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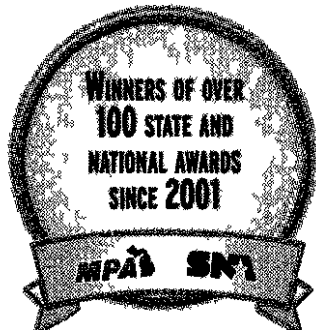
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Radio award
WSDP's Kurt Edelbrock was honored with a John Drury High School Radio Award North Central College in Naperville, Ill sponsored the awards
Edelbrock received the second-place award in the Best Promo category The award was presented Dec 4 in suburban Chicago The competition is named in honor of John Drury, the award winning ABC Chicago news anchor
Kurt is very deserving of the recognition said station manager Bill Keith He produces work that could rival professionals working in the Detroit area I've always been impressed by his creativity
WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools The station is celebrating 30 years of serving the Plymouth-Canton community

Safe rides
Plymouth police are teaming with Central Distributors of Beer, ABC Cab and many Plymouth area bars and restaurants to offer "Project Safe Ride Plymouth" through Saturday, Jan 1
Patrons of participating bars and restaurants will be able to obtain a cab ride home in the event they've had too much to drink The program is meant to encourage responsible drinking, not the over use of alcohol
"This is a great partnership between the distributor, the cab company and our local establishments to help ensure everyone has a happy holiday season and everyone arrives home safely, Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said
The city will provide a taxi stand downtown Central Distributors and the participating establishments will pay the fare ABC Cab will offer reduced rates
Participating Plymouth establishments include Doyle's Tavern, Hermann's Old Towne Grill, Plymouth Crossing, 336 Main, Plaza Lanes, Boulders, E G Nick's, Compari's, Sean O'Callaghan's, Bannigan's Station 885, LaBistecca, Ernesto's, Plymouth Pub and the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall

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Robbery suspect caught after chase

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A suspect in nine southeast Michigan bank robberies - including the Comerica Bank in Plymouth Township - was in critical condition at St Joseph Mercy Hospital Friday afternoon after crashing his car in Canton while being pursued by Michigan State Police troopers
The man is also a suspect in robberies in Farmington, Livonia and Northville, among others
Lt Robert Smith, assistant chief for the Plymouth Township Police Department, said no definitive answer

was available yet, but that the man may have been the one who robbed the Comerica
"He fits the description given by witnesses," Smith said "We won't know for sure for awhile
MSP Sgt Matt Nutt said the chase began after the Flagstar Bank in Chelsea was robbed around 9 45 a.m Friday
'A man went into the bank and implied he had a weapon, Nutt said "He left the bank with money A witness saw him in his car and called Chelsea Police
The local police broadcast a description of the car, a black BMW, which was

spotted by a Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy who gave chase on eastbound I-94
State Police joined the chase as the man proceeded east on M-14 at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour, Nutt said "He was swerving on our patrol cars several times during the chase," Nutt said "He almost hit three of them"
The man left M-14 and headed south on Beck Road where he was allegedly traveling more than 70 miles per hour State Police continued their pursuit as the man crossed Cherry Hill Road
"We attempted to stop him," Nutt said "He rammed into one of our patrol cars,

lost control and flipped in the air"
Canton Police were not involved in the chase but monitored it as it moved into the township
"It went right by Dodson Elementary School," said Canton Police Sgt Rick Pomorski
Nutt said the man was identified as a white male, about 40 years old who lives in Farmington
An FBI spokesman said the bureau believes the man is a serial bank robber that they have dubbed the "Sysco Bandit"

PLEASE SEE SUSPECT, A8

Bully pulpit

Program shows students key is being nice

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Ten-year old Stephame Sheridan admits she used to be a bully
'When I was in kindergarten, I was being mean to another person,' confessed Stephame a fifth-grader at Tonda Elementary in Canton Township Then they bullied me I stopped, but then they kept doing it to me I finally told the teacher and they stopped"
Stephame said her bullying days are over
I wouldn't do it now because I want to be nice and make more friends, she said And, I don't want to get into trouble
Bullying can be a problem, no matter what the age group Amy Caudill, a third-grade teacher at Tonda, helped her students choreograph skits for each grade level to show the importance of respecting all classmates
"There are a lot of messages I was hoping our class would get across, but



Tonda Elementary School third-graders (from left) Briana Grillo Katie Schweikhart and Sarah Wohl take part in acting out a skit about bullying during a program the class put together to help educate their classmates about the importance of getting along

the big one is kids who are picked on can't always stick up for themselves said Caudill Lets have positive peer pressure by helping those kids who are being picked on
Caudill said statistics show three kids in every classroom begin the school day physically ill They're sick because they know they are going to be picked on," said Caudill "We want to show there are positive ways to deal with these kinds of situations, and maybe the bully will realize they shouldn't be acting like that"

Caudill added that nearly 30 percent of all students who are bullied early on eventually commit some type of violence in high school
'It's important to know that you shouldn't bully other people,' said Madeline Andrews, 8, of Canton It makes them feel sad, and you shouldn't do it"
Madeline, a Tonda third-grader, said she's seen bullying during soccer games and while on the playground
"I think bullies don't feel good about

themselves, and they do it to make themselves feel better said Madeline "I would tell them not to do that because it could hurt someone's feelings, and I don't want to be responsible for hurting someone else's feelings"
Caudill agrees with Madeline that bullies don't generally have high self-esteem
"Many times people think bullies feel good about themselves, but it's generally

PLEASE SEE BULLY, A5



Holiday notes
Plymouth Canton Schools Orchestra and Chorus play at the Cultural Center Friday afternoon for the Plymouth Rotary Club Catherine DePentu directs the students in performing 'Hallelujah The orchestra plays for the Rotary Club at its pre-Christmas meeting every year

Eatery workers hungry for pay

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A half-dozen workers of the now-closed Dartmoor restaurant on Forest Street picketed in the cold Thursday night chanting 'Hey, hey, the owner doesn't pay,' because they worked at the defunct eatery for nearly two months and were never paid
The former employees - bartenders, waitresses and cooks - claim Kim Guenther, the owner of Gladstones who reportedly took over the management of The Dartmoor Oct 19, never issued paychecks during the two months Guenther ran the restaurant before it closed Dec 5 Efforts by employees to find him have failed
'It's really an eye-opener on how people do business,' said Kelly Clay of Plymouth, a bartender and night manager at The Dartmoor, who protested outside Gladstones
'He (Guenther) seemed like he was

concerned about taking care of the employees, talking about Christmas parties and giving us iPods for Christmas," she said "If you had a slow night, he would tip you \$40 But, nobody has been paid since Oct 19, except for some hush money here and there"
Employees said when they would complain to Guenther, he would give them \$50-\$100 to carry them until the checks came
'We agreed that whenever he caught up, he would pay us something But, he never paid us a nickel," said Kim Sauter, a mother of three who worked 12-hour weekend shifts as a night cook to make extra money for the holidays "He kept saying he would pay, and kept promising But, we were told we were at the low end of the totem pole"
Attempts by the Observer to reach Guenther were unsuccessful Employees

PLEASE SEE DARTMOOR, A5

School land buy will allow for more parking

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

An improved and larger parking lot and bus loop will be constructed at Fiegel Elementary after the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on Tuesday night purchased property adjacent to the school
The district, on a 5-1 vote, bought one of two properties next to the Plymouth Township school, which will allow for the enhanced parking lot and bus loop reconfigurations to be paid from a \$109 million bond issue passed by voters Sept 28
"Anytime you get an opportunity

to buy property around a land-locked school, especially one with such a small site like the nine acres around Fiegel, we wanted the board to take a look at it,' Supt Jim Ryan said "We felt if we got it, we could do that famous split of the bus loop and the parent pickup and dropoff and increase our safety"
The property, which has a rental unit, sold for \$198,000 However, Ryan said that with the additional \$126,000 made from the sale of district property in Canton Township, plus the money generated from the rental unit for a couple of years before the renovations begin at Fiegel, the net cost to the

district will be only \$11,000
'I think the safety issue itself in separating the home dropoff and the buses is a major factor in providing for our children,' Trustee Carol Saunders said
Board President Mark Slavens said he agreed it was an opportune time to buy the property, but he still had reservations and voted against the purchase
'I'm just concerned that with the budgetary constraints that we're going to face in the future, I just cannot see spending this money at this point in time,' Slavens said
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Coming Thursday in Filter

'Forbidden Christmas'
Actors lampoon the typical celebrity holiday variety special with song dance and lots of laughs



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LEADERSHIP AWARD

Cathy Clough of Plymouth, founder and executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville, was presented with the Communications and Leadership Award from District 28 Branch of Toastmaster's International. New Hope Center for Grief Support, a non-profit Christian-based bereavement outreach center serving grieving children, teens and adults throughout southeastern Michigan, was founded in January 2000. Before founding New Hope Center, Clough worked for 14 years as the director of bereavement services at an area hospice.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Happy Hounds Dog Day Care and the Pet Teacher will offer puppy and adult basic

obedience classes at Happy Hounds Dog Day Care in Plymouth beginning Jan. 12. Wednesday classes will start Jan. 12 with Tuesday classes starting Jan. 25. Puppy and adult dog classes are available either day. Each class will run six weeks with a fee of \$125. Happy Hounds is located at 673 S. Main. For more information, visit the Web site at www.happyhoundsdaycare.com or call (734) 459-DOGS.

HOLIDAY OPEN SKATES

The City of Plymouth offers special holiday open skate hours at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena. Open skating is offered 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 24, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 26, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 27, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 29, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 31 and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 2. The ice is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Skaters can also call the City

Recreation Department's Open Skate Hotline by calling (734) 455-6620 and selecting option 2.

CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Kids can enjoy a Winter Craft session on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Registration is required. Call the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. All supplies are provided for this free session.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce still has plenty of gift certificates available at its Main Street office. The certificates 'make great Christmas, shower, anniversary, graduation and coaches gifts' according to chamber officials. The certificates can be used at more than 40 shops and 25 local restaurants. The certificates can be purchased only through the chamber office, located at 386 S. Main. Chamber staffers will also take credit card orders over the phone. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

CHARLIE BROWN AUDITIONS

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



Heavy 'Metal'

The Christmas spirit is alive and well this holiday season, especially among the employees at Metaldyne. The company sponsors a 'Giving Tree' in each of its three locations, and employees bring in gift-wrapped presents to be given to needy children. This year's drive collected more than 150 gifts for kids around Wayne County.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 to learn the music and get audition tips. Those who can't make the workshop should see Shannon Henry for audition packets. For more information, contact Mrs. Henry via e-mail at henrys@pcsc.k12.mi.us

FOUNTAIN CONCEPTS

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting "concepts" for the new "Fountain of Youth" in Kellogg Park. The commission recently took on the project of replac-

ing the fountain in the park, which was destroyed earlier this year.

Youth throughout the community of any age are eligible to submit concepts. The concepts can be a photograph, drawing or any medium desired by the artist. They must be submitted to Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

DAR MEETS

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

Pam Westerhold, (734) 420-2775

GIFT WISH LIST

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, working with Realtors around the Plymouth community, has come up with a way to take the guesswork out of Christmas shopping. The chamber is offering the "Gift Wish List Program," where participating merchants will maintain a list of items customers have registered as being part of their "wish list." Customers will then receive a "Gift Wish Card" designating the merchants with which they are registered. For more information on the new program, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN CLUB

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

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. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane Van Dyke at dyandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

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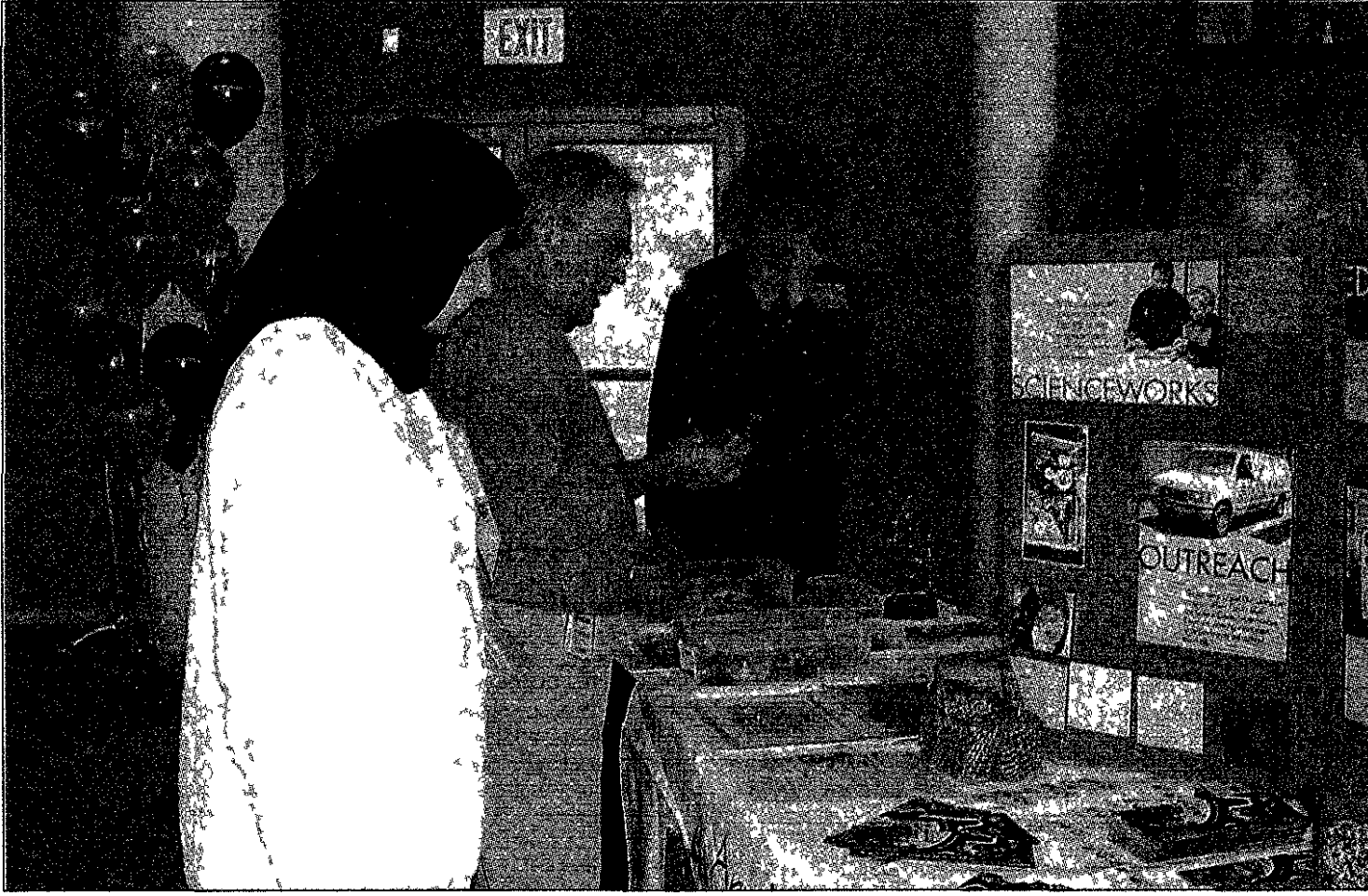
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Plymouth-Canton teachers Lynette Wehner and Jim Jenson take a look at some of the informational booths set up at the recent Pfizer open house

Pfizer focuses on science

Open house a draw for area educators

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Central Middle School science teacher Lynette Wehner wasn't sure what to expect when she joined other educators at the recent Science Education Task Force open house sponsored by Pfizer.

But when it was over, she was glad she'd gone.

"I didn't really know what it was going to be all about. I never had really known anything about Pfizer," said Wehner, who teaches sixth-graders. They really went out of their way to make us feel welcome. We got a lot of information, and they showed us what they had to offer.

Wehner attended the open house with

fellow Plymouth-Canton teachers Jim Jenson and Susan Rynkiewicz.

The Pfizer open house, designed for middle- and high-school science teachers and included educators from around southeast Michigan, featured informational booths by a variety of local resources: Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, Detroit Science Center, Leslie Science Center, University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, Southeastern Michigan Science Fair, Michigan Science Olympiad, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan State University High School Honors Science/Math Program, Wayne State University Community Outreach and Education Program and Michigan Tech University.

At the end of the open house teachers received a Genome Electrophoresis Extension Kit, a ready-to-go lab that revolves around a crime scene with two suspects. Students will use the kit to determine which suspect is implicated in the crime using the DNA fragment patterns produced in the lab.

"The main reason I went was for the human genome project. I wanted to see that," said Jim Jenson, also a sixth grade science teacher at Central. "It's looking at the human gene and genetics, where we get our characteristics and traits from."

"What I was looking for was a little too advanced for our sixth graders, but will be good for our eighth-graders," Jenson added. "The Detroit Science Center was there promoting their center, and we're contemplating a visit there now."

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Law benefits Rouge, other watersheds

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Bruce Patterson of Rouge-Canton, which will allow communities to form voluntary watershed alliances, unanimously passed both houses of the State Legislature last week, and is awaiting Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

The new law will allow communities within the same watershed to form voluntary alliances. These alliances, which are essentially public corporations, will be able to raise money, hire staff, and work on watershed-wide projects. A watershed is the land area drained by a river system.

However, the law doesn't give the alliances the authority to tax or impose fees of any kind.

"This bill allows and encourages local governments to cooperate through voluntary alliances to study, create and enact the best plans for a specific watershed," said Patterson. "It's the kind of regional cooperation we've always talked about. Hopefully it will become a model."

Patterson, who considers himself a conservationist, decided to sponsor the bill after he was approached earlier this year by Kurt Heise, director of Wayne County Department of Environment. Heise was instrumental in the creation of the Assembly of Rouge Communities (ARC) last year, and said the new law was needed for the group to survive.

ARC has 38 community members, including Canton Township, which are all located within the Rouge River watershed. The new law will help

efforts to clean up the river, which was once considered one of the most polluted waterways in the country. Patterson said recent restoration efforts have sometimes been hindered because individual communities were left to do projects on their own. With this legislation, they can pool resources and work on joint projects.

"With this law, they can put together a singular plan and raise enough money to actually do something," Patterson said.

Heise said ARC is already in the process of changing its bylaws, so the language matches the language of the new law. He said the bylaws should be completed by the spring, so they can be presented to individual community members, who must approve them. He said the new law will also let school districts, airport authorities, and non-governmental agencies become members in the alliance.

Heise said ARC also plans to hire an executive director, and has formed a committee to determine how to proceed.

"Do we want a person or a company to handle the executive director position? Will it be a full-time or part-time position? Those are the questions we're trying to answer," Heise said.

According to Heise, the new legislation was really a no-brainer for state politicians and has had bipartisan support from the very beginning.

To have a bill go from introduction to hopefully being signed by the governor within a span of six months is almost unheard of, he said.

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food, contact the Humane Society of Huron Valley Rescue at 734/662-5585, extension 112. The Humane Society has dog houses and cat shelters as well as pet food available for pet owners who cannot take adequate care of their pets. HSHV will also harbor a pet while the owner moves, finds a job, gets on their feet. The Humane Society will also do cruelty investigations and take an animal into custody if animal abuse is found. The Humane Society of Huron Valley shelter is open to the public from noon until 6:00 p.m., seven days a week and is located at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor, south of Plymouth Road and east of U.S. 23. The Adoption Center in the Pets Supplies Plus Store on Plymouth Road is also open seven days. To view some of the animals currently available for adoption, you may also visit the Humane Society web site at www.hshv.org

DEATHS

B
Eben G. Babbidge IV, 83, formerly of Southfield, died Dec. 11.
Margaret H. Butler, 89, died Dec. 14.

D
Arthur J. 'Art' Duva of Clarkston, died Dec. 15.

F
Becky Furca died Dec. 11.

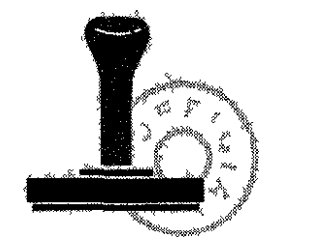
H
Martin Heiss Jr., 81, died Dec. 14.
Loran Jean Marshall-Holden died Dec. 15.

J
Karen L. Jones, 43, died Dec. 14.

S
Virginia D. Smith, 85, died Dec. 12.

POLICE BLOTTER

Drug bust
Plymouth Township police last week arrested a suspect for possession of suspected crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia after originally thinking they were busting someone for stealing a lamp. It started when dispatchers got a 9-1-1 call from someone saying they saw two people loading a stolen lantern into the back of a van at the Red



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 C9.

Roof Inn The lantern, it turns out, had been stolen the night before from Atlantis Restaurant, according to police reports. When police questioned the man, who had outstanding warrants in Westland and Livonia, he said he'd found it in the bushes outside the restaurant. During the questioning, the suspect denied having any drugs in the van. Police called the K-9 unit and found suspected crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested for those alleged offenses, as well as the outstanding warrants. The woman who was with him was

also arrested on outstanding warrants.

No Christmas spirit
A Standish Court homeowner called Plymouth Township police to report someone had damaged the Christmas lights hanging on his house. Police arrived to find two strings of lights, valued at about \$2 each, damaged.

Car break-in
Sometime between 10:15-10:40 a.m. Dec. 8, someone removed a number of hand and power tools from the rear of a 1996 van parked in the parking lot of Carl's Golf Land on 5 Mile. Police have no suspects in the theft.

Radio-active
A Maplewood Lane homeowner told Plymouth Township police he parked his 2001 Ford Explorer in his driveway around 11:30 p.m. Dec. 8. When he came back out to the vehicle shortly after noon the next day, he discovered someone had broken out the door lock on the driver's door and stolen the factory radio, a briefcase and a tool box.

Fizzled fireworks
A Quail Circle resident told Plymouth Township police that sometime between Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, someone broke into his 1992 Nissan and lit a purple firework. The firework apparently fizzled, but left a purple dye all over the interior. The owner said the car is rarely used and has been the target of other vandalism in the past.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Dec. 8-14:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Mill commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Beck.

■ Monday, Dec. 13 - Single-family fire on Maple, hazardous materials run on S. Main, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Adams, on Orchard Court, on Heritage and on Northville Road.

■ Sunday, Dec. 12 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Beck, on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon and on eastbound M-14 between N. Territorial and Ridge, residential rescue runs on Jener, on Pacific, on Northville Road, on Penniman and on Maria commercial rescue run on Sheldon, downed wires at Ann Arbor Road and Beck, rescue run to a public building/school on Farmer.

■ Saturday, Dec. 11 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at I-275, southbound I-275 and M-14 and at Beck and N. Territorial, vehicle accident with wash-down on 5 Mile over I-275 residential rescue runs on Purcell, on Eastside, on Lakewood and on Hartsough rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Friday, Dec. 10 - Residential rescue runs on Sheldon on Northville Road, on Morgan, on N. Territorial and on Byron, vehicle accidents at Beck south of 5 Mile, on westbound M-14 east of Beck and on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon.

■ Thursday, Dec. 9 - Industrial rescue runs on Industrial Drive and on Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley commercial rescue run on Helm.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Vehicle accident on northbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs on Irvin on Lilley and on Northville Road, rescue run at Marlowe and Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accidents on I-275 at Ann Arbor Road and on Main commercial rescue run on N. Territorial investigation at Ann Arbor Trail and Mill.

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Tonda Elementary School third-graders Madeline Andrews (left) and Sarah Wohl act out a skit about being a bully

BULLY

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the opposite," said Caudill "They make themselves feel better by picking on other kids

And, there are other misconceptions, she said "Bulies aren't always boys, and they aren't always taller, they come in smaller packages, too"

At West Middle School in Plymouth Township, Assistant Principal Mark Bondy said there generally is a much bigger problem in the middle schools

"Because kids are developing their personalities, they want to become individuals and be noticed by others," said Bondy "We have to work proactively to get ahead of the problems before the problems begin

At West, students can anonymously identify bullying problems by putting notes in the Bully Box

Any child can put a note and be guaranteed that someone will address the problem as quickly as we can," he said

Over a period of time, our culture as a group - students and staff - is that we don't tolerate bullying and we are working

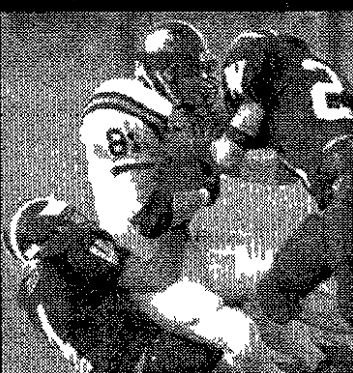
collectively to make it stop

Colleen Bouton of Plymouth has two children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools, one at Canton High School and the other at Bird Elementary

"Everybody here tries to be aware, and if and when it happens we take care of the problem right away," said Bouton while waiting for her fifth grader to emerge after school "Bullying is as simple as saying 'You're fat' or 'You're small, so you try to take care of it right away'"

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DARTMOOR

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said they and other creditors have had no luck in trying to find him. Calls to Mike Michaud, the original owner of The Dartmoor who reportedly sold the business to Guenther, were not returned

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll has asked the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to look into the ownership issue. Carroll said if Guenther had purchased the business, no change in liquor license was reported, which would be against the law. If Guenther was running the business for Michaud, then Michaud - who lives in Plymouth - would be responsible for paying employees

Guenther recently opened Gladstones on Liberty street, which is two doors down from Hermann's Lower Towne Grill, which Guenther sold last year

Robin Trusty, 25, took a job at The Dartmoor to make money to buy presents for her 2 and 5 year-old children

"I started working near Halloween so I would have money for Christmas," Trusty said "Now, it's two weeks before Christmas and the place is closed and I have no money

Employees say the signs of management problems were evident at The Dartmoor. Sauter said she used to make pots of chili at home because there wasn't any food to prepare at the restaurant. Liquor for the establishment was bought at local party stores

I would have to tell people 'Sorry, we don't have a Bud Light, would you like a Miller Lite?' said Cheryl Sova, a bartender. "It got to the point we would tell customers not to get used to what they were drinking because we only had two of one kind of beer, and one of another

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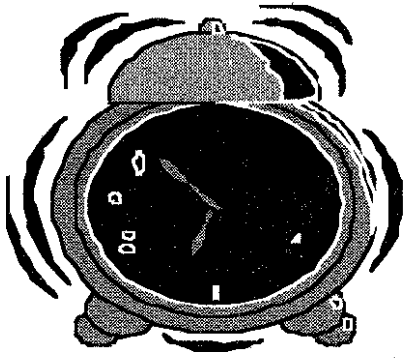
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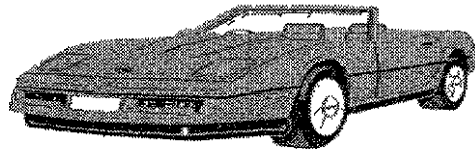
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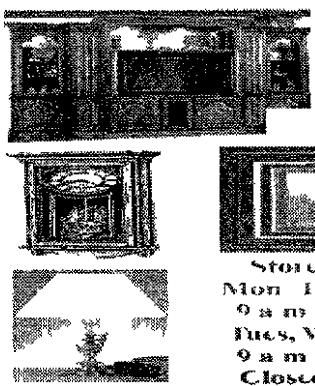
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Kids helping kids

Annual party a 'valuable' lesson for youngsters

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Angela Jackson likes the idea of being able to teach kids a good life lesson while at the same time being able to help needy children.

And that's just what Jackson, the owner of Jump-A-Rama in Canton, feels happened with her sixth-annual Christmas party with the theme, Kids Helping Kids.

The event took place Wednesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center in Plymouth, with special guest appearances from Santa Claus and Sesame Street favorite Elmo along with raffles of various prizes.

Jackson said the event raised more than \$500. Kids also collected 'three huge bags of toys,' all of which are being donated to Toys for Tots.

It was awesome, Jackson said. 'The kids learn about giv-

ing and sharing. They have to go out and buy a gift for a child who is less fortunate, so it teaches the kids a valuable lesson.'

Among the items raffled off a Jump-a-Rama birthday party, two six-week sessions, gift certificates, various gift baskets, a one-hour massage and a limousine ride round-trip to Metro Airport (worth some \$200).

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He also wore a black jacket in many of the robberies.

"I was told a black vehicle was observed in at least one of the other robberies," Booth said.

He said the man is a suspect in nine area bank robberies.

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■ Sept 14, Charter One in Livonia

■ Sept 21, Standard Federal in Northville

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Booth said there have been 445 bank robberies in Michigan this year to date, a record. The old record was in 1996 when there were 356 bank robberies in the state.

But he said Friday's incident was the sixth apprehension of a serial bank robber within the last month.

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Burton Manor has donated a portion of their banquet facility to hold this event. The Michigan Region 'Auction for a Cure' will be semi-formal event, include a dinner,

cash bar and both a silent and live auction. All proceeds from the event will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for viewing of the auction items. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. The silent auction will begin at the opening of the event.

Tickets are \$20, which includes dinner and entrance into the auction.

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Residents should expect calendar

The 2005 Plymouth Township calendar is expected to be ready for delivery to residents soon, according to township officials.

The cover of this year's calendar is a salute to the people who serve the community and features photographs of employees in the public works, police and fire departments.

Several pages in the calendar are devoted to community resource information for township residents. The Senior Resource section lists information about senior transportation, home-delivered meals, Plymouth Community Council on Aging and activities at the township's senior facility, Friendship Station.

The Quick Ordinance Guide is back again with a listing of the most frequently requested ordinances. A new section will cover important information regarding services for handicapped and disabled persons, provided through Mobility Transportation Service operated by Huron Valley Ambulance, to take disabled residents to and from work and/or medical facilities.

One of the most popular features of the annual calendar, officials said, is the detachable fold-out map and street directory for the Plymouth community. Important dates are

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supervisor Plymouth Township

already marked in the calendar, such as Household Hazardous Waste Day (May 14), the 10-year anniversary of the playscape at Plymouth Township Park (May 22), dates that the trash pick-up will be delayed due to holidays and dates that township offices will be closed.

Regular meeting dates for the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review and Downtown Development Authority are also listed.

Every year we try to include as much up-to-date information in the calendar as possible," new township supervisor Richard Reaume said. "We hope our residents find it to be a useful resource throughout the year."

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White House internship special for PCA grad

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Natalie Rose has heard all the jokes. That just goes with the territory for a female White House intern in the post-Monica Lewinsky era. Rose, a 21-year-old Canton resident, just completed a four-month internship at the White House, working in the Office of Global Communications. She was one of 80 White House interns working in various capacities during the fall semester. During that time, she heard more Lewinsky jokes than she cares to recall. "I've heard them all," she says with a sigh. Despite the jokes, Rose said working for the White House staff and President George W. Bush was anything but a laughing matter. Rather it was an eye-opening experience for the 2001 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, where she was a co-valedictorian. The

conservative-leaning Rose said the job was interesting enough, but was even more exciting because it took place during the recent highly-contested Presidential election. "I really considered it a privilege to work for the President," she said. "All the people that work for him are so great, so intellectual. I just appreciated working for these people, especially during the election. It was a very exciting experience." Rose is a senior at Michigan State University, where she is studying international relations at the school's James Madison College, a highly regarded institute in the field of foreign affairs. Before her internship at the White House, she worked as a staff assistant for State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), and now seems on the fast-track for a life in politics, something the internship just reaffirmed for her. "The whole experience confirmed that I want to be involved in politics and govern-



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ment, Rose said. "I don't think I'll ever run for office, though I'm not counting it out. I want to work for a conservative think

tank or in national security. I've done a lot of research about global terrorism, and would like to utilize that."

During the internship, she said her duties included monitoring translated news broadcasts from all over the world,

especially the Middle East. She would watch for certain types of images, as well as reporting inaccuracies and biases she felt White House staff might be interested in. "It was really interesting work," she said. Before graduating from Michigan State in 2005, Rose is planning to study abroad in Argentina. She has already completed two trips to Europe, where she studied the political cultures of several nations. She said it is likely she will continue her education and get a Master's degree. Somewhere down the road, she plans to return to the nation's capital. "I just love Washington. It's such an intellectual city, and it's really happening. It's the center of it all. The conversation you hear on a daily basis are so great. I'm definitely moving back there some day," she said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

KETTERING UNIVERSITY

Dawn Palnau of Plymouth and Wilham Clark, Timothy McGookey, Shana Pacocco and Amanda Spence of Canton were named to the Dean's List at Kettering University in Flint. The Dean's List is an honor earned by students who have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 of a possible 100, have received no grades lower than 85 and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

USRA SCHOLARSHIP

Michael McDonald of Plymouth won a Universities Space Research Association Educational Scholarship for the academic year 2004-2005. The USRA scholarship selection committee was impressed with his accomplishments at the University of Michigan, where he is a junior with a dual major in Aerospace and Engineering Physics. The USRA Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to students who have shown a career interest in the physical sciences or engineering with an emphasis on space research or space science education.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

George Diavarrian and Sean Kenney of

Canton were among the students named to the Dean's List for the August 2004 session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio. The students made the list by maintaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

Vinhtoan Duong of Canton, a senior majoring in accounting, made the Undergraduate Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the summer 2004 term. Three students from Canton — James Biddle, Mingshan Li and Jennifer Marrocco — made the Graduate Dean's List. Biddle is a graduate accounting student, while Li and Marrocco are both in business administration.

HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL

Cadet Mark Lewallen, a 12th-grader at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., was named to the Superintendent's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2004-05 school year. Cadet Lewallen, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Lewallen of Plymouth, received the award by attaining at least a 3.5 B+ average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Lewallen has attended Howe since August 2002.

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Holidays are stressful, watch for depression

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

While the sleigh bells are jingling, are your nerves jangling? Does the idea of joining the melee at the mall sound like torture?

If you said yes to either, you're probably reacting normally to a hectic holiday season. But if you're not sleeping well, not making it to the knitting club meetings and find it hard to concentrate on anything, you may be suffering from depression, and the holiday season brings out some of the worst cases of the year.

According to Dr. Albert Bayer, clinical coordinator for MPRO (Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization), there are multiple factors that can make the holidays more depressing than delightful.

"There are seasonal causes," he said. "We get a spike in calls after setting the clocks back. Less light, colder weather and being cooped up inside affects people."

But seasonal affective disorder can be compounded by the holidays, Bayer said when holiday expectations are not met and people have to interact with people they've been in conflict with, it can cause stress and negative mood symptoms.

"There's a fantasy that everyone puts their differences aside around the holidays," he said. "The conflicts don't magically go away."

The symptoms — persistent sadness, withdrawal from regular social activities, slowed thinking or response, lack of interest in activities that were previously enjoyable, changes in weight or sleep patterns and an inability to concentrate — are signs of depression.

All of those things can crop up at any time of year and the holidays are not without their own stresses, it's the continuation of the symptoms beyond the first of the year that could signal a more pronounced problem.

"When the symptoms are sustained and more profound, it becomes a clinical concern," Bayer said. "That's when we'd recommend treatment."

Interestingly, the holidays are also the time when those symptoms stand out most. Vicki Boyle, a registered nurse with MPRO, said the proximity of friends and family around that time of year draws notice.

"There is a heightened awareness of feelings of helplessness and worthlessness in a season that is all about hope and renewal," she said. "The family will

notice. When you identify more with feelings of loss than anticipation, it can be the tipping point."

She agreed that the holidays can weigh on people, but said while it's common to feel overwhelmed, someone who feels too tired to react is experiencing a different condition. According to Bayer, the elderly suffer more at this time of year and get less help. "Depression is much more commonly recognized in the elderly, and people put it up to age," he said. "Depression is not part of the process of aging."

He said people labor under misconceptions like "why shouldn't he be depressed, he can't drive anymore," and they overlook highly treatable conditions. The elderly, he said, respond very well to medication and counseling.

Both Bayer and Boyle say it's important to treat the condition as soon as it crops up. A trip to a regular physician can put someone on the right track to being treated appropriately. It's also a good way to get someone into the mental health realm without bringing it up directly.

"There's still a stigma to mental health," Boyle said. "Some people see it as weakness or a failure of moral character."

NAACP holds meeting for student program

The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch, MI is sponsoring its 2nd Annual ACT-SO program. The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) was developed to enhance and showcase the academic and artistic achievement of African-American high school students (grades 9 through 12) just as we do their athletic achievements.

The branch is seeking students in 15 communities of Western Wayne County, including Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Lincoln Park, Sumpter Township, Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne and Westland. The Branch is also opening up the competition to students in Ecorse, River Rouge, and Monroe County.

ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program that culminates in a local and national competition where students compete for awards and scholarships totaling over \$50,000. ACT-SO, the 'Olympics of the Mind,' seeks to promote positive self-esteem, academic

and artistic excellence, positive interaction between our youth and the adult professional community. Furthermore, ACT-SO encourages more African-American youths to pursue higher education.

The competition involves solo performances or projects of individuals. Accompanists are allowed to assist the solo performances.

An organizing meeting for adults and potential student applicants is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut, Inkster. Interested adults and students are invited to attend. There will be an orientation video, discussion about the program and assignments. We are now seeking students, mentors, judges and other volunteers.

Additional information about ACT-SO can be found at (1) www.naacp.org. Once here access the Programs link then scroll to ACT-SO, or (2) contacting Raymond G. Mullins at 734-485-5715 or email at attyrammullins@provide.net.

Jeffress appointed to higher education board

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, has been appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission. Jeffress was appointed as an at-large member for a term expiring March 8, 2007.

David L. Eisler, president of Ferris State University, was appointed as an at-large member to represent high education for a term expiring March 8, 2005.

Lt. Gov. John Cherry was named as the governor's designee of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission until January 1, 2007.

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Detroit teetering on brink of complete financial ruin

For the last month, it has been clear that if any city in the nation desperately needs a Christmas present, it is Detroit. And the city's school system is even more needy than the city itself.

Yet both are likely to get lumps of coal from an unsympathetic Legislature and a state which increasingly seems to believe that Detroit's problems are none of its concern. People in Traverse City and Monroe and even suburban Livonia



Jack Lessenberry

think that the city's woes have nothing to do with their well-being. Perhaps they should think again. It looks increasingly likely that the schools, despite five years of

"reform, are near financial collapse. They will soon be forced to close as many as 40 of the 255 school buildings and eliminate 4,000 jobs, in a district that has too few teachers to begin with.

But even then the schools, which have been hemorrhaging students for decades, may not be able to pay the bills. In that case, the Legislature is likely to take control of them once again. Five years ago, Lansing disenfranchised an incompetent and largely corrupt school board and installed a mayor-appointed reform board, with a member appointed by the governor having a veto.

This time, it would be much different. The Legislature would likely install a military-style financial manager with dictatorial powers, charged with getting the district's finances in order. That would be hugely unpopular in Detroit.

Yet it is hard to see how that can be avoided. If that happens, tensions are bound to

increase between the nearly all-black city and the mostly white, Republican-dominated state government.

And now for the really bad news: Nobody is talking about this openly - yet. But precisely the same fate could be in shape for the city itself, which is running a deficit between \$200 and \$300 million in a budget that by state law has to be balanced. The city can't expect help from the state, which has a budget that is itself way out of whack and expects to cut what remains of revenue sharing.

More than likely, the only way for Detroit to comply with the law will be to slash jobs and services in a city that already doesn't have enough cops or streetlights and has far too many abandoned buildings and murders.

Eventually - probably not this year, but in a few years - the point may come when the politicians feel that nothing more can be slashed and yet the bills cannot be paid. When that happens, receivership may follow.

That would mean the elected politicians would lose all power, and Detroit would be run by a state-appointed financial manager.

Politically, that would effectively reduce Detroit to something like the status of an occupied city, like Baghdad. Some would argue that this might seem appropriate, since there are areas that look like Fallujah.

Tom Clay, perhaps the states most respected budget analyst, says he doesn't know anybody who can say what the woes of the city and its schools are likely to cost state taxpayers. But it will be huge, he said.

What is clear is that Detroit had close to two million people half a century ago. The schools were so good suburban parents would try to sneak their kids into them. Today, there are barely 910,000 people. The schools are so bad that virtual

ly any city dwellers who can afford it, including the self-styled "hip-hip" mayor, send their children elsewhere.

Whose fault is all this? Whites, in private if not in public, largely blame blacks, who they say trashed and ruined a once rich and thriving city. Blacks blame the whites, who they say left for greener suburban pastures and took their jobs and money along. The truth is something very different.

Elastic cities thrive. Inelastic cities don't, and Detroit is one of the most inelastic cities there is, said David Rusk, a former mayor of Albuquerque who is a leading national urban expert. What he means by elasticity is growth.

If Detroit had been able to annex surrounding areas, as Los Angeles still does, it would have been fine. Or if Detroit and surrounding Wayne County, or better yet Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, could have been combined, as is the case in Miami or Nashville, there would be resources for all.

But Detroit, surrounded by county lines and incorporated cities, hasn't been able to annex a parcel of land since 1926. And there is little sentiment for metropolitan government in the suburbs, which don't want to pay, or the city, where black politicians fear losing political power.

What many fear is that eventually, when the city and its schools collapse, there will be no unified government, but not the kind anyone wants.

Stay tuned. You can expect to hear lots more about this. The condition of Detroit is likely to be Michigan's greatest crisis of this decade, and it comes in an era when the state desperately needs a leader.

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Justice delayed is justice denied? High court waffles

What 'til next year? That's what Detroit Tigers fans say about the home team's pennant prospects.

It's what the U.S. Supreme Court said to atheist Michael Newdow, who challenged the constitutionality of the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance his daughter recited in school.

And it's what the Supreme Court said Dec. 13 to two lawyers and three prison inmates who challenged a Michigan law prohibiting court-appointed counsel in appellate cases for persons who had pleaded guilty to crimes.

The high court dodged the "under God" case by ruling 8-0 that Newdow lacked legal standing to sue. Newdow is the non-custodial parent of his daughter. The girl's mother had no problem with an Elk Grove, Calif., school rule that required teachers to lead the pledge to the flag. Newdow and others will have to find a better plaintiff to sue over the 1954 amendment to the pledge law sponsored by then-Michigan Congressman Louis Rabaut.

The Michigan prison case is a bigger tangle than three strings of Christmas tree lights. It's commonplace to say there are two sides to every question. In this case, called *Kowalski vs. Tesmer*, there are three sides.

1. Circuit Judge John Kowalski and other judges, mainly from the Saginaw area, applied a state law that prohibits the appointing of appellate lawyers for persons who had pleaded guilty, even if the Court of Appeals had granted leave to appeal. These

So the prison inmates will have to wait 'til next year - or the year after, or the year after - to learn if they can get court-appointed counsel to handle their appeals.

They can sit next to the Tigers and Michael Newdow.

appeals arise chiefly over judges' sentencing at the high end, or above, sentencing guidelines. Several *Observer & Eccentric* area representatives were co-sponsors of the 1999 law. Purpose was to cut down the number of cases clogging the state Court of Appeals.

2. John Tesmer, who is doing nine-15 years for home invasion, and two other convicts. They were represented by Mark Granzotto, Royal Oak attorney and stalwart of the American Civil Liberties Union.

3. Arthur Fitzgerald and Michael Vogler, attorneys who make part of the living handling court appointments in appeals cases. The office of state Attorney General Mike Cox argued they shouldn't have standing to join the suit because their claims are based on potential, not actual, clients.

The Supreme Court sided with the state, 6-3. The attorneys before us do not have a close relationship with their alleged clients, indeed, they have no relationship at all," said Chief Justice William Rehnquist in the majority opinion.

He was joined by conservatives Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, moderates Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy, and liberal

Stephen Breyer. Dissenting were liberal Ruth Bader Ginsburg, moderate David Souter and liberal John Paul Stevens. Ginsburg wrote that indigent convicts are unlikely to have the legal skills to pursue an appeal without help of appointed counsel. And she added that it is "hardly debatable" that attorneys Fitzgerald and Vogler will lose income if the Michigan law remains in effect.

The core question - the prisoners' rights - was shuffled aside. It's common for the Supreme Court to dodge questions like this until the right case comes along. It sent back several cases on whether defendants were entitled to court-appointed counsel before taking a 1961 "clean" case from Florida called *Gideon vs. Wainwright*. The high court also waited 20 years to outlaw school segregation before taking the *Brown vs. School District*. The delays are discussed in *Chief Justice: A Biography of Earl Warren* by Ed Cray (1997).

Meanwhile, David Moran, the Wayne State University law professor who represented attorneys Fitzgerald and Vogler, warned state officials they are proceeding at their peril if they follow this law, which is certainly in question. And if state legislators think they have a tough time finding school money, their work will become even harder if (when) they must cough up funds for court-appointed appellate lawyers.

So the prison inmates will have to wait 'til next year - or the year after, or the year after - to learn if they can get court-appointed counsel to handle their appeals. They can sit next to the Tigers and Michael Newdow.

Tim Richard is a retired *Observer & Eccentric* reporter who spends his cold winter nights reading appellate court opinions on the Internet.

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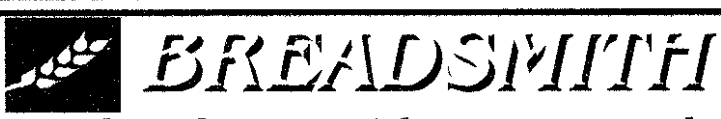
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Performing the challenging leg-over jump are (left to right) Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers Allie Stephen, Kelsey Johnson, Minji Kim, Christopher Bryden, Michele Bellovary and Rachel Golonka. The Ropers practice one hour each week and perform at school assemblies and during halftime of high school and college basketball games.

Sidelines

Whalers slip

The Plymouth Whalers suffered a disappointing 2-1 road loss to Toronto St. Michael's Friday night in a game played at St. Michael's College School Arena in Toronto.

The loss dropped the Whalers to 12-14-4-2 and put the brakes on the team's two-game road winning streak. The Majors, who entered the game in last place in the Ontario Hockey League's Central Division, improved to 9-18-3-2.

St. Michael's goalie Justin Peters turned away 28 of the Whalers' shots to preserve the win for the Majors, the OHL's lowest-scoring team.

Ryan Nie took the loss between the pipes for Plymouth, despite stopping 32 of 34 St. Michael's shots.

The first period ended with a 1-1 deadlock. Andrew Fourier scored the lone Whalers goal. He was assisted by Jonas Fiedler and James Neal. St. Michael's first-period marker came off the stick of Darryl Boyce, who was assisted by Justin Disendette and John Adams.

The game-winner came at the 5:21 mark of the second period when the Majors Cory Vitarelli beat Nie with his sixth goal of the season.

Nathan McIver and Scott Lehman assisted. The Whalers outshot the Majors, 11-7, in the third period, but couldn't slip one past Peters.

After playing at Belleville on Saturday night, the Whalers will return to action tonight when they play at Oshawa. The game can be heard on WSDS 1480 beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wolfpack, an AAU basketball team for girls between the ages of 10 and 13 years old, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, Wednesday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 13.

The Jan. 4 tryout will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, the Jan. 12 session will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Isbister Elementary School, and the third tryout will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at West Middle School.

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Rec offerings

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department has several programs it will be offering to the general public in the near future.

A women's winter basketball league, which will include a 10-game regular season, will be held on Mondays from Jan. 31 through April 11. The entry fee is \$395 per team.

A 12-week co-ed adult volleyball league will run from Jan. 17 to April 11. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. The entry fee per team is \$230.

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Off the couch and into the gym

PE teacher goes beyond call of duty

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Linda Rotramel's idea to form a jump-rope team at Canton's Gallimore Elementary School in the fall of 1996 was initially met with widespread disinterest.

"I wanted the kids to have an after-school, non-competitive activity that would help them realize the importance of daily activity," remembered Rotramel, a physical education teacher at Gallimore since 1995. "Unfortunately, only about 20 kids signed up, and I had to beg most of them."

Nine years later, the program is the hottest thing going at the school, and it's the students who are begging for a chance to be a Gallimore Roadrunner Roper.

"The students in the school found out how much fun it was, and that they'd get a T-shirt and have opportunities to perform during halftimes of high school and college basketball games, so it became a very popular thing," Rotramel said. "By the third year, we had a couple hundred kids trying out for the team."

"Unfortunately, due to time and space limitations, we have



Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers coach Linda Rotramel works on a routine with her jumpers during Wednesday afternoon's practice. Rotramel, who volunteers at least two hours of her free time each week for the Ropers, formed the team nine years ago.

to cut kids from the team now, because we just don't have room for the number of kids who try out.

The 2004-05 Ropers are divided into junior-varsity and varsity squads. The teams consist of a total of 79 students — both boys and girls — from first grade through fifth. Each team practices one night a week for one hour.

The practices are lively, energetic and filled with Top 40 music that is easy to jump to.

Rotramel, whose dedication to the program earned her a coveted "Extra Miler" award from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, said the benefits of jump-roping are plentiful.

"From a physical standpoint, jump-roping is an outstanding form of exercise because it improves the kids' muscle tone, leg strength, agility, quickness and coordination, among other

PLEASE SEE JUMP, B2

Jump-rope program helps build sweat equity in kids

I understand why video games are so appealing to kids today. They are stimulating, challenging and their realistic graphics make you feel like you're in the game, not playing it.

I can barely jump and touch the bottom of the net on the basketball hoop that hangs over my driveway, but you might as well call me LeBron Wright when I have a PlayStation controller in my hands and I'm playing NBA 2004. I can rock the rim with the best of them.

There's no doubt that these games are slick — and addictive.

That said, I'm not a big fan of X-Box, Sega, PlayStation or Nintendo, simply because their games are luring children off playgrounds, basket-

ball courts and bicycles, and planting them in front of the television set for hours on end.

(Fortunately, the lure of Pong was never strong enough to keep me from playing after-school pick-up basketball or football games outdoors when I was growing up.)

While the high-tech gaming industry may be responsible for building strong thumb muscles across America, the proliferation of these games is one of the primary reasons why a growing chunk of this country's children is getting softer in the mid-section than the bean bags they sit on while playing the games.

Refreshing sight

On Wednesday afternoon, I visited Gallimore Elementary School in Canton to observe the Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers, a team of jump-ropers who perform at school assemblies and at halftime of high school and college basketball.

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PCA's Sumner thrives in crunch-time

Chief cagers win. Salem falls. Please see Page B4.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When the score is tight and the clock is winding down, Stephen Sumner transforms from point guard to insurance man for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team.

The Eagles' fate was in good hands Friday night as Sumner controlled the ball flawlessly and drained six straight free throws in the final 1:15 to help ensure PCA's 44-36 home win over non-conference opponent Lutheran Westland.

PCA improved to 2-1 with the victory. LW dropped to 0-3.

The Warriors had carved a nine-point deficit down to 36-34 with 1:40 remaining before Sumner took over.

I've been a point guard for as long as

I've played, so I like to control the ball, especially late in close games. Sumner said, "I like the pressure of shooting free throws late in games."

PCA coach Doug Taylor said he wants the ball in Sumner's hands if possible in games like Friday's cliffhanger.

Stephen has a calming effect on the entire team when he has the ball, Taylor said. He struggled scoring a little in the first half tonight, but he played a solid overall game in the second half.

Sumner finished with a game-high 24 points, 19 of which came after the half-time intermission. The 6-foot senior also yanked down six rebounds and recorded two steals. Teammate Aaron Ciborowski had a solid outing as well, scoring nine with 14 boards. No other Eagle scored more than four.

Senior forward Josh Davis canned a team-high nine for the Warriors, who also received eight from junior forward Paul Rosin. Center Pat Higgins, a 6-10 senior, paced LW with five rebounds and a pair of blocked shots.

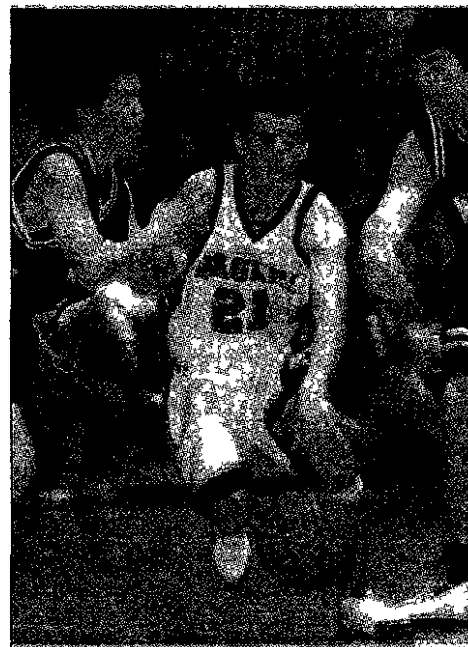
"We're a very young team, so it was the first time a lot of our players have played in crunch-time on the road in a varsity game," said Warrior coach Dan Ramthun. "I thought we did a nice job of cutting the lead down to two, but we had a couple of turnovers that cost us in the end."

"I thought our two big guys — Josh Davis and Pat Higgins — did a nice job defending their big guy (Ciborowski). And I was happy with our defensive effort the entire first half when we held them to just 19 points. We're 0-3 and going through some growing pains right now. We need everyone to keep their heads up and to keep playing hard."

Ciborowski was the key reason PCA led 11-6 after the opening eight minutes. The 6-4 senior contributed five points and three boards.

The Eagles took a 19-12 lead into the half thanks largely to a 22-9 rebounding advantage.

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Plymouth Christian senior point-guard Stephen Sumner splits Lutheran Westland defenders Jae Ha (left) and Pat Higgins during the second quarter of Friday night's Eagle victory. Sumner, who finished with a game-high 24 points, made six consecutive free throws in the game's final 1:15.

SWEAT

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games (see accompanying article)

As I watched the Ropers practice their impressive routines, one thought kept racing through my mind. I was witnessing the "anti-video game," a non-competitive, after-school activity that gets kids off the couch and onto their feet.

Instead of pounding the buttons on their game controllers, these elementary-school-aged students were performing complicated moves like leg-overs, double-unders, Irish jigs and front criss-crosses.

Some of the routines the kids have mastered must be seen to be believed.

"Our son absolutely loves it," said Rob Gamblin, whose son, Tyler, is a member of the varsity Ropers. "This has really helped him in his other sports, too," Gamblin said, gesturing toward the four rows of in-sync ropers. "It improves coordination, quickness and endurance for soccer and hockey. And it's fun."

Difference-maker

Most of the credit for this heart-pounding, agility-building, PlayStation-busting activity goes to Gallimore physical-education teacher Linda Rotramel, who serves as the coach of the 79 kids who make up the school's junior-varsity and varsity squads.

Nine years ago, Rotramel developed the jump-roping team to give kids at Gallimore an opportunity to enhance their physical-fitness skills for

one hour each week.

The program started slowly, but its popularity soon swelled so much that Rotramel has to have tryouts each year for prospective jumpers.

Rotramel, who earned a degree in physical fitness at Purdue University, volunteers two hours of her time after school each week to coach the Ropers.

She also coordinates assemblies at area schools where her athletes get an opportunity to display their unique talents.

"Since I started this program, I can't tell you how many parents I've had tell me that their kids have rearranged the furniture in their living rooms so that they can practice their jump-roping," said Rotramel. "It's music to my ears when I hear comments like this because it means that the kids are getting something out of it. Whenever I hear this from a parent, I say, 'Yes!'"

Many positives

Some of the nice things about jump-roping are it's inexpensive (you can purchase a decent jump rope for less than \$10), kids can do it just about anywhere, and it is another tool parents and educators can use in the fight to curb childhood obesity.

So put down those video-game controllers, kids, and pick up a jump rope.

You may not be able to dunk, but, with enough practice, you'll be able to perform a front criss-cross or leg-over that would make even LeBron James envious.

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There are five five-year members of the Ropers. Pictured (l-r) are Jennifer Nelson, Jamie Lang, Peyton Wilburn, Allie Stephens and Michele Bellovary.

JUMP

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things, she said. "I've had dozens of high school and middle school coaches ask me how they can use jump-roping as part of their training. It's especially good for sports like hockey and soccer that require a lot of agility."

"The program is great for the students' self-esteem, too. What it does for their self-confidence is immeasurable. Last year, I had a first-grader on the junior-varsity team who used to cry and get really upset when he first started. Now, he just beams at practices and when we perform in front of crowds."

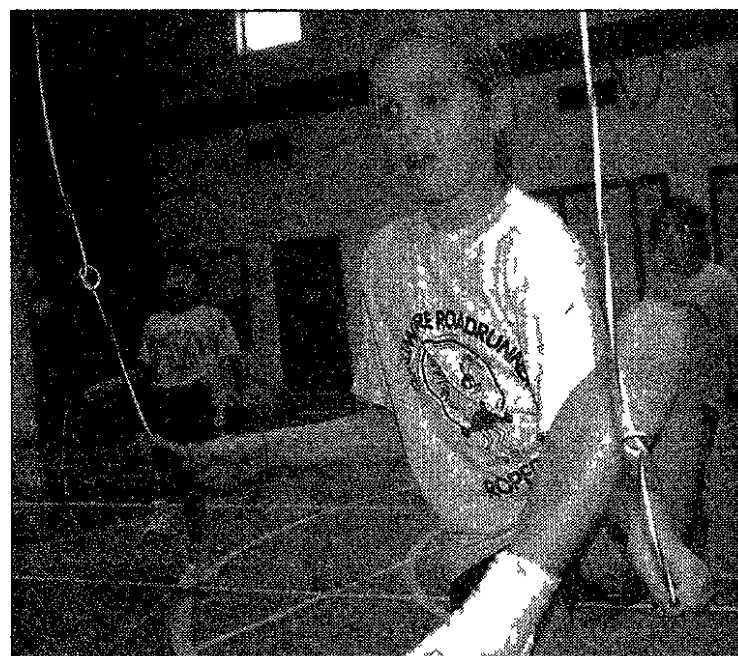
The Ropers perform in at least two assemblies each year

for schools throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. One stop that is especially popular for the students is Garden City's Burger School for Autistic Children.

"It's always a wonderful experience for the students when they visit Burger," Rotramel said. "Our kids eat lunch with the students there, then they help teach the Burger students how to jump rope. It's something our kids really look forward to."

Over the years, the Ropers have also performed at half-time of Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan and Canton High School basketball games. This year's performance at Canton is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28.

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Gallimore fifth grader Kelsey Johnson is pictured performing the difficult 'leg-over'.

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Tuesday Dec 28
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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 c_randolph44@yahoo.com.

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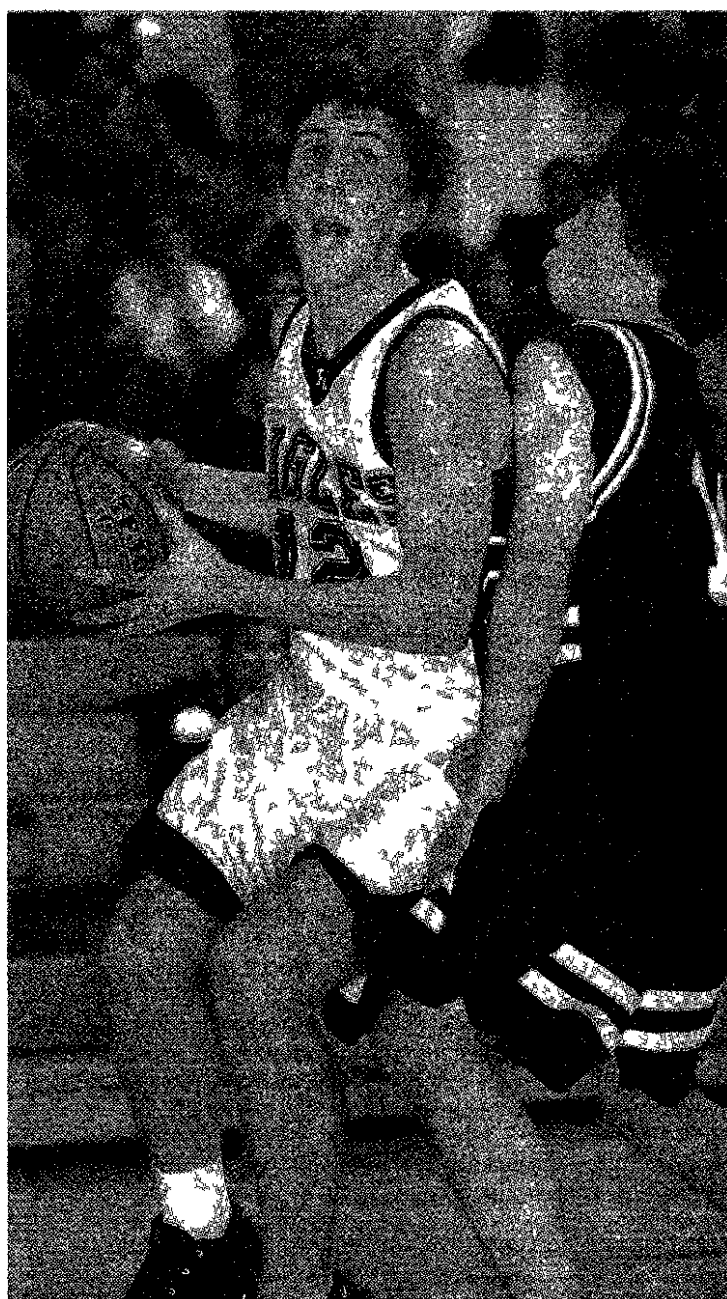
Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at www.Top50JrTour.com. Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-0000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

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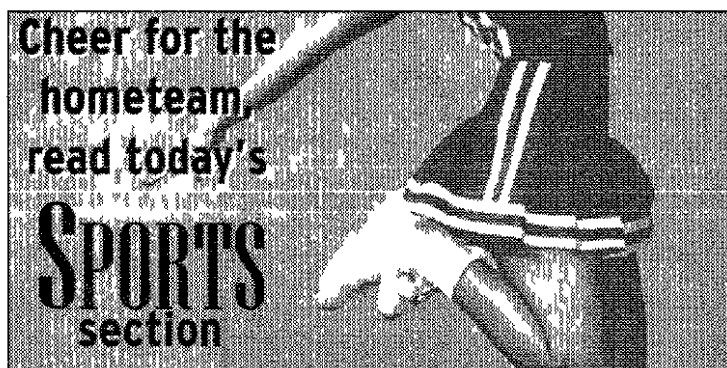
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Plymouth Christian's Jon Wendt drives past Lutheran Westland's Kevin Frusti on his way to the hoop during Friday night's game at Plymouth Christian.



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PCA

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PCA secured a 34-26 lead with five minutes left on a Summer triple, but LW countered with an 8-2 run over the next 3:50 to cut its deficit to 36-34. Davis and Higgins were the catalysts for the rally, combining for six of the eight points.

Summer hit two free throws with 1:15 left to put his team ahead, 38-34. Following a Warrior turnover, the senior point guard hit two more from the stripe with 55 seconds left, and he finished off LW with a pair of free throws 17 seconds

later.

PCA's Chase VanTiem put the icing on the cake with a last-second, fast-break lay-up.

Matt Saagman did have big numbers tonight, but I liked the way he hustled and rebounded," Taylor said. He was at the right place at the right time a lot tonight.

"Lutheran Westland lost 54 points to graduation off of last year's team, so they're very young. Once they play together more and start jelling, they'll have a very good team."

PCA is idle until Thursday, Dec. 30, when it travels to Sterling Heights/Bethesda.

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Agape spikers swept

VOLLEYBALL

Canton Agape Christian's volleyball was swept by a talented Lutheran Westland Team in three games Thursday night at Discovery Middle School, 25-4, 25-15 and 25-20.

"The girls improved as the match went on," said Wolverine coach Justine Pummill, who shares the coaching responsibilities with Melissa Hanson. "I think we may have a little nervous in the first game. It was our first home game, plus the girls are learning a new offense, so they're not as comfortable as they will be in a few weeks."

It wasn't just that we played poorly, Lutheran Westland played great. They have a good team."

Pummill commended the play of Erin Allen and Danielle Henry.

"Erin played a good all-around floor game," she said. "And Danielle did a nice job serving and hitting."

The Wolverines return to action after the holidays when they host Oakland Christian Jan. 4 at Discovery.

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Rough, but ready

Canton hoop team overtakes Lions in OT

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A football game nearly broke out at South Lyon High School Thursday night when Canton's basketball team squared off against the Lions.

The Lions played rough, but the Chiefs were ready as they handed a 64-58 overtime loss to their physical hosts.

Canton improved to 3-1 while South Lyon slipped to 1-3.

"It was a very physical game, much like our game against Redford Union on Tuesday night," said Canton coach Charlie Payne. "It took us a little while to adjust to their style,

but we finally did in the second half. We shot much better as the game went along, and Andy Cortellini really stepped up, especially in the overtime."

Cortellini not only stepped up, the 5-10 senior guard trampled the Lions with his clutch long-distance shooting in the extra four-minute session. He scored half of the Chiefs' 16 OT points — six coming on two arching three-point shots — to help Canton pull away.

South Lyon tied the game with a basket at 48-48 with seven seconds left in regulation.

Canton had one final opportunity to win it, but Julian

Smith's last-second, game-winning effort was deflected out of bounds.

Cortellini finished with a team-high 18 points. Fellow senior Kevin Thornton recorded 17 points, five rebounds and two blocks while sophomore Ryan Wardmann provided a strong spark off the bench, netting 12 points and two blocks.

Jason Houdek contributed nine points and Smith had a team-high seven boards for the winners.

South Lyon had three players hit double-figure scoring: Nate Spurgess (19), Austan McMullen (18) and Mike Rhoad (15).

Payne said he delivered a con-

fidence-building speech to his team during the short break before the overtime.

"I just told them that I thought we were the better team and it was our game to take," he said. "Andy came out and made some big shots and the entire shot well from the free-throw line in the overtime."

The Chiefs drained 16-of-26 free throws for the game, the Lions sank 15-of-21.

Canton is off until Wednesday, Dec. 29, when it travels to Harper Woods Notre Dame to take on the Fighting Irish.

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Patriots' game

Salem cagers fall, 57-45

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Members of Salem's basketball team might have a difficult time deciding which seemed longer Friday night: their long bus-ride to Warren Cousino High School or the opening eight minutes of the Rocks' non-conference game against the Patriots.

In reality, the bus-ride was much longer, but you might have a hard time making believers of the Rocks, who got battered 18-6 by Cousino in the seemingly endless first quarter before eventually losing, 57-45.

The setback left Salem with an 0-4 record heading into Tuesday's opening round of the Allen Park Christmas Tournament against Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The Patriots' record improved to 2-1.

"Cousino came out of the blocks fast and we came out lethargic," said Rock coach Bob Brodie. "They pounded the ball inside to their two big kids and we did a poor job fronting them."

"Offensively, we shot the ball too quickly, so we never got opportunities at second or third shots. They'd get the

rebound and fast-break or set up their offense and pound it inside. They scored at will against us in the first half."

Cousino sprinted to a 33-16 halftime lead before Brodie and his fellow coaches shared some inspiration with their players during the halftime break.

"Let's just say we got their attention a little at halftime," Brodie said. "I told them that this was west vs. east and that we needed to start playing with more pride. We didn't have a good showing in the first half, but we outscored them in the second (29-24), so there was improvement."

Dave Cardenas was the only Rock to break into the double-digit scoring column as he netted 10.

Mike Marek, Brian Baumgart and Brad Zonca contributed six points a piece.

Dave Lewandowski paced the Patriots with 18 points. Pat Arnold twined 11.

If the Rocks defeat Crestwood on Tuesday night, they will play the winner of Tuesday night's Allen Park-Woodhaven game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Shamrock basketball team falls to 0-4

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For a while, it looked like, Redford Catholic Central's varsity basketball team had a decent shot Friday night to win for the first time this season.

But the Shamrocks ran into foul trouble late in the first half, enabling host Grosse Pointe

North to open up a 36-31 halftime lead. It was more of the same after intermission, with the Norsemen earning a 78-62 victory.

"We had too many turnovers," noted Catholic Central head coach Rick Coratti, whose team is 0-3. "That's where we miss our point guard."

That point guard, senior Rob

Fragoso (broken hand), is almost ready to return. "We should get him back after Christmas," Coratti said.

Catholic Central also played without 6-7 center Chris Harding, who is recovering from pneumonia. Coratti expects Harding back for Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. game against visiting Redford Union.

The top scorer for the Norsemen (3-1) was senior forward Michael Bramos, with 29 points.

For the Shamrocks, junior guard Antyrno Raimer scored 19 points while junior center Aras Butkunas tallied 17 points and seven boards. Scoring 10 points was junior forward Garrett Sencyszyn.



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Salem icers hold off late Chief rally

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The game also helped – at least temporarily – fill a void for area hockey fans who have missed watching the locked-out Detroit Red Wings for the past two-plus months.

Who needs the NHL? That may have been the prevailing thought for many of the hundreds of fans who watched Wednesday night's skillfully played, down-to-the-wire hockey game between Salem and Canton at the Arctic Edge Arena.

The Rocks won, 4-3, over their cross-town rivals, but not before Canton staged a dramatic, last-minute comeback that nearly wiped out a three-goal deficit.

The victory improved Salem's record to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton dropped to 4-2-1 and 3-2.

The game also helped – at least temporarily – fill a void for area hockey fans who have missed watching the locked-out Detroit Red Wings for the past two-plus months.

"I knew it was a big game, but it was even more intense than I thought it would be," said first-year Canton coach Mike Behen, who witnessed his first Chief-Rock clash. "Most of the players on both of the teams are friends, and the rest of their friends are in the crowd, so everyone was fired up. It was pretty exciting."

Salem coach Fred Feiler said the game served as a gauge for the progress his team has made since practice started in November.

"We have a lot of inexperienced players, so it was a good game for us to see how we measured up against Canton," said Feiler, who has coached Salem since the team's incep-

tion in 1998. "We tried to come out and be the aggressor and cut off their passing lanes."

The strategy worked during the first period, which ended with Salem holding a 2-0 advantage. Despite getting out-shot, 8-5, the Rocks secured a lead thanks to goals from Chris Wilson and Craigen Bauldry, and the flawless goal-tending of senior net-minder Brandon DeMars. Steven Tripp, Adam Gilliken and Tommy Cooper picked up assists on the goals.

Canton sliced its deficit in half when Kevin Tollison scored an unassisted goal at 9:49 of the second period with just four seconds remaining in a Chief power-play.

Canton's Bryan Wioncek came close to knotting the score at 2-2 with 45 seconds left in the second period, but he was denied from close range by DeMars.

"DeMars is a great goalie," Canton coach Mike Behen said. "He's the first left-hander we've faced this season, and we really had trouble figuring him

out. Bryan (Wioncek) had a couple of break-aways that he stopped."

Salem's lead grew to 3-1 early in the third period when Cooper scooped in a power-play goal from in front of the net. He was assisted by Kris Brant.

When Brant scored a power-play goal with 4:51 remaining off a pass from Cooper, it seemed like nothing more than unnecessary insurance, with the Rocks leading 4-1.

However, Canton's Reece McCabe rifled an unassisted missile past DeMars from the right wing on a power-play with 2:58 to close the Chiefs' gap to 4-2. Just 44 seconds later, Wioncek beat DeMars from the door-step to make the score 4-3 and force Feiler to take a crucial time-out.

"Most importantly, I wanted to try to settle the guys down," Feiler said, referring to his time-out speech. "A couple of the guys were really gassed from killing all the penalties, so they needed to re-group. We discussed what we had to do, and they went out and did it."

With 61 seconds left, Salem was whistled for its fourth penalty of the period, giving the Chiefs a virtual two-man advantage since they had pulled their goalie one minute earlier.

Following a face-off in the right circle, Salem's Wilson dropped to his hands and knees and shielded the puck with his body as Canton players unsuccessfully tried to free it and score.

A brief skirmish ensued following the final horn as players from both teams squared off

momentarily. Nine players — five Chiefs and four Rocks — were disqualified, which means they will miss their respective teams' next game.

Salem will be short-handed for Tuesday night's home game against West Bloomfield while Canton was forced to rely more on its reserves in last night's WLAAC contest at Northville.

"I thought the referees overreacted a little bit with all the disqualifications," Behen said. "Only two players — one from each team — dropped their gloves, so they should have been the only ones penalized. A few minutes after that happened, both teams shook hands and everything was fine."

SALEM 4, WATERFORD MOTT 4: Nathan Edelen scored twice to lead the Rocks to a tie with the Corsairs.

Rock forward Stephen Tripp opened the scoring when he scored an unassisted goal less than two minutes into the game.

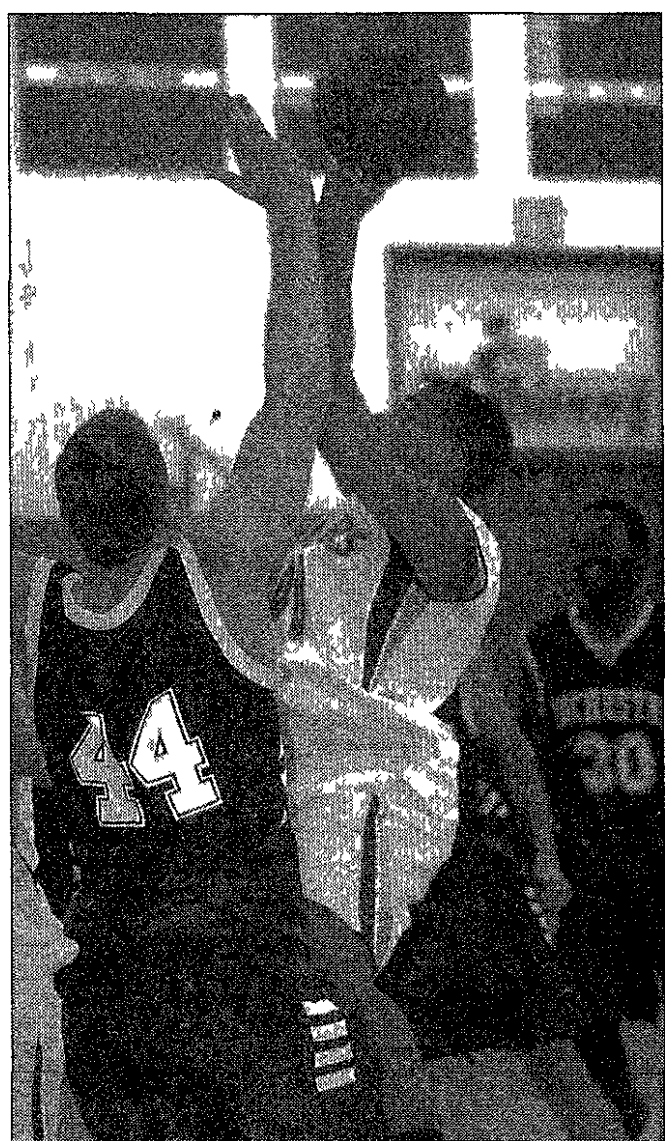
Edelen made it 2-0 with 5:32 left in the second period. He was assisted by Craigen Bauldry and Tripp.

After Mott knotted the game at 2-2, Bauldry scored off a pass from Brooks Belhart to give Salem a short-lived 3-2 lead.

Mott tied the game eight seconds into the final period on a goal by Logan Smith. Six minutes later, the Corsairs regained the advantage on Tim Schneider's goal.

Salem earned a point when Edelen deposited a pass from Tripp with 4:41 remaining.

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Dragons upend Madonna

Madonna's D.J. Bridges, a graduate of Canton High School, scored eight points and hauled in eight rebounds in Friday's night's 86-75 loss to Tiffin University in the first round of the Notre Dame College (Ohio) Super 8 Classic. Canton Agape Christian graduate Jordan Napier also played well in a losing cause, netting 12 points and two assists.

WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 53 LIVONIA STEVENSON 24
Dec. 16 at Livonia Stevenson HS
103 pounds Steve D'Annunzio (P) defeated Tommy Myschok 8-2. 112 Jon Reale (LS) pinned Ben Gibson 3-12. 119 Ben Kosmowski (P) p. Anthony Manella 1-32. 125 Andrew Saunders (P) won by void. 130 Ziad Kharoush (LS) p. Andrew Tate 3-25. 135 Ali Youssef (P) p. Joe Baciga 0-44. 140 John Hagar (P) p. Justin Fan 0-54. 145 Brandon Garcia (P) p. Brent Cetnar 1-36. 152 Patrick Borden (LS) p. Mark Rosiek 0-36. 160 Adam Kokenakes (LS) p. Ramin Pakray 5-01. 171 Vincent Daroff (P) dec. Billy McNally 11-5. 189 Taylor Fox (P) p. Trent Juds 0-17. 215 Danny Jammoul (P) won by technical fall over Dan Inson 16-0. 275 Shaun Bailey (P) won by void. Stevenson's dual meet record 4-2 overall.

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Bowling action heats up on these cold days

Some things are heating up on these cold wintry days, especially some of the bowlers in and around Westland

Starting with the highest level of youth bowling competition, the ALRO Steel Michigan Junior Masters Association monthly tournament held recently at Eastland Lanes in Kalamazoo was led by Pat Barter of Westland, who paced qualifiers with a 227 average, good enough for second place and \$300 in scholarship help

Ronnie Sparks, Jr., of Wayne, placed seventh and Sean Hall of Redford was 13th, not bad considering a starting field of 98 bowlers from four states and Canada.

Kerry Schmansky of Westland rolled the girls high game of the tournament (257) on her last game of qualifying to jump over two bowlers and into third place

The finals began with Schmansky out-bowling Kristy Kerr of Essexville, 257-221. In the next round Kristine Bailey defeated Schmansky 214-211

Schmansky wound up in third place, averaging an even 200 and adding \$75.00 in scholarship funds

For more information in the MJMA, call Jerry Tarabek (586) 264-0432 or Bob Black (419)734-1771

Also in Westland, the Tuesday Junior Classic at Town 'n Country Lanes, affiliated with the Wayne Westland Metro Bowling Association, exited the month of November with a great big roar

Scores were higher and many bowlers left the lanes scratching their heads in awe of the scores and wondering what it takes to win a jackpot

The scores attained were certainly a record for the league. Four series of 800 were the talk of the town and in addition, there were 15 series in excess of 700 and 25 higher than 660

The night's leading scorer was Joe Dyer with games of 239-300-279 for a series total of 818. Dyer's 300 score was the ninth perfect game in the league this season

Joe Jacobs added 248-280-

278 for an 806. Meanwhile, Ryan Rollins posted scores of 279-278-254 for a total of 811, while one of his opponents, Mark Konopatzke, shot games of 224-290-289 for an 803. Lance Howey was close to an 800 series with scores of 245-279-257 in a 781 set

The league kept it up the next week with another outstanding outing (Dec 7) as Jim Finch bowled a 258-278-268/804, fol-

lowed by Ryan Rollins, 290-234-248/772, Tony Grote, 267-278-248/793, Larry Johnson, 257-278-225/760, Bud LeBlanc, 243-256-255/754, Lew Agius, 203-246-299/748, and Rich Trullard, 299-259-197/755

The new proprietor of Town 'n Country Lanes is Bob Goike, owner of Lodge Lanes in Belleville and one of the local hall of famers. He is probably amazed to see so many out-

standing bowlers in his newly acquired establishment

There is quite a controversy brewing over who is the greatest bowler of all time

With the success of Walter Ray Williams, Jr. in recent years, some observers are of the opinion that he is the best ever. Others favor some of the past luminaries such as Don Carter and Dick Weber

Myself, I'd pick Earl Anthony because he was the most accu-

rate bowler I ever saw and had an uncanny ability to win

At this time, Earl still holds the all-time record for Pro Tour titles (41) against such players as Mark Roth, Marshall Holman, Johnny Petraglia, Wayne Webb and Brian Voss to name a few that were great bowlers. Anthony later won seven more titles on the Senior tour

Anthony reigned supreme during his era and that was

before the plethora of high powered bowling balls arrived on the scene

Walter Ray is chipping away at Anthony's record number of victories on tour, he now has 40 and will very likely surpass the present record of 41

Al Harrison is a Livonia resident and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477 1839



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The scores attained were certainly a record for the league. Four series of 800 were the talk of the town and in addition, there were 15 series in excess of 700 and 25 higher than 660

The night's leading scorer was Joe Dyer with games of 239-300-279 for a series total of 818. Dyer's 300 score was the ninth perfect game in the league this season

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

112 1 Josh Preiss Wayne 2 Steve Ludke Garden City 3 Ken Nelson Redford Union 4 Jon Reale Livonia Stevenson 5 Sam Santilli Canton

119 1 Matt Keffer 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 Rowdy Glasgow John Glenn 4 Mike Warren Franklin 5 Justin Keatts Wayne

130 1 Corey Phillips Canton 2 Justin Smith Churchill 3 Jim Wood John Glenn 4 James Jones Franklin 5 Robert Bytner Lutheran Westland

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

140 1 Jim Moore RU 2 Dave Watkins Franklin 3 Konrad Konsitzke Canton 4 Josh Kelly Churchill 5 Saif Naber John Glenn

145 1 Rece Cox John Glenn 2 Jameson Murray Churchill 3 Chris Tomasik RU 4 Alex York Livonia Stevenson 5 Nate Turco Franklin

152 1 Ben Adams Churchill 2 Adam Kokenakes Stevenson 3 Val Gui Salem 4 Chad Phipps Wayne 5 Ramin Kakray Plymouth

160 1 Trevor Stewart Redford CC 2 Kurtis Robbins Livonia Clarenceville 3 Jon McCahill John Glenn 4 Blake Karkoska Franklin 5 Kyle Lis Stevenson

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

189 1 Joe Bargerstock Churchill 2 Jeremy Henderson Salem 3 Robert Coffey Wayne 4 Craig Markgraff Garden City 5 Chris Van Camp Franklin

215 1 Hafeez Qureshi Churchill 2 Eric Vojtkofsky Redford CC 3 Jacob Tuomi Galindez Lutheran Westland 4 PJ Caram Canton 5 Matt Shiekis RU

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Jennifer Moore

Tribute to Grandpa

For 19 years of my life I had the honor of having John Z Kay Sr as my grandfather

My grandfather was not a lifelong Salvationist. He came to The Salvation Army on the streets of Detroit, attracted by the sound of the Detroit Citadel Band. My grandfather came to know the Lord and brought his wife and three children (later to be four children) to the corps the following Sunday.

By the time my youngest brother and I came along, he was retired from General Motors and had happily become a professional grandparent. I can honestly say my grandfather had 15 favorite grandchildren, although Jim and I benefited from the arrangement the most.

My grandparents were at our house often, and we made the seven-minute trip from our home to theirs just as often.

So when the phone rang at about 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19, 1991, it seemed like the world stopped turning for a second and altered its rotation forever. My grandmother called each one of her children and told them to come quickly. "Your father's gone home," my oldest brother summed it up best as he delivered the message at Grandpa's funeral. "When you remember Grandpa, thank God for giving us the best."

Since that Christmas, I have stood kettles every year on Dec. 19 in honor of my grandfather's memory. My grandfather worshiped Christ and loved The Salvation Army, he was proud of giving his heart to God and his hand to man. Standing kettles is a fitting tribute to him.

As I have grown and my life has changed, there have been unexpected blessings from this tradition. My grandfather has been gone for 13 years, yet there are times when his loss seems fresh and painful. My brother and I were so close to our grandfather, yet he never met my husband and has never seen our children. It seems odd that such a strong figure in our lives has never seen the people who have become our lives.

My husband, Jerry, began standing kettles with me in 1994, we married in 1999 and maintained the tradition. Our son, Connor James, joined us in 2002. I am happy that Grandpa is a part of our Christmas even though he is no longer here.

When *Parents Magazine* sent out a request for parents to send in photos with their children volunteering, I submitted a photo of Connor and me standing kettles last Christmas. I made Connor a sweatshirt that says "I'm a Bell Ringer." It also has a patch with the red shield on the front (the patch was courtesy of his grandfather George Aren, Disaster Services coordinator for Eastern Michigan). The back states "Need Knows No Season." It is pretty hard for people to walk by our little guy and not give

We were thrilled when the editor called to inform us that Connor had been chosen for the December 2004 issue of *Parents Magazine*. We were also happy to see that they included a contact number so that others could contact their local corps to volunteer as well.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year, too!

Jennifer Moore is a Canton resident.

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Museum gowns show sweep of history



During the AAUW holiday celebration at the museum, members get a tour of the exhibit on first ladies' gowns. To the right is the gown of Helen Taft (1861-1943).



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Dawn Parker of Canton and her mom, Gloria Savich of Livonia, look at a replica of a gown that first lady Martha Washington wore (1731-1802) during the American Association of University Women holiday celebration at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The Plymouth-Canton branch enjoyed a tour led by Bob Zaetta.

Exhibit helps AAUW celebrate season in style

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Want to learn about history without venturing quite as far as our nation's capital? The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting an exhibit featuring 15 reproductions of the inaugural ball gowns of the first ladies featured in the Smithsonian.

The exhibit is part of the Joan Deer Collection of the Frankenmuth Historical Museum. It will remain in Plymouth through Jan. 30.

Museum director Beth Stewart has been pleased with response to the exhibit, which opened in early November. "It's been huge," she said. "The reactions been great."

Members and guests of the Plymouth Canton branch, American Association of University Women, toured the exhibit

Wednesday during their annual holiday get-together. Participants also brought items for First Step, western Wayne County's agency on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Stewart anticipates even more interest in the exhibit in January, closer to the inauguration in Washington, D.C. "That's when people really get excited about it," she said.

The exhibit gowns were designed by a team of Michigan designers and researchers headed by David Zeese and Don Nagle of Frankenmuth. They were the first group of designers allowed to sketch the gowns in the Hall of First Ladies. They weren't allowed to take photographs but could observe the curators at work and sketch.

"It really did take awhile," Stewart said of the process, which included finding fabric to recreate each gown. Grace

Coolidge's gown of red velvet was possibly recreated from the same bolt of fabric at the same store.

The Plymouth museum has hosted the exhibit in the past, usually with four-year election cycles. "You don't often get a

chance to talk about first ladies," Stewart said.

The gowns exhibited were selected to show both a progression of fashion

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Judy Vindici of First Step tells AAUW about services and programs the agency offers.

First Step volunteers play a vital role

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Judy Vindici, special projects manager for First Step, appreciates the volunteer help the agency receives, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

"There's a profound need for help in so many of these areas," she told members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, Wednesday evening.

The holiday gathering included donations of toys, clothing and other items for First Step clients. The agency

serves western Wayne County victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Vindici described the artwork of a boy who was angry with his mother and planned to hit her when he was strong enough. "Unless that child is reached, we have another generation of this going on," she said.

She talked about bringing art supplies to the First Step shelter and being swamped by eager children. Art therapy's an important volunteer area, she said, along with other children's programs and covering the 24-hour help line.

The help line is (734) 459-

5900 or toll free at (888) 453-5900. To volunteer or for general information, call the office at (734) 416-1111.

Vindici described how verbal abuse can escalate into physical violence. She noted the agency has had male clients, and that abuse can occur in same-sex relationships.

"You know how demeaning it is for them and how that person changes over time," she said of domestic violence victims. "It really is akin to torture."

Vindici discussed the recent case of Nancy Seaman, the area teacher convicted of murdering her husband. Seaman

claimed she was a longtime victim of domestic violence.

"Those are very complex situations," Vindici, noting the couple's two sons had differing views of their parents' marriage.

It's terrifying for children to be in situations where people are angry all the time, she said.

Vindici also discussed services for sexual assault victims. "It's just a traumatic situation that can turn your world upside down." Victims can contract AIDS and other diseases, she added.

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Scouts use a little sugar to sell cookies

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Keep an eye out and support Girl Scouts, says Virginia Letellier as she marches Troop 2008 from the *Observer* offices. Her five young charges epitomize the Girl Scout Law to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, and to sell lots of cookies, especially at this time of year.

When asked about their current project, Breann Graca, Alyssa Osenko, Taylor Shalhoub, Arka Agnew, and Kayla Parker were ready to represent all Girl Scouts in the endeavor. They wanted no attention brought to themselves but to the annual sales drive to benefit girls in green vests.

At Patchin Elementary in Westland, several under the leadership of Letellier are taking advance orders for the cookies priced at \$3.50 a box.

Each has set a goal of selling 115 boxes to family, friends, and co-workers of mom and dad. Osenko, accompanied by her father, plans to visit neighbors on her block.

Girls take advance cookie orders now through Jan. 16. From Feb. 19 to March 20, they will deliver to customers and sell from booths set up outside stores in the area.

But the Girl Scout organization teaches more than technique to sell Pinatas, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, and Thin Mints, their best seller. Math and goal setting skills are all honed during this time.

"If they say no thank you, be nice and not pouty," said Graca. "Be polite."

"You have to be nice," added Shalhoub.

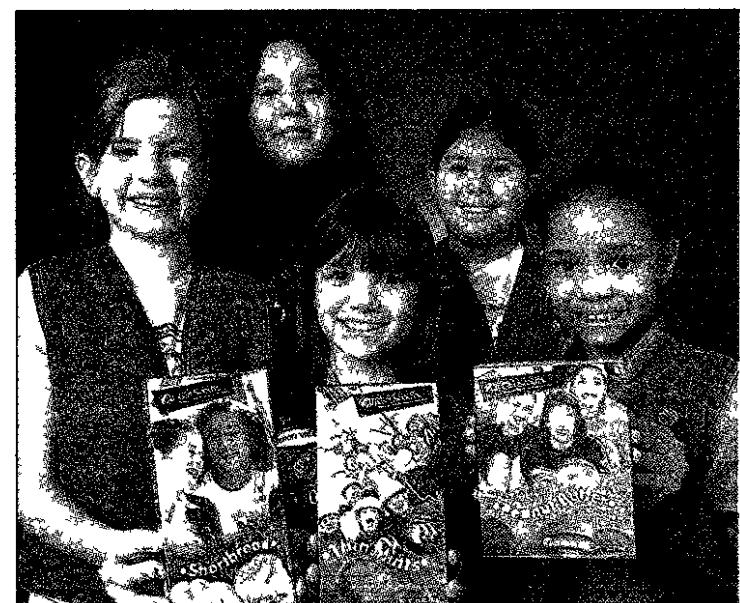
The Girl Scout Law teaches respect for self and others as well as authority. At Thanksgiving time, the girls in Troop 2008 donated food

which was displayed in the Wayne Rotary parade then given to the Salvation Army. The theme was Count Your Blessings.

"Girls Scouts helps you to work in a group with other people, helps you make friends," said Shalhoub. "And cookies make it affordable for any girl to join."

A portion of the proceeds from cookie sales provides financial assistance whether it be for craft materials, badges or a field trip. The girls in Huron Valley Troop 2008 recently had fun riding the carousel, Model T's and horse-drawn wagons during Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village.

In February, they'll spend a weekend at Camp Linden, but it won't be all fun. While there, they'll learn to sew so they can make carry-all bags for the walkers of local senior citizens. "Selling cookies teaches us what Girl Scouts is all about," said Parker. "It's not about our-



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Breann Graca (left counter clockwise), Alyssa Osenko, Taylor Shalhoub, Arka Agnew, and Kayla Park recently visited the *Observer* Newspapers to promote the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Accompanying them were co-leaders Virginia Letellier and Janine Shalhoub (not pictured).

self. It's about people around us and helping out the community."

For more information about Girl Scouts or locations of

cookie booths, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit the Web site at www.gshvc.org.

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If you're alone Christmas Day doesn't have to be lonely

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Pastor Dennis Skiles was alone in Dallas 18 years ago when he held the first Christmas dinner for those without family at a Unity church. On Dec. 25, he introduces the tradition to Unity of Livonia. He and his wife, Paula, aren't sure how many will show up to share the feast which will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with caroling 2-3 p.m. followed by a meeting of recovery groups 3-5 p.m. at Unity, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

"Back then we invited people and had recovery meetings for 12-step people," said Skiles. "We were making sure people who were sober had somewhere to go for Christmas. At the time I was for two years. Those who helped were people trying to live a Christmas message instead of just preaching it."

Anyone who's alone, without somewhere to go on Christmas Day can bring their meal or share our meal. If they want to bring a dish or not bring a dish. Anyone who wouldn't otherwise have family to be with, they can come and be with family of the church. This is how we do Christmas.

Pastor Skiles was referring to himself and wife Paula, co-minister at Unity of Livonia. Paula says she's been blessed to experience Christmas Day and New Year's Day with a spiritual family ever since she was single and alone in Texas.

"When I was single this was where I spent my holidays. Unity's been doing this many years," said pastor Paula Skiles. "It's not on a reservation basis. It's an open invitation. We're doing our best to prepare for quite a few people. Being the first we don't know what to expect but we're doing everything as much as possible."

ST. DUNSTAN DINNER

There is no reason to spend Christmas alone no matter which community you live in. St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City is fixing all of the trimmings for a dinner for anyone who is alone or without somewhere to go. The doors open at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, dinner served at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call Mary or John at (734) 425-3282. St. Dunstan Catholic Church is located at 1616 Belton, Garden City.

The church has been doing this for over 35 years. I've been doing this for 30, said Mary Surge of Garden City.

"There's a need for something like this for people who are alone. We enjoy doing this so they have somewhere to go on Christmas Day. It takes a lot of volunteers. One family cooks the turkeys. We feed about 180 people."

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

Offer to bring something that you've made. Don't tell anybody that you've made a Heart Smart dish.

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 go. 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.

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Folk art workshop

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a Folk Art Workshop on Sunday, Jan. 23 from 12:30 p.m. The American Folk Art Workshop will explore the history of untrained artists across the United States. Participants will learn how folk artists make works of art with traditional techniques and content in styles handed down through many generations and then create their own works of art. Workshops are



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Christmas cheer

Joe Krogman of the Plymouth Salvation Army loads donations of food and toys from the Observer Cheer Club. Dozens of donors gave generously to make sure needy children from around the area had presents for the Christmas holidays.

suitable for all ages. Cost is \$11 per creator. Registration is required and payment is due in full upon registration. To register or for more information, stop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994 8004, ext. 101 or register online at www.annarborartcenter.org.

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 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, on or to register, call (734) 994 8004, ext. 101 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. Marilyn 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.

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Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents Rumpelstiltskin through Jan. 16. Performances are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (Jan. 8, 15), Sundays (Dec. 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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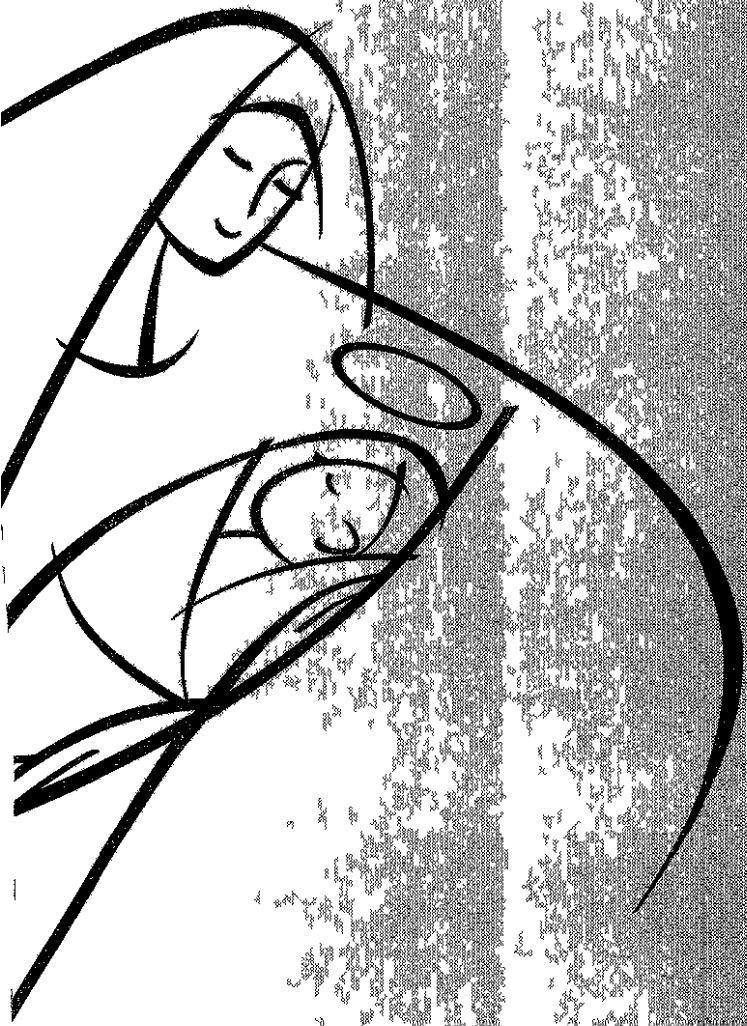
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New Year's Day
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Christmas Day
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Friday, December 24
 Masses at 4 pm, 6:30 pm and Midnight
Saturday, December 25
 Masses at 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon
 No 4 pm Mass on Christmas Day
Friday, December 31
 Vigil Mass at 4 pm
 New Year's Day
 New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
 No Masses on Saturday, January 1, 2005

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 Saturday Dec 25 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (no 5 p.m. Mass today)
 Sunday Dec 26 Feast of the Holy Family 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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 7:00 pm

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Candlelight & Carols 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

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9 pm Carols & Candlelighting
11 pm Carols, Candlelighting & Communion

Legal ethicist uses television to spread the word

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
CORRESPONDENT

You've seen him analyzing high profile cases on local television as well as CNN and Court TV.

He's frequently quoted in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek* and local papers.

But Larry Dubin, a Birmingham resident and the Philip J. McElroy Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy, mainly considers himself a teacher.

Dubin, who gave up a thriving practice as a litigator at the age of 30, is one of the nation's leading legal ethicists. I enjoyed trial work. It permitted me to develop and hone certain skills. But after a while the enormous amount of pressure takes a toll. After each trial, I felt worn down. I was being driven by client needs, not mine.

Teaching is the opposite. You have to determine what you want to accomplish.

Daily, after he finishes his four-to-five mile run, he heads downtown to his airy office at

U-D Mercy law school, overlooking the Detroit River. Its previous occupant, he says, was former Michigan Governor and Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Soapy Williams.

When Dubin graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1966, no course in legal ethics existed. When a person became a lawyer, you had to rely on your instinct. It was a very underdeveloped area of the law.

The event that changed that, he says, was Watergate. When the Nixon administration was over, over 50 lawyers from his administration were criminally prosecuted. It became clear that more attention (to legal ethics) was needed.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano took Dubin's professional ethics classes early on. I really, really enjoyed him. He was insightful and he oozed ethics. It was apparent to us that he was giving up a lucrative practice to do what he really loved.

Both as county sheriff and in his present post, Ficano says he has called Dubin for advice in



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Lawrence Dubin is one of the nation's leading legal ethicists.

borderline ethical situations.

He's an absolutely stupendous teacher, echoes UD Mercy Law School Dean Mark Gordon Gordon, who was Mario Cuomo's chief of staff, says that students tell him how captivating and challenging Dubin is. He's a real leader. We have ethics across the curriculum. He coordinates it all.

An eight-year appointment to the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission (1978-86) was a wonderful learning experience, Dubin says. After reading the thousands of griev-

ances filed, he co-authored the 'Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure' with West Bloomfield attorney Michael Schwartz.

Dubin's award-winning documentary films have been shown on public television as well as in law school classes. His breakthrough film about people who successfully filed grievances against lawyers is used at law schools around the country.

He has written a monthly Ethics column for the *National Law Journal* since 1988. His most recent piece in the *Michigan Bar Journal* (Sept. 2004) explored 'The Legal Profession's Hidden Secret: Substance Abuse.'

Recently, he appeared on Fox News with Murray Feldman and WJR with Warren Pearce, commenting on the verdicts in the Scott Peterson trial. The circumstantial evidence was overwhelming in establishing his guilt, Dubin says.

Of course, he also thought that to be the case in the O.J. Simpson trial where he spent almost a year as the daily ana-

lyst for Channel 2. I was shocked when he was found not guilty, he freely admits.

'When I started I had no idea that it would involve the amount of time it did.' He was in the studio from 12:30-3 p.m. and returned for the late night news each day that court was in session.

Even so, he is proud that he never missed a class. In fact, he has only missed two classes in 30 years - for his dad's funeral and when he had bronchitis.

I enjoy doing television. I view it as part of my function of being a teacher - not as an advocate for one side or the other.

The practice of law has changed tremendously, Dubin says. In his U-M law school class of 350, there were five women and no minorities. Now women are a majority and minorities are a presence.

The American Bar Association used to discriminate against blacks, he says. Several of his documentary films and writings highlight African American lawyers who fought for their civil rights. He

is proud that former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer is the first African American to lead the ABA. They are the real heroes of the legal profession.

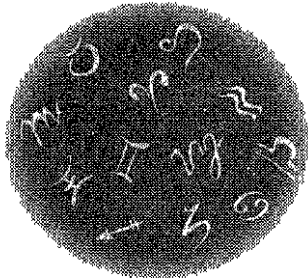
At the same time, lawyers don't enjoy the practice of law as much as they used to, he says. I see greater lawyer burnout than in the past. Civility has broken down. They used to trust each other more.

He attributes that, in part, to the rise of the mega law firm, which has created a huge gap with the sole practitioner.

Dubin is the first lawyer in his family. He guesses the seeds were sown when, in elementary school, he campaigned for a Forum for Fairness to counter the teacher's possible abuse of power. He and his wife Kitty, have lived in Birmingham for 30 years. She teaches playwriting at Oakland University. Her works have been staged by the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and the JET in West Bloomfield. Their son, Nicolas, is working on his doctorate in psychology at the Center for Humanistic Studies in Farmington Hills.

Star Struck

(Dec 19-Dec 22)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20th)

There's nothing you can't do this week - anything and everything is possible! With your ruling planet Mars changing signs on Friday, you'll feel more confidence plus the willingness to fight for what's yours. If you want to make progress now is the time to start speaking up. Ram!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Work and health matters take center stage as the week begins - especially Tuesday and Wednesday with the Moon in your sign - and what happens by this time next week will convince you that the balance is not quite right. If you feel run down, you'd best find time to rest.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You will honor a debt or promise owes more to optimism than ability. You need to know the true extent of your resources. Twin! A difficult astro aspect to your ruler Mercury warns you to avoid taking too much on trust at this time. Listen first and interrogate afterwards.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

A family or close friendship dilemma appears to have turned into a face-saving exercise since December began and requires forbearance and diplomacy to resolve. Now you must stop allowing past events to thwart your ability to cope with the present and plan for the future.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Although temporary, this may be a frustrating time for you as events over which you have no control stop you from doing the things you really enjoy or had planned. On the other hand, the things you like or expected may in some cases cause you harm, so perhaps it's not such a bad thing after all.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You can learn much from listening to those who think they know the answers - if only to discover they don't! Your instincts are more reliable than your powers of deduction now. Virgo pay attention to what is said. Avoid taking too much on

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

trust or as how things have always been. Attitude is everything this week when there is so much to gain - and as much to lose. If you don't get overconfident and cocky and push your luck, you should end up the winner on your own terms. Balancer. Examine and possibly refine what the definition of family means to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Now stay with me on this Scorpio okay? Pluto your ruler will bring many good things your way this week but it's the one thing you can't have that will capture your interest. It's good that you like a challenge because the goals you set won't be easy to reach right now. Chill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You have withheld a difference of opinion for long enough. Archer. Now Mercury ending its retrograde means that it's best to speak. Keeping the peace is not as vital as maintaining your sense of self. Not everyone sees life with your vision or from your viewpoint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

There may be a number of important things on your mind as your birthday approaches. Cap but you of all people should know that it's never a good idea to get too serious about life. If you find yourself weighed down by worries, drop whatever you're doing and hit the party trail!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

I'm going to be gentle but blunt with you now. WaterBearer. Words always seem to come easy to you but sometimes you say things that are a bit too abrasive and that is something you must watch out for this week. If you must point out other's faults, try not to destroy their confidence and self-esteem.

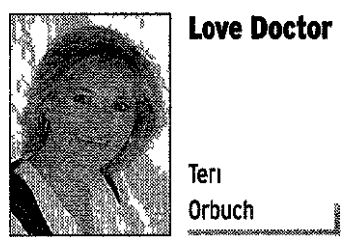
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

If there's something about your daily routine that you'd like to change or a habit you'd like to overcome now's the time as Mercury goes direct to line up your ducks and get organized - but not the best week for taking action. Ponder and promote now but wait til January to provoke. Fish.

Affirmation is more important to men than women in marriage

Q. I am a 42-year-old woman who is happy in my marriage. I know what is important to me and other women in marriage. But, when it comes to men, I am totally confused. Are relationships important to men? And if so, what is important to them in their marriages?

A. You are right. Men and women are very different in what they want out of their relationships. There is a great deal of research evidence to suggest that women are more relationship-oriented than men, both in terms of thinking and talking about relationships. Women analyze and think about their relationships all the time, and women are more sensitive to distress and problems when they arise in the relationship. In addition, relationship talk is important to women, but not to men. Women find this talk very reinforcing for what they want in their relationship. But there is still hope for men and their relationships. Studies consistently show that relationships are important to men but for different reasons than they are for women. It is important for women to recognize that men might find it difficult to express concerns about the relationship or talk with them about the relationship, but men still need and find the relationship important. So, what is important to men in their marriages? In my long-term study on marriage and divorce, I found that it is important for men to feel affirmed and valued



Love Doctor
Terri Orbuch

by their wives. The risk of divorce is reduced dramatically when husbands feel that their wives make them feel special and good about themselves. Affective affirmation is the degree to which your spouse makes you feel good about your ideas, about who you are, makes you feel like an interesting person. Affective affirmation is important to husbands because a husband's major and perhaps only source of feeling loved as an adult is from his wife and when that communication breaks down, he is more devastated. Compared to her husband, a woman usually has multiple close friendship and family ties (mother, girlfriends, co-workers, sisters), especially with her children, who are strong sources of feeling loved as an adult. If she does not feel affirmed by her husband, then she is most likely less distressed within her marriage, because she can turn to those other people for affirmation. Find out how much you feel affirmed in your relationship (or how much you affirm your partner) by taking the following Love Doctor Quiz. Respond to each statement using a scale from 1-4 where, 1=never,

2=rarely, 3=sometimes, and 4=often. In the past month, how often did you:

1. Feel that your partner made you feel good about having your own ideas and ways of doing things?
2. Feel that your partner made your life especially interesting and exciting?
3. Feel that your partner made you feel good about the kind of person you are?
4. Feel that your partner felt especially caring toward you?

Add up your points across the four questions. Scores range from 4-16. The higher the score, the more you feel affirmed in your current relationship. If you are interested in figuring out how much you affirm your partner, take the above quiz again and substitute. In the past month, how often did you feel, with:

In the past month, how often did you make your partner feel?

To submit a question to the Love Doctor, e-mail the Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlove.com.
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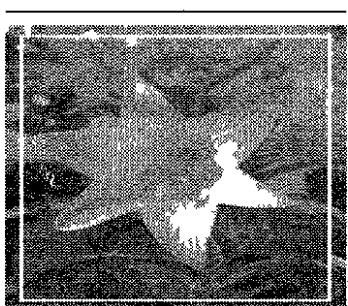
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MARGARET H. BUTLER
Died December 14, 2004 age 89. Wife of the late Reginald H. Rags Butler. Dear mother of Dr. Megan Kuhlman (Gary), R.H. Tod Jr. (Sharon), James M. (Vicky) and Harry Price (Susan). Also survived by 9 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorial service Sunday 11:00 a.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church 3061 N. Adams (north of Big Beaver) Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Memorial tributes to the church. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

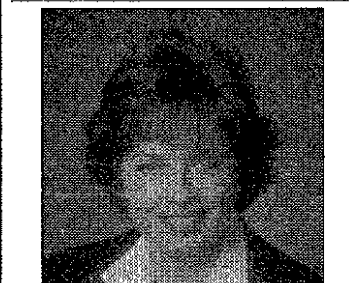
LORAN JEAN MARSHALL-HOLDEN
Died December 15, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Harold Holden, and the late Norman Marshall. Dear mother of Charles (Kathy), John Gloria Hakola, Linda Beall Karen (Terry) Macuga, Janice Siconolfi and Debra (Jim) Bacon. Dearest grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of eight. Loving sister of Marion Wetherall. Special companion of Dr. Fernwood Hackett. Family will receive friends Monday 4-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave. Wayne. Funeral Services will be Tuesday 11am at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family appreciates memorials to the Hospice of Okemos. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.



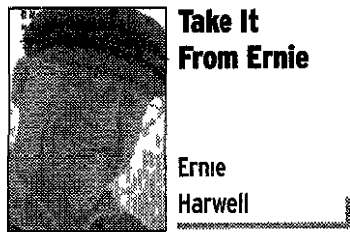
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Age 81. December 14, 2004. Husband of the late Marian. Father of Nancy (John) Woods and Martin III (Nancy). Grandfather of 6, 2 step grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 4 step great grandchildren, brother of Robert (Barbara) and sister in law Kay Logan. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Special friend of Sally Esser and family. Preceded in death by 2 sisters and a brother. Services were held Saturday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home Livonia. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Hospice Care of SW Michigan, Rose Arbor Residence 301 W. Cedar St. Kalamazoo MI 49007.



KAREN L. JONES
December 14, 2004. Age 43. Beloved daughter of Donald Sr. & Mercedes. Dear sister of Donald Jr. (Marie), Sharon Robert (Patty) Loving Aunt of Jared, Patrick Alexander, Lauren & Erin. Service: Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 Five Mile 1 mile W of Farmington Rd. Friday 11:00AM. Visitation Thursday 1-9 PM. Memorials to Arbor Hospice preferred.



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- Converting food to energy
- Bolstering the immune system

In other words, vitamins, in food or as supplements, help us to live.

Making a healthy diet can be hard in these fast-paced times. Talk with your doctor about your diet and whether you may need to supplement it with vitamins and nutrients.

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.

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Discount drug cards

Seniors save with prescription programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One year after the Medicare Prescription Drug Law was signed by President George W. Bush, Alice Brandt is counting her savings on prescriptions for diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, arthritis and osteoporosis. The 70-year-old Westland senior was spending nearly \$400 a month until receiving the Medicare-approved Discount Drug Card, one of many cards available to seniors along with free programs from manufacturers. The card cut her cost by more than half. Insulin, which used to cost \$150 for a two-week supply, now is \$12.

Brandt was able to afford prescriptions when she worked but a stroke in June 2003 left her sometimes asking her daughter for assistance. Brandt's small pension and Social Security checks must stretch to pay for a one-bedroom apartment at Our Saviors Manor plus food and prescriptions.

SHE'S PLEASED

"It was easy. I filled out papers and sent them in and they sent me the card," said Brandt. "Now I call in my pre-

scriptions to Kroger in the morning and they're delivered that afternoon and delivery is free for seniors.

"It's given me peace of mind and I'm able to buy something here and there. You don't have to rely on somebody to help you. I want other seniors to know how easy this is and how it can help them. It took only about three-four weeks."

At the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for Oakland County in Southfield, Carrie Shea assists anyone unable to complete the application process. It's the agency's business to help seniors with services ranging from personal care to chores, home delivered meals, and information on assisted living facilities and senior centers, and legal assistance.

Seniors needing help should call the Area Agency on Aging where they live, or a local senior center such as the Livonia Senior Activities Center at (734) 466-2555.

At Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Shea assesses seniors needs then searches for a card after checking to see if they might meet requirements for a free prescription program.

"If they need help filling it out, if they don't have anyone, I help them," said Shea, Medicare-Medicaid assistance program coordinator for the agency. "Many have caregivers or family that can help. We very rarely go out to a home, but we will. We have trained volunteers if they come into the office, and we're always looking for more. If free, they need their doctor to fill it out the paperwork in most instances."

"It's difficult to choose a card. They need Internet access or someone who can help like us. We need a list of their medica-



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Alice Brandt with her Medicare drug discount card and prescription receipts

tions, dosage and frequency, preferred pharmacy, and income. Or they can go on the www.medicare.gov Web site and search for which one is appropriate, or call (800) MEDICARE.

In the state of Michigan there are 41 cards from which to choose. Each covers a different set of drugs. For help, call the Medicare/Medicaid assistance program at (800) 803-7174, or the Area Agency on Aging 1-B information line (800) 852-7795.

Seniors who have Medicare Part A and or Part B and don't have outpatient prescription drug benefits through Medicaid are eligible for the Medicare approved drug discount card. If eligible for the card they could save 11 to 18 percent on many brand name drugs and more on generics, regardless of income.

Depending on income, seniors may be charged up to \$30 annually for the drug card. There is no annual enrollment

fee and seniors may also be eligible for a \$600 credit if on a limited income.

"There's also \$600 in assistance available for 2004 and 2005," said Shea. "If they apply by the end of this month (December) they can use it toward next year, but only for low income. Everyone can't get the (monetary) assistance but can get the card."

OPTIONS

In addition to the Medicare-approved drug discount card, area Medicare and Medicaid experts recommend checking out county and State of Michigan cards.

"Every seven days, the formulary (list of drugs and dosages) can change for the Medicare-approved cards," said Shea. "Their drugs could be dropped and they can't switch cards throughout the year as opposed to Oakland County or Michigan."

"There are also a lot of pro-

grams through pharmaceutical companies that low income can get. There's a lot of options for people without insurance."

In Wayne County, Georgia Bradford is waiting to assist seniors at the Area Agency on Aging 1-C, the Senior Alliance in Wayne. Call (734) 722-2830 or visit www.aaalc.org.

"I'm glad to help people fill out forms," said Bradford, who works in the information and assistance department that serves 34 out-County citizens. "We have a guide for the Medicare approved card. Call (734) 727-2061 for the guide. We can help locate different discount cards. We have applications for the Together Card, Wayne County, Pfizer, and Lilly card that I'm mailing out. All of them are different."

If they have difficulty call their senior center or call us for a Medicaid and Medicare counselor. Some make home visits."

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Medicare-approved drug discount cards won't exist when the 2006 Prescription Drug Insurance Benefit, Medicare Part D, kicks in a little more than two years after President George W. Bush signed the prescription drug law.

All cards in the intermediary Medicare program expire Dec. 31, 2005. Depending on a senior's income level that could be good or bad news, according to Carrie Shea, Medicare-Medicaid assistance program coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for Oakland County in Southfield.

"It's going to cost about \$35 a month for insurance unless you're low income, and there's a \$250 a year deductible before insurance kicks in," said Shea. "After \$250 until \$2,250 in drug costs a senior will pay 25 percent, Medicare 75 percent. From \$2,250 to \$5,100 the beneficiary pays 100 per-

cent, over \$5,100 (the catastrophic level) there's a \$2 or \$5 co-pay or 5 percent whatever is higher."

According to current guidelines, low-income seniors will be categorized depending on income.

"Low-income people are divided into three tiers, at 100 percent of poverty for income less and up to \$9,310 they don't pay a deductible or premium and have a co-pay of \$1 for generic, \$3 for brand name up to \$2,250 and after don't even pay the co-pay."

"The second tier from \$9,310 to \$12,568 with assets of no more than \$6,000 for a single, \$9,000 couple (doesn't include owning a car or house) don't pay a deductible or premium. It's \$2 for generic, \$5 brand name up to \$2,250 then co-pays are waived."

The third tier from \$12,568 to \$13,965, assets are \$10,000 for a single, \$20,000 for a couple. Monthly premiums are on a sliding scale depending on income. The annual deductible

is \$50 a year after that a 15 percent co-pay up to \$2,250. After that the beneficiary pays the greater of \$2 for generic, \$5 brand name or 5 percent of the cost of each prescription.

"These plans say it's optional to enroll, but you incur a penalty in the future if you don't enroll when it's first available if you don't have other credible coverage," said Shea. "There is out of pocket expense but it will help some people."

"Anyone on Medicaid health insurance for low income, disabled or over age 65, or blind, those folks currently receive prescription assistance. In 2006, they'll be bumped to the Medicare prescription drug benefit. States will automatically enroll them."

"Everyone else will be getting notices from Medicare. They'll have from Nov. 15, 2005, until May 15, 2006, a six-month window to sign up without penalty. We expect to be inundated with calls."

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Check out practitioners before undergoing cosmetic procedures

Recent cases in Florida where four patients were injected with a substance still under investigation is a red flag for consumers, said the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery. The Society urges consumers to check a practitioner's qualifications and credentials before undergoing any procedure to avoid the risk of complications from substandard treatment.

"Be prudent and selective when evaluating your options for any possible cosmetic procedure. It's not enough to rely on word of mouth, said Dr. Rhoda Narins, a New York dermatologist and president of

ASDS. 'Botox treatments are medical/surgical procedures that should be performed by a qualified dermatologist who uses only FDA-approved products purchased directly from the manufacturers that follow strict FDA guidelines.

Narins added that serious side effects such as infection, scarring and pigmentation disorders often occur following procedures performed independently by non-physician practitioners who do not have the necessary medical training and qualifications to diagnose the condition, perform the procedure and adequately handle complications

when they occur.

It is critical to communicate as strongly as possible the documented risks of invasive cosmetic procedures performed by someone other than a qualified dermatologist, said Narins. Therefore, it is our responsibility to protect consumers from the unfortunate proliferation of non-physician providers who typically don't have the necessary medical training and qualifications to diagnose the condition, perform the procedure and adequately handle complications when they occur.

Consumers should follow these tips from the ASDS prior to under-

going any cosmetic procedure.

- Make sure a doctor is on site
- Check credentials to be sure the doctor performing or overseeing the procedure is board certified in dermatology or another specialty with equivalent training and experience
- Ask questions no matter how minor they may seem
- Be sure your medical history is taken
- Insist on having an initial evaluation by a dermatologist to determine if a Botox treatment is appropriate for your skin type
- Talk about pain management options

With more than 4,200 members, the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, is the largest specialty organization in the world exclusively representing dermatologists, board-certified physicians who are specifically trained to treat the health, function and appearance of the skin and soft tissue with medically necessary and cosmetic procedures, using both surgical and non-surgical methods. For more information on cosmetic or medical skin procedures and referrals to ASDS members, call (800) 441-ASDS (2737) or visit the Web site at www.asds.net

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

DECEMBER

Hepatitis C Support Group
Meets 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, the third Monday of every month at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile west of Orchard Lake Road. For more information, call (248) 674-8152.

Research volunteers needed
Troy Internal Medicine is seeking responsible volunteers to participate in type 2 diabetic hypertension and 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. 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 on line at www.jccdet.org. For information, call (248) 432-5427.

Lighthouse Hospice

Seeking volunteers to assist patients, families and staff. The Beacons of Hope Volunteer Program provides training and supervision for those who have it in their hearts to assist patients and their families living with terminal illness. Opportunities include providing companionship, assisting in various creative projects, office clerical assistance, bereavement support, pet therapy, flower program and quilting. You can make a difference in patients and families' lives. Call (800) 311-5365 for an application.

UPCOMING

Prostate Support Group

Learn how prostate cancer develops in the body at a discussion of the pathology of prostate cancer, 6-7:30 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.

Blood Drive

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

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at

Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 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.

ONGOING

GEMS

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. Group swim from 6-7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Karolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey at (734) 522-0036.

Recover support group

The self-help mental health organization meets 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Monday at St. Matthew's Methodist Church and 11:15 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. All locations are in Livonia. Recover 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.recoverinc.org.

Blood needed

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

Cooking classes

Presented by the University of

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Self-help groups

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

Red Cross safety courses

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

Research volunteers needed

Healthy individuals age 12 and older with seasonal, late summer allergy symptoms (stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, itchy eyes, nose or throat or watery or red eyes) are needed for

a research study at the Michigan Respiratory Health and Research Institute in Novi. Individuals who qualify receive study-related office visits, limited testing and investigational medications at no charge and compensation for participating in the study. For more information, call Julie at (248) 473-6400 or (800) 326-5959.

Hospice volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help provide services to terminally ill patients, their caregivers and families. St. John's Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Volunteers can choose from a variety of functions that include offering companionship, providing respite relief for caregivers, making supportive telephone calls, running errands and providing other services that are needed by patients, caregivers and families. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide administrative support in the Farmington Hills office. Training to become part of the Hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, contact Pamela DiSanto or Katie Landa at (800) 248-2298.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self-help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 South Wayne at Bayview, first light south of Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-8498. All are welcome.

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Treatment for costochondritis is unsatisfactory. No medication is effective in stopping the pain and physical therapists have not as yet devised exercises, massage or heat treatments that resolve the costochondral joint irritation. Injection into the sites of pain help, but usually are of short duration. Education remains the best approach. If you experience costochondritis, you need to know what it is and assurance it will not lead to permanent impairment.

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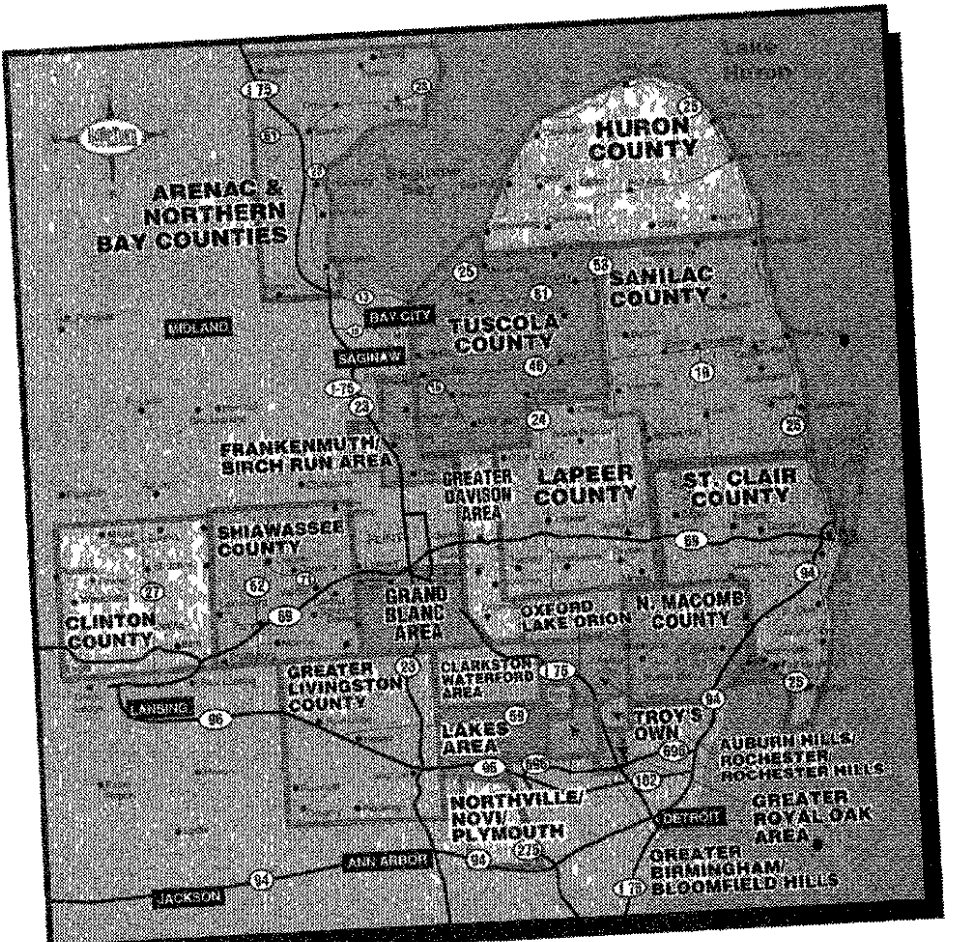
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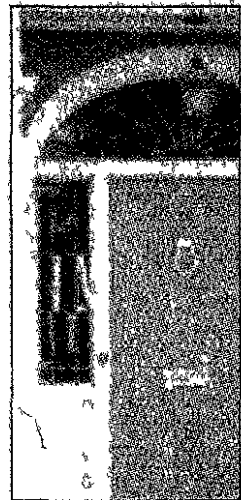
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Dave Kellett Sr. of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills was inducted into the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Hall of Fame during the association's 2004 Leadership Recognition Awards Night.

The Builder of the Year award was presented to Allen Menuck, Curtis Building Co. of Farmington Hills, for his service to the association and contributions to the home building industry.

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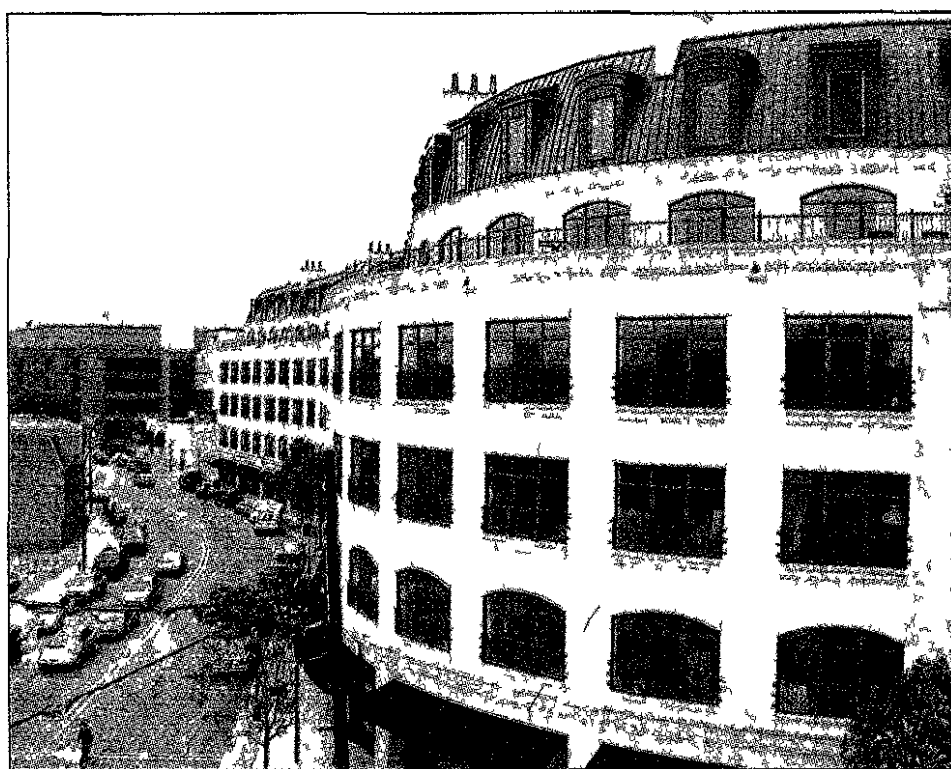
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BIA 2004 President Stuart Michaelson, Windmill Group, Farmington Hills, Apartment Association of Michigan 2004 President Sheldon Gordon, Gordon Management Co., Royal Oak, and AAM's outgoing president, George M. Nyman of Professional Property Management in Troy, received a special recognition award. The Young Builder of the Year award was given to Patrick O'Leary, Hometowne Building Co., Farmington Hills, Developer of the Year to Art Gerish, Gerish Building Co., Canton, Remodeler of the Year to Patty Shea, Shea Construction Co., Birmingham

The Thomas Rickett's Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official was awarded to Bryce Kelley, Van Buren Township, and the Development of the Year Award to The Willits in Birmingham, Robertson Brothers Company, Bloomfield Hills.

Several professionals received Distinguished Service Awards including Robert R. Jones, Robert R. Jones Homes, Bloomfield Hills, for service to the building industry, Peter Burton, Burton Katzman Development Co., Bingham Farms, for service to the housing industry, Tom Yack, supervisor, Canton Township, for service in government, Ron Mayotte, Ronald E. Mayotte & Associates, Birmingham, for his service in architecture, John Bolland Jr., Bolland Building, Bloomfield Hills, for service to BIA, Lester Burton, Burton-Share Inc., Bingham Farms, for lifetime service to BIA, Emmett Hagood Sr. of Detroit, for service in urban home building, Donald J. Maillho Jr. of Standard Federal Bank, Troy, for ongoing industry support in banking, Paul Irwin and Dave Girodat, Fifth/Third Bank, Southfield, for aggressive and faithful service in banking, and Mark Renn, H.J. Oldenkamp, Warren, for service to the BIA Remodelers Council and Associate of the Year to Jason Levy, Global Office Solutions, Novi.

BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,200 builders, remodelers, multi-family property



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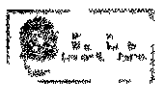
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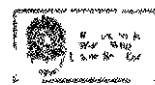
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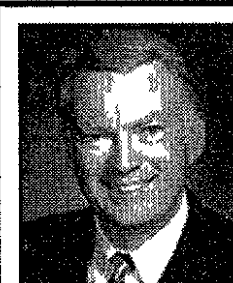
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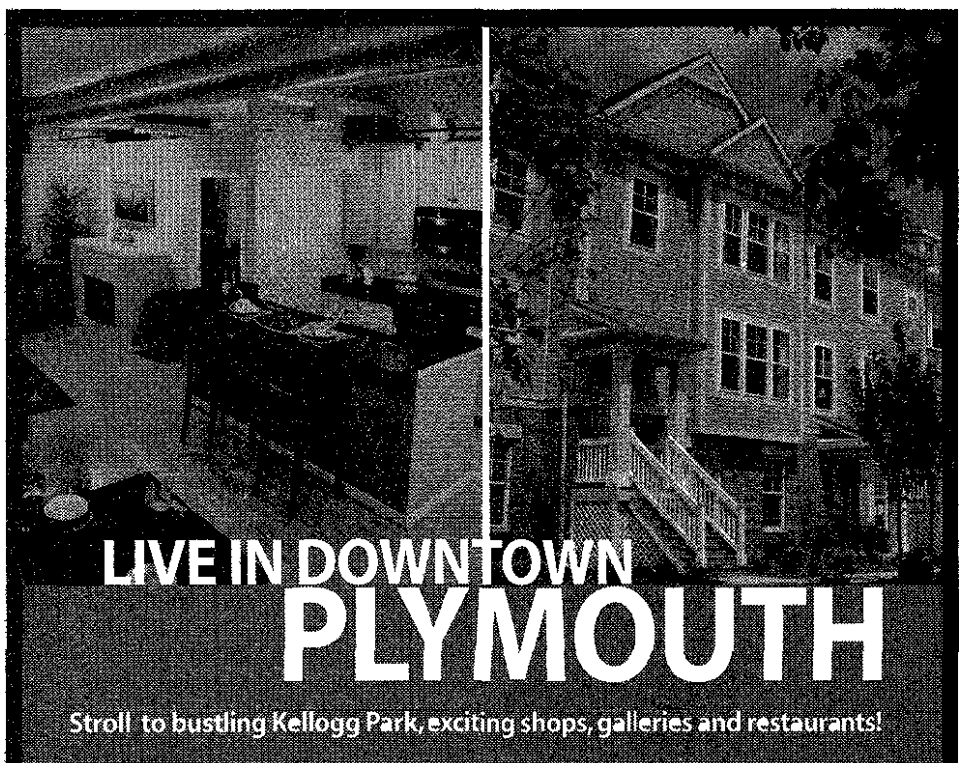
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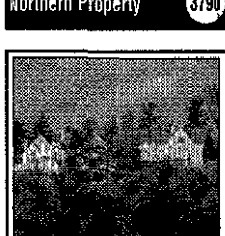
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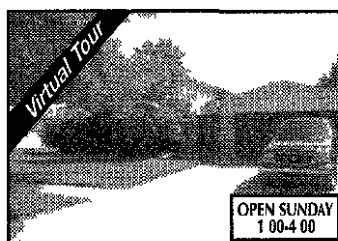
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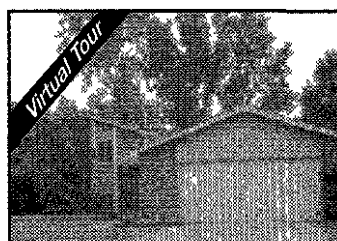
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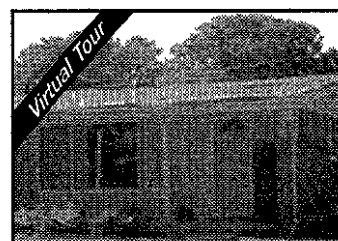
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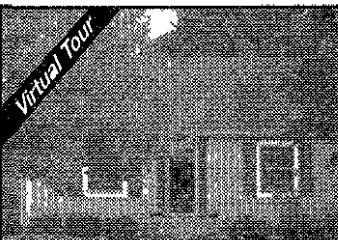
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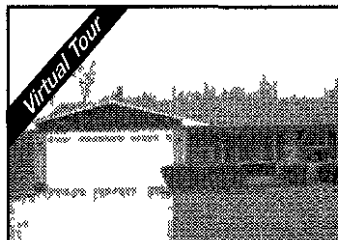
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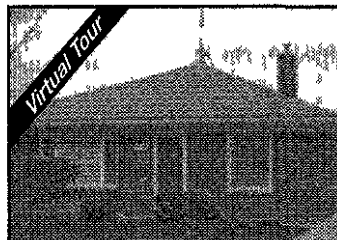
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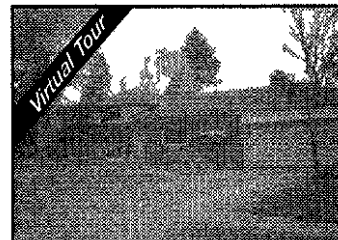
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MILFORD Milford's Hidden Valley
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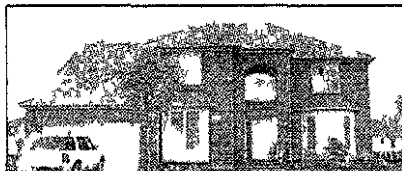
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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP Gorgeous
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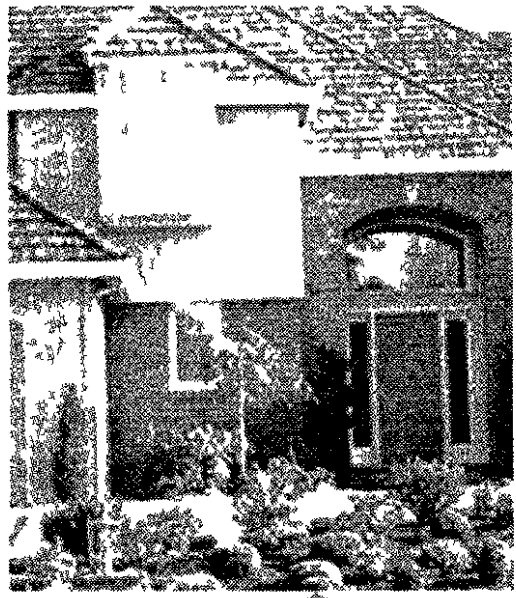
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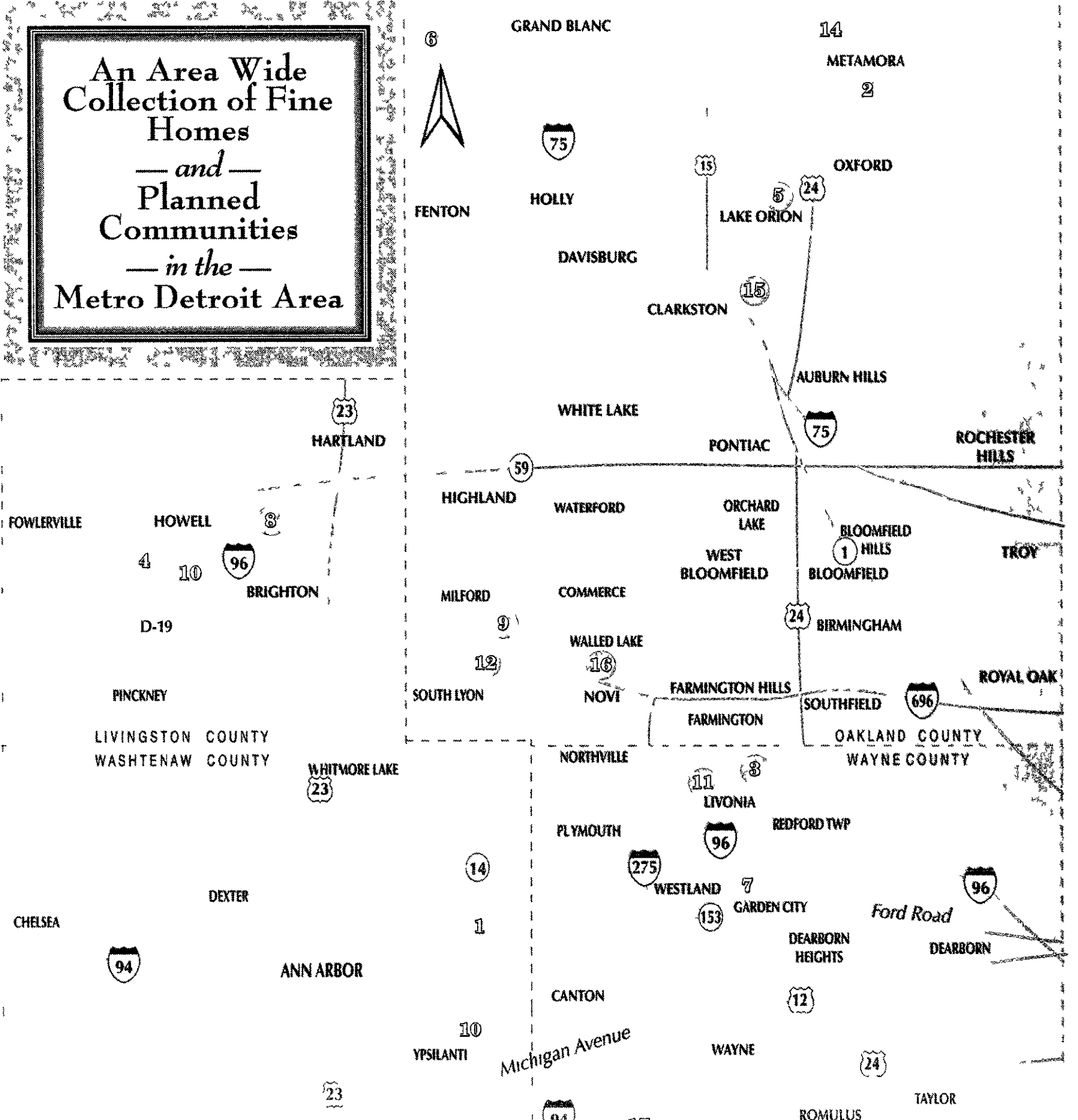


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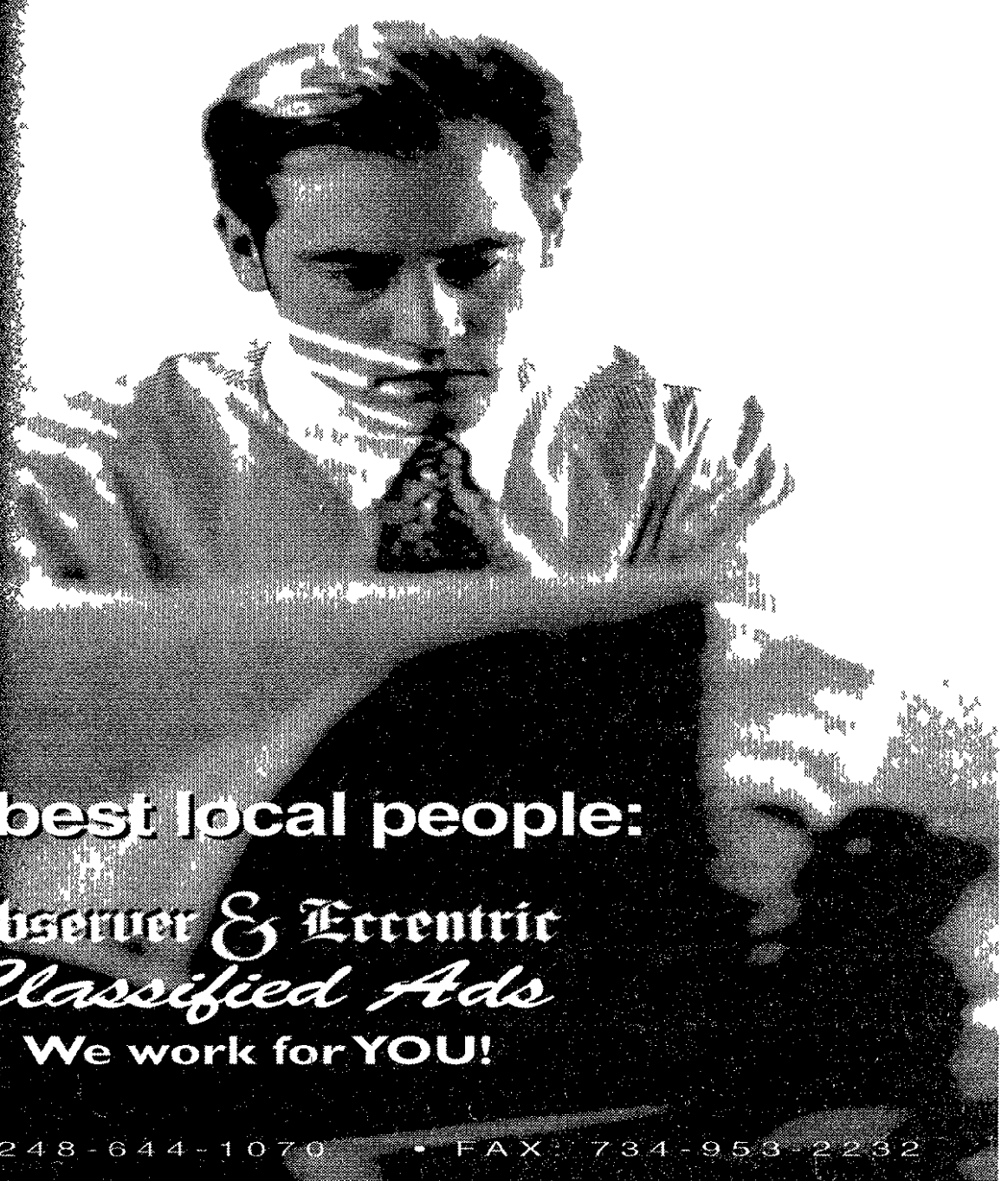
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Altman of Manhattan, N.Y., points out that the reality that "life can change on a dime" hit home among her clients after the World Trade Center. However, you don't have to wait for tragedy to occur to notice that you're on the edge

San Jose's Ric Giardina of The Spirit Employed Co. is an organizational consultant. He says that early warning signs of being at odds with your work may appear from one or more of four sides of you. "The emotional side tells you that you're not present," he states, "if you're cranky or on automatic and creating messes with other people. You may find that stress is causing you to pick up 'attractive diseases,' like colds. Mentally, you may find that you do a lot more 'cranking,' or rethinking and replaying conversations you have and what you might tell other people. You're trying to orchestrate everything that's going to happen to you, because you're out of trust and out of faith. This is a spiritual issue, but looking at the spiritual isn't going to help, because your spirit is sick. You have to look at the other three."

Altman mentions that the situation reflects "more than a lack of enthusiasm." Your sense of fulfillment at work has evaporated. You may even be feeling "disdain about work," which spills over into relationships in all parts of your life. Telltale signs of being out of sync with your work, she says, include

- "not feeling excited about going to work in the morning,
- "having physical symptoms, such as feeling tired and not wanting to get up, and
- "not enjoying what you do"

Do you need to find a psychiatrist's couch? Giardina cautions against delving into your past, because it doesn't reflect a spiritual issue in the workplace. Altman mentions that she's not an analyst, neither "ruminating nor ignoring the past." But she does maintain that you have work to do

REASSESSING

After 28 years of working with clients, Altman has written a book manuscript incorporating her method for conducting the inner journey required to approach the problem. She says that needs vary greatly, from help in networking to personal and professional redefinition.

Altman asks each person to identify the most significant cause of diminished fulfillment. This may be a sense of being undervalued, under appreciated or under compensated financially and emotionally.

Her reassessment process requires you to review relationships to determine which enhance and which detract from life. Then you formulate achievable goals for the upcoming six months. But you're not yet ready to run after them.

"First you have to assess your personality strengths and weaknesses," she explains. "Where do you run into interference in your own life? It's important to correlate how you can use these traits to achieve your goals and see how negative traits take that away." She watches for repeated self-sabotage, failure to reach goals and overall lack of fulfillment.

Behind her method is her sincere belief that a person "can achieve what he sets his mind to." She recommends

- visualizing and fantasizing what that is,
- explaining how to develop it,
- and dealing with expectations by connecting it with your strengths.

The next step is to delineate a vision and concretize the steps leading to it. "What job will fit there," she asks. "What does it look and feel like? What kind of people surround you? What is the quality of the workstyle? Is it in a company or a small business?" You're en route to fulfillment.

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Janis Altman points out that, "Life can change on a dime."

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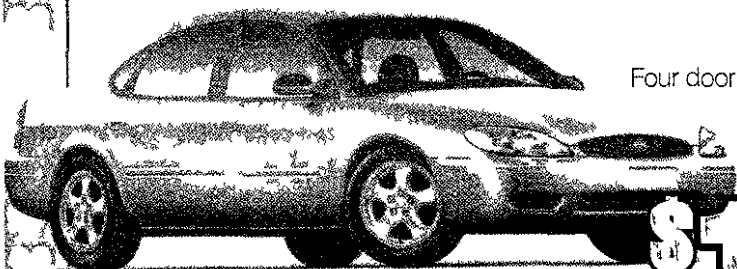


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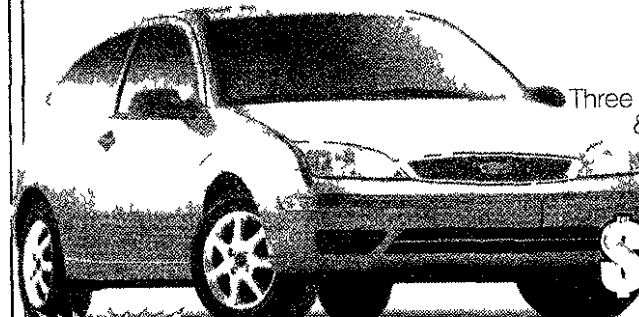


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2 spd v6 able w/abs center console seat defroster air front courtesy/mirrors 2.0L DOHC engine auto trans P 205/SOR16 BSW tires conv top speed control tilt cup radio controls sport group integrated fog lamps tachometer leather wrapped steering wheel 5 alloy wheels [STOCK #50581]


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Was \$33,925 **NOW \$23,878.30**

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\$228 ³⁵ PAYMENT	\$162 ⁹⁷ PAYMENT
\$445 ⁰⁵ AMOUNT DUE	\$1965 ⁷⁵ AMOUNT DUE

2005 Freestar Limited



Was \$34,720
NOW \$24,577

3.5L at o egula axle electronics group dual power sliding door aux air electronic automatic air zone a conditioning two-tone appearance 4.2 liter OHV EFI engine four speed automatic overdrive transmission on P255/SOR16 BSW all season regular ASP dent free deluxe crossbars stereo six compact disc speed sensitive volume control air velocity package

2005 TAURUS SE



Was \$22,605
NOW \$14,720

A depower restri eye-pass a bag 100 mats dual power mirror 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel engine electronic overdrive transmission P215/SOR16 all season 11 SE preferred equipment package 5 spoke painted alum wheels rear spoiler power driver seat with lumbar 60/40 split/rear seat 5-pass w/100 cargo capacity AM/FM stereo 6-CD player [STOCK #50458]

24 MONTH LEASE

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\$149/mo. \$85/mo.

\$361.69 AMOUNT DUE \$180.01 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Explorer XLT 4x4 4 Door



Was \$32,580
NOW \$22,072

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2004 RANGER SC XLT FX4 4x4



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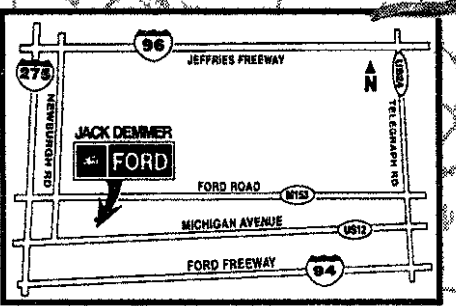
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2005 MERCURY MARINER




2.3L engine automatic overdrive transmission air conditioning AM/FM CD fog lamps power mirrors roof rack leather steering wheel Stock #50510 Was \$21,495

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24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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2005 MERCURY MONTEGO



3.0 24 valve V6 air conditioning six speed automatic transmission passenger power seat AM/FM six CD MP3 and adjustable pedals Stock #50383 Was \$22,995

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2005 MERCURY MOUNTAIN BREEZE




4.0 V6 automatic transmission AM/FM CD keyless entry running boards Stock #50210

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2004 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR



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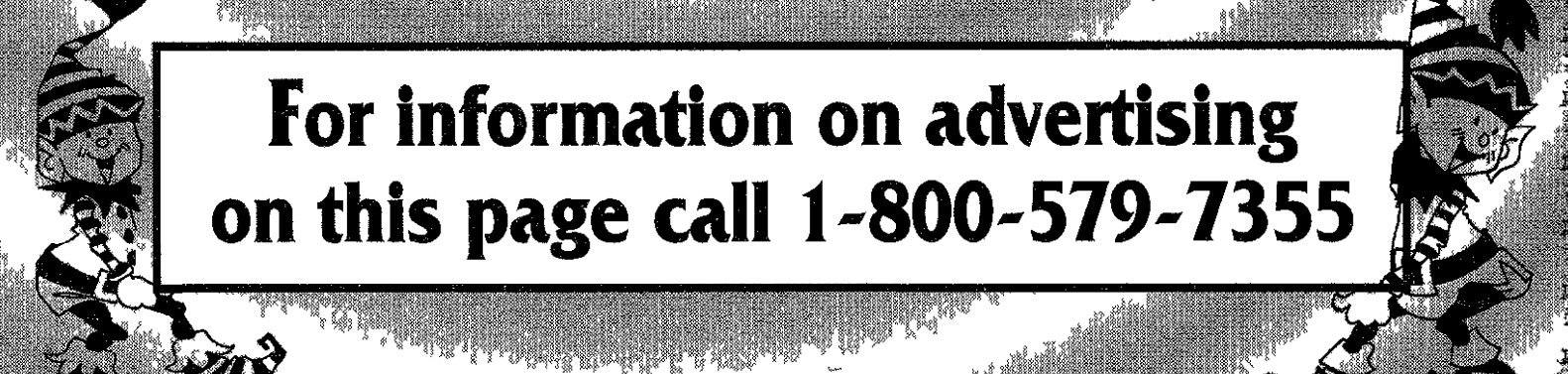
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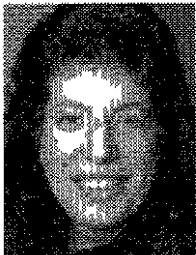
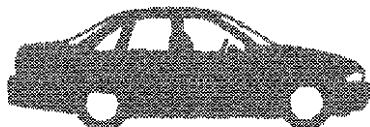
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It's rugged, that's for certain. Powerful, too. Styling that will knock -- or rock -- your socks off.

There's one thing that stands out on the 2005 Nissan Titan King Cab: it's the basic fact that this is a man's truck. From its harsh corners to stark interior and non-nonsense placement of controls and functions, this is definitely a man's truck.

And there's nothing wrong with that, by the way. Just a statement of fact.

Let's start with the very powerful 5.6-liter dual overhead cam V8 that delivers 305 horses and 379-lb-ft of torque. It's mated to a standard five-speed automatic and can haul and incredible 9,500 pounds. That's rugged.

You can choose the Titan as a two-wheel- or four-wheel-drive vehicle, depending on your choice of what you'll do with this truck. And there are plenty of applications you can use this truck for.

Don't worry about the six-foot, seven-inch flatbed, for example. It's standard with a factory-applied spray-in bedliner. There's something else back there that you're going to love -- a utility-track bed system that has about a hundred accessory racks, trays, dividers and modular storage systems to fit just about any need you'll have. There are also adjustable aluminum alloy tie-down cleats to secure all that cargo.

Some other treats in that cargo bed include a lockable, climate-resistant storage compartment placed strategically behind the driver's side rear wheel well. It's got a two-position adjustable tray and a removable rubber mat to keep it all clean, too. Finally, there's a cargo area light that has tailgate illumination and a bed-mounted 12-volt power outlet.

Also on the outside, you'll appreciate the rear doors that swing open all the way to allow you access to what's inside. That's real flexibility. Another aspect that makes it a man's truck is its larger-than-life door handles, knobs



2005 Nissan Titan King Cab. Vehicle type: Full-size pick-up truck. Power: 5.6-liter DOHC V8 engine. Mileage: 14 mpg city/ 19 mpg highway. Where built: Canton, Miss. Price as tested: \$28,460.

and steering wheel. Nissan designed them large so you can operate them with work gloves on.

On the inside, you'll find power-adjustable front seats. The driver's seat has a memory and are heated for those ultra-cold mornings (like we're having right now). Behind the driver is a flip-up 60/40 rear seat cushions to give you even more storage space. There's a ton of rear storage points in the door, bottle holders in the armrest, large assist grips and instrumentation that is easy to read and easier to understand.

You won't mistake this Titan for a truck without a lot of heart. Safety and security features abound and make your commute less stressful. There are six gauges in the instrument panel, a tire pressure monitor system, vehicle dynamic control with brake-activated limited slip traction control, dual-stage front air bags and an annoying front occupant seat sensor. Three-point belts with pretension and load limiters, side-impact airbags, side curtain impact air bags for rollover protection, three-point belts for the three rear seat positions and a child seat anchor system.

There are three choices of the Titan King Cab -- an XE SE and LE, each having a choice of 4x2 or 4x4 applications. One equipment package, called the XE Preferred Package, includes a sliding rear window and overhead

console off-road package (with Rancho performance gas shocks and BF Goodrich all-terrain tires), 17-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, skid plates, fog lamps and tow hooks.

Other options include a split bench, bucket or captain's chairs seats up front, steering wheel audio controls, adjustable pedals, navigation system, off-road package and rear bed light system.

The base price of the Titan King Cab is a respectable \$24,400, but when you start adding packages, premium and otherwise, you'll see that price rise sharply. Even though gas prices are finally lowering, you'll still be pleased to know this heavy-duty truck will treat you to 14 mpg in the city and almost 20 mpg on the highway. Most trucks of this size tend to get about 10 mpg in the city. That can certainly strain the wallet.

The Nissan Titan King Cab was a pleasant surprise and a refreshing new look for a truck of this magnitude. I'm sure many guys out there remember pick-up trucks as rugged pieces of equipment that could take a heck of a licking. Well, this truck is like those trucks of old. Go get yourself one.

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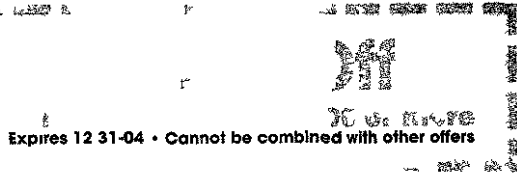
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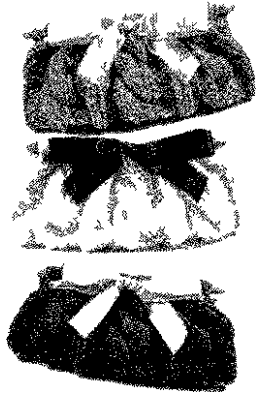
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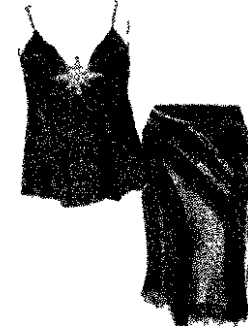
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Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine BussBuss.com and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories. Got an online shopping question? Ask kelly@bussbuss.com!

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Holiday Gift Etiquette

- When selecting a gift, base your choice on what you know about the person. Keep it simple.
- Discreetly include gift receipts whenever possible.
- When giving a gift card, always enclose a personal note.
- It is appropriate to give gifts to people who don't observe Christmas. Use gold or silver wrapping paper and wish them Happy Holidays.
- Always be gracious when receiving gifts. Give the gift your careful attention and respond with a warm "thank you."
- If you can't use the gift, you may regift it to charity or to an acquaintance who will not know it is a regift.
- Understand it is truly the thought that counts.
- Always write thank you notes.

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Holiday Gift Gallery Exhibition and Sale

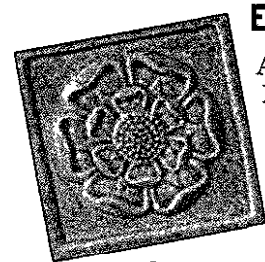
Holiday ornaments, jewelry, tiles and other works of art will be on display at Paint Creek Center for the Arts through Dec 31, 407 Pine St., Rochester 248-651-4110

Estée Lauder Treatments

Treat yourself to an Estee Lauder Renutriv Spa treatment at Saks Fifth Avenue to re-energize your skin for the new year. Book your appointment 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec 28-29. Call 248-614-3366

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



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Find unique gifts for everyone on your list at The Henry Ford gift shop. The shop, located in The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, features Detroit-inspired products, historical books, educational toys and unique fashions. Even better, a Holiday Shopping Sale offers great deals Dec 21-Jan 2. Call 313 982-6001 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org

Illusions Make-up Event

Get ready for your holiday party with a professional makeover from Illusions Salon & Spa at the Willets in Birmingham. The new establishment is welcoming guests by offering free holiday make-up application through Dec 24. Appointments are available every day. Book yours by calling 248-644-2144

Salon Legato Sponsors Families

Salon Legato has lit a special tree for families in need. Through 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

Candle Light Tour

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

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Special holiday events include tours of the decorated Meadow Brook Hall, storytimes, holiday dinners, breakfast with Santa, Santa visits, and a holiday shop. Oakland University, Rochester through Dec 23. 248-370-3140

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Santa at Saks

Santa will be receiving little visitors in the Children's Department at Saks Fifth Avenue noon-3 p.m. Dec 19 and 24. 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



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Nothing warms up winter spirits like a splash of red against the backdrop of snow. Brighten up the season with accessories like a dramatic fur stole, or BCBG Max Azria red wool fleece coat, both from Marshall Field's

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Todd's Got a Whole New Room!

Visit the new Todd's Room shop in Birmingham

By k ■ PINK

PINK's favourite locally and nationally recognized one-stop beauty mecca has moved up and over on Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham. Once cozily located below street level, Todd's Room — the cutest and coolest beauty shop ever — has expanded quite nicely into its new blushed-out space, which is street level and a few doors down. Still the best place to have your eyebrows shaped, hair coiffed and cosmetic case stocked. Todd's (new)

Room will have you spinning with glee over its products, services and amazing jewelry selection under the crystal-drop bejeweled wire tree that is at its center with Todd's collection of dolls watching over you cheerfully. Still stocked with Tried n True favourites like Becca, Sahag, Bond No 9 and Phyto, keep Todd's Room at 239 Pierce Street, Birmingham 248-594-0003 on file in that styled little head of yours when you need a beauty pick me-up!

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Fragrance

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By Samantha Critchell ■ AP Fashion Editor

Give the gift of the newest scents

The newest crop of fragrances focuses on flowery notes, ranging from the ever popular jasmine to rare orchids, and fruit smells, including grapefruit and apple. But if you're hungry for a change, Carolina Herrera's 212 Sexy has a cotton candy note and DKNY's Be Delicious has a touch of cucumber essence. Max Mara does the sweet-and-spicy thing — with hints of ginger and sugarcane. Prada Fragrance comes in a box adorned with the company's fabric fashion label and YSL's Cinema mimics an Oscar with its shapely gold flacon.

Here's a sampling of the fall fragrances

FOR WOMEN

■ **Blush** by Marc Jacobs reinterprets the scent of jasmine by using a rare form of the flower called star jasmine. Jacobs says he was inspired by a flower in his Paris garden.

■ **Prada Fragrance** is an amber fragrance with four different "dimensions." "Pure" is represented by sandalwood, "addictive" is embodied patchouli, "precious" is labdanum resin (a warm scent from cistus species plants from the Mediterranean) and "profound" is benzoin (a tree resin with a vanillalike scent).

■ **Cinema** comes in a sculpted metal flacon with a subtle pattern of letters — almost like a code — that spells out Yves Saint Laurent. The fragrance inside is dominated by almond tree blossom, amaryllis and amber.

■ **Christian Dior Parfums** introduces **Pure Poison**, an updated version of its classic white-flower scent. The top notes include orange and bergamot, middle notes of orange flower, jasmine and gardenia and a base of sandalwood, white amber and musk.

■ **Carolina Herrera's 212 Sexy** boasts cotton candy as the "fun" element of the perfume's heart. The top of the fragrance is mandarin, bergamot and rose pepper, and the base is sandalwood, white musk and vanilla.

■ **GF Ferre Lei** falls into the olfactive family of "floral fruity." It includes magnolia and hly of the valley, and amyris and cedarwood. A complementary men's scent, **GF Ferre Lui**, is categorized as a "woody spicy aromatic," with a base that includes coriander, nutmeg and heliotrope.

■ **Pur Jil Sander** touts itself as a "scent for everyday," with its blend of jasmine, cyclamen, green sap, white musk and ambrette seed.

■ **Max Mara** made its reputation in fashion with a style described as "practical glam." It looks to do the same with its first fragrance, which opens with the scents of ginger, sap and lemon, has a heart of orchid, white hly and magnolia, and a base of musk, exotic woods and sugar cane.

■ **Paco Rabanne Pour Elle** is a sensual floral with top notes of white pepper, mandarin and white freesia, middle notes of jasmine, absolute rose and karo karounde, and base notes of amber, peach and massoia wood.

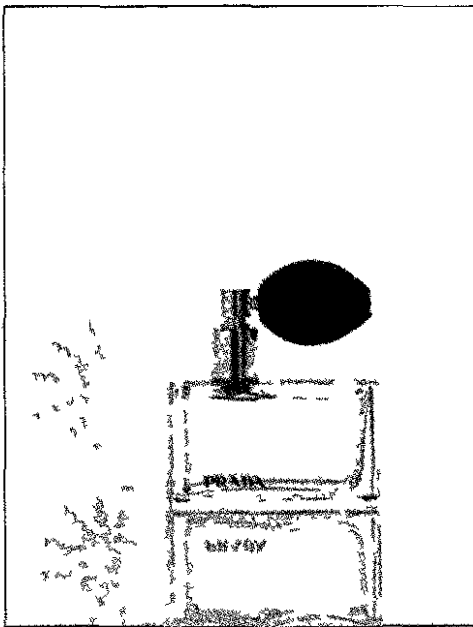


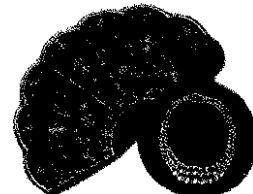
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■ **Celine Dion Parfum Notes**, with a heart of orchid, mimosa, heliotrope and peony, is a more romantic, floral version of the singer's first perfume.

■ **Sarawak** is a limited edition fragrance from **Crabtree & Evelyn** with the scents of grapefruit, lime and green bamboo blended with rice flower, grounding ginger and ginseng.

■ **Lulu Guinness** put a romantic, floral perfume into a smaller version of her signature fan-shaped clutch purses decorated with pearls. The quirky accessories designer calls it **Put On Your Pearls** Girls perfume.

■ **Jo Malone's Living Colognes**, available in basil-verbena and grapefruit-rosemary combinations, can either be worn on the skin or sprayed in the air to scent the home.



FOR MEN

■ **Burberry Brit for Men** is a woody fragrance with a top-note combination of green mandarin and bergamot, together with ginger and cardamom. The heart features rose, nutmeg and cedarwood with a base of oriental woods, gray musk and tonka bean.

■ **Lauder Beyond Paradise Men** features several accords developed as part of the Eden Project, a facility in Cornwall, England, that replicates species of plants and flowers and their native growing conditions. Some of the scents include "Eden's mist," a fresh, humid scent typically found in the air in Amazonia, West Africa and Malaysia, and "golden melaleuca bark," which is indigenous to Indonesia and has the smell of suede.

■ **Salvatore Ferragamo's Incanto pour Homme** has an Italian bent — the notes include Sicilian bigarade (which has an orangelike scent) and Tuscan cypress. Other notes that develop the woody fragrance include bamboo leaf, cedarwood and vetiver.

■ **Donald Trump, The Fragrance** has a formula that aims to leave three impressions — confidence, success and character. Confidence is expressed through citrus and mint notes, success with green and peppery notes, and character through exotic woody smells.

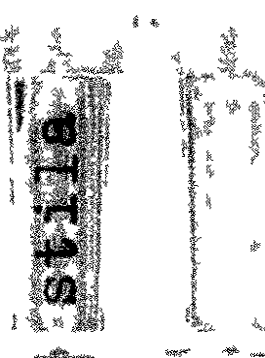
■ **Davidoff Cool Water Deeper** is a woodier version than the original Davidoff Cool Water. Cactus sap provides a subtle aquatic overtone with a heart that features clary sage and cedar needles.

■ **The Art of Shaving** launches the aromatherapy-based **Sandalwood Eau de Toilette**. The top note is eucalyptus, the heart is jasmine and fir needle, and the base is sandalwood, myrrh, patchouli and vanilla.

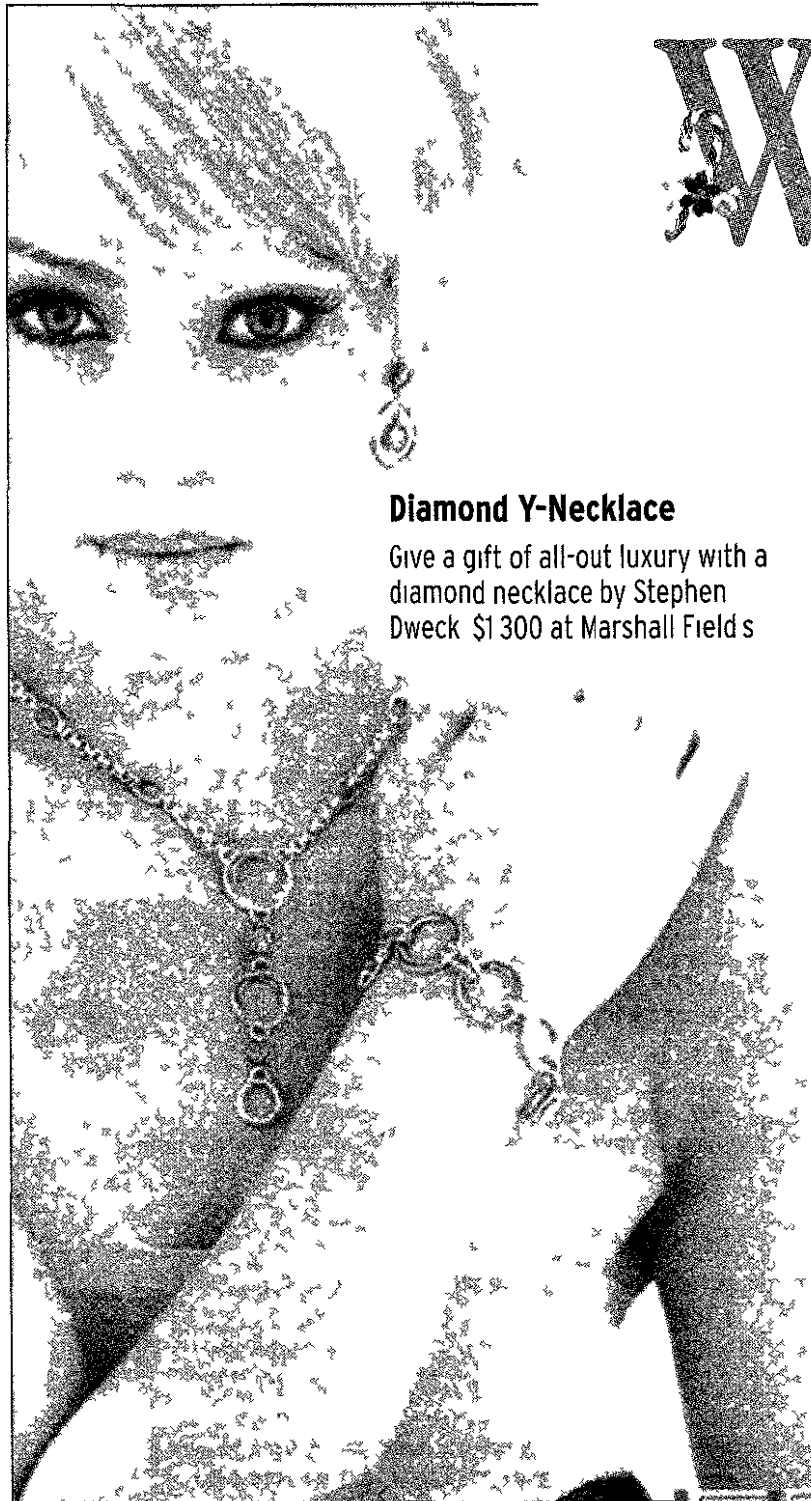
■ **Hummer** gets its fresh accord through a blend of peppercorn, cardamom and green foliage notes, while its warm accord comes from the scents of leather, patchouli, amber and sandalwood.



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Gifts for the gals in your li



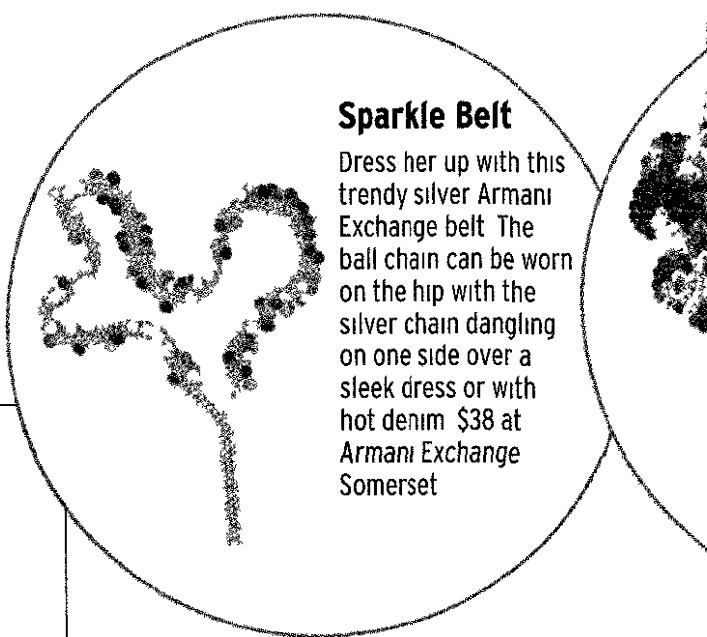
Diamond Y-Necklace

Give a gift of all-out luxury with a diamond necklace by Stephen Dweck \$1 300 at Marshall Field's



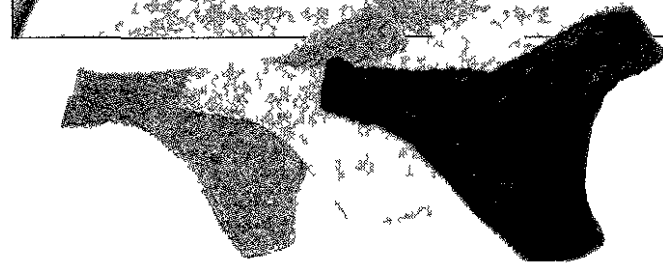
Juicy Mini Gathered Hobo

Give the cutest bag of the season to your trend-setter. This posh gathered leather bag with funky silver accents and leather "J"-stamped heart tag will melt her heart and put a huge smile on her precious face. \$225 at Neiman Marcus



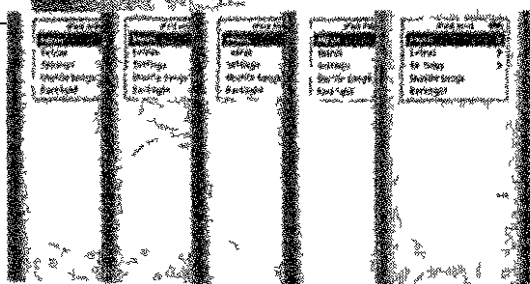
Sparkle Belt

Dress her up with this trendy silver Armani Exchange belt. The ball chain can be worn on the hip with the silver chain dangling on one side over a sleek dress or with hot denim. \$38 at Armani Exchange Somerset



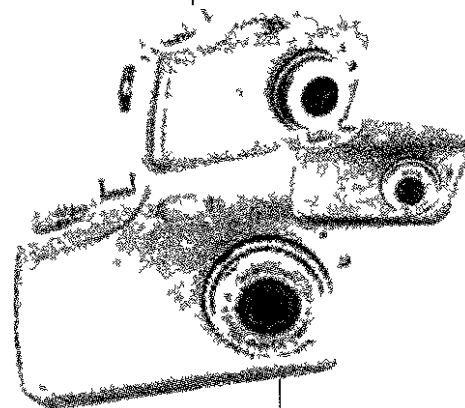
Hanky Pankies

Give her a stylish gift to keep hidden in her drawers. These one-size-fits-all stretch thongs made the news in 2004 as celebs and stylish women everywhere were sold on their comfort. Pick 'em up in every colour at A Touch of Lace Bloomfield Hills



mini iPod

Listen to your favorite tunes in style with a mini iPod. We recommend PINK, of course! The cutting edge in digital music technology, the mini iPod stores 1,000 songs, downloadable from your CDs or the Internet. \$249 at Best Buy

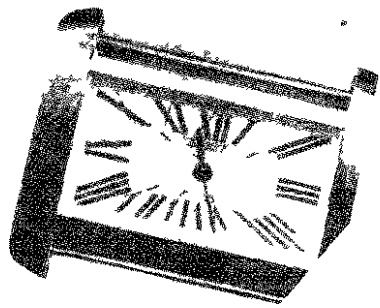


Olympus Stylus Verve Di

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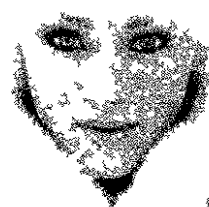


Cartier Watch

This limited edition Cartier watch benefits the Breast Cancer Research Foundation \$1,500 at Cartier and Neiman Marcus

Fur Accessories

Fur is the word this season and it comes in a fox pillbox hat from Dena Fur \$395 at Marshall Field's



Reidel "O" Series Wine Tumblers

A MUST for the wine lover on your list! These are the hottest thing in the wine world since Mendoza Malbec and Australian Shiraz. Designed to enhance the enjoyment of rich, fruity oak aged wines, the lead-free glasses have a stemless shape that suits casual entertaining and fits easily into the dishwasher! \$28 and up at Williams Sonoma



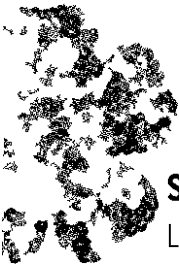
Daisy Razor Holder

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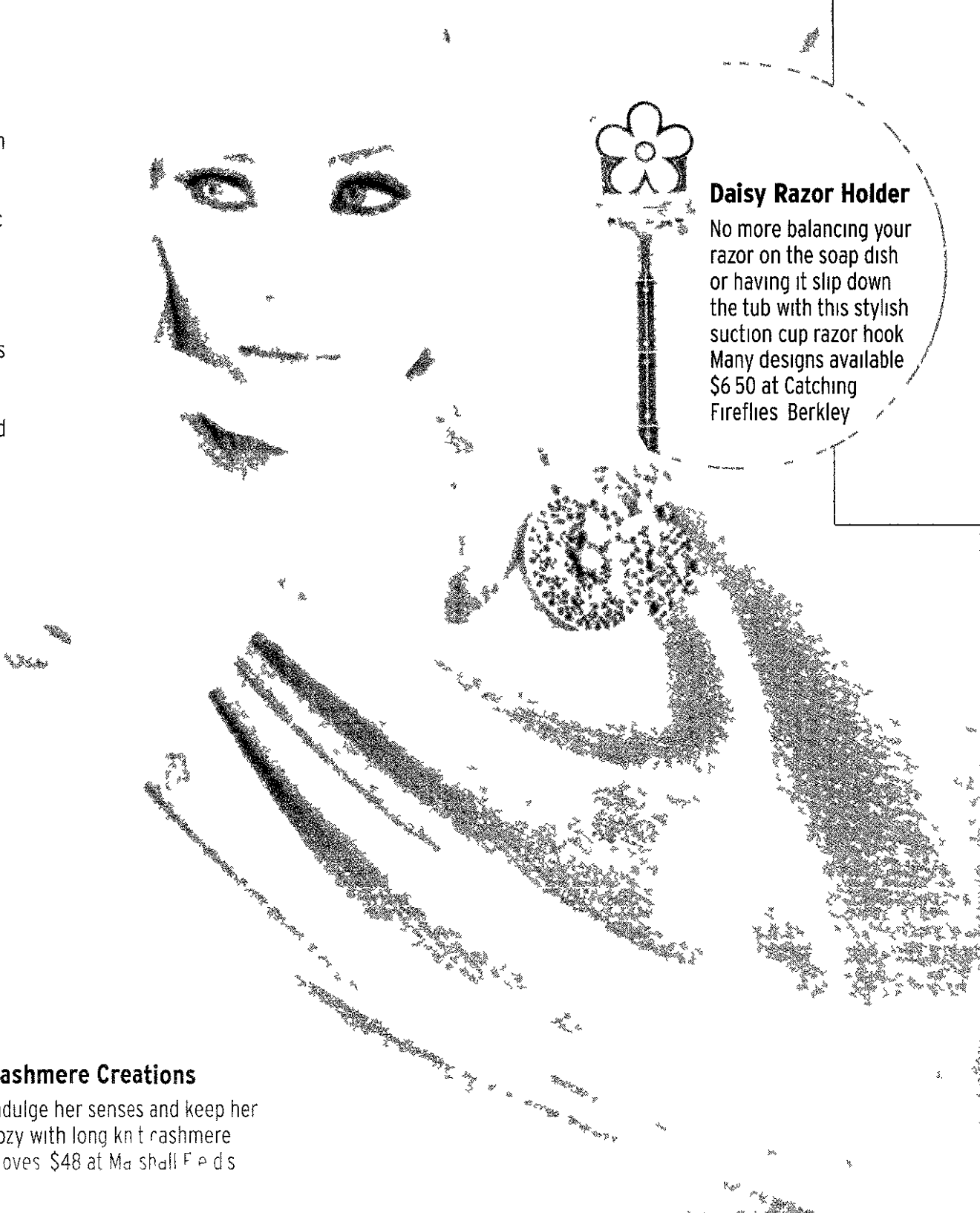


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Jingle Belle Rock

It's a soccer mom Christmas

The tree is up and there's snow on the ground, and for The Mydols, that means drunk relatives, messy houses and ungrateful kids

Royal Oak's all-mom rock band is getting airplay across the country with its cynical, surfy new single "Merry Freakin' Christmas" "It's Go-Gos meets Courtney Love," said Frankie C, host of Z-Morning Show in Salt Lake City, Utah, which plays the novelty song in its Christmas rotation "Unfortunately, it captures the true Christmas spirit. We love it!"

The song can be heard locally on select radio stations, or downloaded at www.mydols.com

With lyrics that describe a family gathering gone awry, the chorus of "Merry Freakin' Christmas" speaks for itself

Merry freakin' Christmas / Just leave me alone / Merry freakin' Christmas / Get out of my home / Merry freakin' Christmas / Will this day ever end?



Paige Gilbert Kara Rasmusson Pat McGough Wujcik and Judy Davids of The Mydols show their Christmas cheer

The Mydols' brand of self-deprecating humor and wry, original songs about suburban soccer mom life resonated first with women in Metro Detroit, then spread across the country

The Mydols are wrapping up a successful year in which they appeared on *The Today Show*, *CBS Early Show*, *CBS Early*

Morning and *Inside Edition*, and were featured in the *Wall Street Journal* and *People Magazine*. They also competed in the national Underground Garage Battle of the Bands hosted by Little Steven of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band

The Candy Band, another mom-band from Royal Oak that sings rocked out versions of children's songs like "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "SpongeBob Squarepants," has found success on children's XM satellite radio programs. Candy Band will visit the XM studios in Washington D.C. in February to appear on the show "Pancake Mountain"

style brief



Holiday window shopping in NYC

NEW YORK — New York City bills itself as the shopping capital of the world, and there's a full court press on during the holidays. Even the windows get dressed for the season.

Saks Fifth Avenue's mechanical windows on the Fifth Avenue side of the store will feature scenes from "SantaKid," a new children's picture book from best-selling author James Patterson. Also planned is a "Snowflake Spectacle," a light and sound show on the store's facade featuring 72,000 Philips LEDs that illuminate 50 giant snowflakes, inspired by photos by Wilson Bentley, choreographed to a modern version of "Carol of the Bells." There will be two minute shows at the top of the hour each evening beginning at sundown.

Lord & Taylor salutes the U.S. Postal Service and its delivery of holiday greetings through rain, sleet and snow in six scenes in the retailer's Fifth Avenue windows. One window depicts Boston Harbor, Mass., in 1773, when taverns were used as mail drops, another is a 1840s stagecoach scene in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. The most modern scene is New York City in the 1930s, featuring a letter carrier in the foyer of an art deco home with his truck parked in the distance.

Cartier wraps its mansion turned-store in a red bow adorned with tiny white lights. The windows feature vintage Cartier tiaras previously owned by women such as Grace Kelly and Lila Vanderbilt. Two tiaras are replicated in lights and hang over the store's entrances on Fifth Avenue and 52nd Street.

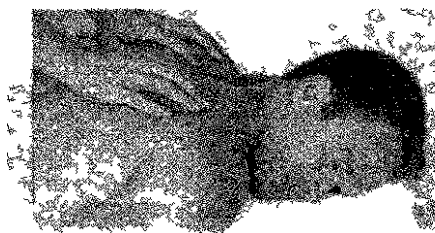
Bloomington's forgoes traditional red and green holiday displays in favor of windows tied to the new film version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, which stars Minnie Driver and Alan Cumming. The movie's director, Joel Schumacher, began his career as a window dresser for retailer Henri Bendel. Designer Marc Jacobs designed special Bloomington's shopping bags with a "Wish Big" theme.

Tiffany & Co.'s windows take their inspiration from the new book *Greetings from Andy Christmas at Tiffany's* (Harry N. Abrams) by John Loring. The book celebrates the greeting cards that Andy Warhol designed for the retailer during the 1950s and 60s.

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Aries: (March 21 April 19)

Aries will have a sudden urge to be chattier than usual this week. Put your social self to use and throw a fabulous holiday party. Why wait until New Year's Eve? Your party will have everyone talking well into 2005!

Taurus: (April 20 May 20)

Avoiding tasks will only make them that much harder to complete in the end. Perhaps holiday shopping is the task at hand? Relax, online shopping has never been easier. A few clicks and you've tackled that list without even leaving home.

Gemini: (May 21 June 22)

The twins love to keep everyone entertained, however maybe it's time to take a seat in the audience for once. With the holidays at hand, there are plenty of great shows to choose from. Check out the Radio City Christmas Spectacular running at the Fox through Dec. 26.

Cancer: (June 23 July 22)

With so much going on in Cancer's life, sometimes it's best to get back to basics. Relive those childhood memories during the season of snow. Build a snowman, make a snow angel, and let that carefree feeling take over for a moment.

Leo: (July 23 Aug. 22)

Feeling a bit unfulfilled lately? Your daily routine is great, but may not be enough to keep Leo satisfied. Donating toys, games and books to organizations such as Toys for Tots may help to soothe the soul and bring joy to a child this holiday season.

Virgo: (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)

Love is all around. Whether you are currently in love, or just have that giddy feeling, make sure you let those special around you know. Bake your loved ones some festive cookies, and share something sweet with your favorite sweeties.

Libra: (Sept. 23 Oct. 23)

The holidays can lead to stress, and with stress comes arguments. With all of the strain, give your ears a break and let beautiful music replace the yelling. 'Too Hot to Handle: The Jazz Gospel Messiah' should do the trick. Performances are Dec. 21 & 22 at the Detroit Opera House.

style scope

By Kat

*Celebrate the holidays
with star sign style*

Scorpio: (Oct. 24 Nov. 21)

A little restraint goes a long way — especially when it comes to money matters. Rather than break the bank this season, why not channel your inner creativity and make your own gifts. Homemade spa products are fun, wallet friendly and make great presents.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)

Having trouble getting into the holiday spirit? Not to worry, there is still plenty of time to shake your inner Grinch. Get inspired by the childhood classic, *The Polar Express*, now a fantastic film for all ages. Fun Fact: The author is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan!

Capricorn: (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)

You have more energy than you know what to do with. Capricorn! Take advantage of the weather while burning off holiday treats with a day on the slopes. Mt. Holly and Pine Knob are fun local spots to get some skung done and show off your cute winter wear.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)

It's time to pass the torch and give yourself a much-needed break. Treat yourself to a favorite holiday sweet or a manicure, and let things take care of themselves for once.

Pisces: (Feb. 19-March 20)

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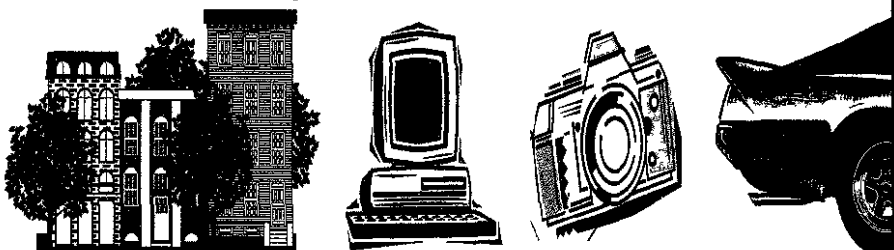
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Surefire Holiday Spirit Inducing Plan

Overwhelmed with everything BUT holiday cheer? Looking to infuse a dash of magic and joy into your month? This little recipe will send your holiday spirit soaring in one fun evening and will spread like body butter in the days following.

Start by inviting a friend who needs a little HSC (Holiday Season Cheer) over to join you. Ask her for her fave cookie recipe and grab one of your own. Hit the market for a bottle of bubbly and to stock up on all the ingredients for your homemade treats including all the fun cookie cutters and sprinkles. Be sure to pick up a few brightly colored Chinese take out containers and coordinating wax paper while you are out. On the evening of your SIS (Spirit Inducing Soiree), when the bell rings with your frazzled friend at the door whisk her into your pad filled with the aroma of Votivo No. 77 Joie de Noel (the best not-too-Christmasy smelling Christmas candle) pop the cork on your champagne (a splash of cranberry juice makes it even more festive) and get to work on baking those yummy treats.

Put on that radio station that plays non-stop holiday music (it's OK — it's all part of the plan) and let the tension slip away and feel a little spirit start to sneak in.

Once the gooey delights you have mixed and whisked and baked together have cooled, move in front of the TV and pop in a little Meg and Billy while you decorate your creations. Yes — the final element to your Holiday spirit-inducing evening the one that'll seal the deal to get you through to the New Year — is the movie *When Harry Met Sally*.

You know it well — but this film deserves a girl's night once a year just for the New Year's Ball scene. It'll put you in love with everything about the holidays. Then after the last scene that leaves the sweetest smile in your heart you can divide up your homemade treats into the carry out containers and give them away the next morning to your co-workers, your manicurist, your neighbors and friends and be happy to share your newly inspired spirit (and no extra pounds from all your baking efforts!).

Happy Holidays to you and your best gal pal from Tried n True!

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A As we age, the outer layer of enamel on teeth wears away revealing a darker tissue called dentin underneath. Smoking, drinking coffee, tea and red wine also contribute to loss of brightness in your teeth. Also consuming very hot or very cold liquids can cause expansion and contraction of the tooth surface allowing stains to get a foothold.

There are two types of tooth stains: Intrinsic (internal stain) and extrinsic (external stain). Bleaching is usually ineffective on intrinsic staining. For those folks, customized veneers may be the best option.

Extrinsic stains can be removed by good oral hygiene and professional cleaning. And bleaching agents can brighten teeth even more with products recommended by a dentist.

Over the counter products are less expensive but will not brighten your teeth as much as professional products. Not all people are candidates for tooth whitening. Visit a dentist to evaluate your particular situation before wasting money on ineffective solutions.



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