



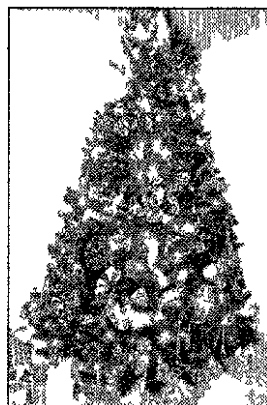
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The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club

Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S Main in Plymouth during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

The items will be collected until Friday, Dec 10, when we'll turn them over to the good folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the donations to needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville

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For more information, give us a call at (734) 459-2700. Happy holidays, and please keep our Cheer Club in mind!



Featured soloist

Plymouth resident Lauren Erickson will be a featured soloist at The Tuesday Musicales 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 Gossec, 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

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'... not going to take it anymore'



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chuck Portelli, head of the Plymouth Canton teacher's union, applauds during Thursday's meeting

Districts marshal forces to battle lawmakers over school funding

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

'Go to the window and shout as loud as you can. I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!'

It was a call to action straight out of Hollywood delivered to more than 500 school supporters who filled the auditorium of Edsel Ford High School Thursday evening.

The group of school officials and parents representing the 34 school districts in Wayne County were there to hear what needs to be done to get the state legislature to fix Proposal A.

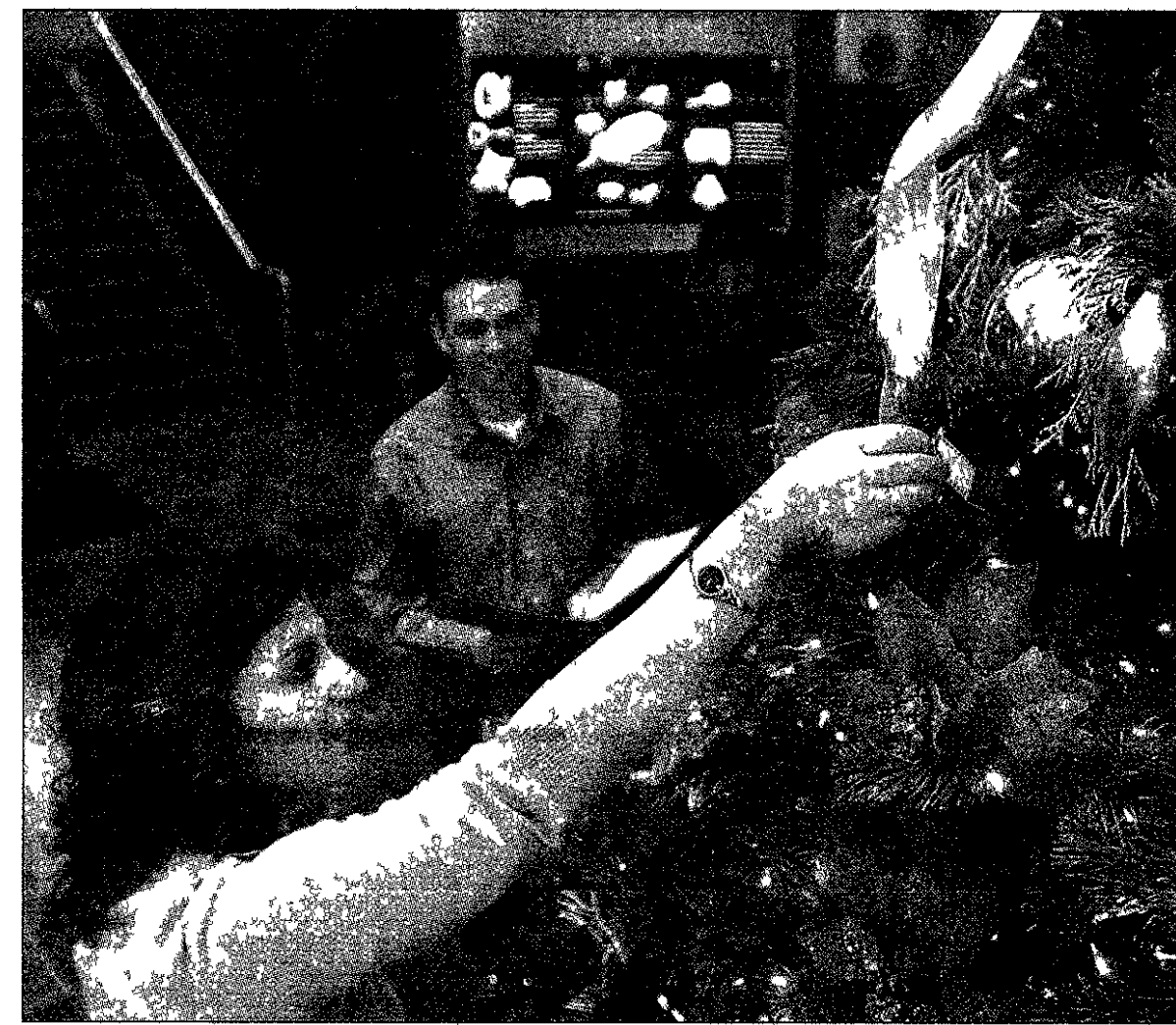
'The schools are taking a hit for the decisions being made in Lansing,' said

Doug Pretty, Allen Park superintendent and president of the Wayne County School Superintendents Association.

'They're telling us it's our problem. We're asking you to get a message to Lansing. Tell them our schools are too important to be run into the ground like this. Our children are too important. Let's make them understand that our kids count.'

The meeting, "Our Kids Can't Wait - Fair Funding for Schools," was sponsored by the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, Wayne County School Superintendents Association, Wayne County Association of School Boards,

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A9



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Metaldyne employees Tina Kozak and Jeff Lefebvre are active in the giving tree program, which helps employees sponsor needy children during the holiday season.

A tree blooms in Plymouth

Local company proves Santa comes in variety of ways

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Rather than just showing up on Christmas Eve to deliver the presents, it looks as though Santa Claus makes several stops at Metaldyne throughout the holiday season.

It's this time of year when presents begin to seemingly multiply under the evergreens stationed inside Metaldyne's offices at M-14 and Beck in Plymouth Township. Santa in this case comes in the form of generous employees, who buy gifts for needy Wayne County children.

Metaldyne gets the first names, last initials, ages (0-18) and gender of 150 needy Wayne County children referred by the county's Family Independence Agency. Information for each recipient is placed on a tag and hung on the tree, and gift givers can take the tags to buy appropriate gifts.

But it's not just employees who answer the call for gifts, said Brooke Matthews, Metaldyne's corporate facilities manager.

'We have some customers and suppliers come in and take names off the tree,' said Matthews.

The giving tree program has become very popular over the past seven years, she said. 'I think it just gives employees a sense of doing good for Christmas.'

Children who will be receiving the gifts live in numerous Western Wayne communities including Canton, Plymouth, Lavonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Romulus, Inkster, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse and in all downriver communities, in addition to other non-Detroit zip codes.

Unfortunately, fewer and fewer corporations are getting involved in toy drives like Metaldyne's.

PLEASE SEE TOY DRIVE, A6

Board OKs new firefighter pact

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Who says one vote can't make a difference? Voting with all seven members present, the new Plymouth Township board — in its first meeting since being sworn in last week — voted 4-3 to approve a new, three-year contract with its firefighter union.

The deal is retroactive to April 1, 2003, and extends through March 30, 2006. It includes 3-percent raises across the board each year of the pact, and changes the pension benefit for firefighters.

It's the same deal which died for lack of support in the previous board's final meeting when only six trustees were present, resulting in a 3-3 deadlock.

'My last pension statement said I could retire after 42 years of service... I'm not sure many residents want a 68-year-old firefighter coming to their rescue.'

Dan Phillips
Plymouth firefighter

Two of the faces — Supervisor Richard Reaume and Trustee Bob Doroshewitz — were new. Reaume voted in favor of the deal, along with trustee and former Supervisor Steve Mann, Clerk Marilyn Massengill and Treasurer Ron Edwards. Doroshewitz voted against it, along with trustees Kay Arnold and Charles Curmi.

'We were extremely conservative with our assumptions based on percentage return on investment and using a worst-case scenario,' Reaume said. '(The contract) gives us a pension structure similar to most of the municipalities in our labor pool. As our firefighters retire and we seek replacements, we should be able to attract the highest quality firefighters and paramedics.'

The new deal, ratified by firefighters last month, creates a "defined benefit" package, which — using a complicated mathematical formula — would guarantee retirees a certain percentage of their annual salary for life. The old contract used a "defined contribution" package to which they contributed a certain percentage and the township contributed a percentage, and the benefit is managed by the employee. At the time of retirement, the employee has a pool of money on which he can retire.

The uncertainty of the cost of the new plan was a stumbling block for those who voted against it.

'I'm just afraid 15 or 20 years down the road I'm gonna put the township in jeopardy with everyone getting into it,' said Arnold, one of the "no" votes. 'The people who are putting in are going to be paying for the

PLEASE SEE FIREFIGHTERS, A4

Police looking into woman's death

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police are trying to figure out what might have killed a 30-year-old woman in the Oak View trailer park Wednesday.

Police were called by a friend of Jeanette Abdo, who was found outside her home on Pine. Emergency medical technicians were called to the scene, but couldn't revive Abdo.

'We are investigating it as a suspicious death, because we don't know why she died,' said Lt. Robert Smith, the township's assistant chief. There were no immediate signs of why she died.

Smith said an autopsy was being done by the

Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, and that results would be available in a day or two. Toxicology reports, he said, could take several weeks.

Since there was no physical evidence of why she died, Smith declined to comment on what may have happened.

'We simply don't know,' he said. 'I won't speculate on the cause of death.'

Smith said police are following up on leads in the woman's death. Anyone with information can call the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 453-3869.

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CHARLIE BROWN AUDITIONS

Auditions for The DuBois Theatre production of the Broadway musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* take place from 3-6 p.m. Jan. 5-6 in The DuBois Theatre at Canton High School.

Potential actors should attend an audition workshop Wednesday, Dec. 15 to learn the music and get audition tips. Those who can't make the workshop should see Shannon Henry for audition packets.

For more information, contact Mrs. Henry via e-mail at henrys@pcacs.k12.mi.us

FOUNTAIN CONCEPTS

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting concepts for the new "Fountain of Youth" in Kellogg Park.

The commission recently took on the project of replacing the fountain in the park, which was destroyed earlier this year.

Youth throughout the community of any age are eligible to submit concepts. The concepts can be a photograph, drawing or any medium desired by the artist.

They must be submitted to Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a holiday open house from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

The event will feature special tours of the "First Ladies of Fashion" inaugural ball gown exhibit and holiday music by "Heartstrings".

The 2 p.m. program will fea-

ture Dr. Martin Brosnan, who will talk about "The Presidents' Wives" from Mrs. Buchanan to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

DAR MEETS

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, host a Christmas Tea at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Greenmead, Hill House in Livonia. Guest speaker will be Sue Daniel.

For more information, call Pam Westerhold, (734) 420-2775.

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.

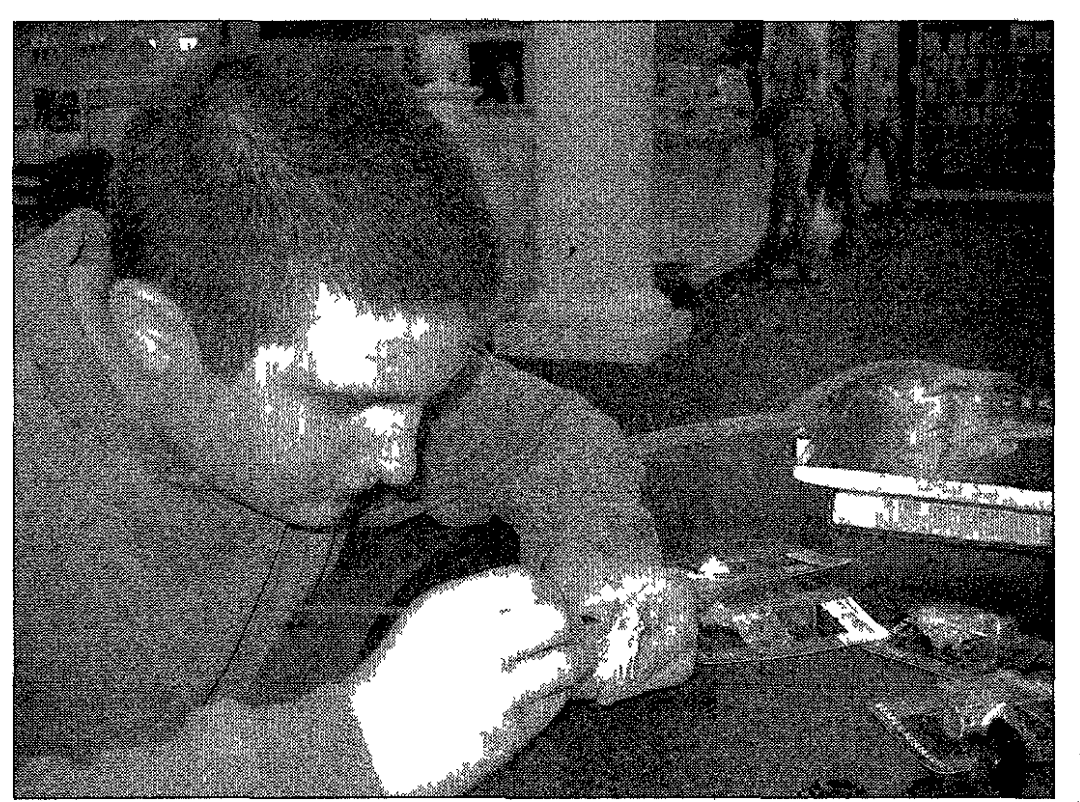
For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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 create wonderful art and play some games during this fun-filled day. Participants will even make the wrapping and have it all decorated to take home.

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.



Miniature painting

Library employee Jason Hendricks will demonstrate RP6 painting techniques when the library invites teens to paint RP6s from 1-2:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Miniatures and paint will be provided at no cost. To sign up, call (734) 453-0750 and press 4.

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.

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.

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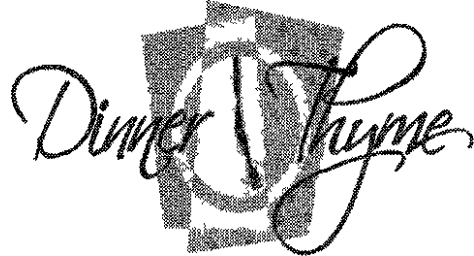
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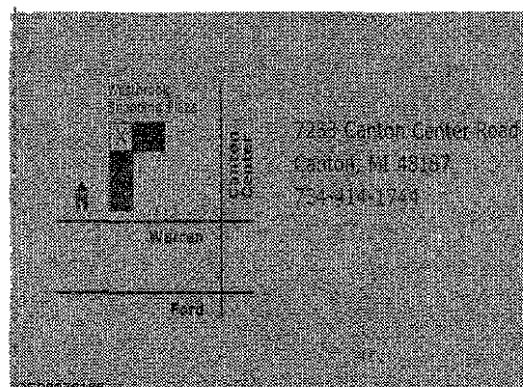
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Coping with autism

Couple dealing with expense, ups and downs of son's disease

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Last December, Terri Shock got the best Christmas gift she ever received when her son, Sam, spoke his first word. Better yet, the word was "Mom."

While this would be a significant moment for any parent, it meant so much more for Terri and her husband, Joe, because Sam was 3-years-old at the time, and suffering from autism.

Actually, Sam speaking that first word was just one sign of major developmental progress he had made after his parents enrolled him into a program at Beaumont Hospital's HOPE Center in Berkley Sill, hearing him say "mom" for the first time was like music to Terri Shocks ears.

His first word was just unbelievable. It was so great, she said. "You start thinking after three and a half years of him not talking that he may never talk."

The Shocks didn't even know Sam had autism until he was 17-months-old, when they started to notice he wasn't acting the way other kids his age are supposed to act. In addition to not talking, Sam wouldn't play with his toys. Instead, he would take blocks or his toy train tracks and line them up, and then just stare at them.

Alarmed, the Shocks took him to see several doctors, who checked him for a number of things, including his hearing. It was then he was diagnosed with autism, a neurologically based disorder that impairs language and social compatibility and often leads to repetitive behavior.

Terri Shock remembers that day like it was yesterday. "It was terrifying. You just don't know there's any help out there until you go out there and find it," she said.

Over the course of the next



Sam Shock enjoys his wooden train set while playing with his mom, Terri Shock.

two years, the Shocks struggled with Sam's disease. Although they were doing the best they could to raise him, Sam wasn't making much progress. Then one day, Terri Shock said he disappeared. While she was busy doing something upstairs, Sam left the house and walked down to nearby Gallimore Elementary. Frantic, Terri Shock called the Canton Police Department, and they dispatched seven cars, she says. Fortunately, Sam made it back home on his own.

It was then the couple decided to enter Sam in the HOPE Center's CARE Program, which they say has changed everything. He has been in the

program for more than a year now. His language skills have improved dramatically, as has his ability to play, though he still finds it hard to share things with his older sister.

According to Dr. Ruth Anan, director of early childhood programs for Beaumont's Center for Human Development, it is critical to work with autistic children at a very early age, if they are to have anywhere near normal lives as adults. She said the more intensive the therapy is, the better off they will be. Sam's therapy has been very intense, she said. He goes five days a week, for three hours each day.

Anan said she is just amazed at how far Sam has come in the last year.

Sam has shown excellent response to intensive therapy. He's one of the kids who has great possibilities, Anan said. He is not the child I met a year ago. Back then, he was not speaking at all. During the first three months of treatment, he made over a year's worth of developmental progress. Currently he is functioning at a much, much higher level. Now he enjoys singing songs and playing on the computer.

But Sam's therapy has come at a cost. According to Terri Shock, health insurance companies won't cover the cost of

autism-related treatments, meaning the couple has had to foot the bill out of their own pockets. This has been even more difficult because Joe Shock, a pipefitter at the Visteon plant in Plymouth Township, has been laid off from his job for most of the last year.

Terri Shock said the cost of Sam's therapy will exceed \$30,000 next year. In addition to being enrolled in the CARE program, Sam also sees a speech therapist in Plymouth, which costs \$104-per-hour, she said.

"With Joe being laid off, and me being unable to work because it is a full-time job taking care of Sam, it has been very difficult. We have been making ends meet by using our credit cards, which are now maxed out. We need help," she said.

With nowhere else to turn, Terri is asking the community for aid. She is holding a fund-raising dinner, which will take place next Saturday, Dec. 11 at the UAW Local 845 hall in Canton. All the money the family raises will be used to pay for Sam's therapy. She said everyone is welcome to attend the dinner, which she said will be a festive affair to coincide with the holiday season. She hopes those that attend will learn a little about autism, which she said most people don't know much about.

As for Sam, her expectations for his future have increased dramatically since he started therapy. Where a year ago she wasn't sure if he would ever speak, now she sees college in his future and a life that won't be that abnormal. But she knows there will be challenges ahead.

"He'll always be a little different, but I'm OK with that. I just want him to be the best he can be," she said.

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Sam Shock has autism.

Holiday fund-raiser for Sam

Canton residents Joe and Terri Shock are having a fund-raising dinner to help them pay for therapy sessions for their son, Sam, who has autism. The sessions, which insurance won't cover, will cost the couple more than \$30,000 next year.

The spaghetti dinner will be held from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 11 at the UAW Local 845 hall, located at 8770 N. Canton Center Road (at corner of Joy) in Canton. The Shocks are asking for a \$10 donation for adults, and children are free. They ask that people make checks payable to the Samuel Shock Trust.

In addition to dinner, dessert and refreshments, there will be several gift baskets raffled off. A number of local businesses have donated the gifts. Also, each family attending the dinner will qualify for a drawing to win one of two rentals of a moonwalk through Sam's Bounce House, a company the Shocks started to help them pay the expenses of Sam's therapy and other treatments.

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DEATHS

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Thomas Nathan Abbott, 53, of Westland, died Dec 2
Charles (Gene) E. Amyx, 68, of Birmingham, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov 28

B
Beatrice "Bea" G. Brooks, 93, of Farmington Hills, died Nov 30

H
Walter R. Haines, 84, of Mio, formerly of Belleville, died Nov 20
Alfred G. Hakala, 83, of Livonia, died Nov 25

Evelyn Ann Head, 83, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Nov 27
Robert "Joe" Henke, 67, of Farmington, died Nov 27
Calvin Coolidge Hilton, 80, of Wayne, died Nov 29

J
Lailah G. Johnston, 86, of Howell, formerly of Inkster, died Nov 28.

M
Marian (Bell) Morrow, 87, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Traverse City, died Nov 28

Weston W. Meyer, 83, died Nov. 24

N
Greta P. Nilsson, 95, of Livonia, died Dec 1

O
Virginia J. Osiecki, of Livonia, died Nov 30

R
Russell Chagnon Robinson Sr., 47, formerly of Livonia, died Nov 26.

S
James Sutherland, 64, of Farmington Hills, died Nov 29

T
Mae L. Taylor, 94, died Nov 29

POLICE BLOTTER

Drug bust

Plymouth Township Police this week arrested a man for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after finding him with some 30 grams of the drug in his van. Police were summoned to the area behind Three Brothers restaurant on Joy Road Nov 29 because the suspect, a white male, had been spotted with the pot in his van. Officers asked the suspect to get out of the van and the suspect, in response to questioning from police, admitted to having the marijuana.

Lion dethroned

A North View homeowner reported Nov 30 that someone had stolen a three-foot-tall concrete lion lawn ornament from in front of the home. The theft, the homeowner told police, happened sometime in the preceding three days.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between the period of Nov 24-30:

■ Tuesday, Nov 30 – Residential rescue runs on Fairground, on Westbrook on Linden, on McKinley, on Chestnut, on Ivywood and on Schoolcraft, vehicle fire on westbound M-14 west of Beck, rescue run to a public building/school on Penniman.

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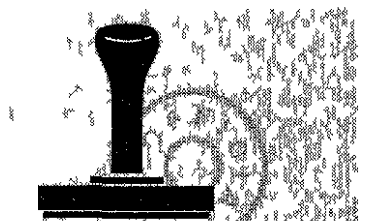
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people going out

"They say it's going to be a balanced fund, but you never know," Arnold added. "I don't want to open a can of worms. I'd rather stay where we're at."

But firefighters felt the pension change was necessary because, they believe, the old plan did not adequately provide for retirement years.

"My last pension statement said I could retire after 42 years of service, at which time I would be 68," said firefighter



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■ Saturday, Nov 27 – Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon and at Harvey and Linden, residential rescue run on Marguerite, rescue run to a public building/school on 5 Mile

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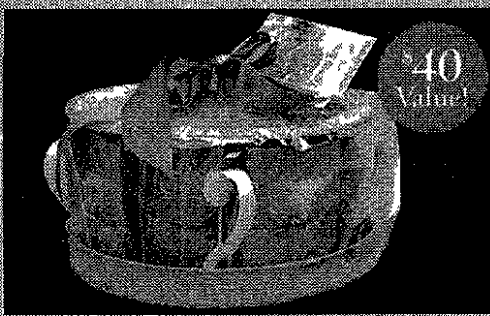
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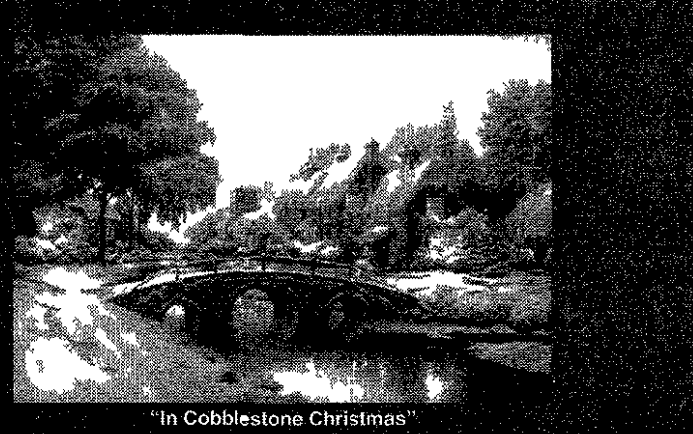
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New state legislation eliminates caps on liquor prices

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Romeo Hesano, owner of Pilgrim Party Shoppe on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, says he doesn't like the new law Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed last week eliminating caps on retail liquor prices in Michigan.

And he was getting ready to put a sign in his window announcing his prices are as low as the law allows. "My belief is that most consumers are going to think they can get their liquor cheaper at places like Costco and Sam's Club," he said. "As of right now I plan on keeping my prices at the level they are. A lot of my friends in other small stores are just getting kicked out."

Under the old law the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has dictated the retail price of liquor in the state since the end of Prohibition. The new law, which was introduced as legislation by state Rep. Sal Rocca, R-Sterling Heights, won't

allow retailers to sell liquor for less than the price set by the LCC, but they can raise it however much they want.

Hesano, who's been in business for 19 years, said taking price controls off altogether would give the edge to the bigger stores.

"They'd be able to make their own deals with the liquor companies, be able to lower their margins and wipe us out," he said.

He said he thinks customers like the small stores because of the customer service and local flavor they offer.

It makes the towns unique

for what they are," he said. "It's tough enough as it is. We've been taking hits for the past few years. You've got to do what you have to do to keep in going."

A hand-written sign on the front door of Discount Beverage, in the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road just south of Joy, reads: "Our liquor is at the lowest price set by Michigan state."

Most customers may not understand why the sign is there, but store owner Gautam Patel and manager Noreen Collet know. They're afraid

that, in the eyes of the consumer, perception may become reality.

And that's why people like Patel and Collet worry about perception.

The problem is that people assume that since you are allowed to do it that you are going to raise the price on alcohol and get what you can get out of it, Collet said. "They figure small stores are the first ones that are going to jump on it. Most people assume that the large stores and discount clubs are already discounting liquor, even though you're not allowed to

lower that price under the law."

Patel and Collet say they have no plans to raise the price of liquor in their store, but they're still concerned about that perception problem.

They even sent an e-mail to Granholm protesting the change in the law and requesting a meeting with the governor to present their case.

Michigan is one of about 18 states with liquor price-control laws. So why not just take the price controls off altogether? "You could try," Collet said, "but you're always going to have the situation like the gas

station wars. Someone is going to try to go lower than you, yet you still have to pay the light bills because electricity hasn't gone down any."

She also figures that if Michigan stores raise their prices on liquor by much that will just send people out of state.

"Right now you have all of these people running down to Ohio for cigarettes," she said. "If the prices start going up they'll be going down for liquor."

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Banking on a new site: New Liberty fashions user-friendly environment

For three years, staffers at New Liberty Bank have toiled in the cramped headquarters they opened in the City of Plymouth

But there's been plenty of elbow room in their new digs the last couple of weeks, since the locally owned bank moved

into its spacious, 20,000-square-foot building on Ann Arbor Road

And, starting Monday, the banking public finally gets a look at the new headquarters when New Liberty celebrates its official grand opening with a week of tours, gifts and prizes

The community has watched the construction of our new banking center on Ann Arbor Road during the past year and soon they will see an increased presence of New Liberty Bank," said President and CEO Michael Weaver. The completion of this project is just the beginning of an effort to expand our reach in servicing the community.

The new facility, built by Prestique Custom Builders of Canton, has several features not available at the original location including a drive-up ATM, three drive-through teller lanes, and unique amenities including a cybercafe and concierge.

"We realize the need to differentiate ourselves as a community bank," Weaver said. "We offer as many banking products as the national banks but our most important feature is our connection to the community. Banking at New Liberty is good for the local economy. Deposits at New Liberty are re-invested locally through our lending."

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New Liberty Bank's new digs are open for business on Ann Arbor Road. The ribbon-cutting takes place 10 a.m. to noon Monday.

additions may very well be a children's play area.

"It will be more accommodating to families," said Weaver, who recently welcomed the birth of his ninth child. "We know a lot of customers with kids, and we've often heard the complaints from mothers and fathers taking kids into banks."

The grand opening celebration kicks off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m.

Monday. Three organizations - the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth Historical Society - will benefit.

Invitees will tour the colonial-style facility, including the vault and the boardroom, which is decorated with framed photos and stock certificates of some of Plymouth's first public companies. Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens,

author of *Plymouth's First Century Innovators and Industry*, assisted in the display and will meet guests during the ceremony.

Throughout the week, the bank will collect entries for a Grand Opening Sweepstakes. Prizes include a La-Z-Boy recliner, a Sony WEGA flat panel television, his-and-hers mountain bikes, and more. The drawing will be Dec. 10.

Customers who open a new account during the week will have a chance to win cash, coupons and gift certificates in the Cash Cube, an inflatable booth where individuals will try to grab the money as it is swirled by air.

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Staff writers Brad Kadrich and Tony Bruscato contributed to this report.

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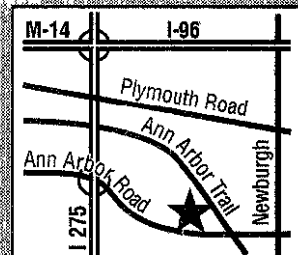
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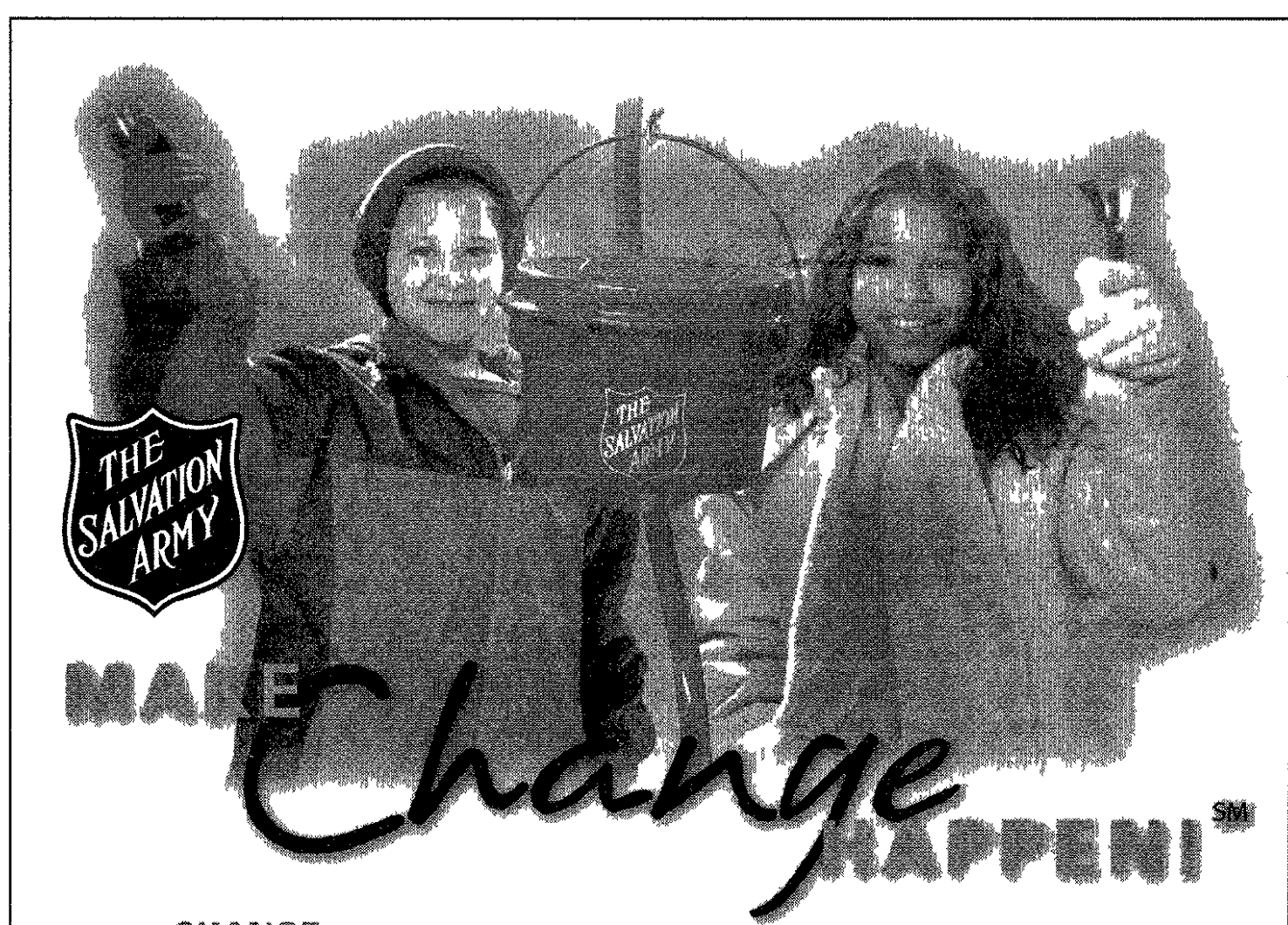
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Bouchard being mentioned as GOP's choice for governor

When he was a young cop on the beat, Michael Bouchard wasn't always cautious. "I always wanted to be the first guy through the door, you know, and I was getting hurt a lot."



Jack Lessenberry

would be relatively low-risk, in one way, for the 48-year-old sheriff. He wouldn't have to give up his day job, last month, he was re-elected to a new four-year term as sheriff, winning more than 60 percent in a county that voted for John Kerry for president. Bouchard had left police work and was busy building a career in the state Senate when Oakland County's elderly longtime sheriff dropped dead six years ago this month. Appointed by a special panel, he resigned from the Legislature and hit the ground running.

Since then, he has won wide notice for modernizing a sleepy sheriff's department that was built for a sprawling rural area and hadn't kept up with the urban explosion that has transformed Oakland into one of the nation's largest and richest counties. Clearly ambitious, he admits he is thinking about higher office, though he has mastered the politician's modesty. It depends on where I thought I could make the greatest contribution, and on what's best for his wife and three young children.

His decision, he says, won't depend on whether he thinks he can win. But the truth is nobody likes to lose.

And the polls have shown that Michigan's first woman governor is still hugely popular. In the only head-to-head matchup, a survey last fall designed to explore a potential Bouchard run had her killing him, 55 to 33 percent.

Yet his supporters note that he is still fairly unknown statewide. Republicans now are roughing out the beginnings of a strategy against the governor, portraying her as a do-nothing executive who is more fluff than substance and who is out of touch on many issues.

She opposed a constitutional ban on gay marriage, which passed overwhelmingly last month.

Some think that may give them an opening. And many

think that Mike Bouchard, a one-time star guard for Brother Rice High School's basketball team, needs to come off the bench for the state GOP.

The Michigan Republican Party, after all, is in somewhat of a candidate crisis that in many ways resembles the plight of the national Democrats. Last month, it lost the presidential race in Michigan for the fourth straight time.

Democrats control the governor's office and both U.S. Senate seats. In fact, Republicans have lost nine of the state's last 10 U.S. Senate races. Though President George W. Bush made a major effort to win Michigan, he failed, and his party lost seats in the Legislature.

L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County's salty longtime county executive, thinks that in large part is because middle-class voters are increasingly leery of Republicans who appear too close to the religious right and appear more concerned with monitoring their neighbors' morality than respecting their privacy.

Bouchard is himself a fairly conservative Roman Catholic and a man who, like many Republicans today, says his political hero is Ronald Reagan.

But he doesn't come across as doctrinaire. Asked if he is more an ideologue or a pragmatist, he smiles and says about 50-50, and then adds, "I have always believed you shouldn't sacrifice the good when you can't get the perfect."

Two years from now might not be the perfect time for Bouchard to run for governor. But increasingly, state Republicans feel that his doing so might be a very good thing.

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Rocky stands up for America, argues against bolting to Canada

Andrew 'Rocky' Raczkowski, former state representative from Farmington Hills, sacrificed GOP Senate candidate against Carl Levin in 2002 and would-be state



Hugh Gallagher

Republican Party chair, was on national Canadian television Monday standing up for America. Rocky was taking part in a conversation with Canadians on our different values on the eve of President Bush's visit to Ottawa. CBC anchor Peter Mansbridge (Jennings, Rather and Brokaw all rolled into one erudite package) brought his intelligent nightly news program, *The National*, to Windsor to take the pulse of the neighborhood along the longest peaceful border in the world.

Following the U.S. election, many blue state Americans were saying they were ready to pack it up and move north to Canada (where even the red provinces are blue).

Mansbridge, ever the complete journalist, snuffed out the notion that there's a great American exodus with figures from Canadian naturalization offices showing no big blip in American requests to make the big switch (more Canadians come here — Mike Meyers, Jim Carrey, Neil Young).

But clearly there is a big difference between the two great North American democracies.

In Canada, the majority party is proud to call itself Liberal. In the United States, conservatives have convinced a sizable number of people, including some leading liberal politicians, that liberal is a dirty word. On the same night that Rocky was standing up for America, it was

announced that Canadians had picked a socialist as the greatest of all Canadians. The winner, Tommy Douglas, was the radical premier of Saskatchewan who invented the country's medicare system. He beat out Alexander Graham Bell, Pierre Trudeau, Wayne Gretzky and even Don Cherry. Imagine Eugene Debs or Norman Thomas being voted the greatest American, or even Walter Reuther. Never happen.

After an opening news segment that suggested that the president would be attending under controlled circumstances to avoid the catcalls he received on a similar visit to Australia, Mansbridge introduced an American from Washington state who was packing his family off to British Columbia. Even though Washington is a blue state, the man said he didn't feel comfortable in Bush's conservative America. He worried about personal freedom, the war in Iraq, the growing power of the religious right.

Mansbridge opened the conversation up to the Windsor audience, divided between Americans and Canadians.

That's when Rocky rose to the defense of the red, white and blue. As always, he was effusive. He acknowledged that Canada and the United States were both great countries where a person was free to express his views. He let everyone know that he had just returned from serving in Operation Enduring Freedom (where, unlike in Iraq, Canadians were part of the coalition). He questioned why the man from Washington didn't stay and fight for his views instead of running away.

The man repeated his concerns, especially with all three branches of the federal government in the control of the conservative wing of the conservative Republican Party (unless, of course you believe that the Supreme Court is free of politics). While I share the man's

concerns, I agree with Rocky that moving to Canada isn't the answer. Despite the silliness of Republicans like Dick Posthumus railing against Jennifer Granholm for having "Canadian values," the truth is that Canada and the United States have a wide range of opinions about values. In a small town in western Canada, the man from Washington might find himself surrounded by Canadian Conservatives (the loyal opposition). He might also find that pervasive political correctness and tighter libel laws are more restrictive than a John Ashcroft decree.

I love Canada. I go there every summer to attend the Stratford Festival. Toronto has always been a favorite city. I would like to see some of its level-headedness, insight and level of debate in the United States. But I'm not about to abandon my heritage as an American to go to Canada because I don't like how the election turned out.

After all, John Kerry received more votes for president than anyone in history, except for George W. Bush. Bush didn't win a mandate, he won by a 3 percent margin. Many of those who voted for the president do not share the narrow views of religious fundamentalists or even the rabid views of Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity and Robert Novak.

They just like Bush or didn't want to change presidents in the middle of a war or didn't like Kerry's hairstyle (me either).

Four years from now, who knows what will be? But, as Rocky told Canada, America's a free country where people can speak their minds.

Now's not the time to be leaving when every voice and every vote is needed.

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Physical therapy clinic offers one-on-one rehabilitation

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Greg Barterian knows how an injury can sidetrack a person's life.

Whether it be a senior citizen suffering from chronic back pain or a young athlete that has sustained a serious sports injury, Barterian has seen how difficult it can be for such people to lead normal lives. As clinic director of Physiotherapy Associates in Canton, his goal is to make sure his patients get specialized rehabilitation treatment, so they can get back to normal as soon as possible.

Since Barterian opened the clinic, located at 44555 Joy Road, in May of 2003, he has steadily been building a patient base. He believes the reason is the clinic offers personalized service, meaning patients come in for about an hour and work exclusively with one therapist, rather than rotate with several, which he says happens at a lot of other clinics in the area.

The most important advantage is our patients are seen by a licensed therapist one-on-one," said Barterian, who lives in Plymouth Township. Our goal is to see eight to 10 people

a day per therapist. I've worked for places where therapists see that many people in an hour. We can still make a profit without working on 30 people a day.

Physiotherapy is one of 18 Michigan clinics operated by the Stryker Corporation, which developed the one-on-one practice to maximize recovery time. As a result, all employees are licensed therapists, not lesser-trained technicians.

In addition, Barterian guarantees patients will get immediate attention at Physiotherapy. He says patients can get an appoint-

ment within 48 hours of calling the clinic, while it takes considerably longer at other clinics.

Some clinics can't see people for 30 days. By that time, the patients are either better or much worse off, which makes it that much harder to treat them, Barterian said.

The majority of the clinic's patients are there for neck and back injuries. But Barterian said he sees plenty of athletes with sports-related injuries, as well as seniors with geriatric ailments.

Marie Promo, of Westland, has been visiting the clinic

twice a week for more than a month, because of chronic foot problems. She's been to other clinics for physical therapy, but says she has noticed a difference at Physiotherapy.

"I'm getting more personal attention here. I always know I have a captive audience," she said. "I always feel better when I leave."

The clinic is Medicare-certified, and accepts most major insurance plans. For more information contact Physiotherapy Associates at (734) 541-9878.

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Physiotherapy director Gregory Barterian opened the clinic in 2003.

SCHOOLS

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Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent James Ryan, whose district is one of many struggling with a dwindling budget, thought he was going to hear some solid discussion about what's wrong with Proposal A and school funding.

And, while he said he did hear much of what he expected, he also heard that school administrators aren't going to be able to affect much change. That will have to come, Ryan said, from taxpayers themselves.

"If they said it once they said it 20 times. Until we start hearing from voters we don't believe there's a crisis in funding education," Ryan said. "We (administrators) can yell all we want (but) voters need to let legislators know."

Ryan said his district has already started doing that, scheduling one-on-one meetings with John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township) and Phil LaJoy, (R-Canton).

"Retirement costs are going through the roof, and (Lansing) is expecting us to fund all of that," Ryan said. "We have scheduled meetings one-on-one with (Stewart and LaJoy) so they can understand our budget."

The meeting was held on the

eve of a state revenue estimating conference expected to show a combined \$577.9 million deficit in the state General Fund and School Aid Fund for fiscal 2005. Coupled with a \$35.5 million shortfall last year, the state could reduce aid payments by up to \$131 per student.

The speakers, ranging from Detroit Schools CEO Kenneth Burnley to Sue Bellows, the immediate past president of the Michigan PTSA, exhorted the audience to get involved and let legislators know that the current school funding isn't acceptable.

"The system of funding schools isn't working and we need help," said Daniel Lessard, president of the Wayne County Association of School Boards and Livonia school board trustee. "Let's tell them we are working as hard and as smart and we can and we expect the same of them. Let's tell them the system is broken and we expect them to fix it. Let's tell them our kids can't wait."

Lessard had praise for the audience which he said "tremendously outnumbered" the turnout of a similar meeting he recently attended in Oakland County.

"You do us proud," he said. Using statistics from the state Senate and House Fiscal agencies, Tom White, a member of the Clinton Regional Educational Service Agency board, gave participants a quick lesson in school financing.

One of the biggest problems facing districts is retirement

costs, which were switched from the state to school districts with Proposal A. As it now stands, districts will pay \$110-\$120 per student into the retirement system this year, up 2 percent from last year, White said. And a study done six months ago shows that the cost will continue to go up every year in the foreseeable future.

It's about 2 percent for the next eight years, and what it means is that by 2008, districts will be paying \$1,200 per student into the retirement program," White said. "This is a serious problem facing schools."

White doesn't believe that the states problem relates entirely to the economy. The state, he said, has cut taxes while spending more than it has taken in since 2001. The cumulative effect of cuts in income tax and the Single Business Tax for fiscal 2004-2005 on school aid was \$1.3 billion.

If the legislature had left the tax structure alone we would have \$550 million more per year, said White. That's income we don't have now.

He added that the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future is in the process of putting together a proposal, providing an alternative to solving the school aid funding problem. At the least, the group will ask lawmakers for an inflationary increase in school funding. If they don't approve the initiative, it would go to a vote of the people.

"We're not asking for the moon, but it's going to take people like you to get the mes-

sage across to them," he said. "This is the target. It's their job to figure out how to hit the bull's eye."

"If there has to be blood in the streets of Lansing to get action, let the people in this room decide whose blood."

It was Mary Blackmon, secretary of the Wayne RESA Board of Education, with the help from Peter Finch in his role of newscaster Howard Beale in the movie *Network*, who issued the call to action.

This is not specific to a few communities or even Detroit," she said. "It's all of our problem and affects all of our children. The educational community has been calling on the legislature to fix the problem and it's gone unanswered."

"You need to hold your elected officials accountable. Write to your lawmakers and tell them to fund our schools. It's their job to fund the schools and it's their job to change it. They can fix it."

After the meeting, participants broke off into individual school district groups to begin developing a game plan for getting the legislature's attention. According to Ryan, it's the only way change will come.

"I really thought everyone would leave being on the same page about what have been the shortfalls on proposal A," Ryan said. "The overpowered message Lansing doesn't believe there's a problem was stronger than here's what's wrong with Proposal A."

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How schools have been impacted

The State Senate and House Fiscal agencies provided a lot of the statistics that Thomas White of the Michigan School Business Officials used in his School Finance 101 presentation.

Among those statistics:

■ The state provides 80 percent of the total state and local revenues to local school districts, almost the opposite in pre-Proposal A times when it supplied 25 percent of the revenue. Today, the principal source state school aid money, 41 percent, comes from the sales tax.

■ The amount of state aid school districts receive declined in Fiscal 2004, the first time since the passage of Proposal A.

■ Proposal A has reduced the spending gap between school districts. In 1993, the 10 lowest districts averaged \$3,476 per pupil and the 10 highest districts averaged \$9,726 per pupil, a 170 percent difference. As of 2000, the 10 lowest districts averaged \$6,700 per pupil while the 10 highest districts averaged \$11,389 per pupil, for a 70 percent difference.

■ Since 2002, K-12 funding has been cut - \$127 million in prorated foundation allowances and categoricals in 2002, \$111 million in reduced/eliminated categoricals in 2003-2004 and \$131 million in prorated foundation allowances in 2003-2004.

■ Response to cuts in funding between January 2003 and May 2004 included the layoff of 2,700 employees (272 school districts), didn't fill open positions (393 districts), increased class sizes (277 districts) and reduced supply budgets (434 districts). Fifty-two percent of school districts deferred maintenance on existing facilities and 36 percent froze salaries/benefits for some employees.

■ To balance budgets in 2004-2005, school districts expect to lay off 5,400 employees (216 districts), not fill open positions (330 districts), increase class size (226 districts), defer \$25 million in renovations and repairs (256 districts), reduce school days (90 districts), reduce staff hours (154 districts), delay purchasing textbooks (217 districts) and spend from savings (340 districts).

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Conference focuses on 'Tipping to Cool' cities

Last winter, more than 1,400 representatives from communities across Michigan attended the sold-out Creating Cool conference in Lansing, to examine links between culture and economic development, as well as to define what it is that makes a community 'cool'.

On Thursday, Dec 9, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs/Department of History, Arts and Libraries and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, will hold a follow up conference, *Tipping to Cool: Next Steps in Linking Culture, Community and the Economy*, to address how to make creative economic development happen.

"The optimism and energy created at last year's 'Creating Cool' conference was nothing short of inspiring," said Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm. Over the last two years, hundreds of community leaders have joined in a critical dialogue about how we can and must build cities and neighborhoods in which people want to live, work and raise their families. The upcoming *Tipping to Cool* conference is an important next step.

Like the original conference, *Tipping to Cool* will bring together cultural, community, economic development and government leaders to take the next steps in revitalizing Michigan's cities and towns through creative collaborative effort. In particular, attendees will consider ways that arts and culture can drive economic development and assist government leaders in transforming their communities into places that will attract and retain the creative workers critical to the state's future economic growth.

The foundation for this conference stems from the principles that keynote speaker, Malcolm Gladwell, identifies in his best-selling book, *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*. Gladwell will explain how his ideas can be used to stim-

ulate Michigan's communities and will challenge attendees to implement his ideas to create change within their own communities.

"The overwhelming success of last year's conference demonstrated the value arts and cultural organizations bring to community revitalization," said Lillian Bauder, chair of the conference-planning committee and a member of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. "We are delighted to build upon the insights from last year's conference in an effort to help communities identify additional resources and develop innovative, collaborative solutions to strengthen their communities' creative bases."

The event will feature sessions exploring an array of ways in which Michigan communities can employ creative strategies to address pressing challenges. These sessions will feature speakers drawn from Michigan and beyond who will share best practices, case studies and model experiences. For example, luncheon speaker Becky Anderson of HandMade in America will tell how she used North Carolina's craft heritage to foster community and create economic solutions for the region through tourism, education and workforce-development initiatives.

New this year is a component called Tips & Tools, which will feature static and interactive displays, opportunities for "mini-consultations" with State of Michigan agency representatives and private-sector experts, as well as short presentations on pertinent topics.

Teams from local communities are encouraged to attend. Registration for four is \$220 plus \$55 per additional person on or before Nov 19 and \$280 plus \$70 per additional person thereafter. Registration is \$70 per person before Nov 19 and \$85 thereafter. Call Get Real! Communications at (734) 669-7192 or visit www.TippingToCool.com

RE/MAX offers American Dream scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan (RE/MAX) is presenting 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 to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity.

The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1, 2005.

"We originally established the 'American Dream' scholarship as a way to acknowledge

a special year for our company, and at the same time communicate RE/MAX's belief in the importance of education as a means for today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders," said Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan.

"Once we saw how many students across our four-county region were interested in the scholarship, we knew we had to extend this program beyond just one year."

For more information about the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at 248-440-0404 x202, check online at www.manyhouses.com, or visit any local RE/MAX office.



Youth production

Motor City Youth Theatre presents *Annie Jr.* 7 p.m. Friday Dec 10 and 17 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Dec 11-12 and 18-19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 535-8962. Pictured are Emily Helman Scherrer (scrubbing the floor) and Allison Allen (standing).

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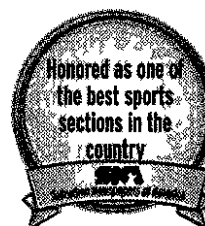
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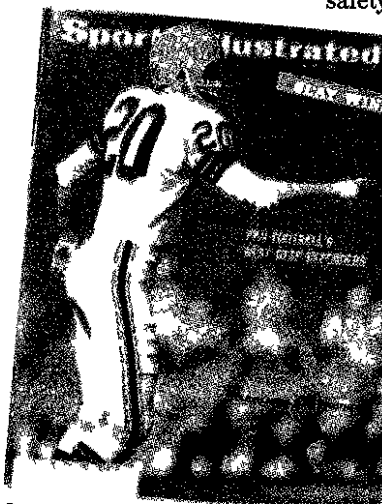
A full life

Plymouth man finds fame, happiness in 18-year NFL career

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Ross Fichtner almost got floored by boxing legend Cassius Clay in November of 1966. No, the two didn't exchange blows in a boxing ring, but the heavyweight champ, who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali, came close to dashing Fichtner's once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to appear on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, the king of sports magazines.

It was mid-November of '66 and Fichtner, a strong safety for the Cleveland Browns, was setting a torrid interception pace, having picked off eight passes in six games.



Ross Fichtner appeared on the November 21, 1966 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. At the time, the Cleveland Brown strong safety led the NFL with eight interceptions in just six games.

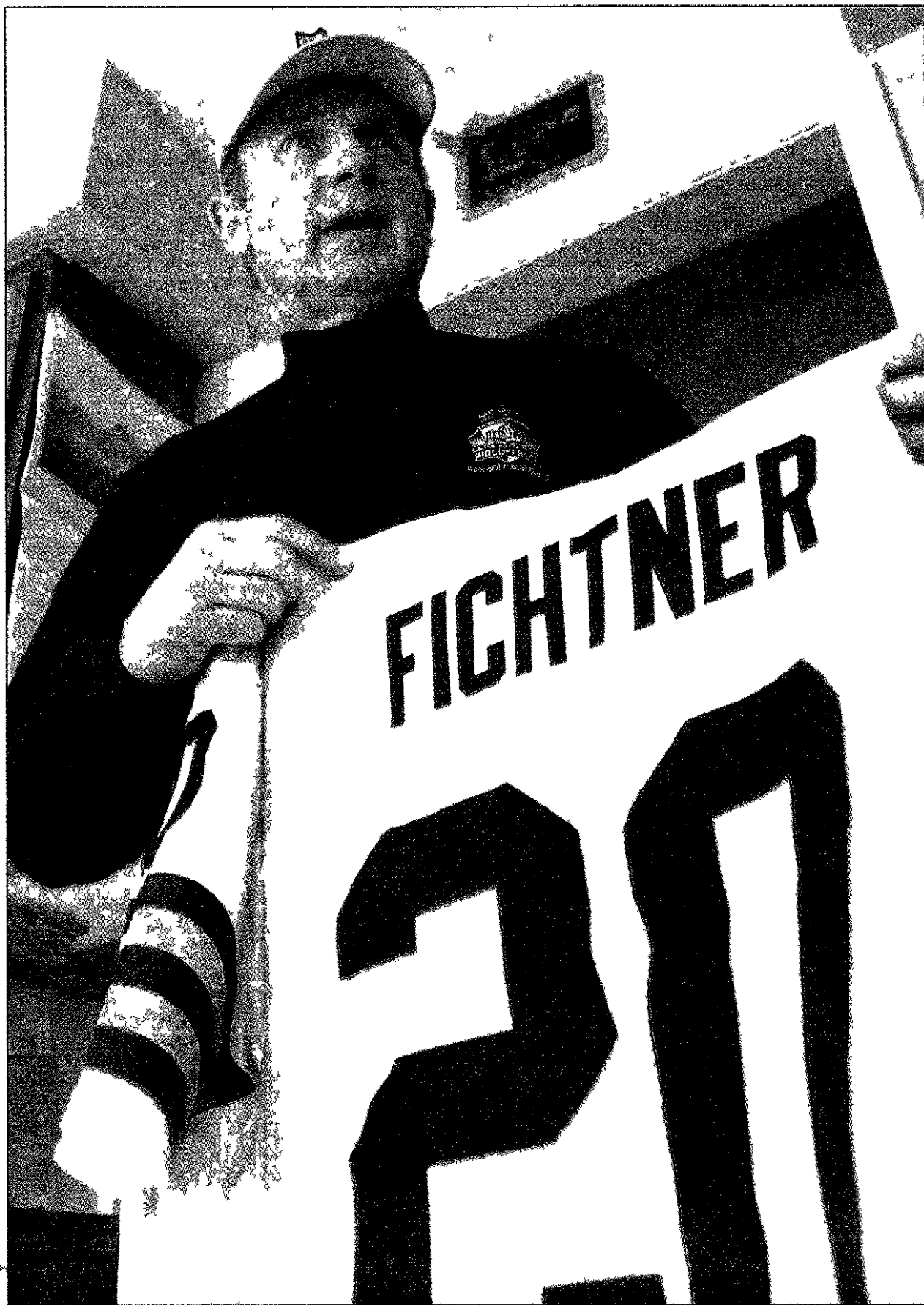
SI decided to do a feature on the speedy defender and a few other elite National Football League defensive backs, so a photographer followed Fichtner around for a few days. "The guy took hundreds of photos," Fichtner remembered. "He said they were going to put me on the cover."

There was only one catch, Fichtner discovered later in the week. "Cassius Clay was fighting against Big Cat Williams that weekend," he said. "The people from *Sports Illustrated* told me that if Big Cat beat Clay, they were going to put a photo of the fight on the cover."

Needless to say, Fichtner immediately became one of Clay's biggest fans.

"When Clay knocked out Big Cat early in the fight, I was the happiest guy around," he beamed.

PLEASE SEE FICHTNER, B3



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Plymouth resident Ross Fichtner holds the jersey he was given by the Cleveland Browns in September at a ceremony commemorating the 40 anniversary of the team's NFL championship. Fichtner wore #20 during his eight-year career with the Browns from 1960-67.

Sidelines

Youth wrestling

The second session of the Canton Wrestling Club will run from Jan. 3 through March 13. The cost is \$45 and includes membership in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association and a club T-shirt. Registration will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 305 of Canton High School's Phase III building. Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. Athletes from first through eighth grades may participate. Practices will be divided into beginning and advanced wrestlers.

Contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail him at c_randolph44@yahoo.com.

Hoop tryouts

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire girls basketball organization will hold tryouts for the upcoming season on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Plymouth Christian Academy gymnasium, located at 43065 Joy Rd. (between Morton Taylor and Lilley roads). The school sits behind Calvary Baptist Church. Tryouts will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for girls 13 and under. The tryout fee is \$15. All girls interested in trying out should arrive a few minutes early to register. For more information, contact Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

Figure skating

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., figure skaters who train at Canton's Arctic Edge will be skating in a holiday exhibit at the facility, which is located on Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center. Admission is free to see some of the top skaters in the area performing to Christmas music. Learn to skate.

The winter session of the Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate program will run from Jan. 4 through Feb. 19, 2005. Classes are offered in a variety of times on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students who are registered will receive free admission to open skating at the Novi Ice Arena throughout the seven-week session.

The following classes will be offered: beginning tots; Snowplow Sam 1-3; basic 1-8; freestyle 1-2; adult 1-4, and home school. Open registration for Learn to Skate begins Dec. 5. Call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit its Web site at www.novicearena.com.

Clarification

Former Canton soccer player and current Albion College standout Ashley Rosaen was voted to the Michigan Independent Athletic Association's First Team after tallying nine goals and two assists for the 10-8-2 Britons. It was erroneously printed in Thursday's edition of the Observer that Rosaen was voted to the MIAA's Honorable Mention team.

Churchill outlasts Salem, 3-1

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Momentum was wearing Salem blue and white Friday night midway through the third period when Livonia Churchill hockey coach Pete Mazzoni called a time-out to address his skaters, whose once-comfortable 2-0 lead was perilously close to being erased.

I told them to keep their composure and to play more organized, recalled Mazzoni, whose assertive time-out speech came seconds after the Rocks had gone on a power play with the Chargers clinging to a 2-1 lead. "We were scrambling and we needed to calm down."

Heading their coach's advice, the Chargers re-grouped and chilled. They then proceeded to kill the penalty and clamp down on the Rocks over the final seven minutes to win 3-1 before an enthusiastic crowd at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

The victory improved Churchill's record to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem dropped to 2-3 and 1-1.

"We're playing up and down," Mazzoni said, referring to his teams' early inconsistent play. "We have some good spurts followed by some bad ones. We need to get more consistent. Our special teams have to get better, too. In games like this with a lot of penalties, we have to make the other team pay."

Salem coach Fred Feiler said

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Spartan swim coach 'Phill's trophy case'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Greg Phill will look back on the 2004 Livonia Stevenson girls swim season with fond memories.

Named Observerland Coach of the Year once again, Phill guided the Spartans to their 14th consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association championship and a 10th-place finish in the Division I state meet held Nov. 19-20 at the University of Michigan.

"To take five kids to the state meet and finish in the top ten. I'm pretty happy with that," said Phill, who has been at the helm of the Spartans' program for 19 years. "This year was a very good year because the girls really came together



Phill

when they needed it." Stevenson's string of WLA titles appeared to be in jeopardy this season, but the Spartans came away with another title, outscoring host Salem, 598-515, and third-place Northville, which finished with 450.

"This is the first year in 14 years we could have easily been third in the conference," Phill said. "Figured we were down 25 points to Northville going into the meet and our girls just stepped it up really big."

"We've never been challenged the previous years and it would be interesting to see how we'd react that. I think our girls

were a little apprehensive, but we raced well (in a dual meet) against Northville and gave us some confidence."

Lopsided dual-meet losses to both five-time state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer and runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy prepared the Spartans for the stretch run.

"History was on our side," Phill said of the string of WLA crowns. "There hasn't been a Stevenson team that hasn't swam well in the conference meet, and that goes all the way back to Lois McDonald (Stevenson's longtime coach). The kids feed off that tradition and after a couple of events, the ball started rolling and they went after it."

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Good spurts

Lady Ocelots get hot at the end, beat KVCC

BY PAT ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

Recently, Wake Forest men's basketball coach, Skip Prosser, said "Basketball is a game of spurts, and often times whoever gets the last spurt wins."

While Schoolcraft College's women's basketball players may not have heard Prosser say this, or even know who he is, they sure do subscribe to his adage.

The Lady Ocelots went on an 8-1 run in the final minute to get past Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 75-71, in the opening round Friday of the Schoolcraft Invitational.

The game featured more flip-flopping than a pancake house with 14 lead changes and 10 ties.

The teams started the game in a

dead heat, with each team never trailing by more than five points in the first half, which ended 35-32 in KVCC's favor.

"I told the kids at halftime," KVCC coach Ron Welch said, "if we take care of the basketball in the second half and rebound, we walk out of here a winner." We just didn't do that."

And the Lady Ocelots took advantage. Schoolcraft (5-2) used an 11-1 spurt early in the second half to pull out in front by seven, their largest lead of the game, but the Lady Cougars rumbled back with a 10-2 run of their own to make it 50-49 with just under 10 minutes to play.

But back came the Lady Ocelots with an 8-0 run followed immediately by a 6-0 spurt for KVCC (2-3) to

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lizann Charles of Schoolcraft gets off a shot inside against Kalamazoo Valley CC's Lindsey Brown during Friday night's opening round.

CC cage team has big holes to fill

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

There's a big hole to fill in Redford Catholic Central's basketball lineup with the departure of 6-10 center Dan Waterstradt to Rutgers University.

But several Shamrocks could combine their talents to give head coach Rick Coratti a very presentable front-court for the 2004-05 Catholic League season.

Whether or not they can help the Shamrocks duplicate last season's success remains to be seen, the team went 17-6 last year, good enough for a divisional title and a trip to the Catholic League and district finals.

Also graduating were starters Jim Cash (Albion),

Dave Herberholz and Kyle Smith.

"We have two juniors that will play by committee and fill his (Waterstradt's) shoes," Coratti said last week. "He's a tough kid to replace."

Certain to give it a go will be 6-7 junior forward Chris Harding and 6-5 junior forward Aras Butkunas, a gifted outside shooter. Also set for the low post is 6-2 senior forward and captain Dominique Fischer.

He's a leader on and off the floor, said Coratti about Fischer. And he's a slasher, he'll go to the basket strong for us.

Another key player is senior point guard Rob Fragoso, although he may miss Tuesday's season opener against visiting Orchard Lake

St. Mary's (7:30 p.m.) due to a broken hand.

"Rob's our floor leader, like he was last year," Coratti said. "He's our point guard and our top defender."

While Fragoso mends on the sidelines, Coratti will rely on junior guards Antyrno Raimer and Robert Forte to chip in with contributions. Also starting in the backcourt will be 6-3 junior Garrett Senczysyn, a returnee who also is a good outside shooter.

Coratti expects the Shamrocks to make strides as the season progresses.

"We'll be a little inexperienced, with six of our top eight players being juniors," Coratti said. "Time will tell, but I think we'll be pretty good."

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SCHOOLCRAFT

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cut the Schoolcraft lead to a single point.

The Lady Cougars used another streak with just over a minute remaining to reclaim the lead for the first time since 15:43 left in the second stanza.

But the lead wouldn't stick for KVCC as Schoolcraft put the ball in Charlese Greer's hands and Greer scored seven of the final eight points for the Lady Ocelots and all but one for Schoolcraft in the final two minutes.

"We wanted to go inside to Char and she came up with some key buckets there," Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata said. "We really wanted her to get the ball inside."

Perhaps overshadowing the eight-point streak to end the game was the pressure defense that forced the Lady Cougars to turn the ball over on three of their final four possessions.

"I think we did some things in the last two minutes to help us win the ball game," Lafata said. "We played 40 minutes of pressure defense and that's tough on teams, I think after awhile teams start folding in to the pressure."

Greer scored 16 of her 21 points in the second half and pulled down six rebounds for Schoolcraft.

"She was in foul trouble early," Lafata said, "she really just didn't get into the offense (in the first half)."

Amantha Combs (Belleville) contributed 15 points, six boards and four assists off the bench and Mikko Williams added 10 points and a quartet of thefts for the Lady Ocelots.

"Amantha had been starting for us," Lafata said, and I talked to her the other day and said, 'I really think, you coming off the bench, I think you can spark this team,' and I think that's exactly what she did."

"I just hope she accepts that role and comes in and becomes a great sixth man."

Ashley Gibson also had a noteworthy game,



JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Lizann Charles of Schoolcraft gets off a shot inside against Kalamazoo Valley CC's Lindsey Brown during Friday night's opening round.

compiling nine points, seven rebounds, seven assists and six steals, the final steal coming with 21 seconds to play and the Lady Ocelots ahead by two.

"This was one of the best games of her career," Lafata said. "I thought she played an inspiring game, just in terms of her activity, she was talking to her teammates and just making big plays."

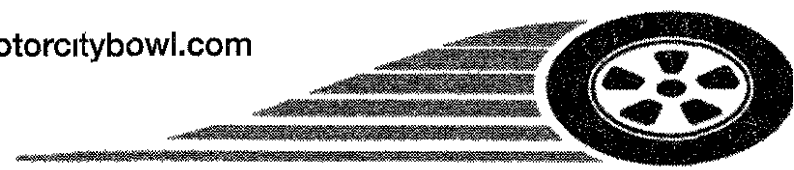
Schoolcraft took on the Lady Panthers of Olive-Harvey College in Saturday's final. Results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

OLIVE-HARVEY (ILL.) 56 SINCLAIR (OHIO) 50 Keyanna Mayfield had 17 points and Ashley Nooks added 12 to lead the Lady Panthers to a victory Friday against the Pride in the first round of the Schoolcraft Invitational. Mary Weiden had 20 points for Sinclair but it wasn't enough as the Pride fell to 1-1.

Taurel Williams added 11 for Olive Harvey (6-4)

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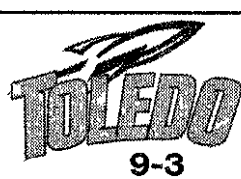


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FICHTNER

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Illustrious career

Getting his image splashed across the cover of the country's No. 1 sports magazine was a definitive highlight, but it was just one of several accomplishments on the charismatic Fichtner's impressive resume.

Following a distinguished high school football career at McKeesport (Pa.) High School, Fichtner headed to Purdue in 1956. He starred as a quarterback/defensive back for the Boilermakers for three years before getting drafted by the Browns in the third round of the 1960 NFL draft. The multi-talented athlete was also selected by the American Football League's Buffalo Bills and the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes.

I actually chose to play for the team that was offering me the least amount of money," Fichtner revealed. I only made \$10,000 that year and the 10-year All-Pro player who I was replacing was making \$10,500. But I was doing what I loved — playing football.

Demanding job

Fichtner said the biggest difference between the NFL of the 1960s and professional football today is the demands that were put on the players.

There were only 36 players on each team's roster, so everybody had to play more than one position, Fichtner said. "Today, everything is specialized. Back then, I was the starting strong safety on defense, the third string quarterback on offense, the second string flanker, the fifth string running back and the second string split-end."

Fichtner was a pivotal member of the 1964 Browns team that captured the NFL championship. Cleveland was led by Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown.

Jim and I were good friends," Fichtner said. "He was the best football player I've ever seen play."

We just had a 40-year reunion for members of that team in Cleveland. Fichtner said. Thirty-four of the 38 guys who played came back for the reunion. It was a great party.

Stepping down

After playing eight years in



Ross Fichtner reflects back on his NFL playing days in his Plymouth basement, which is decorated with a variety of memorabilia.

Cleveland and one in New Orleans, Fichtner retired following the 1968 season due to the effects of several concussions he suffered during his career. He was hired as a sales representative for an independent lawn and garden supply company.

"I was a sales rep for five years before I realized that wasn't what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," Fichtner said. "I decided I wanted to get into coaching, so I made a few calls. Through divine intervention — that's the only way I can explain it — I got a job coaching defensive backs for the World Football League's Florida Blazers."

Over the next 10 years, Fichtner built a reputation as one of the NFL's best defensive-backfield coaches. His professional-coaching stops included Green Bay, Chicago and Minnesota.

The best secondary I ever coached was the one in Chicago, which had Doug Plank, Gary Fenick and Virgil Ivers," Fichtner said. "We qualified for the playoffs once, but, more importantly, we built the foundation for the defense that ended up winning the Super Bowl a few years later."

Long hours

While coaching in the NFL was rewarding, it was also taxing for Fichtner, who rarely got to spend time with his wife, Karen.

During the season, we'd get to eat dinner together maybe 10 times," Fichtner said. "All of the coaches were putting in 16- or 17-hour days. Bart Starr was the best head coach I worked for. He understood the importance of family time and would let us go home for two or three hours some nights to spend with the family."

Fichtner hung up his coaching whistle in 1984 to devote more time to his family. That was the year he moved to Plymouth and resurrected his sales career at Schultz & Associates Lawn & Garden Supplies.

Two of Fichtner's three sons followed in their dad's gridiron footsteps. His oldest son, Randy, played at Purdue and is currently the offensive coordinator at the University of Memphis. His middle son, Rusty, was an outstanding line-backer at the University of Michigan before his promising career was cut short by a spinal injury. Fichtner also has a 19-year-old son, Daniel, who is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, and two daughters, Tami and Tanya. "Except for Daniel, my kids are spread out all over the country," Fichtner said. "But they're all still close to heart."

Athletes in Action

Fichtner now makes speaking engagements for Athletes

in Action, a coaches ministry. "We speak to coaches about how to build character in their athletes and how to build successful relationships between the members of the coaching staff, among other things," Fichtner said. "We also talk to pastors, businesses, and even parents."

What advice would he impart on today's youth coaches? "When I coached, I made it a point to correct mental mistakes on the field, but I think it's important for coaches to correct things like poor effort and bad attitudes behind closed doors," Fichtner said. "I would never embarrass a player in front of his peers."

Victim of jinx?

Fichtner jokingly admitted he is a believer of the infamous *Sports Illustrated* cover jinx, which reportedly brings misfortune to athletes who grace the magazine's cover.

He's also a victim of the jinx. He has eight interceptions in six games before I was on the cover in 1966," he said, smiling. "After I was on the cover, I didn't get another interception the rest of the year. I didn't even come close to one."

He only has Big Cat Williams to blame for that.

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Churchill's speed and his team's inability to finish off scoring chances combined to spell defeat.

"They have a very fast team," Feiler said. "I thought we played them pretty even over the first period. We had some opportunities in the second and third periods, but we couldn't put the puck in the net."

We made a couple of adjustments after the first period by moving our forwards up. It helped some, but we couldn't take advantage of the chances we had to score.

Both goalies turned in steady efforts. Salem's Brandon DeMars stopped 23 shots while Churchill's Bob Zaremba stuffed 12.

"I thought their goalie played very well," Mazzoni said of DeMars. "He kept them in it."

There were no serious offensive threats in the scoreless first period, in which both goalies made six routine saves each.

Churchill dented the scoreboard first 58 seconds into the second period when senior winger Wes Carpenter broke away from the Salem defense at mid-ice and beat DeMars with a high shot to make it 1-0. Nick Harris and Kyle Burke were credited with assists on Carpenter's goal.

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Less than four minutes later, the Chargers doubled their lead to 2-0 when Brandon Mishowski stuffed a rebound shot past the sprawling DeMars.

Mike Persha and Justin Stadler picked up helpers on the goal.

Salem capitalized on a two-man advantage power play with 4:18 to go in the second period when John Maurer sized a slap shot past Zaremba from the left wing to make it 2-1. Craig Bauldry assisted on the goal.

Churchill's Dan Wensing closed out the scoring with a power-play insurance goal with six seconds left. He was assisted by Matt Henzelman and Justin Stadler.

Charger forward Justin Stadler didn't score a goal, but he had several dazzling rushes up the ice.

"I thought Justin played well," Mazzoni said. "He's a threat to score every time he touches the puck."

Chief icers slam Central

Nine different players scored to lead Canton's hockey team to a convincing 11-1 victory over Walled Lake Central Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

Canton improved its record to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton jumped to a 5-0 lead after the opening period and never looked back.

Senior captain Reece McCabe did the most damage for the Chiefs, recording a hat-

trick and a pair of assists. Mike Kondratek had one goal and four assists while Bryan Wioncek and Garrett Hyman each tallied one goal and three helpers.

Pat Gallagher, Kyle Kowalski, Sean Rago, Ryan Mooradian and Andy Barylski scored one goal a piece.

Senior Tony Hylko and freshman Kevan Swanberg split time in net for the Chiefs, who travel to Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena on Wednesday night to tangle with Livonia Franklin

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Swim stars capture all-area positions

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Allison Schmitt, Fr., Canton (200 freestyle) The freshman was dazzling in her first year of high school swimming as she earned All State honors in two events (200 and 500 freestyle) captured the 100 butterfly at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet and finished second in the 200 individual medley at the WLAA meet. Schmitt qualified for the state meet in six events and set several school records.

Allison has been a great asset and source of energy for the team, said Canton coach Molly Raines. "She works hard and loves every thing to do with swimming."

Laura Timson, Fr., Liv Stevenson (200 individual medley) The freshman placed fourth in the Division I state meet with a time of 2:10.64, tops in the area to earn All State honors.

She also added a 12th place finish at the state meet in the 100 breaststroke and had a season best time of 1:07.75 to earn All American consideration.

Timson also won the 200 IM at the WLAA and added a fourth in the 100 breaststroke.

Laura came in as a freshman and did great job for us, Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "She is a very hard worker and we look forward to having Laura three more years because she's a great big meet performer."

Jill Peterson, Soph., Westland Glenn (50 freestyle) The versatile sophomore now holds four individual school records including an area best in the 50 freestyle where she clocked a 25.33 to win the WLAA title.

Peterson also set a school record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:07.84 and placed eighth in that event at the state meet. She also placed runner up in 100 breaststroke at the WLAA meet.

Peterson also placed 20th in the 200 freestyle at the state meet with a school best 1:58.68. She is also a member of Glenn's school record 400 freestyle relay team (3:55.59).

Peterson made seven state cuts out of eight individual events this fall.

Jill continues to set her goals high which keeps her motivated to train hard and improve her times. Glenn coach Randy Ferguson said, "I'm anxious to see what she can do by the time she is a senior."

Ashley Aquinto, Sr., Salem (diving) A team captain Aquinto qualified for the Division I state meet where she finished 25th. She was the 2004 WLAA diving champion compiling 335.40 points in 11 dives. The senior earned All WLAA recognition for four years and All Observerland honors the past three seasons. Aquinto has a 3.41 grade point average.

Ashley has truly been the force in diving for Salem the past four years, said coach Chuck Olson. Ashley has displayed sportsmanship and a competitive nature that was respected by teammates and competitors.

Anna Polkowski, Soph., Liv Stevenson (100 butterfly) The sophomore was runner up in the Western Lakes meet and was 27th overall at the state meet in the 100 butterfly. Her best time this season was 1:02.11.

In the 50 freestyle she took second in the WLAA. She also went 25.85 in the 50 freestyle and 56.45 in the 100 freestyle.

Only a sophomore Anna is one of the cornerstones of our team. Phill said Anna will always step up when needed.

Marisa Gordon, Jr., Liv Stevenson (100 freestyle) The junior was a double winner in the WLAA meet in the 100 freestyle (54.14) and 100 backstroke (1:00.97).

At the Division I state meet Gordon took 11th in the 100 backstroke and 12th in the 100 freestyle.

She was also named Stevenson's 2004 MVP.

Marisa is a very hard working

and versatile swimmer. Phill said Marisa has spent the last three years scoring big points for this team and I know she will have a great senior year.

Mary Shereda, Jr., Liv Churchill (500 freestyle) The junior earned four state qualifying times including the 200 freestyle, 200 IM, 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

She placed 20th in Division I and had a season best time of 5:18.18 in the 500 freestyle. She was also 36th in the 200 freestyle and had a personal best of 2:00.94 in that event.

At the WLAA meet The Churchill MVP took third in the 100 butterfly and finished fifth in the 200 IM.

Mary brings 100 percent effort and dedication to the pool every day. Churchill coach Keith Niedbala said, "She is truly a coach's dream. I am proud of her accomplishments in and out of the pool. She deserves it."

Monica Pauza, Sr., Liv Stevenson (100 backstroke) The senior placed 14th at the Division I state meet in the 100 backstroke with a season best 1:01.83 in the prelims. She also took 18th in the 200 IM with a life time best of 2:14.14.

At the WLAA meet the Stevenson team captain took fourth in the 200 IM and was runner up to Gordon in the 100 backstroke.

It's always hard to say good bye to a senior especially Monica because she has given us four years of hard work and dedication along with stellar big meet performances. Phill said, "She will be missed."

Brynn Marecki, Fr., Liv Stevenson (100 breaststroke) The freshman earned All State honors and All American consideration in the 100 breaststroke by finishing fourth in the Division I finals with a time of 1:05.91.

At the WLAA meet Marecki captured the 100 breaststroke and was runner up to teammate Gordon in the 100 freestyle (54.41).

She was named Stevenson's Rookie of the Year.

Brynn has a great work ethic and a lot of talent. Phill said, "I expect she'll be swimming great for years to come."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

Stevenson, 200 medley (Monica Pauza, Sr., Brynn Marecki, Fr., Anna Polkowski, Soph., Marisa Gordon, Jr.) This quartet finished sixth in the Division I state meet with an area best 1:51.09 clocking to earn All State honors and All American consideration. They were also WLAA champions.

Canton, 200 freestyle (Susie Patrick, Sr., Izabela Paszkowska, Jr., Allison Schmitt, Fr., Laura Landis, Soph.) The talented foursome finished first in the WLAA conference meet and 12th at the Division I state meet.

The girls did an excellent job working together. Canton coach Molly Raines said, "Their energy was contagious and it really exploded at the state meet."

Stevenson, 400 freestyle (Anna Polkowski, Soph., Monica Pauza, Sr., Brynn Marecki, Fr., Marisa Gordon, Jr.) This foursome finished 11th at the Division I state finals going an area best 3:42.65 in the prelims followed by a 3:42.86 in the B final.

They also clocked a 3:43.07 to win the Western Lakes title.

This relay had a great swim after a very long weekend. Phill said of the state finals held at the University of Michigan, "Only losing one swimmer (Pauza) to graduation we'll set our sights on an All American time standard next year."

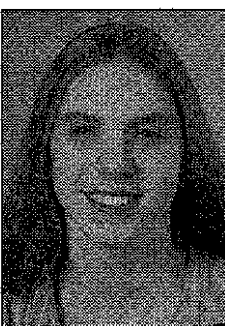
SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Katie Gorman, Fr., Salem (200 freestyle) A state qualifier on the Rocks 400 free relay quartet Gorman finished fourth at the WLAA conference meet in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. She has a 3.30 GPA.

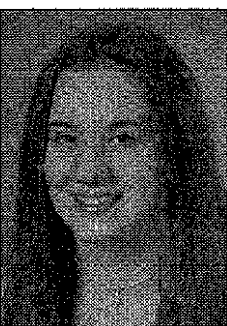
Katie is proving to be one of the best freshmen in the area which includes the best in the state, said



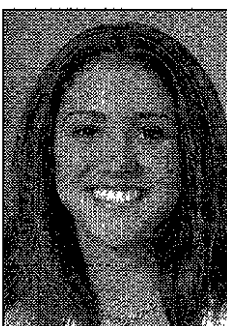
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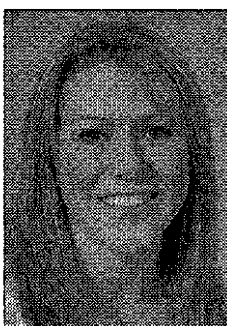
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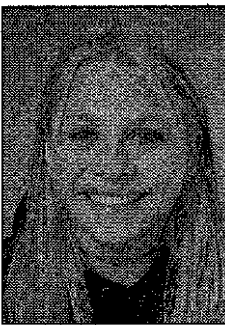
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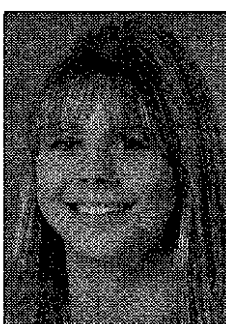
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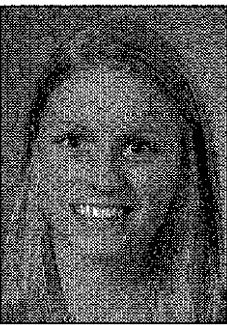
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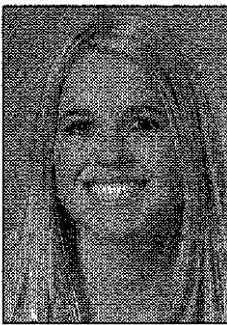
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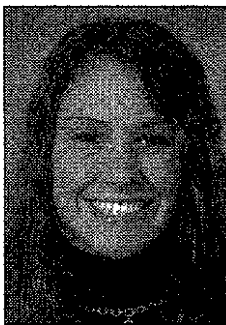
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Alyssa Johnson
Canton

Salem coach Chuck Olson. Katie has the ability and desire to have outstanding success the next three years.

Kelsey Lincoln, Jr., Salem (200 IM) An outstanding student (4.0 GPA) Lincoln also shined in the pool finishing 20th in the individual medley and 18th in the 100 breaststroke at the 2004 Division I state meet. Voted the team's most valuable swimmer Lincoln was also a key member of the Rocks state qualifying 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay teams. She finished third in the 200 IM at the WLAA conference meet and second in the 200 individual medley.

Kelsey is a highly respected state class swimmer by teammates, competitors and coaches, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. As a swimmer at Salem, no event is out of the question if that is what the team needs.

Izabela Paszkowska, Jr., Canton (50 freestyle) The junior set a personal best in the 50 freestyle (26.05) at the state meet and turned in a 58.24 in the 100 freestyle at the WLAA meet. She was instrumental in the Chiefs' 9.0 record.

Izabela is always trying to find ways to improve, said Canton coach Molly Raines. "She is so positive and optimistic throughout the season. Her hard work and attitude really make all the difference."

Mina Pirzadeh, Jr., Canton (diving) The junior finished first in diving at the Spartan Invitational and she qualified for the state meet in just her second year of diving. She turned in a top six effort at the WLAA meet.

Mina has done so well this year, raved coach Molly Raines. "Her goal was to be in the top 12 at the conference meet and she made it all the way to the state meet. She worked really hard and I am excited for her senior year."

Allison Goldsmith, Sr., Canton (100 butterfly) Goldsmith qualified for the state meet with a 1:02.20 in the 100 butterfly and a 2:18 in the 50 freestyle. Unfortunately she was unable to compete in the state meet

due to an injury. The senior was a member of the 400 free relay team that helped edge Salem and Northville in Canton's two huge regular season dual meet victories.

Allison puts in 150 percent every day in everything she does, said Canton coach Molly Raines. "She qualified for states every year. She is a determined athlete and scholar. She will do very well after graduation."

Susie Patrick, Sr., Canton (100 freestyle) Patrick was one of the main reasons the Chiefs went through the season unbeaten. The team captain finished third in the 100 freestyle and seventh in the 200 freestyle. She was also a member of Canton's 200 freestyle relay quartet that turned in a gold medal effort at the WLAA conference meet and the team's 400 freestyle relay squad that was third at the WLAA meet and 17th at the Division I state meet.

Susie is a great leader both in and out of the pool, said Canton coach Molly Raines. "She has worked very hard. I am looking forward to seeing her swimming career continue."

Rebecca Hurn, Jr., Liv Stevenson (500 freestyle) The junior was a WLAA finalist in both the 200 and 500 freestyles.

She placed fifth in the 200 with a season best 2:05.35 (in the prelims) and added a third in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:29.43 (also in the prelims).

Becky is a very hard worker and does a great job anchoring our distance events. Phill said, "We're looking forward to a great senior year from Becky."

Katie Myers, Sr., Salem (100 backstroke) A captain Myers was a member of the Rocks 200 medley relay team that finished second at the WLAA meet. She finished 13th at the WLAA conference meet in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 backstroke. Myers has compiled an outstanding 3.58 GPA.

Katie was a hard working and supportive teammate all four years at Salem, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "She is respected by her teammates and coaches for her effort and she is a stand up person."

Kim Heaney Jr., Salem (100 breaststroke) Voted Salem's most improved swimmer this year Heaney was a state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke (24th place) and on the Rocks 200 medley relay team which finished 15th. She earned second in the 200 medley relay ninth in the 200 IM and fifth in the 100 breaststroke at the WLAA meet. Heaney was selected to be a captain for the Rocks in 2005.

Kim has been exciting the past three years at Salem working for a spot on the team to becoming a force in the WLAA conference and a competitive state competitor, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Kim is in a position for her senior year to really continue the success at the state level. She also gets the job done in the classroom (3.7 GPA)."

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

Salem, 200 medley (Kelsey Lincoln, Jr., Kim Heaney, Jr., Ashley Aquinto, Sr., Amanda Newman, Sr.) The Rock foursome earned second place at the WLAA conference meet and 15th at the Division I state meet.

These student/athletes always stepped up their competitiveness to begin every meet, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Their success was an inspiration for the entire Salem team."

Salem, 200 freestyle (Kate Musson, Jr., Ally Stencel, Soph., Heather Michalsen, Sr., Amanda Newman, Sr.) The quartet finished 31st at the Division I state meet and second at the WLAA conference meet.

These four student/athletes individually did not think of themselves as a 50 sprinter but when they teamed up the results were always positive, said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

Canton, 400 freestyle (Susie Patrick, Sr., Izabela Paszkowska, Jr., Alyssa Johnson, Soph., Allison Schmitt, Fr.) The foursome placed 17th at the Division I state meet and third at the WLAA conference meet.

Again another great team of girls, said Canton coach Molly Raines. "It is great to have such a variety of ages. We worked hard and had a great year that we'll never forget."

2004 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING

FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUALS
200 freestyle: Allison Schmitt, Fr., Canton
200 individual medley: Laura Timson, Fr., Livonia Stevenson
50 freestyle: Jill Peterson, Soph., Westland Glenn
Diving: Ashley Aquinto, Sr., Salem
100 butterfly: Anna Polkowski, Soph., Livonia Stevenson
100 freestyle: Marisa Gordon, Jr., Livonia Stevenson
500 freestyle: Mary Shereda, Jr., Livonia Churchill
100 backstroke: Monica Pauza, Sr., Livonia Stevenson
100 breaststroke: Brynn Marecki, Fr., Livonia Stevenson

FIRST TEAM RELAYS
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200 freestyle: Canton (Izabela Paszkowska, Jr., Laura Landis, Soph., Susie Patrick, Sr., Allison Schmitt, Fr.)
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Rim-rattlers

High-flying Tigers should be contenders

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The maintenance crew at Belleville High School would be wise to add some extra reinforcement to the gymnasium's rums prior to the start of the upcoming boys basketball season. Based on the potential dunk-ability factor of the high-flying Tigers, those orange cylinders are going to be severely tested over the next few months. Although Belleville lost four starters from last season's 19-6 squad that advanced to the Class A quarterfinals, it will be

re-stocked with a nucleus of solid seniors, stellar juniors and three transfer students that should give fourth-year coach Mike Krogel incredible depth. The three transfers — 6-foot-6 center Michael Gibson and 6-5 forward DeMarcus Boone — won't be at Krogel's disposal until January, so the Tigers will be forced to play small ball for its first four games. In our scrimmages against Novi and Rockford last week, we didn't take care of the ball real well and we weren't as patient offensively as I would have liked us to be, Krogel

said. But the kids are still learning to play together, so we should be okay. One thing that came out of the scrimmages that pleased me was how well our back-up players have developed. We had a pretty good idea of who was starting, but now we know that we have some depth, too. Graduated from last year's outstanding unit that lost to Detroit Redford in the elite eight are starting point guard Tyler Jones, who is playing football at Eastern Michigan University, 6-6 center Rob Igbawua, who is filling the paint for Wayne State's basketball team, shooting guard

Eddie Miller, who is playing for Concordia College, and Andre Olden. We have a pretty strong junior class this year and we have two seniors who saw a lot of action last year, said Krogel, who coached 20 years at Woodhaven before taking over the reins at Belleville prior to the 2000-01 season. The two upperclassmen who saw ample playing time last year are 5-11 swingman Isaac Kindell and 6-1 shooting guard Josh Samarco. Kindell displayed his outstanding athleticism for the Tigers football team in the fall, scoring a team-high 10 touchdowns while anchoring the team's defensive backfield. Isaac came off the bench last year and played great defense, Krogel said. He'll actually play

small forward for us at least the first four games, then he'll switch to guard when we get bigger after the break. Josh is a real good shooter. They will be joined in the starting line-up by senior Anre Partee, a 5-9 point guard, junior Tommy Clark, a 6-4 junior forward, and fellow 6-4 junior forward Leon Freeman, who is one of the top 11th-grade cagers in Michigan, according to many prep basketball experts. Leon is our only starter back from last season, Krogel said. He's going to play for ward for us, but he can knock down the three, slash to the basket and post up. Tommy was up on varsity at the beginning and end of last year. He's a very athletic player who can rebound and take the

ball to the hole. He averaged over 20 points a game for our junior varsity team. Juniors who will give the Tigers potency off the bench include 6-0 Carlos Clark, 6-2 Mike Donaldson and 6-3 Stephone Frederick, all forwards. Carlos brings a lot of toughness to our team, Krogel said. Other subs include Ali Allen (6-0 junior), Djuan Roberts, Ken Saylor, Josh Lemons and Carl Dail. The Mega Red is going to be very tough this year, Krogel said. Ypsilanti is probably going to be the team to beat. Romulus is young like us, but they should be very good, too. And River Rouge and Willow Run always give us good games. ewright@oe.hometownlife.com (734) 953-2108

Bowling doesn't dry up in the desert

Have ball, will travel. I spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Phoenix, Ariz. visiting friends and it was my first trip to this spectacular area, and it proved to be a wonderful experience.



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

Bowling in the desert country is pretty much like it is here, except for the fact that most of the bowling centers are owned and operated by the AMF Corp, which boasts 16 centers in greater Phoenix.

My host, Craig Carter, took me to AMF Shea Village Lanes, located within a few blocks of his house. Craig had not bowled for about 30 years and he suspected that I would like to explore the local bowling scene, so he was eager to give it a try. He did not have a good first game, but I was giving him some very good coaching, and by the second game he enjoyed

a one-pin victory, 141-140. Bowling is a little more expensive in Phoenix. We paid \$4 per bowler, per line and \$4 for rental shoes. I also got to see a lot of sunny southern Arizona including the mountain towns of Jerome and Sedona, while taking advantage of the many scenic photo opportunities. Size matters. All bowling balls are not created equal. Some are larger than others. Recent tests by Ron Hickland, Ball Design engineer with Ebonite International and published in Pro Shop Insider (fall 2004) indicated that there can be a difference in performance based on the size of the ball. The actual size variation is in very small increments, so you or I could not tell the difference by just looking. The American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress maximum diameter is 8.595 inches while minimum diameter is 8.500 inches. Balls tested ranged from 8.585 to 8.510 inches in diameter. This may not seem like much

and I won't get into all the details, but the balls were tested by a pro bowler, a mega-buck amateur and a high average league player. Balls were thrown on both wood and synthetic lanes using a sport condition oil, a short house and a long oil house patterns. The smaller the ball, the lower the pins flew, pro Jason Queen said. It cut through the pins and carried better (the 8.510 model). The ball felt best in my hand, like a softball and it carried the best by far. According to the mega-buck amateur, the 8.550 ball hit harder than the 8.585 ball, but less than the 8.510 ball. The 8.510 ball carried the best and hit the hardest. And for the high average bowler, I really liked the way the smaller ball rolled off my hand and carried the pins. It had a very angular entry into the pocket, which was very predictable. The ball with the 8.595 diameter felt like it stretched my hand and was hard to rev up. Overall they all agreed that

the smaller ball carried better. Some manufacturers use a slightly larger diameter to allow for resurfacing. As a result of the test, it appears that size does matter, and they will continue to test the different size balls on a more formalized basis to collect more data and eventually place it into the manufacturing process. Last Tuesday night the Az Zahr Halkm fund-raiser was held at Thunderbowl Lanes with loads of local celebrities and athletes on hand to help raise money for the struggling Detroit Lions. Just kidding, it was really for the Lions wide receiver's pet charity, the Children's Visitation Program (CVP) to benefit the children of parents who are incarcerated. Az-Zahr's commitment is personal because his own father is in a federal institution and he knows only too well what it's like for these children. Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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In September of 2004, I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This diagnosis would send me on a road I had never been down before.

I was diagnosed once before with another cancer, testicular, some 14 years ago. The difference was that testicular cancer, as bad as it is, is not a death sentence, people rarely die of the disease. However, pancreatic cancer is different, with a mortality rate of 99 percent.

After being diagnosed at the University of Michigan, I realized the only short-term care was a critical surgery known as the "Whipple" procedure. This removes about half of the pancreas and much of the surrounding organs and tissue.

After researching and interviewing surgeons, I ended up at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. I have then followed the surgery up with several months of chemotherapy and have now broken the one-year barrier of survival.

I still hold out hope I will be in that 1 percent who beat the odds.

When I was diagnosed, there was no support made available to us in regards to other patients with pancreatic cancer or their families. I have been very lucky to have strong support from family, friends and my church.

Then, a couple of months ago, my wife found an organization called PanCAN on the Internet. We saw there was an upcoming symposium on pancreatic cancer in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Upon arrival the first day, we were overwhelmed at the support offered by this great organization to pancreatic patients and caregivers. We were able to attend seminars with the top researchers in the field and hear of the wide range of clinical trials being held across the country.

With PanCAN, there is hope, as I was able to meet others that have survived up to nine years with this horrible disease.

PanCAN offers multiple layers of help to the pancreatic patient, family and friends. PALS (Patient and Liaison Services) offers support for both patients and families as they go through the journey the disease takes them. PanCAN also offers research grants to fund those in search of a cure.

There are also support items that may be purchased on the Web site (pancan.org) to garner recognition of the organization. PanCAN also offers a once-a-year symposium and fund-raising gala that honors those surviving the disease, holds face-to-face meetings with those who are the leaders in researching a cure and allows survivors and caregivers to meet and discuss common issues. The gala also raises much-needed funds and recognizes those leading the fighting against this disease.

Pancreatic cancer is responsible for more than 30,000 deaths each year in the U.S. and is the most fatal type of cancer in existence.

No early detection methods have been developed, and on average only \$779 is spent per patient on research, the lowest of any leading cancer. PanCAN is working to change these statistics.

Bryce Dixon was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer Sept. 17, 2003. He is a Canton resident.

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World of imagination

Michigan authors mesmerize kids as well as adults

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Children's books make great gifts for the holidays, especially when they have a Michigan connection. Some such as *Lost in the Woods* by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick teach life lessons. Others like Barbara Walsh's *Lucy and Too Many Cats* are just fun, springing from true incidents occurring in her Livonia home. Some are evergreen like *The Polar Express* by Grand Rapids native Chris Van Allsburg which won the 1986 Caldecott Medal, and Sams' *Stranger in the Woods*, on *The New York Times* best seller holiday list for four years.

This year's crop of authors create worlds of imagination to mesmerize kids as well as adults. Ever wonder where Potoskey stones come from? Anne Margaret Lewis, who grew up in Southfield, embroiders a new detail onto the Ojibwe Sleeping Bear legend.

LUCY AND TOO MANY CATS

Barbara Walsh with illustrator Aaron Rusch tells about an adventure with too many cats after her son-in-law left three of them with her to fight in Iraq. Walsh already had two cats of her own.



Barbara Walsh captures the antics of five cats living in her Livonia home.

"I kept saying too many cats, kidding. I thought I have to write this down," said Walsh, who by day works with brain injury patients as a medical case manager for Laurel Park Rehabilitation. "At the time, my son's little girl was going to be born and they picked out the name Lucy."

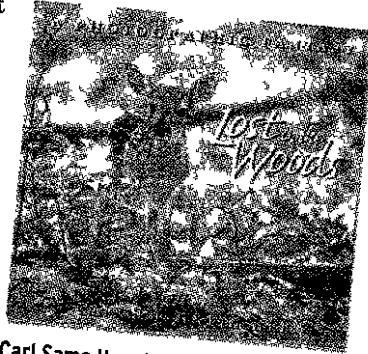
The thing about war you don't realize is what people have to give up. They have to give up their homes. The family gets displaced, little animals. After he returned one of their cats ended up staying so now I have three. My son-in-law and daughter went and got another one. My other son has three, and another son

has three. We're a 12-cat family. *Lucy and Too Many Cats* is available online from www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

LOST IN THE WOODS

Carl Sams II and his wife, Jean Stoick, spent years photographing the deer in Kensington Metropark to come up with their new book, *Lost in the Woods*.

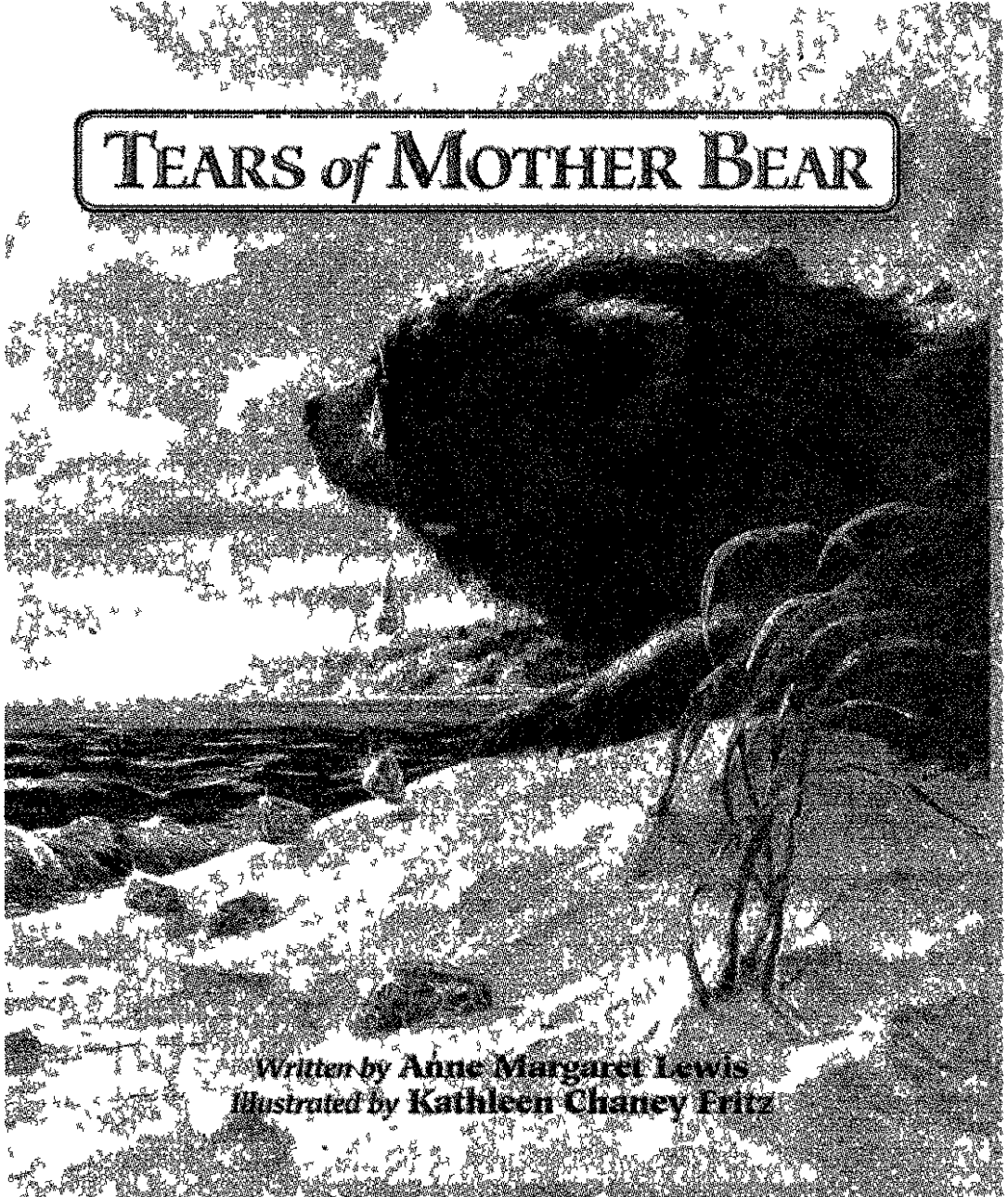
"It's all about patience and trust that the mother is going to come back and the fawn is waiting," said Sams, a Milford resident. "The reason we did this is because everywhere around the country people pull fawns out of the woods and think they're abandoned. They don't realize her scent draws predators to the fawn. She has to rely on the fawn's spots to defend itself until the legs are strong enough to run from predators."



Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick never spent very long with the fawns when they were photographing them for a new book because their scent attracts predators.

Sams and Stoick never spent very long with the fawns (yes, they used more than one) because their scent draws predators. "The key for us was finding the premature fawn. We photographed ones starting about the third week of May. The earliest fawn was born around May 14. The fawn on the cover is only about 3 to 4 pounds. The mom tries to keep them clean. Being born scentless, I've seen hunting dogs run right by them," said Sams, who will sign books 1-3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Arborland Borders in Ann Arbor, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 12 at Novi Borders, and 7-9 p.m. Dec. 15 at Brighton Borders. For more information or to purchase books, call (800) 552-1867.

TEARS of MOTHER BEAR



Written by Anne Margaret Lewis
Illustrated by Kathleen Chaney Fritz

Anne Margaret Lewis signs copies of her books 12 p.m. today at Borders in Birmingham.

WINTER'S GIFT

At Sleeping Bear Press in Chelsea, Adam Rifkenberck is excited about *Winter's Gift*, a holiday story by Jane Monroe Donovan of Pinckney. The story centers around a man grieving for his wife.

It's a very touching story," said Rifkenberck. "He's feeling hopeless. Then one night he hears a neighing outside. It's a pregnant mare. He gives the horse a place to sleep. In the morning she gives birth to a foal with a star on its forehead."

The star is a symbol of the decoration the man's wife used to place on top of the Christmas tree. Many of the books published by Sleeping Bear have hidden meaning. Set in the Revolutionary War, *Scarlet Stockings Spy* tells the story of a young girl helping her brother, a soldier for the colonies. The way she arranges her wash tells him the size and the number of British ships in the harbor. It is the first book in the series *Tales of Young Americans*. The second, *A Friend on Freedom River* about a young boy who aids a family of runaway slaves, will be released early next year.

For more information, visit www.sleepingbearpress.com or call (800) 877-4253. Books can also be found at Borders and Barnes and Noble stores, and online at amazon.com.



A grieving man finds the hope to go on in a book by Jane Monroe Donovan.

FIRST PAGE PUBLICATIONS

Joe Aller, owner of the Livonia self-publishing business, offers a variety of ideas for gift giving this season. His choices include *The Winter Spirit*, the story of a boy who finds Santa Claus' diary (by Gina Joseph, illustrator Maxwell Heiderer), *The Peanut Pickle* on how a child with peanut allergies survives the holidays (by Jessica Ureel of Rochester), *Let's Go to Chicago* by Karen Dean, an Ann Arbor artist and author, and *Where Do Baby Teeth Go* by Northville resident Denise Jenkins, illustrated by her husband, Walt Jenkins, about the tooth fairy who lives in the golden tower on top of the Fisher Building. Call (734) 525-1900 or visit www.firstpagepublications.com.

PLEASE SEE AUTHORS, C3

Students shoot for positions behind the scenes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago Seth Grass had no idea it took nearly two dozen trained students and staff to run the television studio at Madonna University in Livonia. Three semesters later the video communication major is one of three students taking their turn at directing *Madonna Magazine*, a talk show aired on local cable. Homeschooled through his early years, the 18-year-old senior is on the fast track to a successful career. But before Grass went behind the scenes, he had to learn to run a camera and audio board.

"It's very hands-on. We get to use and do every position," said Seth Grass, who grew up in Livonia. "The first time I directed a show it was a nutrition program where we had three guests. I had

to be confident. You want to make it seem you have all of the answers even if you don't. It went pretty smoothly. I credit students for knowing their positions. You're multi-tasking, doing 8,000 things at once and making it a show people can enjoy and understand."

Chuck Derry makes a point of teaching students all of the jobs they need to know to land a position in the broadcast business. Derry earned his first hand experience during 35 years as stage manager and director for Channel 7 news and Kelly & Co. In 1973, he put together the first TV studio at Madonna University and started teaching TV production. Today students tape 15 shows a semester which are aired once a week on CTND, the Catholic cable station in 40 southeast Michigan communities.

"We want them to do stuff so when they get out into the real world they

know what the director is talking about," said Derry, adjunct professor and advisor for the television and video communications program at Madonna University. "These are simple things that are very important for people in the business."

Like Grass, producing a television show was overwhelming for Gene Hugnagel. At age 48, the Garden City resident is just returning to school after a career with the U.S. Navy Seals Camaraderie in the Madonna studio reminds him of days where teamwork was essential to completing a successful mission.

"If someone's having a problem everyone helps because everyone wants a quality show," said Hugnagel. "Everyone takes care of each other. I love show



Seth Grass places a microphone on guest Carl Sams II before taping 'Madonna Magazine.' At left is student Bobby Breen and Sam's wife, Jean Stoick.

PLEASE SEE SCENES, C3

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 'London Bridges,' James Patterson
- 2 'I Am Charlotte Simmons,' Tom Wolfe
- 3 'Metro Girl,' Janet Evanovich
- 4 'Hour Game,' David Baldacci
- 5 'Northern Lights,' Nora Roberts

NON-FICTION

- 1 'America (The Book),' Jon Stewart

- 2 'When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?' George Carlin
- 3 'His Excellency George Washington,' Joseph J. Elle
- 4 'How to Talk Like a Liberal (If You Must),' Ann Coulter
- 5 'Chronicles Volume One,' Bob Dylan

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS

- 1 'City of Stars,' Mary Hoffman
- 2 'Lily B. On the Brink of Being Cool,' Elizabeth Kimmel
- 3 'Interference Powder,' Jean Korelitz
- 4 'Copper,' Rebecca Lisle
- 5 'The Young Man and the Sea,' Rodman Philbrick

BIRTHS

Séan David Dewitt

David and Colleen Dewitt of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, **Séan David**, on Nov. 20, in Providence Hospital, Southfield. He weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

He joins big brother, Aidan, 7. His grandparents are Robert and Mary Dewitt of South Lyon and Greg and Sharon Knoph of Livonia.

Sarrah Rae Khelil

Ramzi and Candie Khelil of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Sarrah Rae Khelil**, 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 Radha Khelil of Bizert, Tunisia.

Proud great-grandparents are Myrtle O'Brien of Wayne and Zohra Benkaram of Bizert, Tunisia.

Smith-Gray

Cassandra Colleen Gray of Livonia and Bradley Gilling Smith of Livonia were married July 17, 2004, at Sweetest Heart of Mary in Detroit before the Rev. Mark A. Borkowski. A reception was held at the Marriott in the Detroit Renaissance Center.

Cassandra is the daughter of Gary and Peggy Gray of Livonia. She is a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is a math and English teacher at Clarenceville High School. She is also a track coach.

Bradley is the son of Susan Gilling of Livonia and Dennis Smith of Plymouth.

He is a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is an environmental consultant.

Attending the bride were her sisters, Kelly Kessler as matron of honor and Clancy Gray as maid of honor. Bridesmaids



were Trina Gray, Kiernan O'Donohue, Janice Black, Stephanie Fries and Rachel Mallison.

Attending the groom was his brother, Martin Smith, as best man. Groomsmen were Gary Gray, Ryan Supplee, Thomas Hall, Thomas Taylor,

Christopher White and Nathan Leshe. Ushers were Jeff Gray, Brian Kessler and Corey Berzac.

Cassandra and Bradley spent their honeymoon on a Western Caribbean cruise. They are making their new home in Livonia.

Phillips-McInerney

Cheryl McInerney and Timothy B. Phillips were married Sept. 18 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia before the Rev. Walt Dickinson. A reception was held at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights.

Cheryl is the daughter of Mary Jean C. McInerney and the late Charles E. McInerney of Bay City.

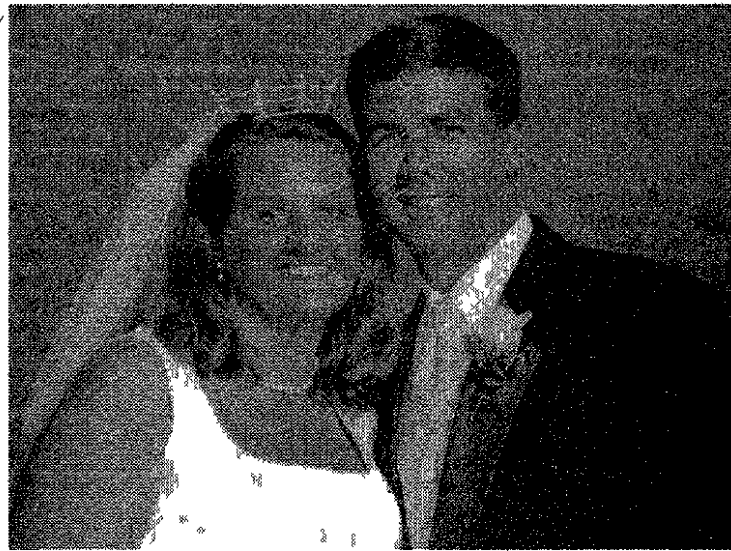
In 1990, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in biology and Michigan teacher certification from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

In 1995 she received her Master of Science in Education Degree with an emphasis in curriculum development from California State University in Hayward, Calif.

Cheryl is employed as coordinator of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station in Canton.

Timothy is the son of Eunice K. Phillips and the late Dr. Donald B. Phillips of Ypsilanti. He received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. in 1994.

He is employed as park plan-



ner with the Huron-Clinton Metro Parks and is swim coach for the Spartan Aquatic Club.

Attending the bride was her sister, Karin Stachowski, of Canton, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were friends,

Diana Ruschhaupt of Indianapolis, Ind., Samantha Tellez of Concord, Calif., and Gretchen Nachazel of Ann Arbor, Mich. Junior bridesmaid was her niece, Amber McInerney, of Quanicassae, Mich. and her niece, Erica McInerney of Bay City, Mich. served as flower girl.

Attending the groom was his

brother, Dan Phillips, of Columbus, Ohio, as best man. Groomsmen were friends, Tim Ruschhaupt of Indianapolis, Ind., Dave Gosser of Franklin, Ind., and Rick Mudry of Portage, Ind.

Junior groomsman was the bride's nephew, Nicholas Stachowski, of Canton, Mich., and the bride's nephew, Noah McInerney, of Bay City, Mich., served as ring bearer.

Cheryl and Timothy spent their honeymoon in Hawaii on the islands of Maui and Kauai. They are making their new home in Canton.

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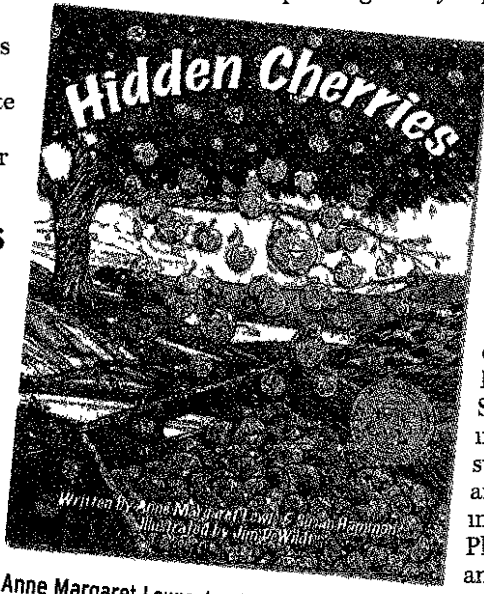
"I look for the same things when buying a gift as I look for when publishing - unique drawings to keep your attention and an interesting story," said Joe Aller "People think it's easy to write a children's story, but you have to write on two levels, one for the child, the other for the parent

MACKINAW ISLAND PRESS

Anne Margaret Lewis books stem from her home in Traverse City *Hidden Cherries* and *Tears of Mother Bear* are bringing much success to her new publishing company, Mackinac Island Press Born and raised in Oakland County, Lewis spent summers visiting Sleeping Bear Dunes

"I grew up coming up to the dunes as well as hunting for Petoskey stones," said Lewis "I took the 100-year-old legend and intertwined it with Petoskey stones I wanted to make those her tears"

Kathleen Fritz Chaney's beautiful oil paintings are so moving they sold to a collector at the book's premier party *Hidden Cherries* was named the first official book of the National



Anne Margaret Lewis books stem from her home in Traverse City

Cherry Festival Both books were on the Northern Michigan Best Seller List all summer A lot of people have memories of going to Northern Michigan," said Lewis "Mother Bear" has a great bedtime story to it and Kathleen's paintings really depict the beauty of the lakeshore

Hidden Cherries depicts the fun of buying cherries along the road side

Lewis signs both books 12 p.m. today at Borders in Birmingham Books are available at local bookstores or by visiting www.mackinacislandpress.com

Publishing runs in the Lewis family as does the love of Petoskey stones Husband Brian founded and operated Sleeping Bear Press until selling it two years ago Now he started Petoskey Publishing and has co-published books, including photographer Terry Phipps *Seasons of Mackinac* and *Seasons of Sleeping Bear*, with University of Michigan Press For people who collect Petoskey stones, there's the complete guide by Bruce Mueller and William Wilde

Terry Phipps signs his books at Borders in Rochester Hills 2-4 p.m. today For more information, visit www.petoskeypublishing.com or www.press.umich.edu

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SCENES

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nights, the energy of all the students I'm a sponge and have to absorb everything that goes on It's totally different from tearing down and putting together an M-16

As a director taking TV III this semester, Sarah Atcho loves show nights as well Recently she was in charge when photographer Carl Sams II and his wife Jean Stock were interviewed about their new children's book *Lost in the Woods*

"You meet the guests, have a script in front of you," said Atcho, a 20-year-old Ferndale resident who was an English major until taking a class in television production "I enjoy working with TV I and II students to help them realize what they're doing I like cameras and showing them how to focus on one object to the next

I'm amazed by how it all comes together You walk in and there's a ton of equipment and wonder what it does I didn't realize everything that went behind what you see on TV

Sue Boyd's glad as well when it comes to show



Producer Sue Boyd (left) checks on last minute details with student Maggie Barylko and Marianne Carter

night As producer her job is almost done She's selected the guests written a script handed it over to the director and then sits back to watch

It's great to meet everybody," said Boyd an adjunct instructor who teaches script writing "Everybody has a story It's nice to take a half hour and let everybody tell their story

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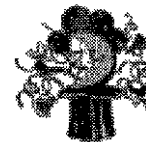
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With a Lucia Procession presented by the Women's Chorus and music appropriate to the season in Swedish and English, and Swedish Lussekatter and gingerbread treats will be served at the Afterglow.

The combined choruses make up the largest chorus in the American Union of Swedish Singers.

The male chorus was organized in the 1930s. It was the fore-runner and nucleus of the Swedish Club of Greater Detroit. The chorus, which is dedicated to the preservation of Swedish and Scandinavian ethnicity through music, is under the direction of Arthur Elander. The Scandia Women's chorus was organized in May of 1976. This concert will be one of the firsts for Ruth Anne Zimmer, recently appointed Scandia's director.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance by calling (248) 626-7906. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Holiday musical on tap at Players Barn

Dance Electric Performing Arts Studio of Farmington Hills presents their first annual holiday musical "Home? For The Holidays" at the Farmington Players Barn at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Local youth talent ages 7-18 will present the production written by Joey Albright (Purple Rose Theatre) and directed by Joey Albright & Heather Sandberg. Call for advanced ticket sales, (248) 477-3830. Tickets are \$8 in

advance, \$10 at the door, special senior rate (age 55 & better) \$6, group rates available. The production will feature youth from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, West Bloomfield and Northville. Call (248) 477-3830 for more information.

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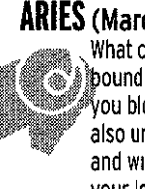
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Star Struck

(Dec 5-Dec 8)
By Dennis Fairchild

...in your world may be less significant than you would like to believe. Mercury your ruling planet is currently making monkey business and may encourage you to let wishful thinking get in the way of common sense. Don't let it happen.

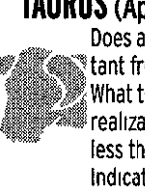


ARIES (March 21-April 20th)

What comes to light unexpectedly early week is bound to get your adrenaline flowing. But before you blow your top, bear in mind that partners are also under a great deal of pressure at this time and will respond more favorably to sympathy than your legendary sharp tongue.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

What you learn about a close companion or business associate will be hard to swallow and there may be moments this week when you wonder if all your loyalty and devotion to duty have been worth it.

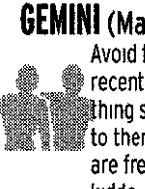


TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Does absence make the heart grow fonder? A distant friendship is poised to take center stage. But what transpires this week may lead you to the realization that there are some things that matter less than you think—and some that count more. Indications are that good times are ready to roll.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You don't have to explain your actions now because partners are in a much more forgiving mood than usual. However, don't squander your resources on nonessentials because Venus soon leaving your sign warns that while you may be long on energy, you're still short on cash.

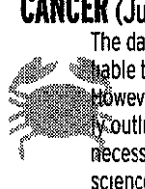


GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Avoid focusing on what went wrong or turned sour recently and let your real need to do your own thing set you free. Twins: What others say belongs to them—you are simply going with the flow. You are free to follow the dictates of your heart 24/7, kiddo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Thanks to Venus approaching your sign, what is now at stake personally and professionally is the right to determine your own future. Archer: Therefore, care less about what others say or do and care more about following the route through life that suits you best. Start now!

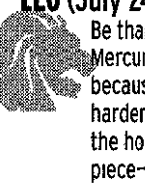


CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The days leading up to the 11th's New Moon are liable to be taxing, tiresome and turbulent. However, don't try to hang on to what has obviously outlived its usefulness. Cut out what is no longer necessary and refuse point blank to cut your conscience to fit someone else's fashions. Moonkiddo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The divisions that exist between you and other people are illusory. SeaGoat: In the grand scheme of things, we are all the same. Your ruling planet Saturn warns that what happens this week will convince you that enemies are only such because you don't treat them as friends.

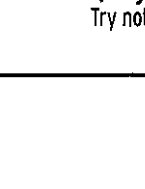


LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Be thankful that the last days of retrograde Mercury is bringing family disputes into the open because the longer certain situations drag on the harder they will be to resolve. So take the bull by the horns and insist that everyone say their piece—and makes peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

A serious change in direction demands imagination and courage and you are now in a position to prove you have both. Don't let anyone, especially family or coworkers with whom you're friendly, dissuade you from what you know is right. It's your life, the choice must be yours.



VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Try not to get carried away by someone whose

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Even if the tide of fortune seems feeble now, continue to believe that some sort of breakthrough is now within sight. Of course, much depends on the state of your finances, but if your resources are low, then chances are your physical energy is too. Ease up and take a rest. Fish!

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Entertainment books

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment OS 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.

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.

Teen drug seminar

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do a free ongoing workshop series will be presented by Ron Harrison SW in the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Classroom EC4 5305 Elliott Drive Ypsilanti. Part One: What To Know will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays Jan 4 Feb 1 and March 1. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part Two: 'What To Do' will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays Jan 11 Feb 8 and March 8. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified and will include a recovering teen speaker. The workshops are free and open to the public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information phone (734) 973 7892 e mail jessa@med.umich.edu or go to http://www.hvcn.org/info/teensusingdrugs.

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 postmarked by Jan 21. For information call Judie Quinn (734) 699 6817.

Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents Rumpelstiltskin through Jan 16. Performances are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (Dec 11 18 Jan 8 15) Sundays (Dec 5 12 19 26 Jan 2 9 and 16) and Monday Friday Dec 27 31. Tickets are \$7.50 no children 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 to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb 1. For more information about the scholarship program or to obtain an entry form contact Jeanette Schneider at 248 440 0404 x202 check on line at www.manyhouses.com or visit any local RE/MAX office.

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.

'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. 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 southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child adults who have lost a parent pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is please call 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

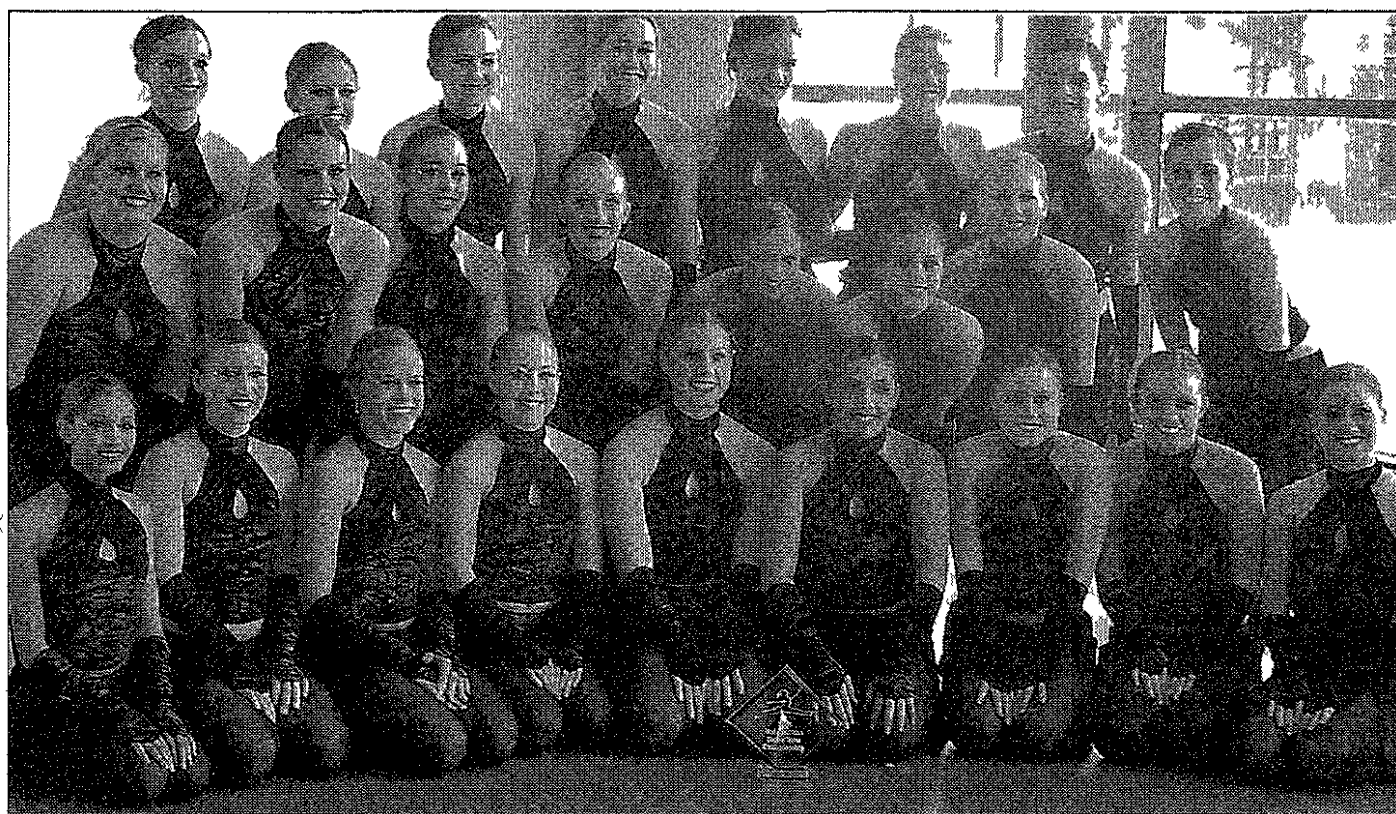
The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth or by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453 3016. Cost of the book is \$20 with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. 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. E-mail Diane VanDyke at djvanddyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416 3354.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. For more information call (866) 841 9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore3@onebox.com.



Rockettes rock

The Salem High School varsity dance/pompon squad placed first in varsity jazz at the 2004 Mid-American Dance Championships at Eastern Michigan University recently. The varsity Rockettes also finished second at the 14th annual Great Lakes Dance Team Invitational sponsored recently by Universal Dance Association.

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@uno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more information 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 veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734 420 2775 for more information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June excluding January. Persons interested in joining contact club president Judy Kr eman at (734) 459 1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

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Antioch Lutheran presents holiday concert, Scandinavian style

The ARPI Swedish Mens Chorus and the Scandia Womens Chorus will present A Celebration of Light, a holiday concert at Antioch Lutheran Church, located at 33360 W 13 Mile in Farmington Hills at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec 12.

With a Lucia Procession presented by the Womens Chorus and music appropriate to the season in Swedish and English, and Swedish Lussekatte and gingerbread treats will be served at the Afterglow. The event will be the perfect concert for families with young children to attend, whether or not they are of Scandinavian descent.

The combined choruses make up the largest chorus in the American Union of Swedish

Singers. The male chorus was organized in the 1930s. It was the fore-runner and nucleus of the Swedish Club of Greater Detroit. The chorus, which is dedicated to the preservation of Swedish and Scandinavian ethnicity through music, is under the direction of Arthur Elander.

The Scandia Womens chorus was organized in May of 1976. This concert will be one of the firsts for Ruth Anne Zimmer, who was recently appointed Scandia's director.

A Celebration of Light is part of a series of concerts to benefit the church's Let There Be Light 50th anniversary campaign. Tickets for the concert are \$10 and are available in advance by calling (248) 626-7906. Tickets will also be available at the door.

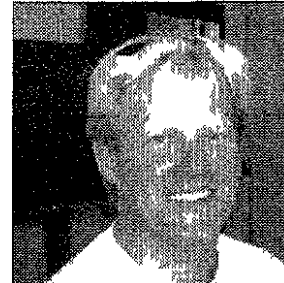


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RUSSELL CHAIGNON ROBINSON, SR.
Thousand Oaks, CA

Russell aged 47 passed away peacefully early Friday morning from pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his three children in the comfort of his home. He was known as 'The Copier Man' or 'Russ'. Over ten years ago he realized his dream of opening up a copier business. He felt proud to keep his business going and truly becoming friends with so many clients. Russ strived daily to run The Copier Man business honestly. Russ was born in Detroit Michigan on Valentine's Day in 1957 to Russell and Gayle Robinson. He was the 4th child out of 10 (4 girls & 6 boys). The family tells the story of how on the way to the hospital so he would not be born in the car his father had to constantly stop. There was a fierce snowstorm and his father had to get out of the car to wipe off the street signs as they could not even tell where they were going on that freezing cold night. He graduated from St. Bernardine Catholic grade school in 1981. Back then he was known around the house and to his close friends as Rusty (so as not to conflict with his Dad's first name Russ). In 1975 he graduated from Churchill High School where he enjoyed sports especially football track and cross country skiing. He then married and on 06/12/76 he received his first child Jennifer. His second child, Russell Jr. was born 8/04/78. For personal reasons Russ left Michigan in 1988 to start a new life. He certainly did start over. He started his own business, he married again and became a father again. He was kind, honest, perfectionist and a nice guy. He is survived by his parents Russell and Gayle Robinson, his first two children, Jennifer and Russell and their Mother Denise Aquino stepson Kyle and his son Tommy and their mother Colette. His siblings Kathleen, Linda, Debbie, Mary Rick, Randy, Raymond, Robert, Ronald, many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Not to mention all those that loved him and he loved in return. Funeral services will be held on Dec 4th 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks, 5600 Lindero Canyon Road Westlake Village, CA 91362 (818) 889 0902. Visitation Friday Dec 3rd 2004 from 5 to 8 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be held Dec 11th 2004 at 10 a.m. at St. Bernadine's Catholic Church 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland MI 48185 (734 427-5150). At 9:15 a.m. the hall will be open to visit and view pictures. A light snack will be provided in the hall after mass.

GRETA P. NILSSON

December 1 2004 Age 95 Born in Sweden February 19 1909 she came to the United States and was a Livonia resident for the past 65 years. All her life Mrs Nilsson was an active community volunteer. She along with her husband Bror Sr broadcasted a Swedish radio program for many years in the Detroit area. She was an active member of the Swedish Club and the Arpi Ladies auxiliary. She was also an American Cancer Society Volunteer, and was involved in the PTA in the Livonia Public Schools. The Swedish Ambassador to the United States and the Swedish Counsel of America recognized Mrs Nilsson for her many contributions promoting Swedish culture and heritage, at a ceremony in May of 2003. She is the beloved wife of the late Bror Sr dear mother of Nils (Betty) of Livonia Bror, Jr (Phyllis) of Toledo Helen (the late Malcolm) Martin of Livonia and special Ma to Joni loving grandmother of Paula (Wesley) Waite, Jim Nilsson Kris Nilsson, Helen (Bill) Oesterling Stacey (Mark) Warren AnnMarie (Paul) Borgquist John (Nicole) Martin and Linnea Nilsson, great grandmother of Zachary and Mason Warren, Stephanie Catlyn and Olivia Martin and Ronald Borgquist and beloved aunt of Karin Johnson. Funeral services will be Monday 11 00 am at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington Visitation is Saturday 4 9 pm and Sunday 1 9 pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Swedish Club.

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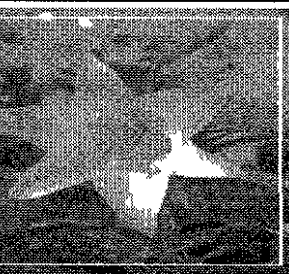
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WALTER R. HAINES

Age 84 November 20 2004 of Mio MI formerly of Belleville MI. Beloved husband of the late Ellen Marie Father of Gary (Carol) Haines Bonita (Allan) Kaledas, John (Virginia) Haines Nancy (Tom) Schneider and Sherry (Keith) Ross. Also survived by many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service was Monday, November 22nd in Mio.



"HAPPY 19th. BIRTHDAY" JESIKA RENEE SMITH

Who passed away June 19 2004. This is your birthday Jesika dear, Not as it used to be.

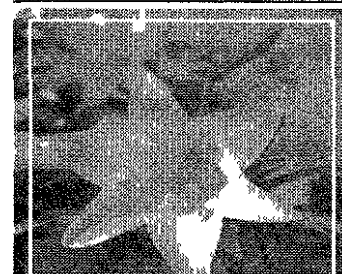
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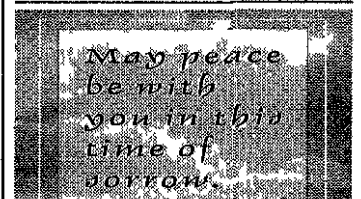
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Cookie walks offer holiday treats

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season is a fun time of year. When else can you fill up a container with the cookies of your choice and not feel guilty eating all of them?

Sandra Johnson loves the chocolate chip, date nut filled, and pecan tarts she'll help bake in the kitchen at First United Church of Wayne just in time for the Cookie Walk 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 11.

It's a family affair for the Garden City resident who's mother Maxine Bondie co-chairs the event. Stepfather Ken makes the cookie dough.

"We'll have all different kinds of cookies," said Sandra Johnson. "There's the fancy cookies and plain cookies. I like them both. And we'll have a separate area for candy that people have made. People buy cookies not only for themselves but for

gifts. They're perfect if you don't have time to bake or are alone and don't bake a lot."

In addition to Johnson and the Bondies, several church members will be in the kitchen baking. Containers cost \$4 for a small, \$8 medium, \$12 large.

First United Church of Wayne is at 3 Town Square next to the Wayne Post Office between east and west bound Michigan Avenue. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Church members all over the area will be baking during the next few weeks. Here's a list of those offering sweet treats in time for the holidays.

■ Purchase cookies after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 5, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3361.

■ A large selection of cookies plus nut, apricot, poppyseed and sweet breads, Ukrainian kiefle and many more ethnic

and traditional holiday cookies, potato, cheese and sauerkraut pierogies and stuffed cabbage, candies and nuts will be available from 9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 11, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. Pre-packaged gift boxes of cookies will also be available. Call (248) 476-3432.

■ Cookies, cookies everywhere at the annual Cookie Walk sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 West Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. Cookies are sold by the pound. Come early for best selection.

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church holds a Holiday Bake Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at 26212 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 537-3778.

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Living Nativity seeks animals of every kind

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

At this point Jason Wilhorte isn't fussy about the kinds of animals taking part in the Living Nativity at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia on Dec. 17.

Wilhorte wouldn't dream of asking someone to volunteer a camel for the production, but sheep, goats or a donkey will do. He needs one or more of them to set the scene for the birth of Jesus.

"We have most of the actors together," said Jason Wilhorte, a 26-year-old Livonia resident. "We're making costumes, and the manger is mostly constructed. We have a couple of leads on animals but right now I'm crossing my fingers. We're looking for sheep or goats, or a donkey would be cool."

"We want it to be like a traditional Nativity scene but with live people, shepherds and animals."

Wilhorte, and members of the church came up with the idea after seeing similar Living

Nativity

"I'm excited about the opportunity to become part of local tradition - that people would come here in addition to going out to see Christmas lights," said Wilhorte. "It's a cool way to get people together, for people to stop by, have some warm apple cider and enjoy the time with their families. Sometimes people get caught up in the shopping and materialism. It's kind of nice to take a step back and remember what the true purpose is, to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and remember all of the things with which we've been blessed."

The Living Nativity takes place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia.

For more information about the Living Nativity, call the church at (248) 476-8222. To loan sheep, goats or a donkey, call Jason Wilhorte at (734) 765-4535.

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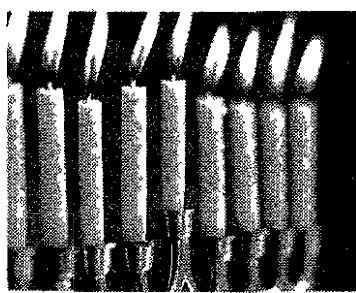
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Dec. 8 Rabbi Peter Gluck and the congregation of Bet Chaverim in Canton will gather to light the first of eight candles as a way of remembering the miracle that happened more than 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. For those of Jewish faith, Hanukkah celebrates not only the rededicating of the Temple after reclaiming it from the Greeks, but the fight for religious freedom throughout time.

"Everybody brings their own menorahs and say the prayers and light the candles. We sing some songs, and then read the story about what happened back then," said Rabbi Gluck. "It's an important holiday, one that celebrates religious freedom, a central theme in Judaism. We're thus many years later still discussing religion and freedom and how to have a society where people can practice their faith without being told that one faith is right and one faith is wrong."

"Judaism as a religion has always celebrated freedom from dictatorships. It's not a new thing at all. It's an old theme and concern, and why it's so important. Hanukkah still celebrates that freedom, the freedom of people to worship as they want. It's very important in our contemporary world where we're fighting and debating religion and politics."

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20, and son Adam, 12, after decorating their home with a collection of menorahs — and lights, the symbol for the holy oil that lasted eight days instead of one when rededicating the Temple.

"My wife pulls it all out and decorates the living room, dining room, the windows are all decorated with lights," said Rabbi Gluck. "We place one menorah in our window and every night add a candle so people see that we're celebrating a holiday that lasted the length of Jewish history. The memory goes back to times before Jesus. That's when the Greeks attempted to control Jerusalem. The holiday celebrates the defeat of the Greeks and the rededication of the Temple 160 years before the birth of Jesus."

Barb King rushes from lantern to lantern making sure the flames stay lit along the streets of Greenfield Village Holiday Nights are a special time of year for this historic Dearborn destination.

Model T and horse-drawn wagon rides take visitors into the past. See how families did or didn't celebrate the holidays in the 1830s and 1880s. Ride a zebra, frog or one of many hand-carved horses on the 1913 Herschell-Spillman Carousel, or skate on the ice rink.

Don't forget to bring an apple for Santa's reindeer.

King finds nights in the village more magical than during the day when she's busy working in the Firestone Farm house, the 1885 boyhood home and birthplace of Harvey Firestone who founded Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in 1900.

Day or night it's a good time to experience living history as presenters in vintage costumes greet visitors in the street and homes. Smell chestnuts roasting over a fire in an oil drum, or soft ginger cookies and sugar drops baking in homes. Back then women did their baking early in the day when there was plenty of light.

"We're trying to show people how Christmas would be celebrated in different houses," said King, a 25-year-old Livonia resident who's worked as a presenter at the village for seven years. A 1997 graduate of Churchill High School, King is working on a masters in education degree at University of Michigan Dearborn. She says her mother always jokes that she's Laura Ingalls reincarnated because she's always been passionate about history.

"Christmas or wintertime is a time you can take it a little slower, not for women and baking but farming. Firestone is so busy, we're baking, trying to be an immersion experience where people can step back in the 1880s."

At the Firestone home the family's original holiday china is on display during the day. Different homes are open depending on whether it's day or night.

"There's a tree in the parlor with period children's toys," said King. In the sitting



Barb King prepares for the holidays in the Firestone Farm house at Greenfield Village.

room off the kitchen flat surfaces are covered with greens. It's a German tradition. They were trying to turn the inside into a forest. The tree skirt is an 1880s American flag, a reminder that the Civil War was only 20 years ago. Today's flag etiquette would not allow it, but it's very patriotic.

"Edison is one of the neat homes to see. They have a Victrola playing music in the background, period Christmas trees. There's lots for people to see and do. I recommend they start at the back of the village and work their way forward."

Jingle Bells seemed to be the theme song of the village on one recent night. Picks n Sticks played the melody inside the Adams Family Home while visitors sang along as Joel Palmer played his guitar in the horse-drawn wagon outside. Dave

Tanner guided the Percheron horses through the streets. Harvey and John are two of 18 Percherons that live in the village.

"I think it's wonderful, a great opportunity to get a taste for what life used to be like," said Palmer, who teaches at Plymouth Guitar.

At the Noah Webster House where there are 8 fireplaces but no central heating, Jim Kator hands visitors a list from the Ladies Book of Etiquette. There were certain rules to follow when the dining room table was full of ham, turkey, roast beef, and all of the trimmings on New Year's Day.

You didn't partake of all of the spreads because you'd be full by the end of the night, said Kator of Troy, a retired engineer. Today's Christmas came out in the 1870s but back in the 1830s gentlemen would call on their lady acquaintances.

Still further down the street stop to visit Dancer, a four-year-old reindeer and Noel, a yearling from the Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farm in Pewamo outside of Lansing.

Remember to put out apples for Santa's reindeer, not carrots. They're too hard," said Dave Aldrich who was tending to the animals with his son Dave and answering questions from passersby.

At this time of year, they travel every day with the reindeer, taking part in parades and visiting schools.

Unlike Michigan white tail, reindeer have fur covering every part of their body to warm them when temperatures drop to 40 to 50 degrees below zero in their native home in the Arctic Circle.

Even their nose gets cold," said Aldrich.

Holiday Nights run 6:30-10 p.m. (fireworks at 9:45 p.m.) Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11 and 17-22. Greenfield Village is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Christmas Day, through Jan. 2. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 children (non-members), \$12, \$8 children (members).

Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford museum is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

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It's a good idea to keep a list of medications and dosage in your wallet or purse. And give a copy to a family member or friend.

Take your medications exactly as prescribed. Some need to be taken with food or at certain times. Just stick to the plan.

Medications can be helpful. But to get the best effect, you have to take them properly and safely.

And remember, take care of your health before it's long gone!

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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Epilepsy

Medical condition changes every aspect of life



Redford resident Rudy Ebmer, who suffers from epilepsy, sits with some materials for the epilepsy support group he founded after doing extensive research on the illness.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Rudy Ebmer was only 9 years old when he had the first epileptic seizure after suffering a heat stroke. It literally changed his life.

Over the years, Ebmer's taken several different medications without success and undergone a variety of treatments - surgery to remove his right temporal lobe and then implantation of a pacemaker-like device that delivers mild waves of electrical stimulation to the brain via the vagus nerve in the neck.

Every five minutes his voice becomes hoarse, but it's a small price to pay to be free of the seizures caused by disturbances in normal electrical functions of his brain.

At age 39, the Redford resident is finally able to move on with his life and would like to help those suffering with the illness to do the same.

SUPPORT

Epilepsy is a neurological condition that changes every aspect of a person's existence, including the ability to hold a job or even drive an automobile. Ebmer believes talking to others with the same difficulties eases the burden, especially of those with treatment-resistant epilepsy. He's started a support group that meets at the Redford Community Center every second Wednesday of the month.

"I'm trying to get more exposure," said Ebmer. "Growing up, I wasn't able to learn as well as I should

have been able to. Later, I had a hard time finding jobs. There's a lot of discrimination."

I feel it's important to help other people to lead a more productive life. I felt I had a lot of information that would be helpful to people with epilepsy."

Of the 2 1/2 million people with epilepsy, it's estimated that approximately one-quarter are not able to control their seizures with treatment. Dr. Brien Smith said Ebmer is one of the lucky ones. Vagus Nerve Stimulator Therapy is frequently the last resort, and of those who receive the implant only about 5 percent become seizure-free.

"Even though it doesn't sound very exciting, it opens up the avenue to stimulating the brain," said Smith, medical director of the comprehensive epilepsy program and epilepsy monitoring unit at Henry Ford Hospital, which is participating in nationwide clinical trials of the responsive neurostimu-

lator system by NeuroPace.

Currently there are two major studies by Medtronic and NeuroPace. It's Phase II trials on patient safety to make sure it's safe for patients. It then goes on to level III to see how well it works. If all goes well, it may be approved in three years.

Smith's colleague Dr. Gregory L. Barkley is just as excited about the trial. They are currently recruiting patients with treatment-resistant epilepsy for the volunteer project. If interested, call Helen Foley at (313) 916-3955. For more on the responsive neurostimulator system, visit www.Neuropace.com.

"The responsive neurostimulator was developed from technology first used for implantable defibrillators that fire a jolt of electricity when heart rhythms are interrupted," said Barkley, a neurologist and vice chairman of the neurology department and founding

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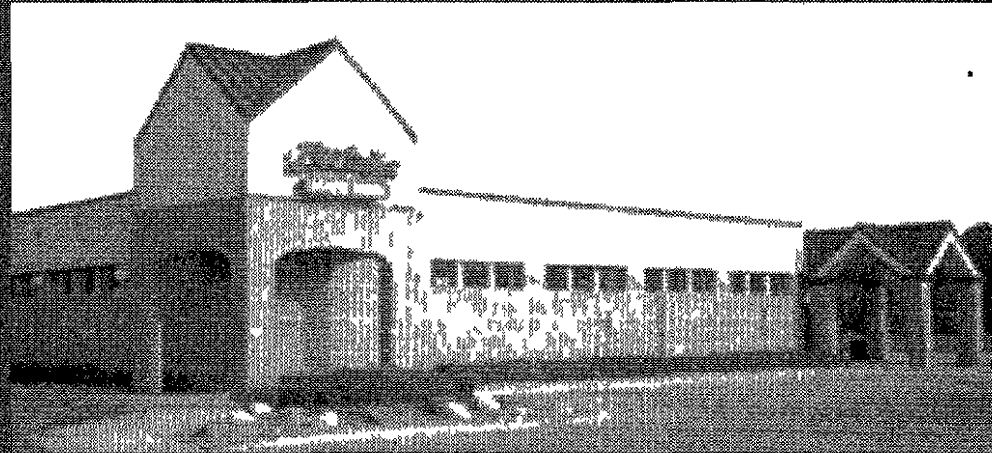
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Knowing and documenting family disease backgrounds can save the lives of loved ones through early detection and readily available prevention measures. Holiday gatherings are excellent opportunities for extended families to compare health history notes and take action if necessary.

The Karmanos Cancer Institute's Cancer Genetic Counseling Service works with more than 200 people annually to help ascertain their risk of developing cancer based on family history. Nationwide, more than 6 million people can benefit from cancer genetic counseling and testing, which can be the key to disease prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer.

If you are at all concerned about your family history and its effect on your risk of getting cancer, you should undergo a genetic evaluation," said Nancie Petrucelli, certified genetic

counselor and genetics services coordinator at Karmanos Cancer Institute. "Most insurance plans cover genetic counseling and you don't have to be a cancer patient to find out."

During a genetic counseling appointment at the Institute and other qualified centers, a genetic counselor will provide a complete evaluation by constructing a three-generation family tree pedigree. The session will include a personalized cancer risk assessment, a discussion of genetic testing options, and a review of information regarding

lifestyle changes to reduce cancer risk and aid in early detection.

"Some of the red flags we look for in our screenings are people who have had several family members with cancer, family members who have been diagnosed younger than age 50, family members with two or more types of cancer, and families of specific ancestries," said Petrucelli.

To make an appointment for the Institute's Cancer Genetic Counseling Service, call (313) 966-7780. The Cancer Genetic Counseling Service is provided at the Karmanos Cancer

Institute's midtown Detroit main campus location as well as the Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center in Farmington Hills. Genetic counseling sessions are available Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or by appointment on Tuesday and Wednesday.

To learn more about the U.S. Surgeon General's Family History Initiative, visit <http://hhs.gov/family-history>. A downloadable family history tool, "My Family Health Portrait," is also available at this Web site.

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director of the epilepsy program at Henry Ford Hospital. "Electrodes are implanted in the brain and attached to a device implanted in the brain. When it senses a seizure it sends a jolt of electricity to interrupt the start of the seizure.

"Theoretically, this is a way to deliver a treatment directly to the part of the brain experiencing an interruption.

Both Smith and Barkley applaud Ebmer's efforts to start a support group for patients with epilepsy. For them the goal as neurologists is 'no seizures, no side effects' but until that's accomplished through treatment life can be a struggle.

Smith especially can relate to Ebmer and the rest of his patients with epilepsy. At one point he suffered seizures before being diagnosed and treated for a benign brain tumor.

MAJOR RESTRICTIONS

"Epilepsy is like a short circuit of a battery," said Smith. "It leaves them with major restrictions. They can't drive. Sometimes employers aren't favorable because they're not able to do certain jobs. They don't have the same independence and autonomy as the normal person would have.

The next support group takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Redford Community Center. For information, call Ebmer at (313) 531-7361. To find out about a group in your area, contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan at (800) 377-6226.

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Diabetes Support Group

Host a discussion on a "Know Your Health Steps" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 8 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan Road in Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For more information call (734) 655-8961 or visit www.stmarymercy.org. The speaker is Janice Wheeler, RN, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This free program will help you understand the role of exercise in maintaining or improving your overall health. It focuses on the health issues of diabetes and how increasing your level of exercise can improve blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight control. Free pedometers and educational materials. Dress comfortably for optional exercises. Pre registration not required.

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Extreme Challenge

The fund raiser benefiting 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 involves 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 children (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

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UPCOMING

Prostate Support Group

Learn how prostate cancer develops in the body at a discussion of the pathology of prostate cancer 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6 at University of Michigan Hospital, Room 2C108, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. For information call (734) 936-5938. The program sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will feature Rajal Shah, M.D., clinical

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assistant professor of Pathology at the U-M Medical School, who will explain the nature of prostate cancer, its causes, processes, development and consequences.

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.

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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.

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 (800) GIVE LIFE. To donate blood you must be age 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health.

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/mit/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 Willis, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Red Cross safety courses

Available including 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 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

Research volunteers needed

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Hospice volunteers needed

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

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.

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For physicians the meaning is that we need closer contact with patients. Giving you a prescription and automatically refilling it for a year is no longer acceptable. The revelation that a familiar drug formerly thought safe is no longer so will happen again. Vioxx was the first instance but will not be the last. The medical community will take a higher standard for follow-up.

For you the meaning is that doctors will turn more to ways that are safe. For example, we will not so quickly prescribe a drug for your high cholesterol, but ask you to give more attention to a proper diet. We will not so readily recommend medication for fibromyalgia, but place an emphasis on the role of daily exercise, even when you are stiff and aching.

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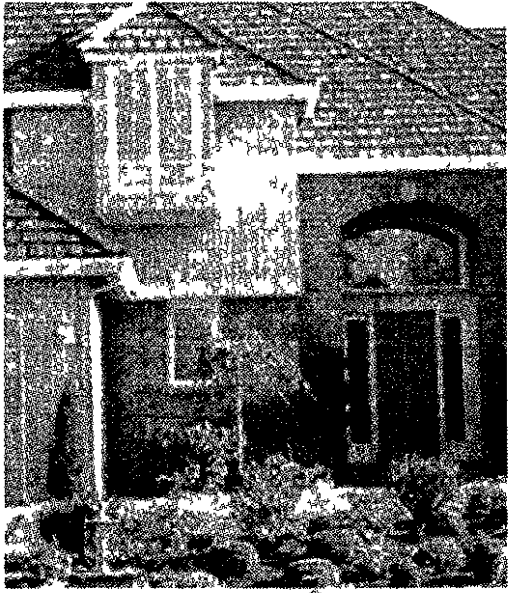
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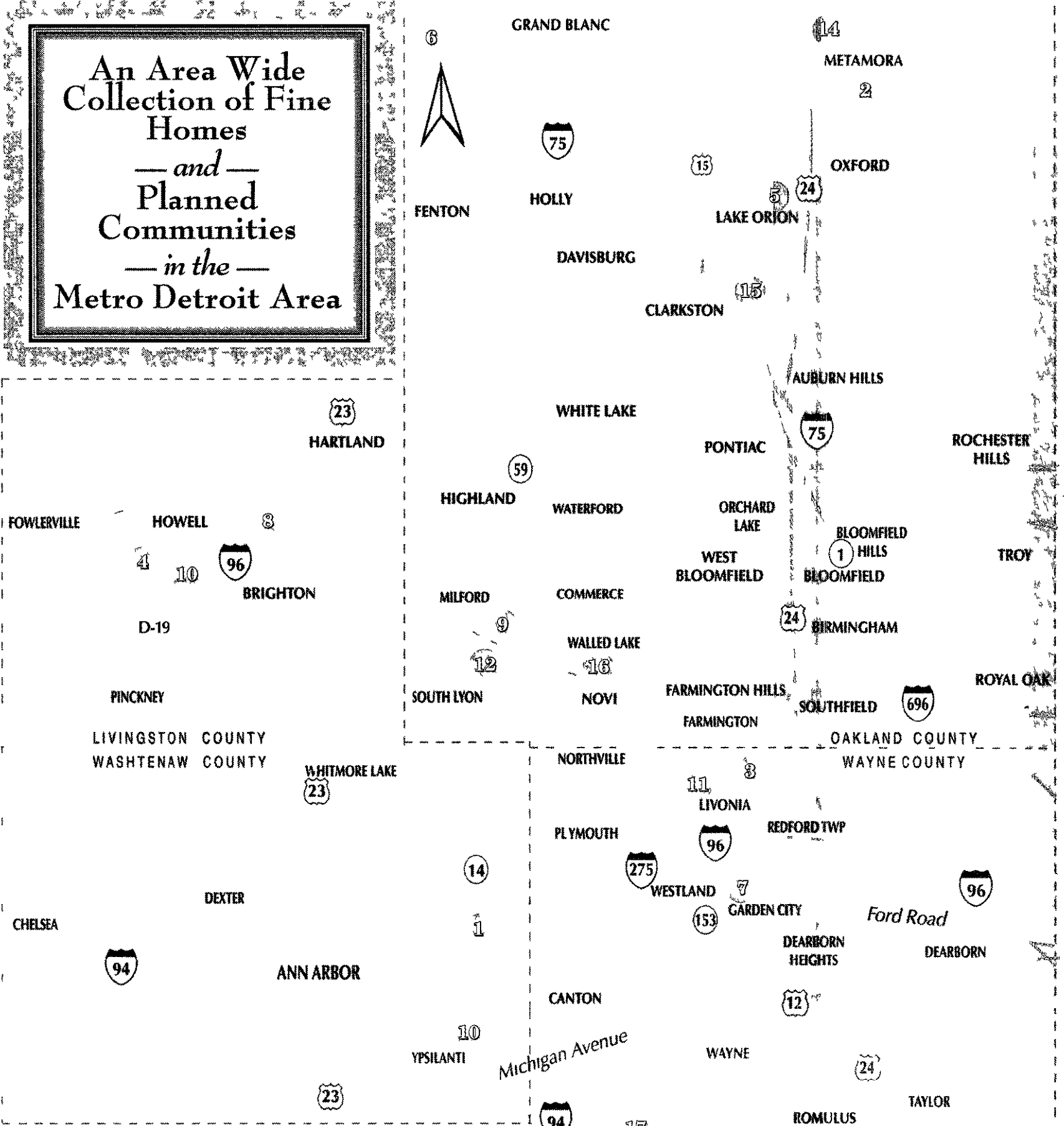


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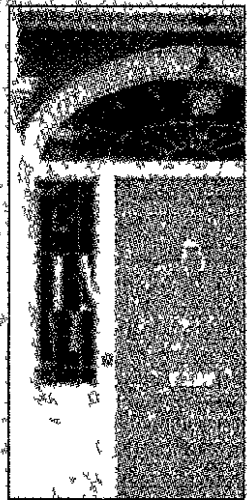


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Developer breaks ground on Rochester project

'Walkable' community a plus for buyers

LoChirco Custom Homes recently broke ground on a three-story, \$5 million condominium and retail project in downtown Rochester. The first-of-its-kind project for Rochester's central business district, 202 Walnut Street reflects a trend of offering residential housing options in suburbs that have "walkable" downtowns.

Like the condominium projects that are currently rising in downtown Royal Oak, 202 Walnut Street combines amenity-filled condominiums with first-floor retail. It will have eight condominiums on two floors ranging in size from 1,000 to 2,050 square feet, and in price from \$350,000-\$700,000. Complementing existing architecture in downtown Rochester, 202 Walnut Street has a traditional design featuring a brick facade with limestone accents. There will be first-floor parking, with two spaces for each condominium, a third-floor terrace, and many options for interior finishes.

"We're extremely pleased with the concept of this project by LoChirco Custom Homes. In size, scale and quality, it



Complementing existing architecture in downtown Rochester, 202 Walnut Street, a new LoChirco Custom Homes development, combines amenity-filled condominiums with first-floor retail.

reflects our development plans for downtown Rochester," said Rochester Mayor Karen Lewis. "This is a beautiful building and it will be a big draw for people who are looking for the convenience and pleasure of living in a downtown with restaurants and shops."

Joseph M. LoChirco, the president of LoChirco Custom Homes, grew up in Rochester and has a strong attachment to the city. "This is a dream project, to bring a high quality building to the central business district that will increase the vitality and fun of the area and be a great place to live. I think it will have great appeal to people who are downsiz-

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Check with your county clerk to make sure there are no civil suits against the contractor.

Check with your local home builders association to

see if they are a member. Make sure you receive a complete, clearly written contract for the work to be done. Do not pay cash up front unless you have a signed valid contract.

You should get at least three estimates from different contractors to compare costs. Beware of bids which are too low or unreasonably out of line.

with other bids. Be sure the estimates specify the total price and the method of payment, the kind and quality of materials to be used and the estimated length of time it will take to complete the work.

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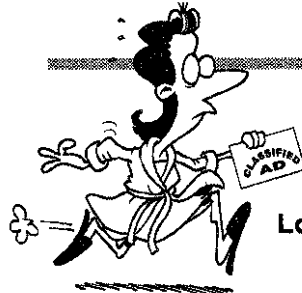
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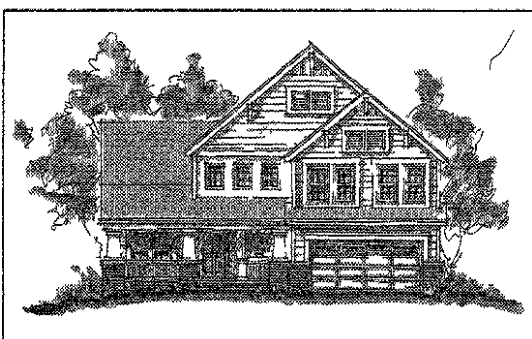
With a more traditional farmhouse style, the Riverside has many additional features that make it an eye-catcher. The large column posts on the covered porch, the numerous windows, the double louvered vents at the peak of the two different rooflines, and the brick that has been used for cornices on the two-car garage and across the face of the home all add to the attractive facade.

Entering the two-story Riverside has one's guests facing the long great room at the rear of the home. To their left are French doors that open into a den or optional living room. Because it is set off from the rest of the home by the elegant doors, it would make a wonderful retreat from the family or a great place to have an in-home office if needed.

The great room has a large fireplace on the rear wall and there are small arches at the entry. To the left of the great room is the nook and kitchen. The nook has patio doors opening to the rear deck and backyard. An eating bar faces the nook. Shaped like a "C," the kitchen has a large amount of counter space and cabinets. It has a pantry on the wall between the kitchen and the great room.

The right side of the Riverside is the master suite. It has a large main suite area with an elongated walk-in closet on the right side. The master bath has an oversized spa tub as well as a shower. Dual sinks with a linen closet are on the opposite wall. Just outside the master suite is the utility room with a door to the garage and a half bath.

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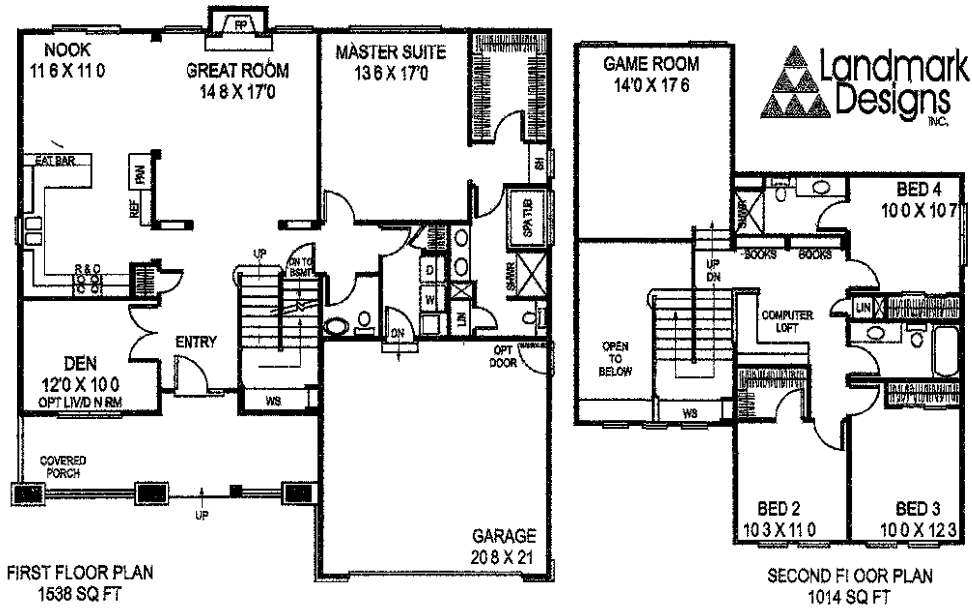


on the landing half way up is a window seat. Continuing on up stairs are three other bedrooms and a game/family room. Bedroom two has a corner walk-in closet while bedrooms three and four each have wall closets. A full bath with a tub is located between bedrooms three and four, but bedroom four actually has a full bath with a shower.

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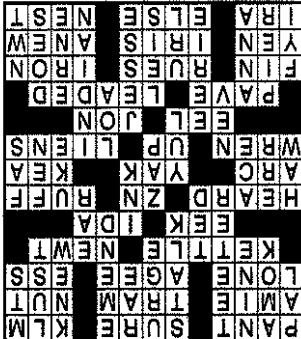


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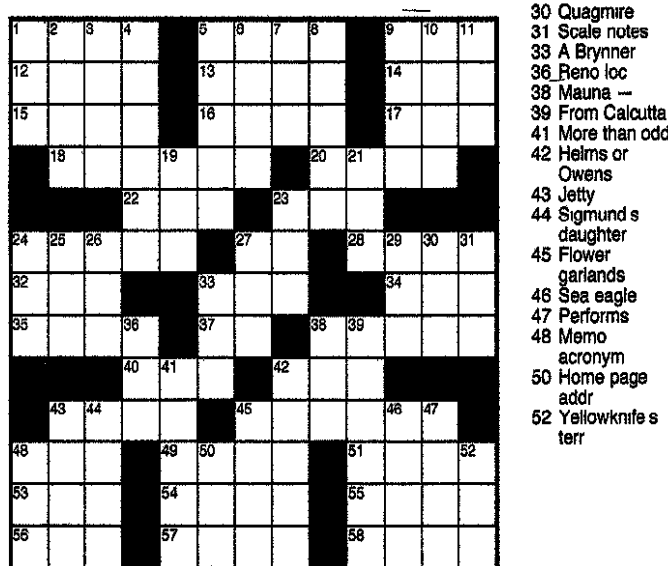
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WASHINGTON TWP Gorgeous
4 bedroom 4 bath home with a g and entrance Master bedroom with jetted tub and large walk in closet Great room with high ceiling and fireplace in a bary Hardwood flooring Backs up to a wooded area
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HIGHLAND Golfers Paradise
Near Milford stunning 1.5 story contemporary designed by Lub n of Boom Hills Located at 12th green w/ view of windows soaring ceilings 8 ft doors in w/ curved walls Amish cabs theatre rm/full bar
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MILFORD Welcome To Royalty Home
This home has it all sits on wooded 3.63 acre of Two story foyer & BR w/2 beautiful spiral staircase FF MBR 4 addl BR on second floor w/Jack & Jill baths two study rooms finished w/bsmt w/kit L b a toy rm
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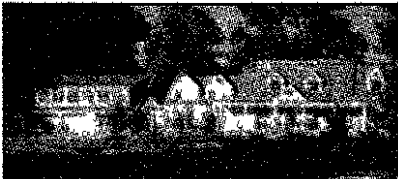
BIRMINGHAM Walk To Downtown
From this beautiful home 3 bedrooms all w/cathedral ceilings 3 full baths and 1 half bath kitchen w/granite counters and Jenn air SS appliances MBR suite w/WIC own laundry area & frolic Hdwd flrs & cedar deck
(B76BAT) 248 642 8100 \$679,000



CANTON Classic Elegance!
Custom built on approx 1 acre Foyer w/wrought iron & wood staircase 2 story GR w/frp/c & crown molding kit & master bath w/granite tops 3 bedrooms have bath & WIC Full basement w/walk out & 3 car att gar
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CLARKSTON New Construction Colonial
4 bedrooms 3.5 baths with open floor plan Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances and granite counters 2 story family room with granite surround gas fireplace Dual staircase Master bedroom w/pan ceiling & jetted tub
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ROSE TWP/HOLLY Custom
20 room home on approx 8.2 acres defies comfort & luxury 8 bedrooms 7.3 baths 4 on a lake 20 acres 80 deep spring fed ake heated barn for the toys horses welcome Call to make your appointment today
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Shows Like A Model Home
Contemporary 3.5 baths 2 story foyer large kitchen w/ital cabs guest suite high ceiling & fireplace n family room 2 way staircase w/brdge overlooking family room FFL Prof landscp sprinkler immed occup
(B66TOR) 248 626 8800 \$512,000



BINGHAM FARMS Custom
4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on approx 1.78 acres 2 way frp/c n MBR & living room and den Formal dining room some hardwood floors & finished basement w/gyrn 2.5 car garage & B rmingham Schools
(B51BRI) 248 642 8100 \$584,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
With open floor plan 2 story foyer w/hardwood w/granite formal LR & DR FR w/fireplace profess onally finished basement spacious master suite has glamour bath 3 car attached garage 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths
(B61RED) 734 455 5600 \$484,000



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
Come on in to this 4 bed come 2.5 baths and three car's elegant garage Gourmet kitchen w/ granite cabinets island and butler's pantry Master bed room with tray ceiling and bath w whirlpool tub
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Well Kept
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(B73WIN) 248 626 8800 \$436,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Elegant
3 BR 2.5 BA detached condo on private cul de sac Open fl plan cathedral ceilings n LR & MBR W/O w/frp lib & vet ba 2 f p/c white kt w/center island DR 3 decks & MBR ste w/WIC All ap's 2 car gar & warr
(B54DEE) 248 642-8100 \$407,900



CANTON Oversized Interior Lot
Offers this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/great architectural design w/open floor plan w/soaring ceilings hardwood floors & spacious rooms Gou met kit w/marble cabs opens to FR + 3 ca att gar & bsmt
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METAMORA Exceptional Opportunity
This is horse country situated between Oxford and LaPeer with walking distance of this historic downtown area Over 300 acres of rolling hills and woods Lovely anch overlooking Reed Lake
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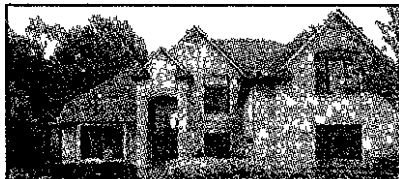
COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakfront
Go geous 2 story colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood 2 furnished upstairs laundry Extra large Love eve w/great oom and 2nd kitchen and full bath Sun oom This is a must see home
(B16DRI) 248 363 1200 \$910,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Bloomfield On The Lake
Super clean 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial w/neutral decor suite well maintained family home Formal living room and dining room den/offic great room w/ wet bar MBR has private deck and bath suite Bloom sch's
(B85WOO) 248 626 8800 \$449,999



LATHRUP VILLAGE Contemporary
4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick colonial w/neutral decor recently painted plush carpet and ceramic floors in foyer and kitchen Kitchen has island and white cabinets FR w/frp/c and doorwall to yard double lot
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LODI TWP Country Club Living
Spacious 4 bedroom 4.5 bath cape cod sitting on the 5th green offers full basement 3 car attached garage large suite w/cathedral ceiling & elegant bath + 1st floor master suite w/ jacuzzi & double shower
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Approximate 550 ft of frontage on Lower Long Lake Home features custom cabs brass ranges marble flooring Feldstone triple many columns full lower level kitchen & large windows throughout for lake views
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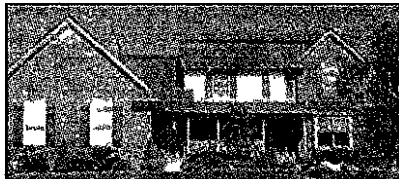
COMMERCE Lakefront Living
La ge ake ont col w/2 story w/led GR w/ake view kt w/granite tops & cust cabs Mstr ste w/marble su round jac tub 3 BR 2.5 BA FFL Entertainment on raised brick paved patio & large lake frontage & much more
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OAKLAND TWSP Sensational
Custom estate on approx 10 acres of serene setting 6 bedrooms 6 baths gourmet kitchen open living floor plan staircase leading to 2nd level Lg fn w/O w/garage rm ex rm BR Gentlemans garage cust pool 3 tier deck
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PLYMOUTH Tudor Estate On 10+ Acres
Chance of a lifetime to own a lovely tudor on nearly 11 acres of rolling countryside Spectacular great room w/ amazing views Splits available Wonderful curb appeal Must see
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Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath w/3 car garage basement family room w/gas fireplace library cherry kitchen w/island & granite counters doorwall to deck 1st floor laundry & so much more
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OAKLAND Carrollton Hills
Exclusive home on cul de sac backing to pond Moor built 4 bedroom 4.2 bath designer chef's kitchen butlers pantry formal living & dining rooms judges paneled n library extensive ceiling hghts fn w/o theatre n
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COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Custom 5 BR 4 BA home w/ breathtaking back yard view well set up for handicap needs opt onl FF master w/ceiling hght triple & bath fin w/w/2nd kt BR den & BA Du c access 1 96 & mall Walled Lk Schls
(B83CLA) 248 363 1200 \$549,900



BLOOMFIELD Fabulous
Newer construction on 6 bedroom 3.2 bath colonial features outstanding floor plan MBR suite w/s flng rm bath and spa fit for royalty Hardwood floors custom mold ngs gou met kt & 4+ car ga age Brm Schls
(B86WED) 248 642 8100 \$1,395,000



NORTHVILLE Outstanding Ranch
Fabulous ranch w/fin W/O LL on wooded lot almost 2 acs within minutes of downtown This home boasts 5 bedrooms 2.5 baths GR fr as rm cathedral ceilings 2 firep acs master suite w/skylight gorgeous bath
(B51FEN) 248-349 5600 \$569,900



TROY Lovely
4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial in northwest Troy with Troy schools Private premium lot w/ mature trees Den 1st floor laundry vaulted ceiling in family room crown molding T/O Newer furnace C/A HWH & d ive
(B44HOJ) 248 524 1600 \$449,000



OXFORD Country Club Living
Paint Creek golf course views and lake frontage 5 bedrooms 4.5 baths 5 car garage water gardens 1 st floor master suite with luxury bath Dramatic finished walk out
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WHITE LAKE Enjoy The Thrill
Of this 1994 built home on approx 1 acre Custom design 4 bedroom kitchen & upgrades during construction 2 furnaces 2 hot water heaters 2nd kitchen n LL Start at sated entry & follow your dream ceilings and sky ghts West 8oom e d Schools
(B85VAL) 248 363 1200 \$525,000



NOVI Stately Custom Built
4 bedroom 3.2 bath colonial Your own private retreat approx 1+ acres w/ private lake Open and spacious perfect for entertaining Marble entry 1st floor MBR gou met kt w/ Cor an custom pool and hot tub
(B25VAS) 248 642 8100 \$950,000



NOVI Elegant Custom Cape Cod
A grand entry greets you w/ Travertine flooring circular staircase cherry cabinets and granite T/O Stainless steel app ances an impressive finished W/O LL w/full kitchen No expense was spared A definite must see
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ROCHESTER HILLS Spectacular
5 bedroom 3.5 bath home with a beautiful view of the Clinton River Family room with cathedral ceiling and wet bar Hardwood floors large walk out basement sauna 3 car garage and multi level deck with hot tub
(B100QUA) 248-524 1600 \$469,900



OAKLAND TWP Custom Home
In Goodson Hills Extensive use of pine beams and granite gives this house a casual yet elegant feel Paved lot with pool spa and patio 4 car garage med a room bar and loft Move n condition
(B86HIG) 248 652 8000 \$1,495,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Lakfront On Cass Lake
Beautiful 4 bedroom ranch with all the extras and fabu out view of Cass Lake a sports lake A must see Entry eve has open floor plan 3 car garage cathedral ceilings and sky ghts West 8oom e d Schools
(B96ISL) 248 526 8800 \$699,900



BIRMINGHAM New Construction
On a premier street High quality w/ attention to detail 4 bedrooms 4.1 baths butler's ea 2 fireplaces and home theatre Jack and Jill bath 5th bedroom & bath n LL Sky ghts kt w/ stand forma DR & master suite
(B20PLE) 248 642 8100 \$875,000



SOUTH LYON Great Golf Community
4 BR 2.5 BA former builders model Numerous upgrades Neutral decor Crown and chair molding large MBR profs landscped & brick paver & walkway 3 car heated gar 1 yr home warr Walk to course
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TROY Elegant Two Story
With 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths brary dining room FFL three ca side entry garage and brick paver patio Sprinklers alarm system and n room T/O MBR w th bath and walk in closet Secluded wooded area of Troy
(B91TRE) 248-524 1600 \$474,500



OAKLAND Custom Built Estate
Approximately 7.5 wooded acres on Stony Creek Finished walk out basement leads to indoor pool for year round enjoyment 4 car att ga plus 3 ca ga open floor plan 4 bedrooms 6.5 baths lg kt deck w/gazebc
(B05HIG) 248 652 8000 \$1,399,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Lake Front Home
Two story foyer and great room first floor master suite dual fireplace n GR & kt Absolutly beautiful landscp n br ck patio house s surrounded w th brick sidewalk and deck Fin shed w/bsmt w/BR BA & sauna
(B87ROS) 248 626-8800 \$519,000



BEVERLY HILLS Newer Construction
Custom 4 bedroom 4 bath home with the modern amenities w/ the feel of country estate Kitchen w/granite hwd frs MBR suite w jetted tub firep ac and sitting area Partially finished w/BA & exe m
(B60BEV) 248 642 8100 \$799,000



NOVI Autumn Park Colonial
4 BR 3.5 BA home on premium wooded lot n one of Nov's finest streets Two story family room 4 season sun room Extra deep bsmt w/daylight windows brick paver patio kt w/marble cabs formal DR 2nd floor laund
(B90SUN) 248 349 5600 \$639,900



WASHINGTON New Construction
4 bedroom colonial w th 3.5 baths FFL butler's pantry basement with egress window and a three car side entry garage Gourmet island kitchen w th built in appliances Master bedroom bath with Jacuzzi tub
(B4RID) 248-524 1600 \$409,900



METAMORA Million Dollar View
15 plus acres wooded and rolling with trees and abounding nature Indoor and outdoor pools master suite on first floor Dream kitchen 4 car garage w th full bath 3 stunning fireplaces fin w/o w sauna & firep ac
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WEST BLOOMFIELD No Earthly Reason
To accept 2nd best when you can own this 4 BR 3 fu 2 ha f BA contempo y on a prime wooded cul de sac lot 3 car ga age floor to ceiling windows cathedral ceilings n LR 2 story ceiling n foyer exten recess lighting n/o
(B40SWA) 248 626 8800 \$599,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Lovely
4 BR 3 1 BA colonial in a boom Vge loaded w/charm Wood frs open staircase n foyer & FR w pagged fl butl ins & frp/c Sun oom neww kt w/Cor an & island FFL LR w/ p/c forma DR & fin bsmt
(B09BRA) 248 642 8100 \$739,000



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed offers 4 spacious BRs 4.5 BAs Master suite features fireplace 2 WIC & granite bath gourmet kit w/ k n stove Sub Zero frng Walkout LL w heated floors sauna & yr home warr Walkout LL
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Tips for choosing siding

(NAPSI) - The right siding can color someone's opinion of your home. However, choosing the color palette for the exterior of your home can be an overwhelming and challenging process. Whether starting from scratch or remodeling, color decisions will affect your home's long-term resale value and curb appeal.

The good news is that recent years have brought advances in material science that have allowed siding manufacturers such as CertainTeed to introduce more colors, including darker and bolder hues, to their color palette. For instance, beyond the traditional beige or pale yellow, you can now choose a vibrant Ivy Green or Barn Red. The bad news is you have even more choices.

To avoid sensory overload, here are a few tips for selecting the right colors for your home:

- Consider colors that harmonize with your surroundings, including your neighborhood and natural environment.
- Select a siding color that coordinates with your home's roof.

- Use no more than three colors—one for siding, one for trim and one as an accent color.

- For a tall house, emphasize horizontal elements in the window trim colors. Or, to keep a small house from looking even smaller, choose light colors and keep contrasts to a minimum.

- Keep in mind that the larger the home, the more intense the siding color appears.

- Select colors from a trusted siding manufacturer that has done its homework in regard to color. While quantity of colors on a company's palette can seem impressive, it's the right colors that will increase the value and curb appeal of your home.

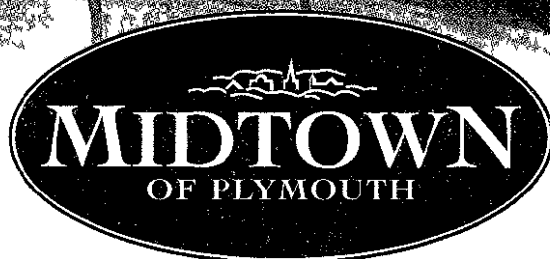
- Choose siding that comes with lifetime color fade protection to ensure that your color investment lasts.

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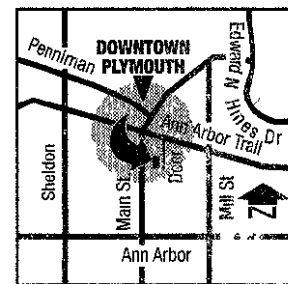


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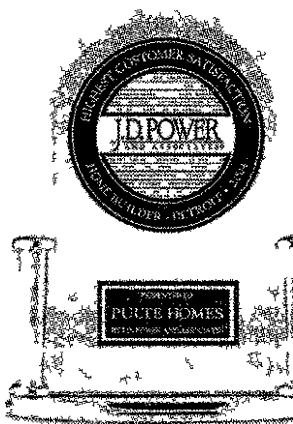
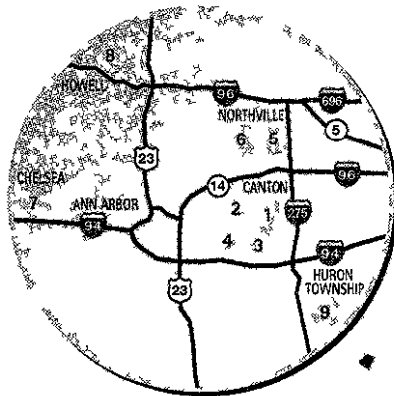
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Confessions Of A One-Time Call Center Employee



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Ever wonder why your computer problems multiply rather than diminish when you contact a call center? You call, and the tech sends you to Sales. After asking a few questions, you hear the line suddenly drop to a dial tone. Or a tech says to you after a long, involved call, "I'm sorry we couldn't finish everything," then, in subsequent calls, refuses to work with you.

Andy Tucker, senior technology specialist at Computer Network & Specialists Inc., in Homewood, Ill., has been on the inside. He describes his daily job responsibilities simply: "To help the customer. When there is a problem with a client's computer or network, I work on finding a resolution. This means taking the time to listen to what the customer has to say. In my current position, we do want to repair a computer."

Tucker didn't always work for a company like this. After earning the designation of Advanced Electronics Technician, which required two years of study, he worked for another two years in a call center with about 100 other employees. There he learned that his sole purpose was to answer telephones -- nothing more. He was led to believe that he was being hired to repair computers, and while he did troubleshoot in that job, there was no

assurance that repair would be authorized.

'RUNAROUND'
A variety of people helped (or didn't) at this help desk. Many had little or no computer experience. The two-week training session covered extremely basic information about troubleshooting computers, not software or fielding calls. One of the trainees thought this job a good way to break into computers. Most of the techs lacked computer education and training. "It was actually a joke at the call center," he confides, "that if you knew how to turn a computer on and could read a script, you were hired."

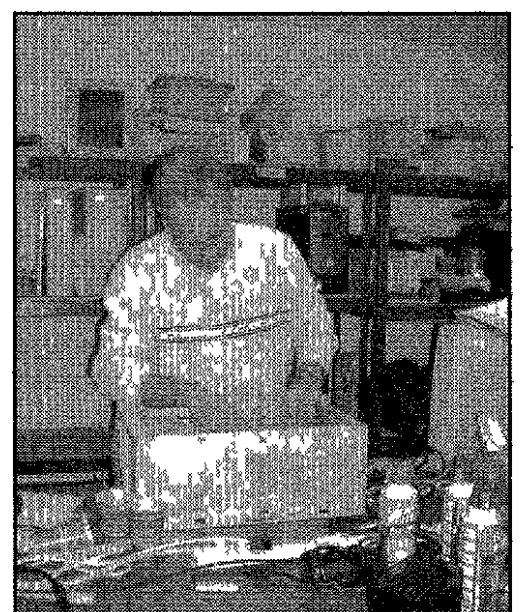
'RUNAROUND'
Customers contact a call center with the expectation of being helped, but call center employees read scripts and often don't meet the customer on his level of understanding, Tucker observes. When the call doesn't evolve according to the script, the tech can't respond. The current outsourcing trend increases communication problems by introducing English as a second language, rather than first. Add this to the fact that most people who call are nervous and you have one huge communication jungle creating a recipe for frustration -- "on both ends," Tucker says.

One significant disconnect (pun intended) involved the call center's plan to refer to itself

as a "solution center." This made no sense to Tucker, because the center wasn't providing solutions, just largely giving customers the runaround. "All through class," he continues, "the instructor and managers would say, 'This is very easy. Just follow the troubleshooting forms and you will get through this.' That was how the company was able to hire people without computer training or experience. Here is our form. Just answer the questions and you will get through this." However, he wasn't the only new employee who knew how to troubleshoot computers before they were hired.

Most of the customers calling this particular center were neophytes who'd purchased a service contract. But some techs used a few tricks, such as keeping a customer on indefinite hold to persuade him to hang up and call again. Other times, they'd just hang up so that another tech would have to deal with them. "Or they'd have the customer do something that would require a call back," Tucker recalls. "Some techs bragged about their ability to blow off calls." Sadly, the techs were doing what they were told, to get the person off the telephone quickly, usually in an average of 15 minutes.

Management informed them if their call time exceeded the average. From Tucker's standpoint, this practice only encouraged techs to focus on time rather than providing customer service. Good techs tended to move on because of -- frustration at having a customer do something that clearly wouldn't fix the



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problem so they could get specific service approved, and -- anger vented on a tech during a person's umpteenth call-back. Seats stayed warm at Tucker's call center when an employee dropped out, which occurred almost daily, because new techs filled them immediately.

"There is a reason," he says, "that on the inside it's called 'hell desk' instead of 'help desk'."

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MAINTENANCE PERSON

For large suburban apt community Experienced in All aspects of apt maintenance HVAC cert & valid drivers license required You must have reliable transportation on own tools and be willing to be on call Benefits package includes housing & BC/BS Call 734 981 6540 or fax 734 844 1537

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For large suburban apt community Experienced in All aspects of apt maintenance HVAC certified & valid drivers license required You must have reliable transportation on own tools and be willing to be on call Benefits package includes housing & BC/BS Call 734 981 6450 or fax 734 844 1537

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2004 Subaru Baja Turbo is impressive

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Everywhere I traveled this week, I got noticed Or should I say the 2004 Subaru Baja Turbo got noticed

From northern Michigan to the local Meyer, people would ask, "What kind of car is that?" Then would proceed to check out the exterior and interior of the Baja Most people were impressed

I was most impressed with its looks The exterior of the Baja looks more like a passenger car In the rear, of course, is what amounts to a flat bed

But even though this car/truck crossover vehicle is a bit unique and radical, it's the sportiest vehicle out there on the highways and byways

And did I mention that it's a blast to drive?

Power is taken care of by a dual overhead cam 210-horsepower 2.5-liter intercooler and turbocharged boxer four-cylinder engine that gets its technology from the 2004 Impreza WRX high-performance sports car

Out in front is a hood scoop that delivers outside air to the engine-mounted intercooler This four-cylinder would actually outperform a six-cylinder engine in a heartbeat, mostly based on its merging and passing performance both on the highway and in city driving The engine is definitely a strong performer and never let me down in any situation

Again the exterior of the Baja is really sporty From its recessed fog lamps to its aggressive front treatment and grille, the Baja really makes a statement about what this crossover is all about

The great thing about the Baja, too, is its versatility Depending on exactly what you need for your active lifestyle, the Baja can be switched around to provide as much as 90 inches -- seven and a half feet -- of pickup bed to carry even the longest of items

All you have to do is fold the rear seat back down, then lower the Switchback door between the cargo bed and interior section and you've got all the room in the world to work with

There's a bed liner back there as well to protect your



2004 Subaru Baja Turbo is impressive

investment

We took the Baja to a rural Sears store up north to purchase one of those newfangled leaf vacuum units that looks like a lawnmower and can mulch about eight bags worth of leaves into one The box was larger than life, but it fit back there snugly

You can also opt for a Subaru accessory bed extender That can extend the normal flatbed to 58 inches You can put anything your heart desires in the regular bed, including mountain bikes or any other outdoor equipment you see fit to throw back there There are four tie-down hooks that can keep it all secure as well

And if you're really a traveler, Subaru offers attachments for the roof rails and cross bars that can allow you to carry kayaks, snowboards, skis and bicycles Pretty rugged and very, very versatile machine

Slip inside the Baja and you'll find nothing that resembles a truck in any way, shape or form The interior is out-fitted and has the comfort features of a fine sport sedan All Baja models are four-passenger vehicles, by the way

In the rear, your passengers will be treated to major comfort features that you won't find in some of the other utility-oriented vehicles out there Stuff like darkened glass, three point safety belts, a rear-seat console box and cupholders

You want a little luxury? Try out the leather-trimmed upholstery six way power driver's seat, 100 watt AM/FM

stereo with six-disc CD changer, leather-wrapped steering wheel, leather-wrapped shifter, air conditioning, power tilt and retractable moon roof, power windows, mirrors and door locks, cruise control, outside temperature gauge and remote keyless entry system And all that is standard equipment

The Baja Turbo also is equipped with full-time all-wheel-drive There are 8.4 inches of ground clearance, allowing Baja to go where it wants There are also four-wheel disc brakes with four-channel/four-sensor anti-lock brakes

You want even more fun? The Baja is equipped with a SportShift feature That allows you to move the shifter to the right of the gated transmission panel and you're on your way to manual gear shifting All you have to do is move the shifter forward to upshift and rearward to downshift

Safety features are all there, including dual front airbags, front seatbelts with pretensioners, force limiters and height-adjustable anchors and three-point safety belts for all positions

Sounds like a pretty decent vehicle, huh? You bet And if you buy one be sure to be prepared for questions galore Go see it, bet you'll like it

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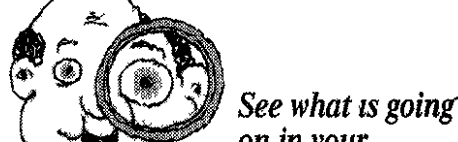
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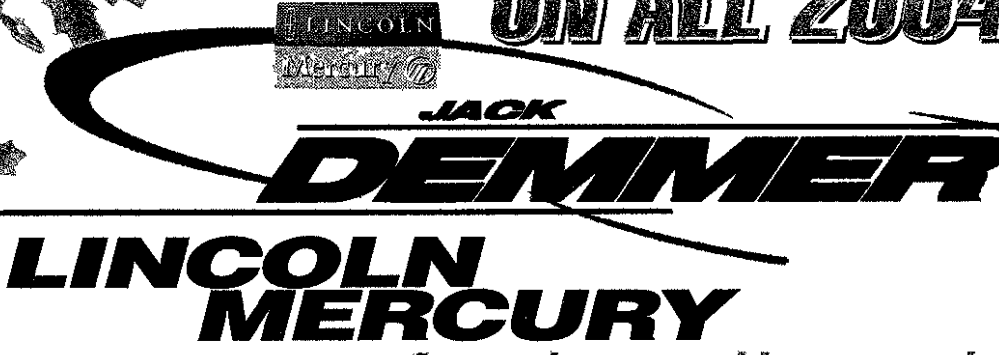
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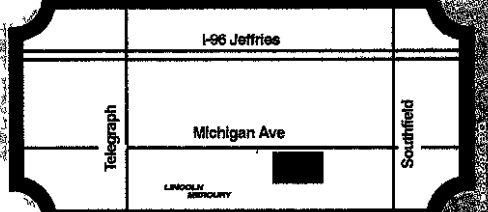
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Was \$37,480 - NOW - \$26,267*

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Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$1500 Down 24 Month Lease
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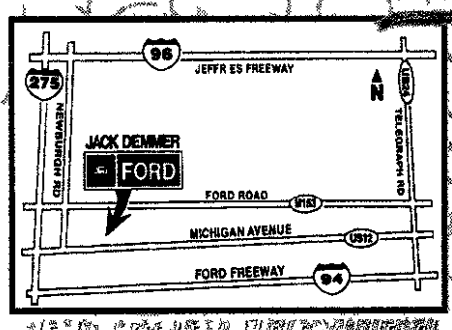
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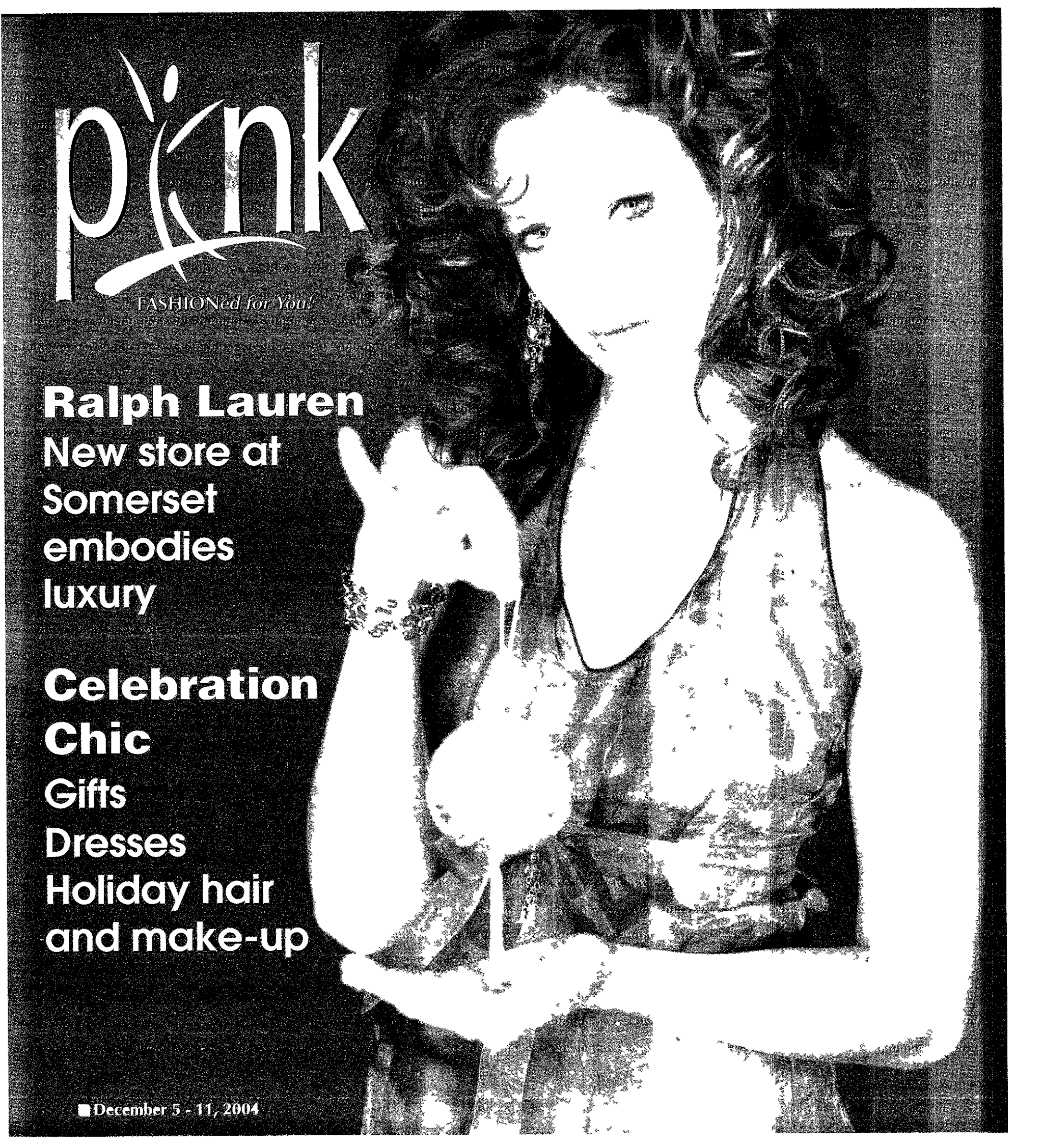
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Hostess aprons \$34 @ wishingfish.com

PARTY GIRLS

Everyone loves a party girl and every party girl loves items that make her entertaining style 10 times better. Accomplishing that in good fashion are the **Black Dress Martini Glasses** at

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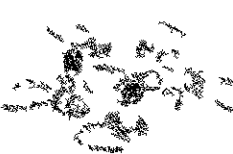
PlumParty.com (\$14). They also make a fab holiday hostess gift! Of course, no outfit of the hostess with the mostest would be complete without an apron that's as cute as what she's wearing underneath. Find the best **hostess aprons** we've ever seen anywhere, online or off, at **Wishingfish.com** (\$34).



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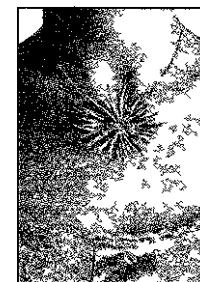
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CRAFTY GALS

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Vividit thistle necklace \$48 @ mightyflirt.com



Lisa Fontaine houndstooth cadeau bag \$60 @ lyricalbeauty.com

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Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine **BussBuss.com** and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories. Got an online shopping question? E-mail kelly@bussbuss.com!

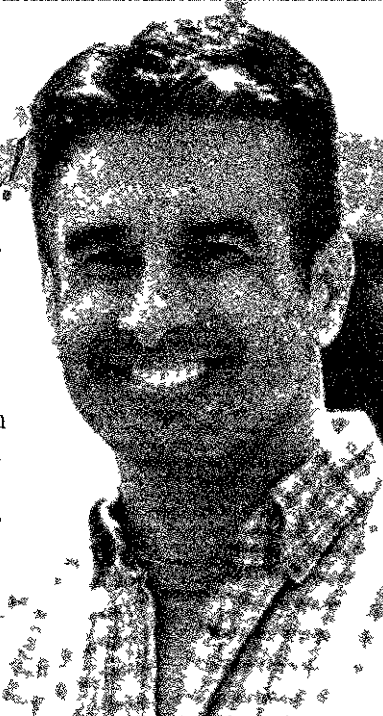
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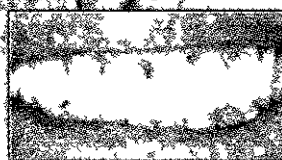
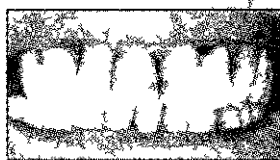
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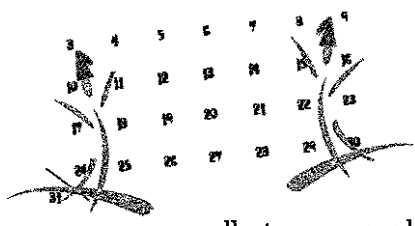
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Danuta Jewelry Event

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Hats off to the holidays at Gena Conti Millinery in Wyandotte on Dec. 9.

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Holiday Doll Show

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Holiday Gift Gallery Exhibition and Sale

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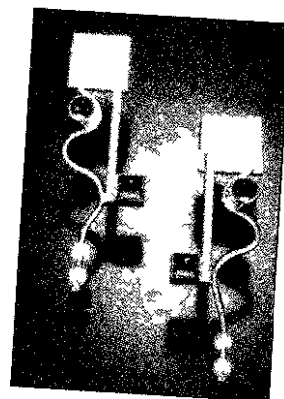
Salon Legato Collects for Families

Through Dec. 20, bring unwrapped toys, clothes and non-perishable food items for the Lighthouse Emergency Services Holiday Program to Salon Legato, and save 10 percent on any

appointment in January. Especially needed are warm clothes in L & XL sizes for ages 16-22. Salon Legato is located in downtown Farmington next to the Civic Theatre. Call 248-442-4999.

Heartwear Designs Opens

Marcy Feldman has sold her beautiful handmade jewelry at art fairs nationwide, and stores like Saks, Bloomingdale's and Fortunoff. Now, she and her husband Michael are settling into their own studio and store — Heartwear Designs. Stop by and help the couple celebrate their grand opening at noon, Dec. 6. Heartwear Designs is located in the garden level of the 555 Building on Woodward in Birmingham. Call 248-540-2839 or visit www.heartweardesigns.com.



Marcy Feldman will sell her simple gold and gemstone jewelry like these earrings out of her new store Heartland Designs in Birmingham.

Santa at Saks

Santa will be in the holiday trim shop noon-3 p.m. Dec. 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 and 24. Framed photos are \$10 and button photos are \$20, benefiting the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan. Call 248-614-3393.

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What are You Wishing For?

Guests may enter to win the prize of their choosing from Somerset Collection, up to \$500 value. One winner will be drawn for each of the 12 days before Christmas. Pick up entry forms at the Somerset Collection concierge desks through Dec. 11.

Tuleh and De La Renta, Spring 2005

Get a sneak peek of what's coming for spring, or pick up resort wear for your winter getaway at the Tuleh Trunk Show, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6-7, or the Oscar De La Renta trunk show, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 9-10. Both feature special reps and informal modeling, in the designer salon on two at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset. Call 248-614-3393.

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She said: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing," Helen Keller.



On the Cover

Model Susie Bray perfectly captures the sparkle of the season in a blue topaz dress by Shapes in Royal Oak. For more festive holiday looks see pages 6-7.

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A Life of Luxury

Ralph Lauren Brings American Fantasy to Somerset

By Jeffrey Moosekian ■ Photos by David Reed

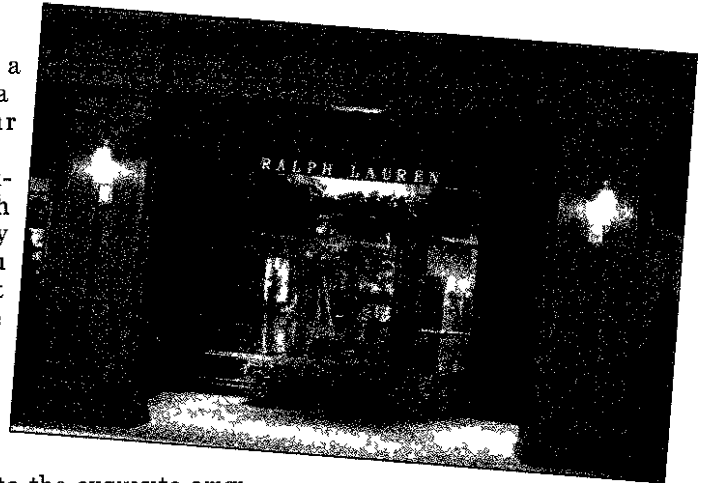
If you haven't been to the Somerset Collection recently, you've been missing out on one of the most opulent spectacles in Michigan mall history. Just a week ago, Ralph Lauren opened their doors (once again) in Troy with a "soft opening bang" on Nov. 21. Set in a 17,000 square-foot space, the Ralph Lauren store includes the usual fanfare — both men's and women's high-end fashion — but also an accessories area, a cashmere bar, a pet boutique, an attached children's

store, and a mezzanine featuring their home line.

Upon walking through the mahogany entrance, you can't help but notice the intense attention to detail. From the flawlessly dressed mannequins to the exquisite original art collection on the grand staircase walls, you will be overtaken by Ralph's "American Dream." The environment transports you out of the mall and into a cozy mansion, fireplace and all. The clothing embodies Ralph Lauren's penchant for American luxury. Lines include women's Black, Blue, Pink Pony, and Collection, as well as the men's Blue and Purple labels.

It is not just the quality and clothing, however, that this company has relied upon to help this store succeed. What makes the Ralph Lauren store stand out from its neighbors is its ability to portray a lifestyle without pushing the merchandise. These blazers, cable knits and tweeds are selling themselves in this environment.

A common understanding among luxury retailers is the need to appeal to both those



Walking into the new Ralph Lauren store is like stepping into the designer's version of the American Dream.

who are fortunate enough to live the life and those who are looking for just a piece of it. The key is making the image so clear to the consumer that by buying something as simple as a cashmere sweater, you have bought into the lifestyle. The brilliant design of this store, the magnificent clothing and the welcoming staff — led by Manager Stephen Huber — have captured this belief to a precision. Stop by Somerset and buy yourself a piece of this American Dream if you don't already own it!

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Mademoiselle Mondays

"Beauty Bar" takes on a whole new meaning at The Belmont

By Christy Breithaupt ■ PINK Correspondent

Walking into the Belmont on a Monday night is like walking into a very hip yet unpretentious, New York nightspot. Entering from the slicing cold winds of a Michigan winter I am warmed instantly by the numerous casual conversations that fill this colorful watering hole.

I saddle up to the red and blue mosaic tile bar and ask the bartender, Laura Rock, how

Mademoiselle Mondays Martinis and Manicures works. I am shocked when I am told that you get a martini (any kind you desire) and a manicure for \$10, or \$6 for just the martini, and \$5 for just the manicure. Being the kind of gal

whos paid well over \$30 for a manicure and upwards of \$11 for a good martini I cannot believe my good fortune in pulling this assignment for PINK.

The entire night is accented by rotating DJs—many of whom are female—that spin mostly laid-back rock n roll at a volume perfect for conversing. Laura, whose stroke of genius is responsible for this girly treat, whips me up a drink and I carefully saunter over to the manicure station. At the table I meet Amber Hartman, who, by day, works at Salon Sangha in Birmingham and most nights at the Majestic Theatre in Detroit.

For five bucks don't expect a salon treatment manicure. Your cuticles shall remain untouched but you'll get a file and a polish—your choice of several hot OPI shades. I went with a garnet color—perfect for the holidays. Guys get a file, buff and hand massage—yes, guys. Actually, Amber points out that some nights she has more male clients than women. It seems that a manicure is more macho when you throw a drink in the mix.

A word of advice for the ladies: if you

plan on tipping the very sweet Ms. Hartman get your money out beforehand so as to not scuff your pretty polish. Also, just leave your coat wherever it is—I found out the hard way that it's difficult to carry a drink, a coat and a purse with wet nails.

After chatting with Amber I managed to catch massage therapist Alida Vanneste between clients. Alida offers chair massages for a dollar per minute. Another word of advice to the ladies: if you plan on getting a massage don't wear a skirt—it's a little difficult to straddle a massage chair. I planted myself face down in Alida's chair and was instantly in heaven. Alida worked her way across my back and down my arms until I was so relaxed I almost fell asleep.

I was a little disappointed that the gentleman in charge of eyebrows wasn't there the evening I went. Most Mondays one can get their eyebrows plucked for only \$5. That's right, girls—I said \$5, so, if you've got a guy who looks like he's got caterpillars growing where his brows should be then get him to the Belmont, shove a beer in his hand and release him to the esthetician.

After my pampering I took some time to get to know Darren Grow, the owner, occasional bartender and attorney. Darren is happy to see the ladies in his bar—many of them traveling now from the suburbs to Hamtramck. He would, however, still like to see more women take advantage of a ladies night that's actually for the female patrons.

In short my nails look great, my neck feels great and I left with cash in my wallet—what more can you ask for?

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Washing dishes, tying shoes and other tasks of everyday life take their toll on nails. Jennifer Leung, founder of the Lavande Nail Spa in San Francisco, has started offering a no-chip guarantee ensuring treatments will last at least three days.

Her tips for keeping nails in tiptop shape include:

- Reapply top coat every two to three days so that colors stay fresh and glossy
- Use a base coat that contains aloe vera for nails that are dry and brittle to replenish moisture to avoid peeling of the nails
- Use a nail strengthener that contains vitamin E and calcium to help promote healthy nails. Apply nail strengthener the day after your manicure.
- When applying base coat, color and top coat, let each coat dry first before applying the next coat. Base coat needs to be dry before applying color, otherwise it will chip.
- Swipe the tip of the nail polish brush across the tip and underside of the nail to seal each coat.
- Healthy nails and cuticles hold polish much longer. If cuticles are dry and peeling, mix one tablespoon of wheat germ or jojoba oil with one tablespoon of honey. Massage onto the cuticle in a circular motion.

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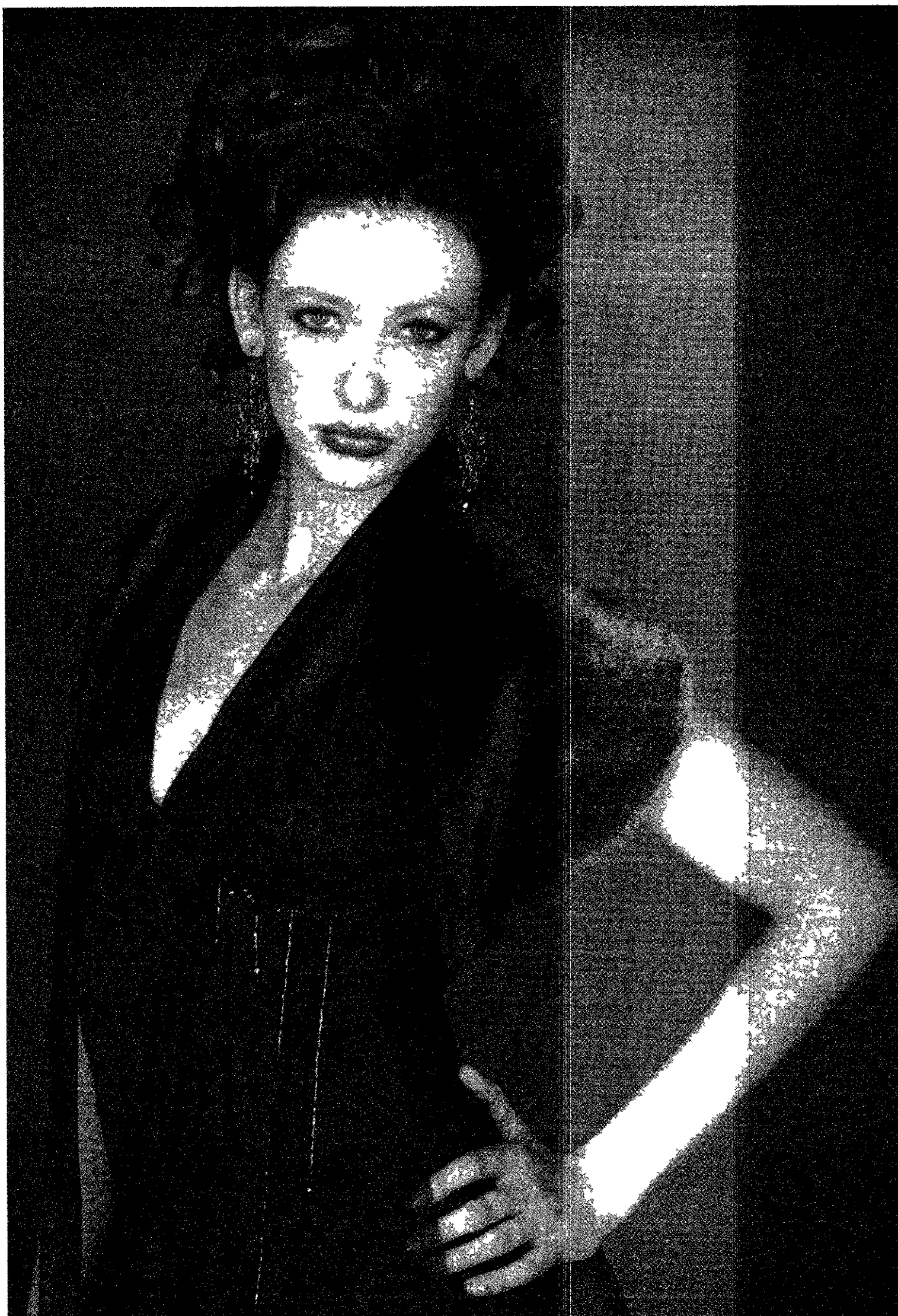
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In general, early signs of oral cancer usually occur in the form of lumps, patchy areas and lesions, or breaks, in the tissues of the mouth. In many cases, these abnormalities are not painful in the early stages, making self diagnosis difficult.

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Broach the subject of hot holiday hair

By Giovanna Dimachki ■ PINK Correspondent

Colorful lights decorated houses busy retail shops mistletoe menorahs yup, the hoh days are just around the corner

Between shopping cooking holiday parties and everything else that consumes us in December doesn't it feel like there aren't enough hours in a day? But this year don't sweat it! Treat yourself to a day at the salon Reserve time for a spa manicure/pedicure facial make up application and blow out on the day of your holiday party You'll be de-stressed from being pampered, plus you'll look and feel absolutely fabulous

Wouldn't it be great if that were always reality? But sometimes we get that phone call at 6 o'clock inviting us to The Whitney that very same evening Now it's time for some fast thinking

It's the perfect night to get out that little black cocktail dress with the matching Jimmy Choos you've been saving for that special occasion. But what about your hair? Where are those hot rollers you haven't used in all these years? That's right, dust 'em off, plug 'em in, and set your hair in large sections using the large rollers to get a soft waving effect.

Try using a styling product like Redken In The Loop 2 You'll get beautifully set curls but with out the crunch Don't leave the rollers in too long — just enough to get a bend in the hair (we're not trying to recreate Dynasty hair)

After removing the rollers, rake through the

waves with your fingers Next, take a dramatic side part and smooth your fringe area to the other side allowing some hair to drape on your forehead Secure the remaining hair with bobby pins if needed

Ok over to the jewelry box Remember that brooch your grand mother gave you? Shine it up if you need to and pin it in your hair at the temple area on the opposite side of your parting Remember X marks the spot so take two bobby pins and put them through the pin crossing them to create an X

This will lock the brooch in place If it still feels loose keep placing pins until it feels secure Just be conscious of crossing the pins over each other

Voila! You have an elegant style in no time that works with any length of hair You can also pin your hair half up and place the brooch in the back It's sexy fun and easy With some old treasures and a little creativity you can make your holiday hair stress free!



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Aries (March 21 April 19)

Seek an outlet to help clear your head Gift Idea Stylish journal for poetic Aries is a perfect present.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

It's worth the risk to ask or else you'll always end up wondering Inquisitive Taurus would enjoy and possibly benefit from a card reading or psychic visit this season

Gemini (May 21 June 21)

Gemini may find they are thrown for a loop by an unexpected change, but it can be for the best Start Gem off with a small change in the home — think candles in warm scents and fun colors

Cancer (June 22 July 22)

Sometimes we have to put our cards on the table to get the answers we want You never know what you might win Game playing Cancer might find a poker set the ideal gift

Leo (July 23 Aug 22)

By midweek holiday stress might begin to take its toll Luxury loving Leo would benefit from a gift certificate to a spa to use as needed

Virgo (Aug 23 Sept 22)

With so many choices how are you ever expected to decide? Make one decision easier for Virgo this year and surprise them with a fabulous cashmere scarf that they will want to wear with everything

Libra (Sept 23 Oct 23)

Take a break and reconnect with someone you haven't seen in awhile A great cup of coffee is the

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By Kat

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Scorpio (Oct 24 Nov 21)

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Sagittarius (Nov 22 Dec 21)

It's great to be involved but there is no need to immerse yourself in your work An outside hobby could help break up the work week drill The gift of cooking lessons or art classes is a gift that will keep on giving

Capricorn (Dec 22 Jan 19)

Keep your to do list short and sweet By knocking the essentials off your list, you'll have plenty of time for yourself Speaking of time a cute watch is a great way to keep time in check and dress up Capricorn's wardrobe

Aquarius (Jan 20 Feb 18)

It's the season of spending Make sure your budget doesn't outspend itself A stylish wallet or planner in the season's hottest colors and textures will keep Aquarius focused on their pocket book and looking oh so chic

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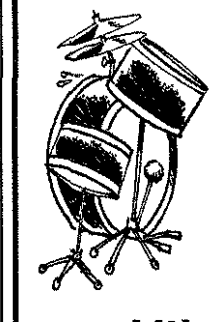
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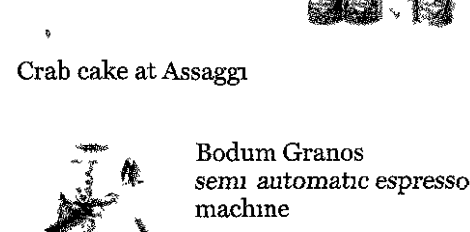
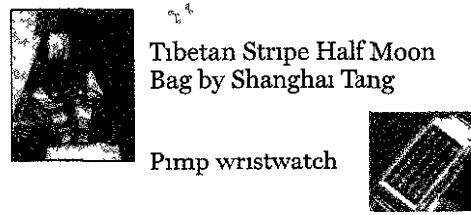
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Feeling Guilty for a Holiday Glow

Embrace the sparkle and shine of the season by letting it touch everything you do — especially your cheerful face! Let a little shimmer into your make-up with these easy tips to leave you looking glistening, not glitzy. Start by adding **Benefit's Hollywood Glo** (\$22) to your tinted moisturizer or foundation. It'll get skin into the act by adding a glow that can actually help to soften the look of fine lines without creating them like a tanning bed would. Next, sweep cheeks, nose and forehead with a sheer dusting of **Laura Mercier's Bronzing Powder** (\$32) for sexy, yet subtle radiance that'll cut through the biggest of snowflakes. With skin thus glowing, choose the rest of your make up wisely — you don't want to look like a goblet full of spare change! Just add a whisper of sheer colour on lids, a smudge of eyeliner around the eyes and a healthy coating of mascara to keep the

look balanced and modern. A swipe of a **Chanel Glossier Lipgloss** (\$24.50) on lips (no lip liner unless it is nude!) and a touch of **Nars Blush in Angelika** (\$22) on the apple of cheeks will leave you perfectly gilded for holiday celebrating. Finish with a coat of **Essie Nail Polish in Double Indemnity** on fingernails to catch the light as you chat and catch up with friends. These little dashes of shimmer, along with a sparkling personality, are all you need to cast a magical gleam and light up the most decorated of rooms with panache and style.

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