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Ken Antczak of Plymouth has been named vice president, Human Resources, at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



Antczak oversees human resources, organizational development, employee satisfaction and volunteer services. He has served as human resources director since June 2000 and previously worked at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital.

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Locals brace for state fund cuts

BY BRAD KADRICH
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With Gov. Jennifer Granholm taking public education funding off the list of options, all eyes are now turned toward state shared revenue as the likely target to fix the state's troubled budget.

Officials in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are expecting to lose a major portion — if not all — of the revenue-sharing money the state is statutorily required to provide.

If that happens, it won't come as any surprise to anyone. In fact, the city's financial planners have already formulated a five-year budget plan that phases out statutory revenue sharing anyway.

Two weeks ago, the state was looking at school funding," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. "Now it's revenue sharing. Two weeks from now, it'll be schools again."

The governor has said that won't be the case, which left Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan with a wide smile on his face.

I proposed five different budgets based on the different percentages of a cut we were expecting to take," Ryan said. "(Granholm) has wide support in the educational community, so I believe her when she says we'll



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Katie Hattberg manned a fire hose with the help of Plymouth firefighter Jim Harrell during the Plymouth Fourth of July picnic. Officials say the fire department could be one source of cuts if the state slashes revenue sharing.

be held harmless. We're thrilled about that."

However, holding school funding harmless leaves local municipalities trying to figure out how to cope with the loss of state revenue sharing. That's not a new scenario for them, since both the city and township have

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State deficit: The local impact

The issue: An estimated \$370-\$460 million combined deficit in the state general fund and school aid fund for the current budget year ending Sept. 30, 2005.

Impact on public schools (K-12): Earlier this month Gov. Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders agreed that the shortfall in the school aid fund will be made up elsewhere in the budget. That means schools will receive at least \$6,700 per pupil this school year.

Impact on Wayne County: Wayne County has made cuts in every department except for the sheriff and prosecutor's offices.

The City of Plymouth: Plymouth could lose as much as \$236,000 with services such as snow plowing and city staffing suffering further cuts.

Plymouth Township: The township, which receives \$308,000 in statutory revenue, cuts could come in the police and fire departments.

Impact on state: Cuts have yet to be decided and likely won't be until early next year — after a Jan. 13 revenue conference or February when the 2006 budget is presented. Cuts could include overall reductions in state departments, cuts in higher education spending and/or reductions in Medicaid services to the poor, elderly and disabled.

What do you think? Is there room at the local level to cut? What do you think needs to be done to solve the state's fiscal crisis? Voice your opinion to bkadrich@oehomecomm.net

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PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Four-year-old Charlie Poat of Plymouth gives Santa a big hug during the A.M. Rotary Club Christmas party for special-needs kids at Tanger Center. Charlie was excited to see Santa and wanted to look nice for him so he wore his suit.

Holiday photo op

Santa pictures part of the party for Tanger kids

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Getting a photo taken with Santa is a family tradition for many, and local kids shared in that experience Wednesday during a party at Tanger Center.

Plymouth A.M. Rotary puts on an annual holiday party for Infant and Preschool Special Education Program children and autistic students. St. Nick was the star Wednesday evening at Tanger.

"The Rotary is providing the food," special education teacher Mary Kay Herr said. "They're our heroes. They've made a big difference in our program. A very special group of people."

The holiday gala featured some 200 people, children up to age 5 and parents. In addition to Santa, there was an accordion-playing elf.

The Rotary club and Visteon teamed up to equip a sensory motor room at Tanger, at Five Mile near Haggerty, Herr said. Through Rotary, a volunteer provided weighted vests for the youngsters to wear, which help them.

Staff and families in Plymouth-Canton appreciate such community support, Herr said. "They're really pretty special," she said.

Beth Stewart of Plymouth A.M.



Tanger student Bryce McMinn, 3, of Canton puts glitter on the reindeer tree ornament he is making during the Christmas party. His sister Allison McMinn, 6, also made an ornament.

Rotary, who heads up the Tanger effort, said club member Ron Mur through Ford and later Visteon helped to provide the specialized equipment.

Wednesday's merriment included crafts for kids and face painting. Interact students (Rotary's youth program) and Youth Leadership students lent a hand

at the party as well.

The menu included hot dogs, pop and chips, Stewart said, with families bringing desserts.

"There's always good eating there," Stewart said.

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Slow plows

City may take longer to clear snowy streets

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It may take a bit longer this winter to get residential street plowed in the City of Plymouth.

While the city's policy of plowing streets when snowfall reaches at least four inches remains intact, the reduction in the number of employees who work in the Municipal Services Department could mean it will take an extended period of time to plow.

"It's going to be challenging," admitted Steve Faiman, senior foreman at the MSD yard located on Goldsmith. "Not only do we have to do snow removal, but throw in road salting and water main breaks, and the guys could easily get burned out. 'Hopefully, we'll have a very light water main break season,'" Faiman

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Local man tricks thief into arrest

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township man used his street smarts to outwit a dumb criminal.

Dan Hatty knew he had to do something when a purse belonging to a colleague at Apac Paper in Allen Park was stolen Tuesday. So, he tried calling the victim's cell phone, which was in the purse, and reached the woman who was in possession of the purse, cash, credit cards and other important items.

"Bea (Tompkin) was crying because all her important things were in the purse, and she was preparing to go on a trip in a couple of weeks," said Hatty, a sales representative for Apac, which sells packing and janitorial supplies. "So, I tried calling her cell phone, and the (woman) answered the phone."

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Jan Woodford's third-grade class at Gallimore Elementary School raised some \$1,550 to help a Florida elementary school recover from hurricane damage

Gallimore pitches in to help Florida hurricane victims

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Gallimore Elementary teacher Jan Woodford saw her home in Port Charlotte, Fla. destroyed by Hurricane Charley on Friday, Aug. 13, she took solace in knowing she could leave her southern retreat and come back home to Michigan to carry on a normal life.

However, Woodford's ability to get away from the destruction of Charley didn't mean she forgot about those left behind.

"I was there seven days after the hurricane, but was able to board a plane and come home to Michigan," said Woodford, who teaches third grade. "When I went back in October to take care of business, I saw an elementary school that was condemned and saw how many children were still living in shelters, churches, wherever they could find a roof over their heads."

Woodford knew she had to do something, and with the help of the Principal Kevin Learned, staff members and hundreds of Gallimore students, a campaign was started to collect loose change for stu-

dents at East Elementary in Punta Gorda, Fla., whose school had the roof ripped off by high winds, windows broken and collapsed walls.

The campaign, entitled "Your Small Change Can Make A Big Difference In Someone Else's Life," resulted in "Pennies from Heaven" for their counterparts in the storm-ravaged area. Just this week, after a five-week campaign, Gallimore Elementary sent a check for \$1,550 to their new friends at East Elementary.

"I knew we'd get our goal of \$1,000 because every day people put money in the bucket," said Zach Tavernier, 8, of Canton Township, who—like many students—donated some of his own money. "It was a good feeling, and everybody was excited about it. We hope they rebuild the school and get new books."

Madelyn Momano, 8, of Canton, said the project was a good idea.

"It was a good cause because we could help other people," said Momano, who helped fellow students count the donated change.

"It's sad for those families that had their houses wrecked,"

added Madelyn. "It's like you have a house you live in, and then it's destroyed. I just wouldn't imagine what it would be like if it was our house. That would be tough."

Woodford said when she originally presented the idea to Gallimore students, they instantly became excited.

"When I shared what happened with the kids, they immediately became more connected," Woodford said. "They know there are other people far away that need us."

Along with the money, students made bookmarks and sent homemade cards. They'll also become pen pals with students in Punta Gorda, who now have to share an elementary school and attend class in shifts.

While the amount collected is far from what is needed to rebuild East Elementary, Principal Jack Stroup said he and his students appreciate any and all help that comes their way.

"Any sum is great if it's given from the heart," said Stroup. "It's just fantastic. We're very appreciative of everything they did."

Fiegel benefits from Canton chamber grant

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Area students will get a chance to experience some first-hand career opportunities next year, thanks, in part, to grants from the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

At last week's monthly chamber luncheon, Fiegel Elementary School was given a check for \$500 to help students simulate career opportunities and the Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts were each given checks for \$250 to help fund bus transportation for students to Automotive Education Day at January's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Arena.

It's all part of a new program initiated by the chamber's education committee to bring the business and education communities closer together.

"In the past the chamber has given \$1,000 as a scholarship to some students," Christine Dail, chairwoman of the education committee, told chamber members. "We have decided to change that \$1,000 to a grant instead. The mission we see is to strengthen the ties between the business community and the educational institutions in this community."

Dail said that the chamber hopes to get more contributions from the business community in the future.

"The vision is not only to keep it at \$1,000, but we'd like to see that \$1,000 grow," she told the chamber.

She said the whole idea behind the grant program is to get businesses to donate funds for educational purposes.

The money given to Fiegel will help sponsor a program for 200 third- through fifth-grade students in conjunction with Experiencia, an educational company in Taylor.

The idea behind the program is to expose students to different career opportunities through a classroom curriculum for 30 days, then give them one day at Experiencia where they get hands-on practice in a simulated setting.

The third-grade students will study science before they visit Experiencia, where they will become scientists for a day.

Fourth- and fifth-graders will study a business curriculum, then will spend their day at Exchange City, where they will be anything from a baker to a mayor for a day.

Fiegel teacher Barb Toth, who accepted the check from Dail, said she has already started using the curriculum with her students.

In dealing with scarcity and abundance, she



Christine Dail, of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, hands a \$500 check to Fiegel Elementary fourth-grade teacher Barb Toth to send students to Experiencia in Taylor.

said, she had five Rice Krispie treats, three Tootsie Roll Pops and one candy cane. Students had a chance to bid for the items, but the only thing they had to bargain with were minutes of recess.

Some kids bid 17 minutes for a Rice Krispie treat, some bid 23 minutes, she told the chamber audience. "Then we got to the one candy cane. It jumped up to 30 minutes of recess, and I had five of them who wanted it."

She then opened the bidding up. One child realized this was a scarcity item, she said. "He paid five recesses. I said, 'Are you sure?' and he said, 'I've gotta have my sugar!'"

Accepting the checks for the auto show program were Cindy Candella of Wayne-Westland Schools and Ron Gooding of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The mission statement of the grant program is "to initiate, promote and facilitate educational programs to benefit the business community."

Schools wanting to apply for one of the grants must be members of the Canton Chamber. Priority funding areas include business/education activities, promotion of vocational education, career planning and business community enhancement.

Requests for grants are to be submitted by Jan. 31 of each year to be considered for funding that year. Application forms may be picked up at the Canton Chamber of Commerce or online at www.cantonchamber.com.

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BUDGET

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each lost hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last several years

Some observers — including Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards — believe the next wave of the budget ax could be a total cut of statutory amounts. In the township, that's some \$309,000, the city would lose \$236,000 for fiscal 2004-05.

Even a municipality like Plymouth Township, where the fund balance is healthy, would suffer from a cut that size.

"We're in good shape, but we can't take a \$300,000 hit," Edwards said. "It's going to affect township services."

City officials just boosted the city's fund balance to some \$312,000, and the city also has \$500,000 in its budget stabilization fund. However, city financial planners are still projecting a budget deficit of some \$300,000 next year, a number that will nearly double should the governor cut state shared revenue completely.

That means even further cuts in a city that has already cut back on its leaf pickup program, plans to cut

back on snow plowing and has already seen a police department shrink from 21 officers 10 years ago to 15 — including the chief — at the moment.

According to Sincock, the city has already dealt with its dwindling budget by not filling personnel vacancies and forcing special-events organizers such as the Fall Festival and Ice Festival boards to pay for city services rather than donating them. Future deficits could cause the city to close or drastically reduce the hours of some offices.

"When I started here, we had some 100 employees," said Sincock, who has worked for the city 25 years. "Now we're around 48. Obviously, that has an impact on how we deliver services. We're constantly looking at staffing, and people are aware of our situation. Staffing is an issue for us."

The one place residents won't see cuts is in the city's police department, according to Sincock.

"We're about halfway through putting together a new five-year budget projection, and we're going to have to look at things," he said. "The city commission has made it clear not to cut the police department any further, so we have to look at other places."

That may not be the case in Plymouth Township, where a

\$309,000 cut could mean reductions in the township's 27-member fire department or the 31-officer township police department.

According to Edwards, those are the areas where cuts might be obvious. "We've been cutting administrative jobs around here," he said. "The only growth in jobs has been in the police and fire departments. That's the only place to cut if we have to."

The township's fund balance has taken a \$1.8 million hit in the last year or so, with the purchase of nine-plus acres of land for a new township hall (\$1.5 million) and a \$300,000 loss of state revenue sharing.

Where a growing area such as Canton might be able to absorb that kind of hit, Plymouth Township will have to react to it, according to Edwards. The township is nearly built out, he said, cutting down on tax revenue.

Revenue sources such as interest income are down because of the economy, Edwards said, making budgeting a little trickier.

The township is nearing the point where we're built out, and interest income is going down because rates have dropped the last four years," Edwards said. "Revenue aside from taxes is down. We have to start watching our dollars even more closely."

Budget problems inherent to system

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The state's financial problems are rooted in old thinking and will not improve no matter what turn the economy takes.

That's the opinion of Tom Clay, a budget expert with the nonprofit Citizens Research Council of Michigan. The state has been experiencing "significant" budget problems for five years, worse than anything since World War II. The economy is partly to blame, but revenue growth has not kept pace with expenditures.

Clay said the prime culprits are the corrections budget and Medicaid — accounting for \$4 billion-plus, almost half of the general fund. There are 50,000 people locked up and 1.4 million in the Medicaid system. Neither situation would improve if the economy were better.

Michigan is tougher on crime relative to neighboring states, all of which have a lower incarceration rate and sentence length for the same offenses. If the rate were comparable, Clay said, the savings would be \$300 million to \$400 million per year.

The ongoing fiscal crisis has resulted in a 14 percent cut in the higher education budget over the past two years, a

\$300 million loss. And state revenue sharing to communities is down by 26 percent over four years, a loss of \$400 million per year. The state workforce has been cut by 14 percent (8,500 jobs) — resulting in the smallest workforce since 1974.

Unfortunately, Clay said even if the economy picks up, spending is still going to outpace revenues.

The big problem is the state has a structural rather than cyclical budget deficit. In short, no matter what the economy does, spending pressure will grow faster than revenues. This is because the tax structure is geared for the 1950-70 era, when half of all state jobs were in manufacturing. The bulk of taxes are on goods (physical, hold-in-your-hands merchandise). Now, 80 percent of all jobs in Michigan are service-related.

If the structure were more balanced — as most states' are — revenues would grow more in line with expenditures. To change things will require political will on the part of elected officials, Clay said.

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Communities concerned state's deficit is their loss

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With the state running a deficit of several hundred million dollars, local municipalities are looking warily to Lansing for its next move. And while Gov. Jennifer Granholm has promised school funding is off the table, community leaders here are feeling that the state's financial woes will be paid — in one way or another — at city halls everywhere.

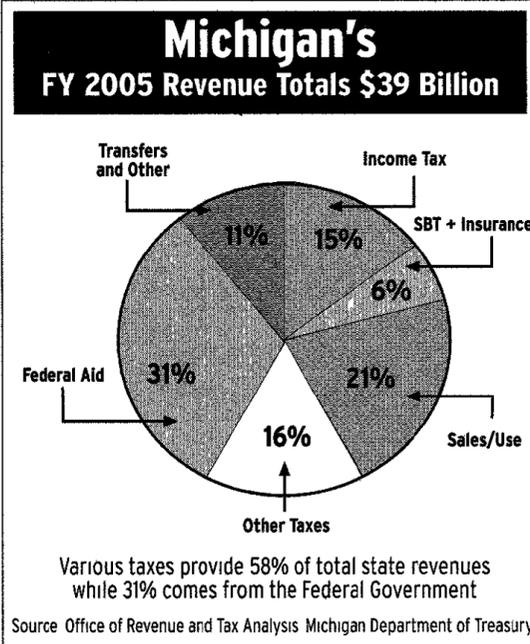
Canton Township Director of Finance Anthony Minghine said the state got fat during the boom times of the 1990s and didn't pay attention to the storm on the horizon.

"During the last part of the Engler term, the writing was on the wall," he said. "They believed the economy would come back."

Fresh from a state budget conference, he said the state is working with 1996 revenue levels dollar for dollar (not adjusted for inflation). What's making the local communities scream, he said, is what they've done to try to bring the state out of the hole.

"They went to a 6-cent sales tax, telling us it would be a stable revenue source for communities and schools to count on," Minghine said. "When the fluctuations occurred, they took hundreds of millions out of the sales tax pool."

Even in communities like Canton, which is doing fairly well economically, the squeeze from on high is causing problems. As of the 2000 census there were 76,000 people in the township. Although population there is now estimated to be closer to 85,000, the township has had to maintain a hiring freeze to keep finances in line. It's not a cut in services and no one has been told not to come back to work after the holiday, but population growth without a subsequent expansion of support staff is a strain,



and drain, on the system.

He said the feeling of optimism in Lansing has subsided now that everyone realizes an economic rebound — even a profound one — isn't going to help. What needs to happen, he said, is the entire tax structure has to be re-evaluated from the ground up.

"The problem is systemic," Minghine said. "They have to look at how the state is taxed from businesses to individuals. They need to start with a clean sheet of paper and decide what the state is supposed to do."

He's concerned that the state might eventually phase out revenue sharing altogether.

It's like they believe if they have problems, everyone should," he said.

Oakland County Director of Management and Budget Laurie Van Pelt said the key to weathering rough financial seas is foresight.

"We saw this coming," she

said. "We budget for two years at a time so we were able to make adjustments."

The county instituted a hiring freeze, arranged for early retirements and in all put 175 separate measures into effect before the hard economic times became apparent. As a result, it has been able to avoid layoffs and cuts to county programs.

In short, early pessimism spared the county from the state's financial fate.

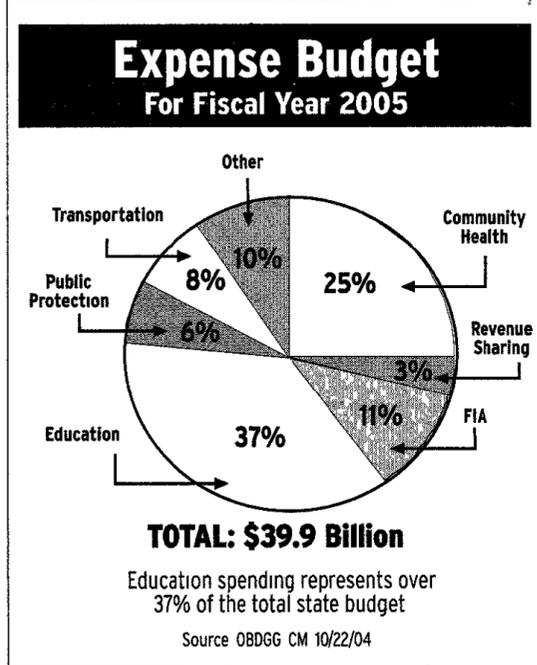
"The county was being conservative," Van Pelt said. "We would rather plan for the worst-case scenario and be pleasantly surprised than have a shortfall."

Conversely, she said the state has been too optimistic about the direction of the economy and Lansing is paying for it now. State leaders assumed the economy would turn around and generate more jobs, something that hasn't happened. Now, they estimate it will take 40 quarters, 10 years, to recover (jobs) to year 2000 levels, she said.

With the general fund balance, the school aid fund balance and the budget stabilization fund gone, she doesn't know how the state is going to pull out of its current crisis. She likened the situation to a person who is raiding their savings to keep up with expenses without considering cutting the amount of outgoing cash.

Privatization might help the state, Van Pelt mentioned. Oakland County has saved quite a bit of money by outsourcing food service in the jail system. What concerns her is the suspicion that's not the route the state will take.

"We're concerned that the longer they wait to address the problem, the more likely it is that they'll turn to revenues," she said.



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College has 'wobble room' in budget crisis

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress says the college has some "wobble room" if cuts are made in state funding because of a successful employee buyout plan earlier this year.

But unless something is done to fix the state's budget problems, Jeffress said the college will have to start looking at other options, including tuition increases.

Last year we made a deal with the governor and Legislature that if we held our tuitions to the 2-3 percent level, we would be held harmless in the next cuts, Jeffress said. "However there is talk they will not be able to keep their word. There may be an \$800 million shortfall in 2005-06.

A budget shortfall of \$350 million is expected for the current 2004-05 budget year that began Oct. 1. Last year, Schoolcraft College received an \$11,297,400 appropriation from the state, just over 20 percent of the college's operating budget.

"We haven't laid off anyone with past cuts. It depends on how big a cut you receive," Jeffress said. "What we did in anticipation of the state's budget cut is we offered buyouts."

In the current crisis, Jeffress said the "wobble room" created by the buyouts will probably keep the college from any layoffs, but may keep the college from replacing staff.

Jeffress said he's concerned that the college can't continue to take cuts in its operating budget.

"We obviously are looking at

tuition hikes," he said. He said the college is also developing classes and programs that will bring in revenue, rather than going to taxpayers for a millage increase at a time when other government entities are also seeking more revenue.

One source of unexpected income is the success of VisTaTech, a high-tech center rented out to area businesses for conferences and workshops.

Normally a project takes three years of operations before you break even, but I'm actually ahead. It's taken in a half million (dollars) more revenue than we expected," Jeffress said.

Rising retirement payments and health care insurance premiums are a concern for the college.

I would be grateful for zero percent increase (in state funding), I would see that as a blessing, but not if I have 10-12 percent increases in insurance and retirement," Jeffress said.

The state needs to make some tough decisions on taxes and spending, he said. He said it can't continue to do all it does.

He said the dependence on a sales tax has caused the structural problem during recent difficult economic times.

He said the state needs a revenue source that can be counted on during hard times while preserving some form of sales tax to benefit when economic times are good.

Frustrated legislators eye some 'real world' solutions

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson said he's frustrated with efforts by the state legislature to remedy funding issues, so he's taking matters into his own hands.

As of Friday, I started contacting credible business people and other leaders to establish a task force to study the whole issue of revenues," said Patterson. "In the context of the purported shortage in school funding, municipal funding, road funding and corrections funding."

I'm now satisfied the members of both the House and Senate appropriations committees have failed us, added Patterson, (R-Canton Township). "Rather than leave this very important topic to the appropriation committee members, who obviously haven't done a good job, I'm going to step in and try to find a solution."

Patterson, who has not been a member of the appropriations committee during his four years in the House and two in the Senate, said he wants to enlist people like Dick Scott, owner of Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, David Brandon, CEO of

Domino's Pizza, and Jim Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Patterson said that he'll sign up a few of his colleagues, but he's essentially forming the task force himself.

Rather than keep it incessantly within the beltway, I'm going to go out into the real world," said Patterson.

I'm going to get people who are problem solvers with people who state there is a problem and establish a goal. How much money should be going to municipalities? What is full funding for schools?"

Patterson said the task force idea isn't new. He did the same thing with his committee to investigate electric restructuring and reform in the state.

Are we going to raise taxes? Are we going to raise fees? Are we going to get more efficient? asked Patterson. "It doesn't fit neatly into a box. Let's think outside the box."

State Rep. Phil Lajoy, R-Canton Township, agrees with Patterson, saying we have to look at things differently.

In the past, we've always looked at just making cuts, and have never looked at how

much money we had to spend and our priorities, said Lajoy. "We have to do it early. We've always waited to the very end, with the result drastic cuts or increasing taxes."

Lajoy said he wants to protect the school aid fund, and understands that communities can't live without revenues. He suggests it's time for the state to look in the mirror.

"I have a bill that I'll introduce after the first of the year to look at consolidations," said Lajoy, "like payroll functions throughout state government, finance, accounting, equipment, rent, all costs. We need to make changes, leaving no stone unturned."

Lajoy, who spent 35 years in the private sector in human resources and as owner of his own business, earlier introduced a bill to consolidate human resource departments in state government. It got through the House and Senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

I don't agree with the way we've been doing things the past couple of years, said Lajoy. "We need to come up with new and creative ways of doing government. Otherwise, we'll end up in the same situation."

State Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), did not return repeated calls seeking comment.

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State Legislature approves mental health authority

The state legislature last week approved the creation of a Wayne County Mental Health Authority to replace the current Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency.

The bill was introduced by state Sens. Beverly S. Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, and Shirley Johnson, R-Troy. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has opposed the legislation.

The bill is now on the desk of Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Press reports indicate that Granholm will veto the legislation.

The bill will require that the Mental Health Agency be established as an independent authority to receive state support and prohibits city or county employees from serving on the 12-member board. Six members of the board will be appointed by the county executive and six will be appointed by the mayor of Detroit.

Under the authority, \$530 million in Medicaid grants will go directly to the authority for mental health programs serving approximately 75,000 Wayne County residents.

"This is great news for specialty services consumers and their families," said Hammerstrom, chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee, in a press release. "Consumers in the DWCCMH are not getting the kind of services they deserve. Throughout the lengthy debate on these bills that has been our primary concern."

Hammerstrom and Johnson have argued that the current Wayne County system jeopardized state Medicaid funding for the entire mental health system. Under the bill, the new authority would be required to hold a Medicaid contract with the state.

A statement from the Ficano administration says, "The state legislation passed Wednesday

to create a mental health authority fails consumers and will stop the momentum resulting from improvements made beginning in 2003. It in no way addresses the many improvements identified by both the Governor's Commission and the Ficano Administration as essential to reforming the mental health system and moving it towards Mr. Ficano's goal of becoming a national model so that people can get quality mental health care when and where they need it."

Hammerstrom and Johnson say they acted because of the Mental Health Agency's failure to fulfill its state Medicaid contract and "as recently as two months ago, providers were still not receiving timely payment because of the cumbersome county procurement process."

The Ficano statement counters, "Reforms are working and the groundwork for steady progress has been laid. This

Administration clearly is on the road towards creating model mental health system in the quickest time frame. Already, in two years we've balanced the books after years of deficits. We went from a paper-based system to a computer system that will have real time capability to serve and track consumers."

The statement argues that the new law gives more power to the mayor of Detroit than to the county executive. The executive says the county budget is still solely responsible for the local match of \$17.7 million.

County Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, whose district includes Canton, said he doesn't see how an equally divided authority is any improvement over the current 12-member board.

"We have to find a way to do more efficiently and cut out the bureaucracy. I wouldn't care if the state took it over again if they provided the services," he said.

IN BUSINESS

SIMRIT TOP SUPPLIER

Simrit, the industrial products division of Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK, was recently honored by Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., during its annual award program in Racine, Wis. Simrit - which supplies BRP with reed valves and shaft seals for outboard marine engines - was presented with the company's Gold Award. Receiving this award is a great achievement for Simrit and Freudenberg-NOK," said David R. Monaco, president of Simrit. "It serves as a testament to the combined efforts of our team who help ensure that our customers receive world class products at the best value - on time, every time."

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INTERN JOINS TRAMMEL CROW

Kate McCourt of Plymouth has joined the staff at Trammel Crow Company as the firm's new marketing intern.

McCourt is a recent graduate of Towson University in Towson, Md., where she earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies. She also holds a real estate license from the State of Michigan. As an intern, McCourt will assist Trammel Crow's brokerage and leasing staff with special projects.

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Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America. "To receive this award for the third time is an honor and confirms shows we are delivering the quality solutions our customers demand."

Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America ranked highest in quality in the AM/FM/cassette/single CD player category with the fewest problems per 100 vehicles, according to the report. This type of radio is the second most popular audio combination used in cars and trucks today, representing 32 percent of all units factory-installed in vehicles.

J.D. Power and Associates has conducted the Audio Quality Report since 1995. Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America's award is based on responses from nearly 103,000 owners of 2004 and 2005 model-year vehicles who indicated their vehicles are equipped with factory-installed stereo systems.

FOR THE RECORD



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

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Dec. 1-7:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Residential rescue runs on Quail Run, on Sheridan, on Top of the Hill Court and on Meadow Hill, vehicle accidents on northbound I-275 north of I-96 and at Pennington and Church, investigation on Harvey, downed wires on Postiff, on General Drive and at Southworth and Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, single-family fire on Joy.

■ Monday, Dec. 6 - Vehicle accidents with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and McClumpha and at Beck and Powell, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at Robinwood, residential rescue run on Newporte.

■ Sunday, Dec. 5 - Residential rescue runs on Ball, on Colony Farms Circle and on Northville Road, commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Haggerty, rescue run on Hartsough, industrial rescue run on 5 Mile.

■ Saturday, Dec. 4 - Residential rescue runs on Morgan, on Heritage, on Harvey, on Arthur and on Fox Ridge, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road and on M-14 west of Napier.

■ Friday, Dec. 3 - Vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Riverside, residential rescue runs on Maria and on Fox Drive, wash-down at Sheldon and Helm, rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Ann Arbor Trail.

■ Thursday, Dec. 2 - Residential rescue runs on St. Andrew's, on Aspen and on Mill Race Circle, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, rescue run on Mill Race Circle, vehicle accidents at Hines and Wilcox, on eastbound M-14 west of Beck and at M-14 and Sheldon; vehicle accident with wash-down on southbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road.

DEATHS

A
Sherry L. Arebaugh, 45, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 2.

B
Doris C. Barkham, 80, of Rochester, died Nov. 30.
Milma M. Bratton, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 4.
Patricia H. Breuning, 75, of Rochester, died Dec. 9.
William F. Brown Jr., 98, of Auburn Hills, died Dec. 5.

C
Amy J. Capuano, 44, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 25.
Russell G. Carter, 89, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 21.
Grant Chamberlin Jr., 81, of Northville, died Nov. 25.

D
Robert R. Dildine, 82, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 3.

F
Margaret A. Foust, 76, of Royal Oak, died Nov. 19.
Margaret E. Frank, 97, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 5.

G
Barbara J. Gerczak, 66, of Linden, formerly of Rochester, died Dec. 3.

J
Elie Rebecca Jakubowski, 3 months, of Plymouth, died Dec. 6.

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PLOWING

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said "The improvements to the water system have resulted in fewer breaks the past few years. Now we get about a dozen each winter, but that's down from breaks that numbered in the 20s."

Fauman said MSD has six crew members to drive snow plows and salt trucks, along with two mechanics and a couple of foremen.

That compares to previous years when there were 14 employees available to drive the eight snow plows, two salt trucks and a couple of front-end loaders.

City Manager Paul Sincock said he's budgeted more than \$150,000 for salting and plowing this winter. But, because of the city's budget woes, attempts will be made to make sure it lasts the entire winter - and maybe a surprise spring snowstorm - by cutting down on the hours needed to clear main arteries and residential streets.

"We'll try to limit overtime as much as we can," said Sincock. "Obviously, Mother Nature will be the ultimate decider."

"The reality is, it's easier for us to bring crews in at 3 a.m. to plow the streets, rather than have the crews start at 8 o'clock," he said. "There's less activity on the roads, and the equipment can move a lot easier."

There are six priority routes for snow and ice control measures listed by MSD:

■ **Route 1** Major streets, including Main, Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail and Starkweather

■ **Route 2** Secondary streets, including Harvey, Farmer, Junction, Industrial Drive, Church and Union

■ **Route 3** School routes, including Smith School, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Peter's and Central Middle School

■ **Route 4** City parking lot and contracted service parking lots, including East Middle School, Central Middle School, Tonquish Manor, the Cultural Center, Plymouth District Library, and the Harvey and Wing parking lots

■ **Route 5** Hills, including those on Amelia, Rose, Holbrook, Evergreen and Pacific

■ **Route 6** Spot salt all other streets in the city

MSD is also responsible for shoveling sidewalks on city-owned property.

"Because we have fewer per-

sonnel, it could take us longer to get to the sidewalks," said Fauman. "But, we have to follow the same ordinance as residents, 24 hours after the snow stops falling."

Sincock said residents who don't shovel their sidewalks will be in for a surprise.

"If they don't shovel it, the city will do it and the property owner receives a bill," he said. "The minimum bill is \$100. We don't want to be in the residential snow removal business."

There is also a citywide ordinance against shoveling or blowing snow into the street.

"Private contractors can't plow snow from a parking lot into the street, and our residential folks shouldn't be blowing the snow back into the streets," added Sincock. "That will result in a ticket."

City residents are used to seeing mounds of snow piled high in the downtown area.

"We take the snow from certain areas in the downtown to keep parking available," said Fauman, "and stockpile it in areas that are less impacted by parking."

"We generally try to haul it away, but I don't know how that will work this year," he said.

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Infant dies in local day care center

BY JACK GLADDEN
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Canton Police and officials from the Wayne County Prosecutor and Medical Examiner offices are investigating the death of a 3-month-old infant at a Canton home day care center.

The incident occurred on Monday, Dec. 6, when EMS technicians and police were called to the house on a report of an infant who was not breathing.

The child was lying face-down in a playpen.

Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said such investigations are standard operating procedure in the death of a child that young.

"We don't suspect any foul play," he said. "We don't think there was anything intentional."

He said the woman who owns the house and runs the center is licensed by the state of Michigan to care for 12 children in her home.

She also had an assistant working for her.

"There have never been any complaints about the center," he said.

He said an autopsy has already been done, but the cause of death has not been determined.

He said Wayne County has a special team that investigates cases of what appear to be sudden infant death syndrome.

They do extensive investigation in such cases.

ARREST

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"I have enough street smarts to know that whoever took the purse was probably looking for some fast cash, and if I could track her down and find a police officer, we could get it recovered quickly," he said.

Hatty said he got the woman to believe he was someone she knew, and wanted to strike a deal with her. After several telephone calls back and forth, the woman became increasingly impatient. But, she finally told Hatty her blue and white

Cougar was parked at Joy and Greenfield in Detroit, only a short distance north of Apac via the Southfield Freeway.

After dropping a co-worker off at the gas station to keep an eye on the woman, Hatty saw a police car pull into a parking lot down the block.

"I ran into the building and found it was a training facility for police officers," said Hatty. "I ran in and got one to go with me."

Hatty returned to the gas station, with the officer in the back seat. As the woman was pulling out, Hatty stopped her, asking for directions. The police officer then "jumped out, tapped on her window and busted her."

Tomplin, a customer service rep, said some items were missing from the purse when it was recovered, but she was just

glad to get it back. "Dan is an absolute hero," she said. "He would do anything for anybody. He should have an 'S' on his chest."

Allen Park Detective Sgt. Richard Davis said the suspect was released pending the investigation, and an accomplice who took the purse from Apac is being sought.

"While we appreciate any and all cooperation with our citizenry, we would not advise anybody putting themselves in any jeopardy," said Davis. "Call us and we'll handle it."

Hatty said he's received a number of accolades from co-workers for his actions.

"I have to admit, it was pretty exciting," said Hatty. "It sure beats a day of sales."

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Students plan benefit to rebuild lost museum

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

When Mike Cox began his senior high school internship working on a B-52 Bomber at the Yankee Air Museum, he couldn't believe his luck.

Cox, who plans to join the US Air Force, has long been interested in military history. At the museum, he was completely surrounded by it.

On Oct. 1, Cox brought fellow students from his Livonia Public Schools Career Internship Program to visit the museum on a class field trip.

A week later, on Oct. 9, the wooden structure built in 1941 was destroyed - along with eight planes - in a fire. The loss is estimated at between \$5 million and \$7 million.

"I was shocked," said Cox, a senior at Stevenson High School. "It was history. Now it's all gone."

Cox went from a crew member on an airplane to an office job, categorizing artifacts.

"I wanted to help get a fundraiser going, to help rebuild it," he said.

Michele Allen, a senior at Churchill High School and a fellow student in the Career Intern Program, agreed to help. Now, not even two months after the fire, a holiday gala fundraiser is in its final planning stages.

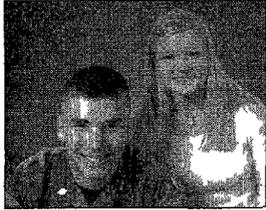
On Dec. 18, the students will host a festive semi-formal event, which is modeled after the USO shows of the World War II era. Dinner by Elite Catering in Livonia, music, stand-up comedy and swing dancing will all focus on the '40s theme - an appeal to all generations, organizers said. The event will be held at the Experimental Aircraft Association hangar, located at Mettetal Airport in Canton. The hangar will be heated, and decorated for the holidays.

"They've been very helpful there," said Allen. "They have helped us with anything that we need."

Scheduled to speak at the gala along with Cox are Fox 2 Meteorologist Rich Luterma, Museum Curator Gayle Roberts, and Mary Couillard, director of the Career Intern Program in LPS.



The 1941 hangar housing the Yankee Air Museum was destroyed by fire on Oct. 9. Two Livonia Schools students are organizing a holiday gala, with all proceeds going toward rebuilding the memorial to the World War II generation.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson senior Mike Cox and Churchill senior Michelle Allen are planning a holiday gala in Canton on Dec. 18 to benefit the Yankee Air Museum, a historic site which burned down in October.

Cox and Allen said they hope to draw at least 200 people, and perhaps raise about \$5,000 - all of which will be donated to the restoration of the Yankee Air Museum.

If the event is deemed a success, Cox said he hopes it will spur more fundraisers and future support to re-create the museum which meant so much to him.

The museum is accepting both monetary and other donations. Eventually, Cox said, he hopes to see a new museum in place and be able to say "we did this."

The deadline for tickets has been extended. Cox and Allen are trying to spread the word and invite all who are interested in attending the holiday event. Donations to the cause are included in the ticket price. Cox

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Where: The event will be at the Experimental Aircraft Association (Chapter 113) hangar, located at Mettetal Airport at Joy and Lilley roads.

Cost: Tickets are \$65 per couple or \$40 for a single admission.

To purchase: Send checks payable to Mike Cox with "fund raiser" in the memo section to Yankee Fund raiser C/O Mike Cox, 15899 Penn Drive, Livonia, MI 48154.

More information: <http://www.yankeearmuseum.org>

said, though they accept additional monetary and other donations - including military and wartime artifacts and uniforms.

For more information, visit the Web at www.yankeearmuseum.org.

Thieves make off with gold, diamonds in jewelry heist

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The Showroom of Excellence, a high-end jewelry store on Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford, was broken into about 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

The four thieves were in and out in less than four minutes, according to a surveillance camera that caught the break-in on video.

"They took gold and diamonds," said co-owner Linda Robin. "It seemed to be mostly gold that they were going for. They pretty much wiped out what we had in our cases."

Police responded to a burglar alarm that went off at the store about 5:30 a.m. Thursday. By the time they arrived the burglars were gone.

"They threw something through the window (a front window facing Canton Center), smashed the window and scooped out the display cases,

said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "There were four people in an SUV that were caught on videotape."

Pomorski said the video showed that the thieves loaded merchandise in bags that they brought with them. They then left southbound on Canton Center.

"They were in and out in minutes," he said. "We can't identify their faces. We don't know how much they took at this point. It was an undisclosed amount."

According to a statement issued by Canton Police, the initial investigation shows that a series of similar burglaries have taken place in the Toledo, Ohio, area in the past six to eight months.

In addition, several other communities in the Metro Detroit area have also experienced similar break-ins.

The store was closed on Friday while employees took

inventory to determine exactly how much jewelry had been taken.

"Hopefully we'll be open again on Tuesday morning," Robin said. "We hope to have most of our stock replaced by then."

It was the first break-in at the store, which just celebrated its fourth anniversary in Canton. Robin said she knew that several other businesses in the Metro area have been burglarized in a similar manner. And she's appealing to the community for help.

"We know there were several cars traveling on Canton Center Road between 4:45 and 5 a.m. Thursday," she said.

Ironically, the store had just issued several gift certificates offering customers discounts on merchandise for the upcoming Christmas holidays.

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Garden City High School Key Club members dressed in Disney costumes for the Burger Center Winter Carnival. Lindsey Dodge was Belle from 'Down on the Range' (left to right) Kristy Wilson was Jafar from 'Aladdin' and Matt Fitzgibbon was the Genie from 'Aladdin'.

Christmas delight

Disney theme comes to Burger carnival

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

"When you wish upon a star, it makes no difference who you are."

Those song lyrics from *Pinocchio* were especially meaningful at the annual holiday day carnival at Burger Center for Students of Autism Thursday, where those famous lyrics were the event's theme. "There are different stars in our world," said Colleen Polin, Burger teacher and chair

woman of the carnival committee. At Burger, the 350 students and 200 staff members are stars, too, she said.

The school became a feast for the senses as hallways, classrooms, multipurpose room and gym were transformed into hubs of activity.

There was a variety of craft making activities, a petting farm, Detroit Tiger Nate Robertson autographing baseballs and other items, face painting, visits with Santa, inflatable toys students could



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shawn Agge 7 couldn't wait to talk to Santa at the annual Burger Center Winter Carnival.

play inside of and even pinball machines.

Judy Walsh, one of Burger's associate directors, said many of the activities actually were lessons in disguise.

A lot of the activities involve sharpening skills that a lot of kids need to work on, Walsh said, referring to fine motor skills, writing and dealing with the concepts of in and on.

By making personalized gift bags frosting cookies stringing beads onto yarn to make necklaces and coloring gingerbread houses they had a chance to sharpen these skills.

The Jack Russo family and Larry Berman are benefactors for the annual carnival. A big thank you for their generosity was prominently displayed inside the gym.

The Russos have been providing spring and Christmas parties and helping with projects at the center for more than 15 years. They became involved in the center after Jack heard about it from his barber, who had a relative at Burger.



Cody Chert 9 made a penguin mask at the Burger Center's winter carnival.

They (donate the money) out of the goodness of their hearts, Polin said, adding that they do not have children in school.

Polin said a highlight of the event was former student Michael Gilbert 26 singing "What a Wonderful World." He sounded just like Satchmo, she said.



Alyssa MacIntosh 13 (right) has her face painted as a Dalmatian by Janice Priest, who was lovely the clown at the Burger Center winter carnival.

Ken Kajowski was one of an estimated 100 volunteers and helpers at the carnival. He was guiding students through the process of frosting sugar cookies. His daughter, Natalie Kajowski, is a teacher at the Burger Annex.

The honesty of the students always moves him, he said.

What you see with them is what you get, he said.

He wasn't the only one noticing the candor of the Burger students. Gail Dorey, a teacher at the Burger Annex, said that showing up in uniform was a good conversation starter for the kids.

"Some kids just came by and thanked us for serving our country," said Dorey, a former Marine who served 1968-1969.

Garden City High School Key Club members dressed in costume for the event.

I think all the arts and crafts (are the best part of the event), said Key Club member Brittany Mouzourakis.

Polin said an estimated 650 people, including Burger's 350 students who come from throughout Wayne County, 200 staff members and 100 volunteers/helpers made the event a success.

We wanted to create a day that the children will remember forever," she said.

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Jan Cantle has coped with snakes and swans and your odd peacock, potbellied pigs and legions of iguanas. But she won't ever forget the armadillo. "Someone in Westland was keeping it in a drawer and it tunneled out, so eventually it was brought, as are thousands of illegal or discarded exotic pets, to the Michigan Humane Society's wildlife department in this northern Detroit suburb."

It is safe to say that when she was a little girl in England, Jan, who now manages the Humane Society's Rochester Hills shelter, never imagined she would be dealing with the problems of a southwestern mammal far away from her native soil.



Jack Lessenberry

But she was resourceful. She found a sanctuary in Oklahoma that would agree to take the 'dillo, who by that time everyone was calling Chuck. Finding an airline that would take him was a trifle harder, but one finally surfaced. Armadillos, however, have to fly in a specially made carrier of a precise size. So they found someone to build one.

Then all that mattered was Chuck's ticket — \$200 or so — and he was off.

"That's one story that has a happy ending," she laughed with a lilt of a British accent. Too many other stories don't.

For in this throwaway society, too many people regard animals as disposable. If Easter is the season people buy pet bunny rabbits, this is the season they dump them off at the Humane Society.

"We keep all the ones we have space for," she said. Thirteen came in one recent day. Jennifer Sullivan, a young woman who gave up a real salary and a potential career in

TV production to work for the Humane Society, became a foster parent to a mother and four babies, taking them to her small apartment so they wouldn't have to be destroyed.

Welcome to Michigan's Ellis Island for animals. Tragically, their efforts amount to barely a drop in the bucket. Contrary to what most people believe, the Michigan Humane Society, which serves perhaps 100,000 animals annually on a shoestring budget of \$10 million, doesn't get a dime of tax dollars.

Instead it depends 100 percent on the support of individuals as well as businesses," said Cal Morgan, the Society's executive director.

"Without this support, we would not be able to continue our cruelty investigation and rescue services or animal sheltering operations," he said. Not to mention the humane education programs or veterinary services, he added.

Nor do they really operate statewide. People can and do bring in animals, particularly injured wild animals, from as far away as Traverse City or Monroe. Some dogs even come in as a result of the Florida hurricanes. But their anti-cruelty animal cops, who are featured regularly on TV's *Animal Planet*, only venture into Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck.

They have three major shelters in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland, where they serve perhaps 100,000 animals a year. But that's just a drop in the ocean, noted Amy Johnson, the Society's volunteer coordinator and community relations specialist. The state is being overrun with colonies of feral (wild) cats.

The estimates are that there are as many feral cats as house cats in the country," she said. Many are sick and ill nourished. Even their kittens cannot be domesticated in any real sense. When they come to the shelter they have to be put down, as do any and all pit bulls. No, not all of them are

vicious, but they have been bred for fighting," said Jennifer Rowell, who manages the Detroit shelter, where animals are crammed into every nook and cranny of a century-old building where the Humane Society has been sheltering animals since the depths of the Great Depression.

For some, there is a happy ending. Nearly all the puppies and kittens considered adoptable go home with someone, minus their ability to reproduce. In the last few years, there seem to be fewer unwanted puppies being born, though the lives of many are nasty, brutish and short in the grim streets of Detroit, where large sums are bet in secret, illegal exhibitions where pit bull terrors fight to the death.

But the Michigan Humane Society, which is in the process of building a new shelter in Westland, needs all the help it can get. Log on to www.michiganhumane.org and get a load of what it needs, and how you can help. Or call (248) 852-7420. One minor way is by not keeping so-called exotic animals. Every year, the Society has to dispose of many unwanted baby alligators, who have no business in Michigan.

As for Chuck the armadillo some time later, Jan Cantle got a picture from Oklahoma. Not of Chuck, but of a hole he had dug for himself. Not a hole in a dresser drawer, or in a cage, but in his natural climate. And every time she thinks of that, it makes her happy.

Elephant update: Remember Wanda and Winky, the elephants the Detroit Zoo wanted to send to a sanctuary, a move opposed by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, which wanted to send them to Columbus? Detroit won and the pachyderms will live out their old age in a sanctuary in California.

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A playful 'animal companion' adopts a couple of 'guardians'

Apparently 'pet owner' is politically incorrect.

A helpful press release from the Michigan Humane Society gives tips on how companion animal guardians should care for their companion animals during winter's cold and nasty weather.



Hugh Gallagher

(or at least on the grass) at the notion that he was owned by anybody.

Five years ago, my wife and I had just returned from a long autumn weekend up north. Sitting on the porch was a handsome orange and white cat. He was strikingly good looking with a soft butterscotch back coat and snow white front. His face, with large green eyes and a flawless blend of his two-tone coloring, was richly expressive.

"Where did you come from?" my wife asked. That was probably the tipping point. Once a conversation was started and she stared into those green eyes, she was hooked.

The cat held back a bit. He seemed healthy and well-cared for, obviously somebody's pet (sorry, companion). We went to the store to get some canned food to feed him, thinking he'd wander back home. Then day after day we'd come home to find him emerging from under our front porch, waiting for his new friends and his food.

We took him into the house. We searched for his guardians with ads, phone calls. As October turned into chilly November, we decided

we'd better keep him.

From the first I called him buddy, little buddy, bud. So after my wife suggested just calling him cat and I suggested some overly sentimental moniker, she said, "You call him Buddy, so Buddy it is."

We took Buddy to the vet, who confirmed that he was about 15 months old, neutered and had probably had his shots, though we re-vaccinated him. He knew what a litter box was all about. He scratched, but he wasn't destructive. He didn't hiss. He was polite, playful, intelligent.

Cats don't drape you with love the way a dog will do. They don't suck up to you, waiting for you to give a little in return. But not all cats are aloof, indifferent, cold-blooded animals as some would have you believe.

Buddy knew friends when he saw them. He adopted us, not the other way around.

He enjoyed the outdoors, but he was obviously more an indoor cat. We didn't feel right keeping him indoors all the time, so we worked out a deal. He's mostly an indoor cat who goes out.

Outdoors, he maintains a small kingdom within our condominium complex. He hangs with a couple of other local cats (usually they stare a lot at each other, though recently I've seen them nuzzle affectionately — remember he's neutered). He loves flowers, hedges where he can hide, a spot on the back porch where he can stalk the wildlife that he has occasionally captured, given a friendly pat and sent on their way. He loves to scare himself and make mad dashes for the door. He has been really frightened by a raccoon and frightened a few animals himself.

He hates the wind and getting his feet wet, though he enjoys a good five minutes out in brisk winter air.

But mostly he's an indoor cat. Like the Beatles, he follows the sun. He luxuriates in

the sun, stretching, yawning, lapping it in. From the beginning he's enjoyed playing, chasing a feather or a toy mouse around the room, hiding behind a couch and waiting to pounce or leaping and twisting as the feather hovers above his head. He will often initiate the play, rubbing my legs to get my attention then going to a feather and rolling around with it until I understand it's time to get up and play the game (humans can be so slow sometimes). He hates vacuum cleaners, but he loves to scamper under the covers when we make up the bed.

At night he often, but not always, joins us and snuggles up close after making it clear that it is getting late and we really should be going to bed. Then he wakes up much too early and persistently lets us know that it's time to get a move on it.

He's leery of the grandson, but he believes an unfortunate Christmas encounter with a young grand-niece has made him permanently wary of little children. But there seems to be a bit of jealousy, too.

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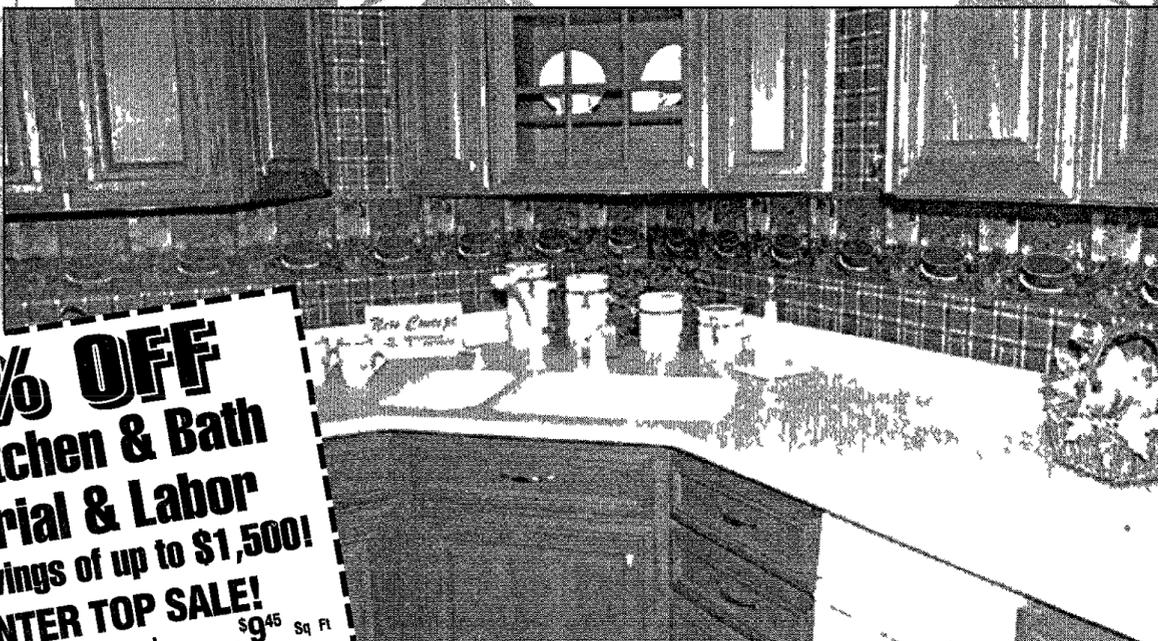
This time of year, many people like to "buy" a "pet" for their children. But the new terminology makes it clear that we're really guardians of companions for whom we have a responsibility. Christmas is probably a little too chaotic for introducing an animal into family life. And it's never the children that "guard" the new family member.

The Humane Society advises giving instead an IOU and selecting a new companion (preferably from a shelter) after the holidays.

Then go and select the right companion to adopt you.

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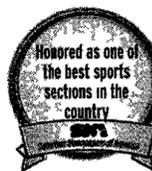
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Canton's 'D' silences Wildcats, 40-24

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team used a memorable defensive effort Friday night to put the brakes on a forgettable losing streak to Novi.

The Chiefs thoroughly frustrated the smaller Wildcats and ran off with a 40-24 victory. Novi had knocked off Canton in the two teams' four previous meetings, including the most-recent matchup in last season's 2004 Class A district tournament.

Novi sank just nine shots from the

field against a defense that featured unyielding perimeter pressure and the interior dominance of senior post players Kevin Thornton and Julian Smith.

"That was the best defensive game we've played in the two years I've been here," said Canton coach Charlie Payne. "With Kevin and Julian back there, it allows our guards to put good pressure on their perimeter players."

"Kevin played very well tonight. Even when he doesn't score a lot, he has an effect on the game with his defensive presence and shot-blocking ability. He did a nice job of offensive rebounding

tonight, too. He really went to the glass well."

Thornton (16 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks) and Smith (10 and 5) were a two-man wrecking crew in the paint for the Chiefs. Most of their points came after they received passes from Canton guards Andy Cortellini, David Cahille and Jason Houdek, who broke down the Wildcats' defense with regularity.

"We didn't play well at all, but their two big guys had a lot to do with that," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "They got way too many offensive rebounds, plus they were getting most of the loose balls

"I thought we played a decent defensive game, but offensively we have a lot of work to do."

Cahille finished with nine points and six rebounds for Canton.

Senior guard Anthony Harbin paced the Wildcats with 10 points. He was the lone Novi player to hit double-figures in scoring. It appeared as if 6-5 senior center Mark Moore was going to have a productive night when he scored six quick points in the second quarter. But Thornton and Smith were instrumental

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Plymouth's D.J. Coleman scrambles for a loose ball during the first half of Friday night's game against Lincoln Park. The hustling Coleman finished with 13 points and five steals in the Wildcats' 54-40 victory.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No problem Inexperienced 'Cats hammer Railsplitters

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Inexperience and the lack of senior leadership could pose problems for the underclassmen-only Plymouth basketball team as it perseveres through its challenging schedule this season.

But it was the Wildcats who made life problematic for more-seasoned Lincoln Park Friday night in their 54-40 victory in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

The win boosted Plymouth's record to 2-1. The game was the season-opener for the Railsplitters.

"It's nice to win, but we still have a long way to go," admitted Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We had decent ball movement against their zone, but we shot poorly from the

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Top football coach gives seniors nod

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BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Observerland Coach of the Year John Fihatraut deflects much of the credit away from himself when it comes to the success of Livonia

Churchill's 2004 football team.

The 8-4 Chargers earned their first playoff berth since 1978 and reached the third round of the Division I state playoffs before falling to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Fihatraut, however, certainly deserves accolades as he guided the Chargers to their first winning season since 1986 and their first win over rival Livonia Stevenson since 1989 (in the first round of the playoffs). "We had two ingredients," Fihatraut said. "First, we had a senior heavy, great class, a good bunch of decent kids who played well together. And we also had a great staff, which was kept entirely together from the previous year. They work as hard as anybody in our league and they enjoy kids."

Among those on Fihatraut's varsity staff is offensive coordinator Floyd Carter, who has over 29 years as a head coach at Wayne Memorial and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, brother-in-law Ron Targosz, who played with Fihatraut on Dearborn Divine Child's 1985 state Class B championship team, Matt Fryer, who spends endless hours with the players in the weight room, and Dave Simpson.

Two men had a profound impact on Fihatraut, who coached four seasons at Divine Child before taking over the head coaching spot at Churchill when he replaced Steve Naumcheff.

One was former Divine Child head coach Wes Wishart, along with former Melvindale head coach and former DC defensive coordinator Dale Sawicki.

Chief icers outskate Knights, 8-2

The Walled Lake Northern Knights got kinged by the Canton hockey team Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

The Chiefs scored three goals in both the second and third periods on the way to a rousing 8-2 victory over the over-matched Knights. The win improved Canton's record to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton led just 2-1 after one period before the onslaught ensued over the final 30 minutes.

Three Chiefs turned in two-goal games. Paul Stevens, Bryan Wioncek and Brad Barath.

Stevens added two assists and

Wioncek had one helper.

Pat Gallagher and Mike Kondratek scored the final two goals for the Chiefs. Tony Hylko and Jon Bonham split time in net for the winners.

On Wednesday, Reece McCabe scored three times and added one assist as the Chiefs downed host Livonia Franklin (2-1, 1-1) in a WLAA-Western Division game at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Pat Davison and Kondratek also scored for Canton, which pulled away in the final period with a pair of goals. Wioncek contributed three assists. Hylko was stellar in net, stopping 25 of 27 Franklin shots.

Franklin tallied both of its goals in the second period, cutting the deficit to 3-2

at 12:52 on Dan Kozlowski's power play goal from Steve South and goalie Austin Mesler (19 saves). Matt Sgriccia also scored a power-play goal at 8:21 of the same period from Garrett Radford and Alex Chisholm.

Franklin played the final three minutes short-handed.

"All the boys skated hard and played hard, but we made too many mistakes," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, whose team converted only two-of-nine power-play chances.

Canton had six power-plays.

The Chiefs return to the ice Wednesday when they host cross-campus rival Salem in an 8 p.m. game at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

Slam sandwich Belleville notches 2nd win vs. WLAA opponent

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Belleville made its second stop on its tour of the Western Lakes Activities Association Friday night at Westland John Glenn and won another boys basketball game in convincing fashion, 76-58.

The state-ranked Tigers, who opened their season last Tuesday with a 61-35 triumph over visiting Salem, can complete their hat trick of WLAA with a win this Tuesday at Wayne Memorial

Glenn, which stayed close for a half, dropped to 0-2 on the year.

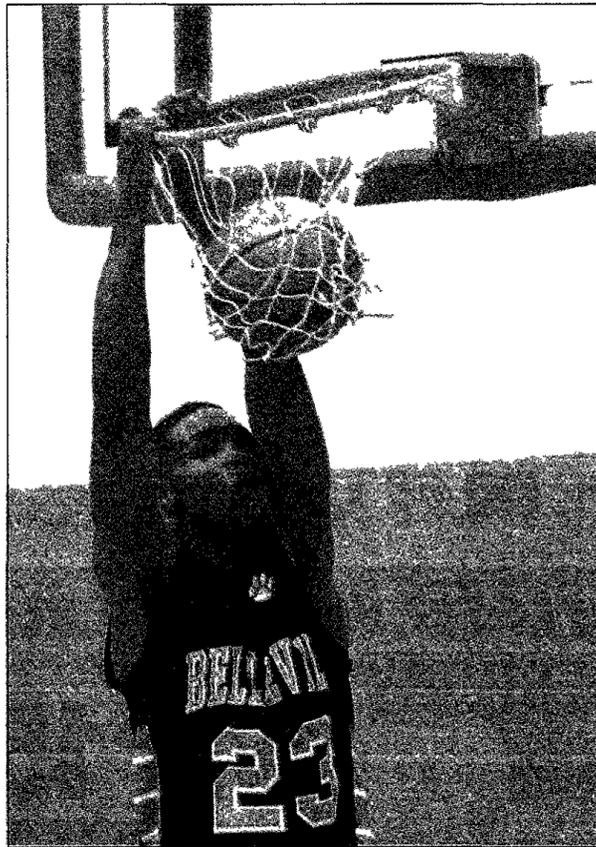
But the Rockets simply had no answers for Belleville's talented junior duo of Leon Freeman, who finished with a game-high 33 points, and Tommie Clark, who added 20.

Glenn's senior forward Barry Eberhardt scored eight of his team-high 20 points in the first quarter as the Rockets led 16-12.

But the tide turned late in the first half when coach Mike Krogel elected to play a zone defense.

"We worked on it a lot for two reasons," Krogel said of the zone. "Number one, teams zone us a lot. And number two, it's gotten us out of problems in the past. Last year we got a win against (Detroit) DePorres with it, and we also used it against Detroit Redford with success."

In the zone, Belleville decided to front the 6-6 Eberhardt and it worked to perfection, particularly in the third quarter as the Tigers, who led 29-26,



Belleville's Tommie Clark slams home two of his 20 points in Friday night's 76-58 triumph over Westland John Glenn.

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Sidelines

Szczechowski excels

Plymouth resident Stefani Szczechowski, a former All-State goalie for Livonia Ladywood and a current net-minder at the University of Wisconsin, was named to the Big Ten Conference's All-Academic team recently.

Szczechowski, a sophomore majoring in engineering, recorded two shutouts in her five starts this season. The soccer standout was voted All-State three times while at Ladywood.

Ocelots roll

Martin Samarco and Ty Scott had 27 and 26 points, respectively, for Schoolcraft College Friday night as the Ocelots blasted the host Alma College JV team.

Courtney Williams (18 points), Jamaal Lock (16) and Jarred Axon (10) also reached double-digits for visiting Schoolcraft (9-1).

The Ocelots led 53-31 at the intermission. Belleville's Martin Samarco scored a game-high 29 points on 12-of-15 shooting from the floor in Wednesday's Schoolcraft

College (8-1) 105-60 victory over visiting Ing Lewis Business

College of Detroit (4-6). Jamaal Lock added 18 points, seven rebounds and six blocks for the victorious Ocelots, who led 45-29 at halftime.

Other contributions came from Ty Scott, 17 points and five rebounds, Courtney Williams, 15 points and nine rebounds; Genois Safford (Wayne Memorial), 10 points and six steals; Jarred Axon, eight points, and Glenn Garrant (Livonia Clarenceville), six points and seven rebounds.

Schoolcraft shot 57.3 percent from the floor (43-of-75), including 7-of-15 from three-point range. The Ocelots made 12-of-18 free throws (66 percent).

Lady Crusaders win

A balanced offensive attack lifted Madonna University's women's basketball team to a 75-59 victory Wednesday night over host Wayne State University.

Leading the Lady Crusaders (4-7) were Amy Henry and Sarah Thomson, who both registered 16 points. Adding 11 each were Stephanie Childs and Lydia Prusinowski, while Martina Franklin and Jackie Pingston chipped in with eight apiece.

For the Lady Warriors (2-5), Nicole Rogers and Kristen Rogers tallied seven and six points, respectively. Madonna led 43-38 at the intermission and broke the game wide open in the second half. The Lady Crusaders helped their cause by hitting on 50 percent of their shots from the floor (28-56).

Clarenceville too much for PCA

BY RICHARD L SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Speed isn't a great equalizer in basketball, it's a great edge. Livonia Clarenceville had the quickness advantage Friday night and used it to outpace Plymouth Christian Academy, 63-47.

"We're going to out-quick a lot of people," coach Kevin Murphy of Clarenceville (2-0) said. "We fly to the ball pretty good."

"We didn't do a good job of handling the basketball, Coach Doug Taylor of Plymouth Christian (1-1) said. "They ended up dictating the tempo in the first half."

The visiting Trojans sped to a 30-20 halftime lead and withstood a strong third-quarter push by the Eagles.

Plymouth Christian got a basket and a pair of free throws from leading scorer Aaron Ciborowski (21 points) to cut the deficit to 30-24 1 20 into the second half.

But Bruno Shkreli made a layup and Ray Gardner made a three-pointer to keep Clarenceville in control.

"As bad as we handled the ball in the first half, we were only down 10," Taylor said. "The third quarter was our best quarter. We made three or four good passes at the start of the third quarter. We were more patient."

"But then we got sucked back into playing the game at Clarenceville's pace."

The Trojans re-fashioned a

The visiting Trojans sped to a 30-20 halftime lead.

41-30 margin but then missed five straight shots, three of them three-pointers, and the Eagles got a three-point play from Ciborowski and a triple from Stephen Sumner to close to 41-37.

Donnie Carson, who led Clarenceville with 22 points, drove the lane for a stabilizing layup with 25 seconds to play in the third quarter and the Trojans got a steal leading to a layup by Gardner with 14 seconds left and the lead was back to 45-37.

"That took our momentum away," Taylor said.

Gardner played a sharp game at the point for Clarenceville, which participates in the Livonia City Tournament for its next action. Carson also did well on top with the ball.

"Gardner gives us energy," Murphy said. "He's seeing the floor a lot better than in the past."

"But we've still got a ways to go. We can play better. We have to, to do bigger things this year. We didn't play to our best potential. We did play hard, however."

"We missed a lot of layups. But then, this is a tough gym to shoot in."

Shkreli scored 10 points and

Jemere Gainer, who did a good job defending against Ciborowski, added 11.

Ciborowski scored 11 of his points in the third quarter but the Trojans did a good job of neutralizing him most of the time. They ran different defenders at him and tried to float someone down from the perimeter when he got the ball down low.

Sumner scored 13 for Plymouth Christian, which plays Taylor Light & Life on Tuesday, before fouling out midway through the fourth quarter. Gainer scored five points at the start of the fourth quarter to help Clarenceville pad its margin to 50-41 and an 11-0 run that began less than a minute later salted the game away.

Plymouth Christian led once, 3-2, before a 9-0 run put Clarenceville in control.

"Donnie could have had 30, easy," Murphy said. "We did a good job in making unselfish passes and we out-rebounded them."

"We changed up our defenses quite a bit and it took them a while to adjust."

"Even though there was a large disparity in the final score," Taylor said, "both teams competed hard and it was a well-fought game."

"We've only got a couple of guys back with varsity experience. But they're doing a good job of learning on the fly. They're listening and really improving."

Salem's comeback bid falls just short vs. Monroe, 61-57

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem came close to hustling its way out of a 15-point hole Friday night in its home-opening basketball game against Monroe.

But the Trojans used an effective full-court press and a distinctive height advantage to hold off the Rocks, 61-57. The loss dropped Salem to 0-2 heading into Tuesday's home game against Saline. Monroe improved to 1-1.

"The game was in doubt pretty much the entire night," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We improved in every phase of the game since we played Belleville on Tuesday. We didn't improve a lot, but we definitely played

very proud of their effort tonight. They played very hard. They could have folded the tent when they were down 15, but they fought back to make it close."

Monroe led just 9-8 after the opening eight minutes, but a 26-18 second-quarter surge gave the Trojans a 35-26 halftime lead. Salem outscored Monroe 31-26 over the final 16 minutes, but it was too little, too late.

"We got it down to three at the end, but we had to foul and they made some free throws," Brodie said. "We improved in every phase of the game since we played Belleville on Tuesday. We didn't improve a lot, but we definitely played

better. I told everybody to keep their heads up."

Monroe's Pat Harwood led all scorers with 20 points. He was complemented by teammates Joe Thompson and Kevin Evans, who both tallied 12.

Kyle Price paced a balanced Salem scoring attack with 12 points. Brad Zonca and J.P. Truesdell both chipped in with 11 each. Salem's Kevin Bradley grabbed a team-high seven rebounds while Joe Halewicz dished out five assists for the Rocks. Salem canned 14-of-20 free throws (70 percent). Monroe hit 18-of-29 (62 percent).

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in shutting him out the rest of the way.

The game's first three quarters consisted of a series of streaks, beginning with an 8-0 Canton run in the opening quarter that put the hosts up 10-3.

Novi countered with an 8-0 run of its own in the second quarter to secure a 13-10 lead. Canton failed to score over a seven-minute stretch that consisted of the final two minutes of the first quarter and the first

five of the second.

Smith ended the drought for Canton — and started a 10-0 first-half closing streak — with a driving finger roll. Two minutes later, he rocked the rim and the Wildcats' psyche with a thundering dunk after receiving a pass from Houdek.

After Canton took a 20-13 lead into the half, Novi scored the first four points of the third quarter on a three-point shot by Steven Hart and a jumper from Harbin. The Chiefs then outscored the 'Cats 9-1 to take a 29-18 advantage into the final quarter.

The Chiefs sealed the victory by scoring the initial eight

points of the fourth quarter to build a 37-18 lead.

Canton shot 35 percent from the field (19-for-54) and 11 percent from the free-throw line (1-for-11).

Led by Thornton, Smith, Calille and Steve Paye (four boards), the Chiefs out-rebounded the Wildcats, 43-19.

Both teams took care of the ball. Novi committed just 11 turnovers while the Chiefs had 10 miscues.

Canton returns to action Tuesday night when it travels to unbeaten Redford Union. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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free-throw line (11-of-24), which let them hang around.

"We showed good poise at times tonight and we made good decisions with the ball. But there were times we settled for threes when we were out of rhythm, which led to a couple ugly shots."

Plymouth led 15-9 after one quarter and 25-21 at the half. The Wildcats outscored the Splitters 17-11 in the third quarter to secure a comfortable 42-32 advantage with eight minutes to play.

"We rebounded the ball well tonight," Van Wagoner said. "We had 30 rebounds, which is more than we had in either of

the first two games."

Junior guard D.J. Coleman led the Wildcats with 13 points and five steals. Josh LeDuc netted 12 points and a team-high 13 boards while Kulraj Sandhu scored 11. Point-guard Brent Jones was steady, tallying seven points and six assists.

"We moved Josh to the high post to get him the ball more," Van Wagoner said. "He's got a nice jump shot from right around the free-throw line."

Isiah Beachamp scored 14 to pace the Railsplitters. Daniel Reyna contributed 10 points.

The Wildcats play their fourth consecutive home game Tuesday night when they host Trenton.

That will be a tough game for us," Van Wagoner warned.

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'Cats fall to Jags on basketball court

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Allen Park has been a state power in football for several years. Plymouth found out Wednesday night that the Jaguars are also very proficient on the basketball court. The scrappy Jaguars opened their season with a 55-43 victory in the Plymouth gymnasium, dropping the Wildcats record to 1-1. Even though Plymouth had played less than 24 hours earlier, coach Tom Van Wagoner said he didn't think fatigue was a factor. "We just missed too many quality shots," said Van

Even though Plymouth had played less than 24 hours earlier, coach Tom Van Wagoner said he didn't think fatigue was a factor.

Wagoner, whose team had scored 92 points the previous night in a 16-point victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills. Allen Park is a very good team, and I don't even think they have their basketball legs yet. Practically the entire Allen

Park basketball team played for the Jaguars football squad which was eliminated three weeks ago in the semi-final round of the Division 3 state playoffs. "Allen Park challenged most of our shots and we took too many off-balance shots," Van Wagoner said. "We just didn't play very well. The only bright spot was that we cut our turnovers in half (from 22 to 11) compared to Tuesday night." The Wildcats played the Jaguars tough through the opening quarter, which ended with the score knotted at 15-15. Led by forward Kevin Klime, Allen Park outscored their hosts 17-5 in the second quarter and built a 40-27 advantage after

three quarters. Klime was a force in the paint, scoring 18 points and hauling down 13 rebounds. Jason Traver was also strong inside, netting 10 points and nine boards. The Wildcats were paced by A.J. Davey, who had 11 points and six rebounds. Point-guard Brent Jones scored 10 points, which included a pair of three-pointers. Josh LeDuc led the Wildcats with nine boards. Allen Park out-rebounded Plymouth, 43-26. Neither team shot well. The Jaguars hit 19-of-54 shots (35 percent) while the Wildcats connected on just 17-of-58 (29 percent).

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went on a 18-5 run to take control. "We needed to do something about the post situation because we got beat too much inside," Krogel said. Eberhardt killed us inside the first 12 minutes of the game. The second half we went to front him full-court and it seemed to slow him down. We had a couple of different guys on him, but Mike Donaldson in particular did a super job. The Tigers entered the final quarter with a 52-40 cushion after leading by as many as 17. Eberhardt went scoreless during the third quarter, while

6-foot-4 Freeman continued to take his game to another level, scoring 12 of his 33. "The fact that we started taking it to the hole led to the turnaround," Krogel said. "At first we were settling for jumps shots, but then we took the ball to the hole like we should have." The Rockets had some life in the final quarter, cutting the deficit to 54-44 on an Eberhardt basket with 6:08 remaining. But Glenn never got any closer. "We just were not active, moving, or changing spots against their zone," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. "It's harder to guard a moving target. We just stopped working. You also have to have the

right touches for good shot opportunities. We never got that, but we didn't get shots either." Senior center Derrick Bush added 13 points for Glenn, while sophomore Alex McMillan contributed eight. The Tigers made 30-of-66 shots from the floor (45.4 percent), while Glenn made 28-of-58 (48.2 percent). Belleville also got to the line 25 times, hitting 14, while the Rockets made just 2-of-9. "We played a strong first half, but I told our guys we have to play even better in the second half," Lloyd said. "In the third quarter Belleville showed its athleticism. They pounded the glass, got their hands on the ball, and were making plays. You can't give a club like

that second opportunities on the glass. You've got to block out." Romulus transfer Anre Partee and Donaldson each chipped in with seven for Belleville. But it was the play of Freeman, complemented by the explosive Clark, that led to Glenn's demise. "Freeman's a good player, Lloyd said. "We put our best player in a matchup against him in Barry (Eberhardt)." He (Freeman) attacks the basket with both hands and he's quick off the dribble. If I could change how we guard him, wherever the ball is, you have to be glued to him and limit his touches."

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Waterford Mott at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 8 p.m.
Saturday Dec 18
PCS Penguins at Northville at Novi Ice Arena 5 p.m.
Plymouth at Ypsilanti Christmas Tourney at Arctic Edge 9 p.m.
Canton at Northville 3 p.m.
Sunday Dec 19
Plymouth at Ypsilanti Christmas Tourney at Arctic Edge noon
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday Dec 15
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson Quad Tournament 6 p.m.
Thursday Dec 16
Dearborn Fordson at Belleville 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Dec 18

Canton and Salem at Canton Invitational 9 a.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday Dec 16
Lutheran Westland at Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School 7 p.m.
Friday Dec 17
Plymouth Christian at Lutheran West 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Dec 18
Plymouth Christian at N Farmington Invitational TBA
Plymouth at Madonna University Tournament at Plymouth H.S. 8:30 a.m.
GYMNASTICS
Tuesday Dec 14
Brighton at Canton 7 p.m.
Saturday Dec 18
Canton at Vassar noon
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday Dec 12
Mohawk (Ont.) at Schoolcraft 3 p.m.
Wednesday Dec 15

Schoolcraft at Cornerstone JV 7 p.m.
Friday Dec 17
(Notre Dame Ohio Tournament)
Madonna vs Tiffin (Ohio) 8 p.m.
Saturday Dec 18
Genesee Co. at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.
(Notre Dame Ohio Tournament)
Madonna vs Notre Dame 5:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday Dec 18
Genesee at Schoolcraft 1 p.m.
Madonna at Taylor (Ind.) 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday Dec 12
Whalers at Guelph Storm 3 p.m.
Friday Dec 17
Whalers at Toronto 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Dec 18
Whalers at Belleville Bulls 7:15 p.m.
Sunday Dec 19
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FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Vinnie DeLuca, QB Westland Glenn
The 6 foot 180 pound senior threw for 1711 yards (92 of 174) with 17 touch downs and only four interceptions. He also rushed for 208 yards on 43 carries and three TDs.

As a kicker DeLuca hit 16 of 21 extra points and two field goals (36 yards the longest).

The first team All Western Lakes pick set Glenn career records for yards passing (2,930) and TDs (35).

Vinnie needed to have a tremendous senior year for us to be successful. Glenn coach Todd DeLuca said. He was consistent and always came up with the big play when we needed it. He had pressure on him all year. In our passing game you need to be able to read coverages and he has the knack for doing that and picking up the right receiver.

He had a great senior year and he is arguably the best quarterback ever to come out of Glenn.

Jeff Lake QB Salem The 6 3 200 pound senior rushed for 1304 yards which was the second highest single season total in school history. He also passed for 400 yards and scored a team high 80 points. Lake excelled on the defensive side of the ball as well for the Rocks providing excellent pass coverage and run stopping abilities from his safety position. He was an All WLA first team selection.

Jeff was a good leader for our offense this season said Salem coach Bob Cummings. He did a tremendous job of running our wishbone. Defensively he covered well and he was a great run support player. He's a two year starter and three year varsity player. Jeff will be missed next year.

Ian Iler, RB, Redford Union
Explosiveness out of the backfield characterized Iler's season for the Mega Gold champion Panthers. He ran 171 times for 1175 yards (6.9 avg.) and 12 touchdowns giving him a career rushing total of an estimated 2,800 yards.

Iler also ran back kickoffs and punts for another 250 yards. He averaged 20.1 yards on kick off returns and 8.5 yards on punt returns.

Every time he touched the ball we expected something great said RU head coach Miles Tomaisaitis. He was the focus of every team as they committed to stopping Ian (that gave) our other backs great opportunities.

Bruno Shkreli, RB Liv Clarenceville
The 6 foot 195 pound senior earned All Observer first team honors for the second straight year after rushing for 1,671 yards on 175 carries (9.5 per attempt) with 22 touchdowns.

He scored a total of 25 TDs and had 2,023 all purpose yards en route to All Metro Conference accolades.

On defense Shkreli played both outside linebacker and strong safety finishing with 59 tackles.

Bruno was 76 percent of our rushing offense 51 percent of our offense overall and did 46 percent of the scoring. Clarenceville coach Ryan Hockman said he was our feature guy. When we need a big play we had to get him the ball.

We rode him.

Chuck Schumacher RB, Canton The 5'11 180 pound senior was a force on both sides of the ball for the Chiefs starting at fullback and outside linebacker. The first team All WLA performer scored 13 touchdowns and racked up a team high 1,200 yards rushing.

Chuck was one of our most versatile players said Canton coach Tim Baechler. He has great vision and great cutting ability when he's running the ball. Defensively we could line him up in different places and he'd do a nice job wherever we put him. Chuck was a key part of our defense.

Trevor Hearn, WR, Liv Stevenson
The 6 2 175 pound senior an All WLA pick led the Spartans with 31 receptions for 618 yards and 12 TDs.

Hearn also excelled in the defensive secondary finishing with 58 tackles eight for loss along with five interceptions.

Trevor had the attitude that on every snap he was going to make something happen. Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. And that's what you hope every kid would think. He did it on both sides of the ball and on special teams.

He could go up and get the ball on those quick fade routes.

Nathan Beard, WR Westland Glenn
The 5 10 154 pound senior finished the year with 42 catches for 1,002 yards and nine TDs.

The All WLA pick tied Andrew Perifer's 2001 mark for catches in a season (42) and set a Rocket career mark for total yards receiving (1,473).

Andrew was a very steady wide receiver DeLuca said. Even though at times he was double covered he seemed to get open in order for us to move the football we had to get the ball in his hands.

Beard was also a factor on the defensive side of the ball as he made 30 tackles (with four assists) and five interceptions as a DB. He also returned punts (9 for 68) and kicks. His punting average was 37 yards.

Eric Kiljanczyk OL Canton The 6 2 255 senior offensive tackle was a key component on a Chief offensive unit that scored more than 40 points in nine of its 11 games. Kiljanczyk was an All WLA first team pick in his first year as a starter.

Eric was one of the biggest offen-

sive linemen we've had here. Baechler said. We asked him to pull down block and double team which are hard for a lot of big kids. But he moves well and is a physical player.

Mike Manoogian OL, Liv Churchill
The 6 3 256 pound senior an All Western Lakes choice was a three year starter and best player in 2004 as the Chargers finished 8 4 and reached the Division I state quarterfinals.

Mike got better as the year went along Filiautraut said. He's a good drive blocker with good footwork. He's a strong aggressive kid who usually pulls for us. We don't throw a lot but he was our best pass blocker.

Manoogian also played on the defensive line.

He'll probably go to a Division II school and they're going to get a gem with him. Filiautraut said.

Bill Dobosy OL, Redford Union One of the main reasons for running back Ian Iler's success was the outstanding tireless work of Dobosy from the offensive guard slot said head coach Miles Tomaisaitis.

He kept teams from running inside because of his dominance. Tomaisaitis said.

Dobosy RU's lineman of the year also came through on defense with 15 tackles 16 assists two sacks and a fumble recovery TD.

Russ Bruner, OL Canton A two year starter the 6 2 215 pound senior served as one of the Chiefs captains. His spectacular consistent blocking efforts earned him a spot on the All WLA first team.

Russ is physical and very quick. Baechler said. He was an excellent puller which is important in our offense. Russ has great feet and is an excellent athlete.

John Morasso, OL Redford CC Built like a truck Morasso was the Shamrocks best offensive lineman according to head coach Tom Mach. But the likable co-captain also played well on defense chipping in with 34 tackles.

John's a young man that gives maximum effort on every play. Mach said. He's an inspirational player.

Brandon Baity, Specialist Red Thurston If there was a job to do for the Eagles this season Baity pretty much did it. On offense he caught 20 passes for 450 yards and six TDs. As a strong safety he tallied 80 tackles to lead the team. And he also handled punting and kicking duties with aplomb. Baity nailed 23 of 26 extra points and connected on three of five field goal attempts. His punts averaged 35 yards.

Brandon Baity is a great football player said head coach Robert Snell. He plays both ways he kicks the ball. He's just a tough kid.

Baity earned honorable mention on status on the All State team and currently is co-captain for the Redford Unified varsity hockey team.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Kevin Helton, DL Redford CC The senior Shamrocks powerhouse was the toughest player on the team probably our most consistent said head coach Tom Mach.

Helton registered 56 tackles on the season including two quarterback sacks.

For his efforts he also earned All League and All Catholic honors.

We'll definitely miss him. Mach added.

Justin Bowie, DL Wayne The All WLA selection a 5 8 205 pound senior anchored Wayne's defensive front with 110 tackles (including five sacks) four caused fumbles two fumble recoveries and 12 quarterback pressures.

The two year starter also started at offensive guard and fullback.

He was a key for us winning football games. Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. He was virtually unblockable because he was so quick and had a knack for getting to the football. That's something you can't coach.

Bowie's best position in college may be fullback.

That's where we'll promote him at Hnatuk said.

Sean Adkins DL Liv Churchill The 6 1 210 pound senior defensive made All Western Lakes as an at large selection. He finished the season with 76 tackles.

Sean had a good senior year for us he did a good job for us up front. Filiautraut said. He was good against the run and pass. Because of our scheme we don't get a lot of pressure on the quarterback but he was our best pass rusher. He led team in sacks with six.

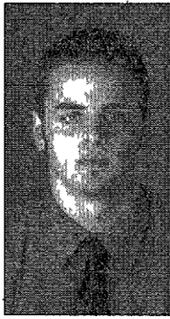
And when called upon Adkins could step in and play offensive guard. He went both ways the entire game as Churchill beat rival Franklin 23 21 in the regular season to set up its first state playoff berth since 1978.

Kelvin Brown DL Redford Bishop Borgess The tall Spartan excelled both at wide receiver and in the defensive secondary. With 23 sacks he was named the team's defensive MVP.

Kelvin what makes him good is he's so determined and a hard worker said head coach Werner Blakely. The only speed he knows is fast forward and that's a good thing.

But Brown sparked the offense too with 27 receptions good for 490 yards and three touchdowns.

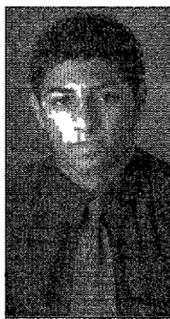
Jemere Gainer LB Liv Clarenceville The 6 2 220 pound All Metro Conference selection finished the season with a team high 17 tackles in a



Vinnie DeLuca
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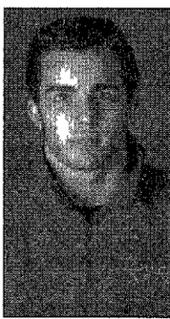
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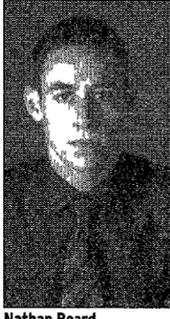
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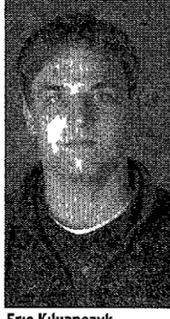
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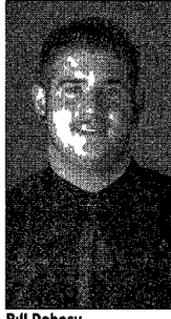
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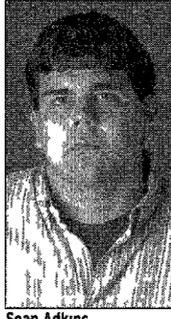
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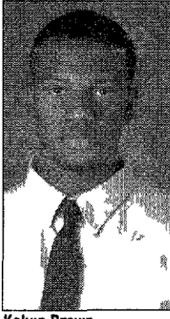
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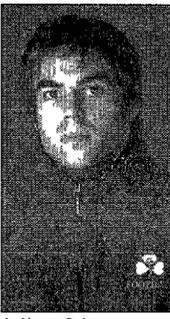
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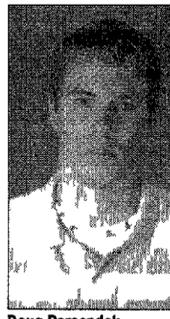
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Churchill



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Catholic Central



Doug Persondek
Garden City

2004 ALL OBSERVER FOOTBALL TEAM (selected by the sports staff)		SECOND TEAM DEFENSE	
FIRST TEAM OFFENSE		Lineman	
Quarterbacks		Greg Rochon 5'11 210 Sr Belleville P.J. Caram Sr Canton	
Vinnie DeLuca 6'0 185 Sr John Glenn Jeff Lake Sr 6'3 230 Sr Salem		Jeremy Fick 6'1 261 Sr Garden City John Rossow 6'0 175 Jr Canton Hafeez Qureshi 5'9 225 Sr Churchill	
Running backs		Linebackers	
Ian Iler 5'8 180 Sr Redford Union Bruno Shkreli 6'0 195 Sr Clarenceville Chuck Schumacher 5'11 180 Sr Canton		Jeff Piper 6'3 190 Jr Canton Jeff Hudson 5'10 185 Sr Canton John Lloyd 5'11 210 Sr Wayne Steve Lahane 6'0 185 Sr Salem	
Wide receivers		Secondary	
Trevor Hearn 6'2 175 Sr Stevenson Nathan Beard 5'10 154 Sr John Glenn		Ray Gardner 5'7 140 Jr Clarenceville Steve Brown 6'1 170 Jr RU Tim Bingham 6'0 186 Sr John Glenn Tare Lewis 5'9 165 Jr Thurston	
Offensive line		HONORABLE MENTION	
Eric Kiljanczyk 6'2 255 Sr Canton Mike Manoogian 6'3 256 Sr Churchill Bill Dobosy 6'0 220 Sr Redford Union Russ Bruner 6'2 215 Sr Canton John Morasso 6'1 265 Sr Redford CC		Churchill Nick Carignan Mike Johnson Joe Bargerstock John Thomas Franklin Matt McCullough Bert Smith N.C. Skoglund Ph. Muszynski James Kelly Jeremy Peer	
Specialist		Stevenson Jacob Howell Mark Sabuda Nick Gapan Brandon Smith Kevin Domingo Chris McFarland	
Brandon Baity 6'0 170 Sr Thurston		John Glenn Vern Emmons Dan Cover Brett Schwartz Terry Pittman Rece Cox Joe Smitherman	
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE		Wayne Doug Johnson Blaine Simmons Alex Lickliter Absalom Goode Terrill Ford Steve Frost	
Lineman		Clarenceville Russell Spencer Allen Garrant Pat Kennedy J.J. Lohman	
Kevin Helton 5'11 255 Sr Redford CC Justin Bowie 5'8 205 Sr Wayne Sean Adkins 6'1 210 Sr Churchill Kelvin Brown 6'4 205 Sr Borgess		Lutheran Westland Mike Schatz Pat Higgins James Refenes Jacob Tuomi Galindez Josh Davis Bill Kahler	
Linebackers		Redford Catholic Central Dominique Fischer Eric Vojtkofsky Kevin Horal Jon Smart	
Jemere Gainer 6'2 220 Jr Cville Manuel Schubert 5'7 187 Sr Churchill Jake Powers 6'2 230 Sr Canton D.J. Tracy 6'2 224 Jr Franklin		Redford Union Chris Donahue Jake Robbins David Johnson I. Ryan Meyers Chris Brown Mike Taylor Dezmund Latham	
Secondary		Redford Thurston Brad Whittum Aaron Sykes Ray Brdak Jimmy Kennedy	
Isaac Kindell 5'10 160 Sr Belleville Julian Smith 6'5 220 Sr Canton Ben Adams 6'1 162 Sr Churchill Anthony Sabo 6'1 190 Sr Redford CC Doug Persondek 6'1 189 Sr Garden City		Garden City Matt Barnier Dustin Maltson David Hilbert Kevin Sexton Eric Rose	
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE		Redford Bishop Borgess Joseph Jones Sheridan Burton Lionel Boyd Rashad Campbell	
Quarterbacks		Canton Scott Steffes Matt D'Avanzo Bryan Wagner Dav D'Neu Matt Sweda Mitch Miller	
Brent Jones 5'10 175 Jr Plymouth Chad Casey 6'1 170 Jr Stevenson		Salem Cam Schambre Erik D'Neu Ed Evers Cory Simscho Kevin Bradley	
Running backs		Plymouth Anthony Green Shawn Bailey Tay or Fox Kevin M'Nor	
Francisco Beltran 5'8 190 Sr Churchill Nick Barrett 6'0 230 Sr Redford CC		Belleville Scott Golden Alton Woods	
Wide receivers			
T.R. Ellis 6'3 185 Jr Bishop Borgess Sam Williams 6'3 200 Sr John Glenn Brian Anead 5'8 161 Sr Franklin			
Tight ends			
Josh LeDuc 6'4 210 Jr Plymouth Tom Johnson 6'4 230 Sr Redford CC Brian Rider 6'2 185 Sr Canton			
Offensive line			
Steve Bronsted 6'2 220 Sr Stevenson David Johnson III 6'4 230 Sr RU Jerrett Coulter 5'11 243 Sr Glenn			

ball on us. Jemere was very instinctive. Hockman said. I think by next year he'll be one of the top Division I prospects in the Detroit area.

Manuel Schubert, LB, Liv Churchill
Though only 5'7 187 pounds Schubert led the Chargers in total tackles with 140 en route to All Western Lakes defensive honors.

He was also an integral part of the Chargers offensive backfield.

Manuel was always around the ball. Filiautraut said. He's a big hitter for his size a great kid who always finds the seams in the other team's offense. He always runs to the ball. Just a smart kid.

Schubert is also the Division I state wrestling champion at 171 pounds.

Jake Powers LB, Canton The 6 2 230 pound tight end/inside linebacker was a three year varsity starter on defense and two year starter on offense. A powerful blocker and sure handed receiver on offense Powers anchored the Chiefs' air tight defense.

Jake was our leading tackler on defense the past two years. Baechler said. He was excellent at stopping the run and in dropping back in pass coverage. He had several deflections and an interception this season.

D.J. Tracy, LB Liv Franklin The 6 2 224 pound All Western Division pick was a factor for the Patriots on both sides of the ball.

Defensively Tracy was second on the team in tackles with 58 (eight for loss) with three sacks and three forced fumbles.

What makes him go defensively is his speed and size. Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. He's quiet kid but he'll go after people. He's very confident. He's not a raw raw type guy but people seem to follow him as far as his presence on the field.

Tracy also led the Patriots in rushing with 864 yards. As a ball carrier he's a hard person to bring down. Kelbert said. Most of his yardage came after he broke three or four tackles.

Isaac Kindell DB, Belleville The 5 10 160 pound senior was a big time producer on offense. Defense and special teams for the Tigers. From his tailback position he rushed for a team high 814 yards on 111 carries caught eight passes for 116 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Defensively Kindell was in on 76 tackles picked off three passes and blocked a field goal attempt. He also returned two punts for TDs and one kickoff for six points.

Isaac was a very exciting player for

us on both sides of the ball. Belleville coach Bob LaPointe said. He is very fast which made him dangerous every time he touched the football. He kept us in a lot of games with his running defensive ability and his special teams returns.

Julian Smith, DB, Canton At 6 5 220 pounds Smith combined formidable size with blazing speed from his tailback and safety positions. The senior who earned All WLA and All State honors for his efforts ran for 880 yards and a team high 21 touchdowns despite not playing very deep into the second half in most games due to the Chiefs' lopsided leads.

We moved Julian to free safety this season after two years at linebacker and he did a great job. Baechler said. He is a great open field tackler who made several touchdown saving tackles for us. We asked him to cover a lot of territory this season and he came through.

Ben Adams DB Liv Churchill The 6 1 162 pound strong safety picked off five passes this season and had close to 100 tackles as he earned All Western Lakes honors.

Ben missed four games as a junior but he can back this year and became a run stopper for us. Filiautraut said. He's a very smart kid who made a lot of big plays for us this year.

Anthony Sabo, DB, Redford CC The second year starter came through in many ways for the Shamrocks, primarily at safety where he made 44 tackles (17 solo) and picked off a pass. He also proved his worth on offense playing quarterback and tailback.

Sabo's athletic achievements enabled him to be selected to the All League and All Catholic teams. But he is just as accomplished in the classroom posting a 4.0 grade point average.

He was our best all around athlete and he did a great job at quarterback running back and defensive back for us. Mach said.

Doug Persondek DB Garden City The senior co-captain and third year starter led the Cougars in tackles (59) along with 59 helpers two interceptions and a blocked punt. For his efforts teammates voted him the squad's defensive MVP.

He's a hard working player who runs sideline to sideline said Garden City head coach Mike Saffer. He's always around the ball and always ready to make a play.

Persondek made the Mega White first team.

first round playoff loss to Goodrich. In 10 games Gainer finished with a total of 102 tackles. Goodrich was only one or two teams that tried to run the

Brother Rice edges Catholic Central, 2-1

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

HOCKEY

Whenever Redford Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice get together for a varsity hockey game, fans watch two teams going full-tilt in search of a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League victory.

That again was the case Wednesday night at Oak Park Arena, when the visiting Shamrocks fell 2-1 despite a third-period push to force overtime.

Unfortunately, the Shamrocks (4-2) could not overcome a 2-0 deficit, although a goal with four seconds left in the second period sparked the team for the final period.

"All of our league games are tough and tonight was no

exception," said disappointed Catholic Central head coach Todd Johnson. "But they (Warriors) worked harder, they were more skilled than we were and had more desire."

Although the Shamrocks were without injured junior defenseman Tim Buttery (back) and Robert Lowney (concussion), and likely won't get them back for two weeks, Johnson emphasized his team needs to have an 'attitude adjustment' to help stop a two-game losing streak.

According to Brother Rice head coach Lou Schmidt, defeating the Shamrocks is 'a big win for our program. Catholic Central is an outstanding team, they're very

well coached and they're a disciplined team."

Schmidt said the team 'came out hungry' and pushed the issue with an aggressive forecheck.

On the Shamrocks' lone goal, a dump in by senior forward Mychal Evans from the left point hit the boards behind Brother Rice junior goalkeeper Logan Tucker and bounced into the crease area where junior forward Wade Lafever dove and poked the puck over the line.

Also assisting was junior forward Dan Barczuk (17 saves).

The Warriors (2-2) scored goals in each of the first two periods.

Senior forward Stephen Walters broke a scoreless tie with 4:35 left in the first and senior forward Nick

McCracken made it 2-0 on an excellent individual effort at the 9:23 mark of the middle period.

McCracken swept around CCI blueliner Doug Raymond and cut in on junior goalie Ross Tashjian.

He then swept the puck behind Tashjian, who again played solidly with 19 saves.

"Getting that first goal is a big confidence booster," said Schmidt, whose squad will play a pair of weekend games in the Grand Rapids area.

Earlier in the week, the Shamrocks split a pair of 5-2 games with Culver Military Academy (Ind.), winning on Saturday (Dec. 4), but losing on Sunday (Dec. 5).

Both games were played at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Dec. 6)

TEAM 1 Livonia Churchill 2 Redford Catholic Central 3 Westland John Glenn 4 Salem 5 Canton

INDIVIDUAL

103 pounds 1 Alex Fowler Churchill 2 Jesse Gardocki Livonia Franklin 3 Jeremy Stankewitz Salem 4 Jamie Preiss Wayne 5 Brandon Nikula John Glenn

112 1 Josh Preiss Wayne 2 Ken Nelson Redford Union 3 Ryan Wallace Salem 4 Alex Alfaro Livonia Franklin 5 Steve Ludke Garden City

119 1 Matt Keffler Salem 2 Jason Crothers Wayne 3 Jay Fleischmann Canton 4 John Roos Franklin 5 Ken Nance Garden City

125 1 Ryan Stump Salem 2 Andrew Nadhir Redford Catholic Central 3 Mike Warren Franklin 4 Rowdy Glasgow John Glenn 5 Justin Keatts Wayne

130 1 Justin Smith Churchill 2 Jim Wood John Glenn 3 James Jones Franklin 4 Robert Bytner Lutheran Westland 5 Rob Carmichael Redford Union

135 1 Corey Phillips Canton 2 Sean Dong Redford CC 3 Josh Wischmeyer RU 4 Scott Fysh Salem 5 Orlando Carswell John Glenn
140 1 Jim Moore RU 2 Ryan Webb

Canton 3 Dave Watkins Franklin 4 Dade DiMaggio Redford CC 5 Saif Naber John Glenn

145 1 Rece Cox John Glenn 2 Konrad Konsitzke Canton 3 Alex York Livonia Stevenson 4 Nate Turco Franklin 5 Josh Kelly Churchill

152 1 Jameson Murray Churchill 2 Chris Tomasik RU 3 Adam Kokenakes Stevenson 4 Val Gui Salem 5 Chad Phipps Wayne

160 1 Ben Adams Churchill 2 Jon McCallih John Glenn 3 Kyle Lis Stevenson 4 Blake Karkoska Franklin 5 Kurtis Robbins Livonia Clarenceville

171 1 Trevor Stewart Redford CC 2 Manuel Schubert Churchill 3 Cody Rize Stevenson 4 Mike Taylor RU 5 Brent Robbins Clarenceville

189 1 Brad Bartram Redford CC 2 Joe Bargerstock Churchill 3 Jeremy Henderson Salem 4 Craig Markgraff Garden City 5 Robert Coffey Wayne

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Whalers sting Sarnia, 3-1

Newcomer Ryan Stephenson's power-play goal at 7:01 of the second period snapped a 1-1 tie and the Plymouth Whalers went on to defeat the Sarnia Sting, 3-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 3,856 Friday night on the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

John Armstrong and John Vigilante scored the other goals for Plymouth, now 11-12-4-2. Chad Panchaud scored the lone Sarnia goal. The Sting are now 9-18-3-1.

Ryan Nie continued his excellent play in goal for Plymouth, stopping 34 of 35

shots as the game's first star Nie, who has been in goal for every Plymouth victory this season, lowered his goals-against average to 2.23 while raising his save percentage to .926 in 26 games.

The Plymouth victory — the Whalers' first on the road this season — combined with OHL West Division leaders Sault Ste. Marie and Windsor both losing Friday night — moves Plymouth to within three points of Sault Ste. Marie and Windsor, in third spot in the OHL West.

Panchaud scored the only goal of the first period on a power play when his shot from

the left point beat Nie at 8:40 of the first period.

Armstrong tied the game for Plymouth in the second period on a goal originally credited to Mike Letzia when he batted home a rebound off a shot in the slot by Cory Tanaka past Sarnia goalie Ryan Muncie at 3:49.

Stephenson — playing in his third game for the Whalers after being acquired Nov. 23 from Kingston — scored his first Whaler goal on another rebound from in tight Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 35-24.

The Whalers play in Guelph this afternoon at 3 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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.

For more information, contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail him at cranoldph44@yahoo.com.

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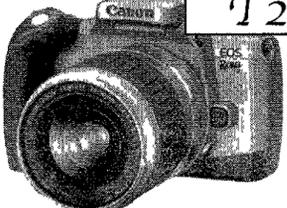
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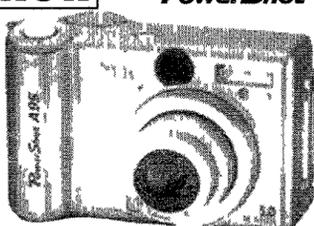
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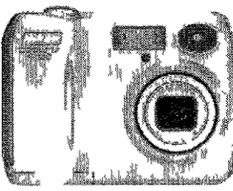
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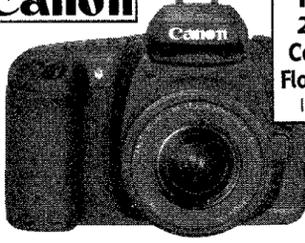
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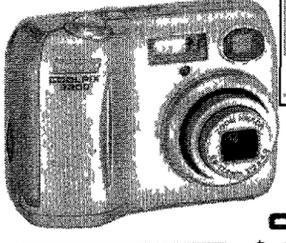
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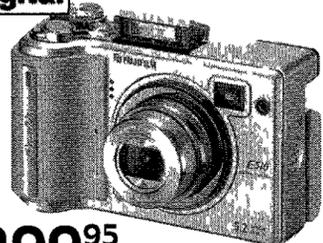
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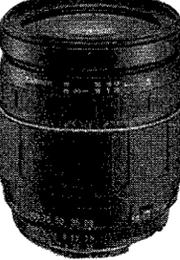
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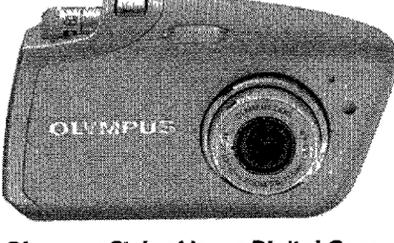
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Debra Madonna

Burgers and fries

Thanksgiving is a great holiday. Most people eat extra helpings of everything. Someone at your house probably said, "I'm stuffed. I'm never going to eat again." But that's not true. Thanksgiving is over and we're hungry again - and just not for turkey, stuffing or pumpkin pie.

If you don't want to cook, you're in luck. One of the newest restaurants in Plymouth is the Burger Spot, located in Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue. They serve delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, and milkshakes. And no turkey.

The owners are Adam Covington and Charlie Schmidt, 25-year-old 1998 Salem High School grads.

They started working in food service in high school, attended Michigan State, one of the best colleges to learn about the hospitality industry. They've worked in the field ever since - stadium concessions, entertainment venues and catering - traveling across the country, Adam in Texas, Charlie in Chicago.

Charlie and Adam wanted to be entrepreneurs like their parents. Charlie's family owns Schmidt's Roadside Market and Adam's family owns an automotive tool and die business.

Each hoped to own a restaurant one day, but didn't think it would happen until they were in their 30s or 40s. When they ran across an ad for a restaurant, located in their hometown, it was an opportunity they couldn't pass up. They bought the restaurant last August. College friends helped them come up with the right name. And all the poinsettias in the restaurant have been provided by Charlie's mom's business.

If you think this restaurant is a simple burger joint, check out the menu. You can choose from a large variety of burgers: the Spot burger, cheese, southwestern, Philly, west coast, mini, bacon cheese, portabella, and veggie. Or Hot Dogs - Coney, polish sausage, tofu, mini, Philly, and Chicago. Or French fries - garlic parmesan, loaded, cheese, chili, and vinegar. Or kid-sized burgers, hot dogs, pb&j, and grilled cheese.

Are you hungry yet? These guys know how to make great hamburgers and hot dogs. They purchase the meat daily from a local company, Eastern Market in Canton. The handmade burgers are one-third pound, two patties and "secret seasonings." The quarter-pound hot dogs are Nathan's, the original New York Coney Island dogs.

Charlie's goal is to open more restaurants, but he knows he has a lot of work to do to make this restaurant successful. He's not afraid of hard work and has already added catering services.

Adam wants customers to feel welcome when they walk through the doors and that the restaurant is a part of Plymouth, one of those places where everyone knows your name.

A lot of time and money goes into educating children in Plymouth and Canton. But often when it's time for them to get a job, young people may have to leave the state because of the slowed job market and economy. It would be nice if more young adults could live and work in the town they grew up in. Just ask Adam Covington and Charlie Schmidt. Or ask their parents.

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The Goodfellows donation party hosts Bruce and Debbie Modetz.

Holiday party perfect time to collect toys for Goodfellows

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Every year Bruce and Debbie Modetz throw a Christmas party but instead of accepting mounds of hostess gifts for themselves they ask their guests to bring something for people less fortunate.

For more than a decade they have collected gifts for Livonia Goodfellows. Last year Bruce learned that a good friend at the party received help from the organization.

Mike Caputo, a Livonia resident, told him a heartwarming story about how he and his wife received Goodfellow packages when they were a young couple. Caputo mar-

ried when he was 19 and his wife was 18.

"We had children at a very young age," Caputo said. "Goodfellows, for the first two years of our marriage, literally made our children's Christmas."

They were so poor, Caputo says, that in the winter they used the snow on their porch to keep their milk cold.

"We didn't have a whole lot of anything," Caputo said. "There was a lack of education and lack of opportunity. She came from a very, very poor family and I was in foster care most of my life. Goodfellows holds a very warm place in my heart. They never judged."

He tells about what a wonderful surprise it was when Goodfellows



Mike and Barbara Caputo of Livonia put their four gifts under the tree for each of their four kids.

arrived unannounced.

"You would just go to the door one day and they were there with boxes for all my children," said Caputo, who has four sons. "It was happy and sad at the same time. We were overjoyed. Tears came to our eyes."

Goodfellows didn't just drop off a few gifts and leave, he added. "They not only came with toys, but food," Caputo said. "They knew we were in a bad way and they

pretty much took care of our Christmas dinner from A to Z."

A lot has changed since then and Caputo has become a successful businessman, selling Lincolns at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in Plymouth. And he wants to return the kindness he received.

"It's very fulfilling to be on the giving end," Caputo said. "We now live in a nice home in a nice neigh-

PLEASE SEE GOODFELLOWS, C4

Family gathers for 50th annual Christmas bash

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Every Christmas since 1954 the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Carl and Edith Waack have gathered for a big Christmas celebration.

This year the family gathering was Dec. 4 at Sand Traps in Livonia.

In addition to celebrating the holiday, the Waacks also celebrate their deep roots as one of the first families of Clarenceville.

Ruthann Waack of Redford keeps a scrapbook of invitations to the soiree.

"It's a social gathering," said Nancy Tatom of Livonia, Ruthann's cousin. "It started out in private homes, but it just got too big, too many people. In the late 1960s, they started having it in restaurants and halls."

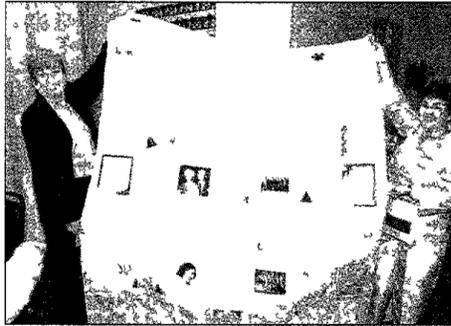
Each year a different family member plays host. The invitations include rhymes and colorful holiday motifs.

"I made a quilt of all the invitations," Ruthann Waack said. "The quilt was one of several items raffled off Saturday. The raffle is an annual tradition to raise money for the next Christmas party."

Music, games and good food are also part of the annual get-together.

This year, more than 60 Waacks gathered from as far away as California and Idaho. One year, more than 90 family members attended.

To attend a family member has to be 18 years old, so



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Ruthann Waack, left, and Mary Ann Waack display a family quilt made by Ruthann featuring 50 years of holiday party invitations and family photos.

children grow up looking forward to the day they can join other family members for the big party. "It's getting together for a happy time instead of a funeral," Tatom said.

When Waacks get together, they have a rich history that is composed of both personal memories and the history of Wayne County.

In addition to the colorful invitations, Ruthann Waack's scrapbook also contains yellowing newspaper articles on the family's ties to Clarenceville.

ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The once thriving farm community that has been absorbed into Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township has been home to Waack family members since the 1850s. The school district that takes in parts of the three communities retains the Clarenceville name.

John Carl Waack (1795-1869) brought his family from Germany in 1852 to settle in the small community that was once an Indian village, Pojomoka, along the Old Plank Road, now Grand River, between Inkster and Middlebelt.

In her monograph *The History of Clarenceville*, published in 2000, Kathryn Briggs writes of John Carl's son Frederick (also known as Frank). He was a carpenter, farmer, storekeeper and tavern owner. He bought up land along Angling Road, which parallels the Upper Rouge River, and leased it to area farmers. Frederick lived from 1826-1907.

The land proved so prosperous that his son Louis Carl (1857-1918) was remembered as "a gentleman farmer" who was often seen riding through the area in a surrey with a fringe on top.

The progenitor of the Christmas feast, Carl Waack, was born in 1880. He worked in a number of jobs. "Our grandpa was a jack of all trades, a master of not too many," Tatom said. "He was a dowsing water. I remember that because I lived with them for a while."

PLEASE SEE WAACK, C4

Seek partner's support to manage holiday stress

Q My husband and I planned a great trip over the holidays, but a crisis at work makes it impossible for him to go. I am so disappointed! I keep thinking he puts work before the relationship. Am I being selfish to think this way?

Love Doctor

Terri L. Orbuch

A. All relationships have times when one or both partners are stressed for some reason. Really stressful times, like the holidays, can

pull you apart or bring you closer together. It all depends on how you respond to that stress.

There are three basic responses to stress. First, you can turn the stress into anger and get upset at your partner or the people around you. Next, you can withdraw from your partner and not talk about the situation, because it is too difficult to manage the stress. Lastly, you can discuss the feelings with your partner, so that he/she understands you might not be at your best at this time. The first two responses are likely to pull you apart as a couple, the third response is more likely to bring you together. Studies show that when couples pull together, rather than apart, this actually reduces the stress and any

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negative outcomes that may be associated with stress, such as hypertension, high blood pressure, ulcers, lack of sleep and overeating.

There are always disappointments in a relationship. The letdown can be all the more

devastating when your expectations and anticipations are high. In your situation, you were looking forward to a special trip over the holidays, and it fell through. It might be easy to get angry at your partner, diminish his commitment to the relationship, or withdraw from him in sadness. That only penalizes both of you and your relationship. Instead, I encourage you to think about planning a smaller celebration closer to home and to figure out how to reschedule the special trip.

The holidays are a time when most people are filled with joy and celebration. Yet, this time of the year also can be challenging and overwhelming to many people. Here are some Love Doctor Tips on how to manage stress

over the holidays

1. Set realistic expectations for what you can accomplish over the holidays

2. Be sure to delegate some of your tasks and responsibilities to your children, partner, friends and other family members. Don't try to do everything yourself.

3. Try not to take disappointments personally. Others are feeling overwhelmed and stressed as well.

4. Try to remain calm and relaxed. Most situations are better resolved when you are calm.

5. Be sure to communicate or talk to your partner about any stress you may be feeling. You need not resolve all of the issues over the holidays, but at least acknowledge and recognize the issues with each other.

6. When things get too overwhelming, seek the support of friends and family.

7. Be sure you eat well and get enough sleep. Foods high in sugar can exacerbate the stress.

8. Remember to get some form of exercise. You can take a walk, shovel snow or swim laps.

To submit a question or learn more about the Love Doctor, e-mail The LOVE DOCTOR on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com

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Rebecca and Mark are high school sweethearts. Rebecca graduated from Salem High School in 1997, Mark from Canton High School the year before.

Rebecca received an elementary teaching degree from Western Michigan University in 2002 and now teaches kindergarten at Johnson Elementary School in Livonia.

Mark earned a teaching



degree in political science and history from Hope College in 2000. He is the head varsity basketball coach and teaches government at Henry Ford II High School in Utica.

The couple plans a July 30, 2005, wedding at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

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, Stephame 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 Leslie. 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.

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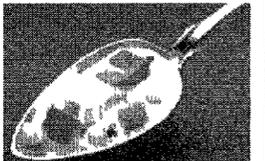
Blaine and Becky McKinney of Canton celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 22, 2004.

The couple was married Dec. 22, 1979, and have three sons: Austin, 16, Connor, 13, and Lucas, 10.

They've lived in Canton for eight years. Blaine is a B-757 pilot with Northwest Airlines, while Becky teaches in the Wayne-Westland school district. The couple formerly lived in Shreveport, La., where Blaine was a KC-10 tanker pilot for the U.S. Air Force and Becky was a homemaker.

The couple, members of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, are supporters of both the Plymouth High School Wildcats and the Plymouth Canton Steelers youth football program.

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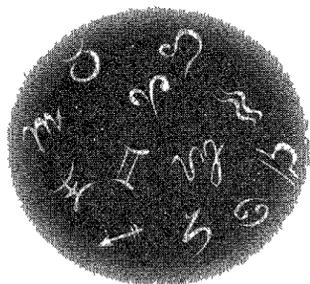
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TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Yep the holidays are approaching and for too long you've put off something of an emotional nature but what happens now with the Moon in your element will convince you that you can't run forever. Most likely you'll discover that what you feared was a product of your imagination.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Plans will be disrupted this week with your ruling planet Mercury going direct and because you're the last one to know you won't be too happy about it. However there's no point in getting annoyed with those who let you down because the only thing it will change is your blood pressure.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

At some stage in the days ahead MoonKid it'll dawn on you that while you have been doing all or most of the work others have been getting most of the rewards. It's time you did something about it and spoke up! Especially now with the Moon segueing into your element.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Unlike the typical Lion's proud 'my way or the highway' demeanor it's time now to ask: Do you listen to your head or your heart? It's an age old question but one that will take on added significance as Christmas approaches as you weigh an emotional decision prior to your New Year's resolutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

It'd be nice if everyone shared your honesty but they don't. Kiddo! It'd also be nice if everyone could be trusted to abide by the rules—especially family and coworkers but they cannot. A little bit of suspicion now could save you a lot of trouble later on. The Best is yet to come. Virgo.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You'll have to compromise now if you want your plans to succeed. You'll only get where you want to go if others help you along the way and that will only happen if they feel you value their

advice. You don't have to change. Just watch and wait for your chance. Balancer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Don't pretend that you're fearless when deep down inside you're shaking in your boots. Scorpio. Everybody gets anxious when Big Changes are in the air! What is worrying you right now is nothing to be ashamed of. The sooner you own up to your fears the sooner you'll overcome them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

It would be terrific if everyone shared your honesty but they don't. Kiddo! It'd be nice if every one could be trusted to abide by the rules but they can't and don't. A little bit of suspicion this week with Venus entering Sade on the 16th could save you a lot of trouble later on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Stop worrying that others are trying to steal what's yours. Cap because that's more likely to make it happen. Your financial situation is in need of a shake up but it won't be nearly as traumatic as you fear. There will always be people who want to see you fail but they'll never succeed so long as you believe in yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

You may have to be a bit loud, rough or rude with some of the people you deal with this week but rather than you allow them to waste your precious time you have more important things to do and they must get done. It's time you recognized that some things and some people are not to be taken seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Now don't get paranoid. Fish but what others say is true and what you believe is true will be at opposite ends of the stellar spectrum now. You'd be smart to back up your convictions. Question everything you see and hear. Your eyes and ears won't lie but people surely will.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer author of several books on divination. For information about a live personal intuitive astrological consultation and classes phone (248) 646-3555.



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GOODFELLOWS

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borhood I'm able to provide for my grandchildren and children and it's nice to give something back. We not only give at Bruce's, but there's other things that we give for Goodfellows. I'm glad to have the opportunity."

THE CIRCLE GROWS

It seems the circle of kindness keeps growing. Each of the Modetz's guests, usually between 50 and 80, come with a gift for Goodfellows.

Some arrive with five and six packages.

Each gift helps the Goodfellows maintain their pledge "No Child Without a Christmas."

And this year the need is greater than in the past.

There are 500-some Livonia children who will receive Goodfellows packages, according to Vicki Wettach, Livonia Goodfellows volunteer and organization secretary. Last year, there were 479 children

who received gifts.

"It's a nice way for people to contribute to any organization," Wettach said. "I hope it will give more people an idea to host a party for something like this."

During the 10 years she has volunteered with Goodfellows, Wettach said, there was never a time when they couldn't provide a gift for a child in need.

"We always have a safety net, and if we didn't have enough contributions for that year we could always go into the safety net," she said.

With people like the Modetz and their holiday party guests, the Goodfellows are usually well-stocked.

The Modetz's began to get into the Christmas spirit during October, when they began to put up their boxes and boxes of decorations.

"We invite everybody from friends to people we work with to the party," said Bruce, who worked at Foodland Distributors in Livonia until the company closed and now is a self-employed accountant who owns Great Lakes Retail Accounting in Livonia. Debbie

is a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

"People always bring hostess gifts and the first couple of years we decided we didn't need anything," Bruce said, explaining that when his sons, Christopher, 21 and Gregory, 18, were younger he used the opportunity to show them how good it felt to help others.

"They would go with me to drop the toys off," Bruce said, explaining that he was "absolutely amazed" to learn how many families in Livonia need help. "Because in Livonia you think of middle and upper class. That told me, 'My God, I'm so healthy and fortunate that I have two sons, a great wife and a good home. Why can't we give something back?'"

Every year he tells his guests that when they're having a miserable day in February, think of that young boy or girl who on Christmas morning opened the gift they donated.

"That will bring a smile on your face," he said. "That's what Christmas is all about. I'm 52 years old and I still believe in Santa Claus."

WAACK

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People would hire him when people were building homes."

Over time, the family farm was sold off in bits and pieces, but some of the original property that stretched from Seven Mile to Eight Mile and Angling Road to Middlebelt remains in family ownership.

Carl and his wife Edith (nee Pierce) built a stone house on the property on Angling Road in 1920. Waack would spend a day clearing stones from a farmer's field on Middlebelt and 12 Mile, haul them to the property on Angling and spend the next day putting on the stone siding.

The house has passed from one family member to another over the years. What Tatom calls "a majestic old home" has been the site of several of the Christmas gatherings.

Tatom lives on what was once part of her grandfather's property on Angling Road. Carl and Edith had 11 children, many of whom stayed in the area.

Son Louis owned the popular Waack Bar until it burned down in 1978.

Ruth Waack's father Russell was a successful store manager



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Suzanne Whitehead (left to right) Helen Waack, Grace Waack and Patty Theurer talk about family stories at the 50th Waack family Christmas party

and took responsibility for maintaining the Clarenceville cemetery, where many of the Waack family are buried, but not Carl and Edith.

"There's a funny story about that," Tatom said. "You know Clarenceville was settled by Germans and most spoke German. Our grandmother Edith was from England and offended by the fact that all these German people spoke German and she thought they were talking about her. She said, 'When I die, you're not burying me with those Germans.' So they are not

burned there. They're buried in North Farmington."

The last of the 11 children, Edwin, died in October.

Tatom said the next generation numbers 33 cousins, and after that it's in the 80s and 90s, I don't even know how many there are.

Waack and Tatom hope the younger generation will continue the Christmas tradition. Tatom said plans are already being made for the 51st Waack Family Christmas.

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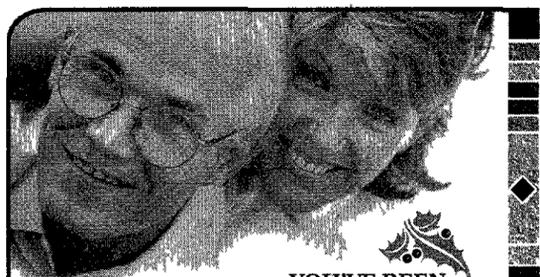
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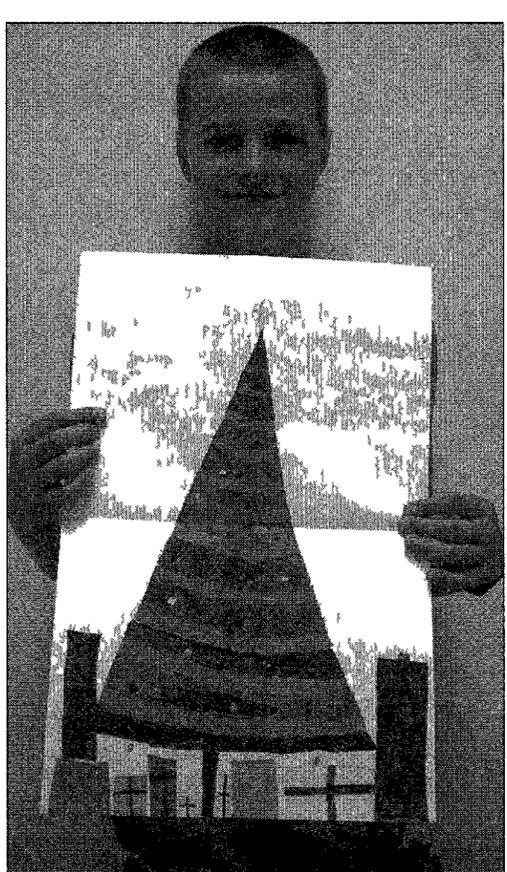
The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 05 books for \$20 with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan. Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be home delivered. For information or to order call Bill (734) 453 8253.

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.

Art center classes

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a number of new and non-traditional art classes for its Winter 2005 session which begins Jan 18. Classes range from one day workshops to 10 weeks and have beginning dates that range from January through March. Classes will be offered in a variety of media including drawing, painting, jewelry, ceramics, photography and more. In addition to Drawing Local Birds, new classes to be offered for adults include Art in Ballroom Dancing, a workshop where participants will learn a dance style and the art that evolved during the era. Three different Wine Tasting classes will be offered as well including Big Ten's Six: A World Wide Tour of Varietal Wines, Wine Appreciation: An Introduction to France and Wine Appreciation: A Connoisseur's Guide to Riesling. Youth classes are held in



Holiday greetings

Buyers still looking for a good deal on Christmas cards can get them from the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Designed by John Chadwick of Plymouth, this year's featured artist, the cards are \$20 per package of 20 cards/envelopes with \$13 being tax-deductible. Staff limitations prevent New Hope from mailing the cards, however, buyers can call the New Hope office at 113 E Dunlap in Northville, (248) 348-0115 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday to stop in and pick them up. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will fund New Hope's numerous support groups, workshops and services to those who are grieving throughout southeastern Michigan.

six week sessions (beginning January 18 and March 1) and new offerings include the Primary Colors class for ages 3-4, an advanced introduction to different art mediums and materials for parents and their children. For more information or to register call 734-994-8004 x101 or stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W Liberty. To view the class schedule and register online visit www.annarborartcenter.org

NAMI meets National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) of Washtenaw County conducts its public education meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday Jan 10 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth 2309 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. Marlyn Wedenoja, MSW at Eastern Michigan University will preside over a panel discussing "The Road to Self Sufficiency." Panel members will be Steve Girardin and Amy Advey of Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Bill Ruterbusch, Director of Fresh

Start Clubhouse Admission is free. For details call (734) 994 6611. 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 18, Jan 8, 15), Sundays (Dec 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.

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'Mr. Hockey' appearance

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

Poetry contest

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age-appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in 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 offering the 2005 Entertainment Book, selling 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 benefiting symphony programs. For more information, call the symphony office (734) 451 2112.

Crafters artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

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Rotary A.M.

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Moms Club

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DAR

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

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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.

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Bearley 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 Krieman at (734) 459 1027.

Chorus to sparkle in 'Silver and Gold'

The Farmington Community Chorus will perform its 25th annual holiday concert, "Silver and Gold," at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec 17-18, at the Mercy High School Auditorium. Mercy High School is located at the corner of Middlebelt and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tickets can be ordered in advance or at the door for \$10.

The 94-voice mixed chorus includes singers from the metro Detroit area. They will be joined in the concert by dancers and instrumentalists. Directed by Steve SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr, the chorus will perform a variety of holiday music including, I Saw Three Ships, Ave Maria, Rockin' Down the Chimney, We Three Kings, Sanctus, and

Christmas On the Beach in Malibu, as well as solo and small group numbers. Also at the concert, the chorus will begin selling its new CD, Yuletide Memories, featuring songs recorded live at FCC holiday concerts over the past 10 years. The CDs are \$10. To order advance tickets, call the FCC ticket line at (810) 632-4067 or the Costick Activities Center at (248) 473-1800. Tickets can also be purchased from FCC members.

For more information about the Farmington Community Chorus, contact manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmington-chorus.com.

LIBRARY PICKS

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LASALLE STEPHEN MAYES 1929 - 2004

LaSalle Mayes, Age 75, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at his home in Northville. LaSalle Stephen Mayes, born July 2, 1929 at his parents' home in Centerline, Michigan, was the son of Raymond and Cecelia (Dzerzinsky) Mayes. He is survived by his wife Betty Lichty Mayes, his six children: Maura Millbern, Michael (Carol), Sheila (Peter) Klein, Tim (Laura), and Matt (Melissa), eleven grandchildren: Adam, Kyle, Trevor, Gavin, Taylor, Ally, Chloe, Thomas, Alex, Carter, and Madison, and his sister Audrey Groulx of Roseville and his sister Marlene (John) Bruce of Harrison Township. LaSalle went to grade school and high school at St. Anthony's in Detroit. He began work in his father's level factory, R. Mayes and Son, where he ran the office and advertising for the company. LaSalle twice won the Harry Saffran Award for his advertising work. He attended Meinsingers Art School and Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Detroit in 1958. After receiving his degree, LaSalle taught English and Journalism for six years at Central High School in Detroit and Henry Ford High School in Detroit. LaSalle had a significant career in the Arts. Among his accomplishments, he painted the portraits of all of the past and present University of Detroit Presidents, which are displayed in the U of D Library. He painted and sculpted numerous works for St. Maurice Catholic Church, including nativity scenes, Stations of the Cross, and statues. From 1962 to 1969, LaSalle was the summer Camp Director for VFW Camp Woodbury in Dexter, Michigan. In 1964, he received his Masters Degree in English from Wayne State University. He then joined the faculty of Schoolcraft College as Chair of the English Department. He co-authored and published the textbook *Writing Concepts* in 1978. He created the Writing Concepts Center at Schoolcraft and worked in the English Department until his retirement in 1992. Even though he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1992, LaSalle continued to lead an active life of golf, travel, and visits with his children and grandchildren. He had a significant impact on the lives of all he touched and will be greatly missed. Services were held on Saturday at the Northrop Sassaum Funeral Home in Northville. Memorial contributions to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, New York 10163, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

STELLA D. ROGALSKI

Age 85 of West Bloomfield, formerly of Livonia, Beloved wife of Chester Dear mother of Raymond J. (Sandra) Rogal of Birmingham and Richard J. (Marjorie) Rogal of Hanover, New Hampshire. Loving grandmother of Carolyn Holba, David Rogal, William Rogal, Ryan Rogalski, Alex Rogalski, Devon Rogalski, Karen Rogal, Paul Rogal, Ken Lemanski, and Brian Lemanski. She was preceded in death by her dear daughter Delores and son Leonard. Survived by her sister Theresa (Leo) Ignasiak of Erie, PA. Visitation from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14 & 15 Miles Rds.) Sunday, 4-7pm. Funeral service from Holy Name Church, Birmingham, Monday 10am. Family will receive friends at the church beginning at 9:30am.

MARGUERITE "PEGGY" OSMUN GAIL

92 of Hilton Head Island died December 7, 2004. She was born August 31, 1912 in West Simsbury, Connecticut, daughter of Clarence and Marguerite Osmun. She was a graduate of Barnard College and Catherine Gibbs. She was a member of The Seven Eastern Women's Colleges, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and The Junior League of America. She married Parbury P. Schmidt of New York in 1936. He died in 1964. She later married Maxwell T. Gail in Detroit in 1969. He died in 1998. Her survivors include brother Robert Osmun and sister in law Ann Osmun, daughter Margi, Kyle, and son Parbury P. Schmidt, Jr. 5 grandchildren, Mizzi, McGriff, Alex, Billesdon, Jennifer, Schmidt, Robin, Eikenberry, and Nicholas. Schmidt, great grandchildren Morgan and Brandon McGriff, Max Billesdon, Alex Eikenberry, and Lauren Keith. A Celebration of her life was held in her honor on Friday, December 10. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, 20 Palmetto Parkway, Suite 104, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

MARGUERITE PALOSKY ROSS

Aged 87 of Plymouth and recently of Jackson, passed away Monday, December 6, 2004. Marguerite was born July 25, 1917 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Ivan and Lena Rau. She received her BA in Education and taught for over 30 years, retiring in 1976. She was married to Frank Ross, 1940-1983 (widowed) and to Don Palosky, 1987-2002 (widowed). She is survived by one son, Michael (Dianna) Ross of Jackson, one daughter, Linda (Doug) Ross, Barnes of Arizona, five grandchildren: Adam, Ben, and Elizabeth Ross of Jackson, Mark and Brian McKillip of Arizona, and four great grandchildren: Nathan and Macy Ross of Jackson, and Taylor and Andrew McKillip of Arizona. Additionally, she is survived by one brother and sister in law, Robert and Sue Rau, and their children of Ann Arbor: Marguerite, a great mom and grandmother, loved music and travel, dancing and golf, and was the ultimate teacher. Donations can be made in her name to the Cascades Humane Society in Jackson. A memorial service will be held on May 28, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Ypsilanti. The Reverend Ed Ross officiating. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Countryside who made her last months as comfortable as possible. Inquiries regarding the service can be made to Mike Ross (517) 787 7219.

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The Redford Civic Symphony presents a holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 19 at St. Priscilla's Church 19120 Purlingbrook Livonia. Admission is free. Bob Zimmerman (pictured) co-conducts the program featuring songs ranging from White Christmas to the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. The St. Priscilla's Choir joins the orchestra for the concert.

Musical finds hope just around corner

Northville Christian Creative Arts and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra are joining this year to present the holiday musical *Hope is Just Around the Corner*. 7 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec. 17, 18, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Dec. 19, at 41355 Six Mile Road west of I-275.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and available at the church and Christian Publications Bookstore at 33483 Seven Mile at Farmington, Livonia. For information, call (248) 348-9030 or the bookstore at (248) 477-7720.

Hope is Just Around the Corner is a story set in 1941 with relevant themes for today. The strong bonds of family, golden days of radio, and a nation on the brink of war are



Lita Hoyer (left) of Farmington Hills, Jeremy Schuitz, Nov. Kelly Blackney, Livonia, and Randy Jost, Plymouth, perform in the Northville Christian production *Hope is Just Around the Corner*.

all elements of this dramatic production. Audiences will enjoy the drama, the humor, and the 1940s music and cos-

tumes as this Christmas presentation answers the question "Where can a family turn for hope in difficult times?"

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To me, a friend is someone you can trust, confide in, cry and laugh with. A friend should also accept you as you are. Friends don't change friends regardless of who they are.

Unfortunately, these beliefs have not held true for everyone.

Over the years, I have come in contact with individuals who I thought were my friends. They were embarrassed by my disabilities.

Obviously they were more concerned with public opinion than taking the opportunity to get to know me. For example, I had this one childhood friend from age 5 until our teens who was very close to me. She became a part of my family.

Then suddenly one day I didn't exist. I never heard from her again.

Over the next couple of years I learned to distinguish between fake and genuine people.

I also realized that I really didn't want to socialize with people who were close minded and disrespectful of all people.

During my high school and college years people either shielded themselves away from me or found ways to be unkind.

I've since learned that it was immaturity and lack of respect for others that influenced their choices and decisions.

I have been fortunate to meet people who didn't focus on my disabilities, but on me as a whole person.

For example, in college I came in contact with individuals who felt sorry for me and took advantage of me. I also made friends who treated me as one and the same with respect.

There was one person with whom I became a good friend who treated me as her equal. We had a lot of fun together and, more importantly, she was supportive of me.

In fact, we would play jokes on each other and she would be reprimanded by other college friends for being unsympathetic to my needs. Today, I consider her to be one of my best friends.

Assumptions should never be made about someone unless you have all the facts from the correct source.

A simple solution is to not take everything personally and keep your true friends close. I also follow the belief that I learned from my parents that you should treat people the way you want to be treated.

We cannot pick our family but we can pick our friends and surround ourselves with people that make us happy.

I've found that it's better to have few close friends than a room full of strangers. Seeing a friend should put a smile on your face, not a frown. Keep smiling!

Carrie Tynan is a Livonia resident who writes on disability issues.

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Concours d'Elegance founder returns to helm of car show

Don Sommer, founder of the popular Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance was recently elected chairman of the event's board of directors.

The move is being hailed as good news and is already generating excitement about next year's Concours d'Elegance, which is now one of the top automobile shows in the world.

In related matters, William Parfet was named vice-chairman, and David Fischer Sr., Terry Adderley and Keith Cram rejoined the board of directors.

The new board members return following a successful show earlier this year under direction of Richard Kughn who remains a member of the new board, along with Victor A Zambardi, Jeff Groen and Larry Seyfarth.

"With hard work by these people the organizations volun-

teers and with the support of sponsors, the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance has grown from a small, community or regional show in 1979 to become one of the top car celebrations in the world today," Sommer said in a statement.

The Meadow Brook Concours is truly an international classic car show.

The 2005 event will start a series of 'Best Automobiles of America,' with next year featuring the 'Magnificent Brass Era Cars' of the early 1900s-1910s, 2006 highlighting the 'Golden Era Classic Cars 1920s-40s' and 2007 showcasing the 'Cars of the Power Years,' 1950s-1960s.

Meadow Brook's Concours d'Elegance features five days of activity, including a vintage vehicle tour, a fine art display a fashion show, a gala black-tie banquet with art auction, an

Italian car show and an RM classic car auction. For the main event on Sunday, Aug. 7, a field of almost 300 rare classic vehicles will be on display and in competition, with more than 20 classes from 1900 through 1969.

"We are pleased to have such charismatic personalities like Don Sommer as board chairman and Bill Parfet as vice chairman, as well as the support of these leading area businessmen who have long shown a passion for this truly special event, the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall and the conservation of our automotive history," said Gary Russi, president of Oakland University.

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Outgoing SBF 24 5'6" 350lbs professes a onal employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBF. **2529633**

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF 28 Aquarius N/S looking for a friend SBF 28-38 N/S Must have a sense of humor must be hard-working trustworthy and goal-oriented. **2579073**

SWEET SINGLE FEMALE
looking for sweet SM SF 21 dark brown/ brown 5'2" 110lbs tattoo wearing ISO commitment minded loving kind guy interested in friendship happiness and a loving long term relationship. **2542322**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading looking for a nice guy who is looking for friendship. **2525300**

IT'S ALL GOOD
Cool SBF 31 5'8" N/S likes to bowl fish cakes and travel seeks SBF 19-35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together. **2478902**

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF 60 5'4" 155lbs blonde hair certified nursing assistant N/S seeks BM 61 62 for friendship dating perhaps more. **2514347**

BEN'THRE? DONE THAT?
Take heart DWV young acting 53 5'9" blonde/hazel N/S works in a warehouse Seeking that special romantic WM 40-60 who enjoys animals camping traveling and music. **2517372**

LOVE MATCH
SPF 43 travels in business a lot Looking for laid back happy financially secure man 50-60 who needs some one in his life. **2526682**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?
But gentle of heart Good looking firm SM 42 5'5" N/S Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically n shape with eclectic interests currently accept ing applications. **2526384**

FEELING LIKE A LADY
SWF 68 pleasant long hair 42 no children likes nature walks travel cooking children feeling like a lady Seeking honest genuine marriage minded SDWCM. **2578655**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBF 33-50. **25481293**

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

HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?
Loving down to-earth SBF 33 4'11" 180lbs mother N/S N/D enjoys bowling shopping movies live entertainment Seeking SBF 30-35 N/S for friendship possible romance. **25329735**

PARADISE
SBF 36 6'2" brown/brown ISO honest SM 35-40 who knows what he wants in life and who is looking for paradise shares my love. **2549600**

ALL MY LOVE 4 YOU
Down-to-earth woman 25 RN enjoys beaches dining theater romantic times Seeking a special man to share life love and TLC. **2505979**

JUST LET ME KNOW
Intelligent caring affectionate DWV 28 30 110 lbs N/S N/D enjoys helping people the outdoors and more Seeking outgoing trustworthy affectionate SM 24-35 for friendship maybe more. **2521549**

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?
Spontaneous SWF 61 5'4" average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companion ship. **2592703**

TEACHER BY DAY
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5' 100lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBF 32-50 for special relationship. **2518068**

TAKE A CHANCE
SF 56 N/S no children blonde/hazel BBW attractive enjoys many things Seeking b g beautiful man 55 65 6+ 250lbs+ Lets talk. **2424144**

FUN-LOVING LADY
SBF 43 Virgo smoker loves chocolate seeks fun loving sincere BM 34 56 enjoys conversat on companionship. **2438719**

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SBF 19 5'7" Sagittarius N/S stay at home mom student seeks romantic passionate SBF 19-34 who enjoys family activities cuddling surprises. **2415741**

DINNER FOR TWO
SBF 51 5'7" HW proportionate foster mother likes baking cooking family things going out dining Seeking compat ble SBF 47-67 has interest n children, possible LTR. **2589391**

DON'T PASS ME BY
SBF 19 wants to meet a man who loves working out reading books playing with dogs and playing basketball. **2506394**

CHIC 60S CHICK
Widowed WF N/S ND young at heart looks sport and attitude Tall talented temptress, waiting for your call. **25692042**

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DWF 54 blonde/blue heywrest 50 sweet loving Christian You a DM 45-60 loving gentle Christian ready for LTR leading to marriage. **25342080**

DARK EBONY
SBF 42 5'8" full figured seeks intelligent man 48-60 5'8" 6'2" med um build or heavier/ret for possible relationship. **2325293**

SHALL WE?
DWF 40 5'4" HW proportionate light brown hair N/S enjoys golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40-49 N/S for friendship. **2545969**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
God-fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors, laughter dining out, gospel music and more Seeking a like minded confident intelligent man who enjoys the first. **25221725**

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Easygoing active DWV 40 N/S fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo for you. **25271793**

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SEMI RETIRED
SF 62 5'9" slim fit likes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and out doors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests. **2467917**

CALL ME
if you are a business man 60-70 SWM N/S ND homeowner interests in home/late nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 wife above. **2516289**

STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE
SWF 62 N/S very active slim and attractive petite W/LM a man up to 8' HW proportionate I enjoy dancing movies walks dining casinos, more. **25231338**

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Attractive thrilling SBF 39 never been married no kids enjoys music sports Seeking same in tall SBF 30-45 prefer ably with facial hair. **2519171**

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Attractive SBF marriage minded 5'6" average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks BM 40-51 N/S to enjoy life and more. **2529232**

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75 year old romantic WF 59' full figured N/S ND disease-free likes tall men swimming TV and home life Seeking SWM 50 25-28. **2502079**

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LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF 50s loves all life animals arts family nature Masters helping profession Seeking big hearted secure intelligent SBF 42-64 for fun friendship depth etc. **2582242**

BEAUTY AND BRAINS
Hard working SWF 50 smoker enjoys laughter movies music conversation and more Seeking healthy trustworthy intelligent SWM 45-60 for friendship maybe more. **2528511**

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART
Attract ve DWV late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly. **2539272**

VERY SPICY!
BBW passionate SBF 48 honey-complexion d mple seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35-55 N/D/Grugs any race for movies pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR. **2575249**

SEEKING THE RAINBOW
Open minded energetic spontaneous SBF 48 5'3" seeks the star at the end of the rainbow My star someone commu ncatve kind hearted who enjoys romance exporing life. **2598477**

AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?
Attractive kind hearted SBF 44 5'8" full figured enjoys dining out movies playing cards family and more Seeking family oriented intelligent humorous SBF/HM 40-60 for friendship and companionship. **2529281**

HOPE WE CAN TALK SOON!
I am a 52' brunette dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. **2446121**

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

men seeking women

EVENINGS AT HOME
Respectful SM 39 5'11" slim build N/S delivery man likes to watch movies eat dinner go dancing seeks SBF 23-35 N/S to LTR. **2527179**

SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER
SBM 34 works in sales loves bowling going to shows seeking a nice SBF 26-34 no dependents who is established outgoing. **2533322**

KIDS OK
Easygoing SWM 39 5'8" 170lbs b ovrnhd w/ N/S no moves dining out elaxing at home seeks SWF 28-40 N/S w/ good personality mo als and values. **25**

Charities still seek donations for holiday gifts

The year has been a tough one for charities and nonprofit agencies. So, as the holidays arrive, many are seeking extra help from the community in order to make the holidays brighter for those they serve. Their "Santa" lists range from bicycles to toys to meal baskets.

Listed below are a few area charities and the items on their wish lists.

Variety

Variety - The Children's Charity gives up to 150 needy and special needs children in metropolitan Detroit brand new bicycles annually. The children are selected by local nonprofit agencies supported by the Southfield-based charity, all the children have made a difference in their communities.

The bikes, helmets and bike locks were presented Dec. 8 at the Bikes For Kids holiday party at the Welcome Baptist Church in Pontiac. Customized individual bicycles will also be given to children with special needs.

Donors from across southeastern Michigan each pledged

a tax-deductible contribution of \$182.45 in order to give a bike to a child. More bikes, however, are still needed. To donate, contact Variety at (248) 259-5575.

Children's Leukemia Foundation

Each year, the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, based in Southfield, helps to combat stresses and make the holidays brighter for families in the community facing cancer.

CLF provides gift packages to child patients and their siblings and to the children of adult patients. Each child receives four new gifts. The agency is currently providing gift packages to some 900 children throughout the state.

CLF is asking civic groups, businesses and individuals around the state to participate in its toy drive. Donated toys are needed for children of all ages, infancy through teens. All must be new, and not gift wrapped.

Ideal toys/gifts include books, arts and crafts items, hand-held electronic games, dolls, action figures, bath and body sets, sports equipment and board games. Monetary

donations are always welcome. The agency's Web site is leukemiamichigan.org or call (800) 825-2536.

CLF is a statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance and emotional support to families of adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders.

Focus HOPE

Focus HOPE in Detroit has two holiday programs. The Share with a Senior program matches individual and group donors with homebound and low-income seniors.

Donors provide a special holiday basket loaded with foods, including fruits, vegetables and meat. Often, donors spend time with the senior, or invite them to share dinner with their own family.

The Family to Family program matches individual and group donors with families of whatever size the donor requests. They provide the family with a basket containing the fixings for a complete holiday meal along with clothing and/or toys for the children.

Financial contributions

enable Focus HOPE representatives to buy needed items for recipients.

Some 1,000 family members and senior citizens have been adopted so far this season. But, Focus HOPE still seeks donors for 4,000 others.

There are so many people in need," said Maurice Huey of Focus HOPE. "I hope that people who have the resources to help will reach out to their community this year."

To volunteer, call Focus HOPE's Volunteer and Community Resources Department at (313) 494-5500.

Focus HOPE is a civil and human rights organization in Detroit. Its programs fight to end racism, poverty and injustice. It offers a food program, which assists 43,000 seniors, mothers and children each month, career training programs, child care, business conference facilities, community arts projects, and neighborhood revitalization initiatives. Through Focus HOPE, thousands have become financially independent.

www.focushope.edu compiled by Susan Steinnmueller

Parents need facts about pet rabbits

Michigan Rabbit Rescue, a local nonprofit rescue and education organization wants parents to look before they leap and learn the facts about rabbits as pets before they get one as a holiday gift, especially for a child.

This season local pet stores are featuring rabbits as good starter pets for children so the group is bracing for an onslaught of frantic parents calling after the holidays to surrender the long eared living present that didn't work out.

"Contrary to popular belief, rabbits do not necessarily make a good child's pet," Michigan Rabbit Rescue board member Lori Durham said. "In reality, even baby bunnies are willful and independent, and they do not enjoy being picked up and hugged and carried around which is what almost all children want to do with a rabbit."

"While they make wonderful pets in the right homes we want to be sure that people understand that rabbits are high maintenance and require just as much work, and sometimes even more work, than a dog or a cat. If you are getting a rabbit for your child know that, in reality, you are getting a rabbit for yourself since ultimately you will be providing the care."

The group urges parents to educate themselves about the day-to-day work and expense involved in taking on a rabbit as

a pet and warns that they do bite and scratch if they feel threatened and have a fondness for chewing things up. They are also a long term responsibility.

"Parents need to be aware that rabbits live 8 to 10 years and many times a child loses interest in the rabbit after the first month or so. Also, a lot of children go away to school during the lifetime of the rabbit. What we want parents to think about before they get one is what will happen to the rabbit if the child loses interest or goes away to college," said Michigan Rabbit Rescue General Director Renee Miller.

The group urges anyone who is interested in rabbits to contact them for more information before they get one. "We welcome questions about rabbits as pets," Miller said. "We're always happy to go over care and explain rabbit behavior. We also recommend that anyone who is interested in getting a rabbit come up to one of our events or even volunteer with us for a while. That way they can get an idea of what having a rabbit is like without the commitment."

Michigan Rabbit Rescue finds homes for abandoned pet rabbits they obtain from area shelters and provides community education. Visit the Michigan Rabbit Rescue web site at www.michiganrabbitrescue.org or call 586-447-2260.

Quantity key to not gaining weight this holiday season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The quantity of food not type is the secret to not gaining weight this holiday season, according to Darlene Zimmerman, a registered dietitian for Heart Smart, the Henry Ford nutrition education system.

Go ahead and eat that cookie, but only one.

"The biggest thing for people to think about is not the actual foods they're eating, but how much," said Darlene Zimmerman who teaches cardiac rehab patients about healthy eating once a week at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute in Livonia.

"It's a time for celebration to be with family, not a time of deprivation. We know denial doesn't work. You can always control how much you eat of something."

Before Zimmerman begins filling her plate she looks over all of the choices on the table.

"I evaluate the best choices. Survey the whole area before you start filling up your plate," said Zimmerman. "Have a glass of water before any meal to fill up your tummy. Some people eat before they offer to bring something that you've

made. Don't tell anybody that you've made a Heart Smart dish."

Zimmerman suggests bringing fresh fruit, low fat crackers, vegetables with low fat dip, or a blackbean dip with corn and tomatoes served with pita bread as an alternative to sour cream dip.

Good for you food tastes good too, said Zimmerman. lchomin@e.hmc.com | (734) 953-2145

CLASS REUNIONS

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

REUNIONS

Clawson High School
Class of 1955
A 50 year reunion is being planned. For more information call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email

wiseppl@wideopenwest.com
Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800 visit www.taylorreunions.com or email info@taylorreunions.com

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

Northville High School
Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder or email at nancyambinder@comcast.net

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Technology Consulting Services**, working with an Architectural/Engineering firm in the construction of one new elementary school. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to PCCS Director of Technology, Jim Casteel at (734) 416-2708 or brought to the mandatory pre bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Friday January 7th 2005 at the E.J. McClendon Building 454 South Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170. Proposals are due to the same address, attention (Technology Consulting Bid) on or before 2:00 p.m. Monday January 17, 2005 at which time the bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR December meeting Tuesday December 21 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street Plymouth Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170
734-453-0750
X217

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Canton Police Public Auction at Budget Towing 876 Railroad, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 December 21st, 2004, 10:00 AM

1992 Ford 1FAPP1280NW142426
1992 Chevrolet 2G1WL54R1N9254586
1986 Acura JH4KA2644GC008332
1992 Ford 1ZVPT21UXN5187418

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Year 8 Universal Service Fund (USF) Funding Bidders** may obtain bidding documents by contacting Jim Casteel of the PCCS Technology Department at (734) 416-2706. For additional information contact Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. Thursday December 16th 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2004 and payable through February 28, 2005 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns behind the Library. **CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED** during the Christmas Holiday from Friday December 24, 2004 through Sunday, January 1, 2005. The Treasurer's office will be **OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS ON Wednesday, December 29th AND Thursday, December 30th.**

TERESA CISCHKE CPFA
City Treasurer

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Canton Police Department 1150 S. Canton Center Canton, MI 48188

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON DECEMBER 14 2004. AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 6375 HIX RD WESTLAND MI 48185

1991 FORD	THUNDERBIRD	2 DR	1FAPP62T2MH117726
1995 FORD	E 250	VAN	1FTHE24Y3SHB81602
1993 FORD	F 150	PU	1FTEP15Y4PLA80341
1992 MERCURY	COUGAR	2 DR	1MEPM6042NH646852
1990 LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	4 DR	1LNCM81F2LY754425
1992 FORD	EXPLORER	S/W	1FMDU34X8NUN95488
1993 FORD	ESCORT	S/W	1FAPP15JXPW134030
1995 FORD	PROBE	2 DR	1ZVLP20A2S5147657
1994 FORD	ESCORT	4 DR	3FARP13J0RR100647
1997 PLYMOUTH	NEON	4 DR	1P3ES47Y5VD183835
1993 DODGE	DAKOTA	PU	1B7FL26X4PS221231
1991 GMC	JIMMY	S/W	1GKCT18Z2M0528503
1985 CHEVY	BLAZER	S/W	1G8CT18B1F0170872
1989 PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE	4 DR	1G2HX54C8KW280562
1990 PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE	4 DR	1G2HZ54C1L1225301
1988 OLDS	CUTLASS	2 DR	1G3WH14W0JD301224
1983 TOYOTA	COROLLA	2 DR	JT2AE72S8D2065208
1985 GRANADA	16 FT BOAT		GBWD2016M85B

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Plymouth Twp. PD 734-453-3869

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 12/17/04 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Rd Plymouth MI a public auction of the following:

1974 Buick Century 4D29H4H179020

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN DOG LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that current dog licenses will expire on **December 31, 2004**.

New pet owners must present a Rabies Vaccination Certificate that is valid during the next license period in order to obtain a license. Licenses may be purchased during regular City Hall hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 2005 license will expire December 31, 2005.

License fee **\$5.00 per dog**

A copy of Ordinance #99-9 is available in the Clerk's office.

TERESA CISCHKE CMFA
City Treasurer

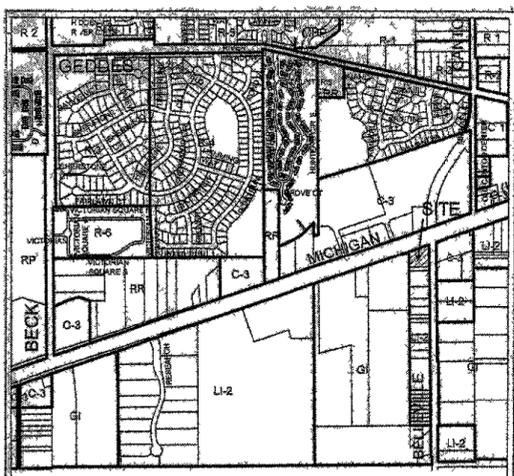
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 20, 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

TIM HORTON'S/FLAGSTAR BANK SPECIAL LAND USE
CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE THROUGH AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B8 FOR PARCEL NO. 132.01.0001.000. Property is located at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road.

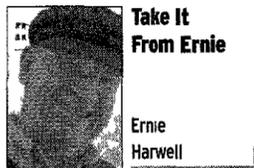


Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, December 16, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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Take It From Ernie

Ernie Harwell

It will all come out in the wash

When I was a boy growing up in Georgia, we worked hard and we played hard. And come suppertime, you knew without having to be told to wash your hands.

Now there's a simple way for all of us to help keep ourselves and others healthy — just by washing our hands. Not just

Now there's a simple way for all of us to help keep ourselves and others healthy — just by washing our hands. Not just when they're dirty, but just out of habit.

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If you petted a dog or other animal, before and after you've prepared food, if you've taken out the trash, coughed or sneezed, wash those hands.

All it takes is a little soap, some warm water and about 20 seconds of scrubbing, followed by a rinse and a dry with a clean towel.

Just the simple act of washing can help remove germs and keep you and others from picking up a bug that can lead to a cold, the flu or even more serious infections.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg 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.

Support group meets

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.recovery-inc.org

HEALTH

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Seniors should exercise

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

You're never too old to get fit. Esther Friedrichs, age 83, not only knows this, but she could serve as a role model for the "You Can! Steps to Healthier Aging," a new campaign of the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA). The Livonia resident, who is a popular fitness instructor at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, is a moving example of how regular exercise provides a better quality of life. "I'm happy due, in a large part, to exercise," she said.

The "You Can!" initiative was designed for older adults who are ready to make small changes in their food choices and physical activities.

Regular physical activity is a necessary component for staying healthy and fit, said a trim Friedrichs, who has volunteered as an instructor at the senior center for 30 years. A physical education major in college, the mother of six and grandmother of 15, has also taught water aerobics classes at Schoolcraft College and the Livonia YMCA.

"I love what I'm doing, and it makes me feel good helping others to feel better and to function better." Her classes include exercises using hand weights, some aerobics and mat work focusing on stretching and flexibility.

Aaron Morrison of Novi, who operates Applied Health and Fitness Systems, also aims for functional strength in his Strength Training for Seniors class at the center.

"I designed my classes so that seniors are able to pick up a gallon of milk, which weighs eight pounds, or a 20-pound bag of potting soil, or their grandchildren. I want them to be able to continue to do what they enjoy doing."

This is also Friedrichs' goal. "Most adults eventually experience mild or moderate arthritis. My classes are geared to work every joint and provide every range of motion."

KEEP MOVING

Jan Petrie, assistant director of the Birmingham Area Senior Citizen Center (BASCC), knows firsthand the need to keep moving to deflect the painful effects of arthritis. Diagnosed with a severe form of this disease of joint inflammation in her 30s, the 68-year-old has taught "Limber Up" for more than 20 years at BASCC.

"If I hadn't learned the importance of movement

— she prefers this word to exercise — I would not be walking today, she said.

Because I continue to be physically active on a regular basis, my arthritis is now very manageable.

"Not only does movement help my arthritis and my whole body, but it energizes me," Petrie said. It's important for everyone, especially seniors, to realize how moving and being active can make their lives richer.

The mind-body connection is what also keeps Friedrichs moving. "Exercise sharpens the mind while it keeps the body fit."

In addition to exercising during her classes twice a week, Friedrichs participates in water aerobics classes another two days. In good weather, she also rides her bike outdoors. On bad weather days, it's a stationary bike at home.

Friedrichs added that being fit has enabled her to take care of her husband, George, who has been fighting Parkinson's disease for 20 years and is wheelchair-bound. My goal is to get him back into the pool to exercise when he's feeling better. Always an active man, he, too, knows the benefits of exercise.

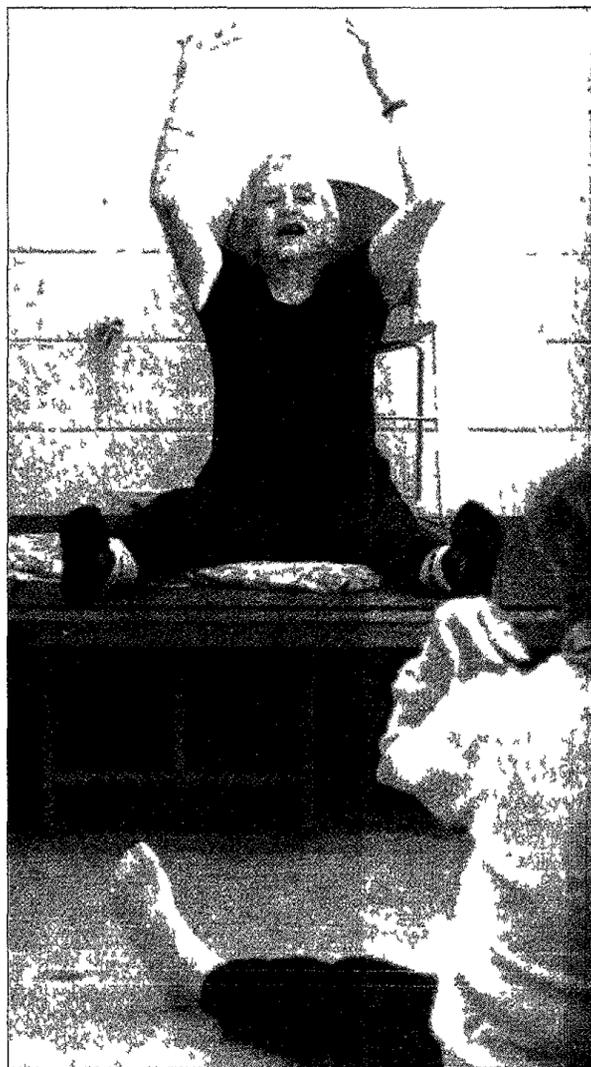
YOU CAN

The Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (734-466-2555) and BASCC (248-203-5270) offer a number of fitness classes for sen-

iors including chair exercises for those with health restrictions. "There are many classes available for seniors throughout the area, and older adults need to make the decision to join and participate in them," said Friedrichs.

According to AoA, with regular physical activity, combined with healthy diet choices, you can:

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Esther Friedrichs teaches a senior fitness class at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center

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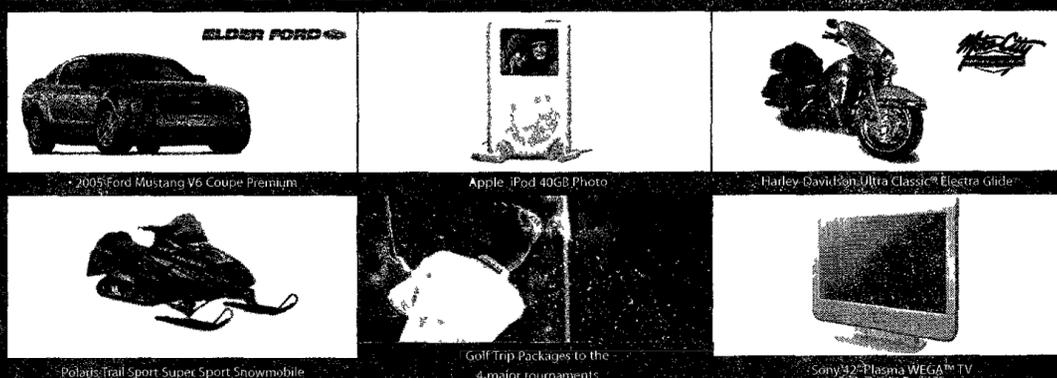
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Be kind to your feet and eliminate sports injuries

As the winter sports season approaches many adult, adolescent and child athletes could be playing with seemingly normal but persistent foot pain. That could be a sign of a more serious injury, according to Joseph E. Silver, a Westland podiatric surgeon and member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).

"Playing with pain often is viewed as a badge of honor among athletes, but they must be aware that the persistent pain they dismiss as normal exercise-related stress could be something far more serious," said Silver. Athletes of all ages visit Silver's office with foot pain due to overuse injuries from repetitive loading of the foot and ankle during running and aerobics.

SEE A PROFESSIONAL

"When athletes overdo their workouts, it may be normal to experience some temporary discomfort," said Silver, "but if pain continues longer than a few days with continued redness, warmth or swelling, the athlete should see a podiatric foot and ankle surgeon for proper diagnosis and advice on treatment options."

Athletes who ignore persistent foot pain and inflammation and continue to train risk potential complications that could sideline them for months.

Among possible injuries associated with persistent foot and ankle pain are stress fractures, muscle strains, tendonitis and subtle fractures after inversion ankle sprains.

Stress fractures sometimes aren't debilitating and some athletes might continue their normal training despite the injury, said Silver. "But continual rigorous activity can worsen the problem. An examination and diagnosis by a foot specialist can determine whether the pain is from overuse or subtle trauma, requiring only a few days of rest, or something that may require surgical intervention."

Heel pain in children often is caused by injuries to the growth plate and secondary growth centers in which tendons pull at the top and bottom of the growth plate of the heel. Boys and girls ages 8 to 14 are susceptible to this problem, and its major symptom is pain on either side of the heel.

"Growth-plate trauma is common in soccer and other sports that involve a lot of running," said Silver. "Parents should make sure that their children stretch before playing and apply ice to the back of the heel after the game or practice. In some cases, anti-inflammatory drugs and shoe inserts or lifts are recommended, but the potential for recurrent injury exists until the growth plate closes."

Podiatric foot and ankle surgeons provide many forms of treatment to keep children pain-free and participating in sports activities. When treating athletes of any age, they will evaluate several factors that could be the underlying cause of foot pain including running or playing surfaces. Athletes who train on asphalt or cement are more prone to stress injuries than those who run on cushioned tracks or natural grass fields. Footwear should be appropriate for the sport and match the biomechanics of the individual's foot. For example, those who engage in one sport more than three times a week should wear athletic shoes designed for the sport, and shoe technology has advanced to allow for variances in foot characteristics that require stability cushioning.

Injuries often result when athletes fail to build up to a desired training goal. Accordingly, a runner shouldn't set a goal of 20 miles a week without gradually progressing to that goal.

In children, overuse injuries sometimes occur from excessive parental pressure to achieve in sports. Stress fractures can occur in athletes with poor nutritional habits. Sleeping problems and resultant irritability and fatigue are common among some athletes who exercise aggressively. Variations in bone structure and muscle development are evidenced in

individuals who are bow-legged or have malalignment problems.

Complimentary copies of brochures on treatment of various foot conditions are available from the ACFAS toll-free number, (888) THE-FEET, or on the Web at www.acfas.org.

BUYING TIPS

Before purchasing athletic shoes for kids, Silver recommends taking a few steps that could avoid problems in the future.

■ For comfort and injury prevention, children who regularly participate in a sport should wear shoes designed specifically for the demands of that sport. For example, tennis shoes are designed for side-to-side motion, while running shoes are made for forward momentum and have extra cushioning.

■ When shopping for athletic shoes for kids, remember the basics of good fit. There should be a thumb's width from the tip of the child's toe to the end of the shoe. The toes should have room to wiggle freely. The heel should not slip off the foot as the child walks or runs.

■ If specific socks are required as part of a uniform, it's important to wear these socks, or ones of the same thickness, to try on shoes.

■ Look for good quality athletic shoes with adequate support and

cushioning. Running shoes in particular come with a variety of arch supports. Knowing what type of arch the child's foot has — high, medium, or low — can help in selecting the most comfortable and supportive shoe.

■ For some children who have flat feet or who pronate excessively, special orthotic inserts may be beneficial.

■ Lacing shoes correctly is important. It is helpful to lace through each top eyelet twice to ensure a more snug fit and decrease slippage. Children must be careful not to tie laces too tight, as this may cause injury to the nerves or tendons on the top of the foot and ankle.

■ Soccer shoes can contribute to heel pain in adolescents. The limited number of cleats in the heel of the shoe can cause excessive pressure on the growth plate of the child's heel. Many soccer players between the ages of 9 and 13 complain of heel pain that worsens with side-to-side pressure. Shoes with multiple cleats at the heel can help to alleviate this problem, but can be difficult to find.

■ Shorter cleats on football and soccer shoes may help to reduce knee and ankle injuries. For young players, cleats should be no more than one-half inch long.

■ For a general athletic shoe, cross trainers are a suitable choice.

■ Shoes used for sports should be examined for signs of wear.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

DECEMBER

Divorce support

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

Extreme Challenge

The fund raiser 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 offers participants one of the most invigorating workouts ever experienced. Participants are asked to donate \$10 for members of the Athletic Center and \$15 for guests. Proceeds go to

providing care and support to children (pre-natal to early adult) that suffer from life threatening illness. For more information and to register for the Extreme Challenge call (313) 972-8400.

Hepatitis C Support Group

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

Research volunteers needed

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high cholesterol studies. For more information please call Bonnie at (248) 312-0025 Ext. 6113.

Fitness classes

The Jewish Community Center's Fitness Club has added two new classes to its December roster. Offered on Thursdays Yoga Sculpt classes incorporate callanetics, yoga and body sculpting techniques and Introduction to Mat Pilates offers this popular form of exercise in an introductory setting that emphasizes basic principles. On going classes include special programs for beginners and seniors Spin Step water exercise strength training and other mind

body group classes such as Vinyasa and Ashtanga Yoga. Brochure is available online at www.jccdet.org. For information call (248) 432-5427.

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

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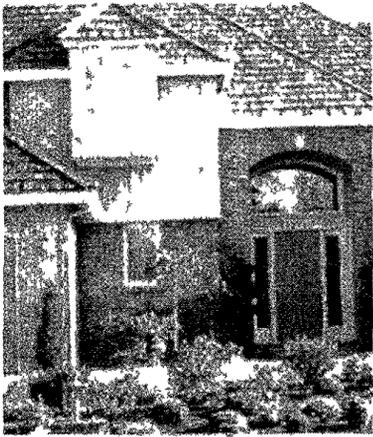
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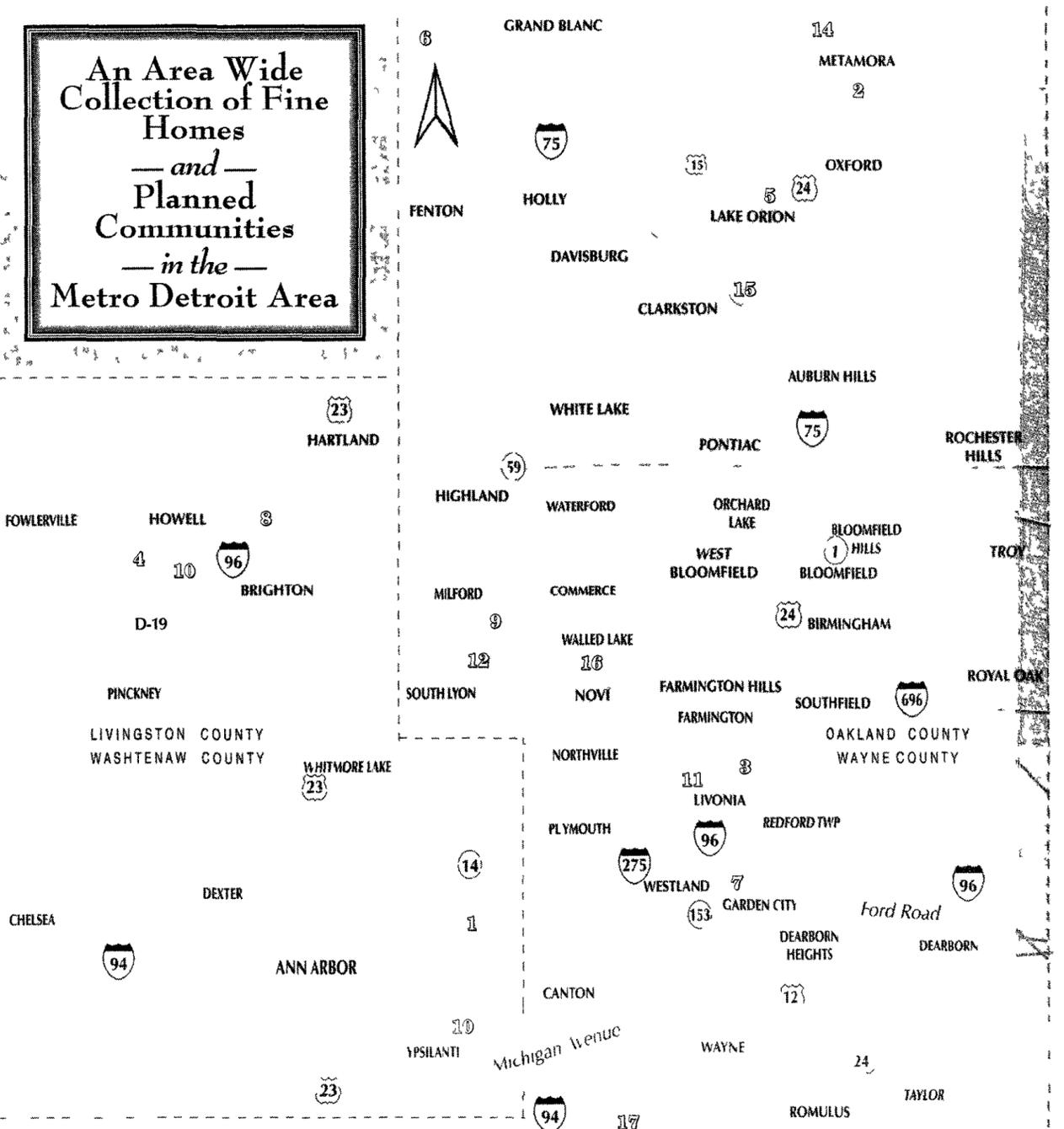


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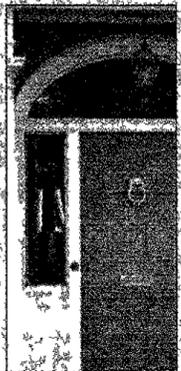


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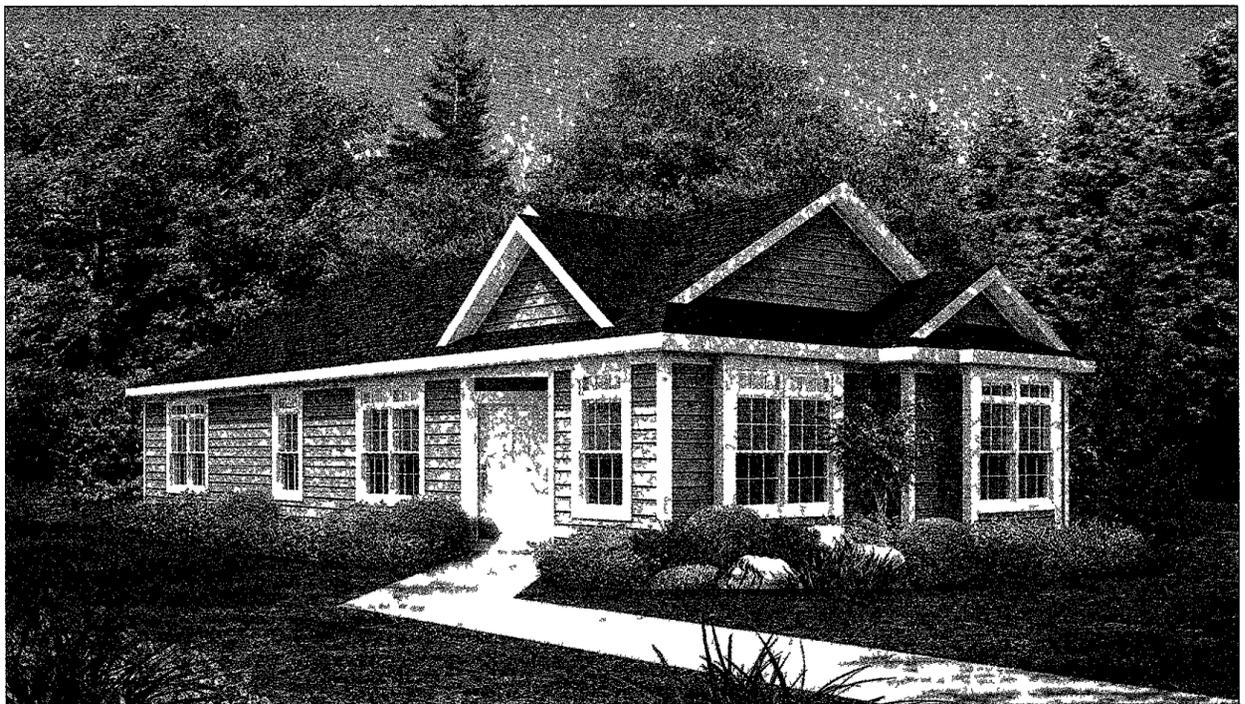
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A blend of functionality and beauty, the Generations home can accommodate all family members with a particular focus on the needs of older adults

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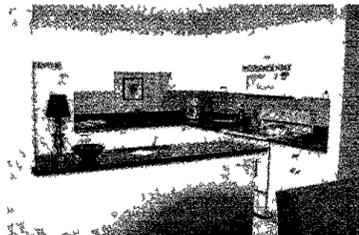


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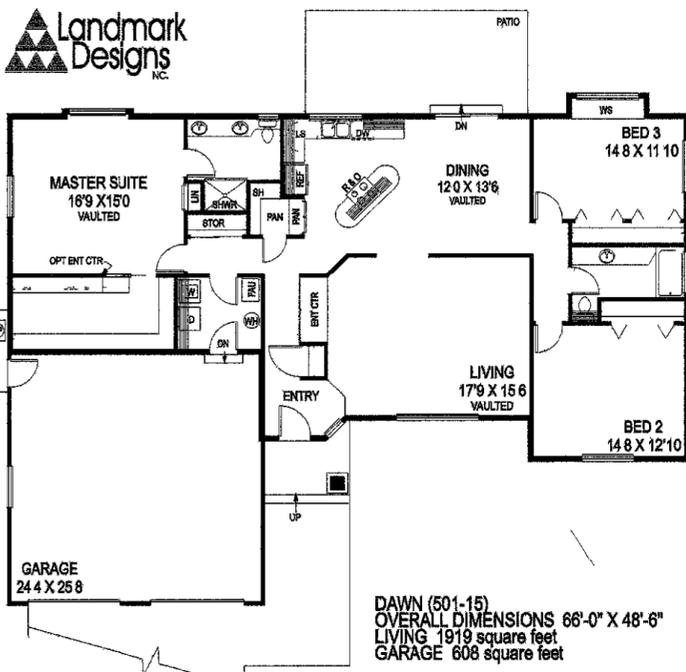
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WEST BLOOMFIELD North Maplewoods
Stunning 3 bed room w/ 2 1/2 bath 3 car garage 3 car garage & finished basement p umbered for kitchen & wet ba Step down family room with fireplace kitchen with ss and appliances Updates roof w/ ndors carpet paint & etc

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LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
App or 2 acres w/ 5 bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths Living dining family room v th garden oom & finished level v a k out full ba gams oom hot tub Flo da com steam & sauna Basketball court ce nirk & custom pool Apartment ove 5 ca garage

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP Gorgeous
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NORTHVILLE Northville City Ranch
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Four bed room 3 1/2 bath Co on a w th open floor plan Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite counter s o story family room with granite island gas fireplace Dual staircase Master bed room with granite and jetted tub

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LAKE ORION Lake Front
A sports Long Lake home with updated kitchen a baths full race cen al a roof and v ndors Master bed room v th bath and balcony 2 f ep axes and two 6 foot doo wa s line uses 3 ca garage dock boat ho stand hot tub

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ROCHESTER HILLS Beautiful Colonial
Stunning first floor master with 2 story foyer v ng & family room with cathedral ceilings kitchen with 42 cabinets Co an stand 3 bedrooms up 2 she e Jack & J l baths fourth bedroom has private bath family room with 2 way fireplace

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BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored
Four bed room 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod v th first floor MBR suite new e kitchen with stainless appliances v ng oom v th open sta case Fireplace to family room Finished basement with ec room & laundry a ea C ou ar d ve

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NOVI Stunning Colonial
Four bed room 2 + 2 bath home situated on a cul de sac backing to private woods hilly & view Ya ound sun oom with 4000 wale White Bay s and kitchen Master with jetted tub & finished over love v th wet ba & loads of sto age

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ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
Co on a w th 4 bedrooms 2 baths and 3 ca s de ent y garage Gourmet kitchen with granite cabinets island and buter s pent y Master bed room with tray ceiling and bath with whirlpool tub

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HIGHLAND Golfer's Paradise
Nice M four stunning 1 story contemporary designed by Lub n of Bloomf d Hills Best of eve yth ng Located at 12th green v a of windows soaring ceilings 8 foot doors finished walk out curved walls Amsh cab net y theater oom full ba

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Pine Lake
Nestled on a most f ac a deep level v th Monet inspired back yard e at Lush gardens pond Esate size great room with fireplace Formal living & dining room with coved ceilings Master suite with a s tng oom 2 way fireplace

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BIRMINGHAM On A Quiet Corner Lot
Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home located in Poppleton Living room with vaulted ceilings brary with views of deck yard & hot tub Updated kitchen v th Co an counters sky lights & family room with fireplace w ne coole & access to deck

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CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New construction on approx. mostly flat a ot w th 4 bed rooms 3 1/2 baths 4 ca attached garage 1 prep area n both great room & library La ge kitchen with bayed nook area Adm ed 2 staircase ayout 2 story foyer full basement & much more

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ROCHESTER HILLS Spectacular
Five bed room 3 1/2 bath home with a beautiful view of the Canton River Family room cathedral ceiling and wet bar Hardwood floors large walk out basement sauna 3 ca garage and multi level deck w th hot tub

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ROSE TOWNSHIP Holly
Custom 20 oom home on app oximate y 8 2 acres defines comfort and luxury Sx bed rooms 7 3 baths s l on private 20 ac es 80 foot deep swimming pool heated heated bar for the toys ho we come Ca l to make you appointment today

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Reduced Price
Go geous custom built home Open floor plan soa ng ceilings Two phenomenal gourmet kitchens 3 family rooms Master suite with a s tng oom 2 way fireplace

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FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary
4 bed room 3 1/2 bath on wooded 1 1 ac e ot (approx) Jacuzzi master with bayed nook oom vaulted ceilings Family room & full bath n low level walk out Marble floor s noble carpet dining room fireplace ceramic kitchen & nideo gr l

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GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath rambling brick Ranch w th 2 car attached garage basement formal dining room library with bay window vaulted ceiling n great room with fireplace first floor laundry oak kitchen with appliances & 4 season sun room

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WASHINGTON New Construction
Four bed room Colonial w th 3 1/2 baths first floor laundry built in part y basement w th egress v ndov ard a 3 ca s de entry garage Gourmet kitchen with granite island and wet bar Master bedroom bath v th Jacuzzi tub

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COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story Co on al has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood Two furnaces upstairs kitchen ext a garage Lower level v th great oom and second kitchen and full bath Sun oom Th s a must see home

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ORCHARD LAKE Totally Custom Showcase
Breathtaking luxury home features first floor master with 2 dress ng areas & huge marble bath with fireplace and p v lte ba on y n aw quarters huge stud o 4 bed rooms 4 baths 2 powder ooms 5 fireplaces Approximately 1 4 acre w th pond

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning Euro Townhome
Pro designed into or no expense spa ed 3 story 3 bedroom 3/2 bath ck townhouse w/2 master s with own baths & walk in closets first floor MBR suite v marble floor etted spa tub granite kitchen & hardwood floors Finished basement & 2 ca garage

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CANTON Luxurious Golf Frontage
Grand 2 sto y entrance hardwood floor 3 baths 2 powder rooms spectacular v ew fabulous master suite with jetted tub h ght kitchen with v a n n pantry butler serv e station two the deck & 3 car garage

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ROCHESTER HILLS Fabulous
Four bedrooms 4 1/2 bath with open floor plan Two story g eat room with gas fireplace living room with ceiling to floor windows basement finished full bath and walk out room Th ee ca side entry garage and n g oond poo

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COMMERCE Quality Lifestyle
Lakefront v ng n this contemporary 5 bed rooms 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplace first floor and y master th Jacuzzi tub & separate shower Finished level full bath wet ba & kitchenette 3 ca garage City water sewer Hu on Va ge schools

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SOUTH LYON Serenity & Elegance
Eye v ng ace as possible n exclusive Tangewood Condo Two the decks overlooking a way finished level complete with wet bar and den

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BEVERLY HILLS Beautiful Landscaping
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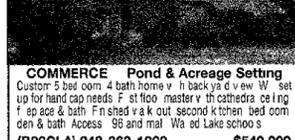
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Ways to keep your home warm this winter

(MS) - Homeowners feeling chilly drafts through their windows and doors this winter might be shivering more than usual as they're faced with skyrocketing oil prices. Costs for heating oil, propane and natural gas are expected to rise across the nation, no longer just hitting consumers at the gas pumps, but their home heating bills as well. As the weather gets colder, now is a great time to prepare for Old Man Winter by evaluating whether to replace problem windows and doors. That's the advice of experts at Weather Shield Windows & Doors, one of the nation's leading window and door manufacturers.



Prepare for winter's chill by assessing if it's time to replace problem windows and doors

"All products in a home wear out over time, and windows are no exception," says Dave Koester, brand manager at Weather Shield. Homeowners with windows over 25 years old need to consider replacing those windows in order to gain the best energy efficiencies and to protect the 'envelope' of the house."

To determine if your windows are candidates for a replacement job, Koester recommends checking for tell-tale signs that a window is losing its effectiveness. Some tips for making this determination include:

- Stand inside your house on a windy day with a lit can-

- dle near the window. If the flame flickers or goes out, your weather stripping on the window could be damaged.

- During the winter, if a window experiences ice buildup or a frosty glaze, the ventilation in your home may be inadequate. Another option is that your window may not be providing enough insulation value for your home, causing your heating bills to soar.

- Do you need to prop open your window with a book or stick? If so, the window's ballasts may have lost their functionality.

- Sit near your window. If you feel cold air coming in during the winter (or hot air during the summer), your windows have little insulation value. This means you're paying more to heat and cool your house during the year to compensate

for the exterior air entering your home.

- Do your windows get fogged with condensation between the glass panes? If so, you may have a seal failure and need to replace the glass or the entire window.

For information on Weather Shield window and door products, call (800) 477-6808 or visit www.weathershield.com

Stay jolly by avoiding festive folly

The holiday season is well upon us and many happy revelers are busy having fun, brightening hearth and home with festive decorations. This traditional activity can be so engaging that it's easy to get caught up in the spirit of the season and forget that these decorative items may also pose a risk of fire or injury. With the launch of its annual Holiday Safety Campaign, CSA International, a leading North American product certification and testing organization, is reminding everyone to practice safety inside and outside their homes during this joyous time.

We want to help families and friends enjoy a safe and happy holiday as they gather to celebrate the festive season, says Sue Dempsey, director of sales, North America, CSA International. "Whether decorating the home or simply enjoying each other's company over a traditional holiday meal, we want to remind everyone through our 2004 CSA International Holiday Safety tips to be proactive this holiday season when it comes to safety in and around the home." For 2004, CSA International has also brought back its online Holiday Safety Quiz at www.csaonline.com.

Here are some CSA tips for increased indoor and outdoor safety:

- Lights out: Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house unattended or when going to bed.
- Check for the Certification Mark: When purchasing light strings, extension cords and electrical decorations, look for the certification mark of an accredited certification organization such as CSA International. UL/ELT Certification marks provide assurance that the products comply with applicable standards for safety and performance.

- Timing is everything: Use an outdoor timer to switch lights on and off.
- Keep the gas behind glass: Do not use your gas fireplace if the glass panel is removed, cracked or broken.
- Be on the level: Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm near the bedrooms. Use more than one CO alarm if sleeping areas are located on different levels of your home.
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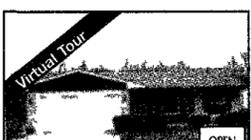
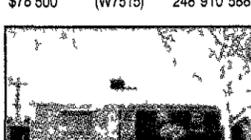
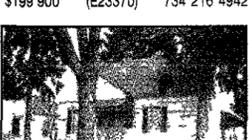
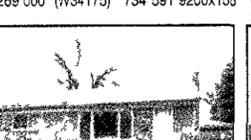
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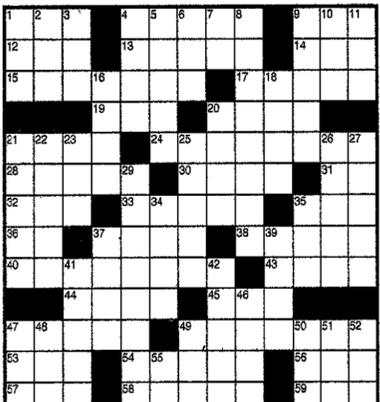
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Obesity, Stigma And Bias



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

What type of discrimination slashes wages for men 3.2 percent and for women even more? Obesity, according to research findings of Charles Baum and William Ford of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, published in the September Health Economics. While the study doesn't document "systematic discrimination against obese workers," the authors believe that it's there. Drew Tipton of Baker & Hostetler L.P., a 550-attorney law firm headquartered in Houston also comments, "I have no doubt that some employers see their premiums escalating if they employ a disproportionately overweight workforce." He has tried cases involving issues related to obesity

share this bias" Tipton has litigated numerous cases involving the ADA, where "the health and weight of the plaintiff were an issue with respect to another medical condition." He points out that courts tend not to dismiss discrimination claims regarding obesity

So, will you sue if an employer refuses to hire you, refuses an accommodation or promotes stigma against the overweight? From a legal standpoint, you "must either be suffering from a handicap or a disability to have standing to sue," Tipton remarks

Organizational consultant Rose Jonas of St. Louis contends, "It often doesn't pay to request accommodation, and I believe that would be the case with fat people (a phrase she ascribes to herself). 'Fat-ism' is rising in our society, but that not much is truly known about obesity, and it's easy to be displeased, upset or revolted by its existence. The trouble with any discrimination is that it's becoming more difficult for people to do much about it. It's a long, hard road, with risks and sacrifices to take action against a company."

"I would feel I had to craft a delicate strategy to make it work for my client," she continues "I'd never use it myself. It would be too humiliating. The reality, given the way the hiring process works, is that you're toast if you take this road. The likelihood scenario . . . is that a fat person will go for a lesser job. You know you can't get and therefore don't go for the

credit manager's job, but you become a dynamite payroll clerk."

TOMORROW'S EMPLOYEE

Clearly, obesity is a social, legal and workplace issue, kept alive by stigma and experienced in the paycheck. As the century races on, morbid obesity continues and the number of young workers declines, how different will the workplace look? "Employers want to hire a healthy and vibrant workforce that emits a 'go get'em' image," Tipton states "Some employers may believe that those who are overweight do not fit this image and therefore base employment decisions on how one appears. This is especially true in sales and marketing"

Will HR and bosses elsewhere in the company worry less about obesity and more about getting the work done? Matusewitch observes, "I'm not aware of research demonstrating that overweight individuals are poorer workers, will lead to greater medical insurance costs/rates or are less productive as workers."

Will you be dead in the water in tomorrow's workplace if you're obese? "I believe that employees who add to the bottom line will always be employable," Tipton observes "Notwithstanding, I believe that, short a cultural shift in how the public views overweight people, it will take a statute specifically targeting this area of discrimination. Given that the current federal remedies are exceedingly difficult to obtain, the most



Rose Jonas, organizational consultant contends "discrimination exists against obese people."

likely course is for states and local municipalities to pass ordinances addressing this issue"

Meanwhile, "Employers should also include weight issues in comprehensive diversity training programs and prevent the use of disrespectful language or behavior related to body size," writes Matusewitch in Litigation Reporter, a professional publication

(Dr Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media Copyright 2004 Passage Media.)

SUING

Eric Matusewitch, Deputy Director of the New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission, the City's EEO office, says that job bias based on weight didn't emerge as a major issue until 1993, when the federal appeals court ruled that ADA protects the morbidly obese, "generating a lot more litigation" Matusewitch, who reviews program implementation to assure legal compliance, comments, "From my standpoint, HR people involved in hiring

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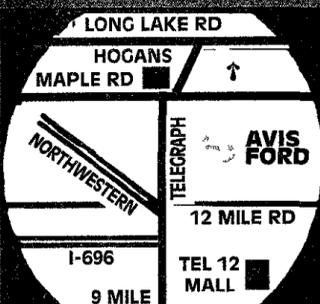


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 3.9L 4 valve DOHC V8 five speed automatic transmission air sport tuned suspension heated/cooled front seats leather power moonroof dual zone temp control Stock #50057 WAS \$42,995
AS LOW AS \$31,187**
36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL \$299**
 A-Plan \$1694.67 Due on Delivery

2005 MERCURY MARINER
 2.3L engine automatic overdrive transmission air conditioning AM/FM CD fog lamps power mirrors roof rack leather steering wheel Stock #50570 WAS \$22,121
AS LOW AS \$15,341**
24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL \$89**
 A-Plan \$1933.08 Due on Delivery

2005 MERCURY MONTEGO
 3.0 24 valve V6 air conditioning six speed automatic transmission passenger power seat AM/FM six CD MP3 audio adjustable pedals Stock #50383 WAS \$25,790
AS LOW AS \$20,725**
24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL \$109**
 A-Plan \$2128.78 Due on Delivery

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2005 MERCURY MONTEGO
 4.2 EFI engine four speed automatic trans dual zone air overhead console dual sliding doors AM/FM stereo CD/cassette Stock #41724 WAS \$22,995
AS LOW AS \$15,150**

2005 SAUVAGE
 3.0L V6 automatic transmission air conditioning power driver's seat leather ABS brakes power heated mirrors Stock #50054 WAS \$25,905
AS LOW AS \$10,385**
A-PLAN PRE-PAY LEASE \$372**

2005 MERCURY MONTEGO
 4.0 V6 automatic transmission AM/FM CD keyless entry running boards Stock #50210 WAS \$30,680
AS LOW AS \$21,501**
36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL \$90**
 A-Plan \$1076.47 Due on Delivery

2004 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR
 5.4L engine four speed automatic transmission air conditioning leather seats heavy duty trailer tow climate controlled seats Stock #4184 WAS \$42,000
AS LOW AS \$36,247**

2004 LINCOLN AVALANCHE
 4.6 V8 automatic transmission Class 3 trailer tow package AM/FM six disc compact disc air conditioning with dual zone controls steering wheel controls Stock #41168 WAS \$44,870
AS LOW AS \$29,933**

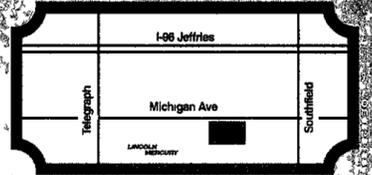
2004 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SIGNATURE
 4.6 V8 automatic transmission dual zone climate control traction assist dual media audio electronic mirrors/compass group Stock #41790
AS LOW AS \$27,249**

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 [STOCK #51134]

Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$228.17 PAYMENT	\$165.07 PAYMENT
	\$354.86 AMOUNT DUE	\$1877.97 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Focus SE
 Was \$17,550
Now \$13,327**
 2-spnd va able wireless center console rear defroster air front courtesy map lights 2.0L DOHC engine auto trans P136/SR16 BSW tires covr grp speed control 1lt dupl cste auto control s sport group integrated fog lamps tachometer leather wrapped steering wheel 5 alloy wheels
 [STOCK #50581]

Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$235.52 PAYMENT	\$172.42 PAYMENT
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 [STOCK #51353]

Was \$33,925 **Now \$23,878.30***

24 MONTH LEASE
ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
\$149.71**
\$361.69 AMOUNT DUE

\$1935**
\$50.85**
\$1884.01 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Escape Limited
 Was \$20,810
Now \$14,675**
 Air od s de rails du ates 23-23L 4 eng 4-spnd auto o/d trans P225/75R15 a/s bsw tires, roof rack w/hio x crossbars 15 alum wheels ret actab e cargo cover covr grp floor mats-front and rear speed control perimeter alarm
 [STOCK #50444]

Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$189.91 PAYMENT	\$124.53 PAYMENT
	\$404.30 AMOUNT DUE	\$1925.00 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Escape Limited
 Was \$27,200
Now \$20,229**
 leather comfort grp cw 6-way driver seat, 600 mats spd control a perimeter alarm dual disc 30-3 DL V6 4-spnd auto o/d trans P225/75R15 a/s bsw tires, roof rack on console w/wasgrape 171 cargo covr grp rear cargo storage bin ret actab e cargo cover m m air control grp, heated steering grp, power heated mirrors w/mirror, 11.4 spd frnt drive & pass seats mach AM/FM stereo w/6-CD in-dash
 [STOCK #51620]

Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$228.35 PAYMENT	\$162.97 PAYMENT
	\$445.05 AMOUNT DUE	\$1965.75 AMOUNT DUE

2004 Freestar Limited
 Was \$37,480
Now \$25,267**
 3.6L retro reg ate electronic grp, night/lt head pwr dr air air in zone elec auto 2 tone 4.0L OHV 15" eng 4 spd auto o/d trans P235/SR16 6 BSW al season ASP II identified reg ASP denture deusa crossbars valve grp perimeter anti-theft dome/lt active safety pkg 5 reverse parking eyes memory pkg pwr heated spnd mirrors memory ad foot pedal driver memory seats amly center safety canopy w/steer air bags
 [STOCK #42564]

SAVE OVER \$1000!

2005 Taurus SE
 Was \$22,605
Now \$14,726**
 A/c depower rest rsys pass a bag floor mats dual power mtrro 3.0L 2lt 6-cyl roller flex fuel engine automatic overdrive P215/SR16 6 all season tire SE prefe ed equipment package 5-spoke painted alum wheels rear 800 er power drive seat with lumbar 6000 rpm/hold rear seat 5-pass w/ltor console floor shift, AM/FM stereo/CD plays
 [STOCK #50458]

Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$208.14 PAYMENT	\$145.50 PAYMENT
	\$513.63 AMOUNT DUE	\$2037.23 AMOUNT DUE

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2005 Explorer XLT 4x4 4-Door
 Was \$32,580
Now \$20,972**
 Silver birch cc graphite cloth sport bks ords code 220A XLT V6 advance trac w/rsc a cond rad o w/ single CD 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng 5-spnd auto o/d trans P235/70R16 a/s o/w tires 3.55 ratio reg ax e regional XLT disc pkg black roof rail w/crossbars
 [STOCK #51436]

Zero Down 24 Month Lease	\$218.89 PAYMENT	\$156.24 PAYMENT
	\$480.02 AMOUNT DUE	\$1703.61 AMOUNT DUE

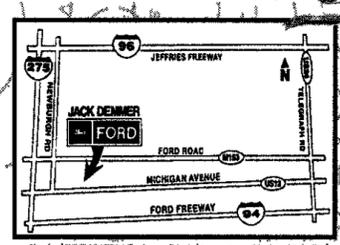
2004 RANGER SC XLT FX4 4x4
 Was \$27,350
Now \$17,094**
 Speed control t eather wrap steering wheel power window/lock group remote keyless entry P14 off-road group 16 5-spoke aluminum wheels 4.0L SOHC V6 5-spnd automatic overdrive trans P245 QJW al terrain tires 4.0 ratio limited s p axle 5140 GVWR P225 al season spares n-dash 6 disc CD w/MP3 cap
 [STOCK #43083]

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RETAIL FURNITURE SALES PERSON Exp Part to full time Interior designs abilities helpful...

RETAIL SALES Days part time Experience preferred Call for details

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SCHEDULER Experience required for a growing home care agency Exp wages & benefits 1 800 968 8195

SET UP/ DISPLAY, SALES for bridal promotion company Livonia area Light travel Hourly plus commission...

SET UP/DISPLAY 38 immediate openings with a new opportunity

SNOW PLOW DRIVERS Snow Busters Snow Removal is looking for exp drivers with own plow trucks...

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TITLE EXAMINER for metro area title agency MUST BE EXPERIENCED and able to work independently Excellent compensation Fax resume to 248 398 7501

Help Wanted-General 6000

TITLE RESEARCHER FULL TIME Position with established Public Record Research Company Previous abstracting experience required...

VINYL FLOOR INSTALLER Experienced vinyl floor installers needed for builder and residential customers...

WAREHOUSE Large wholesale distributor in Western suburb needs men or women with experience in a distribution environment...

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ACCOUNTING Small office looking for person to do accounting using Peachtree Soft ware Livonia 734 422 2529

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK Virginia Tile Co in Livonia has a full time open A/P Clerk position Must have a minimum 5 yrs exp with high volume production & exc data entry skills...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BraveHeart Grief Center, Part Time Arbor Hospice & Home Care is seeking an organized compassionate person to support our grief center in Northville...

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Q: I'm looking for a gift for my friend who is a designer. She's the best, but so hard to please when it comes to gift giving. She notices the minutest of details and has seen so much that it's hard to surprise her with something cool. Can you help me find a gift she won't just politely pretend to like?

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A: Eeegads! Designers are some of the toughest nuts to crack, but it can be done. The trick is to find well-designed, unique and clever products that inspire some kind of emotion. Sometimes it pays to look abroad to see what the rest of the world is up to. For instance, British



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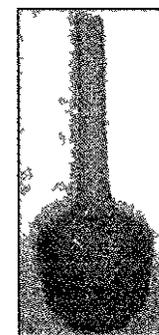
designers and brothers j-me have been concocting tongue-in-cheek home wares that are sure to inspire at least a chuckle. I love the His and Hers Wall-Mounted Key Holders — mount the woman or man-shaped holder onto your wall and stick your keys in their bellies. Humorous, practical and a great way to punch up a wall, pick one up for \$28 each at j-me.co.uk. Also fun there, the Big Head Coasters, \$23 for a 4-pack that includes two boy and two girl-shaped coasters. In blue or beige, you can stand them, stack them, line them up, flick them down and put your mug on their big heads — how apropos for your "big-headed" designer friend, no?

Or, stay stateside and head to Chicago-based sprouthis.com for a bevy of options. I'm keen on the fake flowers because they are prettier than the real thing and uber-affordable! And you can find really cool vases to put them in while you're there. I like the



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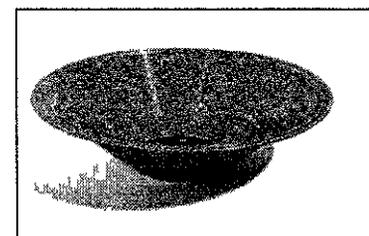
White Lotus Flowers (\$6.25 each) and the Sea Grape Leaves (\$1.50 each). Tie them in a bow and wrap in paper just like the real deal or choose from the cool vases



Pink bubble vase \$59.50 @ sprouthis.com

and vessels on Sprout's site. I'm a fan of the Pink Bubble Vase (\$54.50) and the Brown Ceramic Root Vase — shaped like a root to remind us that once in the past, root was part of the flower (\$42).

If your friend's a foodie, Nigella Lawson's bulging egg-shaped mixing bowls will satiate her designer style in the kitchen. Score a set of four in blue or cream for \$69.99 at ArmsteadsPorch.com



Vintage vinyl bowl \$26 @ elsewares.com

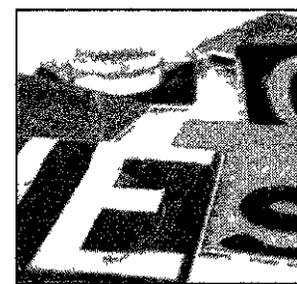
Also hot by Nigella, a set of four Measuring Cups that look like teacups for \$21.99, four egg-shaped ice cream bowls for \$34.99 and funky Serving Hands — solid beech shaped like hands, which are great for dipping salad and pasta (\$21.99).

New York-based Elsewares.com

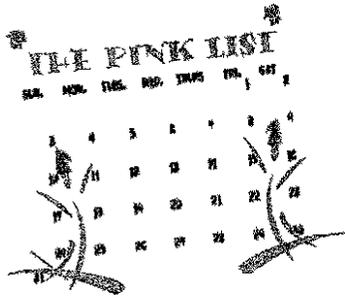
has an eclectic array of well-designed goods, like Street Sign Coasters, made from actual street signs (four for \$65) and Vintage Red Vinyl Bowls, made from rare red vinyl LPs (\$26).

Happy hunting!

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



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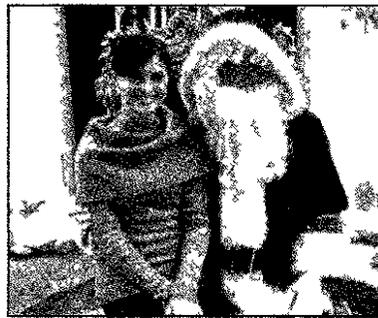


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Saks Michelle Rau gets lap time with Santa who will be at Saks weekends through Christmas Eve raising money for Make A Wish

Santa at Saks

Santa will be receiving little visitors in the Children's Department at Saks Fifth Avenue noon-3 p.m. Dec 12, 18, 19 and Christmas Eve. Start a family tradition of framed photos, \$10 or button photos, \$20, with 100 percent of proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Last year, \$5,000 was raised to send a child to Disney World. Call 248-614-3393

Holiday Gift Gallery Exhibition and Sale

Holiday ornaments, jewelry, tiles and other works of art will be on display at Paint Creek Center for the Arts through Dec 31, 407 Pine St., Rochester. 248-651-4110

Holiday Walk 2004

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Henry Ford Holidays

The Henry Ford gets festive with holiday home tours, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Jan 2, holiday shopping at the gift store with a sale Dec 21-Jan 2, Greenfield Village Holiday Nights, Dec 17-22, and the Ultimate Museum Holiday Celebration Dining Event, Dec 16. Kids will love the 25-foot-tall tree, gingerbread town and train layout, storytelling, pick-your-own Christmas tree and more. The Henry Ford, Oakwood Blvd., south of Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call 313-271-1620

Salon Legato sponsors families

Salon Legato has lit a special tree for families in need. Through Monday, Dec 20, bring unwrapped toys, clothes and non-perishable food items for the Lighthouse Emergency Services Holiday Program, 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. 248-442-4999

unwrapped!

Wayne State's Fashion and Merchandising Association will stage its annual winter fashion show on Friday, Dec 17. 'unwrapped' will feature designs by students, a 6:30 p.m. reception with hors d'oeuvres and 7 p.m. fashion show at the Elaine L. Jacobs Gallery on the Wayne State Campus, 480 West Hancock between Cass and Second, Detroit.

Post events to PINK's Style Calendar. E-mail pink@homecomm.net, fax 248-901-2553 or mail information to Pink The Observer Offices 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150



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Men are invited for an evening of hassle free shopping and hors d'oeuvres at Ceresnie and Offen Furs, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 16. Choose from furs, leathers, scarves, shearlings, gloves and ear muffs. Ladies — visit Ceresnie and Offen and make your "wish list" before the men arrive. 181 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. 248-642-1690

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Wouldn't it be wonderful to tuck some new Chanel into your garment bag for your winter cruise? Get a sneak peek at Chanel Spring/Summer 2005 at a special trunk show 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec 15-16 in the Chanel Boutique at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset. Call 248-614-3302

Lois Hill Trunk Show

Check out Lois Hill's scrumptious silver bangles and brooches at a special trunk show, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, Dec 17 at Von Maur, Laurel Park Place, Livonia

Earthy Treasures

Give an artsy gift this holiday season — clay and pottery works from Detroit and beyond. The "Earthy Treasures" show features Pewabic along with clay works from artists around the country through Dec 31. Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Call for hours, 313-822-0954

Fine Fragrances

Parisian Laurel Park will host a Fragrance Event Night, complete with gifts with purchase and complimentary gift wrap, 6-10 p.m. Monday, Dec 13. Call 734-953-7536

Candle Light Tour of Greenmead

Get a feel for holidays gone by on this romantic evening tour of the buildings at Greenmead Historical Park, each lit with candles and decorated time period appropriate, 6-8 p.m., Dec 26 & 27. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children. RSVP. Proceeds benefit Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Call 248-477-7375

Ferndale Block Parties

Drive down to Nine Mile near Woodward for some unique holiday shopping at weekly block parties in Ferndale. House of Chants, Stella, Dragonfly, Mother Fletchers and Rusted Moss will stay open 6-9 p.m. through Dec 23. Live entertainment, hot cocoa — and especially great deals — will make it worth the trip. www.downtownferndale.com



On the Cover

This season, holiday spirit comes wrapped in pretty pink paper and tied in a bow. Offer gifts with impact this holiday season with tips from Lisa Gleeson of Lisa's Gift Wrappers in Royal Oak, pages 8-9

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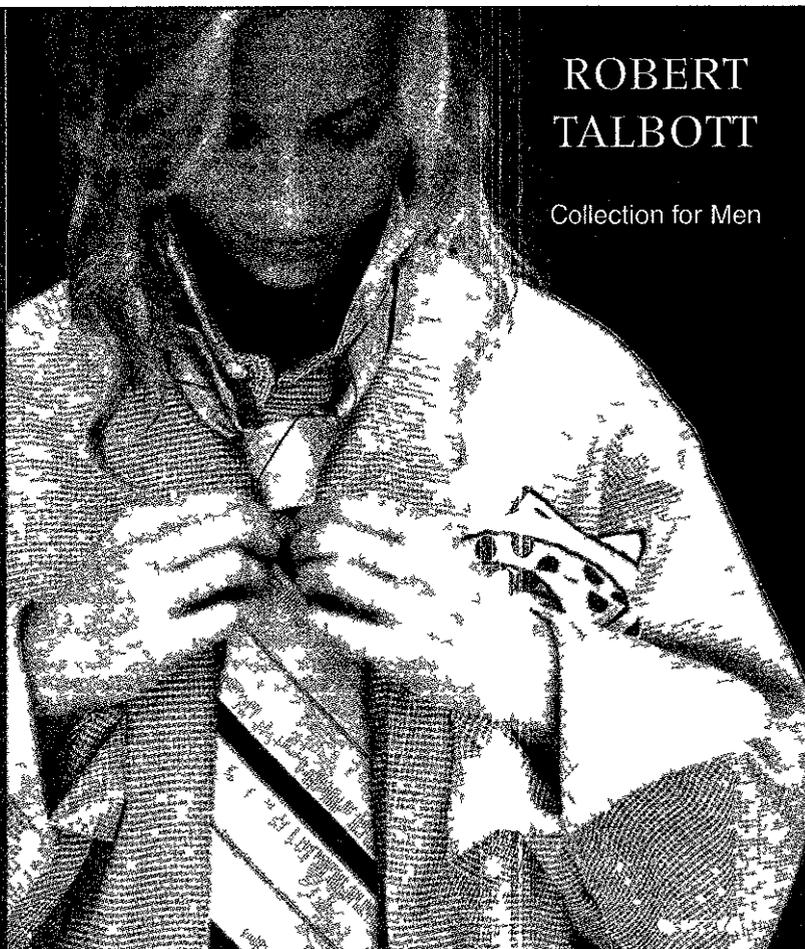


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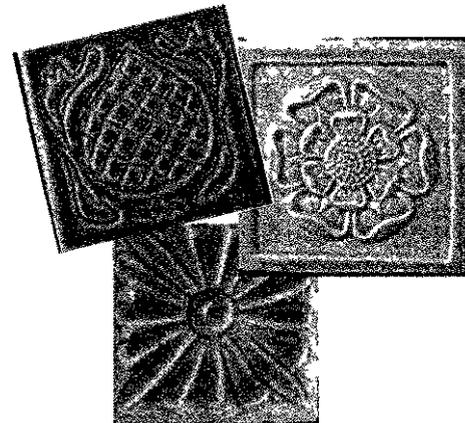
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Hostess Gifts

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Don't attend holiday parties empty handed!

Show your hostess you are thrilled to be at her holiday party with one of these cool takes on hostess gift giving! Old-fashioned or not, it's still good etiquette to bring a gift when attending a home party. So stock up and have a stash of items to grab for last-minute invites, because bringing these gifts will put you at the top of everyone's guest list!



Pewabic Pottery Tiles

Give your host a piece of an Arts and Crafts tradition with these unique handmade tiles. There is sure to be a design to suit her style and creative appreciation that she'll adore for years to come. \$16-\$43 available at 16 Hands Gallery in Ann Arbor.

Michael Aram Leaf Trivets

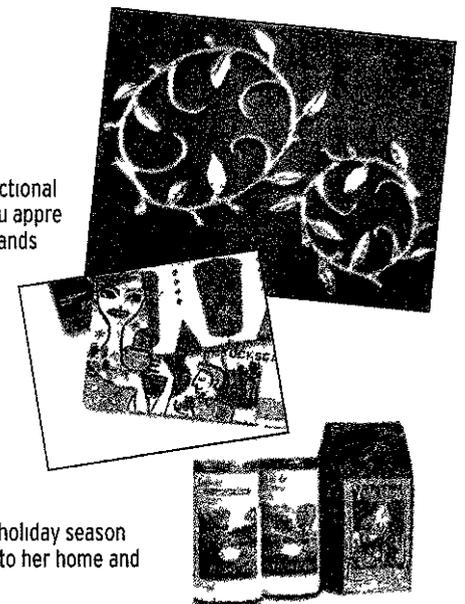
These gorgeous silver plated trivets are the ultimate in functional art. Bring one along for your special host to show them you appreciate their invitation and sense of style. \$30-\$40 from 16 Hands Gallery in Ann Arbor.

Starbucks Gift Cards

Now you can go a step beyond the use it and it's gone gift card by presenting your host with a Starbucks subscription card that you can refill every month! Always make sure the party princess is off to a warm start by becoming her chai latte momma! Any denomination at your local Starbucks.

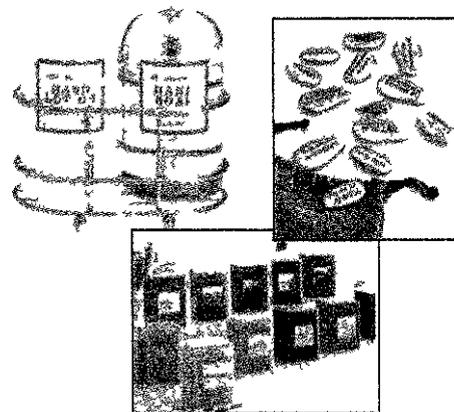
Holiday Blends Tea and Coffee

Buttered Rum and Yule Log flavors make a host happy this holiday season. Bring a selection of gourmet teas and coffees to add spice to her home and tea cup! \$6.99-\$12.99 at Cost Plus World Market.



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A practical and luxurious gift for the hospitable gal, aromatherapy liquid hand soap and lotion will bring a smile to her heart (and those that stay to help her clean up!). This formula is infused with essential oil of Madagascar Bourbon vanilla, enriched with moisturizing olive oil and sooths and heals with aloe vera. \$29.50 available at Williams Sonoma.



Compliment Stones

Tell her there's no party without you and that you are one smart cookie with adorable cast stones nestled in a faux suede pouch. Each brushed nickel finish stone is etched with a different upbeat affirmation that keeps the compliments coming long after the guests have left. \$30 from redenvelope.com.

Year of Wishes Candles

Give your host 12 months of wishful thinking that will help to inspire. Each of these 12 candles is labeled with a wish: joy, love, fun, adventure, luck, wealth, peace, health, longevity, success, balance, and comfort, and reveals a tiny treasure inside as it burns. \$70 from redenvelope.com.

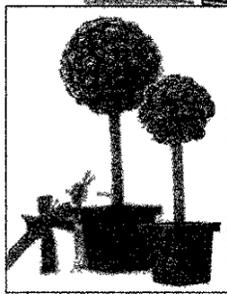
Ready to Grow Bulb and Seed Kits

Present your host with a gift that grows with these adorable potted seed kits. Easy to match all decors, these little planters add life and comfort to a room. \$5.99-\$19.99 from Cost Plus World Market



Cranberry Topiary

Add more color to your host's holiday decor with this darling faux cranberry topiary. The vivid color and texture of the fruit set on a natural branch and planted in a mahogany stained wooden box is sure to add flair to any party setting. \$18.99-\$30.99 from Pottery Barn



Leelanau Cellars Wine

You can never go wrong bringing a great bottle of wine for your host. Mix it up and choose a blend from a Michigan winery. Try Late Harvest Riesling, Tall Ship Chardonnay or Sleeping Bear Red from Leelanau Cellars. Available at grocery stores and wine merchants or www.leelanaucellars.com

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Hostess Gift Etiquette

- Always bring a hostess gift, or send one within a few days of the party. A "Thank You" at the door as you leave is not enough.
- If you don't know the host/hostess, wait until after the party when you've had a chance to see their home, then send a gift that is appropriate for their lifestyle.
- Gifts should be tasteful and relatively small. Don't give an expensive bottle of wine if the party was beer-and-chips casual.
- Fresh flowers are always appreciated, but showing up with a bouquet wrapped in florist's cellophane is not. Think ahead and arrive with your bouquet already arranged in a stylish vase, so your hostess isn't left to scramble for a container.
- If your hostess chooses to tuck your gift away rather than share it with the group on party night, be honored she loves it enough to want it only for herself!

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Saks takes over Fash Bash

By Christy L. Breithaupt PINK Correspondent



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This dress was part of Roberto Cavalli's Fall 2004 collection, shown in by Neiman Marcus for 2004 Fash Bash.

Perhaps you've heard rumors that Fash Bash was calling it quits. Well, thanks to Saks Fifth Avenue, those rumors are so last season. In late November, Saks officially joined the Detroit Institute of the Arts and General Motors for next year's fashion extravaganza. After a separation from long-time partner Marshall Field's, the DIA approached Saks.

"We're long-time partners with the DIA. We do a number of events together and have for years. We had done Fash Bash two years ago and there were a number of reasons we liked the change," says Cheryl Hall Lindsay, Fashion Director for Saks. "We like the new venue, we like the format change and the DIA approached us and we were delighted."

While no specifics have been nailed down yet, as far as the date or big-name designer, Fash Bash will take place at the Renaissance Center's Wintergarden. The event moved to the Wintergarden this year after a long history at the Fox Theater. Saks was encouraged by the change.

"It's a beautiful space. The high ceilings, the open area gives you a lot to work with — you can pretty much create any kind of a set you want," Lindsay says. "It's really one of those spaces that allows you to have a thousand people in it yet it still feels like you're at a small party. To feel like you're at a cozy party of 1,000 is a nice mix."

"I love the Fox, it's the most beautiful theater, but it is, in fact, a theater and it is meant for stage productions. A runway show where you can build your set in whatever way you want — it frees you up for all kinds of creative ideas."

With Detroit now back on the map in both the music and sports scenes, *Fash Bash* helps the city make a name for itself in the fashion world, Lindsay says.

We may not have many big name designers residing in the city but many fashion executives and designers now know of the event — a tradition too important to lose.

It's a real Detroit tradition and I think in order for something like Fash Bash to continue to grow and thrive it needs to change. I think the one-year hiatus gave everybody an opportunity to re-think Fash Bash. Fash Bash can be whatever we want it to be," Lindsay says. "It doesn't have to be what it was 20 years ago or even three years ago. I think that sort of spirit is very helpful — make it fresh. It's a signature event for the city."

Saks will design the set and show around whichever designer's collection they contract for the event, Lindsay says, but they hope to keep the event as fashionable and sophisticated as it's been in years past.

Saks Fifth Avenue has been part of Detroit for a long time. I think we will bring a mix of tradition, because we feel the tradition of the city, and that spirit of being a part of the city mixed with a fresh take. It's going to be a fresh attitude and a fresh look at what this event can be," she says. "I think Marshall Field's for years has done a wonderful job but we are delighted to have an opportunity to put our stamp on it. To take that mix of tradition, which we are also part of and make it something new and make it a Saks Fifth Avenue event. We're going to raise the bar."



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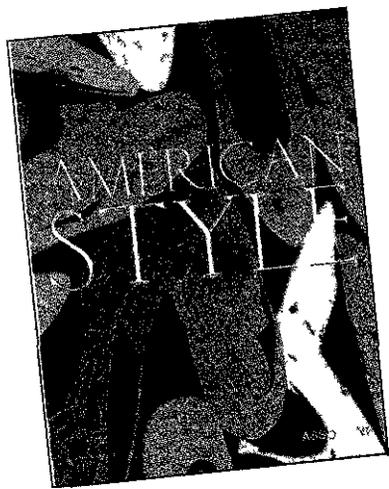
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Look books

Coffee table treats for your favorite fashionistas

By Samantha Critchell AP Fashion Editor

What is "American Style"? It's Rosie the Riveter and Barneys New York. It's Lauren Hutton and Jennifer Lopez. It's Rudi Gernreich and Zac Posen.

It's also a hefty coffee table book compiled by Kelly Killoren Bensimon, with more than 200 photos that trace how America's look has evolved, from 19th-century style icon Dolley Madison's years as first lady to Isaac Mizrahi's partnership with Target.

Harold Koda, the curator of the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, writes the introduction for *American Style* (Assouline \$50). He says, "A wide assortment of aesthetic impulses have animated our history, each evolving into distinctive regional and vernacular tags — Southern California beach bunnies, northeastern WASPs, Harlem hip hoppers, Western cowboys, Sex and the City urbanites. They flourish in an ideological context inflected by the country's fundamental principle of *e pluribus unum* — from many one."

The rest of the book is arranged by letter but not alphabetically. Among the icons noted are John B. Stetson, the hat company founder, Anne Fogarty, who wrote the 1959 book *Wife Dressing: The Fine Art of Being a Well-Dressed Wife*, Mary Tyler Moore, who introduced capri pants to most of the country, and Ralph Lauren, whose "all American label has become a rite of passage for men and women throughout the world."

Tom Ford, who left Gucci and the fashion world for Hollywood earlier this year, has produced his first blockbuster: the oversized 416-page *Tom Ford* (Rizzoli \$125) that comes with a white on black fabric cover and slides into a similar fabric-covered box.

There is some text, including contributions from Vanity Fair's Graydon Carter and Vogue's Anna Wintour, and a Q and A with Ford by W executive editor Bridget Foley, but in this case at least a picture is worth a thousand words.

Traditional runway photos are sandwiched between pages of Gucci's sexy ads and paparazzi shots of celebrities such as Nicole Kidman and Charlize Theron wearing Ford's designs.

Ford's not camera-shy either. He's featured in portraits — including one by Richard Avedon — and the book's final image is Ford under a spotlight at an otherwise empty fashion show.

The shiny gold package for *Music Dolce & Gabbana* (Assouline \$95) resembles an album



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN STYLE

This photo of a line up of leggy models appears in the new coffee table book *American Style*.

cover and the graphic on the book's cover is a vinyl record, although some of the stars featured on its pages probably don't know what records are.

Maybe the record theme suits old timers like Debbie Harry, pictured in a gold brocade jacket, or Rod Stewart wearing an embellished purple jacket and white shirt with lace insets, but it's probably as unfamiliar as a modest turtleneck to Christina Aguilera, who poses in a black lace corset dress.

Nonetheless, all the stars who sing the praises of the Italian design duo of Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana look great, and the quotes — which are usually about fame, not fashion — remind readers that rock stars live in their own reality anyway.

The insular world of fashion opens up briefly, in *In-Tents* (PowerHouse, \$75), a behind-the-scenes look at New York Fashion Week by shutterbug Patrick McMullan, with a

foreword by Katie Couric.

McMullan is a fixture on the Manhattan fashion scene and is friendly with its major players, so he has access to places most photographers, let alone ordinary fashion fans, don't. His scrapbook of the Bryant Park tents includes photos of Gisele Bündchen having her long locks curled backstage at a BCBG Max Azria show, Denzel Washington hanging with Tyson Beckford and Lenny Kravitz at Tommy Hilfiger and the doughnuts served at Kenneth Cole.

In-Tents also highlights the lightning speed at which the industry operates, since many of the designers, celebrities and models prominently featured in the first few Fashion Weeks are gone by the tents' 10th anniversary. Todd Oldham, Kate Moss and Linda Evangelista among them.

Carolina Herrera is part of today's high fashion fabric, but her interest in beautiful gowns and sophisticated suits can be traced to her childhood in Venezuela. *Carolina Herrera: Portrait of a Fashion Icon* (Assouline, \$60) begins with a "family album" of Herrera in Caracas, including one picture of the future designer as a young girl at a dog show with the collar on her shirt turned up just right and unexpected hoop earrings that are a subtle sign of stylishness to come.

Dressing up was always part of Herrera's life and writer Alexandra Kotur weaves together photos by Robert Mapplethorpe and Annie Leibovitz with Herrera's life story quotes and comments from friends including Bianca Jagger and Ian Schrager.

Before he became synonymous with pop art, Andy Warhol was a successful commercial artist, including a regular gig creating holiday cards for Tiffany & Co. *Greetings from Andy (Warhol) Christmas at Tiffany's* (Abrams, \$25) features several colorful card designs that clearly show the beginning of Warhol's signature style. There are chubby cherubs and a monkey hanging an ornament from his tail.

The text largely comes from *The Andy Warhol Diaries*, but John Loring, Tiffany's design director, writes the introduction, citing Warhol's appreciation of life's little

surface charms.

Another of Warhol's lesser-known talents was fashion illustration, but his playful sketches for Harper's Bazaar, Glamour, The New Yorker and other tastemakers are now compiled in *Andy Warhol Fashion* (Chronicle, \$19.95).

Two photographers whose images are far more famous than their names get their own books: *Rico Puhlmann: A Fashion Legacy, Photographs and Illustrations 1955-1996* (Merrell, \$59.95) by William Ewing and Adelheid Rasche and *Norman Parkinson: Portraits in Fashion* (Trafalgar Square, \$45) by Robin Muir.

Parkinson's career spanned seven decades, shooting for magazines such as Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Town & Country and England's Queen. He photographed Ava Gardner and Audrey

Hepburn — and Donald Trump.

Parkinson was known to appreciate models with quirks. Talking about 1960s model Celia Hammond, he said,

"Celia has tremendous imperfections, yet I think these add up to her attraction because other women feel that if they tried

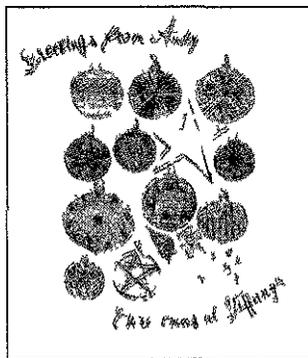
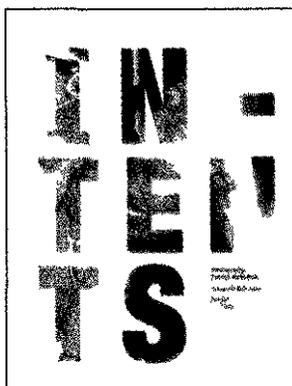


really hard they could look as good as she does.

The first full-page photo in the book about Puhlmann features a woman in a pillbox hat and full-length leather gloves, so that's an indication that this one-time illustrator enjoyed a long career behind the lens.

Puhlmann, who died aboard TWA Flight 800 in 1996, was famous for his easy manner, which made him a favorite portraitist of celebrities. Photos in the book include Cheryl Tiegs modeling an exotic hat, Naomi Campbell in lingerie and Isabella Rossellini wrapped in fur on a beach.

William Wegman's *Dressup Batty* (Hyperion, \$19.99) is a different sort of fashion book — sort of. The model is Wegman's dog Batty, his four-legged weimaraner, who certainly doesn't have the most delicate features or graceful gait, but she does show an affinity for all the things that her catwalk counterparts like, such as sequined gowns, cowboy boots and a different purse for every mood.



wrap it

From traditional to trendy, pre

When it comes to wrapping up pretty paper packages, Lisa Gleason is the go-to. Owner of Lisa's Gift Wrappers in Royal Oak, Michigan, Gleason is creating knockout presentations. This holiday season, she shares her best wrapping hints from Gleason.

What's Hot

└ Pink, pink and more pink — even at Christmas! — is making its way into the holiday, alongside the traditional red and green. Or follow leading designers, especially Kate Spade, where pink mixed with bright green is a hot color combination.

└ In the ribbon category, chenille stems — continuous lengths on rolls, like ribbon, and available in a variety of fun colors. The wire centers are easily manipulated.

└ Wired beads are also popular this season. The beads come in various colors and finishes, giving a funky, artsy and fresh look to a package. Simply twist the wire to accentuate the beads.

└ Traditional reds and greens are still in high demand, with popular patterns like baroque scrolls and reindeer — just about everything from classic to emulate designs from the 1950's, '60's and '70's, updated to the pop art of the 70's to themes with cats, snowmen and a nod to the 80's. — Keenan Higgins

Wrapping Tips

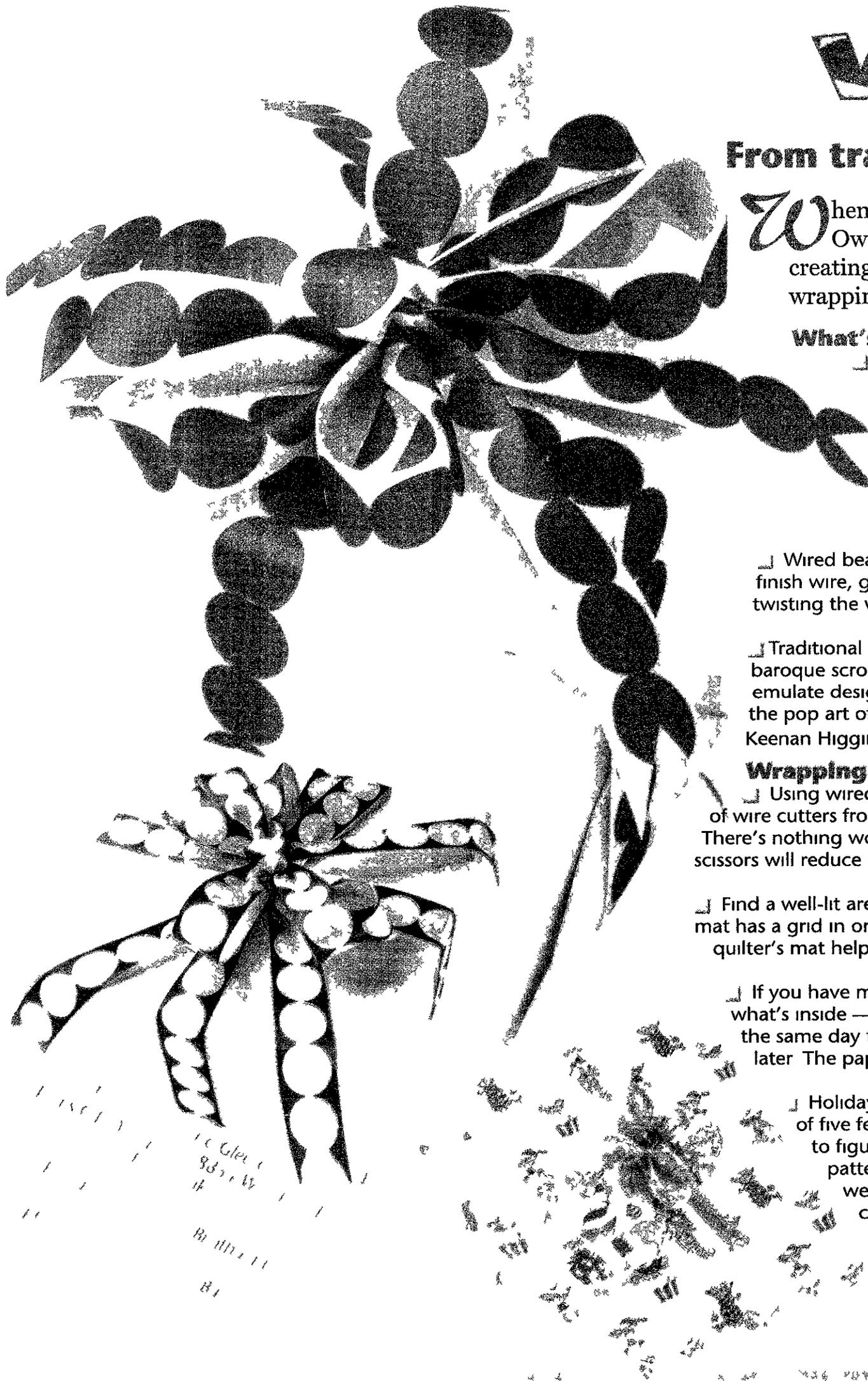
└ Using wired ribbons? You'll wreck your scissors if you use them. Use a pair of wire cutters from your craft store or local hardware. Use your scissors for cutting paper. There's nothing worse than tape on your scissors when you're trying to cut. Sharp scissors will reduce hand fatigue — keep them sharp so you can push through.

└ Find a well-lit area in your house to work. My favorite spot is my dining room table (it has a grid in one-inch blocks). I can adjust my ironing board to the height of the table. A quilter's mat helps me cut my paper straighter.

└ If you have multiple gifts for one person to wrap, use one paper for all of them — and you can vary the wrap with different ribbons. This way, the gift comes into your home the same day. Find a good storage space for the paper. The paper part always takes longer than the ribbons.

└ Holiday wrapping paper comes in large rolls — those are usually 5 feet wide. You can wrap bigger things with the longer rolls. Figure out what size boxes you'll wrap the most of and choose a pattern that works on both large and small boxes equally well. And, you can never go wrong with a classic pattern that can be used all year round.

└ To add splash to the inside of your packages, use a paper shredder. Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions. Paper should be shredded at one time.



Up!

Entertainment is half the fun!

ages, Lisa Gleeson is the undisputed queen. Gleeson is a true professional when it comes to on, make the trappings part of the gift with these

he trend for Pink that started last spring has rolled right and greens. Add silver or gold to make it more elegant, Spade, with chocolate ribbons or polka dot designs. Pink je from the more traditional shades of Christmas

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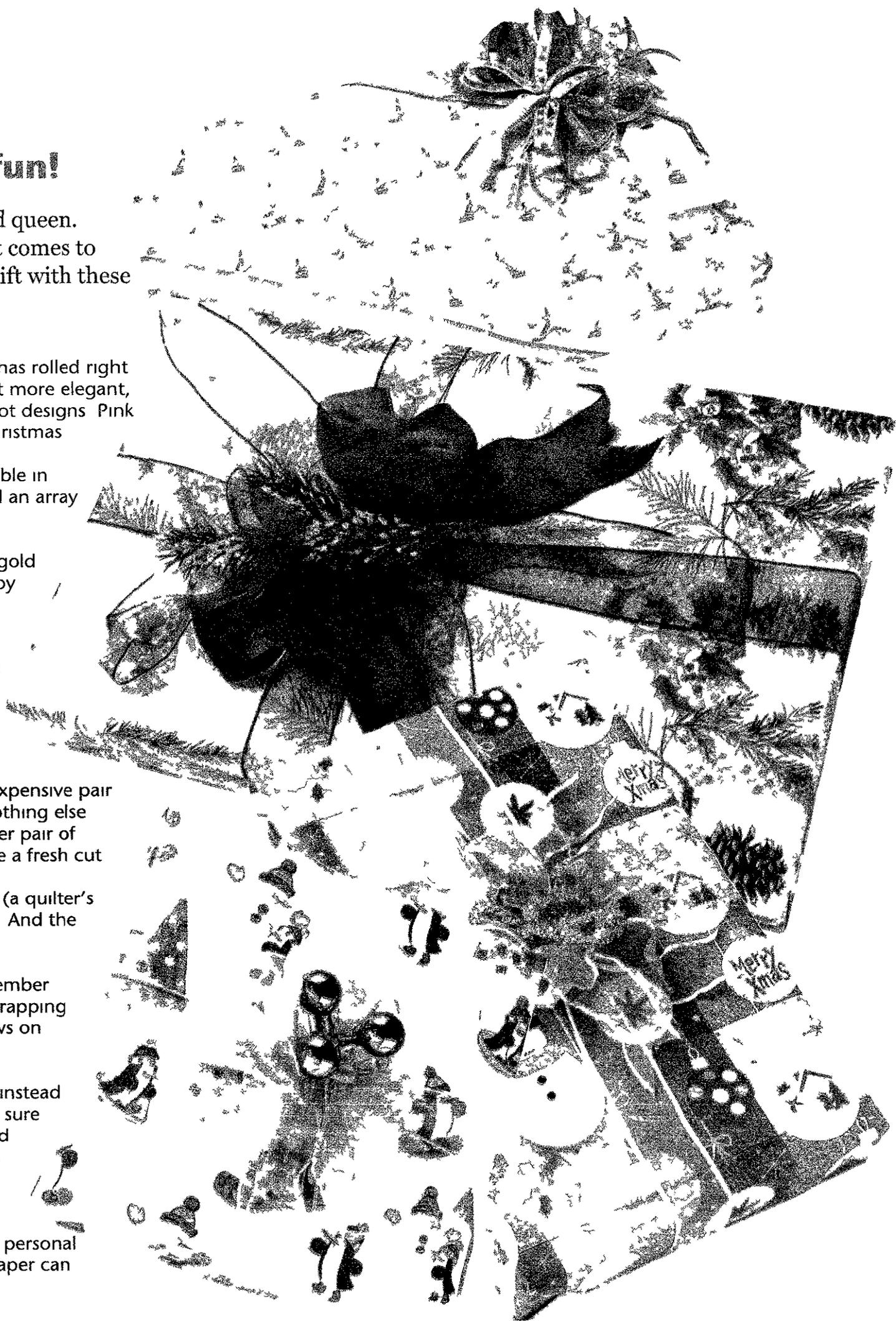
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Design Lab fuels Detroit's up-and-coming designers

Story By Christy L. Brethaupt ■ Photos by Scott Brethaupt

There is a place in downtown Detroit where dreams are coming true. It is a small shop filled with handmade clothes and one-of-a-kind accessories and in the center of the room sits a sewing machine surrounded by bits of cloth and feathers. Bare white walls allow the colorful creations to be the center of attention. This is the Pure Detroit Design Lab and it is helping the Detroit fashion designers of today create the clothes of tomorrow.



The Design Lab, which opened officially on Nov. 5, is the branchchild of husband-wife team

Shawn Santo and Kevin Borsay who also own the Pure Detroit chain and lingerie store Vera Jane. Santo had been mulling the idea over for years and took the leap when the opportunity presented itself.

The Pure Detroit Design Lab started when we had an opportunity to move to the Guardian building and we didn't really want to give up our storefront on Congress Street so we tried to think of another concept we

could do a block away that would actually enhance the Pure Detroit brand, she said. "We had an excellent fashion designer, Sara Lurtz, who had been working at our Vera Jane store so I think it was just a matter of the right person, the right space and the right time."

The new space varies in several ways from the couple's other stores. The Pure Detroit spaces feature mainly T-shirts and other streetwear with catchy Detroit logos. The Design Lab offers unique clothing made by local designers who sell the clothes on a consignment system.

"We often get fashion designers coming to us with their one-of-a-kind garments and it's really a hard sell in our traditional Pure Detroit stores. So this is a place where it's just dedicated to showcasing the work of local designers," Santo said. "In a lot of thriving cities that have a youth culture you see a really active fashion scene and it's not that apparent in Detroit. The fashion scene here is underground or being exported to New York. The



Designer Sarah Lapinski (from left), Pure Detroit owner Shawn Santo and Design Lab Director Sarah Lurtz.

inspiration grew out of the frustration of not having the Detroit fashion scene accessible to the public.

The store also chooses a feature designer every six weeks. The designer is given a small stipend for materials, studio time, choice of wall artwork and music, control of the window space and an opening and closing party. The hope is that spaces such as this one will keep

designers in the Detroit area instead of heading off to a bigger metropolis. Sarah Lurtz was one such designer who was ready to pack it in and head for greener pastures.

"I was going to leave. I was going overseas — New Zealand I think," she said. Shawn said they had this idea for doing the Design Lab — "I desperately wanted to do it."

Lurtz now runs the Design Lab and is excited to see the talent that comes in to show off their wares. But she has a big job in choosing which designers get space.

Sarah has really high standards. She's very big on construction and she's pretty picky. She

reviews designer's works and then makes selections," Santo said. "One time I saw her look at maybe 25 pieces from a woman and take three."

The store, which had a soft opening two months ago, is really just beginning to build



These ladylike dresses are from the Design Lab's first featured designer, Molly Leonard (Lula Mae designs).

chentele, but it got much attention from the Los Angeles folks that were downtown recently filming the DreamWorks picture *The Island*.

"We did really well with people in town for the movie — a lot of people from out of town who want to get things that are hand made from people in Detroit. We've been getting a lot of people down from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills — people who just want something different," Lurtz said. "It's a very diverse clientele of people who appreciate original pieces and handmade items. Everything is almost like a piece of art."

In addition to the new Design Lab, Santo and Borsay have been busy entrepreneurs. They opened a new store in the Guardian Building that features the usual T-shirt fare but with an added architectural twist. The store caters to those with interests in architecture and has a wall of books on the subject. The new store also sells sweets and other edible goodies that are from Detroit such as Sanders, Faygo and locally made hot sauces. Before Christmas the Pure Detroit GM collection will open in the Renaissance Center. The new store will be very autocratic and will showcase clothing and home items with an automotive flair. The GM collection will also show off some art — previously unreleased photos and sketches from the GM archives will be on display.

Pure Detroit Design Lab is located at 156 W. Congress @ Shelby in Detroit. Call 313-961-8320 or visit www.puredetroitdesignlab.com

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Anelli comes to town

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Scott Gregory announced this week it has become the exclusive dealer of the luxurious Anelli Collection in Michigan. The Anelli Collection features exclusive Italian products not previously found in the U.S. market, including luxury cashmere, and hand and travel bags. According to Designer Stacey Bewkes, Anelli products are selected based on six criteria. Unique concept, outstanding design, superior craftsmanship, limited production, personal testing and lifestyle compatibility. "Women today are looking for luxurious, one-of-a-kind items that accentuate their individuality and are of the highest quality," Bewkes said.

Scott Gregory has a variety of cashmere shrugs, wraps and shawls, along with drawstring leather bags that will carry you everywhere from dinner or the tennis court in style.

We believe that this unique collection will appeal to the discerning eye of the women in the tri-county area," Scott Gregory Owner Wendy Schwartz said. Scott Gregory is located 6525 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-203-9050 or visit www.shopscottgregory.com



The Anelli line new to Scott Gregory features luxe cashmere wraps and classic bags.

Buy a brooch for charity

NOVI — Fashion pins are the hottest look this season. From Novi to New York, and from Howell to Hollywood, everyone is sporting these gems on their clothes.

Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi will donate 50 percent of all jewelry purchases made by Dec. 15 to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle, which provides a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor men, women and children.

"The brooches really compliment sweaters, blouses, even jackets. They're also well suited for evening wear, adding a special touch," said Nadwa Yono, owner of Salone Nadwa and Day Spa.

Salone Nadwa is located at 43236 Eleven Mile in the Novi Town Center. Call 248-348-7316.

African-American hair care

SOUTHFIELD — Dirk Evans, renowned hairstylist and former researcher for Soft Sheen/Carson, will sign copies of his new book, *Home Hair Care Guide* noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at U.S. Hair Care, Northland Center. The new, 112-page book offers African American women all the tips they need to keep their hair healthy and stylish. The event will also feature product giveaways. Find out more about Dirk Evans at InTheSalon.com.

Register your wish lists

PLYMOUTH — We've heard of registering for baby showers and weddings, but Christmas and Hanukkah? The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is suggesting you do just that. In a unique, new holiday promotion, you can register your list of wishes at stores in Plymouth. The chamber will issue you a Gift Wish Card designating with which stores you have registered. Give the Gift Wish Card to your mom, who loves to shop local, or your hubby, who hasn't a clue, and be sure you'll get what you want for the holidays while encouraging people to support Plymouth's downtown shops. For more information, call 734-453-1540, e-mail chamber@plymouthmi.org, or visit www.plymouthmi.org.

Plastic surgery from Santa?

FARMINGTON HILLS — The future is now, whether we like it or not. Thanks to gift certificates from a local plastic surgeon, people can give breast implants, tummy tucks and lip collagen as holiday gifts. Dr. Michelle Hardaway has issued the gift certificates, which can be cashed in with her at the Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and Laser Center in Farmington Hills. The certificates can be used on virtually any cosmetic, reconstructive and laser surgery service, from hair removal to dermabrasion, liposuction to massage. The gift giver specifies how much they'd like to spend and which service they'd like to give. Voila!

The Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and Laser Center is located at 27920 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call 248-855-6030 or visit www.michellhardawaymd.com.

holdeverything opens at Somerset

TROY — Williams-Sonoma, Inc. recently announced the opening of the first holdeverything store in Michigan. Holdeverything is the premier provider of upscale home organization and specialty storage solutions for every room in the home. Somerset customers will be some of the first in the country to see the brand new look of the holdeverything retail concept at the 7,283-square foot store.

"We are excited to open holdeverything at The Somerset Collection. The store will feature a significant new design from the traditional look of our existing retail stores, according to Dave DeMattei, president of emerging brands for Williams-Sonoma, Inc. The new retail store front and interior is inspired by mid-century architecture that embodies a modern style and optimism we feel captures the essence of the brand.

The store design is influenced by the look and feel of mid-century residential architect, Joseph Eichler. It features many iconic home elements such as a stone brick 'hearth' located at the center of the store, a post and lintel column beam across the ceiling and two 14-foot front windows (facing into the mall) designed

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Ask the Dentist

Q Dr. Levi, we have a debate going on in our family about what kind of toothbrush we should use. What is your recommendation?

A Toothbrushes as you are aware come in many different sizes shapes and degrees of stiffness. Add electric brushes to the mix and it does become confusing. The problem for most people though is that they just don't brush long enough. You should brush teeth at least 2-3 minutes at least twice a day. When it is inconvenient to brush, chew sugarless gum to remove food particles after eating.

Which toothbrush is best? In general a brush that is small (1" X 1/2") allows easier access to all areas of the mouth, teeth and gums. It should have soft nylon bristles with rounded ends so you don't hurt your gums. Never use a hard bristle brush.

Change your brush every 3-4 months. If you catch a cold or the flu, change the brush at the beginning and at the end of the illness. Brushes can harbor bacteria that could complicate an illness.

Electric toothbrushes don't work that much better but they do cover more area faster. If you have one, don't add a lot of unnecessary pressure when brushing.



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Ask the Jeweler

Q I know you specialize in Gemstones so you may be able to help. I have guests from out of the country and would like to give them a stone from our state. I say the Petoskey is the state gemstone and my wife says it's not. Who is right?

A It's an often-confusing question. The Petoskey stone is technically a fossil 250 million years ago. Michigan was covered with a shallow salt water sea that was home to the "Hexagonarie" coral. As the geology of the state changed gradually the remains of this native coral species fossilized and became what today is known as the Petoskey, our state stone. However the state GEMSTONE is another mineral called the Chlorastrolite or Michigan Greenstone. It's unique mottled green color and "turtle back" pattern make it a standout amongst other gemstones. The major source for the Petoskey is the northern half of the Lower Peninsula while the Greenstone is mainly found on Isle Royal and the south shore of Lake Superior. For more information on these or any gemstones call or visit our website www.minersden.com

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Shine on with Astrological Make-up Tips

Aries: (March 21-April 19)

Look out for hidden obstacles midweek. Keep your wits about you, and you'll overcome any challenge. A well-blended concealer will give the appearance of a flawless face when those pesky aesthetic problems arise as well!

Taurus: (April 20-May 20)

Take a break from your daily grind, and stretch your legs. Exercise helps clear your mind and gives a great rosy glow. If you absolutely can't make it to the gym, get the look with a cream blush on the apples of your cheeks.

Gemini: (May 21-June 22)

Efforts put forth in the romantic department are about to pay off. Make sure your lips are kissable with a gloss that also moisturizes and protects from harsh winter elements. Try Rose Bud Salve to leave your kisser slightly pink and oh-so-soft!



Rose bud salve leaves Gemini's lips kissable \$5.50 @ sephora.com

Cancer: (June 22-July 22)

We all know hard work pays off in the end. However, it will wreak havoc on your

sleep schedule. Make sure you sneak in some rest, and in the meantime brighten those sleepy lids with an eye-brightening pink, soft white, or silver shadow.

Leo: (July 23-Aug 22)

The arts are alive and well during the holidays. Take in a play or gallery exhibit to satisfy your artful eye. Prime those peeps with a lush mascara that will open and widen for full viewing pleasure.

Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Watch your spending this time of year. It is easy to go overboard during the season of giving. One solid investment is a perfectly matched foundation that will give you a polished, even look. Definitely a must-have for all of those swank holiday parties ahead.

Libra: (Sept 23-Oct 23)

Someone, somewhere out there is waiting to reward all of your amazing feats this week. Make sure you leave your sweats at home and step out looking award-show ready. A light touch of highlighter on the brow bone and cheeks will give you that glam glow of Hollywood. Gorgeous!

Scorpio: (Oct 24-Nov 21)

'Tis the season for snow sports. Skating, ice skating, and hockey are all part of the winter fun, so get out there and enjoy! A tinted moisturizer protects from winter glare and drying winds with light coverage.

All this fun will pay off, keeping you feeling as young as you look!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21)

With a birthday in sight, why not let yourself shine a bit more than usual? Treat yourself this week, after all you are the birthday girl. A lipstick in a fun, flattering shade of red lets everyone who the woman of the hour is, no doubt.

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19)

A well-placed compliment can do wonders. Be sure to praise those around you, and in turn you'll feel fabulous as well. Keep that sunny outlook all year, and a sun-kissed glow to match. A light touch of bronzer on the nose, forehead and cheek bones should do the trick.

Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18)

Even the darkest of clouds have a silver lining. By the end of the week you'll see

the light. In the meantime, work the moody angle with a dark, smudged eye that oozes with mystery and appeal. Just be careful not to go overboard or you'll end up with what looks like a black eye!

Pisces: (Feb 21-March 20)

Is someone feeling extra festive this week? Perhaps all of the holiday festivities and family affairs are brightening your holiday more than expected. Stand out with false lashes (surprisingly easy to apply) and be the belle of any holiday ball.



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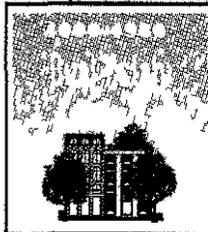
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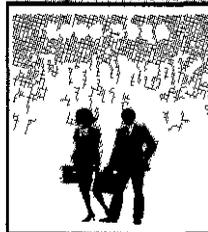
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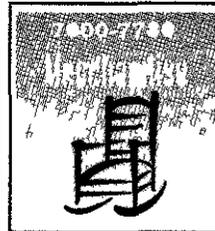
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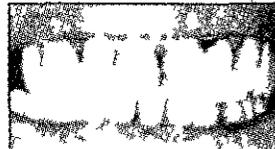
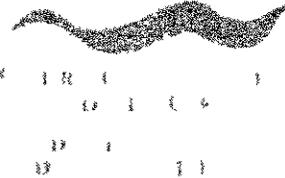
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A Passion for the Burn

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I am NOT talking the yankee doodle dandy kind at the card shop or even those found in that one aisle at our fave red-bullseye-logo superstore — I am talking about non-synthetic, lead-free, clean and long burning sparklers cradled in gorgeous packages that can make your bath the ultimate bliss as easily as they make cleaning your home a Zen experience.

My current fave is the Voluspa line (\$23 at Ruby's Balm) which is made from food-grade (read that used in high-end cosmetics) wax and burns for DAYS!

The scents include the gorgeous Mimosa Martini, delectable Italian

Tangelo and the expensive-smelling Crisp Champagne.

Other brands to pamper yourself with include the Henri Bendel New York line (\$25 at Bath and Body Works) in White Lily and Amber, the classic Diptyque line especially in Fig (\$48) along with the girly Tocca delighers in gorgeous Grace (\$32 Both at Ruby's Balm), and the exotic soy-based Pacifica pillars in Red Ginger and Mexican Cocoa (\$12-\$28 at Whole Foods). Why not step-up ALL of your home-based events with these aromatic luxuries next time you entertain, watch TV, read a book, eat breakfast, lunch AND dinner? Make it your policy that anything you do around your pad (while you are awake, of course!) deserves to be indulged in the warmth and quality of fine candles.

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Wouldn't it be a dream to have Ashton Kutcher, Orlando Bloom or Johnny Depp with you at all times? It's totally possible, thanks to Mag Bags.

Plymouth artist Molly Revers has fashioned a business out of putting the stars at people's fingertips. Revers crafts handbags out of album and magazine covers, sealing them in transparent plastic and attaching plastic tubing handles.

At Bella Mia in Plymouth, Revers' purses feature albums by Journey, Peter Frampton and Fleetwood Mac.

Those sell for \$50, because Revers has to track down the covers on ebay. Less expensive (\$18) are purses made from magazine covers. Customers are invited to choose shots of celebs out of books at the store, or bring in their own photos to be laminated.

According to Bella Mia owner Arlette



Molly Revers Mag Bags are hot sellers at Bella Mia

Stobbe, young girls like bags featuring heartthrobs like Kutcher, Bloom and Chad Michael, but they also like purses boasting their favorite fashionable female stars — like Paris Hilton and Britney Spears.

Marilyn Monroe is

a favorite of all ages.

Some people opt to use photos of faces closer to home. One woman brought in photos of her sweetie. Another ordered purses for her whole swim team featuring shots of them.

"If you're not brave enough to carry your favorite magazine star around on a handbag, we've got eyeglass cases too. You can slip your glasses in them, and pull them out when your friends are around and say 'look who I have in my pocket,'" Stobbe said.

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