dancing **2410942**

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
SF 28 5'11" 135lbs CNA enjoys movies travel hanging out seeking compatible SM 25-45 who shares similar interests **2475245**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 33-60 **2481293**

**SECRETARY OF FUN**  
SWF 36 Lao N/S blonde/green mother of 2 seeks serious hard working SWM 35-35 N/S who is not into bars **2498442**

**ARM'S OPEN WIDE**  
SBF 24 sweet and sincere ISO SM 26-36 who's honest gentle fun and caring with arms and heart open wide **2201589**

**JUST LET ME KNOW**  
Intelligent caring affectionate DW/ BF 28 5'4" brown/blond full figured enjoys helping people the outdoors and more Seeking outgoing trustworthy affectionate SWM 24-35 for friendship maybe more **2515949**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SBM 31 5'7" 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30-45 with similar interests, for possible LTR **2217475**

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBPF 29 5'5" 190lbs no children never married very attractive easygoing laid-back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together **2220089**

**CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND**  
SBFC 30 no children seeks goal-oriented SBDM 25-37 no children who is respectful intelligent intellectual and respects women! **2518950**

**JUST THE FACTS**  
SWF 27 full figured N/S enjoys movies dining dancing Seeking man 24-35 N/S race unimportant for friendship, possible romance **2250724**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF 24 5'6" 350lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM **2286833**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF 28 Aquarius N/S is looking for a friend SBM 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor must be hard working trustworthy and goal-oriented **2759073**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BPF Christian 47 5'5" 145lbs honest brown N/S enjoys out doors movie traveling cooking Seeking romantic BPM 40 55 financially secure similar interests for LTR **2432793**

**STRONG BELIEFS**  
WF 36 5'7" enjoys going to movies, dining out, hiking concerts reading more Seeking Christian WM 36-65 with good morals **2407728**

**SEEKING A BLACK PRINCE**  
Attractive SWF 33 5'6" smoker light drinker with two children looking for SBM 21-45 for friendship and fun times **2416611**

**ATTN WORKAHOLICS**  
SBF 37 5'7" 125lbs ISO professional male for friendship possible relationship Not just arm candy have opinions feelings don't want perfection just right person **2410965**

**LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS**  
SBF 38 is looking for SW/HAM who is educated fun outgoing adventurous spontaneous Laughter and conversation are good things Must be a gentleman **2522589**

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SF 35 looking for a woman 25-45 for affection and attention Call lets add some excitement to life **2445655**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
SF 31 5'5" 145lbs N/S mother enjoys cooking movies plays having fun Seeking honest fun loving handsome SM 29-40 **2428910**

**LOVABLE AND SWEET**  
SBF 30 5'2" brown/brown 170lbs mother working student Libra N/S seeks independent SM 35-45 for friendship possible relationship LTR **2437579**

**GREAT CATCH**  
Lovely SWF 31 5'11" athletic build N/S thinks Nikeback is cool loves to go sight seeing seeks SWM 35-43 N/S for excellent LTR **2451422**

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31-37 for relationship I enjoy movies rollerblading come die clubs bowling etc Serious replies only **2458371**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25-30 for LTR **2405764**

**YOU WILL LIKE ME!**  
Attractve SWF 66 5'5" blonde artist fun loving seeks well-groomed SWM 60+ who is confident d'ring out and shering life **2427663**

**SEARCH NO MORE**  
Genuine attractive female n/s depend ent SBF 58' 140lbs who enjoys jazz romantic dinners quiet evenings plays n/s seeking honest independent sincere female SF 30-42 **2473831**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 5'8" N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19-35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together **2478602**

**SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST**  
SF 43 smoker student looking for SM 25-35 N/S who is trustworthy a good listener and will make me happy **2494338**

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music, traveling comedy shows, seeks man 45-55 N/Kids N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR **2444748**

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports-oriented BPF 39 two teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports, gospel phonics amusement parks. Seeking SF 29-45 **2223080**

**HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?**  
Loving down-to-earth SBF 33 4'11" 180lbs, mother N/S N/D enjoys bowling shopping movies live entertainment Seeking SBDM 32 35 N/S for friendship possible romance **2682975**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest trustworthy down to earth? SBF 40 N/S seeks SBM 27 57 N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time **2509061**

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF 46 shy but loves to laugh enjoys concerts, movies seeking good honest SBM 43-50 N/S for LTR **2496245**

**LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER**  
Pretty slender UKra n an lady 54 Catholic 10 years in the US Seeking caring relationship with warm hearted independent male who enjoys family theater **2512135**

**GET TO KNOW ME!**  
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28-55 N/S for friendship first **2431382**

**NO NONSENSE**  
Nice looking active no-nonsense gal seeks good looking active no-nonsense guy 35-49 white or hispanic DW/ WF young 43 athletic Companionship and fun desired **2448855**

**PARADISE**  
SBF 36 5'2" brown/brown ISO honest SM 35-40 who knows what he wants in life and who's looking for paradise share my love **2349620**

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors laughter dining out gospel music and more Seeking god hearing honest caring SBM 40 to 45 for friendship first **2221725**

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF 41 5'5" average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43-47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2408635**

**LET'S COMMUNICATE**  
Active affectionate SBF enjoys dining out movies plays concerts traveling Seeking honest good humored SBM 55-70 w/similar interests for companionship **2413506**

**FUN LOVING LADY**  
SBF 43 Virgo smoker loves chocolate seeks fun loving sincere BM 34-55 who enjoys conversations companionship **2438719**

**LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT**  
SWF 44 looking for outgoing guy 39-44 who is looking for a serious relationship and commitment **2481117**

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Catholic DW/ BF 59 looks much younger N/S, very tall looking for gentleman 56-63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more **2465079**

**A REAL 16**  
DBF 42 executive very attractive new transfer to area looking for professional male 35-48 for friendship No blue-collar workers please **2480005**

**WARRIOR PRINCESS!**  
WPF 49 seeks SBPM 38-52 Let's snuggle and make this winter a total meltdown! I love laughter humor reading and life! **2480978**

**CALL ME!**  
SF 21 5'4" 140lbs long dark/hazel N/S no children enjoys dining movies working out bowling Seeking SWM 21 40 N/S **2448873**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF 56 4'11" 105lbs deersae well groomed older gentleman! 60-75 who loves to dance and travel Grosse Pointe area preferred **2498134**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Good-looking SWF 65 5'5" 135lbs red dish-brown hair humorous likes gardening reading going out to movies Seeking SWM 60-75 for companionship possible relationship **2490369**

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 63 for friendship possible LTR **2402625**

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF 42 5'8" full figured seeks tall gentleman 48 60 5'8"-6'2" medium build or heavyset for possible relationship **2328293**

**WANTED A WIDOWER**  
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentleman 40-60 who appreciates music & travel spending time outdoors **2460269**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentleman 40-60 who appreciates music & travel spending time outdoors **2460269**

**QUIET QUALIFIED**  
SBF 47 N/S attractive shy w/great sense of humor enjoys nature skiing plays movies music & tries to stay in the moment Seeking BM 42 55 **2480494**

**SEMI-RETIRED**  
SF 62 5'3" slim fit Kites jazz concert symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55-70 with similar interests **2467917**

**ONE FISHING**  
Bat, a daredevil SWF 60 brown hair/ eyes soon to retire N/S N/D Western Wayne county loves the outdoors cool nights by a fireplace Lets talk **2466412**

**LOVING AND CARING**  
Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies music & tries to stay in the moment Seeking BM 42 55 **2480494**

**NEW TO WYOMING CO AREA**  
SBPF 40ah 5'6" nurse with children marriage-minded smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzles Seeking WM 45-60 smoker who enjoys music and sports **2425545**

**SHALL WE?**  
DW/ BF 40 5'4" HW proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing 40-49 N/S for friendship **2425689**

**YOUR WILDEST DREAMS**  
SBF 48 smoker loves jazz dining out romantic evenings and movies Seeking fun n/ BF 35 50 under 5'4" honesty a must **2200017**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SBPF 47 enjoys quiet nights travel cooking reading movies street fairs Seeking warm hearted financially stable loving man who enjoys the same happiness possible LTR **2418488**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Classy attractive SBF 51 5'3" 120lbs ISO SW/PM 50+ for special friendship I love playing music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel **2233688**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBF 19 5'7" Sagittarius N/S stay at home mom student seeks romantic passionate SM 19 to 34 who enjoys family activities outdoor surprises **2415741**

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open-minded energetic spontaneous SWF 48 5'3" seeks the star at the end of the rainbow. My star someone communicative kind hearted who enjoys romance exploring life **2399477**

**PLEASEING PLUMP FEMALE**  
42-year-old African American female seeks tall handsome man who is mature N/S and enjoys being in the company of a beautiful woman **2798192**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
BW/ blonde/hazel 56 attractive enjoys many things likes BM! If you are 65-65 over 6' 250lbs plus lets talk! **2424144**

**GROUNDLED & SEXY**  
SBF 41 5'8" HPTW children N/S educated good oriented financially secure family-oriented good moral character down-to-earth likes traveling out door activities comedy theatre modern dancing seeks SBM **2418813**

**CUTE AND CLASSY**  
SBF 50+ physically fit enjoys jogging concerts theater quiet evenings Seeking attractive gentleman over 50 with similar interests **2130522**

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5'105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship **2416088**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
lovely voluptuous DW/ BF 42 5'6" likes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for friendship maybe more **24464984**

**SEEKING EUROPEAN MAN**  
Vibrant attractive European SWPF 60 warm hearted and cultured financially independent seeks European soulmate 50-68 **2427594**

**AAA YOUR HEART**  
Let's see the New Year right. Come into my world SBF 45 great smile I'm sure you'll like me **2528879**

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
DBF 53 HW proportionate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scenic drives ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker social drinker ok No games! **2417236**

**CONFIDENT OUTGOING**  
SWF 48 5'10" healthy medium build Sagittarius, N/S very family-oriented patient Seeking easygoing fun loving S/D/WM 38 55 N/S for LTR only **2439340**

**MR RIGHT**  
Are you a tall big handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 58 attractive loving and fun lets share life together **2443339**

**SKY'S THE LIMIT!**  
SF 21 N/S loves Italian food feels Janet Jackson is a living legend seeks outgoing SBM 27 36 for friendship a romance if it develops **2425530**

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE**  
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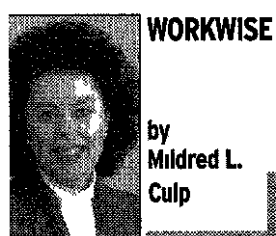
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## Does Retirement Still Exist?



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

"I never really retired," states 69 year-old Don Jackson, independent contractor with Home Instead

Senior Care in Burlington, Vt (www.homeinstead.com) It's one of 500 franchises in the United States and abroad generating a total of \$210 million, helping seniors continue living in their homes as long as possible and providing a safe retirement in my vocabulary," says Jackson. "It's a transition only because of chronology."  
Phyllis Rogers, certified strength trainer in Marietta, Ga., is two years younger (www.StrongOver40.com). She concurs, explaining, "I never really retired. I went from one thing into the strength training area."  
Jackson says that having a pension wouldn't have kept him from working, either he nor Rogers would feel uncomfortable being called a "retiree," because the concept doesn't exist for them. Rogers differentiates herself from people who've retired.  
"I'm seeing so many of my friends my age and in their 70s who are just boring me with," she mentions. "I heard two men talk about how they had nothing to talk about any more except their health problems and the past. They have no

present except health. One woman told me that her husband sits in a recliner all day. People need to do something they like, not just waste away with no interests, like little lost sheep. Our bodies were made to move -- no matter how old we are. When people don't continue to work at their old job, we should spend the rest of our lives doing what we love to do in some form so we have a reason to get up every morning and still be making a difference in the world. Sometimes I feel like I'm out yelling in the universe."

### LOOKING BACK

Both found their new work through conventional sources. "Sometimes a little bit of things changes your life forever," Rogers observes. "While visiting my daughter in Boston, we saw a sign that read, 'Sign up for this class and become a personal trainer.' I told Julie she should; she said I should. I did."

Jackson responded to his "volunteer job with pay" listed in a classified ad for part-time work at \$8 to \$9 per hour. "(I'm) continuing to make a contribution in the professional giving services," he comments. "Of course, I derive a lot from it as well."

Various facets of Jackson's career in professional giving services changed shape. After attending Princeton Theological Seminary, he became a Presbyterian minister. Then he worked for the federal government in low-income housing, including a two-year appointment on the White House Conference on Aging. Subsequently, he

became an independent real estate contractor and earned an M.S.W. He considers attitude much more important to care-giving than credentials.

Rogers began adulthood as a stay-at-home mom who subsequently worked for 25 years, most recently selling advertisements for a children's magazine. She moved into strength training in her mid-60s. "I created a workout for older adults," she explains. "People keep telling me that I've changed their life." Her first strength training class continues in an assisted living facility after more than four years. She observes some people forgetting about the walkers they've left in a corner and is gratified to be able to pull them out of what she calls "assisted dying." One client who lives independently climbs 20 feet high on trees for deer stands.

In their 20s, 30s and 40s, both held very different ideas about the future. Rogers quips, "I thought my (airplane pilot) husband and I'd retire on a lake and have grandchildren. Now I have everything but the husband." Jackson remarks, "Retirement is irrelevant. I was in love, with all that implies, and had a family on the way." He just wanted to make a difference. At age 50, he anticipated financial security, good health and continuing on through life as he had. Rogers didn't expect to stop working. "I knew I'd get depressed if I sat around," she confides, "but I never thought about being a personal trainer." A "ministry without being religious"



"I never really retired. I went from one thing into the strength training area," said Phyllis Rogers, Certified Strength Trainer in Marietta, GA.

replaces the word "retirement" for Jackson. "I'm making a conscious effort to redefine it," he says. "The only 'credential' one needs (at any age) is an attitude of caring, a willingness to be of use and a determination to perpetuate one's life experiences for the benefit of others."

So, yes. Retirement still exists for some people. Many others view the conventional experience as a failure of imagination.

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Administrative Assistant

Needed for an immediate position with a small manuf. company in Livonia

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Outpatient mental health facility seeking experienced full time biller

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DENTAL ASSISTANT Exp only Brand new office in Livonia office staff Livonia area

DENTAL HYGIENIST Part time Westland Mon & Thurs 8-5pm

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Help Wanted-Medical 5060

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Utilize your nursing skills in our sub acute step down unit Med Surg experience required

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Anne Fracassa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let's slip inside the Jag. Its seats envelope around



This brand new Jaguar is a 4-wheel work of art

you like a little baby swaddled in warm flannel. Wood veneer is tastefully done and placed in logical areas.

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

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

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

Let's go back outside for a moment. The lines, the shapes, the way it all flows together is a piece of harmony. All of the work on the exterior lends the X-

Type to a huge cargo area under the rear deck lid.

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

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

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

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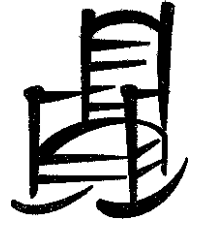
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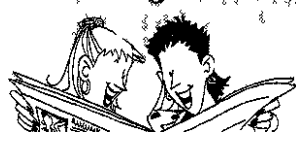
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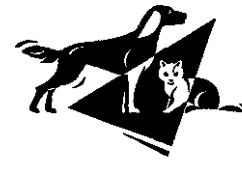
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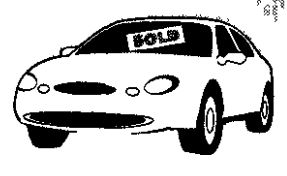
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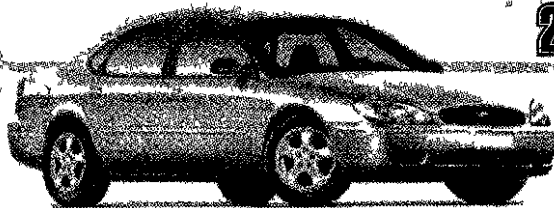
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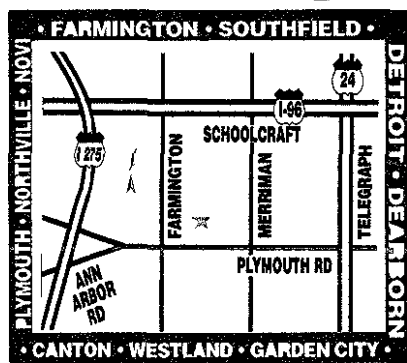
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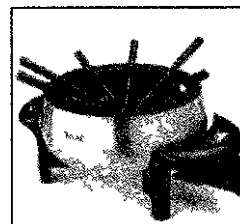
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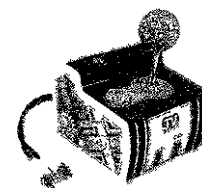


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enjoy the same things we tend to (manis, pedis, frilly frocks, hot handbags). And there's only so many times you can give a man a tie or sweater and feel good about it. With

that in mind, I've searched, shopped and scoured the web to find gifts that just might surprise the both of you this holiday season — all under \$100. From gear to games to gadgets, here are the goods that should keep you high on that pedestal he's been holding you on, whether he is Dad, your bro, your son or your beloved.

It's no secret that no matter the age, guys like games and gadgets. Tops on many a man's wishlist this year are the Atari Classics and Pac-Man gaming systems. Sure, those 20

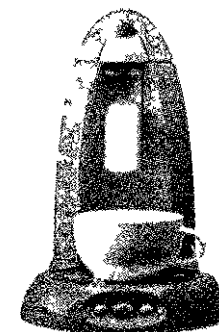


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and under might not know what Atari even is, but any guy digging 1980's nostalgia will get a kick out of these now-retro classics. The Atari Classics 10-Game System has all of these games built into that famous joystick. Pong, Asteroids, Missile Command, Centipede, Yars Revenge, Sports Volleyball, Gravitar, Circus Atari, Breakout and Adventure. No videogame consoles and no gaming cartridges required — simply plug the A/V input jacks into any standard television set, then turn on and play. Same with the Pac-Man system! Whether at home at school, or in his hotel room, he can get

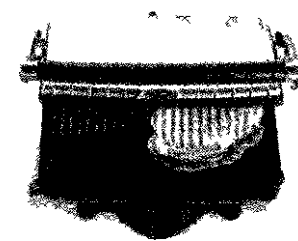
his game on for \$29.95 each at [wishingfish.com](http://wishingfish.com)

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If your guy's a foodie, or just likes to eat, there are lots of great gadgety items he'll get a kick out of. Tops at [Target.com](http://Target.com) is a sizzlin' S'Mores Maker for \$29.99 (what guy doesn't like lighting things on fire?), a Creme Brulee Set (with ramekins and a torch of course) for \$19.99, and the Melitta One One Java Pod Coffeemaker for \$49.99, which lets your guy brew a coffeehouse-quality cup in less than a minute. Also, perfect for winter, the Rival Stainless Steel Fondue Maker for \$29.99 will let him light, dip and dunk in manly fashion.



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## editor's note

There's nothing sexier than a well dressed man. Everyone knows first impressions are important — like when I met Mark Trudeau, owner of Northville's Fine Threads, and immediately noticed his sense of style. Not only did he sport a nice checked cashmere jacket over a black mock turtleneck and black pants, but he threw on a funky pair of two-tone loafers in brown and black. The eye-catching shoes screamed style confidence.

Equally important are impressions maintained over time. Take my former co-worker Mike McConnell, a reporter at the *Daily Tribune*, who always dressed in understated, high-quality clothes. His British gentleman's look consists of shirts and ties under sweaters, blazers, corduroys, polished shoes and nice eyeglasses that make a subtle but lasting impression.

It never hurts to be remembered as a good dresser.

Luckily guys are catching on to this, and cranking up the style factor in the clothes they wear and the way they take care of themselves.



With that in mind, PINK has turned BLUE this week — just for fun — to focus on the men in our midst.

In this unique issue, you'll find Stylist Jeff Moosekian's take on the latest in skin care, hair care, accessories and fashion trends for guys, along with Ken Dewey's Celebrity BLUE Picks. You'll also find a men's guide to dress codes, and a behind-the-scenes glimpse into male model-dom. Plus, the regular features of PINK — StyleScopes and

Tried 'n' True — are written with guys in mind.

Ladies, there's plenty in BLUE for you, too. You'll still find your PINK List of shopping events in Metro Detroit, along with a gift guide for the men on your list.

You might also enjoy a peek at our feature on three stylish actors from the anticipated *Ocean's Twelve*.

And, never fear. PINK will be back next week in your Sunday Observer & Eccentric, just how you like it!

We hope you enjoy this issue of BLUE.

Wendy White  
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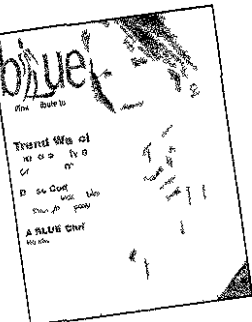
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## blue note

### SPORT THAT 5 O'CLOCK SHADOW

Facial hair is generally out right now, with most professional men opting for a cleanly shaven face. However, younger men, or those in more casual, creative work environments, are cultivating a careful 5 o'clock shadow, according to Stylist Teresa Arney of Agosta For Men in Novi. The once-hot goatee, if worn at all, has evolved into just a hint of scruff — two days' worth, max. According to Stylist Jeff Moosekian, the trendiest look is a small, square patch of hair under the lower lip and nowhere else. Known back in the day as a 'jazz patch,' the style is now referred to as a "Cadillac."



### On the Cover

This season is all about luxury and taste, and BLUE's cover model reflects that perfectly in an Egyptian cotton shirt, \$140, and a woven silk tie, \$95, both by Thomas Pink, available exclusively at the Thomas Pink Boutique at Marshall Field's, Somerset.

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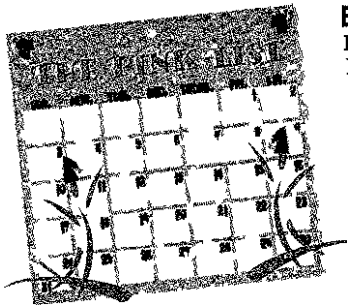
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Patron, \$40 adv \$50 at door Student Pottery Sale features up-and-coming works, Dec 3-6, Commons Gallery 1516 S. Cranbrook Rd., Birmingham 248-644-0866 or www.bbartcenter.org

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Renowned jewelry designer Charles Winston will make a personal appearance at a trunk show of his latest collection, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec 2 at Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia There will be a gift with purchase and register to win

#### CHILDREN ONLY HOLIDAY SHOP

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#### FARMINGTON WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT

Downtown Farmington will come alive with the sights and sounds of the holiday during the Winter Holiday Event, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4 featuring Santa visits noon-5 p.m., choir groups, magician Doug Scheer at 11 a.m., \$3, and a Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at Governor Warner Mansion 6 to 8 p.m. \$2

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# A Model Life

*From the runways of Paris, this ex-Louis Vuitton model helps make Detroit a little prettier*

Story and photo by Meghan McEwen ■ Blue Correspondent

**F**or a guy who spends most of his days in ragged jeans, a white T-shirt and a tool belt tied around his waist, it's hard to imagine Detroit's Phil Cooley strutting down the fashion runways of Paris, Milan, London and Tokyo. It's even harder to imagine him sitting still long enough in a chair for someone to sculpt his black hair, which is not even brushed today, and apply makeup to his pale skin, which now sees more sawdust than soap.

Whether he's ripping out interiors of gut-rehabs, pouring granite countertops in the apartments he's building on Michigan Avenue, or working on the barbecue restaurant, Slow's, he's opening with two other partners, Cooley's line of work is physically demanding — in a much different way than the two and a half years he spent looking pretty on the male modeling circuit.

There's no skill involved. Men are mannequins. You see the "blue steel" of Derek Zoolander. Hilarious, but not true at all. The men just stand there," says Cooley flippantly, as he counts off the myths of male modeling. There are no free clothes, male models get paid significantly less than females, and you're certainly not

going to be a household name as a male model.

Not that he was looking for fame and fortune anyway. Cooley, a natural archetype of the heroin-chic look, didn't even set out to be a model intentionally. Still a film student in Chicago, he was casually walking down the street when he noticed he was being followed. After a few blocks, he was finally approached, and when his pursuer popped the question — "Are you a model?" — he assumed it was a pick-up line, not a serious inquiry from a Ford agent.

He did it for the travel, and ended up loving it for the drinks and food. On his



Detroit's Phillip Cooley, shown here in work clothes building his restaurant Slow's, is worlds away from his former days as a jet set model.

busiest days, he was hustled to three shows a day on motor scooter, and there was always a full spread. By the time he arrived at his second show of the day, he was greeted by a towering pyramid of champagne. "I was constantly with a glass of champagne in my hand. I drank a lot while I was modeling to deal with some of the absurdities," laughs Cooley. And the absurdities were plenty.

He had to walk in women's heels, wear rubber breasts for the cover of *UpStreet*, and pose outside in his bathing suit during a snow storm.

When it came to shows he didn't want to do, Cooley had to be clever. Chuckling,

he remembers an Yves St. Laurent show. They were selecting guys to stand outside in the freezing cold for very little pay — but, of course, if you got picked, your agency would make you do it.

"I knew I didn't want to do the job, so I went in there and just put my finger in my nose," he reminisces.

There was a lot that did impress him though.

It makes sense, in his current line of work, that he was most inspired by the photo shoot settings — from the Lyric Opera House in Paris to an abandoned building.

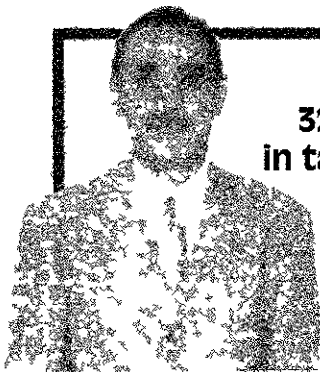
And, the creativity of the designers — most of all, Keith Warren of Louis Vuitton — made him think in new ways.

"It made me just appreciate beauty, and not to over-think things too much. At the same time, analytically, it did improve my ideas of color and line," he says.

If his endeavors in downtown Detroit are as interesting as his foray into the modeling world, the city has a lot to look forward to.

*Meghan McEwan is a freelance writer recently transplanted from Chicago. She is glad to find the Detroit area is so cosmopolitan.*

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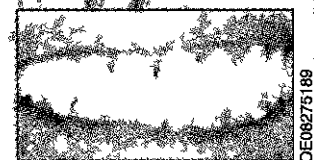
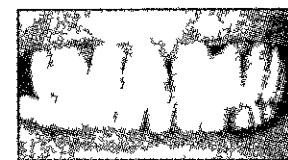
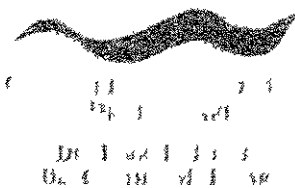
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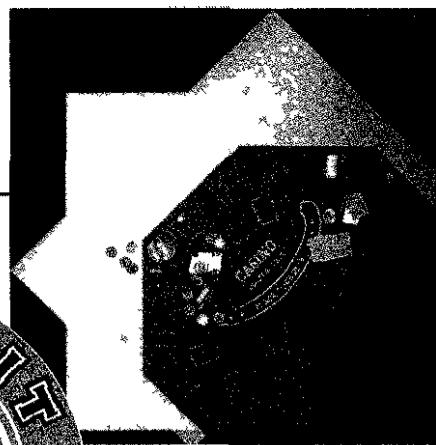
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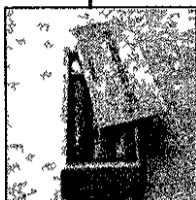


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# BLUE *fro* Ocean

*Cool standouts in*

As we anticipate the release of *Ocean's Eleven*, we wanted to highlight the stellar style of the twelve guys involved in the heist. Brad Pitt's look in the Egg heist in this sequel to *Ocean's Eleven* is on and off the big screen as consistent. He's a cool guy, a man because they are exactly that — a classic, off the runways in Italy, but it is always a good idea to show how easy style can really be. The guys in the hands and cleanly cut hair are all part of the picture. Attend to your grooming when considering the likes of Clooney, Matt Damon and Brad Pitt show how to do it. On holidays without looking too dressed up, they are looking to update your look this season. It is highly recommended you follow their lead. Some of the most talented and talented pals hop on their well-worn polo and faded chinos to discover

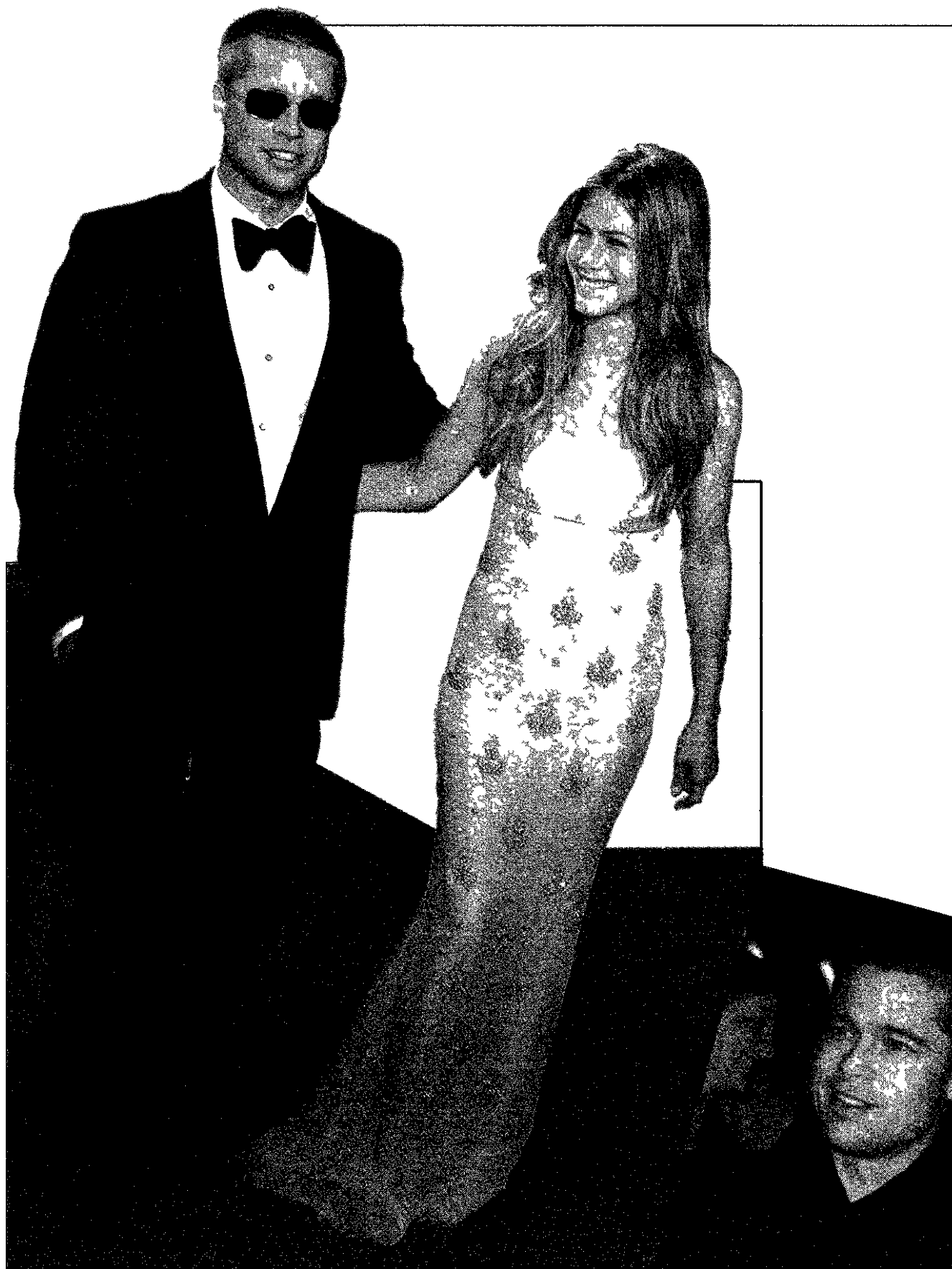


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There ARE times when casual just doesn't cut it. When that is the case, take Pitt's approach and go classic. It has been said that no man can go wrong with a perfectly fitted, single-button jacket tuxedo, and that statement is strongly proven here. While attending an event as important and publicized as the Emmy Awards (above), Pitt chose this modern look with flat-front pants, a slimmer leg cut, and the most gorgeous accessory of all — his wife, Jennifer Aniston, at his side.

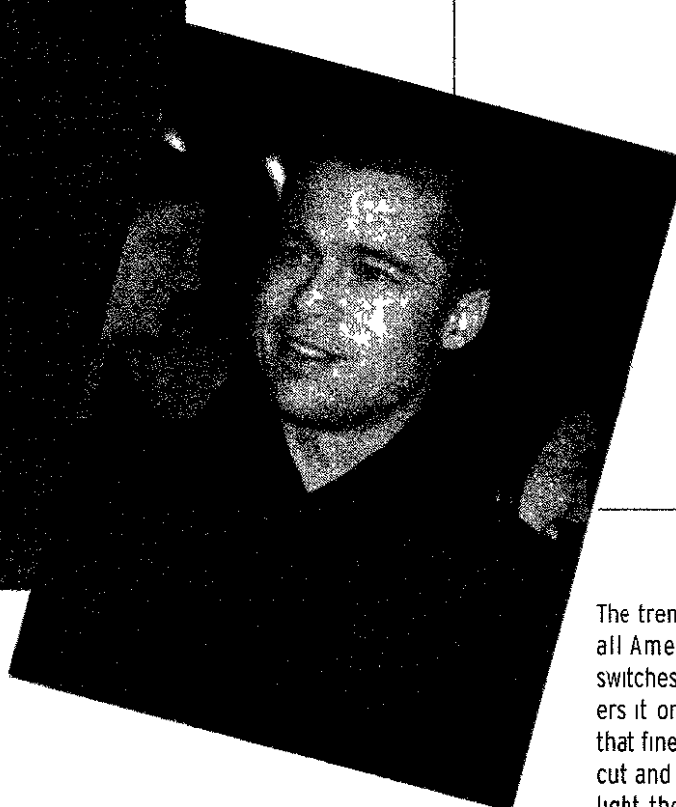


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The trendiest of the three, Brad Pitt manages to exude an all-American look with touches of Euro influence. He switches up traditional black for sumptuous navy and layers it on. Attending a movie premiere (at left), Pitt knows that fine fabrics really make the difference, so he keeps the cut and lines of the look smooth and well-fitting to highlight the textures. One half of America's favorite couple, Pitt opts to loop a midnight blue cashmere scarf around his neck instead of a necktie, which gives him an air of sophistication with prep school flair. Pitt keeps his hair shorn, a bit shorter than his style buds, but the key is that it is well-groomed with no evidence of product.

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## *n a sea of celebs*

By k

of *Ocean's Twelve* on Dec. 10. BLUE  
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er simple ways to get celeb style!

Take a Clooney cue for casual celeb style. Here, simple does it best. Pair a luxurious knit collared shirt in black under a good fitting medium grey suit with flat front slacks to look pulled together and easy. Keeping it loose by choosing a collared shirt so you can skip the tie works when you wear a slender black belt and not too chunky shoes. Top it all off by letting your salt and pepper show through in a haircut that is not too short or unruly that looks touchable, not crispy and crunchy.

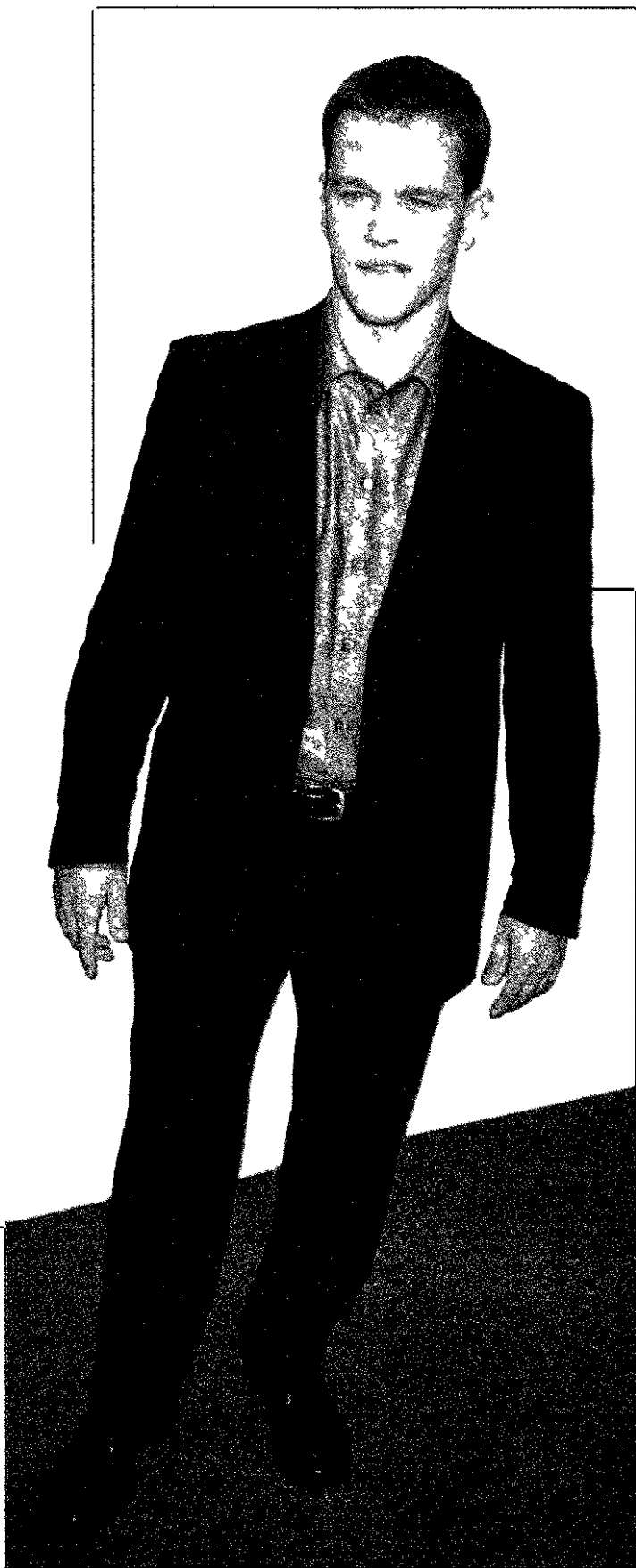


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Keep it real with just a bit of flair like Matt Damon. Choose a relaxed flat front pant suit and add a grey shirt with a bit of sheen. We're not talking metallic here, just a finely woven button up that reflects a bit of light to jazz things up a touch. Like Clooney, Damon manages to look polished yet casual without the tie. Just leave only the top button undone and don't even think about letting a T-shirt poke out from underneath! Well-polished shoes and a belt that also have a bit of shine pull the actor's red carpet style together. Once again, choose to keep hair shorter and well-groomed, but not buzzed.

# Mike from Magic gets manly makeover

By Wendy White ■ Blue

**M**any of you probably have heard Mike Bradley on *The Magic Morning Show with Jim Harper*, but few have probably seen the face that goes with the voice. Needless to say, being hidden behind the microphone — and waking up at 3:30 a.m. every day for work — has made Bradley a little rough around the edges.

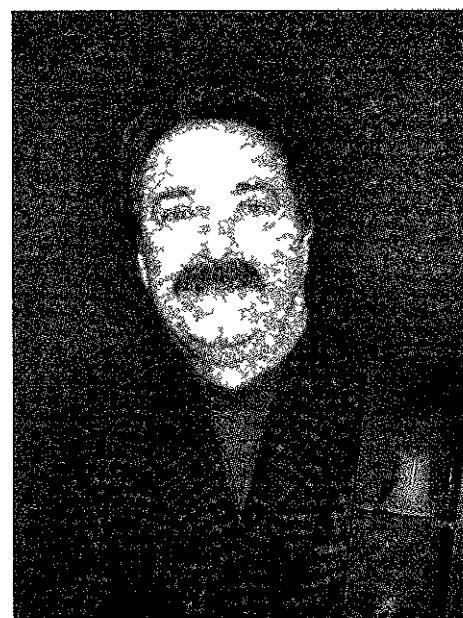
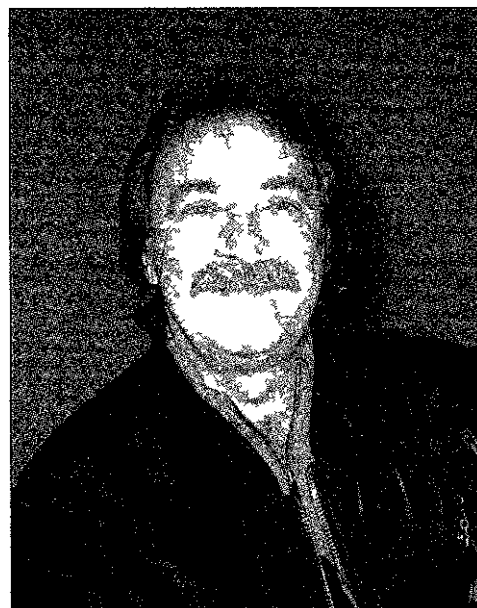
As a symbol of a "very, very low maintenance" man, Bradley agreed to a BLUE makeover to amp up his look.

He met us at Tres Jolie and Venus Day Spa in Novi for the works.

The 53-year-old showed up with longish hair grazing the collar of a very-broken-in military flight jacket, and a salt-and-pepper mustache in need of a trim.

The ladies of Tres Jolie hung up Bradley's coat, handed him a smock and got to work.

During his day at the spa, Bradley got a hair cut and color and mustache darkening courtesy of Shannon Alexander, a shampoo by junior stylist Kelli, a facial, eyebrow shaping ("ouch!") and ear hair plucking ("ugh!") by Aesthetician Amber Mayernik, and a mani/pedi (manicure/pedicure for you low-mainte-



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Magic's Mike Bradley arrived at Tres Jolie a little scruffy (left) and left pulled together (right)

nance guys) from Susan Kimry.

Then, BLUE kept his jacket in the closet, opting to dress him in a cashmere Zanelli blazer and mock turtleneck from Fine Threads in Northville, hand selected by Owner Mark Trudeau.

In the end, Bradley looked fresh and clean from head to toe, and felt even better.

"We give these spa packages away on air a lot, and women are always so excited. Now I

can see why," Bradley said.

Totally relaxed, with his skin tingling and his grooming complete, Bradley walked away with an Aveda goodie bag from Tres Jolie.

The gift included Tourmaline Charged Eye Cream, All Sensitive Hydrating Moisturizer, Pure Almond Volumizing products for dry hair, Foot Relief and Rosemary Shaving Gel.

Will he use the products? No one knows if one battery of spa treatments can inspire a daily routine of skin and hair care in a guy who's pretty set in his low-maintenance ways. But if Bradley doesn't, we're sure his wife will enjoy them!

In the meantime, Bradley has been enjoying reaction at Magic 105.1 to his new look, and serving as a testament that men like being pampered, too.



Magic's Mike Bradley catches up on the latest issue of *PINK* as he gets his hair cut by Tres Jolie Managing Stylist Shannon Alexander.

## style scope

by Kat

### Star Style for Success

#### Aries: (March 21-April 19)

Two heads are generally better than one. Team up and form alliances at the workplace this week. Your strong teamwork will definitely be noticed and appreciated, perhaps leading to a promotion or raise. Dress for success in a classic blazer that always gives a polished impression to any work look.

#### Taurus: (April 20-May 21)

Rely on close family and friends to keep you on target with your goals. Stick to your game plan and you'll always stay one step ahead of the competition. A great pair of shoes will keep you comfortable while on your feet. Try a classic style with a hint of modern edge. Kenneth Cole is always a safe bet for stylish kicks.

#### Gemini: (May 22-June 21)

Use your charm and outstanding social skills to broaden your horizons and spark creativity this week. Innovative ideas will prove to be useful at home and in the workplace, Gemini. A crisp button-down oxford screams class and can be worn anywhere, with anything.

#### Cancer: (June 22-July 22)

Figure out what will improve your home life, and I guarantee your stress level will go down a few notches. Little changes here and there can help things run smoother, and easier for you. Choose comfortable, yet fashionable, sweaters to carry you from the office to the dinner table with ease.

#### Leo: (July 23-Aug 22)

Leo will be craving romance and love this week, if not for the rest of the month. Get involved in activities that will bring you and your loved one closer than ever. Channel your inner Jude Law with a soft scarf that is trend-conscious and practical during these cold months.

#### Virgo: (Aug. 23-Sept 22)

Focus on work, and your efforts will pay off. Hard work is the only way to the top, and you, my friend, are making progress with leaps and bounds. A power suit is a sure way to dress to impress your employers, and always worth the investment.

#### Libra: (Sept 23-Oct 23)

Luck is on your side, Libra. Get out there and do the things you've been fearful of conquering while the iron is hot. Perhaps a fashion risk is worth taking this week. Give a stylish hat (newsboy caps and fedoras are hot this season) a whirl. What do you have to lose?

#### Scorpio: (Oct 24-Nov 21)

I'm sure the advice you've been handed had the best of intentions, but sometimes it is necessary to follow your own instincts. When it comes to trends, you know what looks best on you. Keep it classic and simple with a pair of tailored trousers and you'll always feel confident in your outfit at least.

#### Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Sure, love can be confusing, but there is no need to give up just quite yet. Put your best foot forward and get out your very finest. A well-dressed man shows not only effort, but also thought, went into looking his very best. Who could resist?

#### Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Now is not the time to be careless with your finances, Capricorn. Cut back on frivolous spending and in the long run the payoff will be worth it. There is no need to dress the part however. Keep those grubby sweats in the closet, or better yet — toss them. You have plenty of other gear to keep you covered without spending a cent.

#### Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18)

There will be plenty of opportunities for Aquarius to get involved in new and exciting ventures. Feel free to listen, but make sure you do your homework before you jump into anything. A new pair of glasses will soothe your eyes during all that reading, and keep your studious style fresh.

#### Pisces: (Feb 19-March 20)

You will find yourself stumbling upon a fork in the road. It's hard enough to decide which way to go without worrying if you can make it all the way there. Keep up your exercise routine and you'll get there eventually. Nike makes some great gear that is comfortable and affordable for your workouts. Happy trails!

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## Ask the Jeweler

I was born in December, I say my birthstone is Blue Zircon and my husband said it is Turquoise. Help!

I am happy to say you're both right. Blue zircon is often used as the traditional birthstone for December. The most common color for Zircon is blue although other colors are available. In medieval times zircon was believed to keep away sickness and evil spirits and bring wealth and wisdom. Zircon is an extremely brilliant stone, however it is among the softest of gemstones and care should be taken to avoid sharp blows. Turquoise is the original birthstone for December. The name turquoise is derived from the fact that it was originally brought to Europe via Turkey. Turquoise is usually associated with Native American culture but it was discovered by ancient Egyptians around 3000 B.C. Over time some turquoise will change color as it absorbs the natural body oils of the person wearing it. Both stones are considered among the most beautiful gemstones and both are used as the birthstone for December.

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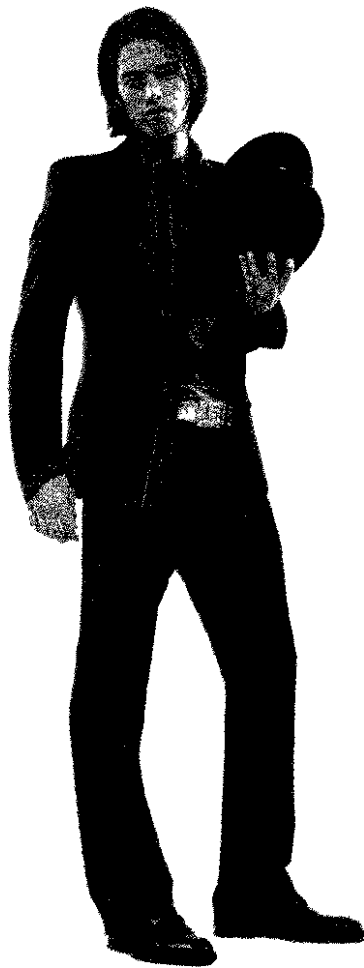
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# Black Tie Tactics

*If you dress casually, you think casually*

By Wensdy White ■ BLUE

**W**hen in doubt, dress up. That's the advice of Bob Benkert, who for 39 years has owned the Claymore Shop, an upscale men's clothing store in downtown Birmingham. During the 1990s, Benkert said dress codes leaned toward business casual, and professionals everywhere relaxed into belted Dockers and golf shirts.

It was killing the clothing business and killing elegance,' Benkert said.

Thankfully, the tide is finally turning toward a more pulled together look. Benkert said within the last year, suit sales at the Claymore shop have increased 43 percent as corporations with a dressed down workforce find they've lost their edge in a global market.

I have men coming in who haven't bought suits in 10 years, but the boss wants them back in suits, Benkert said. 'Men look better in a suit. As they say, 'If you dress casually you think casually.'

If you wear a suit everyday, it's best to have at least five in your closet. Letting them rest a week between wearings will make them last a lot longer.

Choose dark, conservative colors and mix it up with shirts, ties and cufflinks.

You can't go wrong wearing a suit in the workplace — or out on a date.

"I always see so many beautifully dressed women out at restaurants with a guy that looks like their

gardener," Benkert said. "You don't want to be that guy."

## CALLING ALL PENGUINS

Even more stunning than a suit is a tux. Tuxedos are appropriate for any formal or black tie occasions. They are almost always black, although a white jacket — usually in silk — is appropriate between Memorial and Labor Day. Again, if you want variety, you can play with the vest, tie, cummerbund, cufflinks and shirt studs.

Although bowties have traditionally been worn with tuxes, the current trend is toward regular suit ties worn with wing collar or straight collar tuxes. Benkert suggested a long silver tie, or black grosgrain.

"Men get accused of being penguins all the time and that's because they always wear the same thing," Benkert said. "But they have it easy. They put on a tux and they look great."

If you just can't stand conformity, try Ralph Lauren's dashing tuxedo dinner jacket in tartan with a pair of tuxedo pants.

## TO RENT OR OWN?

The general rule is if you wear a tux at least three times a year, it pays to buy. Tuxedos cost about \$100-\$150 to rent for the night, and you have to attend a fitting, pick up the tux, then return it (a task low on your post-party to-do list, we're sure).

When it comes to rental tuxes, the fabrics are stiffer because they're built to last through many dry-cleanings.

On top of that, the suits fit only as good as the waistband, arms and legs can be adjusted for the night.

When you buy a tux, it's tailor-made to fit and you can be sure you're the only one who's sweated in it on the dance floor all night. Benkert cuffs tuxedo pants as a subtle sign they're purchased.

"Plus, if you think about it, it helps you keep your weight down because you don't want to buy a new one," said Janice "J.J." Benkert, Bob's wife and co-owner of the shop. "Did you ever see a man in a tux that you didn't fall in love with?"

Your first tux should be basic black, of course, but you can choose from notch lapel, peak lapel, shawl collar lapel (a throwback to the 1930s) or double breasted jackets. Since the least expensive tuxes, by quality brands like Talia, start at \$695, you've paid for them after one North American International Auto Show gala and two weddings.

And ladies, don't forget tuxes are an option for you as well. Yves St. Laurent was the first to design a tuxedo for women, and they continue to make appearances on the red carpet on such stars as Angelina Jolie and Celine Dion.

## CRACK THE CODE

**Black Tie:** If your invitation calls for black tie, that means formal. In other words, men should show up in tuxedos, and women should wear cocktail dresses, long gowns or evening separates.

**Creative Black Tie:** This leaves room for funky interpretations of formal wear. He can go modern, pairing a tux with a black shirt, no tie. She can sport long or short dresses or evening separates — maybe a women's tux, or a long skirt with a sequined top.

**Formal/Cocktail Attire:** This usually means the same as Black Tie — dark suits for him, and short, elegant dresses for her.

**White Tie or Ultra-Formal:** This is as formal as it gets. In Detroit, White Tie is rare. Men wear full tux with tails, and white tie, vest and shirt. Women wear long gowns.

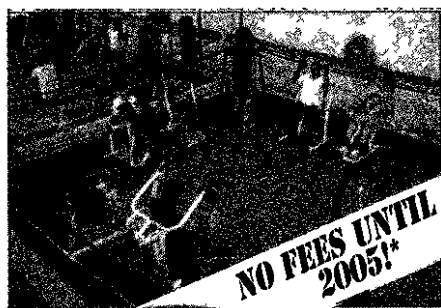
**Semi-Formal:** Usually this means that tuxes are not required, nor are long dresses. The later the event, the more formal.

**Business Casual:** A pulled-together look with buttoned shirts and belted trousers for men. Suits, skirts, slacks and sweater sets or jackets for women.

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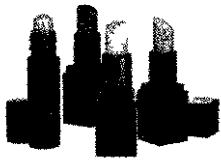
# How to be a High Maintenance Man

By Jeff Moosekian ■ BLUE

**T**he times, they are a changin'! It wasn't too long ago that husbands were waiting hours for their wives to get ready for that special event. Likewise, these same men were working overtime to pay off that Marshall Field's or Neiman Marcus credit card their wives had maxed out. Well, ladies, hide your stash of cash and credit because this season men are dipping in on your beauty budget.

## SKIN CARE

Skin care should be of major importance to every man. Not only will you look younger but you'll feel softer, inspiring the touch of the woman you care about. With the birth of the metrosexual, skin care lines have been popping up targeting men. Jean Paul Gaultier has always had a hand in blending gender lines and



Jean Paul Gaultier sneaky kiss gloss and color

with his line of glosses, liners, fragrances and lotions hopes to make men as desirable as their counterparts. If you're looking for something more mainstream, check out Fresh, a great line of products from Paris sold at Shine and Todd's Room. Just



Jean Paul Gaultier gentle face and body soap

remember, it's important to stick to a daily regimen, allowing your skin time to adjust.

If you're going to a skin care professional, make sure they pay attention to your needs. The best facialists, hairstylists and beauty experts are good listeners.

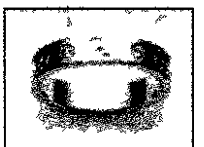
A facial once a month is perfect for a man on the go and feeling a little stressed. Derma Vogue offers an array of facials, massages and wraps aiming to relax and rejuvenate. If it's your eyebrows you're worried about, let a professional take care of them (go see Todd). Most men just need a little shape but leave the arches to the women.

## HAIR CARE

When it comes to your hair, a carefree approach is key. The over-coiffed looks of the recent past emasculated most men and should be tossed away with last season's tight, super low-waisted jeans. A natural vibe, wavy and unkempt (think Orlando Bloom or Jude Law), are a modern take on short and spiky. Crew and Bumble and Bumble make great molding cremes that will hold your style in place without weighing it down. Keep the amount of product you put in your hair to a minimum and stay away from gel. Highlights are also a no-no unless understated. As with plastic surgery, if it's noticeable, it's a bad job.

## ACCESSORIES

Accessories can make or break an outfit. As long as you go simple, you can't go wrong. A nice Ritmo Mundo watch from Metals in Time or Gucci Icon ring will add class to any look. Make sure not to overdo the jewelry for fear of looking like a gundo and remember, cheese is best served on a cracker.



Gucci icon ring with diamonds

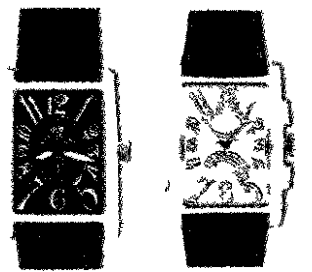


Kenneth Cole Fin tastic with comfy round toes

Footwear is one of the most overlooked pieces of a man's daily wardrobe. A nice pair of shoes should offer both comfort and style. You don't want your dogs barking at the end of the night! Pointy toe shoes are out this season favoring a more foot friendly round or tapered square-toe silhouette. Kenneth Cole has always been a sure shot but try DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) this time around and catch a deal (and twice the amount of shoes). Add on a pair of Pumas and you'll be set for a fun night out on the town.

## FASHION

Sally Field's Emmy nominated performance in Sybil is a standard of dress for both genders. Dual sensibilities are everywhere from blazers with vintage T's to button downs and knits with torn jeans. Embrace your multiple personalities! Club Monaco, Abercrombie and Fitch and House of Chants carry reasonably priced blazers, T-shirts and jeans. If you're feeling a bit more risky, try searching in second hand shops.



Ritmo Mundo watches with an edge

The Thomas Pink line at Marshall Field's offers the best in dandy-inspired dress shirts and ties. Not only are they an excellent fit, but they come in color combinations that will knock your socks off. If you're looking for the new colors, pink, green and purple were on every runway and have trickled down to every shop. Mix all the elements together staying away from anything tight, with the perfect pair of black pants and your closet will thank you.

As always, confidence is your best asset. Know that not every look that is in this season is right for you. Take the trends, filter them through your personal style, and see what you come up with.

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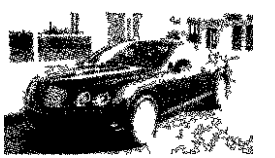
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Guys Get the Goods, Too!

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Well by now we all know this and no one has a problem with you using something other than Old Spice or that scary neon green shaving gel foam that wreaks havoc on your mug with all of its harsh ingredients and synthetic fragrances.

We can even go as far as to say (ooh! shocking!) that today's guys have NO problem with using great products — in fact they like it — it is just that they need help to cut through all the sleek-and-cool but-not too fancy or girly packaging to know what to take home to their bathroom counters. Because you DO care about your skin and want it to look good now and 20 years from now — here's a list of great products to get you started.

The Anthony line was featured in PINK Picks a few issues back and it is still a great way to get everything you need for your face and body. The line has superb shave products and be sure to try the Facial Scrub and Vitamin C Serum. You'll love the way your skin feels afterwards!

There are other made-for guys only lines

like Zirh (try the Restore Eye Cream to reduce puffiness) and Jack Black (try the Lane Smoother Face Moisturizer to minimize the appearance of fine lines).

Or there is the made for everyone line Kiehl's (pick up the Facial Fuel Energizing Moisture Treatment and the Lip Balm) and Aveda (grab the Anti-Perspirant/Deodorant and Rosemary Mint Body Wash).

Drugstore brand Neutrogena is still one of the best in its class. The Razor Defense Shave Gel and Skin Clearing Face Wash (only if your skin is very oily!) are great choices for skin care on a budget. And, if you need a little blemish or nick covered here and there — see the specialists at the Prescriptives department store counters. There you can find a concealer called Camouflage Cream to exactly match your skin unlike many drugstore brands, which are often much too pink.

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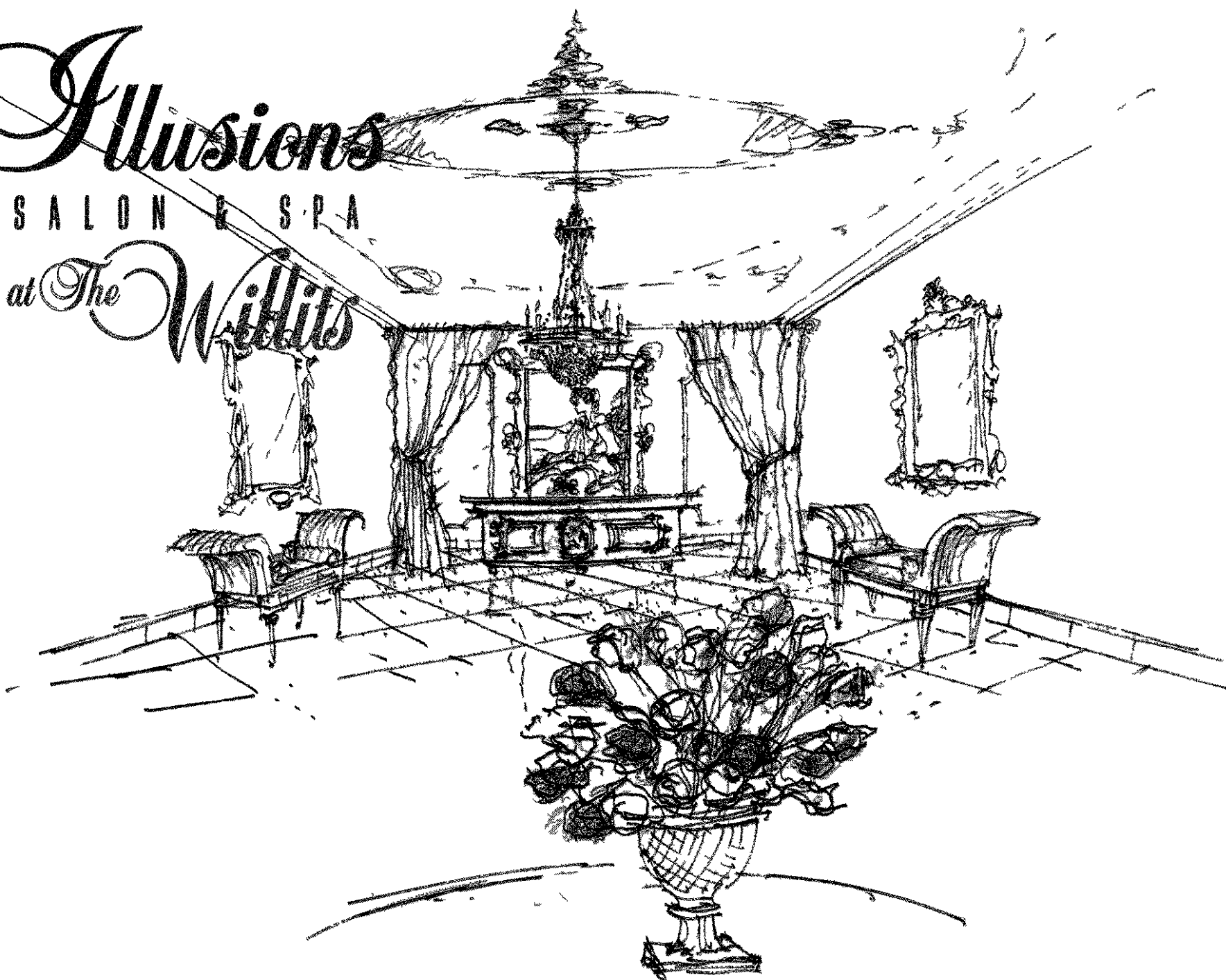
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