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New laws make identity theft a felony

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

The growing problem of identity theft is the focus of a package of 11 bills sponsored by state legislators and signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm Dec. 28.

The new laws take effect March 1. Among key provisions, they extend punishments from a maximum of 90 days to 1 year in jail, and seek to speed

up the process of pursuing criminals.

"Before, it took an attorney to obtain the police report, and victims had to go through a lot of hoops," said state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia. "Sometimes it took months or years. It's been a huge cost to business and consumers."

She said another key provision is re-classifying identity theft from a misdemeanor to felony status.

Toy sponsored Senate Bill 1384 which establish-

es the right of an identity theft victim to obtain a police report. It seeks to rectify the problems victims have had obtaining reports because police were uncertain of which jurisdiction applied to a particular case.

According to the Identity Theft Recourse Center based in San Diego, Calif., two July 2003 studies reveal that 7 million people became victims of identity theft in the prior year. That equals 19,178 per day, 799 per hour, and 13.3 per minute.

The incidence of victimization increased 11-20 percent between 2001-2002 and 80 percent between 2002-2003. Victims spend an average of 600 hours recovering from this crime, often over a period of years. Three years ago the average was 175 hours. "As recently as 2002, Michigan ranked sixth in the nation for identity theft cases," Granholm said. "These new laws will ensure more

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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (left) and Dave Tyler of the county's economic development department stand next to a Huron Township farm that will be transformed into the first phase of the Pinnacle Project in 2005.

Pinnacle Aeropark: 'A field of dreams'

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

The farm field that sits at the corner of Vining and Sibley roads in Huron Township looks much as it has for generations, seemingly unaware of the major plans Wayne County officials have in store for it later this year.

Come this summer, officials say the field will begin to be transformed into the long-anticipated Pinnacle Aeropark, a planned 1,300-acre mixed-use development south of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. The initial phase of the project will cover 150 acres.

According to Dave Tyler, an executive assistant with the county's department of economic development, the county is investing roughly \$75 million to put in infrastructure at the site, including sanitary sewer and water lines, which he said should be in place by the fall. Although county officials have yet to get any commitments from businesses planning to build in the Pinnacle development, they believe having the infrastructure in place will be the motivation some companies are seeking.

"It's kind of like a 'Field of Dreams' — build it and they will come," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

A LONG ROAD

Since its inception under former County Executive Ed McNamara's administration in 1998, the Pinnacle project has

PLEASE SEE PINNACLE, A7

Livonia natives survive tsunami

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Junk spent much of the past week close to her telephone.

The Livonia resident and Grant Elementary teacher received a phone call last Sunday that sent her holiday week off into a tailspin.

Her daughter Kristin had been on an extended vacation in Thailand, along with her fiancé Dan Podczervinski, when disaster struck.

An 9.0-rated earthquake erupted under the floor of the Indian Ocean last week causing the tsunamis that struck the nations of Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Somalia and Seychelles.

As of the end of last week, the American Red Cross estimated the death toll in this disaster had reached almost 115,000 people — and was still climbing.

The Junks heard this news by telephone, in the early morning hours of Dec. 26.

"My sister lives in Houston," said Cheryl Junk. "She called me Sunday morning at 7 a.m. and said there was an earthquake in Somalia."

Junk said she didn't make the connection right away because "Kristin wasn't in Somalia."

But once her husband, Mike Junk, turned on the television, it became quite clear.

"It hit a large area," Junk said. "We got out Kristin's itinerary. She was in Phuket (Thailand). That's when we started to panic a little bit."

The Junks' fears were somewhat allayed an hour



Livonia natives Dan Podczervinski and Kristin Junk were on an extended vacation in Thailand when tsunamis tore through the Indian Ocean last week.

later when Kristin, a 1996 Stevenson High School graduate, made a call home on the satellite phone she'd packed for the trip. She was safe.

At the time the tsunami hit Thailand's shores, the couple were in the middle of a 30-minute boat ride heading out to go snorkeling. According to her mom, Kristin doesn't even like boats.

"The Lord must've been with them," she said.

Junk said she believes that being on the boat at that time probably saved her daughter's life. "If she were on the beach, she would've been gone."

According to her daughter's account, Junk said the water became rough during the boat ride and they noticed the crew began to get "panicked faces." Then, those on board saw a "30-foot wave" moving toward them.

"She said they went up with the waves," said Junk.

PLEASE SEE TSUNAMIS, A5

Coyote found photographer in park

Many people only get inspired to pull out their camera when they go on vacation or go to special occasions. When Paul Beroff heard news reports of coyotes here in the suburbs, he was moved to go on photo patrol.

Beroff, a Livonia resident, got a taste of photography while attending Stevenson High, he graduated in the Class of 1988.

Only six months ago, he bought his first digital SLR camera and began spending more time outdoors. "The more time I can spend in the woods the better I feel and this is where I prefer to shoot photos at," he explained.

Word that coyotes had taken up residence in Livonia sent Beroff to the woods at Rotary Park for many hours until a coyote came upon him. It was getting dark that day, not long before Christmas, and he adjusted his camera.

"Something told me to stand up and stretch my legs," Beroff said. "I paused and that's when I saw it (the coyote shown in the photo above). It's a gorgeous animal. I'd never really seen one that didn't look mangy."

Beroff's photography isn't confined to his hometown. A trip to Utah this fall produced a spate of nature shots — many of which can be viewed and purchased on his Web site www.paulberoff.com.

He says he set up the site and set prices basically to cover his expenses. "It's not an important thing to me (making money on his pictures). I print them out myself and the



PAUL BEROFF

This coyote posed for a photo in Rotary Park, off Six Mile in Livonia.

paper is expensive. I don't look to make any real profit on them. I do it for fun."

Beroff, who had an exhibit of his works at Livonia City Hall in November, plans to try to shoot more of Livonia's wildlife — deer, especially — around the city.

By Dave Varga

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# Budget, politics top stories in county

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Budget woes were at the top of Wayne County stories for 2004.

The belt-tightening county budget was the latest spark in a running dispute between County Executive Robert Ficano and Sheriff Warren Evans.

In August, the Wayne County Commission approved a \$2.1 billion budget which despite increases approved by the commission over Ficano's recommendations, didn't sit well with Evans or new county Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Worthy called her approved \$285 million budget "beyond tragic" and Evans said his \$114 million budget was "devastatingly underfunded."

Evans complained that he has done everything he could to cut costs. "I have cut down on spending. I have done measures to tighten our belts," Evans said in September.

Ficano, the former sheriff, has been critical of how Evans manages his budget.

"The sheriff's department received the largest increase of any county department," Ficano said in September. "This increase was given in spite of the fact that the sheriff has not generated his own projected revenue increases to fund nonmandated services."

Evans argues that he is working with a budget that is the same as Ficano's 2000-01 bud-

get. Continuing problems at the state level also took a bite into revenue-sharing funds for the county, when a plan was approved by the legislature to shift county tax payments in lieu of revenue sharing.

Other county stories were: At the end of 2003, Mike Duggan resigned as county prosecutor to become CEO of the Detroit Medical Center. Kym Worthy, a former assistant prosecutor and circuit court judge, was appointed by the circuit court bench to replace Duggan as interim prosecutor. In November, Worthy was unopposed for election to a four-year term.

In May, Ficano appointed Mulugetta Birru, executive director of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, as executive director of the new Wayne County Economic Development Corporation. The EDC replaces the old jobs and economic development department within the executive's office. The corporation is modeled on Michigan's Economic Development Corporation.

In August, a new Detroit Wayne County Health Authority was formed in an agreement among Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Ficano and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. The authority was formed to improve health care for the uninsured and underinsured in Wayne County.

In December, the state legis-

lature approved the formation of a Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Authority to replace the troubled Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. Supporters argued that the shift to an authority was necessary to maintain federal Medicaid funding. Ficano opposed the new authority. Kilpatrick supported it. On Tuesday, Gov. Granholm vetoed the legislation, saying she wanted the county to continue with improvements to the existing Mental Health Agency.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport played host to the Airport Cities Conference. The conference provided Wayne County officials and regional planners a glimpse of what the area around the county-owned airport might look like some. The development of the corridor connecting Wayne County's two airports, Metro and Willow Run, has become the focus of economic development plans.

Wayne County's first county executive and former sheriff Bill Lucas, a Republican, challenged appointed sheriff Warren Evans in the November election. Democrat Evans won handily.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter R-Livonia, won reelection to a second term against Democrat Phil Truran, a Novi union local president.

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# Local business cautiously optimistic for 2005

BY DAN WEST  
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There are economic factors that stir optimism for local businesses in the new year, however, there are other factors that curb their confidence.

Michigan continues to lag behind the most states in the nation with higher unemployment figures and less growth as the nation moves to recover from the economic downturn from earlier in this decade.

In a statewide economic forecast by the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics (RSQE), it's predicted Michigan will see some job and business growth in 2005, but the rate will accelerate in 2006.

In the real estate market, new-construction homes are moving briskly. In the new high-end Boulder Pines subdivision in northern Livonia, real estate agent Richard Hurley was putting the finishing touches on the sixth sale of nine \$500,000 homes. The homes have been on the market for less than three months.

"We're seeing a slow-growing confidence with consumers and we are all hopeful that confidence will continue to get stronger," Hurley said. "There are a lot of people who are looking for homes, but since there are many homes on the market, they are taking their time."

He acknowledges that many new homes and condominiums in western Wayne and Oakland counties are slowing sales on existing homes because home buyers prefer to buy new construction. He said this could hinder values for existing properties on the market.

I hope it doesn't lower market value, Hurley said. "I hope it just flat-lines things."

Eric Buzenberg, third-generation owner of the Walker Buzenberg furniture store in Plymouth, is also optimistic about his business prospects for 2005.

The past couple years, business has been about even for us, Buzenberg said. "People have been cautious but demand is pent up. At some point, they are going to need to buy and we'll be ready."

While sales numbers have remained steady toward the end of 2004, Buzenberg said he was encouraged by the increased traffic in his store in recent months.

Modest sales gains over the past couple years were reported at the Orn Jewelers stores in Garden City and Northville.

"We've got to stay optimistic, but we're definitely in a cautious mode," said Orn Mazzoni III. "Things improved a bit for us in 2004 and he hope that keeps going in the right direction."

The Mazzoni family plans to renovate their jewelry stores, but they will take small steps. Reports of ongoing auto industry struggles and job cuts in metro Detroit move the family to remain careful with their capital investment approach.

The market here is driven by the auto industry, Mazzoni said. It's tough to see where things are going in this market's since the unemployment rate here lags behind the rest of the nation.

The RSQE report, released in November, indicates there could be more manufacturing jobs losses in 2005, but there will be marked growth in other industries in the coming years. dwest@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2109

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**Let's Talk REAL ESTATE**  
by Jody White  
Broker/Owner of Rice Realty

**SPOTLESS BATHROOMS — A REAL PLUS!**

Very few people will buy a house because they fall in love with a bathroom. However, buyers will react to a bathroom that does not look clean or appears to be in disrepair. They could view the bathroom as a reflection of the overall condition of the property.

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Keep the bathroom spotless while your home is on the market. There are many different products that can help you achieve the effect of a desirable bathroom. You might even want to hire a professional to deal with the details, such as re-caulking around the tub and shower, replacing a cracked tile, or applying new paint with mildew retardant. A new shower curtain, bath mat, and nice smelling soap can help give the buyer one more positive reason for liking your home!

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**Military tree**

Nine-month-old Alice Mae Thompson gets a look at a Christmas tree dedicated to people in the U.S. military and their families. Holding Alice is her grandmother Jean Thompson of Livonia, who handmade ornaments using the insignia of various branches of the armed forces and decorated the tree. Thompson's son, Peter N. Thompson, is in basic training in the U.S. Navy. "I know we would not be having a peaceful free Christmas without their sacrifices," Thompson said of those in the military and their loved ones.

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# Handleman puts music in motion for the world

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER  
STAFF WRITER

## TRACKING SALES

Can't find the music you want for the holidays? You may want to talk with Scott Wilson and Greg Mize

It's our job to figure that out, said Wilson, who is group vice president of Handleman Entertainment Resources

Mize, vice president of investor relations, and Wilson work for the Troy company, a firm that last year did \$1.2 billion in the business of merchandising and delivering music worldwide. It's a complex process of tracking each sale in each store by computer, said Wilson.

"Can you imagine how many billions of (pieces of information) that is?" asked Wilson.

That kind of information pays off for Handleman — it has only two major competitors in the business.

But it also pays off for its customers, which are mainly mass merchandisers like Wal-Mart, Kmart and Best Buy. Other customers include Zellers, Pamida, Shopko and ASDA, which is in the UK, Wilson said. Smaller retailers, such as Dearborn Music, buy direct from the manufacturer.

"Every day we earn our worth by (delivering music) more efficiently and profitably than retailers can do on their own," Wilson said.

The complexity of the process comes partly from the fact that there are more than 300,000 CDs on the market for purchase. Deciding which CDs to distribute and to which stores is what makes it complex, Mize said. Handleman works with 38,269 titles. It covers distribution for 11 percent of all music sales in the United States, 23 percent in Canada and 9 percent in the UK.

It's not like choosing soft drinks," said

And sales are sorted out by computer to each store owned by the companies they do business with. "It's done by cash register sales," Mize said.

The process of tracking and selecting merchandise also ensures that CD buyers get what they're looking for. And it all amounts to geography.

Ferndale would have more ethnic sales than Oak Park, Wilson said.

"While country music would sell through the roof" in Taylor, in Miami, Latin music would be the hot ticket. By Latin music, Wilson said, they mean music actually sung in Spanish and not English translations.

Wilson said that tracking has impacted the sales of Latin music, which he said will sell in different markets depending on such factors as whether it is Mexican, Banda or Puerto Rican.

In Salt Lake a lot of the people are Hispanic," Wilson said. And that means more Latin music is shipped there.

And all that translates into such factors as how much rack space an artist will receive in a particular store. It's a decision made by Handleman.

The tracking system also allows Handleman to anticipate and respond to a surge in sales volume through the Rapid Replenishment program, Wilson said. Take the case of Ray Charles. His death triggered a high degree of interest. If you looked a year ago, he was under the water. Then the movie came out.

With the interest in the singer, old albums came to the forefront, Wilson added.

## IMPACTING SALES

There's more that affects a singer's popularity than marketing. After Joshua Groban



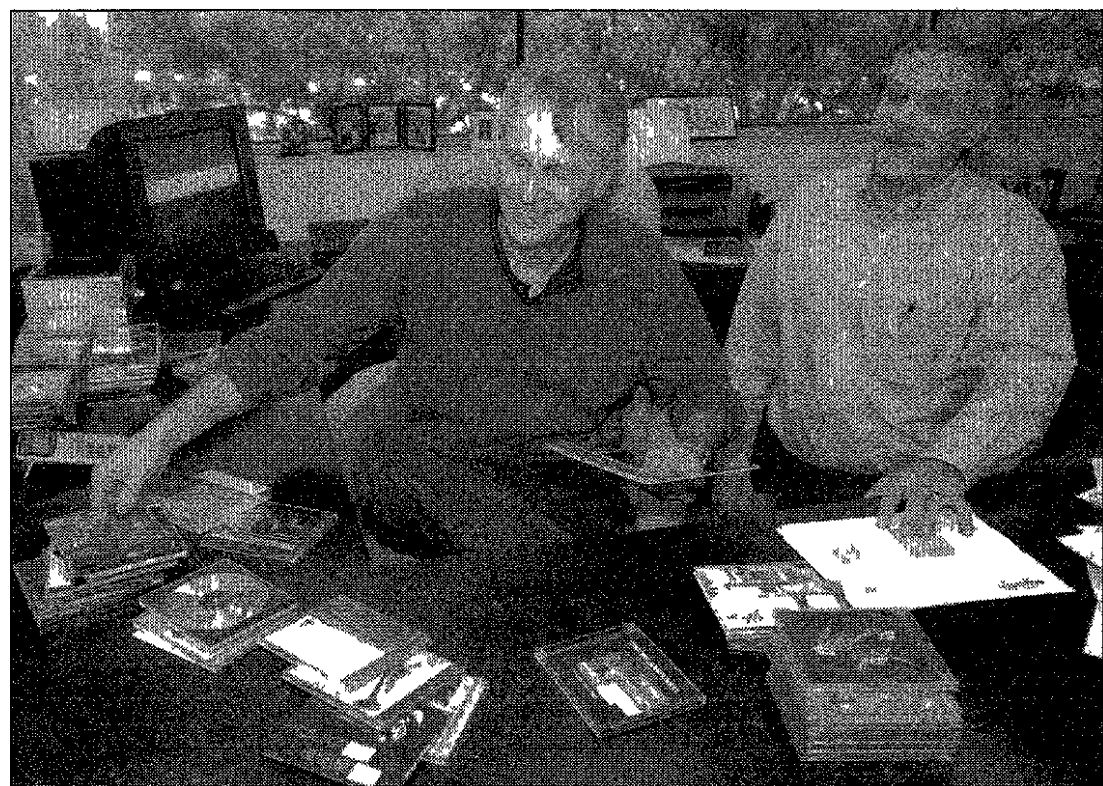
## @ Work

**Business:** Handleman Entertainment Resources  
**Location:** Troy  
**Annual sales:** \$1.2 billion  
**Number of employees:** 2,200 worldwide  
**Customers:** Include Wal-Mart, Kmart, Best Buy, Pamida, Zellers and ASDA  
**Business:** Manages music category in more than 3,500 stores. Represents more than 11 percent of all music sold in U.S., 23 percent in Canada and 9 percent in the UK.

appeared on Oprah (Show) his sales skyrocketed," Wilson said. Groban appeals to women 35 and older, he added.

Illegally downloading music and burning CDs have had a negative impact on the industry. To respond, music companies have gone to including DVDs of concert tours from the previous year, along with the CDs they are selling. "They make it so the kids want that," Wilson said. It's a lot cheaper to buy the package than to purchase concert tickets, he added.

A Handleman distribution center in Indianapolis turns out 28 units a second, with the company's product-related ticket and, in some cases, plastic security boxes around the CD. They are shipped usually by UPS. When it comes to pricing, however, the decision is solely up to the company. But Handleman will point out the company's



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Scott Wilson (left) and Greg Mize sort through some of the 38,000 music titles the Handleman company merchandises.

## U.S. Music Industry Sales (in millions of units)

	January-November		
	2004	2003	Variance
<b>Total industry</b>	<b>572.1</b>	<b>560.3</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Mass Merchants	290.4	192.4	8.9%
Chain	275.6	281.6	-2.1%
Independent	59	64	-7.8%
Non-traditional		28.1	22.3
	26.2%		

clean."

Wilson said working for Handleman has allowed him to meet with artists who "aren't commercially successful, but are just wonderful." One such singer and composer is folk artist Mindy Smith, who "tells her meaning and where her words come from. She has love and devotion."

## COMPANY DATA

The Handleman company, which has been in Troy for 15 years, has been around since the 60s. There are about 350 employees in the Troy office, on Kirtz and 2,200 worldwide, with Handleman occupying about two-thirds of the building.

Besides the distribution center in Indianapolis and offices throughout the world such as Minneapolis, there are regional sales offices in Baltimore, Detroit, Los Angeles, Canada, the United Kingdom, Brazil and Argentina.

"I think of it as getting the best music down to the store," Wilson said. sarmbruster@oehomecomm.net (248) 901-2585

marketing data on which to base that decision. Mass merchandisers offer prices that are generally lower than specialty stores, they said.

## SALES REPORT

Figures are mixed for the music industry. While chain store sales are down by -2.1 percent, sales at mass merchandisers are gaining by 8.9 percent. Taking the biggest hit are the independents with -7.8 percent. Wilson said it's a matter of convenience. It's easier to pick up a CD while you're in a store shopping for other things, rather than make another stop.

While holiday sales don't make or break a company, "Sales for the last couple of weeks of December are huge. They're amazing," Mize said. About 35 percent of all sales are from October through December.

Mize says his musical tastes include "really anything." Originally an accountant, his 18-year-old daughter recently turned him on to Alan Jackson, he said.

Country is "very accessible," and is crossing over not only in style but in appeal to the general adult population, Wilson said. Country adult contemporary music tells a story. And it's

## IDENTITY

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is done at the state level to help law enforcement and prosecutors crack down on identity thieves and to help victims recover. Among key provisions of the legislation, Granholms

spokeswoman Liz Boyd said, "Now it uniformly prohibits merchants from including full credit card information on any sales receipts."

The legislation will also:

- Prohibit businesses from denying credit or public utility service to identify theft victims and set penalties for violations.

- Clarify jurisdiction where identity theft is prosecuted.

- Extend the statute of limitations for identity theft to six years.

- Prohibit requiring a customer to provide a Social Security number as a condition for doing business. kbrown@oehomecomm.net

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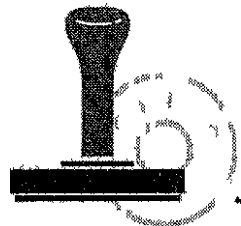
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DEATHS

B
Sidney Daphne Barnier 42, of Plymouth died Dec 29
G
Opal M. Grooms, 92, of Rochester Hills formerly of Birmingham and Venice, Fla., died Dec 22
M
Mark Allen Miller, 34, of Peoria, Ariz., formerly of Livonia died Dec 22
Ruth Marion MacDonald 85, Dec 28
S
Paul E. Schuster, 86, died Dec 25



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Life section in Passages on page B5.

old, about 170 pounds. He had what were described by the employee as 'Asian-looking eyes' and his mouth and nose were covered with a white cloth. He wore a dark blue jacket with a hood and was armed with a long gun.

The third man was described as a 5-foot-7 black male 15 to 17 years old and weighing between 130 and 140 pounds. He had short black hair and wore a dark blue jacket.

Gamestop robbery

A manager at the Gamestop store at 34790 Ford Road in Westland told police that two men robbed his store about 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The manager said the men placed items totaling about \$500 on the counter, and one of them started putting merchandise in a shopping bag before it had been scanned.

The manager told police that when he said something, one man pulled a small handgun from his right pocket. The men then left the store and escaped in what was described as possibly a silver Ford Crown Victoria.

One bandit was described as a 6-foot 4 black male 27 to 30 years old and about 270 pounds. He wore a black skull cap and a black jacket. The second man was described as a 5-foot-11 black male, 20 to 22

years old and about 150 pounds. He wore a black-and-white checked flannel shirt.

Store robbed

A woman told police she was threatened at gunpoint during a robbery that occurred about 5:20 p.m. on Christmas Eve at Men's Wearhouse on Wayne Road south of Warren.

Three men walked into the store and one of them ordered her to her knees at gunpoint while he used keys to open a cash register and take an undisclosed amount of money, she said.

The men then fled the store. All three men were wearing baseball caps and cotton masks. One of them reportedly carried a black gun.

REDFORD

Woman unhurt in attack

A Redford Township woman reported being attacked by a stranger as she arrived at her home on Brady Street south of Seven Mile early Tuesday. No injuries were reported.

It was about midnight according to a Redford Township police report when the woman walked up her driveway and into her back yard where a man grabbed her by the neck and threw her to the ground, she told police.

The woman screamed for her boyfriend who chased the attacker eastward toward Five Points where he lost sight of him, they reported. The woman told police she has had previous problems with strangers in her yard.

Road-rage arrest

A 21-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested on charges of felonious assault and driving with a suspended license after a Christmas Eve traffic altercation on

Telegraph Road near Glendale.

After getting a report that a driver had been threatened with a gun an officer stopped the suspect who was driving a 2001 Chrysler 300 on southbound Telegraph shortly before 6 p.m. police said.

The officer found a toy gun the type used in video games in the car, police said.

Police said that at first the driver claimed the victim must have seen him simply pick up the gun after it fell in the car, but then said he grabbed it after being cut off in traffic because he was afraid the other driver had a gun.

Drug arrest

A 24-year-old Redford man was arrested on a marijuana possession charge Monday after he was involved in a fender bender at Six Mile and Beech Daly.

Police said the man who had been driving a Dodge Dakota was at fault in the crash which occurred about 6 p.m. No one was seriously hurt.

The man was sitting on a rock at one corner of the intersection when an officer arrived, police said.

A witness told the officer that the man had hidden something near the rock and when the officer asked him what he had hidden he replied that it was 'weed' and a scale, police said. The officer found the suspected pot and an electronic scale.

As the man had four suspensions of his license he was also arrested for driving with a suspended license, police said.

GARDEN CITY

Vehicle thefts

On Dec. 23, a Detroit woman told police she left a car running to warm up outside a home in the 1600 block of Belton. The 1995 Ford Taurus, valued at \$8,000, was gone when she went back outside. The vehicle was owned by a Redford rental car company.

A resident in the 6800 block of Gilman told police Dec. 21 that someone had stolen his 1996 Dodge Caravan. Inside the vehicle the man said were tools valued at \$2,085, a \$100 CD player and a new vanity countertop and sink valued at \$430.

On Dec. 22, a resident in the 600 block of Deering reported her 1994 Dodge Grand Caravan had been stolen.

On Christmas Day a resident in the 5900 block of Gilman reported that a 1991 Chevy pickup had been stolen. The truck was later recovered.

ered in Detroit with a door lock punched and the steering column damaged.

Trailer burglaries

Police received reports that construction equipment trailers stored at 203 Middlebelt had been broken into some time early on Christmas Eve.

From one trailer tools valued at \$8,100 were reported missing and items valued at \$1,750 were reported taken from a second trailer.

Another owner reported tools valued at \$7,570 taken from his trailer. Reportedly missing from another trailer were tools valued at \$1,800 while another owner reported losses approaching \$4,000.

Larceny

A Schaumburg, Ill. woman told police Dec. 21 that her purse was stolen from a cart while she was shopping at the Dollar Tree store, 5918 Middlebelt. She estimated the loss at \$125 plus her cellular telephone.

Break-in

Police were called to a home in the 6600 block of Helen Dec. 24 when a neighbor watching the home found a door damaged and indication of activity inside. He said he closed a garage door that was partially open. It was unclear if anything was missing.

Attempted break-in

An employee at J&J Fashion 251 Inkster Road reported \$100 damage Dec. 22 after someone removed plywood from an exterior window and punched through dry wall covering it inside the store. It was suspected to be an attempt to break into an adjoining drug store that has had several recent break-ins.

Shoplifting

On Dec. 23 an employee at Kmart 29600 Ford, told police that man walked out the doors with a \$180 vacuum cleaner. The employee said the man got into a waiting vehicle driven by a woman and drove off.

An employee at CVS Pharmacy, 27435 Ford, told police Dec. 26 that a man ran out of the store with a \$26 power toothbrush.

City property damaged

Police were sent to Krauter east of Merriman Dec. 24 after a resident reported a fire hydrant had been damaged.

An officer found tracks indicating a vehicle left the road and sheered off the hydrant. A piece from a black vehicle also was found. The hydrant was inoperable.

Vandalism

Police were called to Garden City Free Will Baptist Church 29863

Dawson on Dec. 21 about damage to a steel railing apparently caused by skateboarders. A church official told police the railing had been installed during the summer but the paint was now scrapped off and the footing was broken.

The man told police that the church had been having an ongoing problem with trespassing skateboarders and would prosecute any who are identified.

Accident assistance

After some confusion about the location two Garden City officers were the first to arrive at an accident on Merriman at Avondale in Westland on Dec. 24. The officers reported that citizens directed them to a vehicle containing two people who had been in a head-on collision.

The driver a 61-year-old Westland man was trapped inside due to damage to the car door. Smoke was coming from the engine but the officers were hesitant to move the man due to his injuries. A female passenger was able to get out of the car.

When the first Westland officer arrived something had begun to burn inside the vehicle on the passenger side. The officers decided it was too hazardous to let the man stay in the vehicle and moved him out. Westland Fire Rescue treated the man at the scene.

One of the Garden City officers who had stayed in the vehicle with the man, reported coughing and mild difficulty breathing due to the smoke inhalation.

CANTON

'Tuber' ticketed

A man of undisclosed age and residence was ticketed for reckless driving Tuesday in the parking lot of the closed Super Kmart at Haggerty and Ford.

A police report said a tow line had been attached to the man's vehicle and was being used to pull an inner tube carrying a friend through the snow, which had not been plowed.

Larcenies

Some reported larcenies from automobiles over the holidays. A \$30 portable stereo, \$200 cellular phone, purse and cellular phone charger of undisclosed value were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 46000 block of Aaron's Way on Dec. 23.

A purse and its contents were removed from an unlocked 1998 Taurus parked in the 46000 block of Sherwood on Dec. 23. Gift certificates to various local businesses were also taken from the car.

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# Salvation Army mobilizes to help tsunami victims

BY WAYNE PEAL  
STAFF WRITER

The Salvation Army has put away its red kettles and now is turning its attention to last week's tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean.

"We're not taking in water and supplies, it's simply too far away, but we are taking monetary donations through our toll-free hotline," said Russ Russell, executive director of development for the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan Division, which is based in Southfield.

That hotline - (877) 725-6424 - was in heavy use even prior to the Asian disaster, helping the Salvation Army in its local \$5 million holiday fund-raising goal.

"The community really reached out to us this year and we're grateful," Russell said.

This year's Red Kettle drive began with news that Target, by new corporate policy, would no longer allow the Salvation Army or other groups to raise funds outside its stores.

"We did start out having to make up some \$300,000 based on what we raised there last year," Russell said.

Final numbers won't be totaled until the end of January and donations continue to arrive, but Russell said the local Salvation Army division is already "about 80 percent of the way toward its goal. Money given supports programs throughout southeast Michigan.

The Salvation Army, both locally and internationally, is also taking in money to support victims of the Indian Ocean disaster, in which some 80,000 fatalities have already been reported.

An undersea earthquake Dec. 26 caused a series of tsunamis, which spread death and destruction to at least 12 countries. "We are active in several of the countries that were hit, including India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, but, needless to say, our shelters were immediately filled to capacity," Russell said.

In addition to the Red Kettle Drive and hotline, the Salvation

Army maintains Thrift Stores in a number of local communities.

Money from those stores supports the Salvation Army's drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, Russell said.

Clothes and other household items donated to the stores also help families receiving Salvation Army assistance.

In addition to the Salvation Army, there are several religious organizations in Canton, where there is a significant Asian community, that will also be accepting monetary donations as well as other goods to help the victims.

The Hindu Temple, located at 44955 Cherry Hill, is accepting donations. For more information call the Temple at (734) 981-8730. The Swammarayan Temple on Canton Center is hosting a local food, clothing and cash drive. In addition, the Mushm Community of Western Suburbs, at 40440 Palmer, is also accepting donations. For more information call (734) 467-7704.

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## TSUNAMIS

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"They saw the wave hit the shoreline. They saw restaurants and hotels come down."

But, according to Junk, the crew was able to turn the boat around and, upon hitting the shore, all aboard - including Kristin Junk and Dan Podczervinski - actually ran for their lives.

"They basically said, Run as fast as you can."

Police shuttles escorted the Livonia natives out of harm's way, and eventually out of Phuket. As of Tuesday, the couple had relocated to Bangkok.

"She's been pretty calm through it all," Junk said of her daughter.

The couple expected they would be able to fly out of Thailand on New Year's Eve and head back to their home in Chicago this weekend.

Kristin Junk works as a teacher for Chicago Public Schools. She attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and taught at Cass Elementary School in Livonia. She also coached a pompon squad at Stevenson while she was still in college.

She still knows a lot of people here in Livonia, said her mother.

One of those people is Lorraine Hyman, athletic director at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

"I'm so glad she's OK," Hyman exclaimed hearing the news. "I can't believe it, it's extremely tragic."

Hyman recalled Junk's days coaching at her alma mater, about four years ago.

"She did a wonderful job," said Hyman. "She showed great dedication to the program. She's a dynamite person."

She wasn't at all surprised to hear that Junk became a teacher herself.

"I always thought she was great with the kids. She was very

dedicated to them and to the program. She's one of those people that relates to kids very well. I'm glad to hear she's doing well."

Dan Podczervinski is a 1996 Catholic Central graduate and a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. Also a former Livonia resident, he works as an information technology specialist at an investment company in Chicago.

The two have been dating for about two years and are planning to wed in October.

For now, Junk said she's simply awaiting their arrival home.

"I'll be glad when she's in the United States," said Junk. "It's been very stressful. As a parent you feel helpless. There's not a lot you can do."

What they have been doing is staying in close contact with each other and with the Podczervinski family.

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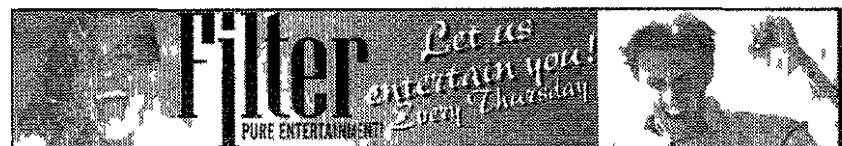
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# Beat winter blues: Grab some snowshoes and 'walk on clouds'

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Rise above the winter blues this year

Strap on some snowshoes and tackle that snow by walking on top of it

There's nothing more peaceful than a quiet snowshoe trek through the woods, said Carol Fink, of West Bloomfield

I love the freedom of being in the winter woods and the ease of traveling and, of course, the fun," said Fink, who will lead a cross country ski/snowshoe seminar, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. A moonlight snowshoe hike expedition is on tap from 7:30-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Heritage Park on Farmington Road near 11 Mile.

Not a real technical sport, snowshoeing is a great activity for any age and any athletic ability level. You can snowshoe with a group, with your family or by yourself.

The beauty of it is that you have the option of doing it by yourself," said Fink. She said you should always leave a site plan with someone if you plan to set out alone.

Snowshoeing is simply walking on the snow. Tubbs and Atlas are snowshoe brands that are popular at Eastern Mountain Sports on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Modern day snowshoes do not resemble the old wicker contraptions that resembled tennis rackets. Today, they're made of super light-weight aluminum or alloy with durable yet flexible synthetic uppers.

Snowshoeing is a close rival to cross country skiing in this area and both are great winter alternatives to downhill skiing.

"I think snowshoeing is growing in popularity around here because downhill skiing



Carol Fink of West Bloomfield treks around the wooded area near her home. Snowshoeing is a great form of winter exercise.

isn't really (feasible), unless you go out of town," noted Kate Stevens, operations supervisor at EMS. "And it's something the whole family can do. Children don't have to learn it to have fun."

Sizing snowshoes is important, Stevens added. They vary in length and are sized by your weight. The adjustable bindings connect to your boots or shoes for a perfect fit. Ski poles are recommended for balance.

Contrary to popular belief, you don't need a ton of snow to use snowshoes. Four to 6 inches is all you need, said Stevens. But fresh powder on top of packed snow measuring a foot or more makes for some fun winter romping through meadows.

"You stay on top of the snow," said Fink. "It's great you really float. It's like walk-

ing on clouds."

Another bonus: You can snowshoe just about anywhere. Wayne County parks, the metro parks and state recreation areas are open throughout the winter months. Some favorite snowshoeing spots include Hines Park, Kensington Metropark, Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lake State Recreation Area, Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, West Bloomfield Trail Network and the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary.

There's something magical about stepping out into the winter," she said. "You can see for miles and miles, the animal tracks, animal homes and droppings. You're outside celebrating winter and it feels so good."

Aside from the mental benefits, snowshoeing is also a great winter workout for your upper and lower body. Using ski poles helps enhance the upper body workout.

"Plus, it's great exercise for your legs, gluts and abs," said Fink. "It's a total body workout — plus you're getting fresh air into your body."

Eastern Mountain Sports, located at 30837 Orchard Lake Road in the Hunter's Square shopping center south of 14 Mile, sells snowshoes. Daylong and weekend long rentals are also available. Call to reserve a pair or two: (248) 932-5953. For information about the snowshoe seminar or moonlight expedition, call Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation at (248) 473-1800.

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Chris Davis, president of PageOne, shows examples of his front pages Where the News Is You.

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BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

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The mock page front can also be designed to highlight a more somber occasion or recall a person's life, noted Davis.

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person who will be on the page, Davis works his magic in writing stories and designing a front page that's unique to that person. "I'm able to spawn a story that reads well and is appropriate for the page," he said.

Davis said he got the idea for the business while working at the *Northville Record*. He explained that he ended up being the person in the newsroom who designed mock newspaper fronts for co-workers who were leaving their jobs. It's a trick that many newspapers use as a going-away gift for co-workers. He said he even did a mock page front for his wife's 25th birthday. When he presented it to her at the party it ended up being a huge hit. When a friend suggested he do it as a business, Davis said he decided the time was right for a change.

"I've always been a creative person," he said of what he enjoys about being the president of PageOne. "I've always enjoyed making people happy. This is creating something for someone I know they don't already have."

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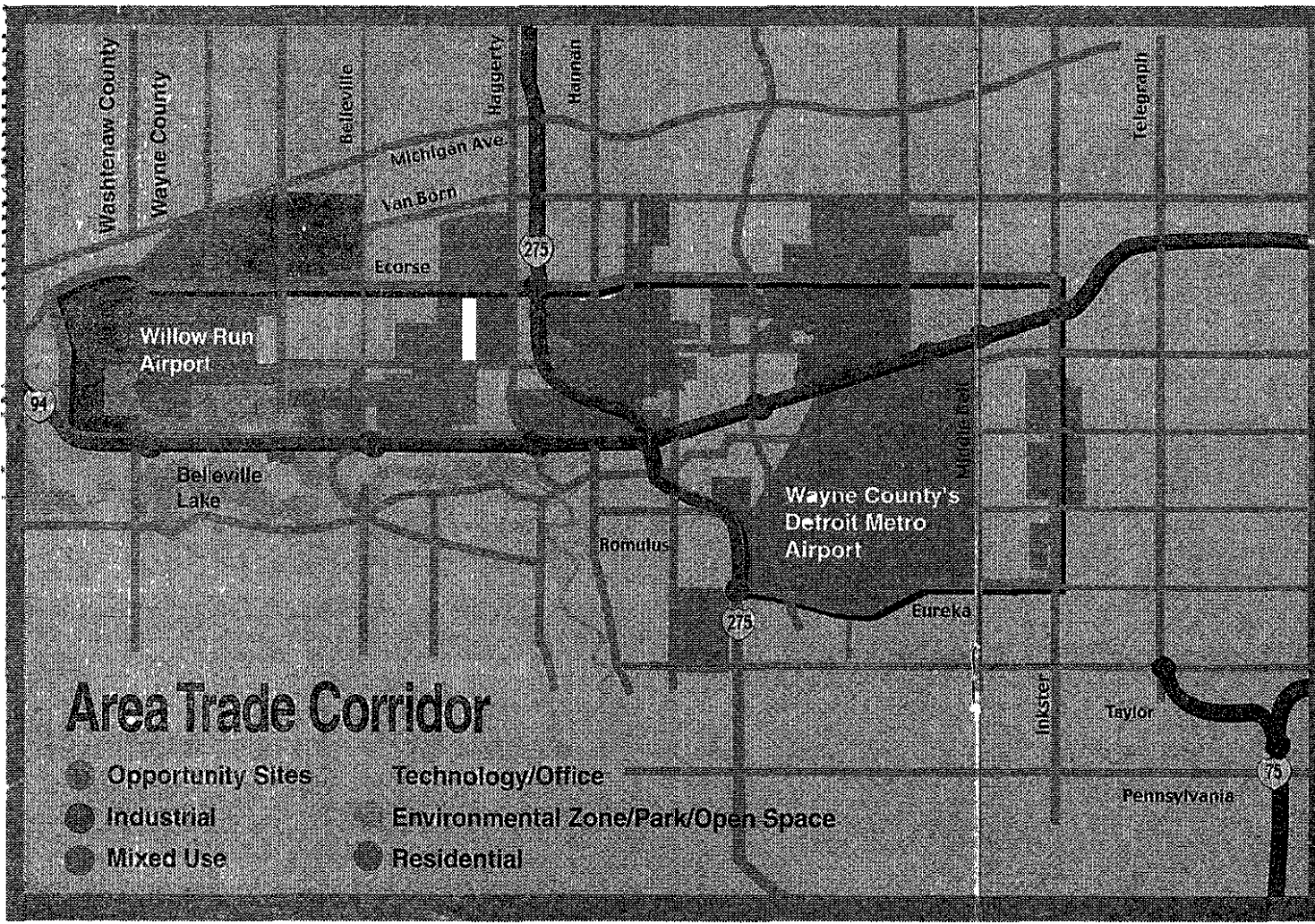
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This map from a Wayne County brochure for Willow Run Airport shows the potential development sites between the two airports, forming what is called an aerotropolis. This includes the Pinnacle project area south of Detroit Metro Airport.

# Atlanta a model for airport development

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials say the concept of the soon-to-be-built Pinnacle Aeropark was modeled after a number of successful regional hi-tech centers, including Silicon Valley in California and North Carolina's Research Triangle Park.

As they proceed with the project, however, they might want to take a closer look at the success of an ongoing development on property adjacent to the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Georgia.

Several years ago, the city of Atlanta, which owns the airport, decided to provide some airport property for development in an effort to stimulate the local economy and make the area around the airport more of a destination — exactly what Wayne County is hoping to do with the Pinnacle project.

Although the Atlanta project isn't on the scale of the Pinnacle project — 155 acres as opposed to the 1,300 Wayne County is trying to develop — there are many similarities between the two.

Atlanta has created a mixed-use site, attracting not only retail businesses, but also technology centers and corporate headquarters.

In addition, the airport authority collaborated with several entities to create a master plan for the site, including the city of College Park — the Atlanta suburb where the land is located — and the Fulton County Development Authority. This is the kind of cooperation Wayne County is looking for with Huron Township and the city of Romulus as it proceeds with the Pinnacle project.

Mario Diaz, deputy chief executive officer of Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, said it only made sense for the airport to get involved with the project, because helping the local economy grow will only come back to benefit the airport in the end.

"We're in the business of running an airport, but I say we are also in the business of economic development," Diaz said.

The biggest coup to date for the ongoing College Park project was to get Alton to build a training facility there. A subsidiary of Boeing Aerospace, Alton expects to train 5,000 pilots a year at the facility, which

airport officials believe will mean a \$6 million infusion to the local economy, because those pilots will stay in hotels, use rental cars and eat at restaurants. The facility opened in March.

According to Diaz, the Alton deal came together because of a partnership between the private and public sectors. The airport provided the company with six acres to build the facility, while College Park provided a 10-year tax abatement deal, as well as fast-tracked the permitting process to get the facility built as quickly as possible.

Those are exactly some of the options Wayne County officials are tinkering with in their effort to attract businesses to the Pinnacle project.

"When you bring the private sector together with government, and they are willing to work together, things can really happen," Diaz said. "It can be a win-win for everyone involved, especially the airport. And the cities receive a benefit. They receive jobs. Thousands of jobs will be created because of this development."

## PINNACLE

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faced its share of setbacks including a decision last year by the Michigan Supreme Court that denied Wayne County's efforts to seize several properties within the Pinnacle boundaries from people who refused to sell their land.

That decision won't derail the project, according to Tyler, because the land only amounts to 60 acres in a large area bounded by I-275 on the west, Sibley Road to the south, Vining Road on the east and Eureka Road to the north. Since 1998 the county has spent about \$30 million assembling the properties.

Tyler said the ultimate goal of the project is to create a mixed-use site featuring technology centers, corporate headquarters, retail stores, as well as amenities like banks, jogging trails and a golf course. In addition, he said plans call for connecting all the businesses that locate in the park to Michigan Virtual University, which will allow employees to take courses online right from their offices.

The Pinnacle concept was modeled after other well-known

regional high-tech centers, like Silicon Valley and the Stanford Business Park in California and North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, Tyler said.

They all have certain characteristics we are trying to replicate. A mixed-use environment, with certain guidelines that not only help attract businesses to the area, but also retain them once they're here," Tyler said. "And we intend to go a step beyond these other communities. We are trying to build a 21st-century community."

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The county is offering sites between two and 500 acres depending on what a particular company may need. Tyler said he sees the potential to have a corporation use 500 acres to build its headquarters at the site, though he said the "bread and butter" will be the medium-size companies that need 10 acres. Ficano said there are some proposals on the table between the county and businesses interested in the Pinnacle project, but he refuses to elaborate on who because nothing has been agreed upon yet. He said the poor economy has hurt the county's efforts, but officials are trying to offset that by making the effort " dirt

cheap" for prospective companies.

In addition to putting in the infrastructure, Ficano said there are a number of tools the county can use as bait, such as creating renaissance or tax-free zones, and offering tax abatements. To do that, he knows he will not only need the support of the county commission, but also that of Romulus and Huron Township, the two communities where the Pinnacle property is located. Any loss of tax revenue, however, will be offset by the creation of jobs and increased economic activity the development will produce, he said.

"To us the attraction is the creation of economic activity, essentially jobs," Ficano said. "We need to show the businesses they are wanted and welcome."

Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan, who until two years ago represented the area where the Pinnacle project is planned, has been a big proponent of the project since its inception because he recognizes what it could mean to the area's economy. He said Ficano shouldn't have any problem getting the commission to approve the creation of some kind of tax-free zone despite his personal distaste of the concept.

I think we will have to offer some of these incentives, because things are so competitive these days. I personally don't like them. I think the federal government needs to stop all tax abatement programs, so everyone is treated the same," Sullivan said. "All these new companies will come in and they won't be taxed. So what ends up happening is the older businesses in the area end up carrying the burden. I don't like the system, but I realize that's the way things work if you want to attract businesses to the area."

As to when he would like to see the Pinnacle project completed, Ficano quipped, "yesterday." But he said it will probably take several decades because of the scope of the project. In the end, he said it will be worth the wait, especially if it spurs other economic activity around both Metro Airport and nearby Willow Run Airport, which is also owned by the county. It is estimated that there are more than 25,000 acres of land ripe for development between the two airports.

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Paris Buccì. She is survived by her daughter Lena (Anthony) Ficano, grandson Robert (Rosemarie) Ficano and grandchildren, Sabrina and Robert. A funeral Mass was said Friday at St. Priscilla Church followed by entombment at

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## They take 'shots' at bridging generations

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

At one end of the basketball court, a diminutive guy with a buzzcut canned long jumpers. And then, his dad did the same.

Monday's tripleheader involving current Garden City High School basketball players and an array of alumni, parents, teachers and coaches got together to have some laughs and play some hoops, not necessarily in that order.

For example, 1980 Garden City graduate Mike Boyd, a junior varsity player who went on to coach the Cougars' JV during the 1990s, ran like crazy to keep up with the 2004-05 junior varsity during the middle game. He threw up a complete airball, and then took off his glasses, as if to blame the spectacles for his errant field-goal attempt.

"Of course, the miss didn't mean too much in the grand scheme of things, particularly since Boyd's team took care of business, 70-59."

"I still know all the coaches," said Boyd, taking a breather and waiting for his next action. "A lot of my friends are teachers here. Hey, this is great. I love it. I've been coming to this for four or five years."

What brings Boyd back aren't dreams of burying that next tree, or at least hitting iron.

"It's just about playing the game, reliving the old memories," Boyd said with a smile. "And I look forward to this

because it's probably the only thing I stay in shape from.

On the floor as Boyd spoke were 1976 Garden City alum Brad Lackey and his spitting-image son, sophomore and JV player Brett. The older Lackey watched Brett drain three triples — and then he decided to can a long jumper himself.

"No, I didn't play basketball," said Brad Lackey. "I was on the varsity wrestling team. I was too short to play basketball."

The 40-minute-running-time games between generations were worth all the sweat — and probable muscle pain, several said.

"I like it, Lackey said. Getting to play against your own son and guys you watch all the time.

Before he could answer another question, he bolted for another couple minutes of running and gunning.

In the opener, the Garden City freshman team played a squad comprised of guys who graduated before 1970 (and not necessarily from Garden City). Among players was John Fleming, a 1966 graduate of an Ohio high school who is football and basketball statistician for the Cougars.

"I had zero points and two assists," said Fleming, whose team defeated the freshmen 67-52. Defense is my specialty. Fleming said the games organized by varsity coach Greg Williamson, provide a unique opportunity to stay connected with their former school.

It's a good idea to keep the



PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sharing a laugh on the sidelines during Monday's alumni basketball game at Garden City High School are Scott Shaw (left) who has two sons on the current Cougars varsity team and Dave Riley, who coaches the school's junior varsity. Riley is a Livonia Churchill graduate.

alumni involved in the school. Fleming said. "Once they graduate, they go to college or get a job and they don't come back. This gives them a chance to be involved."

Williamson, who began coaching the Cougars in the early 1990s, welcomed a number of his former players back for the nightcap. The current varsity took on all players who suited up during Williamson's coaching tenure.

Alums included recent graduates Chris Cappelli (2004), Dave Loney (2003), Brandon Audett and Brian Burton (both 2002), Steve Shaw (1997) and Robbie Shaw (1993).

Audett still displayed the keen shooting eye he possessed with the Cougars while spark-

ing his team's 65-52 victory to complete a sweep for the alumni squads.

"It's just really good to see all the people come back," Williamson said. "There are some former players I haven't seen for a long time. Some are married now, or getting their college degrees."

Because it isn't easy finding alumni from previous decades, the alumni teams also feature just about anybody who can suit up.

It helps if there is some connection with the high school but it isn't mandatory.

As for the current varsity players taking part in such an exhibition could benefit them later.

This gives reserves a chance

to get some minutes and also play against guys they've heard a lot about in practice. Williamson said.

Guys such as Brandon Audett, who they get to see for themselves just how good he can shoot."

Coaches for Garden City's freshman and JV teams also take mental notes on how their players fare.

I think this is the best we've shot all year," said junior varsity head coach Dave Riley following the middle contest. Riley, a Livonia Churchill grad and teacher at Garden City Middle School, played against his team as part of the 1970s/1980s contingent.

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## Sidelines

### Learn about the Knights

The Dearborn Heights Knights (12 & under) travel baseball team soon will be scheduling try-outs for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights are the PeeWee Reese (11 year old) champions for the Northwest Suburban League. For further information, contact Rich Gruzic at (800) 949-9834. On the team's 2005 schedule will be the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament located near the Baseball Hall of Fame.

### Coaches, give us a call

With the winter prep sports season about to resume in full-swing, varsity coaches are urged to report their results to the Observer sports department — win, lose or tie, home or away — on the night of the event.

Please call the following sports editors with game highlights and statistics: Livonia/Westland, Brad Emons, (734) 953-2123; Plymouth/Canton, Ed Wright, (734) 953-2108; Redford/Garden City, Tim Smith, (734) 953-2106.

The deadlines are as follows: for Thursday's issue, information must be received by 11:45 p.m. Tuesdays, for Sunday's issue, information must be received by 11:45 p.m. Fridays. Coaches also can fax recaps to (734) 591-7279.

### Earlier to work

The Motor City Mechanics of the United Hockey League announced all eight remaining Sunday games will begin at 5 p.m. instead of the originally scheduled 7:30 p.m., said spokeswoman Lauren Segall.

Sunday games impacted by the change are as follows: Sunday, Jan. 2 - Kansas City; Jan. 9 - Muskegon; Jan. 30 - Kalamazoo; Feb. 6 - Quad City; Feb. 13 - Port Huron; Feb. 27 - Missouri; March 20 - Muskegon; April 3 - Elmira.

Meanwhile, in a shootout, Motor City dropped a 2-1 decision to the visiting Kalamazoo Wings Friday night. Garden City native Joe Burton was held scoreless.

### Additional coverage

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## Holiday feast

### Whalers offense fattens up on Brampton, 6-2

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The temptation to overindulge during the holidays was too much for the Plymouth Whalers to overcome Tuesday afternoon.

Fortunately, it was the Whalers' offensive statistics — not their waistlines — that got fat when they feasted on the Brampton Battalion, 6-2, in a Kids' Day matinee game played before 3,446 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The suddenly surging Whalers have now won three consecutive games to push their record to 15-14-4-2. Brampton, which was in first place in the Ontario Hockey League's Central Division prior to the contest, fell to 18-12-5-1.

The action was Plymouth's first since Dec. 19, raising pre-game concerns from coach Mike Vellucci that his team may come out a little sluggish.

"We hadn't played a game in nine days and we only had two practices during that time, so we were a little worried that the team might come out flat," Vellucci said. "We let the guys go home for the holidays every year, then when they come back, we make sure the practices are very upbeat, we don't run them into the ground like some teams."

The strategy paid off for the Whalers, whose hustling play made it appear as if it was the Battalion who may have indulged in one too many fruitcakes over the break.

"Appropriately, it was Brampton native and former Battalion player Mike Looby who drew first blood for the Whalers. The sharp-shooting defenseman found himself alone with the puck at the top of the right face-off circle seven minutes into the game. He promptly rifled a shot



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Cory Tanaka tries to stuff the puck past Brampton goalie Kevin Couture during the first period of Tuesday afternoon's Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Sports Arena.

past Brampton goalie Kevin Couture to make it 1-0. Looby's second goal of the season was assisted by Jonas Fiedler and Mike Letizia.

"I was in the right place at the right time," said Looby, who played for Brampton for two seasons before getting traded to Sault Ste. Marie. "I know quite a few of their players and I played for the same coach (Stan Butler) they have now

so it was nice scoring a goal against them. But I only have two (goals) this year, so it's nice scoring against anybody."

Plymouth went up 2-0 with 5:37 left in the opening period when Fiedler one-timed a pass from John Vigilante past Couture. The goal, which was also assisted by Mike Knight, came with nine

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## C'ville falls short at tourney

BY PAT ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville's assistant coach Corey McKendry's introduction as a head coach this year was a rough one.

With head coach Kevin Murphy out of the state, McKendry assumed coaching duties as the Trojans took on Detroit Mumford on Monday in the University of Detroit Roundball Classic.

Junior Guard Donnie Carson exploded for 26 points, 15 rebounds and six assists for Clarenceville, but the Trojans fell to Martelle McLemmore and the Mustangs 56-54.

"Our guys were proud of the way they played," McKendry said. "They just made more plays than we did in the end."

Leading by seven after the first quarter, the Trojans slipped up and let Mumford come back and hold the lead for the final three periods.

Tyron Williams added 10 points for Clarenceville, hitting a trio of shots from beyond the arc for nine points in the opening half.

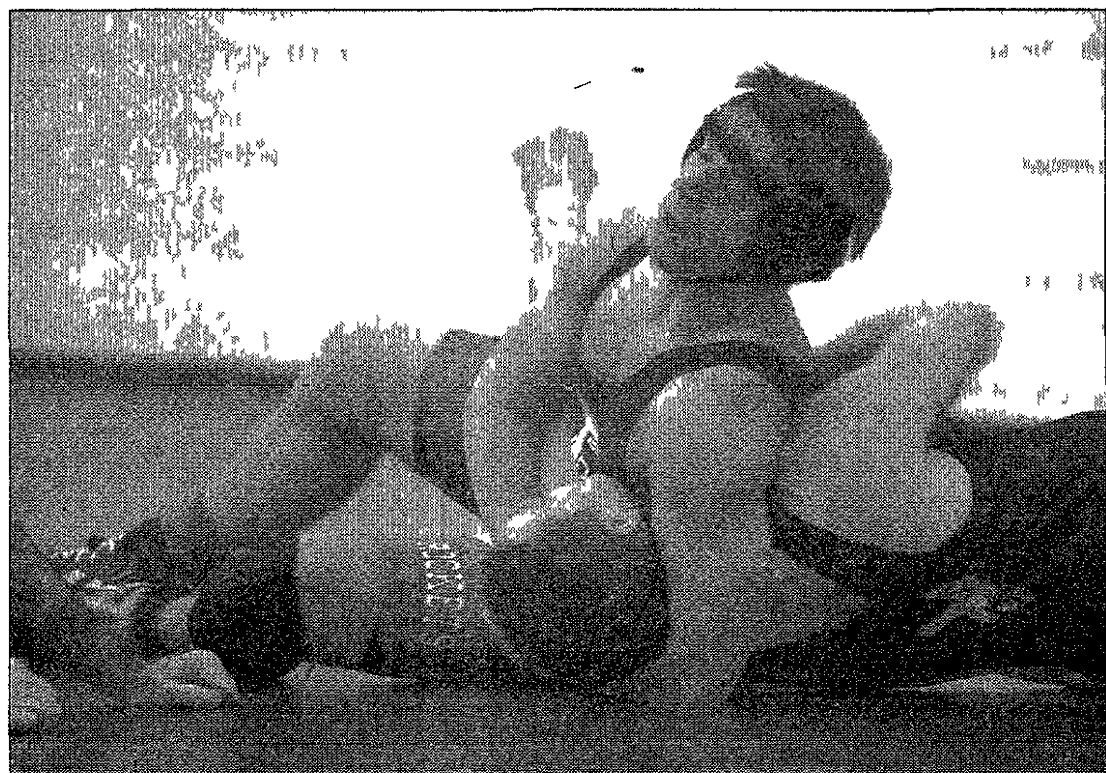
McLemmore, a junior forward for the Mustangs, had a double-double with 14 points and 10 boards despite outstanding defense by Allen Garrant.

McKendry mentioned that his team would hit dry spells and Carson would pick up the load, including scoring 19 of his 26 points in the second half.

"There were times that he would just take the team on his back," said McKendry, "this is the first time he's really shown us that."

Clarenceville is set to take on Ann Arbor Green on Tuesday.





Westland John Glenn's David Wood applies a head lock to Romulus wrestler Brian Householder Wednesday afternoon. The Rockets finished fourth with 132 points.

## Salem 2nd, John Glenn 4th in Plymouth Elks tournament

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Greenville's cross state trek to Wednesday's Plymouth Elks Salem Varsity Invitational wrestling tournament was worth the gas money.

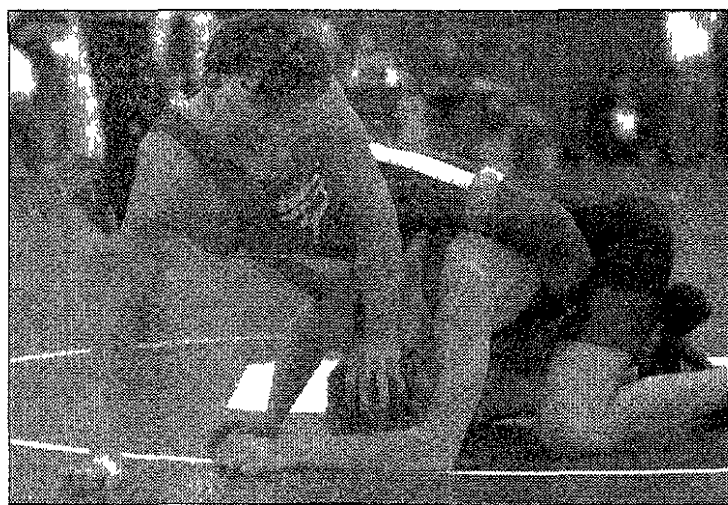
The Yellow Jackets grappled their way to top honors in the individual-format event, earning 184 points to chip runner-up Salem, which finished with 167. Richmond (144) copped third, followed by Westland John Glenn (142), Monroe (131), Dearborn (124) and Melvindale (113.5).

Seventeen teams competed in the holiday invitational, which was sponsored by the Plymouth Elks.

"It was a well run tournament," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "I knew Greenville was going to be tough, they have a solid line-up. We had a couple of our big point getters out, but I thought we did well especially Jeremy Henderson who was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler for the heavier weights."

Henderson made short work of his competition in the 189 pound weight class as he advanced to the finals with a pair of pins and an 11-3 major-decision victory over Salines Bryce Rajabian. Henderson's dominance continued in the finals when he pinned Lincoln Park's Marc Shaw in 4:31.

The only wrestler who may have had a better day than



Salem's Scott Fysh battles Greenville's Greg Hoeflinger in the Plymouth Elks Salem Varsity Invitational wrestling tournament Wednesday. Hoeflinger's team finished first, just ahead of the second place Rocks.

Henderson was Greenville's Jordan Garner, who won all four of his 140-pound matches in an average time of 1:33.

Ryan Stump also captured a first place trophy going 3-0 at 125. Stump handily defeated Salines' Chris Mullins 9-2 in the final match.

"Scott Fysh (135) and Matt Keffler (119) also a great day for us," Woochuk said.

Reece Cox was the lone John Glenn wrestler to win his weight class, going 3-0 at 145. Cox pinned Richmond's Jordan McKiernan in 2:53 in the finals.

The Rockets received a second-place effort from Orlando Carswell in the 135 pound class.

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## Canton grapplers 2nd at Rice tournament

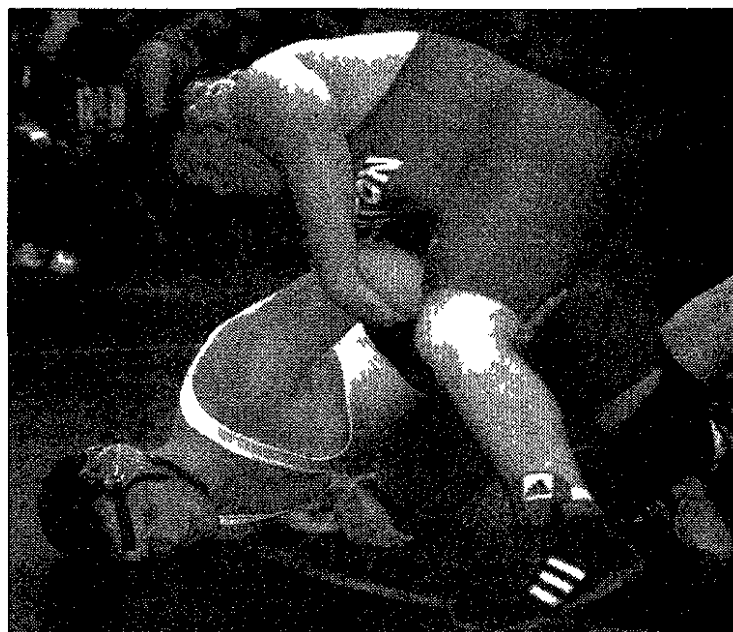
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you missed the exciting championship match of Wednesday's Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational, don't despair — Canton and Livonia Franklin will be squaring off again on Thursday in the Chiefs' Phase III gymnasium.

Canton will be looking for redemption on Thursday after falling, 39-29, to the Patriots in the Brother Rice tournament finale.

"We were a little flat in the match before the finals, but we wrestled decent against Franklin," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We lost a lot of close matches."

The Chiefs advanced to the finals by ousting Richmond, 65-12, Troy Athens, 70-3, and Carleton Airport, 45-24. Canton dropped a 40-28 deci-



Canton's Tom Bonnell gets the upper-hand in his match with Richmond's Shane McCleary at the Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational Wednesday afternoon. Bonnell won the 215-pound contest, 8-1, and finished 2-1 for the day. The Chiefs advanced to the finals before falling to Livonia Franklin, 39-29.

sion to West Bloomfield in a cross-over match that was sandwiched between the preliminary matches and the finals.

Sophomore Corey Phillips (135 pounds) and senior Ryan Webb (140) paced the Chiefs by both earning 5-0 records. Phillips improved his overall mark to 22-0, Webb is now 20-0.

Two Chiefs finished 4-1. Konrad Konsitzke (145) and Marwan Faraj (152).

"Konrad's only loss was to West Bloomfield's Chris Kinya, who finished fourth in the state last year," Randolph said. "Some kids wrestled great, others were flat, but overall, I thought we wrestled well."

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#### Plymouth Elks Salem Varsity Wrestling Invitational Dec. 29 at Salem High School FINAL RESULTS

- 1 Greenville 184 2 Salem 167 3 Richmond 144 4 Westland John Glenn 132 5 Monroe 131 6 Dearborn 124 7 Melvindale 113.5 8 Brighton 105 9 Howell 81 10 Fraser 75 11 Novi 65
- Most Outstanding Wrestler 103 140** - Jordan Garner (Greenville)
- Most Outstanding Wrestler 145 275** - Jeremy Henderson (Salem)
- 103 pounds** 1 John Cole (W) 4 0 2 Zac Stevens (MO) 2 1 3 Brandon Nikula (WJG) 3 1 4 Jeremy Stankeuiz (S) 2 2 5 Al Vellathottam (N) 4 1 6 Kody Donnelly (G) 2 2
- 112** 1 Jack Cassidy (D) 3 0 2 Peter Hansen (G) 2 1 3 Jerry Bogges (W) 3 1 4 Jeff Schweiger (R) 2 2 5 Jeremiah Austin (WJG) 4 1 6 Bill Ikeda (F) 3 2
- 119** 1 Mitch Graves (M) 3 0 2 Matt Keffler (S) 3 1 3 Mike Bolterstein (B) 3 1 4

- Liam Phelan (MV) 2 2 5 Zach Brown (G) 4 1 6 Pat Kruszak (T) 3 2
- 125** 1 Ryan Stump (S) 3 0 2 Chris Mullins (SN) 3 1 3 Mike Leonard (R) 3 1 4 Andy Biehl (T) 2 2 5 Hunter Duncan (MO) 4 1 6 Aaron Kriska (MV) 3 2
- 130** 1 Kevin Julien (F) 3 0 2 Loam Chilcote (D) 3 1 3 Jordan Miller (G) 2 1 4 Tony Schweiger (R) 2 2 5 Brennan Phelan (MV) 4 1 6 Jim Wood (WJG) 3 2
- 135** 1 Kyle Dupuis (R) 3 0 2 Orlando Carswell (WJG) 3 1 3 Scott Fysh (S) 3 1 4 Kelly Poupard (M) 1 2 5 Sabah Alnakash (D) 3 1 6 Steve Eigel (T) 2 2
- 140** 1 Jordan Garner (G) 4 0 2 Payton Stanforth (B) 3 1 3 Andrew Lozon (T) 3 1 4 Peter Meisner (D) 3 2 5 Tim Selby (R) 4 1 6 Alex Baum (N) 3 2
- 145** 1 Reece Cox (WJG) 3 0 2 Jordan McKiernan (R) 2 1 3 Jacob Bennett (S) 2 1 4 Kyle Whited (MO) 1 2 5 Kyle Cvengeros (B) 4 1 6 Mike Simmons (G) 2 2
- 152** 1 Nate Cooper (G) 3 0 2 Justin Jaynes (R) 2 1 3 Mike Mixon (H) 3 1 4

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- 160** 1 Jon Warren (R) 3 0 2 Ben Brodie (G) 2 1 3 Dan Smith (H) 3 1 4 T.J. Vandoren (B) 5 Jon Favorite (N) 4 1 6 Tim Baikus (W) 3 2
- 171** Ross Barrett (B) 4 0 2 Garrett Sylvester (D) 3 1 3 Josh Clarchick (T) 2 1 4 David Jaime (MV) 1 2 5 Alex Tulip (H) 4 1 6 Justin Cameron (N) 3 2
- 189** 1 Jeremy Henderson (S) 4 0 2 Marc Shaw (LP) 3 1 3 Bryce Rajabian (SN) 3 1 4 Nick Constantine (ND) 2 2 5 Wberding (G) 4 1 6 Nick Ragsdel (MO) 3 2
- 215** 1 Dan Maggard (MV) 3 0 2 Kyle Hawkins (MO) 2 1 3 Shamir Garcia (WJG) 2 1 4 Jeremy Stinson (G) 1 2 5 Kevin Clark (H) 4 1 6 Alex Smith (S) 2 2
- 275** 1 Tim Lee (MV) 3 0 2 John Vargas (D) 2 1 3 Jeff Maddux (M) 3 1 4 Will Wright (2) 5 Marquez Brown (F) 4 1 6 Alex Strachan (B) 3 2

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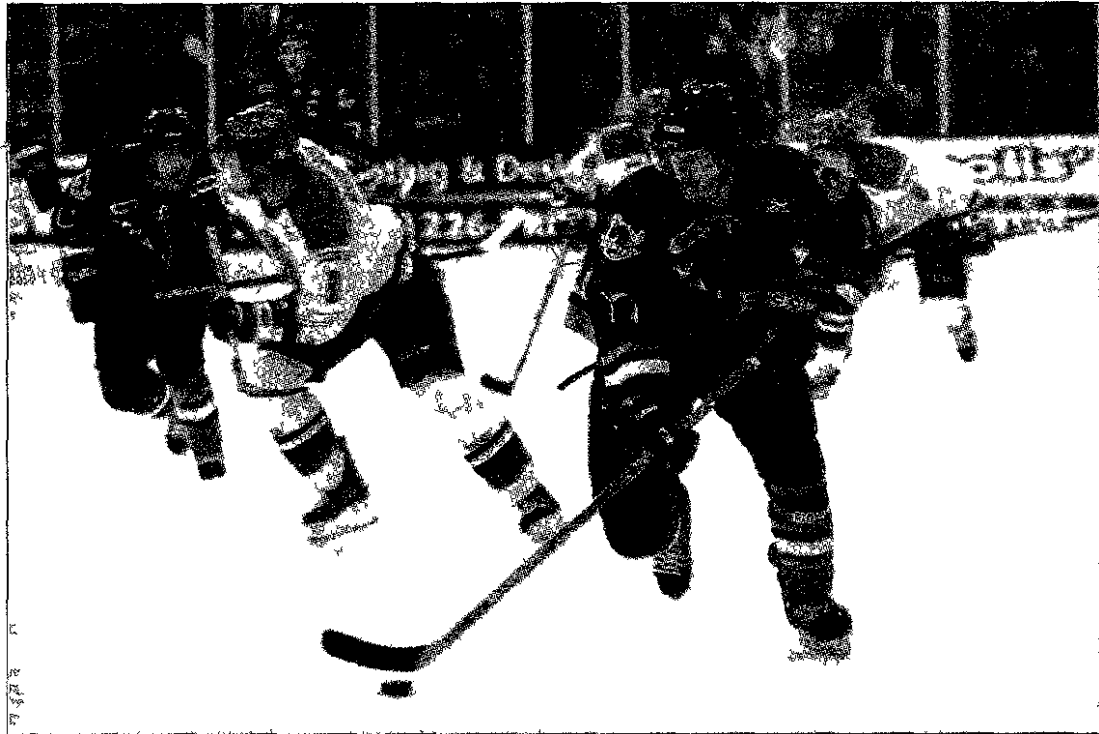
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**WHALERS**

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seconds remaining on a two-man advantage for Plymouth. The Whalers killed two penalties in the first period and five of six for the game. "That's something we've been doing well lately," Vellucci said. "The one power-play they did score on came with just one second left in the penalty, so we were almost perfect in penalty kills today."

The Whalers were out-shot by Brampton, 11-9, in the second period, but they still managed to sustain a two-goal lead thanks to John Mitchell's 11th goal of the season with 11:36 remaining that gave the hosts a 3-0 cushion. Mitchell, who scored following a scramble in the front of the net, was assisted by Letizia and Vaclav Meidl.

Brampton trimmed their deficit to 3-1 three minutes later when Tyler Harrison's high, sizzling slapper eluded Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie. The icing on the Whalers holiday victory cake was



Plymouth's Cory Tanaka and Gino Pisellini battle Brampton's Kevin Couture, Nick Duff and Tomas Strynec for the puck during a first-period scramble Tuesday afternoon

applied by James Neal, who jammed a rebound past Couture, who was mercifully yanked seconds later. Dan Collins and Tim Sestito were credited with helpers on Neal's tally.

After Brampton's Patrick Sweeney's scored on a power-play to make it 4-2 with just under three minutes to play, the Whalers closed out the scoring on a 60-foot empty-netter from Mitchell with 1:32

left and a break-away goal by Gino Pisellini 20 seconds later. Brampton out-shot Plymouth, 26-23. Nie was steady in net, improving his record to 14-13-4. "The crowd was great," Vellucci said. "The players really get pumped up when they get to play in front of a sell-out crowd like this. It was a good day all-around." The Battalion may beg to differ.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 A.A. Pioneer at Canton 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at D.H. Robichaud 7 p.m.  
 Allen Park at Belleville 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth Christian at Baptist Park 7 p.m.  
 Canton Agape at Britton Mecon 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Garden City 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Redford Union 7 p.m.  
 Edsel Ford at Stevenson 7 p.m.  
 Riverview at John Glenn 7 p.m.  
 Taylor Truman at Wayne 7 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at A.A. Greenhills 7 p.m.  
 N.B. Huron at Luth. Westland 7 p.m.  
 H.W. Notre Dame at Redford CC 7:30 p.m.  
 Redford Bishop Borgess at Our Lady of the Lakes 7 p.m.  
 Thursday Jan 6  
 Roper at Lutheran Westland 7 p.m.  
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville 7:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary 5 p.m.  
 Friday Jan 7  
 Salem at W.L. Central 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Canton 7 p.m.  
 Monroe at Belleville 7 p.m.  
 International Academy of Flint at Plymouth Christian 7:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill 7 p.m.  
 Allen Park at Garden City 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Stevenson 7 p.m.  
 Northville at John Glenn 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.  
 Redford CC at U.D. Jesuit 7:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary 7:30 p.m.  
 Holy Redeemer at Redford Bishop Borgess 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 Salem at Plymouth at Compumare Sports Arena 6:30 p.m.  
 Harper Woods Regina at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena 6:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs Grosse Pte. North at Plymouth's Arctic Pond 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday Jan 5  
 Detroit Country Day at Canton at Arctic Edge Arena 6 p.m.  
 Churchill vs Franklin (Edgar) 6 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs U.D. Jesuit (City) 6 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Royal Oak 8 p.m.  
 Thursday Jan 6  
 W.L. Northern vs Redford Unified at Redford Arena 7:45 p.m.  
 Churchill vs Ann Arbor Pioneer at Ann Arbor Ice Cube 7:45 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan 7  
 Stevenson vs Salem (Edgar) 6 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Canton at Arctic Edge Arena 8 p.m.  
 Franklin vs Northville (Novi) 7:20 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 8**  
 Ladywood vs Merzly (Arctic Pond) 6 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs G.P. North at Compumare Arena (NHL) 7 p.m.  
 Chelsea at Plymouth at Compumare Arena 4 p.m.  
 PCS Penguins at Wallad Lake at Suburban Arena 5:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Monday Jan 3  
 Romulus Summit at Clarenceville 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 Cherry HS at Redford Thurston 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at A.A. Pioneer 7 p.m.  
 Oakland Christian at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday Jan 5  
 Redford Thurston at Redford Union 7 p.m.  
 Church II at W.L. Central 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Salem 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Wayne 7 p.m.  
 Thursday Jan 6  
 Inter City Baptist at Luth. Westland 6 p.m.  
 Ladywood at H.W. Regina 6:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at S. Field Christian 6:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Franklin 7 p.m.  
 Bloomfield Hills Roper at Plymouth Christian 7 p.m.  
**Friday Jan 7**  
 Redford Thurston at L. ncoln Park 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary 5 p.m.  
**Saturday Jan 8**  
 Fraser Invitational 8 a.m.  
 Adrian Tournament 8:30 a.m.  
 Clawson Tournament 8:30 a.m.  
 Saline Invitational 8:30 a.m.  
 W.L. Central Tournament 9 a.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 Ypsilanti Cio at Redford CC 5 p.m.  
 Clarenceville Quad Meet 5:30 p.m.  
**Thursday Jan 6**  
 Crestwood Woodhaven at Redford Un on (Tr Meet) 6 p.m.  
 Lincoln Park at Garden City 6:30 p.m.  
 Lutheran Westland at Flat Rock 5:30 p.m.  
 Churchill at Stevenson 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Cantgn 6:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at John Glenn 6:30 p.m.  
 Wayne at W.L. Western 6:30 p.m.  
 Salem at W.L. Northern 6:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Northville 6 p.m.  
 Allen Park at Belleville 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 8**  
 Avondale Tournament 9 a.m.  
 Fordson Invitational 9 a.m.  
 Roch Adams Invitational 9 a.m.  
 Wyandotte Invitational 10 a.m.  
 Redford CC Invitational 10 a.m.  
 South Lyon Invitational 10 a.m.  
 Saginaw Heritage Tourney TBA  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
 Thursday Jan 6  
 Redford Union at Redford Thurston 7 p.m.  
 Woodhaven at Plymouth at Canton HS pool 7 p.m.  
 Belleville at Ypsilanti 7 p.m.  
**Saturday Jan 8**  
 W. Bloomfield Invitational 9 a.m.  
 W.L. Western Invitational 1 p.m.  
 Cranbrook Invitational TBA  
 Rock Kilgore Invitational noon  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
 Monday, Jan. 3  
 Wayne Westland at Salem 7 p.m.  
**Thursday Jan 6**

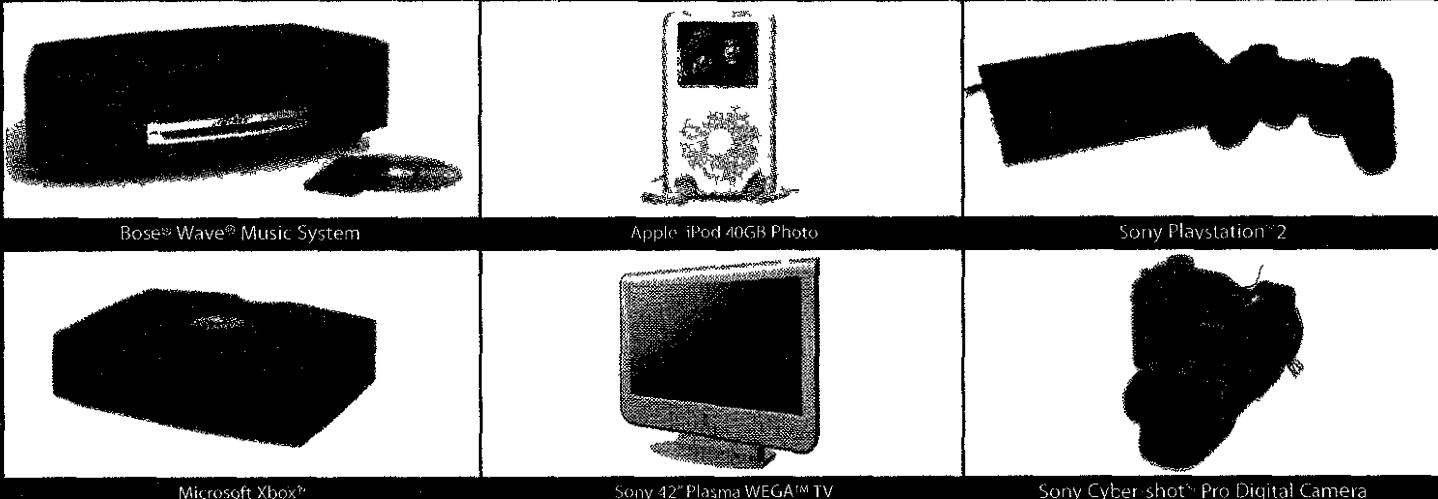
Canton at Northville 7 p.m.  
 Saturday Jan 8  
 Canton at Rockford Invitational 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS PREP BOWLING**  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 Ladywood vs Clarenceville at Country Lanes 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday Jan 6**  
 Ladywood vs Mercy at Drakeshire Lanes 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Jan 8**  
 Ladywood Holiday Tourney at Woodland Lanes 2 p.m.  
**BOYS PREP BOWLING**  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 Clarenceville vs Farmington at Country Lanes 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday Jan 6**  
 Clarenceville vs Farmington at Drakeshire Lanes 3:30 p.m.  
**PREP SKIING**  
 Wednesday Jan 5  
 Ladywood vs W.L. Western at Alpine Valley 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday Jan 6**  
 Ladywood vs Hartland at Alpine Valley 3:30 p.m.  
**COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
 Saturday Jan 8  
 Lapeer Invitational 1 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Wednesday Jan 5  
 UM Dearborn at Madonna 7:30 p.m.  
 Alpena at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Jan 8**  
 Siena Heights at Madonna 3 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Delta CC 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Wednesday Jan 5  
 UM Dearborn at Madonna 5:30 p.m.  
 Alpena CC at Schoolcraft 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Jan 8**  
 Madonna at Siena Heights 1 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Delta CC 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
 Tuesday Jan 4  
 Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 7 p.m.  
**Thursday Jan 6**  
 Whalers at Barrie Colts 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday Jan 7**  
 Whalers at Sudbury Wolves 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Jan 9**  
 Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie 7 p.m.  
 TBA - time to be announced

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## Anger sign of dementia

Alma was disturbed by her husband John's forgetfulness, as it seemed like he was forgetting things more frequently than ever. But it wasn't until his emotional state changed for the worse that she decided to do something about it. One Saturday morning as they were both enjoying a cup of coffee at the kitchen table, John asked her what her plan was for the day. She told him she was going to do some Christmas shopping and take advantage of a big sale at the nearby mall. It was then that he erupted in panic.

"You can't do that - you'll be gone too long," he yelled.

"Honey, I'm only going for the morning. I will be back in time to make sandwiches for lunch," Alma replied as gently as she could. But she felt her pulse quicken as she spoke, because this was so out of character for him to suddenly become anxious and paranoid.

Several episodes later, Alma called their family physician and scheduled an appointment for him. The doctor spoke to her alone and learned that the anxiety was only the tip of the iceberg. More recently, she was seeing a nasty, aggressive side to her husband that seemed to loom quietly and then just burst forth in anger. After evaluating John, the doctor let Alma know that he was certain John was suffering from the early stages of either dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Researchers now believe that the psychiatric symptoms are a result of brain damage, as the disease takes out nerve centers that regulate mood, perception and the ability to control impulses. Apathy, depression, irritability, sleep disturbances, agitation and aggression are all possible. As patients realize that they are losing control of these nerve centers, their anguish and frustration are exacerbated. This, of course, makes it even harder for the caregiver.

As doctors work to treat the symptoms, they're finding that there is no one wonder drug for dementia or Alzheimer's. They try antidepressants, antipsychotics and stimulants based on the patient's symptoms, but, as Dr. Lon Schneider, a psychiatrist who studies and treats Alzheimer's at the University of Southern California, said:

"Whenever you see a long list of drugs of different classes, you know there's no good treatment. You get a high degree of uncertainty, and companies hyping their antipsychotics."

It is estimated that between 15 and 18 percent of patients have physically violent outbursts. The eruptions can be set off by the least little irritation. Sadly, caregivers usually don't talk about these times, often feeling embarrassed or ashamed to report them, possibly blaming themselves.

As sad as Alma felt, she was glad to know that John's symptoms were normal. Realizing that John might not be able to remain in her care forever, she decided to do the best she could do for now and found a support group which would help her to cope with her current struggles.

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# River Rouge



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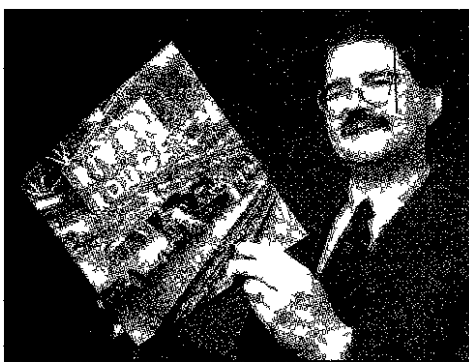
Welder works on the body of 1949 two door Ford, the company's first new car since the end of World War II.

## New book tells story of famous Ford complex

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Henry Ford wanted to do it all. At the River Rouge, he created an industrial world that could take a car from raw materials to final assembly. It was a complex so vast that it had its own railroad, ships, fire department, security force and hospital. At night the red glow of the Rouge plant shined out on the river was a sign of Detroit's prosperity and jobs for all willing to work inside its labyrinth. Joseph Cabadas tells the story of the Rouge in a detailed, handsomely designed new coffee table book, *River Rouge: Ford's Industrial Colossus* (Motorbooks, \$40).

The new book follows an earlier book that Cabadas co-authored, *The American Auto Factory*, which told the story of America's rise as the pre-eminent manufacturer of automobiles until the end of the 20th century. River Rouge zeroes in on the most famous auto factory in history and myth, a symbol to the world of what the phrase Motor City really means.



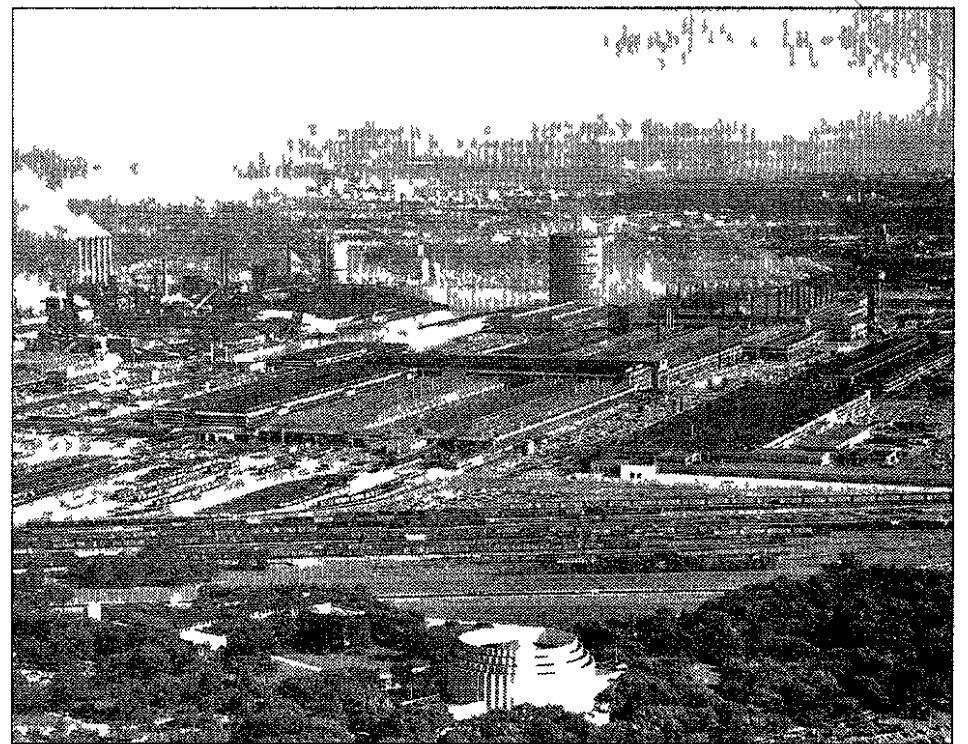
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Author Joseph Cabadas sits with his large format book on the historical plant.

Cabadas, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, grew up in Dearborn and has memories of visiting his grandmother in the working class town across the river from the Rouge Complex.

My grandma was living in Melvindale and we'd go to visit her and there would be the Rouge nearby, he said. "The ambiance of Melvindale was that you would get the salt mine blasts every once in a while in the winter time."

But smoke, odor, blasts, a coating of red iron dust and open fire jets were small price to pay for a good paying job, and Cabadas begins his book with a tribute to his grandfather, Jose Cabadas, who began working at the Rouge when he was 14. The son of Spanish immigrants, Cabadas enrolled in the Henry Ford Trade School in 1928 and then worked in a dangerous job as a rigger in the coke ovens.



FORD PHOTOMEDIA

This aerial shot of the Ford Rouge Plant was taken in August 1955 and shows the factory complex in its prime. In the foreground is the Rotunda, used as a visitor center for the Rouge Factory Tours.

### ABOUT THE PEOPLE

Cabadas tells the story of many others like his grandfather, who were integral a part of the Rouge story as the Ford executives and labor leaders who became prominent figures in Detroit history.

It's a story about the people who work there, a factory complex where more than 100,000 people worked at one time, Cabadas said. "There is so much history, there's labor history, there's history of management, maritime history with the Ford fleet, train history with the railroad. It had its own fire department. It was one of the magnets that drew people to Detroit, a magnet to downriver. So many people had family members with a background tied up in this place and I wanted to tell some of that background."

A former reporter for the *News Herald Newspapers* and auto reporter.

PLEASE SEE RIVER ROUGE, B3

## 5 couples have shared more than 50 New Years

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
CORRESPONDENT

Ring in the 'new year with "old" friends has been the ongoing tradition of five local couples since they first gathered for dinner and champagne on Dec. 31, 1951.

At the time, the five young men were fraternity brothers at Wayne State University. They included Bob Bennett, Bill Bowditch, Norman Degenhardt, Jack Kirksey and Charlie Sanders. Unbeknownst to their then-girlfriends and

now wives, the Chega/Phi Sigma Epsilon pledges would continue their celebrations together for more than five decades. In fact, the last year three of the five couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

As a group, we began in a loosely structured way, said Livonia resident and former Mayor Bob Bennett.

Eventually the gatherings began to take on the character of an annual ritual without our recognizing it.

In the early years, Bennett

and his wife, Janet, say they mostly met at each others homes, apartments or restaurants. The format consisted of dinner and a small cocktail party.

Charlie Sanders and his wife, Carolyn Bloomfield Hills residents, began the tradition of providing funny props and hats to make their get-togethers - particularly those in public - more festive. We definitely draw attention to ourselves when we're at a restaurant,



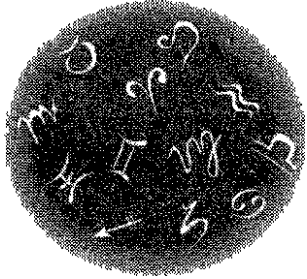
The New Year's Eve gang celebrate the arrival of 2003 at Lake Mead near Las Vegas. (left to right) Bob and Janet Bennett, Carol and Charlie Sanders, Jack and Patt Kirksey, Norm and Marge Degenhardt and Audrey and Bill Bowditch.

PLEASE SEE COUPLES, B5





**Star Struck**  
(Jan 2-5)  
By Dennis Fairchild



# 5 generations, times 2 gather on Christmas Day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER



Baby Kaylee Biegas (left) and mother Nikki Burling of Westland, grandmother Dee Fredenburg (Garden City), great-grandmother Connie Livingston (Westland), and great-great-grandmother Mary Wyman (Livonia) are one of two sets of five generations in their family

When everyone gathered in Dee Fredenburg's Garden City home on Christmas Day, more than presents were exchanged. Fredenburg's parents Connie Livingston and father Dale Prosser, and their mothers Mary Wyman and Irene Prosser passed on the family stories. One of the more unusual is the existence of two sets of five generations. Nikki Burling, Fredenburg's 21-year-old daughter, gave birth to Kaylee Lynn Biegas in September.

"When I had Nikki we also had five generations," said Fredenburg who has an 11-year-old son Michael. "My grandfather and great-grandfather were still alive so it's pretty neat."

"We have a big Christmas Day with about 15 to 20 people, unwrap presents, eat and play games like pool and darts. We've had a lot of divorces and remarriages. We have lots of step-grandparents. We all get along very well."

Fredenburg thinks that's very unusual. Her parents were divorced when she was 3 but maintained cordial relationships for the children's sake.

"I'm going to be excited that my granddaughter can grow up being around all that," said Fredenburg. "It's interesting to sit down and listen to the history, what the family's about and they're still alive to tell it. People aren't good at writing stuff down but when you can sit and listen to the stories and pass them on it's a lot of fun."

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Great-great-grandmother Irene Prosser of Livonia (left counter clockwise), great grandfather Dale Prosser (Romulus), grandmother Dee Fredenburg (Garden City) and Nikki Burling and Kaylee Biegas (Westland) celebrated their first Christmas together as a five-generation family

**ARIES (March 21-April 20)**

You seem to believe that anything is possible and that no matter what you do it will work out for the best. That's a great attitude to have, but don't take it to extremes. Despite what you may think, you're only human. The higher the climb, the farther the fall. Ram! Watch your step this week.

**TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**

You won't be able to please everyone right now, so you need to decide whom to support and whom to oppose. Bull! Before you make that decision, you must accept that not even those you love have the right to dictate the terms of your existence. Say "no" to emotional intimidation.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**

Yes, someone may be acting cranky towards you now. Twin! And yes, you must be on your guard. But no, you don't have to curl up in a ball and hide yourself away from the world. Carry on with your life as usual, but be aware of what's going on around you at the same time.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**

It's a "New Year Moon Kid!" Something that's been worrying you will no longer in the days ahead. The problem itself may not have changed, but your attitude toward it will. At least you can see that it was only in your mind that it was formidable. Change your mind and you can change the world!

**LEO (July 24-Aug 23)**

Someone in a position of authority will make life uncomfortable for you as the week unfolds and most likely you'll give as good as you get. That's fine as far as it goes, but don't go too far. Has it not occurred to you that they might be hoping you'd overreact? Don't fall into their trap.

**VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)**

Not only is Jupiter planet of good fortune sitting pretty in your chart, but Mars planet of action is moving into your favor too. After a frustrating December, you can now look forward to a month of progress. If you make an effort this week, the results will be amazing! It's time to stop dreaming and start doing.

**LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)**

There will be some sort of clash in these early days of '05 between what you want to do and what others expect you to do. If you're wise, you'll realize it might be better to put your own needs on hold. It's not about being nice; it's about doing the honest and right thing.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)**

There has never been a better time to start your life anew. Scorpio! There has never been a better time to put your past behind you and think only of the future. The trials and tribulations of recent months have passed and will bother you no more. Are you up for change?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)**

You shouldn't need reminding that you're free to make your own decisions in life, and that while others may try to persuade you, they mustn't be allowed to coerce you. Some things shouldn't be bargained away. Saddle! You must fight for your freedom and the right to be you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)**

Because the powerful mighty Mars is moving through a sensitive area of your solar chart, you'll be even more emotional than usual at this time. Focus on matters of a practical nature and try not to focus on things you've lost. Few things in life should be taken seriously.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)**

It is not what you get that counts in life, but what you give. And if you give love without question at this time, you'll make such a difference in so many lives that the world will be a much better place. Just one small act of kindness will spark far-reaching changes. Waterbearer! But you know that already, right?

**PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)**

Something you hear or something you read will inspire you now. Above all, it'll make you realize that up until now you've been living and operating well below your potential. It's not too late to make up lost ground, but you have to be quick. Fish! Stop dreaming and start doing!

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RIVER ROUGE

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for U.S. Auto Scene and Used Car News, Cabadas has drawn on his knowledge of the industry and the resources of the Ford Motor Co. and Henry Ford Museum to tell a story that is as complex and rambling as the factory it celebrates. The superb design by Chris Fayers and the scores of photographs, dating back to the beginnings of the Ford Motor Co., present a handsome setting for Cabadas' story.

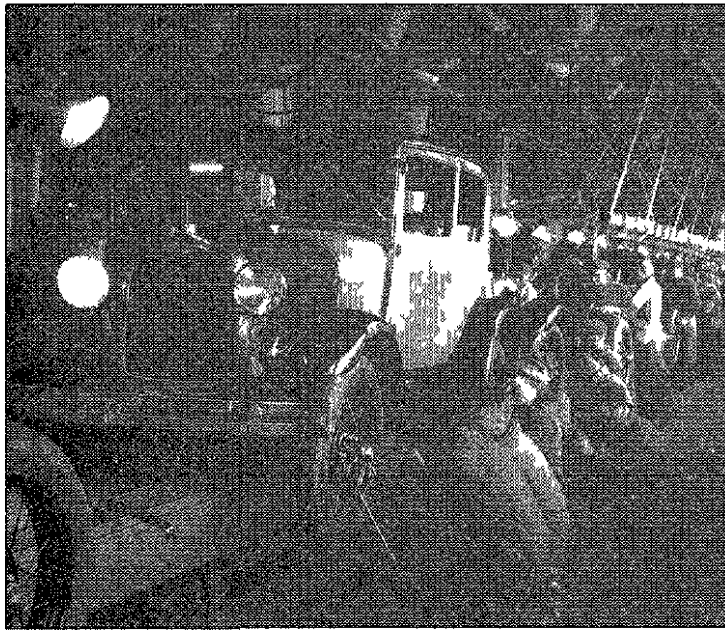
Ford had already created a state-of-the-art auto factory in Highland Park, but it was basically an assembly plant with parts coming from a variety of sources. Ford wanted control over every aspect of manufacturing.

"He got the idea because the quality of parts from early suppliers was not as consistent," Cabadas said. "One supplier was the Dodge Brothers, and they built a plant in Hamtramck to supply the Highland Park plant. But Highland Park was too small. It was landlocked. He wanted a place with river access to bring ships in and he wanted to start smelting his own iron and steel. No other automaker had done that before."

VERTICAL INTEGRATION

The site he chose was a swampy area along the Rouge River, not far from the family farm where he grew up. When he first purchased the land in 1913, some local people thought he was buying it for a bird sanctuary. Instead he had the river dredged to allow big ships. He had the swamp land filled and had his architect, Albert Kahn, begin designs for the first of many buildings for the complex.

All vertical integration came about because of World War I. There were shortages of steel, coal, all sorts of raw materials because of the war. Ford wanted his own supplies. He wanted to build cars and he didn't want supply problems getting in the way, Cabadas said. That led to buying iron ore



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Production of the 1928 Ford Model A, the company's first new car in nearly two decades, had been under way for about five months when this photo was taken in March 1928.

mines, coal mines in Kentucky, even a rubber plant in Brazil with the help of his friend (Harvey) Firestone."

In telling the story of the Rouge's rise and eventual hard times, he takes several detours to write about Albert Kahn, Walter Reuther and the importance of the UAW, the Ford railroad (the trams to nowhere), the Ford shipping fleet, the Rouge Fire Department, the production of bombers at Willow Run and jeeps at the Rouge and the Rotunda. But he also ties in many aspects of Detroit history that are also part of Rouge history including race relations, the immigration of workers from the Middle East and the ties that Dearborn and other Downriver communities had to Ford Motor.

He also tells the story of the Fords and the executives who ran the company, including the strained relations between Henry and his son Edsel. "Edsel was his own man. He respected his father for building the company, but Edsel was trying to push his own programs at the company," Cabadas said. "He was a key designer. He didn't like a lot of the employee methods that Ford used, especially after he (Henry) brought Harry

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Joseph Cabadas author

Bennett in in the 1930s.

Harry Bennett, an ex sailor was a controversial figure in Ford history generally cited as the primary instigator of some times violent conflict with the UAW, including the famous Battle of the Overpass in 1936, when several organizing UAW leaders were attacked and seriously injured by Ford security forces. One man died from his injuries.

THE NEW ROUGE

Ford's dream of vertical integration has become outdated with new means of transportation and communications. The Rouge has undergone difficult times, the steel making plant



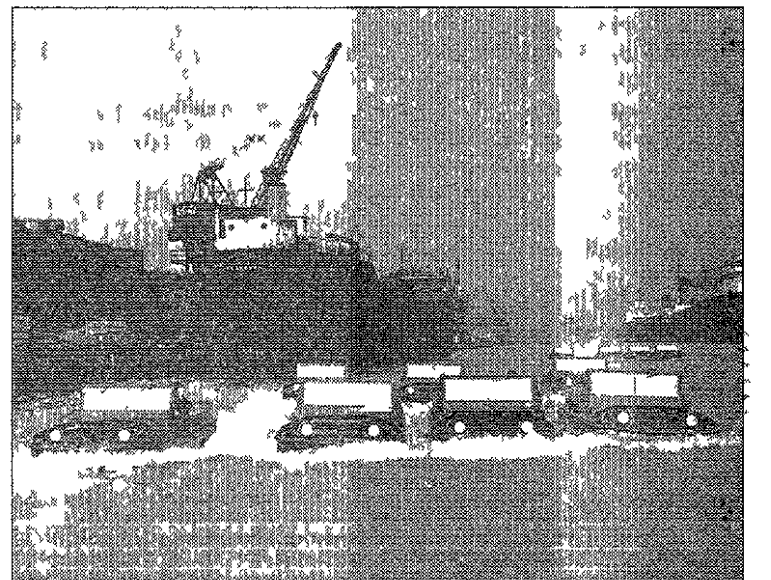
The front clip of a 1958 Fairlane four-door hardtop is lowered into place.

was sold to a Russian steel company.

Cabadas dramatically describes a devastating explosion at the Rouge's iconic power plant in 1999, which left six men dead and many others seriously injured. It also pointed out the problems of an aging facility that was already scheduled for closing.

The Rouge's future is represented by the return of the Rouge Plant tour and Ford's new state-of-the-art truck assembly plant, complete with an environmentally correct grass roof, reflective of a new generation of Ford leadership. William Clay Ford Jr.

"I think he's a capable leader," Cabadas said. "He exudes a positive personality, a steady hand on the company. His name is on the building. Some people, Wall Street analysts, feel he hasn't proven himself. Ford has a history of people in management stabbing each other in the back. Some experts liked Ford better when it was under professional



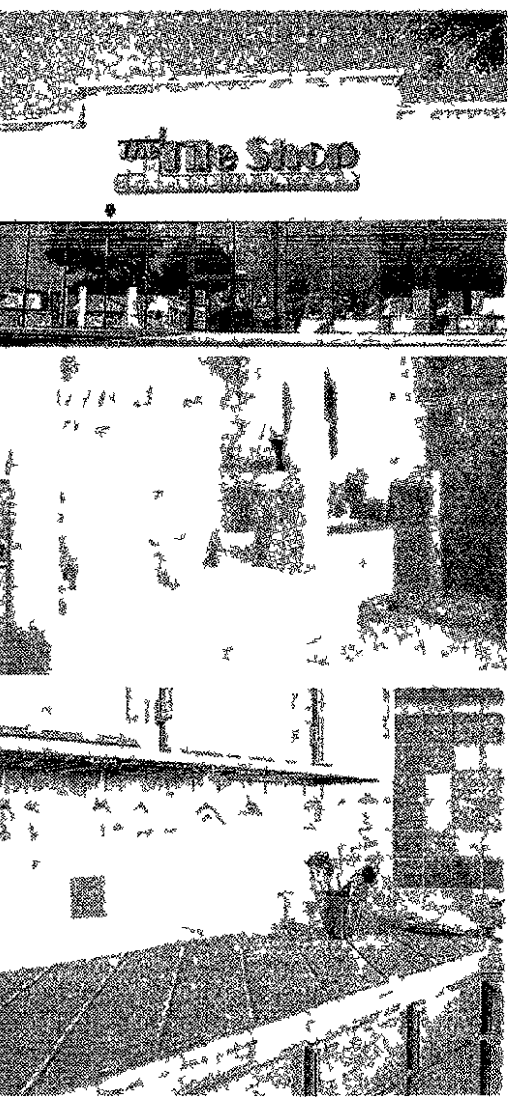
On March 12, 1943, Ford tested about 11 Jeeps in the Rouge boat slip. Jeeps were watergoing Jeeps.

management. Alex Trotman, Red Poling, Donald Peterson, Phil Caldwell. They don't like family management. I think family brings a stabilizing influence. And it's Cabadas' stories tell

the Rouge has been a family experience for thousands since Henry Ford decided to do it all in one place.

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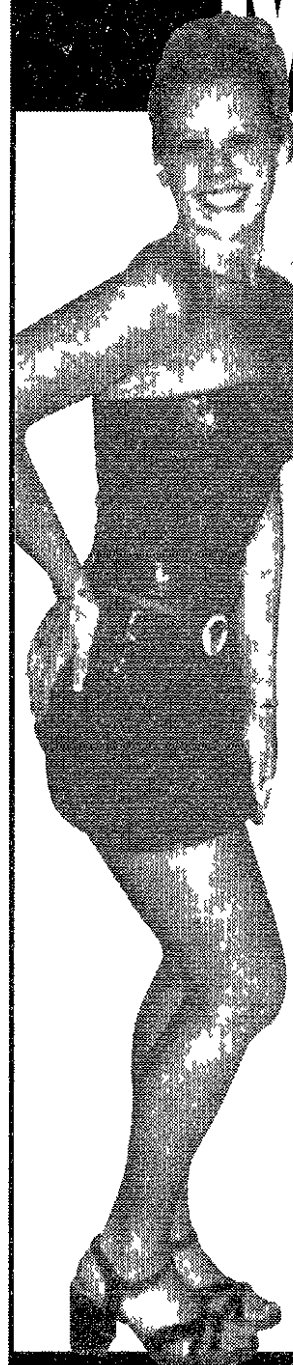
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# Travel agency plans fabulous trips for savvy women

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Rochelle Lieberman knows that vacations should be as personal as the people who take them.

Lieberman, president and owner of Gateway Travel on 13 Mile and Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, caters to busy, professional women who want a chance to vacation with like-minded women with similar interests.

Lieberman created the "Savvy Women Travel Program" for women who want vacations that are a bit different than those they would share with their husbands or families.

"They are opting to enjoy time with their friends by taking in the latest Broadway plays, touring the museums of Europe or snorkeling off the Great Barrier Reef," Lieberman said.

It's a departure from the usual time spent getting together for shopping, dinner and a sentimental movie.

"In 2003, nearly 20 percent of women travelers did so without their families," Lieberman said.

Women of all ages enjoy trips that range from long weekends to 14-day excursions.

Gateway identifies places and activities - like a spa week in the western United States, a culinary tour of Italy or tango lessons in Argentina - and creates custom itineraries.

"A trip to Savannah might include walking tours of the city's historic district, visits to culinary landmarks and

antiquing," Lieberman said. Tours are open to about 20 women. There's comfort and safety in numbers and women enjoy like-minded companions.

"The Savvy Women program is perfect for both single travelers and groups of women," Lieberman said. It is the perfect way to make new friendship, celebrate your mother's birthday or reunite with college friends while discovering new things about the world.

Gateway is planning 2005 trips. Itineraries include accommodations, some meals and planned activities.

Upcoming trips include:  
■ Four days at Miraval in Tucson, Ariz., which features early morning hiking in the Santa Catalina mountains and hot stone massages.

■ Four days in Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Arizona, a top spa.

■ Eight days in South America, Buenos Aires and Iguassu Falls, with a Tango dinner show, museum and architecture tour and an escorted, unusual shopping expedition.

■ Seven days in Savannah and Charleston featuring plantations, antiquing and cooking.

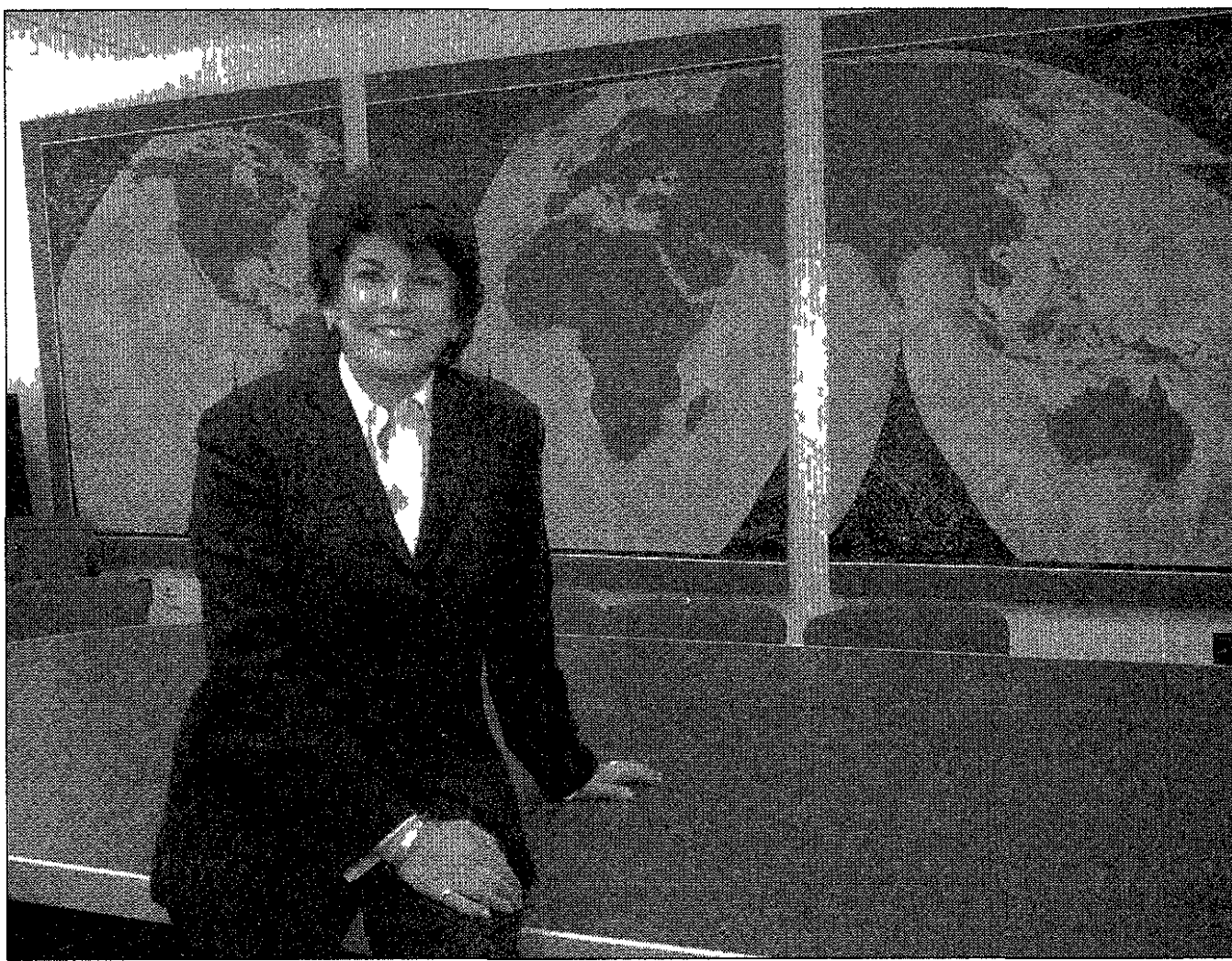
■ Five days in London with theater and a garden tour.

■ Five days in the Laguna area with golf and spa.

■ Seven days in Italy with Tuscan cooking and shopping.

For more information, call Lieberman at (248) 432-8600.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rochelle Lieberman, president and owner of Gateway Travel in Farmington Hills caters to women who want to take vacations with other women.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### 1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Beacon Estates Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement.

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling and/or pulverization and/or removal of the existing bituminous road and placement of a new bituminous pavement course. In addition select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced as necessary to promote positive drainage. The proposed improvements shall consist of two lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of North Territorial Road and proceeds southward along Beacon Hill Drive approximately 1,100 feet where the road turns into Concord Drive and continues in a westward direction for approximately 550 feet. The project continues southward along Beacon Hill Drive for 580 feet to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Trail. The project also includes Beacon Hill Court commencing at the intersection with Beacon Hill Drive extending to the east to its point of terminus. In addition, Lighthouse Court commencing at the intersection with Beacon Hill Drive and proceeding eastward and northward approximately 360 feet to its point of terminus is included in the project. Concord Court from the intersection with Concord Drive to its terminus is also included.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Beacon Hill Drive, Beacon Hill Court, Concord Drive, Concord Court and Lighthouse Court consists of the following parcel numbers: R-78 033 01 0001 000 through R-78 033 01 0024 000, R-78 036 01 0025 000 through R-78 036 01 0042 000, R-78 036 02 0043 000 through R-78 036 02 0056 000, R-78 036 05 0163 000, R-78 036 05 0173 000, R-78 036 05 0172 000, R-78 035 0858 0173 000, R-78 033 02 0079-000, R-78 033 02 0080 000, R-78 033 01 0002 302 and R-78 033 01 0007 002.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170** for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District and hearing objections to the improvement creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$493,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
42350 Ann Arbor Road Bldg #3  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
(734) 354-3224

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# Art classes offer something for everyone

If you are interested in drawing or watercolor, oil, and acrylic painting, or pastels, classes are available at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia day and night. They are taught by professional, accredited instructors who welcome students at all levels.

to the studio in the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, Livonia.

Of special interest are three drawing classes, "Drawing With Ivan," taught by Ivan Kende, "Figure Drawing by Dan Keller," and "Pen and Ink with Markers" with Mary R.

Burnham. Marjorie Chellstorp is teaching seven weeks of watercolor practice and exploration. Lyn Baum teaches a general painting class in your choice of media. Focus is on individual need and level.

Learn how to print your painting in a monotype class with Lily Dudgeon. Call (248) 788-1091 for more information or to receive a free catalog that describes the full range of classes offered in winter and spring, 2005.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394 5260

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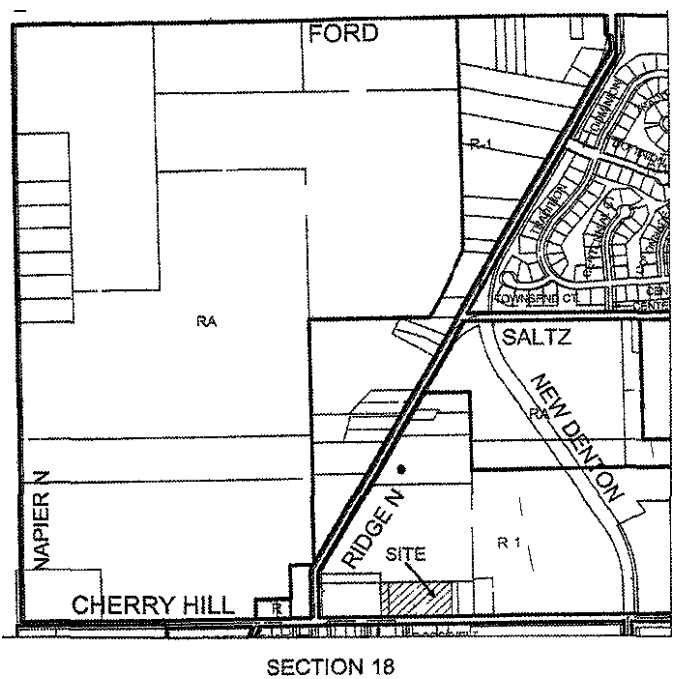
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday January 10, 2005 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CHERRYWOOD PARC PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) (FINAL PLAN)** CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 072 99 0018 000 AND 072 99 0019 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Road. (**Second Public Hearing**)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday January 6, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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# Auditions scheduled for Jan. 3, 6 at Theatre Livonia

Men and women are invited to audition for a role in the Main Stage Theatre Guild's performance of *No, No, A Million Times No* which will be performed in February. Auditions are 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3 or Thursday Jan. 6 at Theatre Livonia at Livonia Mall. Auditioners should prepare to sing and do cold readings from the script. Call (586) 344-7774 for additional information.

## CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL, 33000 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 543

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5 2934, MCLA 125 584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543 as amended the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the auditorium at City Hall 33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia Michigan with respect to the following item:

- Petition 2004-11-01-14 submitted by Sarah Estates, LLC**, requesting to rezone property at 34745 and 34655 Eight Mile Road located on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Gill Road and Ellen Drive in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4 from RUF to R 4 (Rural Urban Farm - 1/2 Acre Lots to One Family Residential - 90 x 120' Lots) and
- Petition 2004-11-01-15 submitted by Michigan Columbus Federal Credit Union**, requesting to rezone property at 30445 Six Mile Road located on the south side of Six Mile Road between Oporto Street and Ryan Road in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14 from RUF TO OS (Rural Urban Farm - 1/2 Acre Lots to Office Services)

VAL VANDERSLOOT, CITY CLERK

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## LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Livonia Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

**CHILLER REPLACEMENT AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
Bid forms and specifications may be picked up at the Purchasing Department Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Livonia MI 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday. Deposit of \$25.00 (**NON-REFUNDABLE**) is required.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 744 2514.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 25th of January 2005 at the Board of Education Purchasing Department 15125 Farmington Road Livonia Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment delivery time or preference to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder with rationale to support such a decision.

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# Read Taste



# Eye-opening questions for working parents to ask their kids

I remember watching my 18-month-old son eat a big frosted cookie while I was carrying him out of the bakery I asked him, "Can you give mommy a bite?" He leaned over and gently bit me on the cheek.

Kids take things so literally. What misconceptions and concerns might your child have about their working parent?

An in-depth study was done through the Families and Work Institute, to find out what children want from their working parents. Wouldn't you think the study would show that kids want more time with working parents above all else?

Surprise. They want their working parents to be less stressed. That's right. Less stressed. It makes sense. Doesn't it? Think of how you feel after spending time with stressed-out people.

Balancing the needs of work and family isn't easy. It takes skill, planning, and a lot of positive communication. Even then, it's easy to get stressed by time constraints and conflict-



Parents' Corner

Marilyn Suttle

ing demands, especially around the holidays.

Try asking your kids these eight questions. Their answers might surprise you.

- 1 Where do I work?
- 2 What do you suppose I do at work?
- 3 Why do you think I go to work?
- 4 What would it be like if I didn't work?
- 5 What do you like about me going to work?
- 6 What's the hardest part for you about me going to work?
- 7 In what ways would you like things to be different?
- 8 How do you suppose I feel about working?

Your family life will be enriched when you open com-

munication by letting kids express their thoughts and ideas. Read the do's and don'ts to prepare for an eye-opening conversation.

■ Don't insist on asking every question in one sitting. Continue as long as your child is interested in the conversation.

■ Expect the unexpected. You may be delighted by some of your child's thoughts and dismayed by others. Five-year-old Bryan, told his dad with complete sincerity, "I think you go to work so you can be with friends your own age."

See your child's negative responses as feedback to consider, instead of criticism.

■ Don't shut down communication, when you don't like what you hear. Allowing your kids to fully express themselves will strengthen your relationship. Let them feel comfortable sharing their thoughts with you, even the scary or angry ones. Don't make your kids fear your reaction.

■ Acknowledge your child's feelings. Suppose she says, "I

think you go to work because you don't like to be with me." Resist the urge to cut her off with, "You know that's not true!" Be helpful by saying, "I didn't know you felt that way. Would you like to know how I feel about it?"

■ Focus on listening more than you talk. It's easy for me to talk on and on about what I'm passionate about. What I've found is, the more I talk, the less my kids listen. They tune me out. Don't overwhelm kids with too much information. Give brief and age appropriate responses.

■ Encourage kids to guess when they aren't sure how to answer a question. It takes the pressure off and makes the questions more playful.

■ There isn't always a quick fix to resolving conflict. When kids feel insecure or unhappy about family issues, don't expect one conversation to clear everything up. It takes time for kids and adults to break out of old habits of thinking.

■ If you are a stay-at-home

parent, shed a positive light on the parent who works outside the home. I still remember the warm feelings I had when my mom would say, "Your daddy works so hard for his family." Parents, whether married or divorced, working outside or inside the home, will reduce tension by showing appreciation for the positives of the other parent.

■ The question, "What would it be like if I didn't work?" may reveal your child's favorite things to do. If she answers, "We would sing songs or play make-believe or read books," you can sprinkle those activities into the time you have at home.

■ Help kids understand that working is another way of taking care of them by providing financial support. It can be a model for achieving a sense of fulfillment and contribution to society. Don't create fear around the need to work. Instead focus on the needs it meets.

■ When your child shares feelings of hardship with hav-

ing a working parent, show compassion not pity. Pity makes a child feel pitiful and feeds their insecurities. Talk about how the child wishes things could be. Possibly make changes to ease the hard parts for them and for yourself.

■ Follow up the discussion with a visit to your workplace. If that's not possible, show your child a picture of your workplace, or paint a picture with your words so they can imagine where you are when you aren't home. This creates security for kids, replacing fear of the unknown with a positive image.

Tensions are reduced when kids and parents share their thoughts and ideas. Balancing work and family is tricky business, and well worth the efforts.

Marilyn Suttle presents communication workshops to improve relationships at home and at work. Email her at Marilyn@SuttleOnline.NET or visit her Web site WWW.SuttleOnline.NET

## COUPLES

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wearing Groucho Marx glasses or blow-up plastic hats, said Sanders, a former Detroit teacher and superintendent. "Our aim is to have fun," added Carolyn.

All five couples agree that it's not necessarily where they've celebrated each year but that they've managed to do it together. "We've really never missed a year," said Patt Kirksey, a former elementary school teacher.

With the exception of an extended hospital stay during the birth of a baby or a tour of duty in Vietnam - all 10 have been raising their celebratory glasses at the stroke of midnight year, after year, after year. Even during the Y2K event, when then-Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey had to bow out early to make sure things were running smoothly at City Hall, did they gather.

They have also maintained this tradition as an adult or parents-only get together. The Sanderses have four children, the Bennetts, four, Bill and Audrey Bowditch three sons, and Norman and Marge Degenhardt of East Tawas, four daughters.

"Our kids have just grown up knowing we celebrate New Years together. We all have big Christmas celebrations beforehand with our families," said Carolyn Sanders. "Our families

have continued to grow over the years and occasionally a neighbor or two have joined us but to this day it's still the same five couples who've known each other from college."

Charlie Sanders and Patt Kirksey, the two known for having the best memories, recently put their heads, notes and pictures together and compiled a list of what they have been doing since 1951. "Some years like 1956 and 1957 we just can't remember," joked Sanders. "That's what happens when you're in your 70s."

It was the Degenhardts in 1992 who proposed and planned the first out-of-town trip to Frankenmuth. "Each couple now takes a turn selecting a place and making the necessary arrangements for a group of 10," said Bob Bennett.

In the last 12 years, they've taken trains, planes and even a cruise ship together to the Bahamas, Toronto, Thunder Bay, New Orleans, Chicago, Las Vegas, Grand Rapids, Greektown and Lewiston, Mich., to see elk at Garland Resort. "None showed up," recalled Bennett.

This year, it was our turn to plan the trip," said Jack Kirksey, "and we've selected to be in Times Square on New Year's Eve." The long-distance celebrations include cultural excursions to the theater and regional museums. "We used to go up North for some winter activities but

**'This year it was our turn to plan the trip and we've selected to be in Times Square on New Year's Eve.'**

Jack Kirksey reveler

we've strayed away from that," said Patt Kirksey. Another ritual is a joke or message penned on a bathroom mirror or left in note form from one of the 10 who refers to themselves as "The Phantom."

The Kirkseys have their suspicions as to the identity, "but we're not going to say." "I've been pegged as The Phantom over years but I'm not saying it's me either," said Carolyn Sanders.

Regardless of the simplicity or the extravagance, the location or the props, the true enjoyment from their annual New Years ritual is derived from 10 men and women who find it a point of pride to call one another friends.

"We've all been lucky to have good health and be blessed with having honest and lasting friendships," said Carolyn Sanders. "We couldn't ask for more!"

## Livonia offers quit smoking program

The City of Livonia sponsors a Stop Smoking Program from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, Monday through Friday, Jan. 10-14, and Monday, Jan. 17, at the Civic Center Library auditorium. No fee, donations accepted. For best results, participants should attend all sessions. Call (734) 466-2540 for additional information.

## SINGLES

### METROPOLITAN SINGLE

196 Exit 145 follow signs and turn right at Big Boy. Novice to experts. Discounted singles group rate is \$19 which includes lift ticket admission to the singles party and dance (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.) in Smart Alex. Discounted ski rental and one free lesson is available. Admission to the party and dance for skiers is free. Non skiers \$9. Next ski date is Feb. 12.

### PROFESSIONALS

#### Euchre

Every Monday now through April. Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Main Lounge of Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River (just east of Drake) in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and dinner available. \$5/members \$6/non members.

#### Dances

Dances are 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top D.J. Cash bar. hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.). Door prizes. Admission is \$5/members \$9/non members unless other wise noted. Ballrooms are non smoking. Attire is dressy casual (no blue jeans or tennis shoes) unless other wise noted.

■ Friday, Jan. 21 - Sheraton Hotel. Eight Mile at I-275. Exit 167. 21111 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile. Novi. For directions only call (248) 349-4000.

■ Friday, Feb. 4 - Double Tree Guest Suites. Novi. 27000 Sheraton Drive. Novi. Road at I-96. Exit 162.

#### Book Discussion Group

Second Monday of each month, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Orchard Lake Road just south of 14 Mile Road. Borders will offer a 10 percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

#### Skiing

Saturday, Jan. 22. Ski party and dance 6 p.m. till 2 a.m. at Mt. Brighton.

Ministry Office Workshop series will be on Boundaries. Boundaries with Children and Boundaries with Dating. Family dinner prior to class at 5:30 p.m. for a nominal cost (make advance reservations) (248) 374-5988.

#### Friday Showcase

Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Doug Herman will be in the sanctuary for a discussion on "What is the Pure Revolution?" Doug is a national speaker and author. He is also the founder of the international Pure Revolution Conferences. Refreshments will follow in Knox Hall. Pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. in Parlor C317 is \$5 in advance. Concert for all is \$5. For more information call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

#### TIO

Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 in Knox Hall. Barbara George, business manager of SPM, will discuss a topic of current relevance to today's single society. Refreshments follow. Free childcare provided.

#### CHRISTIAN SINGLES

##### Fellowship Dinner

A single fellowship dinner will be 5-8 p.m. Sundays at American Table Restaurant, 33501 W. Eight Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be 5-6 p.m. Worship with Interactive Bible Study following until 8 p.m. For more information contact (248) 974-8808 or www.christiansinglestoday.info

### SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

**Single Point Ministries**  
30 years and older. Every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Road in Northville. Meet for fellowship and encouragement. Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages of encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. (248) 374-5920.

**Men's Bible Study**  
7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101, Ward Church.

**Walking Club**  
Meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Single Point office. Open to all fitness levels.

**Senior Singles Bible Study**  
10 a.m. Thursdays in room C317/319.

**Divorce Recovery Workshop**  
7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 3 and ending March 18. \$30 pre-registration. \$20 for returning participants and \$35 at the door. (248) 374-5920.

**Single Parents' Ministry**  
7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult

## REUNIONS

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

#### Clawson High School

Class of 1955

A 50 year reunion is being planned. For more information call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email wiseppi@wideopenwest.com

#### Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800 visit www.taylorreunions.com or email info@taylorreunions.com

#### Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit

Class of 1963

Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-5416

#### Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966

A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder, email at nancyambinder@comcast.net

#### St. Florian School

St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or email gkowsalski@ameritech.net

#### Walled Lake Western

Class of 1994

If you are interested in attending the 10 year class reunion, please e-mail your contact information to walledlake94@yahoo.com

#### Winship Elementary

Class of 1958

Winship Elementary School in Detroit is planning a reunion for June 11, 2005. Email at winship58@comcast.net

## Passages

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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#### SIDNEY DAPHNE BARNIER

Age 42 of Plymouth died December 29, 2004. She was born September 19, 1962 in Ann Arbor. She is survived by her beloved partner Catherine DeVoss, her mother Barbara Patterson, her siblings Sandy Barnier, Carrie Sue Sigler, Robert Wayne Sigler, and Melody Sprague and their immediate families. She is preceded in death by her father, Sidney Barnier. Funeral services were held Friday, December 31 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

#### JOHN A. FOGLIATTI

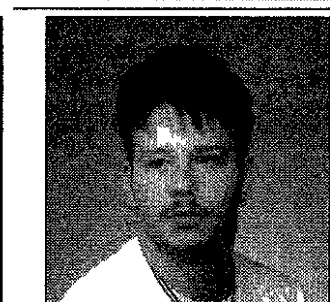
Age 64 of Highland passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2004. Loving husband of Karen, father of Julie (Jim) Swann, Cindy (Robert) James, Janet (Terry) Copeland, Michael (Joanne) Amanda, and Nick Fogliatti and Jennifer and Julianne Zelony, grandfathers of 14. Son of June and the late John Fogliatti, brother of Larry (Sue), Paul (Cindy) and Karen Fogliatti. John was an avid hockey player. He was retired from Ford Motor Credit Company. The funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2005 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland. Visitation was held Thursday & Friday at the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland. John will lie in state at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

#### OPAL M. GROOMS

Age 92 of Rochester Hills formerly of Birmingham and Venice, FL, died December 22, 2004. Wife of the late Arnold W. loving mother of Karen (Wayne) Warren, Dennis A. (Lucille) Grooms, Barbara C. (Ronald) Curtis, proud grandmother of six and great grandmother of 14. Also survived by two nieces & one nephew. Private memorial services are being held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by PIXLEY FUNERAL HOME, Rochester.

#### RUTH MARION MACDONALD

Age 85, December 28, 2004. Dear mother of Maureen, Marilyn McMahon and Douglas, grandmother of Brett, Craig and the late Todd Lapanowski, Derek, Damon and Megan Woelke, great grandmother of Kristy and Steven Lapanowski, Kiana Gabriel, Isabel and Austin Woelke, sister of Helen, Meighen, George, Carson, Shiels, Eleanor, Lockety and Lorraine Scroggs. Visitation Thursday 2-9 p.m. and Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Memorials kindly suggested to the American Heart Association in lieu of flowers.



MARK ALLEN MILLER

Of Peoria, Arizona. Formerly of Livonia, Age 34, died December 22, 2004 in Phoenix. He was born August 11, 1970 in Wayne, Michigan, the son of Dale L. and Linda (Crews) Miller. Mark had lived in the Phoenix area for a year and half moving from Livonia, MI. He graduated in 1988 from Westland John Glenn High School where he was an outstanding varsity diver. He was also a member of the Diving Club at Eastern Michigan University and the Mike Liden Swim Club. Mark loved dogs and raised boxers. Surviving are his father and stepmother Dale and Barbara Miller of Clark Lake, Michigan, two brothers, Michael (Anna) Miller and their children Nicholas and Shane Miller. Dale Miller of Jackson, his maternal grandparents Joe and Rose Crews of North Adams, his partner John Iaconelli of Peoria, Arizona and several aunts and uncles. Mark was preceded in death by his mother in January 2002. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Staffan Mitchell Funeral Home, 901 North Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan. Visitation Wed. Jan. 5 from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service. Burial will follow in Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Wounded Warriors Foundation.



#### DAVID J. TRAINOR

Age 67, December 24, 2004. Beloved husband of Lois, Loving father of Christopher (Angela) Scott and the late David P. Dear grandfather of Ashley & Zachary. Brother of James Mary Aitken, Tim, Kathleen Macdonald, Terrence, Dennis, Eileen Brand, Thomas and the late Daniel. Funeral Services at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday, January 5th at 11 a.m. Visitation Tuesday, January 4th from 1-9 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 8 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association or the Charity of your choice. Please sign the online guest book at www.rggharris.com

#### PAUL E. SCHUSTER

December 6, 1918-December 25, 2004. Born December 6th, 1918 in Lima, Ohio. Mr. Schuster for the past nine years has lived at Lake Port Square in Leesburg, Florida, where he was an active member of the community. Mr. Schuster graduated from Michigan State University, where he belonged to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Mr. Schuster was president of Schuster Equipment Company in Detroit, Michigan from 1948 to 1981 and belonged to the Builders and Traders Association and the Associated Equipment Distributors. He was a member of the Kirk-in-the-Hills, the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club and Forest Lake Country Club. He was President of the Michigan Horse Show Association and directed the Detroit Horse show for several years. In Florida, he was a member of Turtle Creek Country Club in Tequesta, Gator Trace Golf Club and the Pelican Club in Ft. Pierce. He played in the Treasure Coast Symphony Orchestra for 10 years and the Hawthorn Orchestra. He was active in the Rock and Gem Club in Ft. Pierce. The making of gold and stone jewelry was a prime interest during his retirement. Mr. Schuster is survived by his wife Ethel, a son, Richard P. of Hilton Head, SC, a son, Donald E. of Bel Air, MD, a daughter, Carol Frick of Birmingham, MI, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Memorial donations may be made to the National Diabetic Association or the Music fund of the Morrison Methodist Church of Leesburg.

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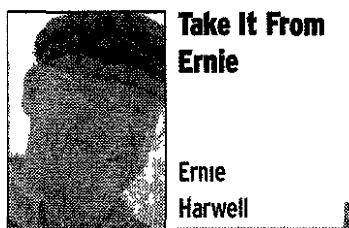
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According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season.

■ Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you will drink and drive.

■ Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.

■ Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.

■ Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.

■ If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink - you may even decide not to take it.

Simply put, if you'll be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe.

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

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

# Forget dieting

## Start 2005 right by eating for health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

If you made a New Year's resolution to diet, the effort is probably doomed to fail. Dr. Audrey Fan and registered dietitians Beverly Price and Linda Daniels agree that in the long term they don't work. Their advice is to forget dieting. A change of lifestyle could mean never having to step on the bathroom scale again.

"I've had so many patients fail with diets," said Fan, who routinely recommends a change in eating patterns to her patients with diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and cholesterol at the University of Michigan Health Care Center in Livonia. Fan stresses the benefits of exercise as well. She routinely walks after work with her husband a couple of times a week.

"It's about lifestyle choices. It's not completely denying yourself. It's OK to have a dessert once in a while but have a smaller piece. Nutrition is important in preventing health problems. Once you do have a medical problem, it's an important part of treating that disease."

Fan begins by shopping healthy. On a recent trip, she bought chicken, beans and zucchini squash to cook a meal of vegetables and rice. "Cooking is a better way to eat than fast food," said Fan. "Do more steaming and baking instead of frying things, cut down on starches, eat a little less meat. Eat enough

fresh fruits and vegetables every day. This is important especially with patients trying to lose a few pounds. They don't have to go on any diets. All they have to do is cut down on the portions, junk foods and snacks."

### FAST-PACED LIFESTYLE

Beverly Price recommends yoga along with nutrition to clients of her private practices in Bingham Farms, Southfield and Royal Oak. She gives a series of workshops on how to Reconnect with Food in January and February at Center for Yoga locations in West Bloomfield and Birmingham. Visit [www.bevprice.com](http://www.bevprice.com) or call (248) 390-4150 for information.

"People are flying here and there and can't always get what they need," said Price. "My new philosophy for 2005 is lifestyle change. There are many individuals on popular diets, they plug into a diet and the diet does the work for them because they don't have to think. When they finally do, they don't have the knowledge to eat properly. If they focus on the health component first, weight loss is the bonus."

Price and her husband are vegetarians so she'll go home to cook tacos made from a frozen, ground meat substitute and sprouted grain tortillas.

"We'll be adding avocado and tomato. I let the family put it together and make it

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Registered dietitians Linda Daniels (left) and Beverly Price recently met at the Good Food Company in Canton to discuss eating healthy in 2005.

## Tips for healthy eating in the new year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Eat more "real food." That was the consensus when registered dietitians Beverly Price and Linda Daniels recently met at the Good Food Company in Canton to discuss how to eat healthy for 2005.

"I encourage clients to shop at places like this (natural food supermarkets). It's more real food," said Price. "I recommend eating fresh fruits and vegetables, organic when possible, whole grains versus processed, eating lower on the food chain."

Price makes suggestions like these after first assessing a client's lifestyle. Adults and children come to her for the treatment of bulimia, anorexia, binge and compulsive eating, and to manage weight. In addition to controlling portion size, Price tells them to eat slowly, chew, swallow, and taste their food. They will feel full faster.

One of the easiest tips she offers is to keep nutritious food in the house and on the counter for easy access. Plans meals for the week and then shop. Post your plan on the refrigerator and stick to it. Write down your goals, you're more likely to succeed.

"Many clients come in with eating disorders. I have them keep a journal of food and exercise then together we look at the whole picture and decide on a plan," said Price. They have to decide what they want - weight loss or changing behavior. They then need to look at a realistic timeline, what sacrifices they need to make to realize those goals.

"I try to pick out components that really work. I try to get families to sit down and eat together regularly. It's when you listen and connect. So many people are disconnected from food. We need to focus on what we can eat and enjoy our food."

Price and Daniels agree that it's healthier to eat breakfast and several smaller meals throughout the day.

"When you don't eat breakfast the metabolism slows down and the first meal tends to be stored as fat," said Price. "Studies show how people who eat the majority of food later in the day tend to be heavier."

"I call it grazing," added Daniels, a registered dietitian at the Center for Holistic Health in Oxford ([www.tcfhh.com](http://www.tcfhh.com)). Daniels has been studying nutrition and holistic health for the last 15 years.

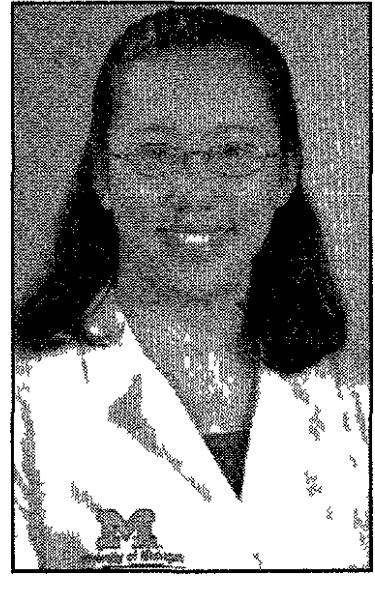
"Instead of eating a couple of large meals break the day's intake into six small meals. For lunch I might combine a can of tuna with Spectrum Canola Mayonnaise and serve on a bed of lettuce or bread. I'll continue snacking throughout the day on fruits and vegetables. My meals are very simple."

At the Center for Holistic Health, Daniels and the rest of the staff combine modalities such as acupuncture, yoga, stress management, hypnotherapy, and nutrition and massage therapy to help individuals maintain optimal health of the body and mind.

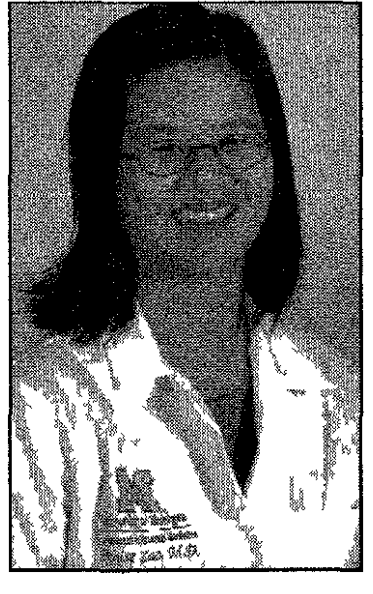
Stress management is equally as important, said Daniels. Stress affects your eating. Skip the caffeine sugar chocolate.

Don't skip meals. Plan ahead. Eat a good balance of carbohydrates, fats and protein - beans, legumes, more real food. As registered dietitians we're teaching them how to do that. Vegetables are good carbohydrates. There are many ways to incorporate them in every meal. Clean them and keep them in smaller bags and add them throughout the day.

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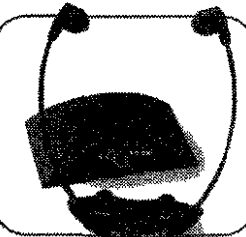
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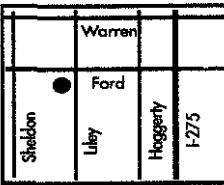
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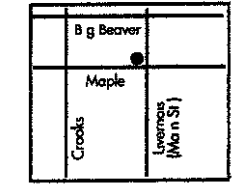
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**Benefit performance**  
An evening's entertainment can help a child get a good night's sleep The Tuesday Jan 4 performance of Mitch Albom's new play Duck Hunter Shoots Angel will benefit Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit a non profit program that works with the University of Michigan Sleep Center and provides bedtime essentials and sleep education to at risk children to help improve their school performance Tickets are \$25 with half of the proceeds going to Sweet Dreamzzz Call (248) 645 6666 enter code DREAMZ The performance is at 8 p.m. at City Theatre inside Hockeytown Cafe in Detroit

**Blood Drives**  
17 p.m. Tuesday Jan 4 at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church 341 South Ridge Road Canton  
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday Jan 5 at Bill Brown Ford Used Cars 35000 Plymouth Road Livonia  
Noon to 6 p.m. Friday Jan 7 at Livonia Mall 29514 West Seven Mile Livonia  
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**Menopause & More Support Group**  
Urologist Dr. Levran speaks about urinary incontinence 7 p.m. Wednesday Jan 5 in West Addition Classroom No. 2 at Marian Women Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile Livonia No registration necessary No charge Call (734) 655 1100 The group meets the first Wednesday of the month Feb 2 Rebecca DeLoy shares tips to help us organize our times and lives to help us work more efficiently and smarter For more information visit www.cometo order.biz

**Beginning Meditation**  
Four week series of classes led by Martha Kimball a clinical medical social worker with training in Mindfulness Meditation 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan 5 26 at the University of Michigan Health System Preventive Cardiology Clinic at Domino's Farms The cost is \$80 with a \$25 non refundable deposit To register call (734) 998 6000 Ext 258

**Red Cross safety courses**  
Begin in January and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external

defibrillation) infant/child CPR CPR/AED review for professional rescuers CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates nurse assistant training and baby sitter training at the Livonia Service Center 36650 Five Mile call (734) 542 0442 or visit www.semredcross.org Costs vary  
Among the offerings is nurse assistant training (\$650) that teaches 90 hours of skill and theory that will enable individuals to provide quality care for residents in long term care facilities The program meets State of Michigan requirements and upon completion the participant will take the Michigan Nurse Assistant Aide Competency test for state certification For more information call (313) 576 4130

**Educational program**  
Breast surgeon Pamela Benitez M.D. presents a lecture for breast cancer survivors their family and friends on sentinel node biopsy 7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 6 Helen Pass M.D. director of the Breast Care Center tells how physicians make surgical decisions 7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 13 tour the Radiation Oncology Department and learn about the new machinery and techniques 7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 20 all sessions meet in the first floor conference room of the Beaumont Cancer Center at William Beaumont Hospital 3577 W 13 Mile Royal Oak For more information call (248) 551 8588

**Winter classes**  
Botsford Health Care Continuum offers classes on weight management child birth nutrition diseases such as diabetes and osteoporosis Call (248) 477 6100 to register or visit www.botsfordssystem.org Fitness classes including Feldenkrais Tai Chi and Parkinson's and Fibromyalgia exercise programs take place at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi For more information call (248) 473 5600

**Prostate support group**  
Learn how prostate cancer develops in the body at a discussion of the pathology of prostate cancer 6:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 6 at University of Michigan Hospital Room 2C108 1500 E Medical Center Drive Ann Arbor For information call (734) 936 5938 The program sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will feature Rajal Shah M.D. clinical assistant professor of Pathology at the U.M. Medical School who will explain the nature of prostate cancer its causes processes development and consequences

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

**Hunger Within Workshop**  
The step by step workshop explores the reasons for overeating identified triggers that precipitate a binge and helps break the vicious cycle of emotional eating Marilyn Migliore author

of The Hunger Within A Twelve week Self Guided Journey from Compulsive Eating to Recovery facilitates the workshop's two sessions running 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Jan 10 to March 28 and noon to 1 p.m. 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 13 to March 31 at the University of Michigan Health System Preventive Cardiology Clinic in Domino's Farms To register call (734) 998 6000 Ext 258 The cost is \$300 and includes the book

**Divorce support**  
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7:30 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

**Life Line Screenings**  
Be screened to reduce your risk of stroke Tuesday Jan 11 at the Civic Park Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia and Wednesday Jan 12 at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Center Screenings which involve the use of ultrasound technology scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries that can lead to a stroke aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs a strong predictor of heart disease Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Cost is \$109 \$129 with osteoporosis screening Pre registration required To make an appointment call (800) 697 9721

**Preventing osteoarthritis**  
A free seminar with Dr. Nicole Whitehead for people of any age who want to remain active and pain free into their senior years 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Dr Whitehead will focus on what contributes to arthritis nutrition for healthy joints and how to prevent arthritis Seating is limited To register call (248) 426 0201

**Fibromyalgia workshop**  
Dr. Kramer will give the free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan 12 at the Carl Sandburg Library on Seven Mile in Livonia Kramer reveals the shocking truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood Seating is limited To register call (248) 426 0201  
**Alzheimer's and dementia support**  
Group meets 2 p.m. Wednesday Jan 12 and features different topics for caregivers family and friends of those who suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia at Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills 27950 Drake The group meets the second Wednesday of every month Call (248) 489 9362

**EAT RIGHT**

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fun,' said Price 'It's easy to incorporate vegetables in meals Look at your whole day See how you can incorporate vegetables in soups, casseroles or on a sandwich'

Melody Arabo has been taking Price's advice since attending a yoga workshop two months ago She's never felt healthier

'I'm trying to do something healthy for myself,' said Arabo, a 25-year old West Bloomfield resident who teaches third grade in Walled Lake After the yoga workshop, Arabo sought Price's advice as a registered dietitian 'I'm trying to make healthier choices, eat more fruits and vegetables, less sugar, more protein I make sure I eat breakfast and meals throughout the day'

In addition to eating healthy, Arabo does yoga and then walks and runs on a treadmill for two to three miles five days a week

'The breathing and postures have helped me to be more relaxed,' said Arabo 'I lost a little weight I try not to focus on weight I just feel better and more comfortable in my clothes I haven't followed a diet It's about making choices I definitely watch my portions and watch the types of foods I eat, things without preservatives, more natural types of food, more organics'

**GOOD EXAMPLE**

At the Good Food Company, a natural foods supermarket in Canton, Madhu, the manager is living what he preaches The Tibetan monk eats healthy all day long Breakfast consisted of three oranges followed by a grapefruit for lunch and an organic hamburger for dinner Madhu eats meat but not that frequently

'I've been eating healthy for



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Registered dietitians Linda Daniels (left) and Beverly Price recently met at the Good Food Company in Canton to discuss eating healthy in 2005

22 years, said Madhu I'm always assisting people on where to start and how to do it, why this is effective About 45 percent of our customers are eating healthy already Of the rest many come because they've just been diagnosed (with a disease) By juicing, eating properly, they can be healthy People don't eat healthy and wonder why they're not feeling up to par They have taken so many supplements

'Organics have the full nutrients in them Most (of the nutrients in commercially grown produce) are leached into the fields with chemicals, fertilizers Even though they might be eating fruits and vegetables, they're not getting

the nutrients They seem to be eating healthy but still aren't healthy'

Linda Daniels believes in whole foods 'People literally come to me with shopping bags full of supplements,' said Daniels of clients she assists at the Center for Holistic Health in Oxford (www.tcfhh.com) 'I try to teach them to eat better and to live by the LEARN program focusing on Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitudes, Relationships, and Nutrition Its not about diets Its about lifestyle change It's like anything you try to change, when you're not doing so well you keep practicing'

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Finally the investigations that lead to Merck withdrawing Vioxx and having concern raised about Celebrex and Bextra have not reached the general medical literature The result is that the medical community cannot review the evidence to decide whether these drugs are more harmful than helpful

The problem for doctors grows worse as news comes out that other medications such as Aleve may cause similar heart and stroke problems The press releases are not detailed enough for doctors to pass judgment On the other hand the studies that made these conclusions are long term and include sufficient numbers to make them valid

Then the question arises if these familiar anti-inflammatory drugs are suspect what should you use instead? At present there is no good answer That is the final and most uncomfortable part of the doctors dilemma

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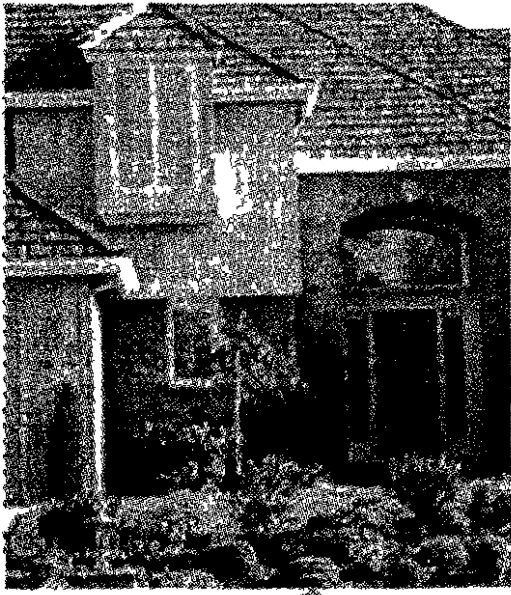
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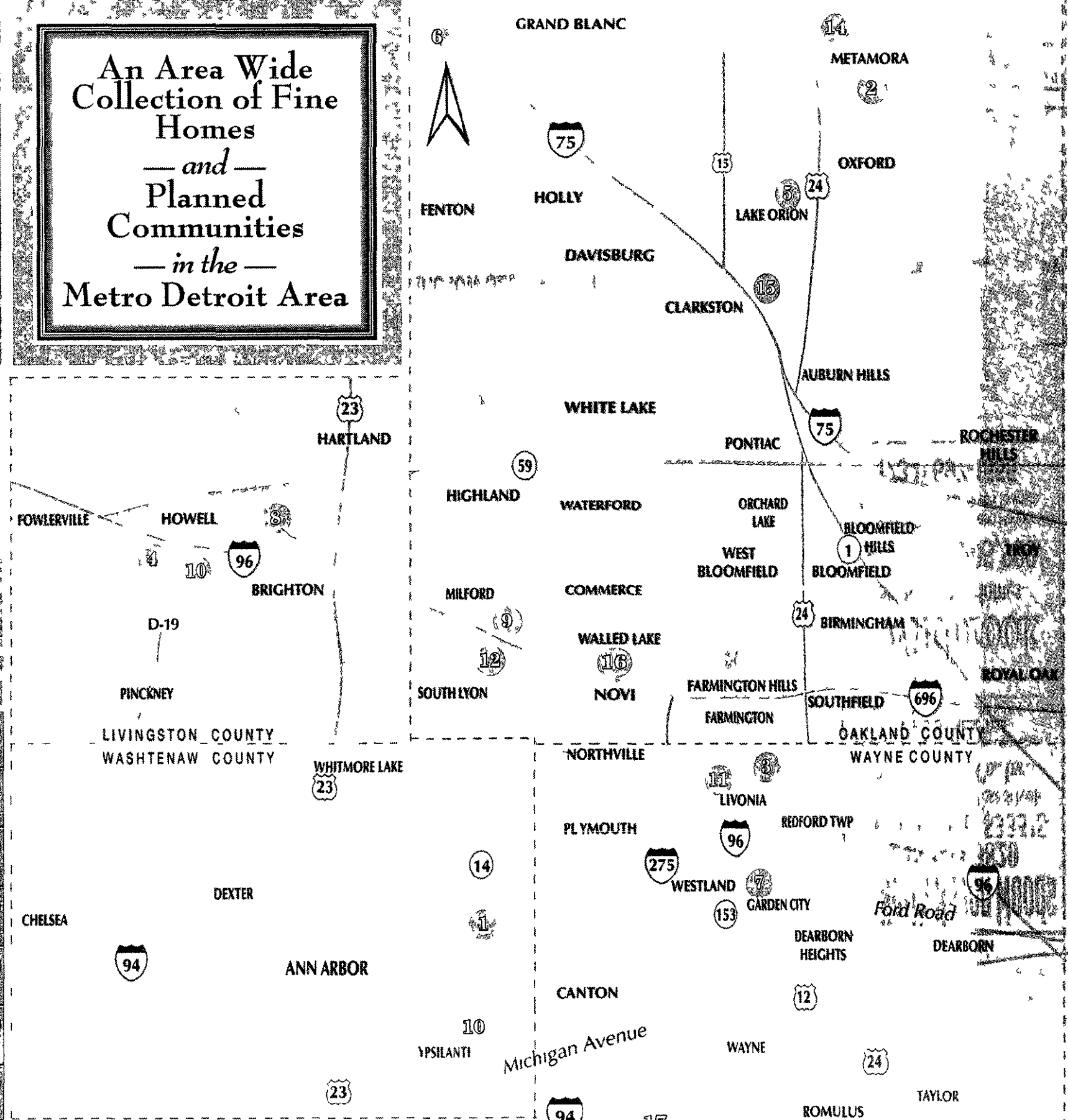


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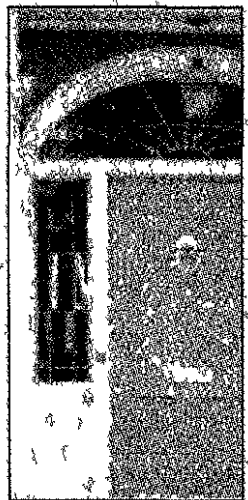
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## Bathrooms becoming an oasis from the daily grind of life

PRNewswire - Bathrooms are one of the most luxurious spaces in today's homes. Often inspired by the lavish Grecian baths seen in prestigious spas and hotels, homeowners want to create a serene and relaxing retreat to escape for a few moments each day.

According to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, about 4.85 million bathrooms were renovated throughout the country in 2004. More astoundingly, the amount of money spent on kitchen and bath remodeling projects has tripled since 1993. In fact, the National Kitchen and Bath Association reports that costs to remodel baths generally average between \$6,500 and \$11,600.

A main area of focus in the bathroom is the shower. While deep tubs remain popular, large and luxurious showers are taking center stage along with elegant, custom glass shower enclosures.

While adding beauty, privacy and light to the bathroom, glass shower enclosures make a statement of practical luxury and are a beautiful focal point.

"Not only is the shower looked at as a visual focal point of the room, it is a place for relaxation," said Ray Adams, president of Coastal Industries, which creates custom shower enclosures for the bath. "Adding steam and multiple body sprays is very trendy today. With all the time spent in the shower, a stunning and functional shower enclosure becomes a must."

With the shower in the lead and glass being the versatile and beautiful medium it is, other glass accents for the bath have also gained in popularity. Adams added, "Today's bath is no longer an afterthought or a utilitarian space."

Extremely popular in today's spa-like baths are

frameless shower doors. These doors create the illusion of the bathroom as one open space, larger than it actually is. Also popular are the new brushed and oil-rubbed finishes that complement the many fixture finishes available today. Whether framed or frameless, custom shower doors are often required to fit oversized shower and steam shower areas and to create a totally enclosed shower environment.

According to Adams, a kitchen and bath showroom or a glass shop is the best place to look at shower enclosure options. Every model will not be on display, however homeowners can judge the quality of the shower door before deciding on a specific enclosure in a manufacturer's catalog. For more information about Coastal Industries custom shower enclosures, visit [www.coastalind.com](http://www.coastalind.com) or call (800) 874-8601.



Coastal Industries creates custom shower enclosures that complement the spa decor and tranquil atmosphere sought after by homeowners.

## Find a pro to help with your remodeling project

Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom can be overwhelming for any homeowner. From choosing a designer, to picking out colors, fabrics, materials, styles and the latest trends, it's almost impossible to do it yourself.

To ease the process and help homeowners find an appropriate professional that will guide them through the stages of remodeling, the National Kitchen & Bath Association offers the following guidelines:

Don't take on a kitchen or bathroom remodeling project yourself, remodeling these rooms is very different than a bedroom, dining room or family room. A specialized designer should be brought

in to make accurate measurements, suggest proper materials, and to design a functional, safe and cost-efficient space that specifically reflects a homeowner's taste, style and personality.

Choose among more than 30,000 professionals from the National Kitchen & Bath Association at [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org). Click on Consumer Workbook, and find an NKBA Professional. Enter a ZIP code and a local list of qualified professionals will appear.

Pick several designers in your area, meet with each of them and trade ideas and suggestions. Make sure they're qualified for your needs (bathroom and/or kitchen certified) and ask to see past

projects and/or a portfolio. In the months leading up to your remodeling project, collect pictures and materials you like to make the first meeting with your designer more productive.

Ask for references and check out the designer's showroom or store if possible. Pick the designer that satisfies your taste and style most. You should never be persuaded to do anything you don't like or too high-end for your budget. A good designer will work closely with you and your family until your dream home comes true!

All NKBA certification programs require extensive professional experience and education. For more informa-

tion about tips on remodeling your kitchen and bathroom, to request a free kitchen and bath workbook, or to find an NKBA professional, call (877) NKBA-PRO or visit [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org).

The National Kitchen & Bath Association is a nonprofit trade association that has led the kitchen and bath industry since 1963. With nearly 28,000 members and growing, NKBA owns the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show & Conference (K/BIS). The mission of NKBA is to enhance member success and excellence, promote professionalism and ethical business practices, and provide leadership and direction for the kitchen and bath industry.

## Lots of windows, skylights make Seapine a sunny home

A large rambler styled ranch describes the Seapine. It has a long wrap around porch accented by the windows that line it. On the dormer level are arched windows that add a touch of elegance to the facade. The large two-car garage has windows that face the front while entry into the garage is on the side. Brick and wood combine for the exterior of the home.

Inside the 2,916 square foot Seapine is a breath of luxury. The family and dining rooms are both vaulted. The family room has six windows across the face and fireplace in the rear, separating the two rooms. The dining room has three large windows overlooking the backyard and a built-in hutch on the backside of the fireplace. To the left is an outline of the optional 178 square foot loft with a spiral staircase if desired.

The large kitchen has an interesting layout. A corner pantry, adjacent to the large refrigerator is on one wall. The microwave oven and raised dishwasher along with dual sinks run along the wall. In the center island is the cooktop and a raised eating bar. The vaulted nook is in the rear with sliding glass doors opening onto the vaulted covered deck illuminated by four large skylights.

On the right side of the Seapine are the master suite and a

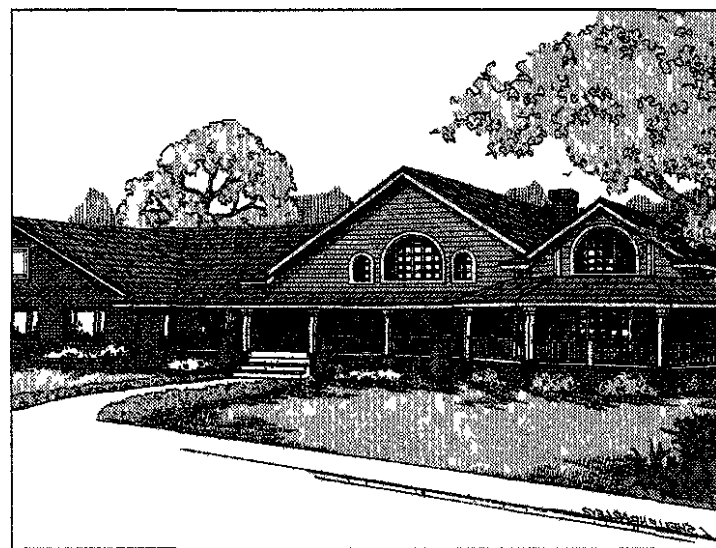
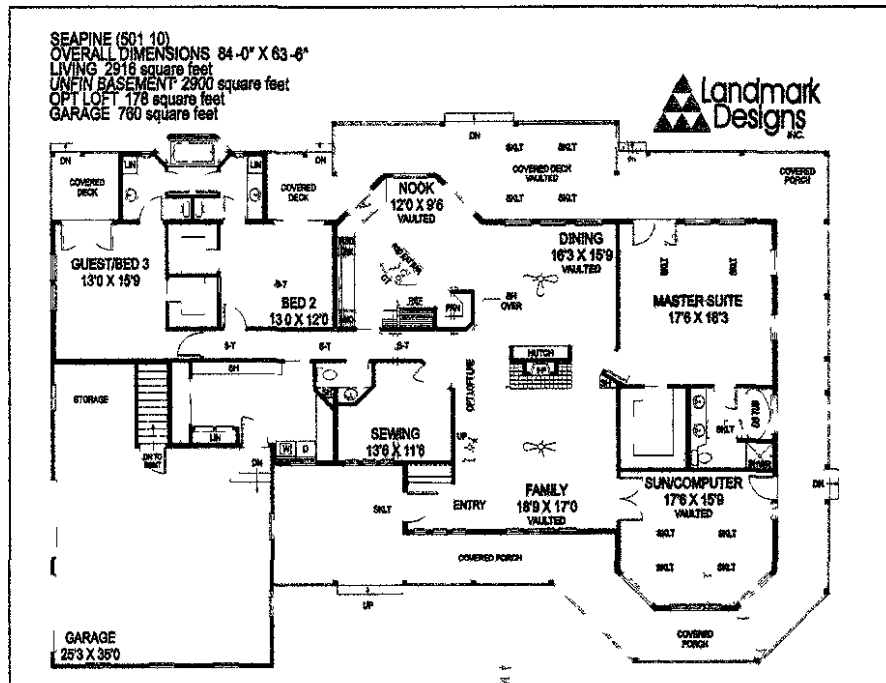
large sunroom/computer room. The sunroom is behind French doors and has four skylights as well as three huge windows. A door opens onto the covered deck on the right side. The master suite is large with oblong skylights and French doors. A corner walk-in closet is adjacent to the master bath. An oversized tub and a shower with dual sinks are bathed with light from the skylight overhead.

The left side of the home contains another bedroom and a guest room. Both bedrooms are large and have French doors that open onto covered decks. Each has a walk-in closet and their own bathrooms. Each bathroom has a sink, a linen closet, and a toilet. Each bathroom shares a single tub.

Opposite the bedrooms is an enormous utility room with a long folding table and an extra large linen closet. Adjacent is a sewing room behind French doors. Between the two rooms is a half bath.

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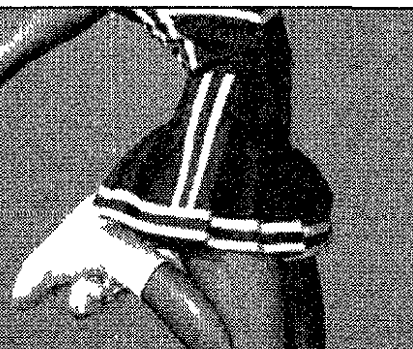
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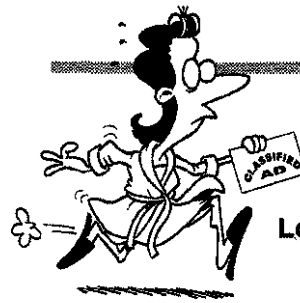
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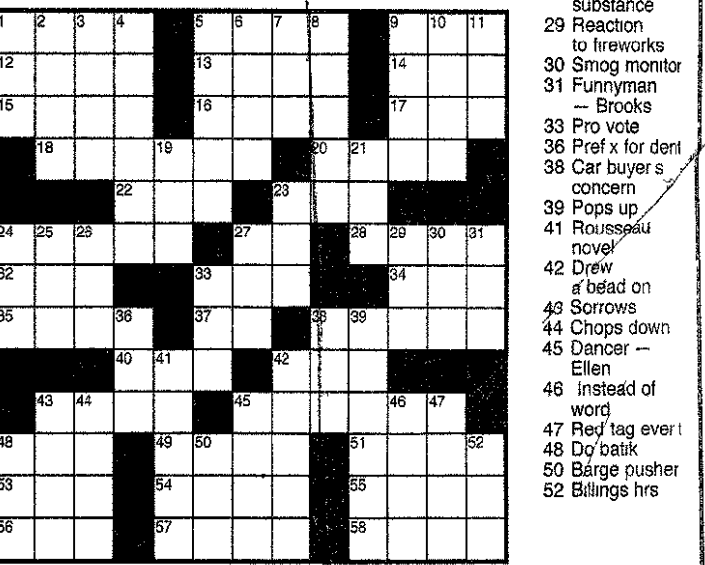
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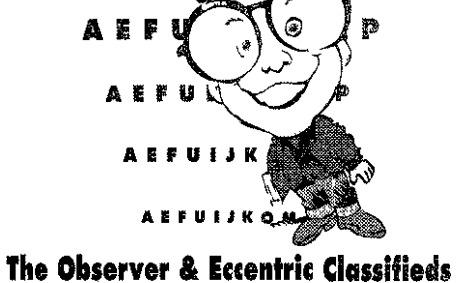
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# Some Wounded Soldiers Choose To Go Back



**WORKWISE**  
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Some problems in the workplace seem unbearable. Knowing how others meet their own

problems can provide perspective. Staff Sgt. Josh Forbess, 27, on an Army mission in Mosul, Iraq, was one of four survivors of a mid-air helicopter collision. Eighteen other soldiers died. "I suffered 11 (1/2) percent burns to my face, head, right shoulder and right arm," he says. "I also had broken bones in both hands and severe smoke inhalation." He now works in the Army at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

The front left tire of the Humvee Corporal JR Martinez, 21, was driving hit a landmine while escorting convoys to Baghdad. Three other soldiers were ejected, sustaining minor injuries. Trapped, Martinez sustained burns over 40 percent of his body. At this writing, he's completing a 30-day convalescent leave in Dalton, Ga.

Tracy Reep, 35, was medically retired from the Army National Guard as a sergeant because of injuries, including sight loss, sustained in an ambush by Iraqi insurgents. "A rocket-propelled grenade entered the Humvee," he says, "tearing into me, along with shrapnel, while passing through the vehicle. I was

incapacitated and lost two fingers on my left hand and vision in my left eye. My shoulder and arms were hurt by shrapnel." Reep continues to receive treatment, having resumed his civilian job as a restaurant management recruiter at Self-Opportunity in Dallas.

These men are spokespersons for The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (www.saluteheroes.org), a civilian organization supporting wounded soldiers as they rebuild their lives (1-888-44-Salute). They are speaking from their own personal experience, not that of The United States Army. They have much more in common than combat wounds. They volunteered to serve in 1995, 2002 and 1989, respectively. All want to return to their posts, when able.

Forbess explains, "I want to stay in the Army. I love the army. I love my job. I love training soldiers. There is nothing else I'd rather do more right now. I have surgeries to go through and then will go before the medical evaluation board to determine whether I'm able to maintain this current job. I can't do my actual job as section chief on a Howitzer right now."

"When I woke up," Forbess continues, "I'd lost all of my soldiers. I was mentally traumatized. A psychiatrist who'd never been in combat or led soldiers was trying to tell me how I was supposed to feel. I learned how to deal with it on my own. I became even

stronger and vowed that I'd never let a soldier go through anything (like this) alone again. I met a lot who've been medically retired who didn't have anyone they could talk to in addition to family and friends."

Martinez mentions, "As a wounded soldier, I understand adversity and the importance of overcoming obstacles in life. I'm helping the Coalition understand what wounded soldiers go through so they can help other soldiers."

Medical evaluation for Reep began last spring. The Army found the fire direction chief not fit to fight. He joined a list of temporary retirees, based on disability. His status will be reviewed every 18 months for five years. As early as November, 2005, he could return to active duty. Meanwhile, he's receiving care for his vision, toward becoming completely sighted again. "I would like to finish out my remaining five years," he explains. "If needed, I'd go back into combat."

This intention might be a little foreign to readers outside of the military. When asked to clarify, Reep replies, simply, "I would go back into combat to protect the freedoms we hold dear as Americans."

Martinez originally volunteered "to mature in life," as he explains. "The Army offered a great opportunity to grow up, learn about life and how hard it can be, and get college in." He currently plans to complete his medical



Corporal JR Martinez 21 was injured in Iraq.

procedures, then become a motivational speaker at some time in the future.

There is uncommon commitment to career among these soldiers, commitment of a kind you rarely see. These men stared death in the face, and they're staring back.

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A/P A/R for busy Novi builder. Must be proficient in Excel. QuickBooks exp helpful. Excellent benefits salary commensurate with exp. Fax resume to (248) 471 1971

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Part time. Phlebotomy experience required. Fax resume 248 474 1548

**Medical Assistant**  
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**COMMERCE** Custom New Construction Spacious built home Open floor plan 2 story foyer with premium bedrooms cherry hardwood great room with cathedral ceiling custom staircase & railings mahogany front door master bedroom with Jacuzzi full walk out basement

(B84DAR) 248-652-8000 \$459,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS** Spectacular Large 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath Colonial Great open floor plan huge master beautiful updated kitchen 2003 Lavey finished basement hardwood floors in foyer & library main built no newer roof gutters & siding Beautiful front courtyard entry

(B89GRE) 248-626-8800 \$449,900



**BLOOMFIELD** Move Right In Three bedroom 2 bath Ranch New in 04 cherry/granite kitchen windows finished hardwood neutral paint & carpet in family room & stairs Two car detached garage private fenced yard & basement Great location with Birmingham schools

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**OAKLAND TOWNSHIP** Custom Home Stunning on almost 1/2 acre wooded lot Gourmet kitchen with granite stainless appliances Two story great room with soaring windows Library with doorwall to deck Master suite with gas fireplace walk in closet and marble bath

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**ROCHESTER HILLS** Beautiful Colonial Absolutely stunning 1st floor master with 2 story foyer and family room with cathedral ceilings kitchen with 42 cabinets Conch Island 3 bedrooms up 2 share Jack and JI baths fourth has private bath Family room with 2 way fireplace

(B50MAP) 248-626-8800 \$519,000



**ROCHESTER HILLS** Rochester Schools Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with traditional layout including eat in kitchen to family room with fireplace Formal DR living room & 1st floor laundry MBR suite with walk in closet & newer bath 2 1/2 car side entry garage & Porch

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**NORTHVILLE** Incredible Value Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub Largest square footage built by Moon! Upgrades marble granite custom cherry cabinets Two story porch spiral staircase master with 3 way fireplace sitting room & bath Lower level with kitchen bath & bedroom

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**ROYAL OAK** Lovely Home In Woodside sub 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 BA basement screened porch and 2 car attached garage all on fenced lots Updated super clean and close to parks and Besumont Hospital

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**CANTON** Classic Elegance! Custom built on approx 1 acre Foyer with staircase 2 story great room with fireplace & crown moldng kitchen & master bath with granite tops 2 bedrooms have a bath & walk in closet Full basement with walk out & 3 car attached garage

(B51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$843,000




**OAKLAND TOWNSHIP** Custom Designed Tudor with 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths and 3 car side entry garage Great room boasts a large media room with 2 way fireplace wet bar and palladium windows Walk out basement or side drive

(B25ADA) 248-524-1600 \$635,000



**HIGHLAND** Gopher's Paradise Near Midford stunning 1 1/2 story contemporary designed by Lunin of Bloomfield Hills Best of everything At 12th green wall of windows soaring ceilings 8 foot doors finished walk out curved walls Amish cabetry theater room & full bar

(B34GLE) 248-363-1200 \$1,400,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** Reduced Price Gorgeous custom built home Open floor plan soaring ceilings 2 phenomenal gourmet kitchens 3 family rooms Master suite with a sitting room 2 way fireplace Finished basement 4 car garage

(B07PEG) 248-626-8800 \$899,900



**ROYAL OAK** Northwood Sub Beautiful 50's 3 bedroom brick Bungalow Living room with fireplace & bay window hardwood floors formal DR with French door to tiled sun room Newer deck & 2 car garage roof furnace hot water heater & drive Deck & 2 car garage

(B08TWE) 248-642-8100 \$228,800



**CANTON** Custom Built Home In 2005 New construction approx 1 acre offers 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 4 car attached garage & full walk out foyer opens to formal dining & library open staircase to lower level living room with fire place master with jetted tub & granite in kitchen

(B50ROL) 734-455-5600 \$955,000



**SHELBY TOWNSHIP** Beautiful & Spacious This Colonial has 1 all Four bedrooms 3 baths dual staircase butler's pantry 9 foot ceilings 4 bay windows and 3 car garage Wood floors in foyer dining room kitchen & laundry Woodcut de-seal lot

(B00WOO) 248-524-1600 \$589,900



**COMMERCE** Quality - Lake Sherwood Lakefront living contemporary 5 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplaces first floor laundry master with Jacuzzi tub & separate shower Finished lower level full bath wet bar & kitchenette Three-car garage City water/sewer Huron Valley schools

(B01COM) 248-363-1200 \$899,900



**SOUTH LYON** Serenity & Elegance Every upgrade possible in exclusive Langewood condo Two 1st decks overlook no faraway Finished lower level complete w/ wet bar and gym

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**ROYAL OAK** Updated, In-Town Bungalow Charming 3 bedroom all in upper level Newer kitchen bath porch deck windows doors & more All appliances hardwood floors & part finished basement with newer carpet & glass block windows Spacious yard garage & warranty included

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**CANTON** Custom Built Cape Cod 2005 New construction on approx 1 acre lot with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 4 car attached garage & full walk out foyer opens to formal dining & library open staircase to lower level living room with fire place master with jetted tub & granite in kitchen

(B52ROL) 734-455-5600 \$787,500



**OXFORD** Approximately 10 Acres Four bedroom 4 1/2 bath 2001 built home Hardwood and ceramic floors throughout Two story foyer great room with gas fireplace maple kitchen with stainless steel appliances Master with fireplace Jacuzzi tub and shower Or or schools

(B01IND) 248-524-1600 \$729,500



**COMMERCE** Lake Sherwood Lakefront Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood Two furnaces upstairs laundry extra garage lower level with great room second kitchen and full bath Sun room This is a must see home

(B16DRI) 248-363-1200 \$875,000



**MILFORD** Welcome To Royalty Home This home sits on a wooded 3.63 acre lot Two-story foyer & great room with 2 spiral staircases first floor master 4 bedrooms on second floor with Jack & JI baths 2 study rooms finished walk out basement with kitchen Library & toy room

(B65TAL) 248-626-8800 \$1,999,000



**AUBURN HILLS** Quality New Construction Four bedrooms 2 1/2 baths deep basement brick & vinyl exterior or 2 car attached garage Kitchen with island sitting area with cathedral ceilings master bedroom with walk in closet and fourth bedroom with skylights

(B84BAL) 248-642-8100 \$214,000



**CANTON** Custom Built Cape Cod 2005 New construction on approx 1 acre lot with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 4 car attached garage fireplace in both great rooms & library Large kitchen with bayed nook area Admired 2 staircase layout Two story foyer full basement and so much more

(B51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$732,500



**ROCHESTER HILLS** Custom Colonial On a private lot with 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 3 car garage granite counters ceramic spacious study with French doors 2 staircases bay windows butlers pantry and stone top Premiums throughout

(B81GRE) 248-652-8000 \$664,900



**COMMERCE** Pond & Acreage Setting Custom 5 bedroom 4 bath home well set up for handicap needs optional First floor master with cathedral ceiling fireplace & bath finished walk out with second kitchen bedroom den & bath. Quick access to I-96 and mall Walled Lake schools

(B83CLA) 248-363-1200 \$549,900



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** In Bloomfield Village Lovely 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath Colonial loaded with charm Wood floors open staircase & family room with built in fireplace Sun room newer kitchen w/ tile Corian & island first floor laundry living room fireplace formal DR & finished basement

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**BRIGHTON** Magnificent Home Custom built Cape Cod with 2 story entry cream c flooring custom lighting First floor master with jetted tub Dual staircase oversized 3 1/2 car heated garage with hot & cold water A must see

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**CANTON** New Construction Home Elegant Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 4 car attached garage-first floor master with sitting room walk in closet & bath with garden tub cathedral ceiling in foyer & great room Kitchen with granite tops Time to pick cab nets & grand staircase

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**ROCHESTER HILLS** Elegant Four bedroom home with cherry cabinets & granite counters throughout Kitchen with center island stainless appliances granite back splash pro finished basement w/ kitchen bath and saung master bath with marble floors & whirlpool tub

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**ROCHESTER HILLS** Stunning Design Built for Pulte executive This home features many custom options Classy gourmet kitchen has cherry cabinets and granite counters 3 full baths on second floor Dual staircase 2 story family room and walk out basement

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**COMMERCE** Lush Living Spotless 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath elegant Colonial in sought after Huron Hills Soaring volume ceilings corner molding stop up master private deck enjoy the finished lower level with wet bar patio & deck overlooking pond Walled Lake schools

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**MILFORD** Privacy Galore Approx 1/2 lots of luxury park like retreat Soaring cathedral ceilings hardwood floors kitchen w/ island & 1st floor laundry Two MBR site one up & one down & additional 2 bedrooms with full bath Lower level walk out & 3 car garage

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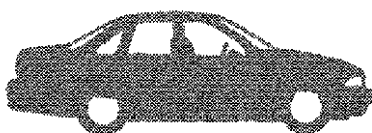
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# 2005 Mercedes-Benz E500 oozes with luxury

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Talk about luxury

Every inch -- both inside and out -- of the 2005 Mercedes-Benz E500 exudes luxury. From its smart-looking styling to the interior appointments, the E500 is full of class.

Starting with a 5.0-liter V8 that knocks out 302 horses, this engine is very, very quiet. You'll have to look at your tachometer to make sure it turned over and you're ready to go. The whole package is enhanced with a seven-speed automatic transmission -- yes, I did say seven-speed (it's the world's first, by the way) -- that will turn heads with its quick acceleration techniques.

It's most impressive when at highway speeds and you've got to get around that slow-moving semi. Tap the pedal a little and you're instantly on your way without a complaint.

According to documents from Mercedes-Benz using seven gears allows the individual gears to be spaced closer together, which in turn allows the engine to run in its most favorable rev range.

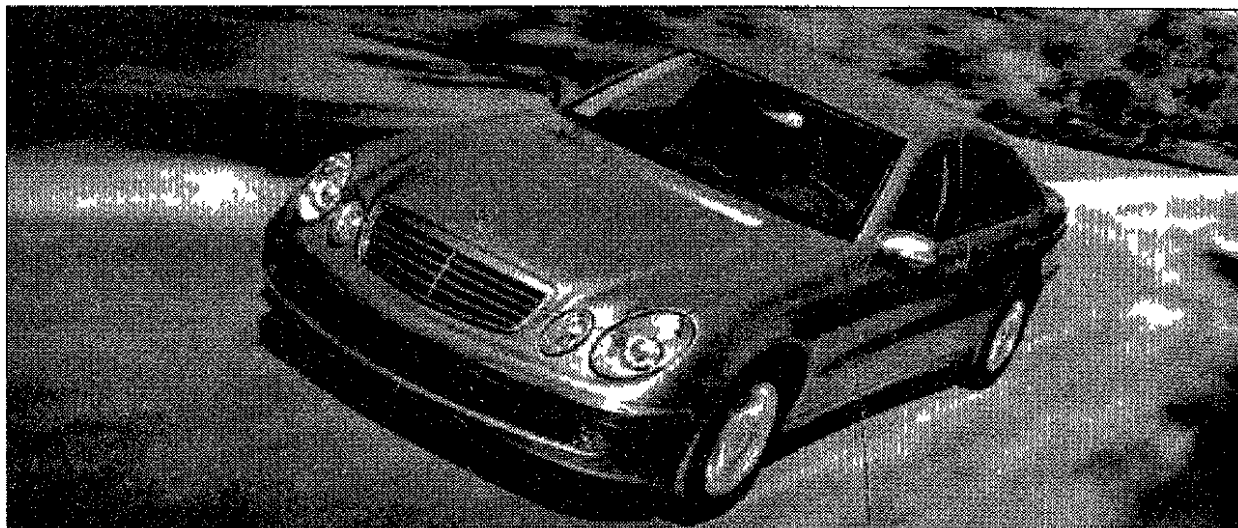
The transmission is also capable of selecting the best gear for any driving situation. The transmission's electronic control also has better flexibility to choose shift points for lower engine speeds, which also means better gas mileage.

So many manufacturers have abandoned rear wheel-drive. Not Mercedes-Benz. This rear wheel drive is enhanced with Airmatic Dual Control air suspension, larger tires and a better choice of standard equipment this year.

Everyone who knows cars knows that Mercedes-Benz is one of the top manufacturers of safety technology. That doesn't mean just slapping in an anti-lock braking system, however. It does mean that you'll have brake assist, straight-line traction control and stability control, along with a strong body



Anne Fracassa



2005 Mercedes-Benz E500. Vehicle class: Luxury sedan. Power: 5.0-liter V8 engine. Mileage: 19 mpg city / 27 mpg highway. Where built: Europe. Price: \$57,620.

structure that protects the driver and all passengers.

This year, there are also larger crumple zones in front that absorb even more energy in an accident. And even with all the additional equipment and safety enhancements, the E500 enjoys a reduction of 100 pounds in body weight.

It's accomplished with the use of a lot of aluminum -- almost 10 percent of the car's weight. Parts include the hood, front fenders, trunk lid, front sub frame and bumper cross members. It's also been enhanced with high-strength steel.

Dual stage air bags are deployed by crash sensors within the skin of the E500 that actually measure the severity of the collision. For example, if it detects a minor impact, only the first stage of the air bag deploys, reserving the second stage for a more serious collision.

The inflation rate of the front passenger seat air bag is also monitored for weight by sensors located in the seat frame. If it detects weight less than a normal 12-month-old in a child restraint, the sensor will not deploy the air bag at all.

One thing that did drive me crazy at times was when I dropped my fairly large purse and a carafe of coffee or my laptop in the front seat. The seat belt monitor insisted I buckle it all in or it wouldn't stop beeping. Just slightly annoying.

The interior of the E500 was soft and fuzzy every

where and comfort had to have been the major factor in development of this vehicle. Surfaces are soft, the dash is curved beautifully, and all interior appointments are just stunningly beautiful.

The list of amenities goes on and on and on. Four-zone climate control, power tilt and telescoping steering wheel, power windows with one-touch up and down operation, auto-dimming mirrors, power flip-down panel in the center console (which can hold a multitude of your possessions, 10-way power seats, cruise control, parking assist system that detects anything in front or in the rear of the vehicle, and a really cool DVD-based navigation system).

You won't need a key if you don't want to. The driver can unlock the car by just touching the door handle and you can start the car by touching the gearshift knob. Most of the Mercedes line is now equipped with the infrared SmartKey system. It's a cool technology, to say the least.

The SmartKey system is the industry's first fully electronic ignition key system. There's no metal key, just a fob-type key you can insert into the ignition port -- but only if you wish. It's the best of security.

It's been a while since I'd been in a Mercedes-Benz. This week showed me this company is on the ball with so many innovations in the automotive end. Go and check it out -- this stuff is really futuristic.

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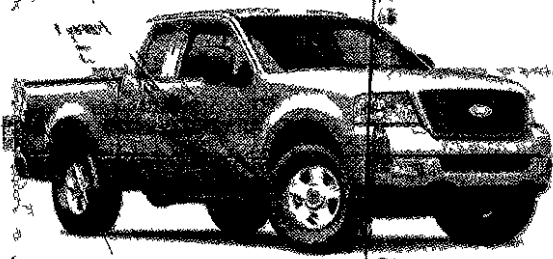
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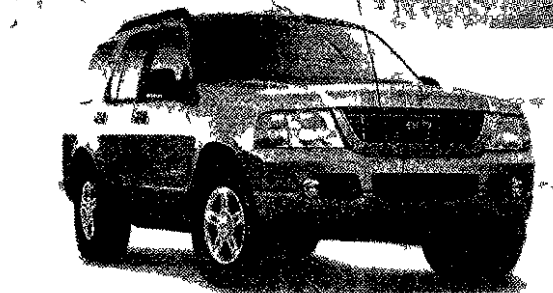
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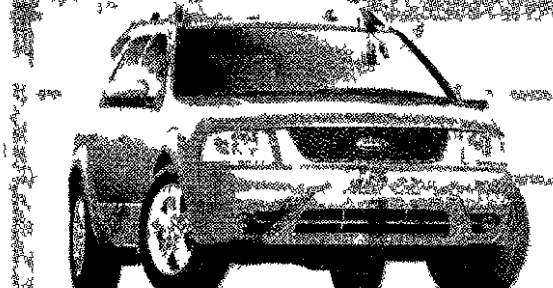
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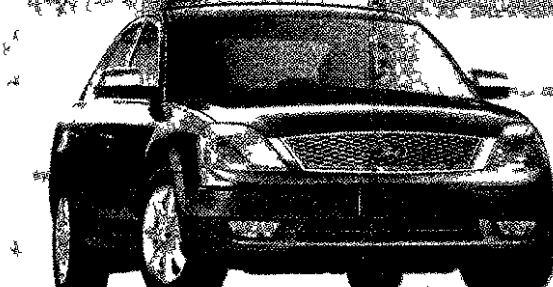
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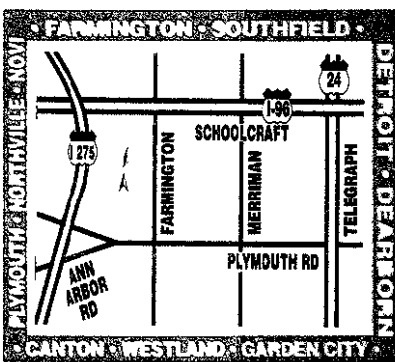
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# 10 Steps to keeping resolutions in 2005

By Laurel A Sills ■ PINK Guest Columnist

It's a new year. Here we go again. You have probably promised yourself another set of well-intentioned resolutions for positive change. Maybe they are the same old resolutions that you make every year, but somehow never reach. Maybe they are brand new goals. Whether you have succeeded in keeping your goals or not in the past, this set of tips will help you gear up and be more successful in meeting your next set of goals and challenges.



Dr. Laurel Sills

What do I need to do to take care of myself? What is a healthy choice for me right now?

7 Listen for negative self-chatter and stop it. It does nothing but discourage you. Ask yourself how what you tell yourself makes you feel.

8 Commit to turning your weaknesses into strengths and say, "I can do it." For example, if you are a slow reader, time your pages per minute. Challenge yourself to read a bit faster each time.

1 If you set past goals that failed, evaluate what went wrong and learn from it. Create solutions to these problems and go forward.

2 Be specific in your goal planning. Vague goals get vague results. State your goals in specific measurable actions and results without being too rigid. For example, if you want to lose weight, set a goal of losing five pounds by the next month or so. Plan to do three days of exercise a week for 20-30 minutes and to practice healthier eating and lifestyle changes. Do not say, "I must lose 20 pounds by February 14 or else I am a screw-up."

3 Watch for all-or-nothing thinking. For example, if you say, "I have to have the whole house organized by next week," you may be setting yourself up for failure. Instead, say, "I will start organizing my house this week starting with clearing this desk. Next, I will work on the mail piles. Then the bedroom closet."

Don't say, "I will work out for an hour today," then decide that you should not work out at all when your time gets crunched when you CAN still do 20 minutes of cardio.

4 Create small daily successes. Constant movement towards your goals is a good reward. Doing something towards your goals is better than nothing that day if you do not have the time or ability to do as much as you anticipated. Shape yourself towards healthy habits that reach your goals.

5 Focus on the process of achieving your goals, not just on the end result. It is the journey that counts as much as the destination.

6 Respect yourself. Only use encouraging self-talk. Self-respect leads to better choices. How can I love myself better?

If you are disorganized, tell yourself that you can organize things. Choose a small goal to accomplish and prove to yourself that you can. If you eat late at night, choose what you will eat if you must, and control what it is and the amount instead of binging.

9. Have fun accomplishing goals. Do things you enjoy doing for exercise such as dancing, skiing, swimming, soccer, rollerblading, yoga, basketball, etc. Put on your favorite music or listen to educational tapes while working.

10 Reward your successes! Write them down. Tell a friend. Celebrate your progress.

Each day, we are fully responsible for all that we do, say and feel. If you choose to eat something decadent, decide that it is a worthwhile splurge and have no guilt.

Look to the future and ask yourself, "How will I feel after making this choice? What can I do to get back on track? If I choose this, can I get back to task right away?" Write down specific, achievable, realistic goals and review them daily without any negative commentary if you do not succeed. Explore your choices. Ask yourself what worked and why. If you did not succeed, look at that. When you really want something you will want to stick to making that change happen. Remember, it is insanity to believe that if we keep doing the same things the same way we will get different results.

Here is to a successful resolve to achieve your goals this year!

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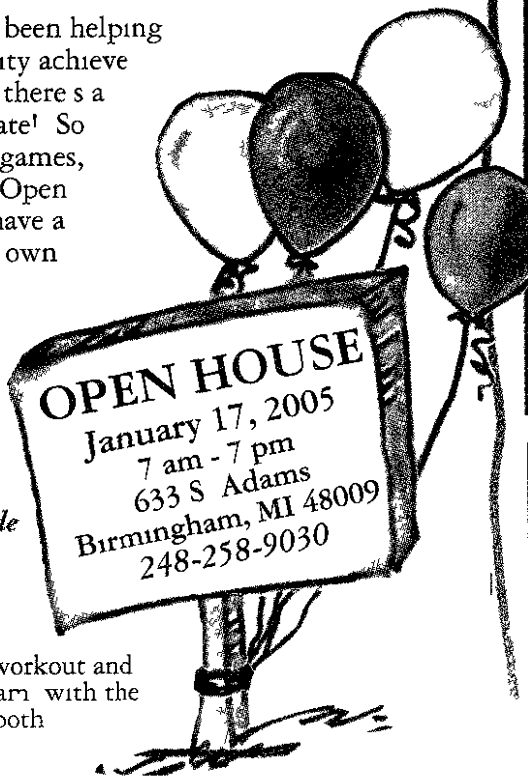
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**Aries:** (March 21-April 20)

Go on take a risk. A little change can inspire creativity and help beat boredom. Start by spicing up your home with a funky piece of art, perhaps a colorful painting or glass vase. You'd be surprised how one small change can alter the entire view.

**Taurus:** (April 21-May 21)

Relax already! Sometimes it's best to really ponder those important decisions and let things slide until tomorrow. A long bath is a perfect opportunity to shut out the world for an hour or two. By adding a few candles, a simple bathroom is transformed into a home spa retreat. Check out the yummy scents offered by Illume.

**Gemini:** (May 22-June 21)

In typical Twins fashion, you seem to want it all this week. However, it is quality, not quantity that matters. Pick one fabulous piece to make the main statement in a room. For example, a huge four-post bed, or a bright cushy sofa screams luxury when paired with neutral accents.

**Cancer:** (June 22-July 23)

Home is where the heart is. This week, tackle work chores early and clear time to catch up on reading and sleep. Wrap yourself in cozy comfort with lush bedding in warm colors sure to lure you away from your hectic schedule for at least an extra day of rest.

**Leo:** (July 24-Aug 23)

Be truthful Leo. Just don't be brutal when it comes to honesty. Maybe that old chair you've been dying to trash is actually a hidden treasure. Give life to an old piece by reupholstering with a chic fabric or add a little gold accent paint.

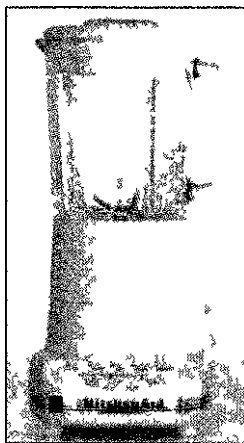
# style scope

By Kat

## Star-Inspired Ideas to Spruce Up Your Home

**Virgo:** (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Keep your friends close, and your family even closer. The holidays bring out the nostalgic in all of us, especially sentimental Virgo. Surround yourself with those you love, even if they can't be with you this week. Framed photos of your favorite people scattered around the home are a sweet way to preserve memories.



Spruce up your home Capricorn with a pink blender \$100 from Neiman Marcus

**Libra:** (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Even loving Libra needs to put some work into her relationships. Host a dinner for two at home and create an atmosphere that would compete with any five-star restaurant. A unique and fancy table setting definitely sets the mood for romance. Try mixing colored plates, candles and festive winter decor.

**Scorpio:** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Whatever seems to be holding you back right now will pass soon. Your love of nature, but lack of desire to fight the snow, has an easy fix. Bring nature indoors with lush plants, rock and water gardens and warm beach textures. Both the home and work place will benefit from a bit of zen-like decor this week.

**Sagittarius:** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Romance, Romance, Romance. Let that serve as a reminder of what you are missing! If you are with someone, stir some up. If not, then create some of your own. Flowers bring warmth to any home, and are a undeniable token of classic romance.

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

The world isn't as black and white as it seems. Take a step back and let some color into your monotone week, Capricorn. A fun piece of colorful kitchen ware can lighten and brighten your kitchen. Kitchenaid makes a blender in, get ready for this — PINK! How fabulous.

**Aquarius:** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

The waiting game is over. Take the initiative and make a move this week, Aquarius. Start your new chapter in a clutter-free environment. An organized home opens up space to work and lets creativity flow without feeling closed in by unnecessary baggage.

**Pisces:** (Feb 20-March 20)

Feeling unsure? Trust your instincts. You have a great eye for what works, so just go with your vision. Try rearranging a living space to get a fresh look without spending a cent.

*Kat Feldhouse is a Gemini who brings you style directly from the stars. Reach her at kat2182@yahoo.com*

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## editor's column



As I look back on 2004, I realize the year became a blur for me starting the second week of May. That's when I was hired by HomeTown Communications to create a brand new women's section called PINK. Our first issue debuted in the

Observer & Eccentric newspapers on May 23, and won a national award for best new fashion special section from the Inland Press Association. We haven't slowed down since.

Every Sunday, PINK showcases style, fashion and beauty news from across the country and around the corner. In November, we turned a different hue and devoted an entire issue to men's style, renaming ourselves BLUE for the week. As we look ahead to 2005, we resolve

to continue to improve. We plan to make BLUE a quarterly event, with issues devoted

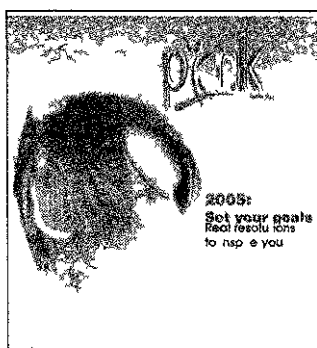
to men appearing in February, May, August and November. You will see bridal and wedding news throughout January and February giving way to home decor, spring cleaning and spring fashion as the weather warms up. Come May, we will mark our one-year anniversary and start the cycle over again.

In the meantime, I want to thank everyone who has helped PINK along

the way — the fashion, beauty and retail community that has offered so much support, the many great writers, photographers and stylists who have lent their talent to our pages, and especially our readers, who haven't hesitated to offer feedback along the way. We couldn't have done it without you. Please contact us and let us know what you think of PINK and what you would like to see in our pages in 2005. We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy New Year!

Wendy White,  
Editor

**On the Cover**

PINK is looking toward a bright 2005! Let your imagination run wild with us and set a few goals to help yourself and the world around you become a better place. Check out pages 4-5 to see how PINK readers are resolving to make this their best year ever!

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# Making the most of 2005

New Year's Resolutions make some of us feel as if off as a bad hair day, but there is something to be said for the fresh, crisp renewed energy that a new year brings. Embrace the moment and use this time as inspiration to write down your goals and work to make them a reality. Nothing happens overnight, but what is so wrong with striving to be the best that you can be? Take a lead from some of our stylish PINK readers as they share the goals they hope to make a reality in this new year and turn 2005 into the most balanced and memorable year ever!

*It's time to edit your closet. If it's been in there for more than two years, get rid of it. But, something once beautiful is always beautiful. Something of high quality that's been in your closet for a long time can probably be worn again in a new way.*

Linda Dresner • Boutique Owner  
Birmingham

*I'm going to try not to sweat the small stuff. I know that may sound cliché, but I think that's a good approach for life in general, not just work. We have friends who have been impacted by tragedy and/or difficult times, and that certainly puts things into perspective.*

Leslie Pardo  
Vice President • Marx Layne & Company  
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*Less of self and more of God in my life*  
Nicole Christ • Owner Nicole's Revival  
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*Travel to a country  
where I do not speak  
the language*

*Increase my vocabulary  
and stop swearing,  
period!*

Roxann Morcom • Mother of two  
Ypsilanti

*World peace and for the war  
to come to a peaceful end  
with no more casualties*

Lesley Suveges • Mother of two  
Clarkston

*To understand that sleep  
does not equal laziness*

*Talk less and listen more*

*Being a yoga teacher  
hard to take a  
to make more  
travels and visit  
Christy DeBurton •  
Ann Arbor*

*To keep making my lists, but not  
beat myself up when I don't get  
everything on them. Maybe I'll  
give myself a week instead of a  
to get through it*

*Have my parents over for dinner more  
often and purge the junk in my  
basement*

Kim Crova • United States Probation Officer  
Belleville

*Get a new hairstyle*

*To give more and expect less*

Jayne Bower  
WWJ Newsradio 950 Anchor

*The usual: work out more,  
eat right, learn to have more  
patience with the kids, and of  
course increase the speed of  
my drumming!!!*

Tammy Ristau  
Candy Band drummer and mother of two  
Royal Oak

*Make more  
of my health*



cher who has her own studio, I find it  
ot of time off My resolution this year is  
me for myself to travel to exotic loca  
friends around the country

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to

lay

Be less judgmental about the  
Michigan fashion scene Find more  
time for myself, including regular  
trips to the gym

Veronica Golubovic • Owner Veronica s Closet  
Northville

I resolve to, with all of my skills and intellectual  
powers, do what I have been doing only better  
And, give more of my time and resources to help  
Children's Charities I am hoping to get involved  
with contributing to the Detroit School System  
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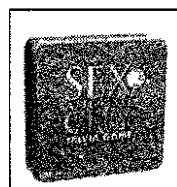
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**Q** Dear Dr. Youn: What do you recommend regarding breast augmentation?  
-No Dolly Parton

**A** Dear No Dolly Parton The trend today both in California and the rest of the country (except maybe Texas), is to create a very natural-looking breast. I don't recommend a Pamela Anderson "Baywatch" breast. Although placement of breast implants from underneath the breast or around the nipple are perfectly acceptable methods, I prefer to place the implants through the armpit. This is because the scar is minimal and usually heals to look like a wrinkle, there are no visible scars on the breast, and discomfort is minimized. The implants can be placed above or below the muscle. Most patients do very well with a C cup size breast as it can be made to look like a D cup with a proper push up bra, or a B cup with a proper minimizer bra, as desired.

For additional information, refer to Dr. Youn's website at [www.beverlyhillsbeauty.com](http://www.beverlyhillsbeauty.com) or call (248) 650-1900.

Dr. Youn's office is located in Rochester Hills and he can be seen on selected episodes of Dr. 90210 on E!



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## Ask the Dentist

**Q** Dr. Levi, my husband avoids going to the dentist. I think he is afraid of the pain of injections and drilling. What's a wife to do?

**A** Dentistry has advanced to the point where pain is almost nonexistent. Modern drills do not transmit heat to nerves of the teeth so pain is greatly reduced right from the start. We also use a variety of medications known as anesthetics to avoid discomfort during a procedure. And afterward we prescribe analgesics and aspirin for increased comfort.

Anesthetics can either be topically applied, injected or swallowed. If your husband is needle sensitive then we would apply a topical anesthetic that numbs the affected area. Then we could inject Novocaine or Lidocaine and he would hardly notice. Having blocked the nerves from transmitting signals we could perform all types of tooth restorations, under gum deep cleaning, even root canals without the slightest hint of pain.

If he required even more assurances we would use sedatives including nitrous oxide (laughing gas) that would put a patient in a state of monitored and controlled unconsciousness. There is no pain whatsoever when one is unconscious.

Keep in mind that as a dental consumer your expectations should be that dental work should not hurt. Given all the new equipment and techniques we use today if this is not the case my advice would be to seek another dentist.

Today fear of pain is no reason to avoid going to the dentist.

The real fear should be loss of teeth, gum disease and much worse.



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## Laser Eye Institute

**Q** What is Custom Lasik?

**A** Custom Lasik uses Wavefront technology to measure each eye's unique variations and imperfections. This technology was developed to measure imperfections in high powered optics like the Hubble telescope. The Laser is then programmed to treat or cancel these variations while treating the eyes. Refractive error.

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## Ask the Jeweler

**Q** My wedding ring is 25 years old and recently I was told my prongs are thin, what should I do?

**A** Congratulations, twenty five years is a great milestone. When prongs wear they usually get thin at the top, this can be taken care of in two ways. The first and often recommended way is to replace the prong setting.

In most cases the old prong setting can be removed from the ring and a new one welded into place. This option tends to be the more expensive but it is much longer lasting. The second option is to re-tip the prongs. This process involves thickening the top of the existing prong with new metal. This method is the less expensive but also the least durable. In either case you can be assured the diamond will be secure in your ring. For more information visit our website, [minersden.com](http://minersden.com)

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**Q** Do all menopausal women need hormone replacement therapy?

**A** No. The goal of treatment at The Birmingham Menopause Institute is to individualize care. Many women require no hormonal treatment for menopause, while some do well with herbal preparations such as soy powder. Others who have significant difficulties such as hot flashes, night sweats, mood changes, "brain fog", vaginal dryness, decreased libido, memory loss are helped greatly with bio-identical hormone replacement administered in a variety of ways such as skin lotion, suppositories and drops.

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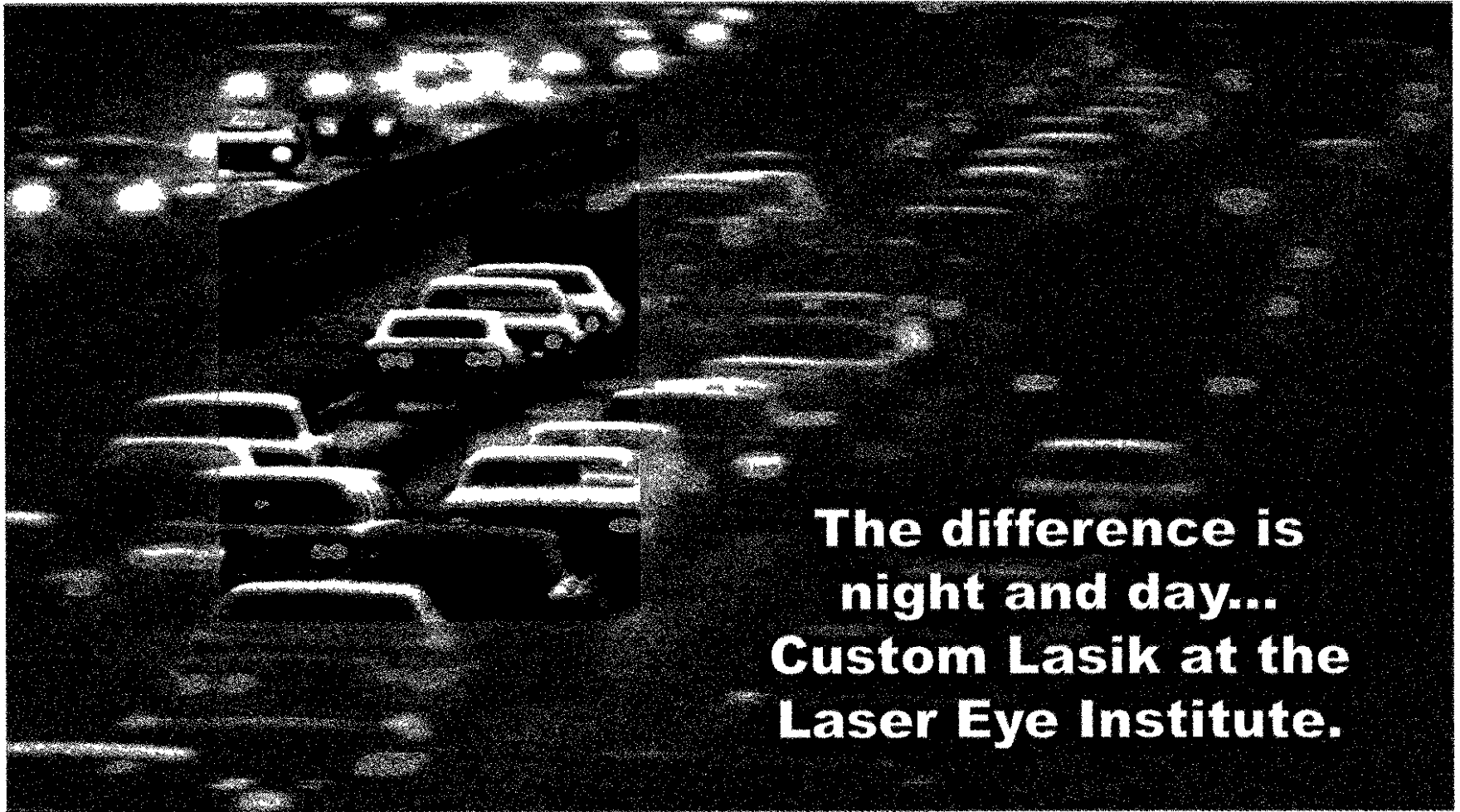
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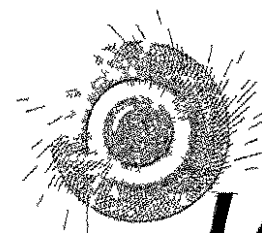


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