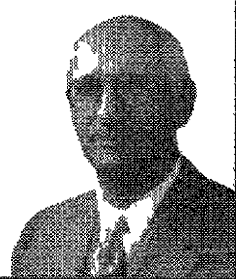




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Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Conductor and Music Director Nan Washburn has always put a premium on bringing children to the orchestra, as she proved when she gave a few pointers on conducting to Kim Ervin of Plymouth

Conductor inks new contract

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

If you've liked what Nan Washburn has done in her first five years as the music director for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, you're in luck

She's going to be around a lot longer after signing the new deal, which keeps her in Plymouth through June 2008. Washburn was originally hired in 1999 to take over for Russell Reed, the PSO's second longest-serving conductor

"I feel really great, I'm very excited about it," Washburn said. "So many of the projects I'd wanted to do five years ago when I first came in are starting to happen. I'm really happy."

Washburn almost immediately wanted to start a youth orchestra. While she admits that "might have been a little ambitious" in her second season, it's starting to happen now, with the creation of Celebration Youth

PLEASE SEE WASHBURN, A6

Calling all former Academic All-Stars

Since 1985, the Observer & Eccentric has honored outstanding students through its Academic All-Star program

This year marks the Observer's 20th year of honoring local students and we'd like to hear from our former Academic All-Stars

If you were an Observer Academic All-Star, let us know what you have been doing since your selection. What did you study? What careers did you have? What's your life been like since that time? Tell us your story and include your high school graduation photo and a recent photo, too

Special annual sections about the Academic All-Stars have saluted the intelligence, involvement and industry of the best and brightest students in public and private high schools around Oakland and Wayne counties

This year, we're planning a special edition in honor of the program's 20th anniversary

If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oe.hometownlife.com or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Attn: Mary Klemic. Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached. You can e-mail photos in a .jpg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified. The special section will be published in May 2005



Though some thought crowds were down a little last year, the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular which begins Monday is expected to draw thousands of people every day to downtown Plymouth

The ice age cometh

Weather settles in as festival approaches

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

It's obvious why the weather has changed from balmy 50-degree temperatures to lows that will dip down to single digits during the next week

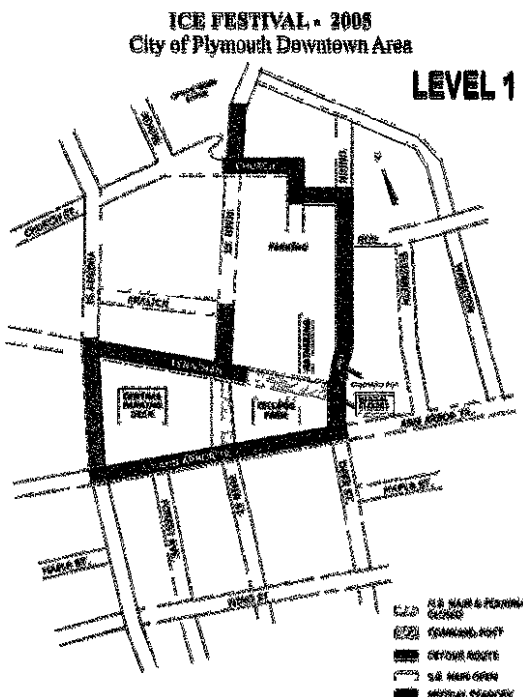
It's time for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

"I've been pretty confident we'd be able to do this," said Mike Watts, president of WATTS-UP, Inc. in Plymouth Township, organizer of the 23-year event. "I've been checking on the long-range forecast for a week. Fortunately, the weatherman was right this time."

This year's ice festival starts a week later than in the past, but will be a couple days longer. It begins Monday and runs through Sunday

"Fantasyland in The Gathering will be well under way by Monday, before people hit town," Watts promised, speaking of the prehistoric display entitled Rock in the Ice Age. "The street sculptures will go out Monday, and the rest in Kellogg Park will be carved during the week."

Finances have been a problem spot for the festival, which lost nearly \$50,000 over the last several years as sponsorships by Farmer Jack (\$30,000), the city's contribution toward city services (\$16,000) and the Downtown Development Authority (\$4,000) were dropped. However, Watts said they've picked up other sponsorships to help make up some of



the difference. "We've got about \$115,000 in sponsorships," said Watts. "People have stepped up to help this be a really nice event."

"Times are tough, but we're optimistic about the future," he said. "We're in good shape, and building toward the big year, our 25th, in two years."

Watts said Rock Financial helped with an \$8,000 sponsorship, along with giving away a trip to Cancun. Sanden International in

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A6

Schools brace for election

'Bad law' lets confusion reign

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan signed a blank check Friday which is expected to cost the school district tens of thousands of dollars in expenses for its May 3 election

In a meeting with municipal clerks from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Northville Township Friday morning, Ryan gave up all control of the school board election in May, forced upon the district by a new state law which took effect Jan. 1

The mandate calls for elections in four specific months of any calendar year - the fourth Tuesday in February, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November - with the responsibility for conducting the elections in the hands of the municipalities and their clerks. Previously, the school board election was held annually in June and run by the school district

Despite losing control of the election, the district will have to reimburse the municipalities for their work, which is expected to far exceed the district's traditional cost of approximately \$15,000. According to the clerks, Canton Township spends approximately \$78,000 to conduct an election,

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A7



Plymouth Saberettes coach Cheryl Custer (bottom right) is taking several members of her pompon squad to Washington, D.C., for President George W. Bush's inauguration. With her are Alexandra Lmerode, Laura Schulz, Tara Kay, Briana Osorio, Amanda Baldwin and Audrey Freeman. All but Osorio and Freeman are making the trip

Saberettes dance into inaugural

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Eleven Plymouth-Canton high school students will be on a bus to Washington, D.C., Monday night, members of the Mid-American Pompon All Star squad that will represent Michigan in President George W. Bush's inaugural parade Thursday

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Garden group

Starting from seeds will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Plymouth Library Garden Group at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20. Local gardeners share success stories, ask questions and solve gardening problems. No registration is required for this informal, informative gathering.

For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750.

Auto exhibit

Auto enthusiasts who don't want to wait until the Detroit auto show for their fix can get an early start at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The PCAC's January exhibit which went up Tuesday is an exhibition of automotive art titled, "Automotive Impressions." The exhibit runs through Jan. 30.

We planned this show to coincide with the Detroit auto show and hope the interest always generated by that event will enhance ours, said Nancy Pilon, the PCAC's art exhibition coordinator. The artists will present totally different approaches to the depiction of automotive art.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

New Morning open house

New Morning School hosts

an open house at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18. The school is located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

Designer's challenge

Designer's Choice sponsors Designer's Challenge Question Time at its warehouse, Provincetown Center, 15073 Northville Road, from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Art furniture and home accessories will be displayed and available for purchase, with a staff of designers on hand to help with design problems. Participants should bring pictures, fabric and sizes to get design tips.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 454-9222.

Health seminar

Mashike Chiropractic of Plymouth hosts a women's health seminar designed to disclose "What every woman needs to know and your doctor may not tell you about the role your hormones play in your life."

The seminar, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, is designed to help women gain a better understanding about the life cycles women's bodies go through (puberty through post-menopause) and what happens when hormones get out of balance.

This is an open, free seminar and Mashike officials call it a must for all women, especially ages 25-45."

Mashike Chiropractic is located at 851 S. Main in Plymouth. For reservations, call (734) 354-0020. For more information, call Karen Smith of Arbonne International at (734) 459-0265.

Theft prevention

Police departments in Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville Township have partnered with Crime Stoppers to prevent what has become an ongoing problem both for the law enforcement and construction industries: construction site theft.

The agencies are sponsoring a construction site theft prevention seminar, "We Nail Thieves," from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Canton Police Department. Law enforcement officials are strongly urging builders encourage their management-level representatives to attend the seminar.

Participants can RSVP to the Canton police by calling (734) 394-5325.

Newcomers mixer

The Plymouth Newcomers host their second-annual New Member Mixer and Wine Tasting from 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

There will be various wines available to taste. Mark Tanski from Bellavino's will be there to kick off the event with a short talk and discussion on wine and wine tasting.

Anyone is welcome to come and meet some new friends and find out about what the group may have to offer.

Plymouth Newcomers is a group dedicated to helping people in the Plymouth area meet new people and make new friends. Various interest groups are available, including but not limited to women's bowling, men's poker, scrapbooking, dinner club, euchre, gardening and games.

Playgroups for children of various ages are available throughout the year. Newcomers typically hosts one event a month designed to bring together people from all different interest groups.

Any questions can be directed to Colleen Abb, (734) 455-1647, or Cornelia Schafer, (734) 207-8352. Members do not have to be new to Plymouth, nor even live in Plymouth, since the group draws people from all over.

OLGC open house

As a kickoff to National Catholic Schools Week, the folks at Our Lady of Good Counsel have invited area families to join students and staff for a special open house celebration. The open house is set for 11



Art for the family

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents classes for the whole family beginning the week of Jan. 22. Kids can enjoy drawing, painting and multi-media classes. Adults and teens participate in more focused experiences including figure drawing and painting. The family can take a pottery class together on Saturday morning. Group guitar lessons available as well. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs, quiz bowl and art and science areas. Tours of the school and registration information will be available. The open house is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to showcase the wonderful advantages of a catholic education offered at OLG, said principal Kay Reilly. "OLGC truly believes in the theme Faith in Every Student. The education offered to students at OLG is built on the solid fundamentals of math, science, English, religion and we complete it with exceptional art, music and sporting

programs."

For more information, call (734) 453-3053.

Soccer registration

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department takes spring youth soccer registration through the month of January during normal business hours 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Fee for 6-Under through 8-Under divisions is \$60 for city residents, \$85 for non-residents. For 9-Under and older divisions, the fee is \$65 for city residents, \$95 for non-residents.

The recreation department is located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

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In the service of others

Temple helps tsunami victims with prayers, donations

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

In an effort to raise both money and awareness for victims of the earthquake and tsunamis that struck Southeast Asia in late December, the Swaminarayan Temple in Canton held an open house and prayer service on Sunday. The message was "be in the service of others."

Nearly 70 people attended to hear prayers, music and the progress of the relief effort. A message from the temple's spiritual leader, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, was also read. The message stressed working together to help the victims. There was a special prayer for the 150,000 people who died in the catastrophe.

According to Ketan Patel, public relations coordinator for the temple, the response from the members has been overwhelming. Patel said that his "seva," or spiritual task, was to spread the word. To let people know, especially those at the Canton Center Road temple, how to help the victims.

"My initial reaction to the disaster was that the magnitude was incomprehensible," Patel said. "Then I wanted to know how we could help."

He added this is an opportunity to help and we're lucky that we have a network.

The network that Patel is referring to is BAPS Care, a socio-spiritual Hindu organization. According to Patel, BAPS has hundreds of centers all over the world, which makes the coordination of relief efforts much easier. They're also recognized by the United Nations as one of several relief organizations to which money and supplies can be donated.



During Temple Swaminarayan's service for tsunami victims on Sunday, priest Pradip Patel (right) and his son Kirtan Patel, lead the temple in chanting the Kirtan or God's Prayers, to give all souls a place in Heaven.

'I helped a whole bunch of people who need food and clothing.'

Kunal Patel
Discovery Middle School sixth grader

Patel said that on the day of the disaster, BAPS set up kitchens and was feeding thousands of people in India. They have more than 40 centers in India, which allowed them to provide help immediately.

Leaders at the temple, including Patel, recommended that their members donate money to BAPS Care to help the victims of the devastation.

"Money is the best way to donate," Patel said. "With money, BAPS can purchase the necessary supplies overseas instead of buying it over here and then sending it over."

People managed to come up with money for the victims in all manners. Kunal Patel, a sixth-grader at Discovery Middle School, raised \$30 and donated it to the tsunami victims. He shoveled sidewalks and driveways in his neighborhood to raise the money.

"I helped a whole bunch of people who need food and clothing," Kunal Patel said. "I feel really bad for the people who were hit with the water."

The leaders at the temple pointed out that their dona-

tions buy more than just food and clothing. BAPS also provides fresh water, water purification systems, housing and cooking utensils. It's hard to cook meals if there are no pots or pans, they said.

As with many disasters, children have suffered the most, according to Mina Jaura, who is a member of the temple and the chair of the human relations commission in Canton.

"I feel bad for the little ones," Jaura said. "It's very sad."

Jaura is coordinating relief efforts between her temple, the Hindu Temple on Cherry Hill and the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs mosque on Palmer Road.

For members of the

Swaminarayan Temple, prayer is also an important part of the relief effort. Vasant Patel, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., said that the service was excellent and "the way it should be done."

Vasant Patel said that the tsunami was a natural calamity for the entire world and that it's tough for the people who are suffering. He said that he asked himself what he could do to help. His answer was prayer.

"Always pray," he said. "Prayer is all you can do for the dead."

For more information on how to donate to BAPS, go to www.baps.org.

Police look for missing woman

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Goncalves of Plymouth Township visited her son, Michael, in Pontiac last Friday (Jan. 8), then got into her 1999 Mazda 626 and drove off around 8:30 a.m. the next day.

No one has seen her since. Plymouth Township police are baffled by the disappearance of the 58-year-old Goncalves, who disappeared seemingly without a trace.

"We just don't know," Detective Sgt. Dennis Wilson said. "We have absolutely no trace of her."

Goncalves was reported missing to township police Wednesday. They've confirmed she made it to her son's house Friday evening, and she spent the night there. While police have no idea where she went, they don't believe she made it back to her Plymouth Township home.

"She doesn't appear to have made it back to her residence," Wilson said. "There are phone messages that haven't been listened to dating back to Friday." Goncalves' son, Michael, couldn't be reached for comment.

Goncalves stands 5 feet tall and weighs approximately 130 pounds. She has blonde hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with any information about Goncalves can reach Wilson at (734) 354-3241.

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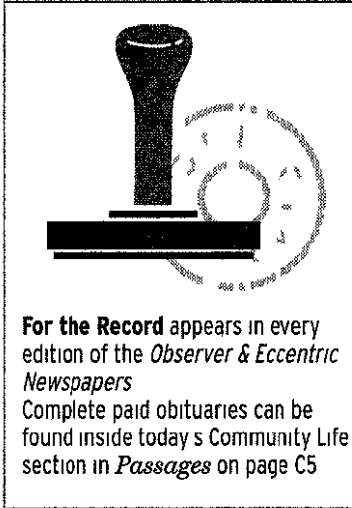
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Harold "Hal" Lawson, of Bloomfield Hills died Jan 10
Frank Lipa of Westland, died Jan 11

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Mary Riley Monroe, 88, of Birmingham died Jan 11

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June W Quigley 82 of West Bloomfield died Jan 13

R
Loella Roehm, 92, formerly of Franklin, died Jan 11
Robert Edward Ross died Jan 8

W
Mike Waldecker, 74, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan 10



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

FIRE RESPONSES

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan 6-12

■ Wednesday, Jan 12 - Special run on Howlans Park, residential rescue runs on Terry, on Northern and on Junction, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident at M-14 and Beck

■ Tuesday Jan 11 - Vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Main, residential rescue runs on Lynn on Woodgate, on N Territorial and on Main, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road

■ Monday, Jan 10 - Residential rescue runs on Micol, on Polk on

Bobwhite Court industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks commercial rescue runs on Concept and on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run on Ross vehicle accident at Sheldon and Penniman

■ Sunday, Jan 9 - Residential rescue runs on Deer Circle Run, on Hartsough, on Karl and on Plymouth, carbon monoxide detector run on Tavistock

■ Saturday, Jan 8 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Sheldon, on Princeton on Meadow Hill and on Carol, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue run on Industrial

■ Friday, Jan 7 - Residential rescue runs on Jackson, on Lakeland, on Colony Farms, on Northville Road and on Greenview, commercial res-

cue runs on 5 Mile, vehicle accident on eastbound M 14 at North Territorial

■ Thursday Jan 6 - Residential rescue runs on Marlowe on Hillcrest, on Sheridan and on Fox Drive North, investigation on Fleet

■ Wednesday, Jan 5 - Downed wires at Joy and Haggerty residential rescue runs on Buckingham Court, on Sheldon and on Sheridan commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Haggerty rescue run to a public building/school on Main, rescue run on Howland Park

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Annual auto show has something for everyone

Cars and trucks have taken center stage at Cobo Hall with opening to the public this weekend of the 2005 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS)

The show is offering a jam-packed weekend of family-friendly entertainment, celebrity appearances and attractions

On the list of fun things to see and do at NAIAS 2005

■ Chevrolet - ZO6 downloadable cell phone features
Visitors with video-enabled cell phones will be able to download custom Corvette ring tones, interviews and other video at Chevrolet's Corvette display area

■ DUB Magazine Exhibit - DUB Magazine will be displaying such customized cars and trucks as the Chicago rapper Twista's 2005 DUB-edition Chrysler 300C, R&B duo Nina Sky's 2005 DUB-edition Chrysler Crossfire roadster and Pepsi, Co's 2005 DUB-edition Dodge Magnum, all in the Michigan Hall

■ Personal appearances by Lindsey Hunter of the Detroit Pistons and his 2003 Hummer H2, featuring 28-inch wheels, and Maurice Taylor of the Houston Rockets and his 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

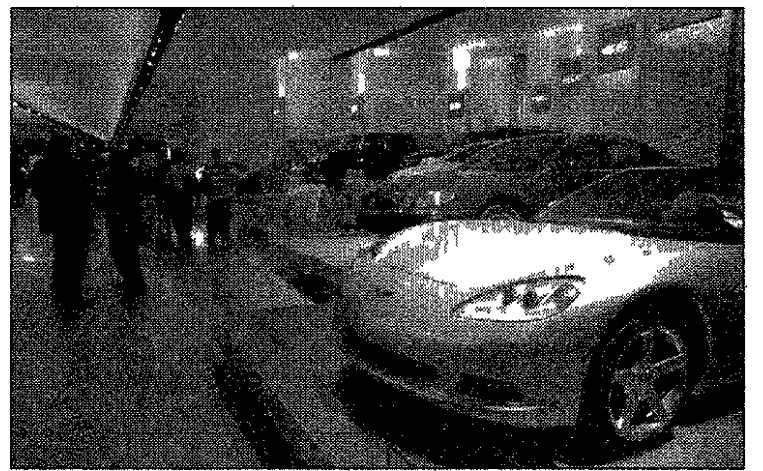
■ Ford's SYN(US) Concept Car, featuring a 45-inch flat screen monitor imbedded in rear tailgate
Visitors can watch the monitor in the back seat, which turns 180 degrees to face the screen

■ Orange County Choppers customized Mark LT Chopper built by the cast of Discovery Channel's *American Chopper* on display at the Lincoln exhibit

■ Mazda's Grand Turismo-4 driving simulator, an interactive video game featuring choice of cars, including the Mazda Crossport and a choice of virtual cities in which to race

■ Mercury's reconfigurable dashboard display featuring a kiosk where visitors can reconfigure and personalize the dashboard of Mercury vehicles
Dashboard features include a navigation system, MP3 player and push-button transmission

■ Lane Departure Warning safety feature simulator where visitors are able to experience the Lane Departure Warning safety feature, which sends



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The North American International Auto Show opened Saturday at Cobo Hall

vibrations through the driver's seat when the car drifts out of its lane

■ Interactive driving simulator that forces the "driver" to avoid obstacles, then offers an evaluation of the driver's performance

■ Manual-transmission simulator allowing the "driver" to shift virtual gears

■ Mini photo booth that allows visitors to pose inside a Mini, select the colors, background and passenger and take a customized photo

■ Subaru's Grand Turismo-3 interactive racing video game with a hydraulic chair that simulates the movements of a virtual race car

■ Volkswagen's VW's SchnellDriver Similar to a game show, visitors will be asked questions and given prizes for correct answers

■ Volvo's V70 environmental display Modeled after a car in which every window is a video monitor, the display explains, both with audio and video, the benefits of low emissions, recycled interior material and other environmentally friendly features

Live entertainment in Cobo Arena today features Dal Bouey 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Matthew McNabb 5-10 p.m.

The public days for the NAIAS are now through Saturday, Jan 22. Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan 23

Ticket cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens age 65 and older (tickets must be purchased on-site), children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a parent and do not require a ticket

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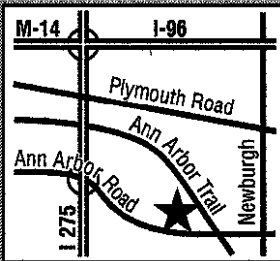
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Sibling lives on with donation of organs

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

More than a year later, and a pained look still crosses the face of Russell Schmitt when he talks about his brother Kurt who passed away on Dec. 7, 2003, after a short illness.

But as much as he misses his brother, Schmitt knows that he lives on in the form of soft tissue and corneal donations that were made following his death. "I've had second thoughts, but I know Kurt would have liked it," Schmitt said. "I think he would be happy because he was a very giving person. Kurt is helping other people, and that's what he liked to do."

Schmitt had decided to donate his brother's soft tissue, including the large arm and leg bones, and corneas to Gift of Life Michigan for transplantation. He had second thoughts almost as soon as he said yes about how his brother would look.

"He looked as good as he did alive," Schmitt said. "I had to be careful how I hugged him and when I held his hand so I didn't move his arm out of place."

Founded in 1971, Gift of Life Michigan acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. Working in collaboration with the Michigan Eye-Bank, it provides all services necessary for organ, tissue and eye donation.

As of Dec. 1, 2,839 people were waiting for an organ transplant (kidney, heart, lung, liver or pancreas), 568 had received transplants and 133 had died while waiting for one in 2004.

On the flipside, 812,677 individuals are registered on the Gift of Life Donor Registry. Schmitt is one of those on the registry.

He made the decision in 1977 following an accident. He had talked to his brother about organ donation many times, but Kurt, who had Down Syndrome, would always respond that he wasn't going to die.

We'd talk about donating his organs, if he died, but all Kurt would say was 'not me,' Schmitt said. "I'd say something like 'when you die and go to heaven and he'd say 'not me, not me Russell'."

Kurt was 47 and died just four days after becoming ill with what was thought to be a cold. He decided to go to the hospital when he began experiencing difficulty breathing, but collapsed in the van he was riding in as it was pulling away from the home he lived in on Geronimo in Westland.

Schmitt, who lived across the street from his brother, had left in advance of Kurt and was waiting at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. The aide that was with Kurt got the help of neighbors and summoned Fire Rescue. He was taken to Garden City Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Apparently, a virus had

attacked Kurt's heart.

"I was at Annapolis waiting and waiting," said Schmitt. "I called and couldn't get an answer. Finally, the hospital told me he had been transported to Garden City. I regret I wasn't there. If I'd known he was close to death, I would have stayed with him, but he didn't seem that bad."

Schmitt was very close to Kurt. They had lived together for several years until 2000 when Schmitt took ill and couldn't care for his brother. Kurt ended up moving across

the street where he at first had one roommate and then eventually two.

Kurt had retired from the Harold Coil Workshop in Wayne in 2000 after 15-16 years. But he didn't stay retired for long. He got a job at the Paragon Workshop Downriver, retiring from there less than two months before he died.

He also was a Special Olympian and won numerous gold and silver medals. He spent most of his adult life in competition. He snowshoed, swam, did some running and

played poly hockey (floor hockey with a plastic puck). The last 10 years of his life he competed in ice skating.

"He was a very gifted person, Schmitt. He always seemed to make friends. We'd go to a restaurant and he'd know more people than I did simply because of his nature."

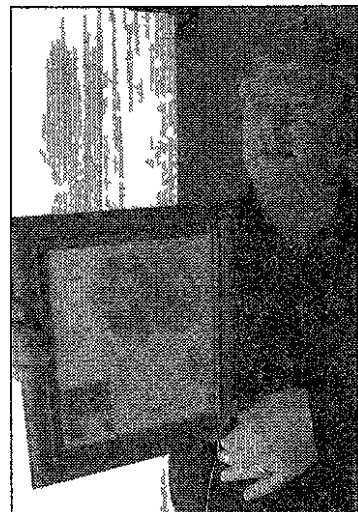
Things were turning around for Schmitt, and the brothers were making plans to live together once again when Kurt died. They had been on many vacations together, including trips through the Upper

Peninsula and Canada, Kentucky, New York and Pennsylvania.

"It's very difficult, he was my best friend," Schmitt said. "I think he would have said 'do this.' For him to understand the concept, I don't think he could, but he would want people to give."

People interested in becoming organ, tissue and eye donors can sign the Gift of Life Donor Registry at <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>.

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Russell Schmitt holds a photograph taken of himself with his brother Kurt who died on Dec. 7, 2003.

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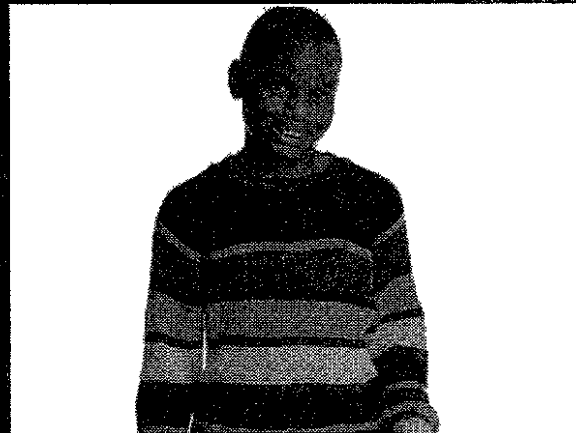
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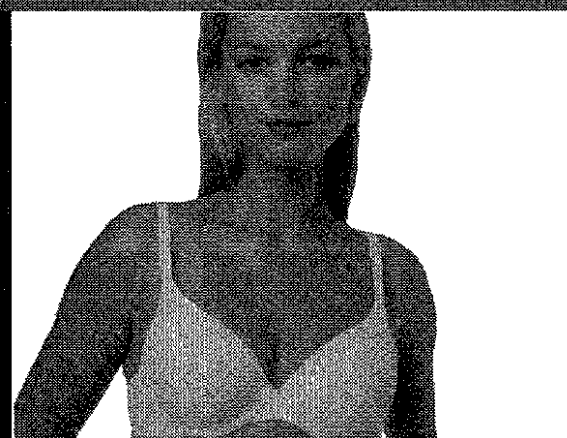


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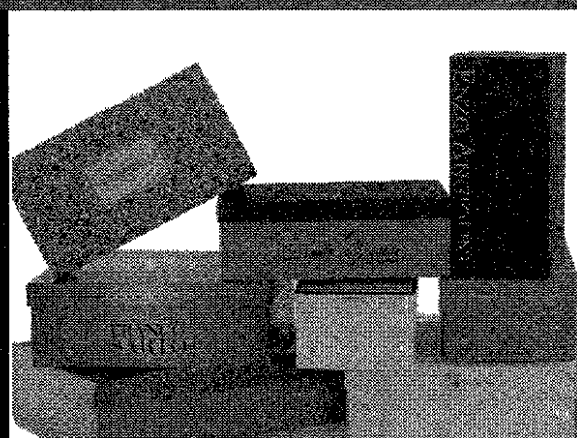


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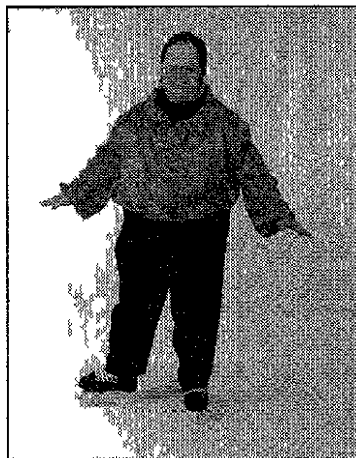
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Kurt Schmitt posed in costume for a photograph taken during one of his many ice skating competitions.

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WASHBURN

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Orchestra She's also been instrumental in bringing composers in for the symphony's concerts and establishing Orchestra Canton, now in residence at the Cherry Hill Village theater

She's also been instrumental in perfecting the artistic abilities of the orchestra

"The artistic strength of the symphony and Orchestra Canton are sources of pride, Washburn said "We've made huge strides"

Washburn, who shuttled between Plymouth and her gig as the conductor for the symphony in West Hollywood, Calif., will be doing a lot less commuting now She had a lot of success out there - she earned a Women in Leadership award from the city of West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board and the Women's Foundation of California honored her as one of its seven Outstanding Local Heroes for her work with the Women's Philharmonic

But her deal with Plymouth



Plymouth Symphony music director Nan Washburn who just signed a new contract to stay with the symphony, is a multiple-award winning conductor

will have her dropping to "very part-time status" in California and had her house-hunting earlier this week in Plymouth

That was music to the ears of symphony officials, who are planning the symphony's 60th anniversary for later this year

"We have a very strong orchestra, and Nan is an important part of that," said

Linda Alvarado, president of the Plymouth Symphony Society. "Unless you have a dedicated core of people who see the value, you can't do the things we've been able to do"

The winner of a number of awards, Washburn received a bachelor of music with highest honors from the University of California and her master's degree in performance from New England Conservatory of Music She is a professional flutist, who began studying conducting in 1984 She continued her studies with Harold Farberman at the Conductors' Institute in Bard and the Aspen Music Festival Just this past summer, Washburn served on the faculty at the Conductors' Institute at Bard College in New York

Washburn is the winner of 15 awards from the American Symphony Orchestra League for adventuresome programming and the 1992 Distinguished Service Award from the New York Women Composers and the 1998 Sonoma County Independent Indy Award

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Spectators will see professional ice-carving demonstrations as well as student/amateur competitions during the week-long Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which opens Monday

FESTIVAL

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Plymouth Township added \$7,000, Amp Agency \$6,000, with Don Massey, Standard Federal and National City banks adding \$5,000

This year's bottom line will still be down from last year's \$150,000 budget, and far off from the early years when the budget topped \$200,000

Annette Horn, owner of Native West on Ann Arbor Trail, is hopeful this year's crowds will pick up

"Last year, I could see the numbers were down," said Horn, "but, we still had decent crowds The number of people who come in the store were still more than double any given day"

Horn pays several hundred dollars to display a street sculpture in front of her business in hopes of attracting people to her establishment But, Horn would like to see some additions to the carvings, such as an interactive display for visitors And, she'd like to see downtown retailers get more involved

"We might consider pulling



The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which opens Monday, traditionally draws fans of all ages with its wide variety of ice sculpture shapes and sizes

off something to get people in the stores," said Horn "It's an opportunity to improve the Ice Fest"

A professional ice-carving team from Japan arrived in Plymouth Thursday World champion ice carvers Ted Wakar of Canton Township and Tajana Raukar of Plymouth will also display

their skills There will also be exhibitions and competitions among culinary arts students from Schoolcraft, Washtenaw, Henry Ford, Macomb and Oakland community colleges, as well as from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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Wysocki will seek re-election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As a result of the change in state law moving elections to four specific months throughout the year, Plymouth-Canton Schools will hold its annual school board election May 3, one month earlier than previous elections.

The change also means candidates for the one open four-year seat on the Board of Education must turn in nominating petitions, with a minimum of 40 signatures, by Feb. 8. Candidates can choose to pay a \$100 filing fee, instead in either case, the filing must be in by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The new state law also dictates the municipalities of the school district conduct the election. Of the six communities involved in the



Wysocki

Plymouth-Canton election, Plymouth Township has taken on the responsibility of collecting the petitions and filing fees.

All candidates for the school board must take petitions and filing fees to the Plymouth Township clerk's office, located at the corner of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

Plymouth-Canton Schools elections clerk Elizabeth Adams has nominating petitions and a packet for candidates at the Board of Education office, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth. However, petitions can be picked up at any of the clerk's offices.

Incumbent Tom Wysocki,

who is completing his first four-year term on the board, said he will seek re-election.

I really enjoy the work on the school board, it's something you can give back to the community," said Wysocki, who lives in Plymouth. "There are a lot of challenging times coming up for us, and exciting times. The whole funding issue will come to a head pretty soon, and this is a good time to be involved."

Wysocki said other issues for the coming year will include contract negotiations with several unions, including a wage reopener for the 1,000-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

Questions concerning the school board election can be directed to Adams at (734) 416-3095.

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ELECTION

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Plymouth Township \$35,000, Northville Township \$30,000, and the city of Plymouth \$15,000.

"This is a horrible law, said Ryan. "The more I learn about it, the more it shows me nobody thought this through, especially for districts that have multiple municipalities."

"It's obvious this will cost us three to four times more than it would cost us to put on an election," he said. "It's bad law, and we're going to give away money that we could be using to educate kids."

In the case of Plymouth-Canton Schools, there are six governmental units - including Salem and Superior townships - that have to agree to conduct all aspects of the election. If they all don't agree, Wayne County elections officials - who have ultimate control of the elections - would take control, but would most likely force the clerks to do it, anyway.

Canton Township officials are concerned about possible conflicts in the newly written law which they believe could result

in another state program without financial reimbursement.

"If we don't get 100-percent reimbursement, then we will do the minimum," Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett told Ryan. "If we can do the work during business hours, and then work the overtime for the extra we need to do, then I think I can lessen the number I will have to bill (the school district) for wages."

Linda Langmesser, Plymouth clerk, said money also dictates the city's participation.

"We really don't have the financial ability to be running extra elections," Langmesser said. "It's not only the money aspect, but it's manpower. We've downsized the number of employees we have, and it would be very difficult to be constantly doing elections."

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said it should be the states responsibility to reimburse communities for conducting the elections.

If it's being mandated, it needs to be taken care of financially," she said. "The residents are paying twice for school elections and it will be a tremendous burden on the school district because they

will pay a whole lot more than they have in the past."

The new law also means municipal clerks, who generally conduct elections every other year, will now have to conduct at least one election annually. That, combined with every-other-year primaries and general elections, could mean three or more elections in a single year.

This is a bad law, said Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township clerk. "The state should have said the next two years the school districts will have to run their elections according to Michigan Election Law. Then, if it didn't work have this law."

I'm not in favor of this law," she said. "I was shocked it passed."

The clerks are in agreement the law has one good aspect. It forces the school district elections to be held at the same polling places as the municipal elections. Voters, from now on, will only have to remember one place to vote.

Clerks are in the process of ordering new voter registration cards which will tell residents where their polling place will be.

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INAUGURAL

FROM PAGE A1

"I'm pretty excited," said Alexandria Lnerode, a junior from Plymouth Township who is on the Plymouth High School Saberettes pompon squad. "We knew there would be a possibility of us going, but we didn't know until mid-December. I was really excited and told everyone I knew. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Lnerode and three other members of the Saberettes squad, as well as seven girls from the Canton Chiefettes, are members of the 168-member invitation squad, made up of high school pompon girls and dancers from over 40 high schools across the state.

The All Star team has performed at various activities, including Detroit Pistons games and the Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit. This will be the fourth consecutive inaugural parade for the squad.

I've been waiting the past three years to do this," said Elise Simpson of Canton, who is a Canton High School Chiefette. "Everyone said how fun an experience this is, and that's what kept me staying on the team."

I've had others tell me about the stories from the trip," she said. "It's one of the things that happened in high school they remembered the most."

Simpson has been with the All Stars for three years, which is considered a major accomplishment.

"The girls attend summer camps and learn the pompon routine the first day," said Karen Blazatis, president of Mid American Pompons in Farmington Hills. "The next morning they have to audition. If they are accepted to the squad they're pretty good. If they've been a member for three years, then they are really good."

Last summer, Mid American had 850 girls attend summer tryouts, being judged on a number of factors, including appearance, showmanship, knowledge of dance and how well they can kick.

"One requirement is they have to kick with both legs over their heads," said Blazatis. "It's not an easy thing to do. You have to be extremely flexible."

Lnerode has been dancing since she was two-years-old.

"Being on the pompon squad at Plymouth High School lets me be involved with my school," she said, "and you get to know 20 other girls and become good friends with them."

With pompon team members from all across the state, the Mid American team gets very little time to practice together before events. The squad will meet for rehearsal at Churchill High School in Livonia Monday afternoon, only a few hours before taking off in buses for the nation's Capitol. Team members are expected to know their portion of the routine after studying a video at home.

"On the tape they have instructions and show you exactly what to do," said

Lnerode. "I get together with other girls from the Saberettes who are on the team and we practice. It seems like a lot of pressure, but it's not. We always do fine."

The squad will get some additional practice in during the week. "The team will practice twice on Tuesday and Wednesday in Washington, D.C., and report to the Pentagon Thursday to do staging and get in position to perform," said Blazatis.

Blazatis said the Mid American squad will get in a few extra-curricular activities during their four-day stay in Washington. They'll meet with Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, on the steps of the Capitol, visit the Smithsonian and attend a youth concert, which Lnerode said will include singer Hillary Duff.

Each girl is required to pay \$500 to participate in the inaugural parade.

"During Christmas break, I worked as much as I could to earn the money," Simpson said. "This is the chance of a lifetime."

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Kiwanis Club sponsors sweat suit drive

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth-Canton is once again sponsoring its annual Sweat Suit Drive to support First Step, the western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

"We are pleased to once again sponsor this important program," said Dennis Heminger, chairman of the seventh annual First Step Sweat Suit Drive. "Police will often confiscate clothing for use as evidence. This forces the victim to be discharged in nothing

more than a hospital gown. The staff of First Step keep the sweat suits we collect in their cars, ready to give to victims when needed, filling an important physical and emotional need.

Donations of new sweat suits will be accepted through the end of January. All sizes and colors including children's sizes, are needed, since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

Since First Step services the entire western Wayne County

area, we are looking for support from the entire community," Heminger said.

Drop boxes have been set up throughout the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition, the Kiwanis Club will accept cash donations in any amount, which will be used to purchase sweat suits. Checks can be sent to the Kiwanis Club at P O Box 6363, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The following Plymouth locations have drop boxes:

- Herriman & Associates,

- 41486 Wilcox Road
- Papa Romano's, 555 W Ann Arbor Road
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Girl Scouts shift gears to jump start donation program

Anyone who thought vehicle donation programs would run out of gas after Congress included a provision in a corporate tax bill limiting donor tax deductions should think again, according to Gail Scott, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

The new legislation limits the tax deduction donors can claim to the actual price the charity receives for the vehicle and not the fair market value. The legislation will also increase the amount of documentation charities are required to process and record and the foundation says it will increase by several weeks the turnaround time between the vehicle pick up and the mailing of a donor receipt because of the new requirement to track vehicles until they are resold.

The car program is anything but dead, said Scott. Despite the new rules, this gift-in-kind program remains a

viable option for individual and corporate donors who wish to support Girl Scouts. Over the last four years, the car program has helped raise more than \$50,000 to support programs for girls and we are moving forward even with the new regulations in place.

Scott believes those who donate aren't primarily motivated by the tax deduction. Recent surveys, she said, indicate the number one reason for donating is "because it is a simple, fast and free method of disposing of unwanted cars while helping a good cause. Getting a tax deduction was the number two reason for

donating."

In fact, Scott pointed out, only 30 percent of Americans itemize on their tax returns and those who do not itemize cannot claim the tax deduction for a car donation.

To donate your car, truck or boat to benefit Girl Scouts call (800) 936-3734 for further information and to arrange a free pickup of your vehicle.

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Cherry Hill art fair seeking artists

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Cherry Hill Village at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton.

The Cherry Hill Invitational, which is a juried show, has an opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists. Submittals will be accepted in the final categories: clay, oils/acrylics, glass, photography, drawings, jewelry, etching, mixed media, graphics, ceramics, watercolor, wood, sculpture and textiles. An application fee

of \$150 will be charged and awards will be presented.

Booth spaces will be assigned Friday setup will be permitted and artists will find easy site access. Artists will also enjoy parking close to the site. Security will be provided on both nights of the event.

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Battle for auto supremacy will test Big Three's mettle

For automotive buffs and car maniacs across Michigan, this week is what amounts to the Motor City's Mardi Gras — the North American International Auto Show. For the next week, thousands will brave traffic jams and unpredictable January weather to sneak a peek at the new cars.



Jack Lessenberry

They hold this show in Detroit, because that is where the modern motor industry was born. It is hard now to imagine how completely Detroit dominated the auto business a few decades ago. But back in the late 1940s, more than half of all the cars built in the world were assembled within the borders of the city. Those were the days when Ford was offered Volkswagen for nothing — and turned up its nose, who would ever want to buy a car like that? Nobody worried about imports, styling was everything and obsolescence was planned. Now, it is a different world. Each of the 'Big Three' has suffered shakeout and trauma in little more than a decade. General Motors crashed in the early 1990s, and had to be rescued by a toothpaste salesman. Chrysler is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of a German firm. Ford is losing money and market share, and many fear it will eventually cease to be a full-service automaker. Last weekend, as crews worked overtime to set up the auto show exhibits in Cobo Hall, Detroit's convention center, a panel of experts a block away held a little-noticed conference for the nation's news media on the auto industry's future. Their conclusions might best be summarized in the title David Cole gave to his presentation: 'The Auto Future: It's the Law

of the Jungle.' Indeed, all agreed that for some automakers, especially those who are insufficiently smart or insufficiently flexible, the future will likely be nasty, brutish and short.

The old business model is broken, said Cole, a former University of Michigan professor who chairs the highly regarded Center for Automotive Research (CAR) in Ann Arbor. The world industry is highly unstable, not anywhere close to its final form, he noted, and Detroit's old solution of attempting to solve its problems just by boosting sales doesn't work anymore.

Sean McAlinden, CAR's chief economist and a man with a puckish wit, laid it on the line. The auto business is the world's biggest industry and likely to stay that way. But while Detroit isn't exactly going out of business, the trend lines are slowly sloping in one direction: down. Employment in vehicle and parts manufacturing has fallen dramatically in the last five years, especially in Michigan and Ohio, which have each lost more than 20 percent of these jobs. And, for the most part, they are never coming back.

"Profit margins are low, and will stay that way in developed markets," he said. "Firms are going to compete by cutting capital spending," but this is likely to lead to a shakeout in the industry, and some casualties.

"Nobody can make money unless they utilize at least 90 percent of their manufacturing capacity," he said. American manufacturers face two big problems.

Demand is likely to remain low for the next several years, in part because auto sales didn't decline that much during the last recession.

What is even more of a handicap is that most experts agree it costs domestic manufacturers an estimated \$2,000-\$2,500 more to make a vehicle in this country than it does in many overseas markets.

There is no great mystery why Auto production workers in the United States average \$31.67 an hour (Germans make even more). Those in Mexico make \$5.12, auto workers in China, 90 cents.

Add to that the problem of "legacy costs" — there are more than twice as many General Motors retirees on pensions as active workers — and the scope of the problem becomes even greater.

Yet not all is doom and gloom. Michael Robinet, vice president of Global Forecast Services in Farmington Hills, has spent a career forecasting trends in the auto industry. He thinks better days may be coming for Detroit. For one thing, many of the "legacy costs" will greatly diminish as nature takes its course, and the new U.S. work force is leaner, meaner and a whole lot younger.

And he was fairly optimistic about the long term. "What is more important is the stability of the growth," he said. In the near term, he sees steel and oil prices peaking or declining — good news for the car business — and world vehicle sales rising from 57 million in 2003 to nearly 70 million by decade's end.

North America's share of that market is becoming "a smaller piece of the global pie." But domestic manufacturers can take heart from one development. Thanks to what he called "Generations Y and Z" new consumers will swell the market by 104.7 million new drivers by 2020.

What nobody knows yet is whose cars they will be driving, although some of them will probably be Chinese. About all that seems certain is when it comes to worldwide competition for the car market, we've barely seen anything yet.

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The fight against racism goes beyond boundaries

Greg Kowalski's column "New Detroit needs to get real on addressing racism" was a perfect example of the obstacles we face in south-east Michigan as we work to confront in a constructive manner the issue of race.

The column was prompted by New Detroit board Chair John Rakolta Jr's presentation to the Birmingham Bloomfield Race Relations and Diversity Task Force. In his presentation, Mr. Rakolta discussed his experiences hosting a series of dinners at his Bloomfield Hills



Shirley Stancato

home to discuss racial issues and improve communication among New Detroit board members. The writer found it "outrageous" that the discussion was taking place in Bloomfield Hills, asserting, "Meaningful bridges have to be built, but they are not going to be built in Bloomfield Hills."

His assumption seems to be that race relations is a 'Detroit' issue. But race is not a 'Detroit' issue. It is a human issue that is just as important to Bloomfield Hills or Birmingham or any other suburban community as it is to Detroit. If this region is going to make progress on resolving the very real problems that revolve around race, it must start with that realization.

The importance of the dinners and discussions hosted by Mr. Rakolta is not their geographic location, but their content. These dinners have provided a forum — a safe forum — for people of goodwill from widely diverse backgrounds and experiences to let down their guard and start to grapple with this issue that is so problematic for our region.

Make no mistake, this is tough stuff to deal with. That is true even when the people at the table are committed to the discussion and seeking to achieve some common ground.

Race is an emotionally charged issue to which we each bring our own unique perspective, shaped by our own background and life experience.

In his landmark book, *Democracy in America*, Alexis DeTocqueville observed

People want to make progress in resolving the dilemma of race in America in 2005. But often they don't know how to start that process.

In 1831 that in the United States, "whites and emancipated Negroes face each other like two foreign people on the same soil." While the phrase "emancipated Negroes" belongs back in 1831, the description of race relations is all too accurate in 2005. What the Rakolta dinners have provided is a structured environment where people of goodwill can start to explore their own attitudes and assumptions in the presence of other people who do not look like them and have different attitudes and assumptions. In the process, we all have learned a great deal, both about ourselves and about others.

That is why the race relations panel at last year's Detroit Regional Chamber Mackinac Conference was the highlight of the conference. It's why that panel provided the basis for a highly watched special on WDIV-TV.

People want to make progress in resolving the dilemma of race in America in 2005. But often they don't know how to start that process.

The dinners have provided a place and a structured environment to make a start. They have been equally beneficial for people from Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Dearborn, Livonia and the rest of this region.

Our discussions are about race. They aren't about Detroit or Bloomfield Hills or Warren or Dearborn. They are about race and the very major impact it has had and continues to have on our progress, or lack of progress, as a region.

If bridges are going to be built, they must be built in Bloomfield Hills, in Detroit and everywhere throughout this region, this state and this nation. If we are going to get hung up on where that building begins, it will never start.

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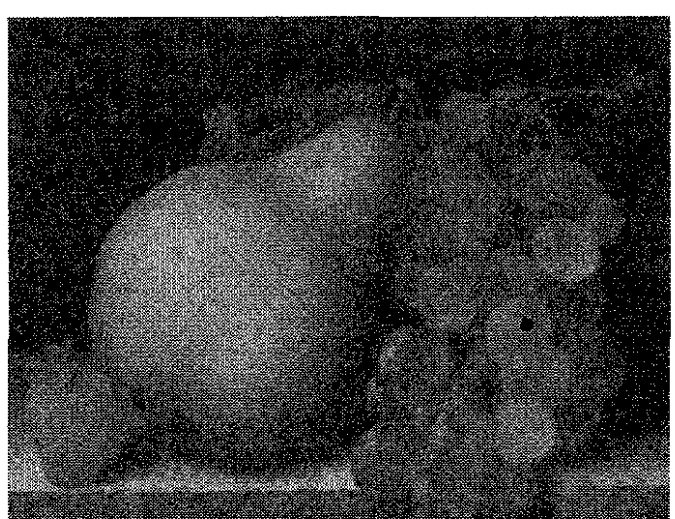
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Detroit one of 5 cities where Iraq citizens can vote in U.S.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With Iraq's first open elections in history just a few weeks away, activists and political experts don't see much hope of the outcome being a peaceful, western democracy in the cradle of civilization.

Voters in Iraq and five cities in the United States will cast ballots to decide the future leadership of that desert country. In the U.S., qualified voters can vote in Detroit, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Nashville.

The site for the out-of-country vote in Wayne County will be set up at 15800 Northline in Southgate, near I-75 and Northline Road, based on a request from United States International Organization for Migration.

Iraq voters can vote for the National Assembly if:

- They have current or had in the past, Iraqi citizenship or were born in Iraq, or have a father who is Iraqi.

- They were at least 18 years-old by Dec. 31, 2004.

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Qualified voters need to bring all official documents when they come to register Jan. 17-23.

After Iraqis have registered they will be able to vote Jan. 28-30.

Head of the Detroit field office of the Out of Country Voting Program, John Gattorn set up his office in Detroit this week and has had Internet access for almost that long. He arrived Dec. 22, set up an office in Dearborn and hired a staff. In the coming days, he said he's going to be printing fliers and hitting Iraqi media outlets in preparation for the upcoming vote in Iraq.

He said the election is going to be hot.

The response has been overwhelming, Gattorn said. The timeline makes it really challenging. We still don't

know how many people are going to show.

Martin Manna, president of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce, said his whole family is very excited about the upcoming election. That said, he's also skeptical of how the election is coming together.

They don't have their act together, he said. This election is incredibly important to Chaldeans, they're a minority in Iraq, but I don't think the election is going to get the numbers they're expecting.

Oakland University Assistant Professor of Political Science Paul Kubicek said the chances of a legitimate election in Iraq are very poor.

Violence could disrupt the polling, that's a serious concern, he said. "Also, leaders in the Sunni (Muslim) community have called for a boycott of the election. That's 20 percent of the population who are unlikely to vote."

The third problem facing the election is that there are no international observers on the ground in Iraq. There hasn't ever been an election in that country and coupled with the fact there will be no one to watch it happen, the chances of the international community endorsing the outcome is very slim.

Some people have said the vote needs to be postponed in order to shore up some of these problems. That, according to the professor, is a real Hobson's Choice.

If you push back the election the security situation might improve and more Sunnis might participate," Kubicek said. But it's also likely that the insurgents might be emboldened by any postponement and the security situation might deteriorate.

The Jan. 30 deadline for the elections, he said, was a completely arbitrary one. He said there is no constitutional requirement for any date and this one was chosen half out of hope that things would have calmed down by then and half

out of concern they would influence the U.S. presidential race if they had not.

The Bush administration has stood firmly on the date and have said there is no plan to postpone. Kubicek said that could change if the right people ask for a new date.

"If a substantial number of Iraqis push for a new date, it might change, he said. "If enough did ask, that would give the Bush administration the cover they need to change the date."

But not everyone agrees changing the date of the vote will change Iraq's prospects. Immigration Attorney Ashley Mammow, a member of the Chaldean Democratic Caucus, said worrying about the date of the election is like arranging deck chairs on the Titanic. It's a total farce, Mammow said. "I don't know how you can have an election in a militarily controlled state with an unelected government. There are people on the ballot, but they weren't placed there by Iraqis."

With the country in a state of chaos and insurgent attacks on U.S. forces and civilians on the rise, she said the election was an empty exercise — a ceremonial gesture so someone can say "we have democracy."

Of course, she said, all of this goes on under the auspices of a U.S. controlled military force, something that isn't endearing anyone to the process.

"The Iraqi people don't want us there, Mammow said.

They don't want to be under our occupation for the next two decades.

Imam Husham Al-Husany of the Karbala Islamic Center in Detroit says the upcoming election in Iraq is important. He is working to get people registered to vote and educating them on the issues and candidates around an election he was "very eager" to take part in.

That said, he thinks the

election is a scam. "This is a political scandal," Al-Husany said. "The government in Iraq does not want a real election because they know no one will vote for them. In my analysis, they were told to hold an election but they are indirectly killing it."

He said the International Organization for Migration, the body that is coordinating the out of country voting

process, isn't helping either. With only five voting areas for the entire United States, he said tens of thousands will be denied a chance to cast a ballot.

"There are 5,000 Iraqis living in the Seattle area of Washington," he said. "They would have to drive 20 hours to make it to L.A. to vote. It's impossible for them to make it."

He says the whole situation

reminds him of Saddam Hussein's rule. Democratic reform has to happen in Iraq, he said, and the Jan. 30 elections are the foundation of that reform. If the foundation isn't built correctly the whole experiment will fail.

"The election is not being held in a democratic way, and that will give ammunition to the terrorists," Al-Husany said. "Let's have a real election, not a cosmetic election."

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Canton Little League set for 2nd season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Picture this: A team made up of 11- and 12-year-old baseball players from Canton and Plymouth are being introduced on ESPN minutes before they take the field to play a team from Japan in the internationally renowned Little League World Series.

While the odds are long, the above scenario is possible thanks to the formation last year of the Canton Little League, which is a separate entity from the local recreation leagues in the area.

Qualifying a team to play in the popular Little League World Series would be nice, but it's not at the top of the list of primary objectives for the association, said Ray Waack, the CLL's president.

"Our number one priority is to teach the game of baseball so that the kids who participate are prepared to play at the next level," said Waack. "This is a teaching league. All of our managers and coaches attend clinics so that they are prepared to teach correct fundamental baseball skills to the players."

The CLL enjoyed an extremely successful inaugural season in 2004 — despite the headaches and bumps in the road that usually accompany anything that's new, Waack said.

"The first year was a learning experience, which is the case with anything in its first year," Waack said. "At times, it took our breath away. But by the end of the season, we had accomplished everything we had set out to do. Overall, it was an excellent first season."

Approximately 120 youngsters

between the ages of 7 and 16 years old participated in the CLL last season. That number will likely expand in 2005, Waack predicted.

"We're expecting double the number of kids that we had last year," he said.

The CLL is divided into four leagues: the Minor League, for kids between the ages of 7 and 10, the Major League (11- and 12-year-olds), the Junior League (13- and 14-year-olds), and the Senior League, which consists of 15- and 16-year-old players.

"Every year we are going to try to adopt a new league to add to our existing leagues," Waack said. "Our goal is to eventually add a T-Ball league for the little kids and a Big League, which is for 17- and 18-year-olds."

The CLL formed a playing agreement with the Belleville Little League that

allowed teams from both organizations to play more games against different competition.

"Every team in our league will play anywhere from 18 to 22 games, and the games will be against teams from within our league and from Belleville," Waack said. "It worked out really well last season. The Belleville Little League has been around for over 40 years, so it's a good league to team up with."

The national association — Little League Baseball — is made up of "thousands of teams," Waack said. In Michigan alone there are 16 districts that include at least eight affiliates each.

Following the regular season, teams of all-stars are selected from each local

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Sidelines

Soccer sign-up

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registrations Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the entire month of January at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

The fee for 6-and-under through 8-and-under divisions is \$60 for Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For 9-and-under and older divisions, the fee is \$65 for Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit the department's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Ocelot ladies win

The high-scoring Schoolcraft College women's basketball team showed no mercy against Kirtland.

Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree scored 22 points as Schoolcraft easily defeated visiting Kirtland Community College, 90-56.

With the victory the Lady Ocelots improved to 12-3 overall and 3-0 in the MCCA.

Tallying 20 points and 12 rebounds was Char Greer while Amantha Combs chipped in with 17 points.

Wrestling tickets

High school wrestling fans are now able to order tickets for the always exciting state championship tournament set for March 10-12 at The Palace.

Advance reserved tickets are available at The Palace Box Office for a discounted all-tournament package that includes admission to all five event sessions. Advance all-tournament tickets are \$40 each and there is no seat limit.

Orders must be post-marked no later than Jan. 28 to qualify for the advance reserved seat discount. Group general admission seating also is available and sales orders must be post-marked no later than Feb. 25 to qualify for that discount.

Order forms may be located on the wrestling page of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Web site at www.mhsaa.com.

General reserved seat ticket sales begin Feb. 15.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 9, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches, a T-shirt, snack and drink.

The fee for the clinic, which is for players ages 7-15, is \$25. To reserve a place in either session or for further information, contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Red hot

Canton icers trip up Plymouth for 3rd straight win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The chances of Canton's hockey team taking cross-campus upstart Plymouth too lightly Wednesday night were severely diminished last week when the Wildcats upended fellow P-CEP neighbor Salem, 4-3.

"That score definitely woke us up," admitted Canton coach Mike Behen. "It proved that Plymouth has a good hockey team and that we had better not come into this game over confident."

The Chiefs skated like they were wide-awake, knocking off upset-minded Plymouth, 5-2, to improve their record to 7-3-1 overall and 5-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

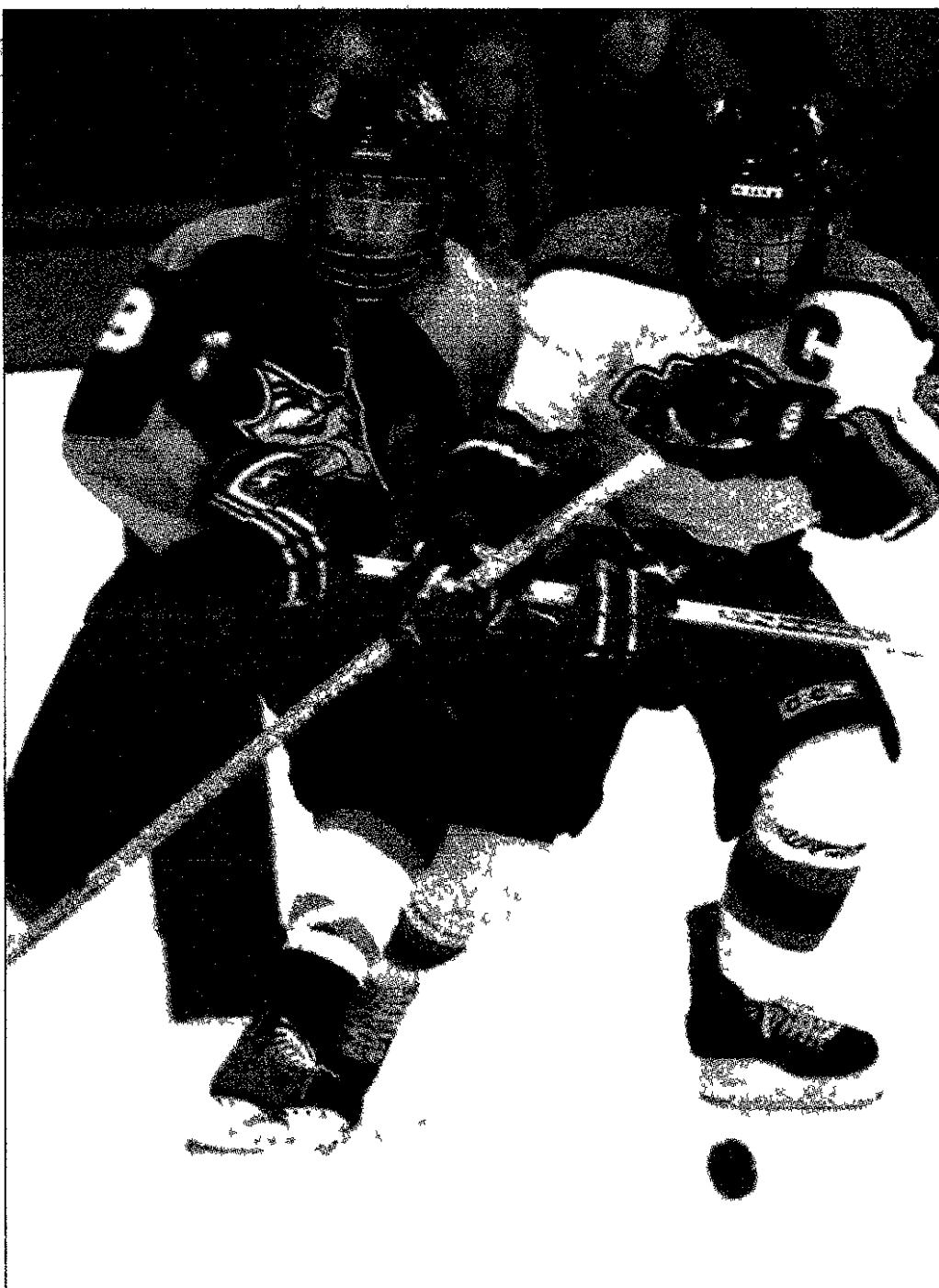
Canton is just one win away from matching last year's victory total when the Chiefs finished 8-14-2.

The setback left the Wildcats' record at 4-7 (1-4 in the WLAA). "This team is really coming together," Behen said. "The thing I'm most proud of is the amount of improvement a lot of our players have shown over the course of the season. This team is very self-motivated. They all want to get better, and it shows."

"Before the season, we set a goal of scoring 100 goals this year. We only had 84 last year, so I thought that was a reasonable goal. Well, we've already scored 64 and we're not yet half-way through our schedule."

Plymouth coach Mike Kaput said he had no complaints with

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Plymouth's Michael Barile (left) and Canton's Pat Davison jostle for the puck during the first period of Wednesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association game at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. The Chiefs won, 5-2.

1st-place Whalers fall, 5-2

Steve Downie's power-play goal at 7:14 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Windsor Spitfires went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Tuesday night before 2,784 at Windsor Arena.

Plymouth remains in first place in the OHL's West Division with a record of 18-16-4-3. The Whalers are three points ahead of the second-place Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, who lost Thursday night, 2-1, in Brampton. Plymouth has two games in hand on the Hounds.

Windsor improved to 14-22-4-3, good enough for third place in the West Division.

Plymouth led 2-0 after the opening period. The lead could have been more substantial, but two goals were waved off by the referees. Windsor tied the game at 2-2 with a pair of goals in the period. The Spits talked three over the final 20 minutes to secure the home win. Cal O'Reily, John-Scott Dickson, Paul McFarland, Downie and Mike Weber scored for the hosts. John Mitchell lit the lamp for the 15th time this season and John Vigilante scored his 14th for the Whalers.

Plymouth dominated the opening period, out-shooting Windsor, 13-5. The Whalers appeared to score at 1:56 of the first period on a scramble in front of Windsor goalie Kyle Knechtel, with Whalers James Neal and Vaclav Meidl both batting at a loose puck in front of the net. However, the goal was waved off when it was ruled that the Windsor net was knocked off its moorings. Mitchell scored at 5:24 of the period when his shot from the right dot went off Knechtel and into the net.

A hand full of aces

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

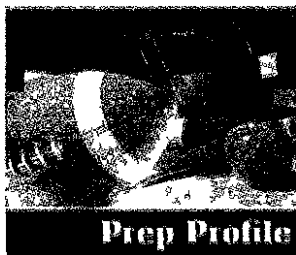
Salem volleyball player Lauren Price's athletic cupboard was stocked heading into this season. The junior is tall (5-foot-11), athletic, and she possesses the spiking, blocking and digging skills that make her one of the area's elite all-around players.

Instead of sitting around admiring her athletic inventory during the off-season, Price worked hard to add something to it.

The result: Price is now equipped with a rocket-like jump serve, a tool that has the capability of demoralizing opponents.

"I think the highlight of Lauren's season so far came before the Walled Lake Central match when she decided to use the jump

serve," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. "She told me, 'I know I can do it and I think I can help the team with it.' She did great and scored a lot with it. The jump serve puts a lot of pressure on the receiving team because it's



Prep Profile

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Lauren Price, a junior captain for the Salem volleyball team, acquired a love for the sport in the fifth grade. This season is her third as a starter for the Rocks.

New serving technique makes Salem's Price even stronger

Eberhardt too much for Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn's Barry Eberhardt didn't start Friday night's game against Salem, but the 6-6 senior forward sure had a hand in finishing off the locks.

Eberhardt — the third pick to leave the bench — netted team highs in points (23), rebounds (eight), blocked shots (five) and altered shots (countless), leading Glenn to an 80-60 triumph.

The Rockets have now won two of their past three games and stand 2-7 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Rocks dropped to 1-8 overall and 1-2 in the WLAA.

"He's a load to handle inside," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, referring to Eberhardt. "When he wants to play, he is tough to stop. And every time we went inside, he changed the trajectory of our shot when he was in the game."

"Our kids didn't quit tonight. We just had too many turnovers (21). You can't throw the ball around against a team like that and expect to win."

Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said the key to the victory was his team's improved shooting accuracy. The Rockets shot 47.8 percent from the field for the game and over 60 percent in the second half.

"Our shooting was a lot better than it has been," Lloyd said. "We shot well from the perimeter and we had quite a few fast breaks. The main reason we shot better was because we got a lot of good shots off turnovers that we forced on the defensive end."

"I thought Barry's effort was

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good tonight, but I still think he can play harder and better."

Eberhardt was complemented nicely by 6-3 sophomore guard Alex McMillian, who totaled 20 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Philip Thomas chipped in with eight points and Brandon Pratt scored seven.

Senior forward Dave Cardenas paced the Rocks with 18 points. Cardenas was on fire at the free-throw line, canning 12-of-14 attempts.

"Dave was a little over-pumped at the beginning of the game and he threw the ball away two or three times," Brodie said. "But he settled down and really did a nice job for us tonight."

Guard Brad Zonca also played well for the Rocks, finishing with 11 points and three rebounds. Jeff Lake and Kevin Bradley both had nine points.

During the game's first six minutes, the question was not whether Salem would win, but if they would score. Glenn raced to a 12-0 advantage before Salem converted its first hoop — a Kevin Bradley put-back — with 1:50 left in quarter

Salem's 12-4 deficit at the end of the first quarter would have been considerably less if not for the defensive efforts of Eberhardt, who hustled back to swat two Salem fast-break lay-ups off the backboard.

Led by the scrappy play of Lake, Zonca and Jon Pomorski, Salem narrowed the hosts' lead to 29-25 at half. The Rocks closed the second quarter with an 8-2 run to take some momentum into the locker room.

"We did a nice job catching up," Brodie said, "but we expended a lot of energy. It caught up to us in the second half."

McMillian opened the second half by swishing a long three from the top of the key to put Glenn ahead 32-25. The Rocks whittled the lead down to 41-40 on a Cardenas free throw with 3:05 left in the quarter, but the Rockets countered with a decisive 9-3 run to finish off the quarter. The most electrifying basket of the run came when junior guard Duncan Jones threw down a dunk with just over a minute to play.

Glenn put the game away with their defensive pressure and fast-break offense during the opening minutes of the fourth quarter when it opened up a 68-48 lead with 3:07 remaining. Eberhardt led the charge with 11 points over the final eight minutes.

The Rockets out-rebounded the Rocks, 37-29.

Salem converted 25-of-37 free throws, Glenn nailed just 5-of-13 free throws.

"Hopefully, we can build off this win," said Lloyd, whose team takes on Walled Lake Central Tuesday.

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Canton shoots its way back into contention in WLAA

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Instead of shooting itself in the foot, Canton just might have shot itself back into contention in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton stopped a three-game slide Friday night with a pulse-pounding 63-56 victory over Livonia Franklin.

And so what if the game had to be played in neighboring Plymouth Salem's gym? That might figure on a night where it seemed winter was following spring.

The game-site switch had to be made because of a bleacher malfunction in Canton's gym.

Junior Andre Bell put on a shooting show for the Patriots (6-2 overall, 2-1 WLAA, 1-1 Western Division), scoring 26 points. He scored more points in the third quarter, 14, than any Canton player did in the game.

The Chiefs (5-4, 1-2, 1-1) overcame 24 turnovers with 50 percent shooting, good three-point shooting, some strong offensive rebounding and sensational game-winning free throw shooting. Canton made its first 12 free throws, the Chiefs didn't miss their first one until only 45 seconds remained and they held a 57-53 lead.

"We're only shooting 55 percent (from the line) for the season coming into the game," coach Charlie Paye of Canton said. "Our first two games were lousy, but lately we've been better."

"The past two games we'd been making that many turnovers and we didn't shoot well. At the beginning of the season, this is the way we thought we'd shoot the ball all year."

"But we'd been in a three-game funk. I hope we're out of it now."

"We knew Canton could shoot good and we knew they'd come out of their slump at some time, coach Russ Keberly of Franklin said. "It's just too bad it came against us."

The Chiefs have plenty of size and their shot-blocking ability definitely affected the Patriots' ability to shoot the ball inside, especially early in the game when Canton was jumping out to a 9-3 lead.

Andy Cortellini led Canton with 13 points while David Calille and center Kevin Thornton each had 12. Jason Houdek scored nine and Julian Smith added eight. All are seniors.

Franklin rallied in the last 2:45 of the first half to tie the score, 24-24, after trailing 22-13. Jon Whaley got three straight baskets for the Patriots in the streak.

Canton regained control early in the second half when Calille ended a fast break with a layup, then hit a triple to break a 26-26 deadlock.

Houdek followed with a three and Smith added a three-point play to boost the Chiefs out to a 35-26 lead. Franklin, behind Bell's hot scoring, stayed in range and trailed, 48-40, entering the fourth quarter. Thomas Jankowski was second in scoring for the Patriots with 12 points.

"That's why I still think they're one of the best teams in the league," Keberly said of his opponent. "But our kids battled, even though we were out-sized. We knew going in that their size was going to hurt us, but we didn't box out at times and that hurt us."

"Calille hit some big shots for us, Paye said. "We've got

guards who are capable of shooting the ball."

The Chiefs ended up making 18-of-21 free throws while the Patriots missed (eight) more free throws than they made (seven). Canton made 19-of-38 shots, missing only two in the fourth quarter, and a big reason it didn't get more was the huge number of turnovers.

Canton made seven three-point shots and added a pair of three-point plays while Franklin made three triples plus a pair of three-point plays.

Franklin, which used a zone in an effort to neutralize the size disadvantage, did a nice job of extending its pressure defense and really controlled the tempo of the game. The Patriots only made 10 turnovers and thus were able to attempt more shots. They went 23-for-55.

"We play good defense for our size," Keberly said. "I love our kids. We scrap. We hustle."

"But we definitely lacked execution in key situations. We believe in our ability to compete — but we can't play scrap ball and win."

The Chiefs steadied down at the end. They made no turnovers the final 2:09 while protecting a 53-46 margin to the finish.


"We passed the ball better and used the dribble wisely," Paye said. "And, on an 18-degree night, their shooting was hot."

"We scored 11 points in the first half against Walled Lake Central," he said, "and 30 in the second half. We've been holding teams to 44 points a game — and that should be enough to win most games."

"The team that executed better won," Keberly said. "But we continue to show character and heart. And our fans have been great."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

LITTLE LEAGUE INFO

Spring registration for the Canton Little League will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Victory Park Softball Center in the Diamonds restaurant in Canton Township.

The league is open to all students who attend schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District. All players must have proof of residency with them along with a birth certificate.

The program is divided into four leagues: Minor (7-10 year-olds), Major (11-12 year olds), Junior (13-14 year olds), and Senior (15-16 year olds).

For more information on the league, visit www.cantonlittleleague.net or e-mail questions to cantonlittleleague@wowway.com

GCYBSA SIGNUP

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will hold its initial registration 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Canton's Summit on the Park. The GCYBSA, which is replacing the dissolved Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball and softball teams for youths ages 4-18, who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. Non-residents who attend school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are also eligible.

Interested players who cannot attend the Feb. 6 registration may register after that date at any time during regular business hours at the Summit. They can also mail in their registration forms.

SALEM LINEBACKERS

The Salem Linebackers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Room 2703 of Salem High School. Elections for 2005 officers will be held at this meeting. Parents of all current and incoming freshman players are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate.

The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing for free."

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

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

The tour is presented by the PGA Michigan Section and the National Golf Scholarship Association (NGSA).

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Outside shooting sparks Belleville

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One reason Belleville's boys basketball team is 8-0 this season — and ranked as high as fourth in Class A in one poll — is because the Tigers can beat you from the paint or the perimeter.

Friday night before an enthusiastic sold-out crowd in the Belleville High School gymnasium, the Tigers struck from the perimeter to upend Mega Red rival Ypsilanti, 66-51.

Belleville connected on a season-high 12 three-point shots from five different players to quiet the feisty Braves, who dropped to 5-3 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

"A lot of the threes were the result of us kicking the ball back out after it went inside," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "We shot the threes within the confines of our offense, which was good to see."

An estimated 300 potential spectators were turned away from the game, which annually attracts more fans than either Belleville's or Ypsilanti's gym can hold.

"I walked into the gym during the first quarter of the JV game, and the place was packed already," said Krogel.

It was the Braves faithful who were cheering the loudest

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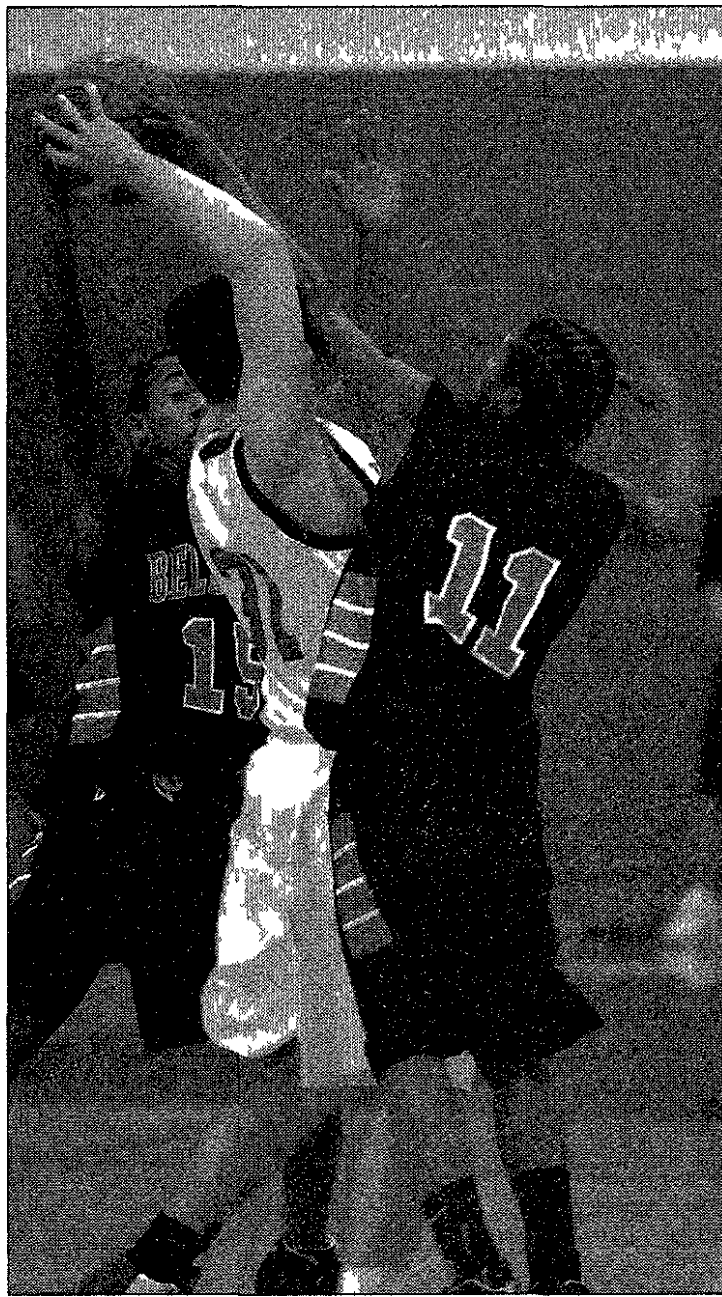
"We weren't getting any offensive rebounds in the first half, Krogel lamented. "Sometimes, a missed shot for us is our best shot because we get a lot of offensive rebounds. We did a lot better job of hitting the offensive boards in the second half."

The turning point of the game came toward the end of the third quarter with the Braves holding a 48-47 lead. Led by Leon Freeman, Tommie Clark and Carlos Clark, the Tigers reeled off a 17-0 run to put the game on ice.

Freeman, a 6-4 junior, led all scorers with 22 points, 15 of which came in the third quarter. Thirteen of Tommie Clark's 18 points came in the final eight minutes. Carlos Clark and Isaac Kindell both scored eight and Josh Samarco twined seven.

Josh Young led the Braves with 16 points and C.J. Simmons had 10.

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Belleville's Anre Partee (11) and Carlos Clark (15), pictured above in a game earlier this year, played hawk defense Friday night against Ypsilanti. Clark also excelled on the offensive end of the court, netting eight points.

Defensive Wildcats oust Knights, 50-45

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth boys basketball team hasn't come close to matching the 92 points it scored in its season opener — but it hasn't had to thanks to a vice-like defense that is making life difficult for the Wildcats' opponents.

Plymouth posted its third consecutive win Friday night, 50-45, at Walled Lake Northern. The victory improved the Wildcats' overall record to 7-2 and their Western Lakes Activities Association ledger to 3-0. The Knights dropped to 1-8 and 0-3.

"They're much better than their record would indicate," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said, assessing the Knights. "If they would have hit a few more free throws down the stretch, it could have been a different game."

"We ran some changing defenses against them and our kids made the adjustments well. We did a good job of locating people. We really got it done again on the defensive end. We're not the run-and-gun team we were at the beginning of the year, that's for sure."

Plymouth was paced by a balanced offensive attack that was led by junior guard D.J. Coleman's 14 points. Jim Wilbur contributed 11 points and a

team-high seven rebounds while Brent Jones and Josh Le Duc both netted seven points.

Northern was led by Joel Darin's 17 points. Sophomore guard Ryan Bahmiller twined 13 points.

"His big guy (Darin) is 6-4 and he jumps really well," Van Wagoner said. "He was posting up on us all night. The sophomore guard (Bahmiller) hit some threes down the stretch to keep them close."

Van Wagoner asserted that Coleman's most important contributions were the kind that don't always appear in the box score.

"D.J. did a lot of things besides score tonight," Van Wagoner said. "He had a lot of big rebounds and some huge steals towards the end of the game. Actually, his rebounds and steals were bigger for us tonight than his scoring."

The game was knotted at 5-5 after one quarter before Plymouth managed to open up an 18-13 lead at the intermission. The Wildcats led 30-24 after three quarters and eventually constructed a 10-point cushion in the final eight minutes before the hosts cut it to four with a few minutes to play.

The Wildcats return to action Tuesday night at home against Livonia Stevenson. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 18
W.L. Northern at Salem 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Agape Christian at Bethesda 7 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at A.P. Inter City 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 19
Detroit Mumford at Belleville 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 21
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Baptist Park at Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School 7:30 p.m.
Roper at Plymouth Christian 7 p.m.
Belleville at Willow Run 7 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Northville at Salem 7 p.m.
Belleville at Westland John Glenn 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 20
Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville 7 p.m.
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Belleville 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Farmington Hills Mercy at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 19
Livonia Churchill at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 8:30 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena 8 p.m.
Dexter at Plymouth at Arctic Edge Arena 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 21
Bloomfield Hills Combine at Canton at Arctic Edge Arena 8 p.m.
PCS Penguins at Ann Arbor Unified 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at Compuware Ice Arena 4:40 p.m.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 20
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Salem at Williamston Invite 8:30 a.m.
Canton at Grosse Pointe North Invite TBA
Plymouth at Perry Invite 8:30 a.m.

GYMNASTICS

Monday, Jan. 17
Northville at Salem at Plymouth High School 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Canton at Farmington Invite 9 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 17
Canton at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.
Dearborn Fordson at Belleville 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Southfield Christian at Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School 7 p.m.
Zoe Christian at Plymouth Christian 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wyandotte 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20

W.L. Northern at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Agape Christian at Warren Zoe 7 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Oakland Christian 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Salem at Novi Invite TBA
Canton at B.H. Lahser Invite 8 a.m.
Plymouth and Belleville at Madonna Classic noon
Agape Christian at Waterford/Kettering Invite 8:30 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 19
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Turnovers hurt PCA in loss to Southfield

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For a while Friday night, it looked as though Plymouth Christian Academy was going to spoil Southfield Christians' homecoming celebration.

PCA led by as many as nine points in the third quarter before succumbing to turnovers and hot shooting by Southfield, which prevailed 52-39 in a game played in the Lawrence Tech gymnasium.

The setback dropped PCA to 4-4 overall and 0-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. SC improved to 4-3 and 1-0 in the MIAC.

"It was a slower paced game in the first half," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "They played a zone defense, we shot well and we only committed five turnovers. We put together a nice run at the start of the third quarter and went up by nine. We had energy and the momentum. Matt Saagman even had a nice alley-oop that gave us a boost."

"But then we had a stretch

where we committed three straight turnovers, which turned out to be costly, and they regained the lead. After that, Southfield increased the tempo of the game and we didn't respond well."

The host Eagles outscored PCA 36-20 over the final 16 minutes.

Stephen Sumner paced PCA with 14 points and five assists. Aaron Ciborowski, who was plagued by foul trouble throughout the first half, was held to eight points and Jon

Wendt added six. **Canton Agape 69, Huron Valley 34:** The Wolvernes raced to a 32-22 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to a victory in their MIAC opener. The win boosted Agape's record to 3-4 overall while Huron Valley slipped to 2-5.

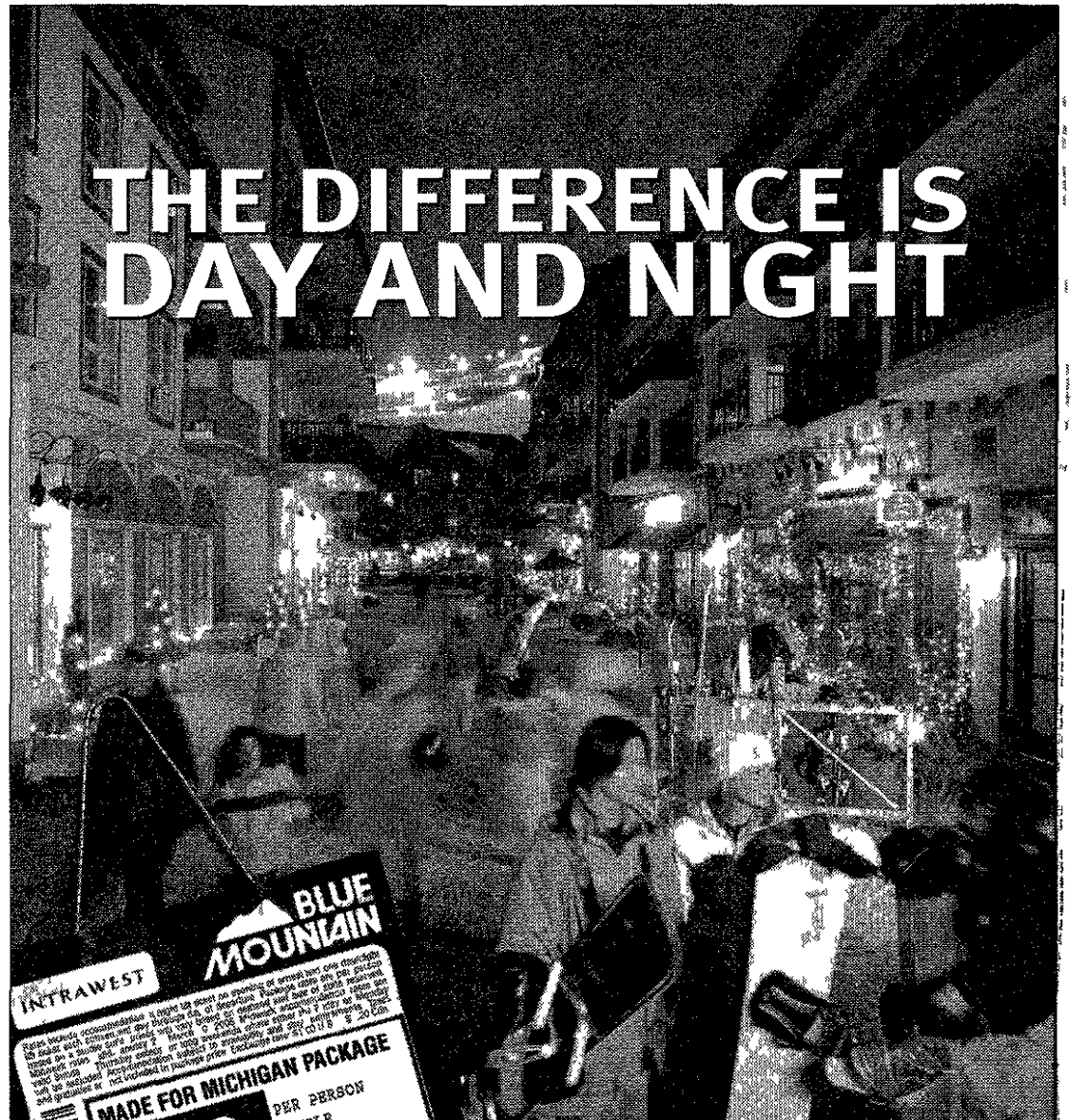
"We changed our defenses against them and played a box press. A diamond press some man to man and some zone," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "The boys played hard and we shot well."

Gabe Molnar led the Wolves with 13 points and Mark Molnar added 11. Agape also got strong contributions from Tyler Majeski (10), Matt Holmes (eight), Jack Anleitner (seven), Brian Horning (seven) and Kyle Miller (six points and eight rebounds).

Derek Leathers added five points, five rebounds and five assists.

The Wolves sealed the win by outscoring HV 21-2 in the third quarter.

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Crush win title

The Canton Crush squirt AA (94's) captured the Midland Regional Silver Sticks competition Dec 17-19. The Crush squared off against teams from Marquette, Midland, Ann Arbor, Lapeer, Lansing, Port Huron and Saginaw. Canton won the championship game, 3-1, over the Lansing Capital Pride. The winners allowed just one goal the entire tournament. The team includes Kevin McClain, Austin Sartorius, Zachary Gambrell, Patrick Sieloff, Justin Wyatt, Ryan Bazner, Colin Horton, Max Shuart, Vaughn Birchler, Matthew Roy, Mark McGee, Derek O'Flynn, Brandon Grillo, Calvin Kahler and Michael Manser. The team is coached by John Kahler, Rich Roy, Dennis O'Flynn, Rob Pernick, Mike Wyatt and Roby Grillo.

Wildcat grapplers pin Warriors

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Redemption was sweet for the Plymouth wrestling team Thursday night. The Wildcats redeemed a one-sided loss to Walled Lake Western last season by pinning the Warriors, 40-31, Thursday night in a match held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The final verdict wasn't decided until the final two matches when Wildcats' Shaun Bailey (275 pounds) and Steve D'Annunzio (103) won their matches with quick and convincing pins. "When they beat us last

year, they smiled at us and flexed their muscles," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine, referring to last year's lopsided setback at the hands of the Warriors. "So we wanted this one badly. We took a beating last year, but the kids worked hard and they couldn't wait until we could wrestle them again this year. When we won, the boys all congratulated them and acted like gentlemen." Plymouth built an early lead thanks to victories from Amir Pakray (112), Ben Kosmalski (119), Andrew Saunders (125), Andrew Tate (130) and Jon Hagar (140). However, Western stormed back and

won the next five matches to surge into a four-point lead. Taylor Fox ended the short losing streak when he pinned his opponent in 1:14 at 189. The junior captain improved his record to 18-3. "We had to win the final two matches to win, and Shaun and Steve came through," Amine said. "When Shaun won, we knew we still had a chance. When Steve won, the kids got very excited." The triumphant 'Cats improved their record to 8-6. They are 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. ewright@oe.hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

Last year provided good, bad and ugly moments

Looking back at the year 2004, there was the good, the bad and the ugly. This was true in sports and in many other news items. The ugly part refers mostly to the November 'basket-brawl' at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Ugly can also be used to describe the recent shooting that took place at Cloverlanes in Livonia. Even though the incident had nothing to do with bowling, it was still somewhat of a black eye, as all bowlers generally regard this sport as safe and secure anywhere you find a bowling center. Unfortunately, Cloverlanes has immediate access to the I-96 expressway, making it a bit more vulnerable than most other bowling locales.

Last March, the Pro Bowlers Tour held its championship event at Taylor Lanes with the TV finals at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center as Tom Baker won his first Professional Bowlers Association major title by defeating Ann Arbor's Mika Korvuniemi in a very exciting and tight match.

At the American Bowling Congress annual convention in Reno, Nev., the ABC voted in favor of the unification merger and the Women's International Bowling Congress followed suit during their own conclave in Memphis, Tenn.

With the principal parties in agreement, the United States Bowling Congress has become

a reality and will start to manifest itself this year as the transition begins. During the women's convention, the WIBC voted for the Detroit area to host its national tournament for the year 2008. This was due to an excellent presentation by all of the hard-working members of the Detroit committee including U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, DWBA President Myrtha Cooper, Detroit police chief Ella Bully-Cummings, Elena Ford and others including the hall-of-famer Mary Mohacsí who made the final pitch.

The good and the ugly categories were touched upon, and now for the bad.

Bad was the untimely passing of Dan Ottman. It happened on the eve of the 19th season opener of the Michigan Junior Masters association tournament in Belleville. A resident of Troy and past president of Livonia, Ottman was the inspiration to bowlers young and old. He was a great bowler in his own right, but will be remembered most by what he accomplished off the lanes, including founding the MJMA.

One of the MJMA standouts in the girls division was Jen Petrick, now a 22-year-old from Canton (Ohio) who dominated the scene for the past couple of years. Currently, she is the leading qualifier for a spot on Team USA after the first two rounds of qualifying. This event is the first ever conducted under the banner of the new United States Bowling Congress.

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Town n Country Lanes in Westland is where the scores are happening nowadays in the Tuesday Junior Classic league. The latest results: Rich Trullard, 269-259-268 for a series of 796 and Joe Jacobs was still going strong with 299-264 and a 741 series. Other top scorers were: Steve Solarz, 217-261-225/703, Paul Grauer, 203-236-279/718, Danny Wilson, 268-203-244/715, Greg Witzgird, 259-230-264/752, Craig Proctor, 225-299/722, Mike Nesbitt, 233-210-279/722, Lance Howey, 280-210-233/701, Ken Gabrielson, 209-259-233/701, Rick Wayne, 290-236/721, John Adomitus, 279-256/716, John Schmidtke, 254-254/706, Dick Shoupe, 266-268-210/744, J.R. Pierce, 279-206-245/730, Brian Rothermel, 279-201-256/736.

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

John Glenn upends Wildcats

Plymouth's volleyball team took Westland John Glenn to the limit Wednesday night, before succumbing to the Rockets in a five-game thriller: 25-15, 25-19, 19-25, 18-25, 15-11.

"I was proud of the way the girls battled back after losing the first two games," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "They fought through the adversity well."

Jeanne Moise paced Plymouth with 27 kills, three blocks, 14 digs and four service aces. Sarah Haskins also played well for the host Wildcats with four aces and 31 assists. Janet Hanchett added 15 digs and Katie Hughes chipped in with five aces.

"We came out really strong and took it to them and then we lost all our momentum," Glenn coach Ron Ruppel said. "Then they took it to us. It was an exciting match because everything is amplified in the fifth game."

Jenny Swartz had 25 kills and nine blocks and setter Erin Phillips compiled 30 assists to lead Glenn (6-6 overall, 3-0 WLAA) to its third straight league win.

Heather London contributed seven kills, three aces and 15 service points and Virginia Butler

played defensive stopper, coming up with seven blocks for the Rockets.

EAGLES FLY IN MIAC OPENER

Plymouth Christian Academy is setting the early pace in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference volleyball race thanks to its comeback, behind, five-set win over Southfield Christian Thursday night.


The Eagles fell into a deep two-game hole before climbing out to win 23-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-13, 15-3. SC dropped to 0-2 in the conference standings.

Southfield came to play and we did not in the first two games," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "It seemed like all the girls picked the same time to have a bad day. I didn't have a good feeling about until late in the fifth game."

PCAs Julie Bahbah delivered her usual productive state line. The junior recorded 18 kills and 28 digs. Kelsie Tietjen (13 kills, 12 digs and 11 blocks) and Bre Ruark (10 kills and 29 digs) also excelled for the winners, who will host Zoe Christian Tuesday night in the PCA gymnasium.

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Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets stops a shot during Wednesday night's showdown against Canton. Desilets played well, but his team fell, 5-2.

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his teams effort

"I thought the kids played hard, he said. "We may have been a little nervous, especially early in the game. It looked like we were tight. We had a couple of turnovers in our own end that cost us, but other than that, everyone put forth a good effort."

Canton senior forward Bryan Wioncek did the most damage on the offensive end of the rink for the Chiefs, tallying two goals and an assist. The speedy winger broke a scoreless tie just over six minutes into the game when he lifted the puck over the glove of Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets and into the back of the net. Wioncek was assisted by junior defenseman Aaron Amin.

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The Chiefs regained the lead for good, 2-1, with 7:35 left in the opening period when junior forward Kevin Tollison beat Desilets from point-blank range after receiving a perfect pass from Reece McCabe.

Second-period goals by Pat Gallagher and McCabe gave Canton a commanding 4-1 lead heading into the final 15 minutes.

Plymouth grabbed momentum back for a moment when Nick Rosochacki's goal with 8:07 left cut its deficit to 4-2, but Wioncek countered with his second with 2:07 left to ice the victory.

Canton outshot Plymouth, 17-3, in the third period, and 33-13 for the game.

Both goalies — Canton's Tony Hylko and Desilets — turned in strong performances between the pipes.

"I thought Ryan Stamm had his usual strong game for us, too," Kaput said.

Behen praised the play of Mike Kondratsek, Andy Baryliski and McCabe.

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hard to dig, let alone pass. But it's also a difficult skill to master, so I give Lauren a lot of credit.

Price said part of the new technique's learning curve included pressure-packed serving drills in practice that threatened teamwide consequences for serves that missed the mark.

"The rule is that if I am going to use the jump serve in the games, I have to use it in practice," Price explained. "Every time I miss one in practice, the entire team has to run a sprint, so it puts a lot of pressure on me, just like there is in a game."

"I was excited with how I served against Walled Lake Central. I think I got 15 service points with it. I didn't do as well with it Wednesday, but I'm going to keep working on it and stick with it."

STARTING YOUNG

Price's volleyball career began in the fifth grade when her mom, Kim, a former collegiate player at Northern Michigan University, introduced her to the sport.

"My mom coached me at Our Lady of Good Counsel beginning in fifth grade," Price said. "I liked the sport right away and started playing AAU volleyball for club teams. I've been playing year-round pretty much ever since."

Dealing with talented, receptive players like Price is a coach's dream, Peterson said.

"Lauren is probably one of the strongest players I've seen compete at this level," Peterson said. "She's fun to coach because she wants to get better. Every time I tell her something, she smiles, nods and does it."

"She's not just a good offensive player. She's a great passer and she is really strong on defense. Lauren is very modest, she leads more by example than anything else. We're lucky to have her on this team."

Price heaps a lot of credit for her early success in volleyball on her mom.

"She taught me not to try to be great at one part of the game, but to work on all my skills so that I can be a well-rounded player."

Price said "It's neat having a parent who is so knowledgeable about a sport that I like so much."

FRESHMEN STARTER

Price was inserted into the starting line-up at Salem during her freshmen season. She hasn't left it since.

"I like this year's team because all of the players have equal roles," Price said. "The first two years, it seemed like we relied on one or two players."

Last summer was an exciting one for Price, who tried out for a spot in a prestigious summer volleyball camp that included many of the best high school players in the country. Only 20 percent of the players who tried out were invited to the camp. Price made the cut.

Only one in 20 girls (five percent) at that camp were invited to the USA Junior Olympics camp in Austin, Texas. Price made that cut as well.

"I learned a lot at those camps," she said. "They taught us how the players on the USA Olympic volleyball team do things. We had three, three-hour practices a day. It was hard, but it was a great experience playing with awesome players from all over the country."

THE NEXT LEVEL

Price said she would love to play collegiate volleyball, but she has a firm belief that academics come first.

"Right now, my goal is to play in college, and a few teams have shown interest in me," said Price, whose 3.5 grade-point average proves that she aced tests like serves. "But I realize you can't make a living playing volleyball, so if I can't find the right school to play volleyball at, I'll concentrate on academics."

Price has three brothers: Kyle, 17, Devin, 12, and Alex, 9, so she has plenty of helpers to retrieve her practice serves.

"All of my brothers are into just about every sport they can play," Price said. "My parents encouraged us all to try all the sports so we could figure out what we liked best."

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Tracey Pruitt with her Locks of Love donation

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Amazingly enough, no other cancer was evident.

She went back to the everyday living, becoming increasingly confident as years passed and she remained cancer-free. Then in the spring of 1997 my mom came home from work exhibiting stroke-like symptoms.

My dad rushed her to the local emergency room, but, because of the amount of blood in her brain and the swelling that ensued, the technicians couldn't get an accurate reading with the medical-imaging equipment to determine a diagnosis.

Not long after that my mom experienced her first seizure-controlling drug and the episode abated. However, after a bad fall during the Fourth of July weekend, another trip to the emergency room confirmed that the renal-cell cancer had resurfaced in the form of a brain tumor. It was removed successfully, but the surgeon determined the presence of three other lesions. Radiation took care of two of them, but the third required surgery.

I was also going through an illness of my own, which I would keep from my mom. But as most people know, moms always know when you are hiding something.

I had started to lose my hair, the same time my mom was losing hers from the radiation. I went with my mom to shop for a wig and was overwhelmed with emotion at the thought of it all. I turned to my mom and said, "Mom, I am going to grow my hair and give it to Locks of Love."

In June of 1999 we were told that a new lesion had developed on my mom's brain. In time, that number multiplied to four.

We had been learning the hard way that brain tumors were difficult to defeat and often returned. In September, we were told that my mom had less than six months to live.

When the time came just days before Christmas, I stood at the head of the bed with my dad while my mom was looking directly at my dad with her big blue eyes, from which she had lost her sight some time ago.

With a tear tracing her cheek, she looked at my dad, and took her last breath and was gone so peacefully. Life is so hard without her. I wanted to share my story with others who find themselves walking the similar road and to let them know you are not alone.

I recovered from my illness and started to grow my hair. Fulfilling my promise to my mom I first gave 14 inches of my hair to the Locks of Love on Nov. 20, 2002. On Dec. 21, 2004, the anniversary of my mother's passing, I again got my hair cut so I could donate it.

Mom, I love you and miss you.

Tracey A. Pruitt is a Canton resident.



Couples enjoy Hines Park along the Rouge River at Stark Road in the late 1940s. Canoe concessions closed in 1953.

Mesopotamia of Michigan

Rouge River shorelines changed world history

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

After receiving a tip from a Wayne County Parks System co-worker that archives were being destroyed, Nancy Darga dug through a Dumpster with both hands to save vintage photographs of Hines Park. Anytime a piece of history is

destroyed, Darga feels like crying. Still, she never dreamed this particular experience would lead to writing a book. Those irreplaceable black and white images tell the story of families ice skating and riding horses in Livonia in the 1930s, racing in a 1941 soap box derby sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber Commerce - all at a time when Hines Park was playing an important role in the evolution of the auto industry.

Darga shares the history in a luncheon lecture presented by the Women's Resource Center 11:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the VisTaTech center at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$14. Call (734) 462-4443.

The history of Hines Park goes

from glaciers to oil wells and why Hines Park is the Mesopotamia of Michigan, said Darga. "The lecture is making people aware of all the important contributions along the banks of the Rouge River that in some ways changed the world."

It starts with the Potawatomi Indians, Ojibway and Chippewa, then the French fur traders who trapped beaver and fur pelts and led to it being settled. The French called it the Rouge because the water looked red. Grist mills came next and led to the auto industry. Timber water power, fertile soil, minerals like salt brought with them the ability to manufacture just about anything. As a result there were numerous machine shops and mills along the Rouge that gave rise to the auto industry.

A route for escaping slaves in the 1860s, the river went from being a trail of freedom to a trail of innovation thanks to automotive pioneer Henry Ford.

"There was a lot that happened on Hines Drive that helped put the world on wheels," said Darga. "Thomas Edison and Henry Ford were inventing the modern generator, the first at Nankin Mills (Westland)."

"Ford introduced the aeronautics industry at Wilcox Mill (Plymouth Township) and eventually relocated it to Willow Run Airport. Henry Ford went from taking four months to build an airplane to four weeks to

four hours. It's probably because we never ran out of planes that we won the war."

"Henry Ford bought all of these mills and had a great social experiment. A plant was built just for women at Phoenix Mill (Northville). During World War II they produced the B24 bomber and hired widows of veterans and paid them the same salary as men."

Long before Ford envisioned some area along the river as a way of expanding his auto industry, Edward Hines and fellow Wayne County Road commissioners John Haggerty and William Butler sought to create the Board of Wayne County Park Trustees so they could acquire and develop park land.

More than 80 years later, the Wayne County Parks system has grown to more than 5,000 acres of parks, rivers and lakes, wetlands and forests. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center teaches children as well as adults about Native American history, water-powered settlements on the Rouge, and Ford converting mills into Village Industry plants to manufacture auto parts.

"They started amassing land to keep from being encroached on by development," said Darga. "It was patterned after the Bronx Parkway, and the first public arboretum in the state still exists in Northville."

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The second annual soap box derby of Cass Benton was sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce in August of 1941.

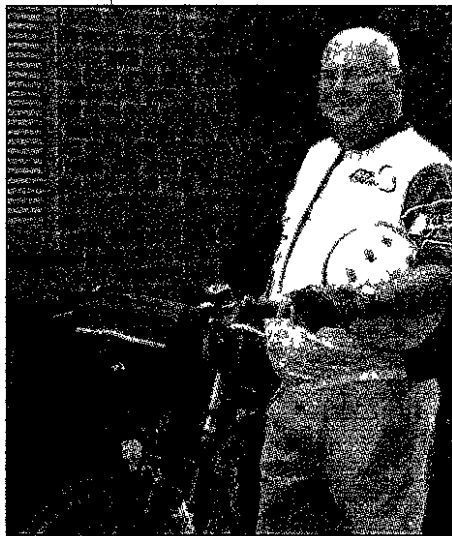
Winter doesn't stop him training for MS tour

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Just because it's cold and snowy outside, Charlie Morris isn't slowing down. The 80-year-old Livonia resident needs to stay in shape for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter 150 Bike Tour, July 16-17.

"I ride the bike at the rec center in Livonia four to five days a week, exercise and swim. I'm trying to get in great shape. A stationary bike is good to keep in shape and keep your legs going," said Morris, one of the top fund-raisers with a total of more than \$45,000 to his credit. "As soon as the weather gets nice, I'll be riding on Hines Drive anywhere between Ford Road and Seven Mile. It's just over 19 miles long and I'll ride 40 miles several times a week. The closer I get to the tour, I do it more often."

Morris has been riding in the Bike Tour to raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its Michigan Chapter ever since his daughter Peggy was diagnosed with the disease. Last year he pulled a muscle on the second day of the bike tour, but managed to ride 130 miles until he was forced to quit. Barring injury, Morris plans to ride all 150 miles this summer, just as he's done every other year for the last 14



Livonia resident Charlie Morris, 80, is preparing to ride 150-miles to raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its Michigan Chapter.

A retired mechanical engineer, Morris began biking in 1986 after seeing 10-speed bikes on sale at Kmart. He bought one and has been riding ever since. He's served on the Bike Tour organizing committee for nine years and last year arranged for bike companies to be at each rest stop to help with repairs.

This year, as in the past, he'll ride with daughter Sallyann Morris, 53, of Waterford. Morris plans to organize a team to ride to raise funds for the Michigan Chapter based in Southfield. The tour leaves from the Springfield Oaks Recreation Center in Oakland County and travels to Michigan State University and back.

An earlier tour (June 11-12) goes from Byron Center High School to Holland and back through rolling countryside and along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Participants can ride 150, 175 or 200 miles in either tour, or both.

"My daughter Peggy, now 48, has MS, but is doing very well," Morris said. "She's not disabled, but gets tired and is taking medication."

"This is a very worthy cause. The money that they raise is distributed equitably. I'll do it as long as I'm still healthy and it's a lot of fun. It's a great bunch of people to work with. I send out about 250 letters to friends. You never realize how many friends you have until you start asking for money. And I visit my neighbors. It's fun. I get to see all of these people. It's surprising over 80 years how many people you meet, how many acquaintances you make."

Last year, 1,200 riders participated in the two Michigan Bike Tours that raise

funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its Michigan Chapter.

According to Kristin Alger, 60 percent of the \$890,000 raised last year stayed in Michigan to help patients and their families.

"We've already started registering people for bike tour," said Alger, vice president of marketing and special events. "Anybody can participate. Charlie is one of my favorite volunteers. He's not only a fun guy to work with and is so cheerful, but he takes anything on. If we need something, he jumps right in and volunteers. He's one of our oldest riders and one of our top fund-raisers."

In Michigan, the Bike Tours make it possible to fund more than 100 programs ranging from educational to wellness and includes aquatics and yoga sessions.

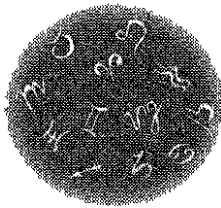
"The Bike Tour is one of our major fund-raisers and brings awareness to MS and what it is, a disease of the central nervous system that deteriorates the myelin sheath on nerve cells and causes problems as severe as paralysis, to balance and speech problems," Alger said. "It's difficult to treat and diagnose."

For more information about the Bike Tours call (800) Fight MS or visit www.nmssmi.org



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Jan 16 Jan 20
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Planetary influences over the coming days will make you feel like you're being pulled in different directions so it's important that you decide to follow your intellect or instincts. It doesn't matter which you choose as long as you're committed. Ram.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Some people are never satisfied and there are times when it's better to give up than continually give in. Besides, with cosmic forces focusing on your lifestyle and investments, there are important changes in the air. Don't make waves when the tide is turning. Bull.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The Sun moving into your element this week warns to avoid self-recrimination and soul-searching this week. Above all, you need an injection of self-confidence. Much more is going for you right now than you seem to realize. Have faith in yourself—you are wonderful!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Certain people are too willing to take advantage of your overdeveloped nurturing sense of duty and you may have to pull up your emotional drawbridge for the sake of your own happiness. If you find that difficult, remember that the less pressure you're under the more you'll be able to achieve.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

For once you can afford to relax and let a partner or loved one make the rules. Brilliant cosmic forces in your opposite sign of Aquarius mid-week mean that those closest to you should be at their most imaginative, cooperative and understanding. So sit back and enjoy the ride. Lion.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Venus and Mercury in your element this week means that a soft pedal or diplomatic approach wins over strong arm tactics. Virgo, it is not only a question of listening to others—you have to hear them. Be patient; you are definitely headed in the right direction.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Ease up, Balancer! Why push your

self to the limit when you will go further by lessening the stress in your life? This week you should be able to see a way out of a budgetary or personal dilemma. More people are on your side than you appreciate.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Remember that life is all about change. Scorpio because you are the very last person who needs to be stuck in a rut. Since powerful cosmic forces signify that the time is right for a new direction, it's up to you to act. How about starting right now? Be positive, not punkish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Now that the holidays are behind us, you should be feeling more confident, especially when it comes to the bottom line. Don't be afraid to compromise where necessary; there is much to be gained by joint efforts and shared responsibilities this week. Archer.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Your strong sense of right and wrong puts you in a good position this week, and you will know instinctively whether an authority figure or coworker is telling the whole truth. Avoid speaking your mind. SeaGoat—a subtle approach will be far more effective.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Family pressures may seem worse than they really are, and with the Sun entering your birthsign this week you should be able to reach a rational compromise. Don't underestimate your talents—you have plenty of reasons to be confident. WaterBearer!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Well, you survived the extra energy output of the holidays. Fish—congrats! Since it is impossible to keep everybody happy, you might as well start with yourself now. And since you seldom feel at your best during the winter, you should spend at least part of the week away from the hustle and bustle.

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A safe school is safe for ALL students

The largest study of adolescent health ever undertaken in this country—the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health—found at least one major finding that relates directly to safe schools: Students with a strong connection to school—from a simple feeling of belonging, to strong relationships with teachers and other students—were at less risk



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

for every health issue studied. In other words, the connection between a safe school and your child's health is real and important.

One of the keys to a safe school are anti-bullying programs. Almost every state has

passed legislation requiring schools to develop anti-bullying programs.

A safe school involves the whole community, especially parents. The best anti-bullying programs also work with bullies and with bullying victims through small group activities and individual consultations. Increased adult supervision during recess and lunch minimizes the number of bullying events during free periods at school.

Researchers at the University of California say bullying doesn't stop when students enter junior or senior high schools.

A study of nearly 2,000 sixth grade students, in which the researchers carefully collected and analyzed classmates' reports about the roles of their fellow students, showed that 22 percent of the group was identified as either bullies, victims, or both.

The researchers say, "Bullying behavior is encouraged when bullies are considered the coolest, even though it's possible, even probable,

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that student acceptance of bullies is based more on fear than affection." And, students tend to avoid the company of bullies.

"It is important," says researcher Jaana Juvonen, Ph.D., "to understand the social plight of victims—they are not only targeted by bullies but are ostracized by many of their classmates."

Dr. Juvonen points out that the lack of connection between clinicians who see children outside of school and school staff is a problem that complicates teachers from intervening.

Dr. Juvonen's research reminds us that "recent in-depth case analysis of 37 intended and conducted school shootings reveal that two-thirds of the alleged perpetrators had been bullied by their peers, and most of them displayed signs of violent ideation (self-destructive thoughts) and interest in violent games and thought."

Recommendations from Juvonen's research include consistent calling attention to bullying research, educating teachers about the way schools address bullying, and encouraging schools and clinicians to work together on this serious

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMS

- **Surveys** Schools conducting surveys of students and adults. The surveys create awareness of the problem. They can also be used to measure improvements after new programs are put into place.
- **Parent involvement** Parental awareness campaigns can be held during parent-teacher conference days, through parent newsletters, and at PTA meetings.
- **Class activities** Teachers can work with students to write class rules against bullying. Role-playing exercises can teach students directly involved in bullying other ways to solve conflict. Students who are bystanders must learn how they can help others.

RESOURCES

- **A Silent Crisis: Creating Safe Schools** (Education Materials Center at Central Michigan University) (800) 214-8961 www.emc.cmich.edu emc@cmich.edu. This guide was produced and compiled by the Caihoun Intermediate School District in Michigan in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Education and with the guidance of the Safe Schools for Sexual Minority Youth workgroup.
- **Federal resource site** www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov. You can also request a free Resource Communications Kit from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) by calling (800) ASK HRSA.
- **Bullying Among Adolescents: The Strong, the Weak, and the Troubled** by Jaana Juvonen et al. (Pediatrics Vol 112 No 6 December 2003).
- **Bullying at School: What We Know and What We Can Do** by Dan Olweus (Blackwell Publishers [Oxford, United Kingdom], 1993 \$22.95).

problem: Sexual minority youth—gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual, or questioning teens—are often the target of harassment, bullying, and violence that no safe school can accept. Safe schools must be safe for all students.

One of my sons was bullied because his large ears stuck out. How silly—yet how upsetting to him. I am ever thankful that his brother stood up to the bully.

Be sure to talk with your student about whether he or she

feels safe at school. Go immediately to your principal if there is a problem with bullying. Your administrator does not want bullying to occur in his or her school.

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Soloists join orchestra for evening with classics

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jui-Chao Wang is looking forward to being in the spotlight as one of three soloists performing Beethoven's Triple Concerto with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra on Jan 22

Principal cellist for the LSO, Wang will be joined by violinist Mark Schuppener, pianist Anna Sorokhte, and the orchestra for An Evening with the Classics 7:30 p.m. Saturday, in the Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia

Tickets are \$17, \$8 students and children, and available at all three Livonia libraries, Ticketmaster outlets and at the door

For more information, call (734) 421-1111

"Compared to a standard cello concerto it's not difficult, but there are three soloists plus the conductor," said Jui-Chao Wang, a Farmington Hills resident who began working on the piece in September. Wang teaches privately in addition to playing free lance cello for shows at the Fox Theatre. She's been a member of the LSO since 1995, and substitutes with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

"It's an energetic piece. The second movement is beautiful. I look forward to this very much," added Wang. "It's a fun piece"

LSO president Tom Bjorklund expects the triple concerto to be a lot of fun as well but is equally excited about hearing Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3 in a Minor "Scottish." He's "never heard it live before"

Rounding out the program is Hector Berlioz's Hungarian March from "The Damnation of Faust"

"This is the most traditionally classical concert of the season and mixes a lot of why we are here, to present classical music to Livonia," said Tom Bjorklund. "For anyone who enjoys classical music



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this is a must come to event. "Many people have the image of someone coming to a symphony concert in a tux. It doesn't matter how you're dressed. Throw on your sweat

shirt, come on out. Once you hear the music you'll be back"

This is Mark Schuppener first time soloing with orchestra. A doctoral student in violin performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Schuppener was invited to perform by LSO conductor Volodymyr Shesniuk

The two share a music stand as members of the Dearborn Symphony of which Schuppener is concertmaster

"The Triple Concerto is a unique piece because it's written for three soloists," said Schuppener who regularly plays recitals in Kansas, Milwaukee and Texas. He grew up in Kansas, earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and master's from University of Michigan. Eventually he'd like to become a member of a professional orchestra or teach at the college level

"Each part is equally challenging, musically and techni-



Mark Schuppener, a doctoral student in violin performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, is one of three soloists featured on the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Jan 22 concert

cally," added Schuppener. "It's just a beautiful piece"

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Fun is the ticket at Family Fun Fair

What better way to spend a winter day than with family and lots of fun?

Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah proudly sponsors its second annual Family Fun Fair for families with young children ages 9 and under

The event is set for 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 30, at the Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

The afternoon, co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Detroit Jewish News, will feature a Steve Ziemann magic show at 1:30 p.m., carnival games with prizes, moonwalks, clowns, face-painting and balloon animals — all included in the price of admission

Pop, snacks and Jerusalem Pizza will be available for purchase, as well as prize chances for children and adults. Admission is \$20 for a Family

Pack (five admission tickets), \$5 single ticket, children age 2 and under admitted free

Advance Family Pack purchase includes two food/treasure chest tickets. For more information call Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah office at (248) 683-5030. Proceeds from this event will benefit Hadassah's Young Judaea and Youth at Risk programs

In addition, children will be able to interact with many exhibitors, including the City of Farmington Hills Fire Department, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Girls Empowered, Jewish Family Service, The Longacre House, Oakland County Health Division, Oakland County Parks, Oakland Yard Athletes, Shalom Street, Tamarack Camps, West Bloomfield Police Department, West Bloomfield Township Public Library, Yad Ezra and Young Judaea

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New classes include Grossology, The Human Body Shop II, exploring the body's more unpleasant by-products that keep us healthy, Cartoon Capers II - Magna Style Drawing that creates distinctive characters with triangular-shaped heads and large eyes, Junior Chefs, Cooking the Complete Meal, where students in grades seven through twelve learn to plan and prepare a total meal, and Bughouse Chess, a fast-paced game that builds chess skills.

Other classes explore chemistry, robots, ceramics, comput-

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ers and the Web, building kites and becoming a detective.

There also is a series of classes on caring for and teaching a toddler, and classes that help students become successful test-takers or prepare for middle school.

To register for a Kids on Campus class, fax a registration form to 734-462-4572 or place the form in the drop box in front of McDowell Center on the Livonia campus.

You can view or download the Kids on Campus catalog and application form by going to the Schoolcraft Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Services department at 734-462-4448.



Art for the family

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents classes for the whole family beginning the week of Jan. 22. Kids can enjoy drawing, painting and multi-media classes. Adults and teens participate in more focused experiences including figure drawing and painting. The family can take a pottery class together on Saturday morning. Group guitar lessons are available as well. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

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Celebrate love and romance when you and that special someone enjoy a gourmet dinner and dance cheek-to-cheek at Schoolcraft College's Valentine Dinner Dance Saturday, Feb. 12.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room with a lovingly prepared dinner. The menu includes veloute of mussel soup, sliced roast sirloin with potato parsnip puree, late winter vegetables, a green salad, and chocolate cake with chocolate mousse and ganache.

Then dance the night away to the music of Johnny Trudell and his orchestra. Tickets are \$50 per person with proceeds benefiting Schoolcraft College students through Foundation scholarships and grants. For information or to order tickets, call 734-462-4400 ext. 5008.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.

LIBRARY PICKS

NON-FICTION

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

- 1 America (The Book) Jon Stewart
- 2 Chronicles Volume I Bob Dylan
- 3 His Excellency George Washington Joseph J. Ellis
- 4 Collapse Jared Diamond
- 5 Faithful Stewart O. N. and Stephen King

FICTION

- 1 The DaVinci Code Dan Brown
- 2 State of Fear Michael Crichton
- 3 The Five People You Meet in Heaven Mitch Albom
- 4 Life Expectancy Dean Koontz
- 5 Night Fall Nelson DeMille

PARENTS' CHOICE

- New Children's Fiction Books**
- 1 Honeysuckle House Andrea Cheng
 - 2 The Elf of Union Square Jan Carr
 - 3 The Blue Roan Child Jameson Findlay
 - 4 Sign of the Owl L.G. Bass
 - 5 Chasing Vermeer Blue Balliett

CLASS REUNIONS

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

Classes of 1964-1965
A reunion is planned for Aug. 5, 2005 at Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charlene Hackett (734) 246-1110 or chackettm@mindspring.com.

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.

REUNIONS

Clawson High School
Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.

Seaholm High School
Class of 1965
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 23, 2005, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. For more information, http://seaholmclassof65reunionannouncements.com/ or send information to Diane Peters Morgan, 981 Treener, Yakima, WA 98908 or call 760-902-8855.

Detroit Redford
Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Nov. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts, H. 48-351 Cranleigh Farmington, MI 48170 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

St. Florian School
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CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR
Me 26 49 155lbs brown-complexion. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

IT'S ALL GOOD
Codf SBF 31 58 N/S likes to bowl. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS
SF 29 likes watching bagging out having fun. Looking for similar SM. 38-41 N/S, for friendship or more. **210395**

HAPPY, HEALTHY
adventurous athletic SWF 39 52 smoker mother of 2 seeks outgoing SM energetic. Vibe 35-45 with a good sense of humor. **2542710**

CUTE AND CLASSY
SBF 50 physically fit enjoys jogging concerts theater quiet evenings. Seeking attractive gentleman over 50 with similar interests. **213262**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN
40-50 who is looking for commitment love and laughter. I'm a 43-year-old DJ. W/BS bright spunky and pretty. Please only Jewish men. **213262**

WORKS HARD PLAYS HARD
Hard working fun loving SF 41 brunette will try almost anything once. Likes Mexican cuisine tropical travel. Seeking open minded spontaneous good humored (quietly) into sports movies and travel. **256130**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL
Very attractive BPF Christian 47 55 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys out door movies traveling cooking. Seeking romantic BPF 40-55 financially secure. Mutual interests for LTR. **2432793**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5' 175lbs in a nice 5' 10" guy. Interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **2276032**

CALL ME
If you are a business man 60-70 SWM N/S N/D. Homeowner. Interests in home life nature pets alternative medicine sports. I'm a SWF 73 with above. **2416289**

STILL LOOKING
Attractive hall SBF 35 business woman. Enjoys fishing boating. Moves long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest. N/S. **2525043**

ARE YOU ROMANTIC?
SBF 43 N/S N/D lives travel sports, enjoys dancing. Seeking romantic. Looking for outgo ng goal-oriented BM. **2542448**

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT
SM 45 blonde attractive friendly kind. Good details. Call seeking a SW DM 42 for 1 friend p. possibly more. **2512857**

PRECIOUS ONE
SWF very pretty a young 39 med um hair/green works in medical field. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

MACOMBE COUNTY SWEETIE
I'm a 52 brunette dark eyes early peaking. Searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. **2466121**

A LOT TO OFFER
Outgoing SBF 24 56 350lbs profes. softball employed. Loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new shows and concerts. seeks handsome honest SM. **2286633**

IN IT FOR THE LONG TERM
SBF 30 56 loves to get away to the weekend would like to get to know you. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

WOMEN TO MY WORLD
SF 42 intelligent sexy sensitive seeking a spontaneous honest hard working sincere SM. 38-47 for dating and possible relationship. **2552278**

VIRTUOUS WOMAN
SBF 50 attractive educated professionally employed seeks gentleman 45-55 who knows how to treat a lady. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL
in a SBM 38 50 6+ 190+ Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation. **2531635**

GET IT TOGETHER
SBF 28 55 N/S plus sized brown/brown would love to spend some time with a nice SM. 30-40 N/S who has his life together. **2542376**

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT
SBFC grandmothe N/S likes dining out movies plays bowling shooting pool parks traveling cooking. Seeking gentleman 45+ sense of humor well educated. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

FULL FIGURED BEAUTY
Light-complexioned SBF 25 55 265lbs. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

LOST IN MICHIGAN
SBF 29 55 190lbs no children. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance. Bowling walks in the park. Seeking tall dark handsome SM. 38-50. **2481293**

SELF EMPLOYED
Intelligent funny SBF 35 full figured. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE
SBF 27 Capncorn smoker 5 stable financially secure seeking a SM 25-45 who is stable and knows what he wants in life. **2531401**

ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS
seeks knight SBF 26 5 desires SBM 26-35 for possible LTR. Must be ambitious enjoy pets long walks sports be employed and full of possibility. **2530839**

SINGLE MOM
BF 31 sweet and sincere ever loving respectful intelligent fun loving SM 35-40 who is honest and trustworthy. Must like children. **2530839**

THICK AND HEALTHY
SBF 30 55 240lbs N/S N/D no kids employed. Seeking nice looking SM 20-35 w/no kids N/S for friendship. **2534602**

MERRY CHRISTMAS BABY
I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2271252**

BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL
Attractive voluptuous SBF 33 N/S beautiful smile seeks single man 21-60 who is adventurous spontaneous interested in dating. **2511305**

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY
SF 37 57 medium build college educated real estate agent dog breeder seeks SF 27 55 with passions goals and motivation on life. **120949**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE
SWFF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35-55 who likes quiet reading and going to movies. **2529129**

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SWF 18 56 blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends. Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship. **2562708**

TAKE A CHANCE
SBF 33 seeks SM 30-35 for frnd ship possible LTR. I enjoy movies walks dining out sports and more. **2568333**

TALK TO ME!
SF 43 likes movies dining shopping the zoo. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2911415**

SWEET FUN LOVING
adventurous attractive friendly young lady looking for a friend and possibly more. Seeking good hearted male 29-60, with the same qualities. **2573242**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SF 52 looking for a BM gentleman 40-60 who likes movies plays fine dining and more. **2562592**

WANTED TALL CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s 5'2" brown/brown I enjoy dancing outdoors and travel. Seeking a companion and maybe a relationship. **2982305**

blue eyed biker! slim sensuous romantic fun caring seeking attractive fit fun loving male 47-57. Friendship LTR. I enjoy movies walks music huge laughter quiet times. Lets get to know each other. **2982305**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB
Financially secure independent SBF 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more. Seeking SM 40-45 with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2127475**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE
Sports oriented BPF 39 two teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics artistic. Seeking SM. **294545**

LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS
SBF 38 is looking for SWH/AM who is educated fun outgoing adventurous spontaneous. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **292589**

HONESTY REQUIRED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with. **2410188**

NOT INTO GAMES
Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give t another chance seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race age unimportant. **2512857**

GET TO KNOW ME!
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28-55 N/S for 1 friend ship first. **2431392**

LOVABLE AND SWEET
SBF 30 53 brown/brown 170lbs mother working student. Libra N/S seeks independent, smart BM 35-75 for friendship possible relationship. **2437579**

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

LET'S HANG OUT
SF 28 51 135lbs CNA enjoys movies travel hanging out seeking compatible SM 25-45 who shares sim. lar interests. **2475232**

SEARCH NO MORE
Genuine attractive fun, independent SBF 56 140lbs who enjoys jazz romantic dinners quiet evenings nights in seeking honest male. **2473831**

SECRETARY OF FUN
SWF 36 Leo N/S blonde/blue profes. mother of 2 seeks serious hard working SWM 35-55 N/S who is not into bars. **2494442**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM 25-30, for LTR. **2485764**

YOU NEED ME
Very attractive young full figured mixed BF 30 58 searching for down to earth tall responsible mentally/physically/financially secure male. I need you as much as you need me. **2519124**

ROMANTIC NIGHTS
Black BBW 42 dark complexion enjoys movies dancing quiet romantic nights seeking a SM 30-45 for dating and possible relationship. **2552147**

HOMEBODY
SBF 63 58 155lbs retired (but does work part time) very honest and caring. Scorpio N/S seeks BM 58-65 honest and caring. **253674**

SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue profes. sonal chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SM 43-50 N/S for dating and possible relationship. **2555732**

A LOVE MATCH
SBF 43 travels on bus. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2526882**

GOOD MAN WANTED
Attractive SM 40 yrs old med 5'9 average build 40 Capr com N/S seeks BM 40-51 N/S to enjoy life and more. **2492032**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES
SWFF 51 4'11" 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports. Seeking a good Christian man 50-62 for friend ship first, possible LTR. **2530353**

LOVES TO DANCE
Tall brunette very attractive 5'9 long black/green looking for an available WM 53-70 5'10+ who loves to dance also. **2531151**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF 64 142lbs 5'6" enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids. Seeking SM 5'10+ N/S social drinker for LTR. **2548938**

WORTHWHILE
Tall slim attractive intelligent extroverted SBF 58 who enjoys music the arts and nature. Seeking 11 cultural educated man w/sense of humor. **2543917**

VERY OUTGOING
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56-63 w/ upbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more. **2455079**

THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER
SBF 41 54 very outgoing loving honest trustworthy hard working enjoys reading w/rlng walks in the park. movies concerts seeking hard working trustworthy God fearing SM 38-55. **2471499**

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

TAKING IT IN
SWF 52 52 190lbs youthful looking shoulder length hair brown/brown love motorcycle. James Taylor dining seeking SWM 48-59. **2530064**

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWF 61 looking for a man who likes good books good conversation and appreciates the many differences between men and women. **59 70 2532301**

PETITE AND SEXY
SBF 50 Scorpio N/S petite 5'1 105lbs energetic enjoys fitness movies theater craft shows seeks similar SM. **2548146**

STARTING OVER
Employed widowed grandmother 56 loves old school music playing cards concerts and park walks. Searching for a similar man. **2548146**

OLD-FASHIONED LAID-BACK
SBF 59 Virgo smoker loves watching basketball and cooking. Seeking an understanding BM 55-65 smoker who loves fishing volleyball and picnics. **2988504**

CUTE AND CLASSY
SBF mid-50s seeks attractive gentle man 60+ with similar interests. I love jogging concerts quiet evenings. **2574342**

VERY SPICY
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey com complexion seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 38-55 N/S N/D. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2524243**

VERY ROMANTIC
45 yr old SUFF N/smoker. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **2410188**

SEMI RETIRED
SF 62 59 slim fit likes jazz con certs, symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 50-70 with a similar interest. **2467917**

LOVELY CULTURED TRIM
Warm professional who enjoys dancing theater classical and big band music. Music books travel dining out seeks tall attract ve educated gen tleman w/good build for LTR. **63 73 2508955**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE
Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO Afr can American male 32-38 to spend quiet evenings. I'm a 20-something single drama free handsome. Friendship first maybe long term later. **290167**

SEEKING THE RAINBOW
Open minded energetic spontaneous seeks tall dark handsome SM 40-60 of the rainbow. My star someone com munitative kind hearted who enjoys romance. **298477**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors laughter dining out gospel music and more. Seeking good hearted honest caring SM 40-45 for frndshp first. **221725**

DARK EBONY
SBF 42 58 full figured seeks intel gent man 48-60 5'8 62 med um build o heavyast for possible relationship. **2523559**

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Classy attractive SBF 60 5'3" 120lbs ISO SWPM 50 for special friendship. I love boating music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel. **233569**

AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?
Attractive and hearted SBF 44 58 full figured enjoys dining out movies playing cards family and more. Seeking family oriented intelligent humorous SBH/AM 40-60 for frndshp and com partnership. **2328291**

NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA
SBPF 40 old 56 nurse with children marriage minded smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzles. Seeking N/W 45-60 smoker who enjoys music and sports. **2245545**

WHERE IS MY RIGHT?
SF 46 likes dancing bowling romantic evenings swimming. Seeking SM 40-55 with good sense of humor. **2527065**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?
But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 blonde/hazel N/S works in a ware house. Seeking that special romantic WM 49-60 who enjoys animals camping traveling and music. **2517372**

YOUR WILDEST DREAMS
SBF 48 smoker loves jazz dining out romantic evenings and movies. Seeking feminine BF 35-50 under 5'4 honesty a must. **2260017**

SLIM AND PETITE
Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **271793**

SHALL WE?
DWF 40 54 HWV proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel. Seeking active outgoing WM 40-49 N/S for frndshp. **2425969**

GET TO KNOW THIS
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining. Looking for SBM 57-63 for frndshp possible LTR. **2402995**

RESCUE ME!
SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more. Looking for SM 43-47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman. **2406635**

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF 63 HWV proportionate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free w/similar interests. Smoker social drinker ok. No games! **2417236**

LIFE BEGINS AT 60
61 year old WF 5'12 135lbs N/S N/D brown/blue nurse enjoys cooking Civil War Revolutionary War history travel seeking gentleman 66-70 loyal honest N/S affectionate enjoys being pampered. **2409879**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I could be it. Attractive SWF 60 5 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person. Seeking SBM 50-50 for special relnshp. **2418068**

SEMI RETIRED
SF 62 59 slim fit likes jazz con certs, symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 50-70 with a similar interest. **2467917**

ARE YOU A TALL HANDSOME MAN
that could be my Mr. Right for a SWF 58 attract ve loving and fun lets share life together. **2443339**

SBF 45 MAKE ME LAUGH
SBF 45 N/S seeks to frnd frnd ship possibly more w/gentleman 40-60 who appreciates music travel spending time outdoors. **2480289**

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR
Attractive W/WF 64 red/bluise 5 150lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentleman 65-70 who enjoys meeting new people. **2476645**

WARRIOR PRINCESS!
WPF 49 seeks SBPM 38-52 Lets snuggle and make ths a writer a total meltdown! Love laughter humor read ing and life! **2480978**

SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST
SF 43 smoker student looking for SM 25-35 N/S who is trustworthy a good listener and will make me happy. **2484338**

CALL ME!
SF 21 54 140lbs long dark khazel N/S no chn drn eny chng mg moves workng out bow Seeking SWM 21-40 N/S. **2485673**

QUIET QUALIFIED
SBF 47 N/S attractive shy w/great sense of humor enjoys nature sight playing movies music 3 tries to savor the joyous moment. Seeking SM 42-55. **246494**

SHALL WE DANCE?
SAF 58 117 105lbs dears well groomed extro gen tleman 60-75 who loves to dance and travel. Grosse Pointe area preferred. **2498134**

SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest trustworthy down to earth? SBF 40 N/S seeks SBM 27-57 N/S who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2508061**

ROMANTIC LADY
Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 56 165lbs traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for frndshp maybe more. **2464984**

QUIET BEAUTY
SBF 46 shy but loves to laugh enjoys concerts movies seeking good honest SBM, 43-50 N/S for LTR. **2498245**

BEN BEET? DONE THAT?
Take home DWF young aging 63 3'9 blonde/hazel N/S works in a ware house. Seeking that special romantic WM 49-60 who enjoys animals camping traveling and music. **2517372**

EPITOME OF BEAUTY
SBF 19 58 146lbs N/S loves young naist literature w/ ltr reading movies. Looking for SM 19-34 for possible relationship. **2518785**

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER
Pretty slender Ukran lady 54 Catholic 10 years in the US. Seeking caring relationship with warm hearted independent man who enjoys family theater travel. **2512136**

LIBRA
DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys music 13y walks quiet times. Seeking W/AM 35-50 for friendship possible long term relationship. **2528587**

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?
Spontaneous SWF 61 54 average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining wine travel golf. Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companionship. **2962703**

LONESOME
Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy. Need the attention of a WM 65-75 enjoys everything easy to please. So hurry up and call me! **2442686**

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF 60 54 159lbs blonde hair certfied nursing assistant N/S seeks BM 61-62 for friendship dating perhaps more. **2514347**

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35-53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family life. **2115795**

LIFE IS WONDERFUL
SBF 40 mother of two enjoys movies plays walking in the park quiet times at home. Seeking BM 45-55 N/S D/D free who loves kids. **2582246**

DINNER FOR TWO
SBF 51 57 HWV proportionate foster mother likes baking cooking family things going out dining. Seeking compatible SB/WM 47-57 has interest in chn gen possible LTR. **2898391**

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART
Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45-50 N/S for caring quality committed relationship. Lets create sparks and watch them fly. **2639272**

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF 50s loves all life animals family nature Masters help ing professional. Seeking big hearted secure intelligent SP/M 48-64 for fun friendship. **2524242**

CHIC AND CHICK
Widowed WF N/S N/D young at heart looks spirit and attitude. Tall talented temptress waiting for your call. **2682042**

MAYBE IT'S YOU
SWM 52 Anes N/S seeks friendship frst with SWF 35-48. Call now I would like to hear from you. **2546590**

ROMANTIC TRUCK DRIVER
Nice looking BM 62 205lbs 50s no dependents seeks slender or med sm 25-39-48 for concs its weekend 1 ps romance dining out pay ing chess etc. LTR an option. **2599083**

GOT HUMOR?
Very outgo ng DBM 55 61 230lbs brown complexion easygo ng smoker seeks BF 48-55 med um to average build for frndshp maybe more. **2508059**

QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE
SWM 58 58 brown/bluise physical buff 150lbs enjoys every moment of life. ISO SF 45-58 who loves motorcycles and freedom. **2491039**

A ROMANTIC MAKE UP
Good looking cuddly SWM 47 lots of get up and go seeks settled sociable sincere SWF age open. **2969918**

SINCERELY HONEST
Honest positive caring and uplifting SBPM 42 511 205lbs likes out doors dining movies plays. Seeking a SF for LTR after long talks with each other. **2535114**

THAT'S A MOORE
SWM 45 57 180lbs med um build dark brown hair Scorpio N/S seeks woman 30-60 5'5 and under Italian or N/S. **2553737**

EVENINGS AT HOME
SBM 34 works in sales loves bowling going to shows seeking a nice SBF 26-34 no dependents who is established outgoing. **2532222**

BLUE-JEAN LADY?
SWM 35 59 200lbs N/S professional driver enjoys baseball Elton John music dining dancing movies long walks. Seeking WF 25-35 N/S similar interests. **2824225**

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY

Chinese musical prodigy inspires young pianists

BY KEVIN BROWN
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Featured on TV's *60 Minutes* recently, Chinese piano prodigy and international performance star Lang Lang was in Bloomfield Township this week to meet with young piano students - just as he did two years ago.

Lang (pronounced 'long') is on a concert tour and scheduled to perform today with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

It was on a tour two years ago that the then 20-year-old prodigy was invited to the Bloomfield Township home of Chinese-American Wei Shen. To the surprise of Shen and other neighborhood moms with kids taking piano, Lang accepted.

"My goal is to inspire children," said Shen. Her kids, Alex Tung, 9, and Rebecca Tung, 7, both study piano. "A lot of young people growing up in the rock and roll time may lose contact with the music heritage we all have," she said. "A person like that with charisma can really do a lot to inspire children."

In March 2003, Lang and his father visited the home of Shen and husband Jason Tung, expecting maybe 20 kids for a workshop. Greeting them instead were 130 young students and parents.

Shen opened the workshop by playing a Cable News Network feature on Lang for

the group. "Then they started just asking questions."

"A 5-year-old boy asked him 'My mom said you were a genius so you didn't have to practice. He said 'I wish I didn't have to but I have to work really hard.'"

When the boy complained about having to practice a half-hour daily, Lang mentioned he used to practice eight hours a day.

60 MINUTES

Last Sunday, reporter Bob Simon described Lang Lang as a spellbinding performer with a flair for drama - strutting, swooning, and wrapping the crowd around his 10 nimble fingers.

"If Lang Lang sounds a little dreamy, he often plays that way too, with his eyes closed, head back, cast in a musical trance," Simon said. The *60 Minutes* piece also showed how Lang's record company is counting on him to bring in a new generation of fans.

Two years ago, before an earlier Lang performance with the DSO, a friend suggested to Shen that she invite Lang to her home to give a kids' workshop.

My friend was joking. Hey - because you're Chinese American, you could invite him and he'll come. I said you have to understand there are one billion Chinese out there. She said it wouldn't hurt to try.



Lang Lang delights the youngsters with his playing.

Shen tried. She sent a letter to Lang's agent, but was rejected. Shen decided to call.

The agent basically said your chance of getting him is so slim, there are corporations offering sponsorships, what do you have to offer? I said "Children and food."

The agent called back. Lang was coming. His only request was that it was as ethnically diverse as possible," Shen recalled.

PIANO AND CULTURE

Years before marrying and enrolling her two children in piano lessons, Shen's study of violin in her native Shanghai was squelched by the more strident communist society she grew up in.

My dad's friend made a device that could let me practice silently; she recalled. It worked for a time. "A communist leader said you better stop

doing that because it was Western music. He said it had a poisonous influence."

"Since my kids are born Americans they have every opportunity now," Shen said. In the United States, statistics show the study of piano or other musical instruments is nearly universal with Asian-Americans.

"I want to make sure my kids enrich their lives. It helps make a whole person," Shen

said. "All these studies show studying music brings the left and right brain together, it balances the artistic side and also enhances math skills and makes you a more balanced person."

"It's really just a coup," said Stathy Madias of Bloomfield Township, one of the moms who helped Shen organize Lang's visit. "He showed such an interest in the children, he was enjoying all questions whether they were stupid questions or not."

The children wanted to play for Lang. He listened, and sometimes joined them. "Kids were all over him, they so interested in watching his fingers," Madias said. "They were touching his shoes. He was so approachable, they were just attracted to him like a magnet."

Another mom organizer, Nancy Sugimoto of Bloomfield Township, said, "To me it was special to have somebody that was a role model they could look up to. I think they look at him as a person and musician both."

"He really inspires them to pursue music with hard work," Shen said, adding local kids have taken the visits with Lang as inspiration to practice.

Lang closed the nearly two-hour visit with an elaborate rendition of the *Star Trek* theme.

Over the holidays, Shen talked with Lang again and scheduled a return visit for Wednesday, Jan. 12.

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Tips will help with luggage, vacation

When packing for a European trip several years ago, my wife and I decided to minimize the risk if our luggage should decide to take a trip without us. I packed my bag with half of my clothes and half of hers, and she did the same. When we arrived in London and discovered that my bag was still in St. Louis, we were glad that I had at least a partial outfit in my wife's luggage. The extra time spent packing was well worth it. The

bag arrived the next morning, but I had not been left high and dry because of a little planning. — John M.

Painless Way to Pay for a Vacation


My sister, the most frugal woman I know, taught me this one. To save for a yearly vacation, take the fifth paycheck in 5-week months (both you and your spouse) and stuck in a sep-

arate vacation account. You each will get four a year, so that's quite a bit of money to stick away for a great vacation. Or for bi-weekly pay periods, you should receive two extra checks each year, which would also equal four weeks of pay. For example, if you each made \$300 a week, you would have \$2,400 for vacation!


— Ginger

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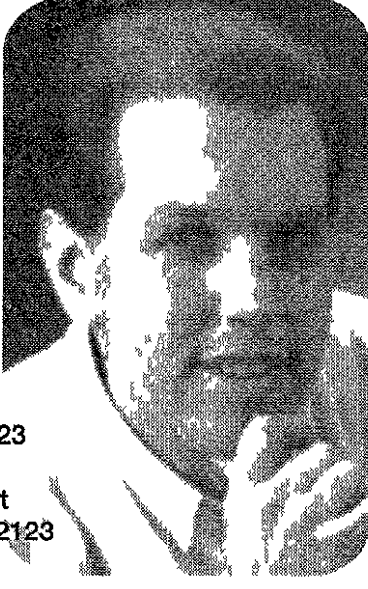
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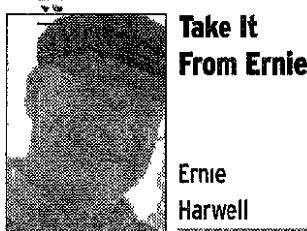
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- Cords
- Cords across walkways can cause falls, shocks and fire
- Never exceed cords' UL's power rating
- Arrange furniture and the telephone so cords are out of the way
- Replace damaged cords
- Smoke detectors
- Many fire departments help eligible residents buy and install smoke detectors. All homes should have smoke detectors
- Install at least one smoke detector per floor
- Locate them near bedrooms, on the ceiling or on a wall, 6 to 12 inches from the ceiling
- Check the batteries according to the manufacturer's recommended schedule
- Install at least one smoke detector per floor
- Space heaters
- Heaters can cause serious burns and fires
- Follow installation and operating instructions
- Never place heaters in passageways or near flammable materials
- Call your local fire department for more information
- Home safety is another important way to take care of your health before it's long gone!

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

HEALTH

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Blood testing goes high-tech

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Gilbert Herman is still amazed by the robotics arm picking up five tubes of blood at a time off a track in the Botsford General Hospital lab.

The department's medical director has been watching the 45-foot-long conveyor move specimens from station to station since late September.

Not only does the new automated hematology and chemistry testing reduce human error and speed diagnosis but is safer for staff working with technology developed for manufacturing.

Once the already bar-coded blood samples come in for testing, an arm reaches out and places them on the line. Along the way, samples are removed depending on the doctor's order, tested then placed in a holding area or stockyard. A medical technologist monitors the process standing at a computer screen. No human hands touch the tubes not even to remove caps, a task which increases the risk of contact with blood-borne diseases such as HIV, AIDS and hepatitis.

It's very efficient, said Herman, M.D. "The quicker we get the test done, the quicker the doctor can get the answers."

"If doctors need to do a few more tests, the robot comes back to pick up the tube from the stockyard. The patient's blood is drawn less times. Speed is good."

In a back storage room are shelves of test tubes. Medical technologists would have to wade through to find a sample if a doctor ordered more tests before the lines were installed. Cutting processing time by 40 percent can make a critical difference when a lab like Botsford's runs more than two million tests a year. While major hospitals like Beaumont can afford the technology, the 330-bed Botsford in Farmington Hills is thought to be the only community

hospital in the country with both lines. Medium-size hospitals like Garden City, St. Mary Mercy in Livonia and Crittenton in Rochester do have automated analyzer instruments but not robotics and a transport system.

ELIMINATING HUMAN ERROR

"We're at the leading edge of technology," said Herman. "We've had hospitals visit from all over the country."

There's tremendous accuracy predicated on bar coding for positive patient identification. If you can't read the writing on orders, this can lead to errors. Many doctors are ordering online so you take away some of the mistakes that can occur. Once on the track it takes some of the sample and makes samples one at a time, transfers the fluid to a tube to eliminate mistakes and makes a label. This is an area where people make mistakes when it all used to be done manually.

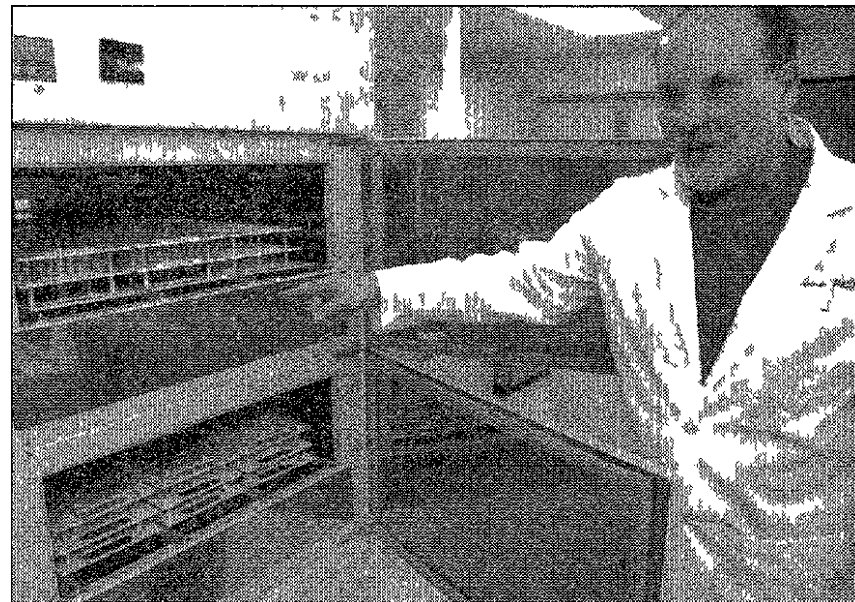
Installing the Beckman Coulter assembly lines was no easy task. Lab director Rosemarie Sandel had to coordinate staff while workmen disassembled half of the lab to put in the robotics tracks.

"We had to keep up the same level of work as we were phasing things in," said Sandel. "We're still going through training after an intense two to three weeks of training. We're still in the learning curve."

Hitches in the system are still being worked on as well. A representative of Beckman Coulter will be visiting this week to simplify the process.

It's wonderful, a lot faster, said chemistry technologist Leang Siu of Farmington Hills, who's worked in the lab 10 years. It keeps track of everything, saves a lot of time. "We're still getting used to it, when it's working it kicks out a lot of tests."

Medical technologist Kiet Luong of Canada agrees.



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Medical director of the Department of Laboratory Medicine at Botsford General Hospital, Dr. Gilbert Herman talks about the storage unit at the end of the automated line which will store samples and retrieve them if new tests are ordered.

It makes it easier, said Kiet Luong, who's also worked in the lab 10 years. "You just put on a specimen. It's easy. It cuts down on a lot of work."

One of the reasons Herman and Sandel began investigating robotics technology was to prevent burnout. The good news is staff will not be replaced by technology. If a result exceeds a range, auto verification flags a medical technologist. Some manual testing remains, but Gilbert expects that to change as instruments are invented.

VITAL NEED

There's a national shortage of medical technologists, said Herman. "The work force is getting older. We're on the verge of a national crisis. To survive we have to develop technology allowing the same amount of people to do the job but eliminate some of the pressure."

Robotics technology is critical to

hospitals, critical to keep hospitals alive in the lab. It's critical to succeed or you're going to have less health care choices.

Technology, however, is costly and frequently out of range for medium-size hospitals like Crittenton where renovations on the lab did not include robotics. Tracks run more than \$1 million and as much as \$2 million depending on complexity and configuration, according to Henry Micallef, laboratory automation sales manager.

"The track cost no more than what we spent years ago," said Herman. "It's enabled us to expand our services to doctors' offices (in addition to patients in the hospital and emergency department)."

In the past these were so expensive for community hospitals, so complex or needed so many people to support it. In five years it's become favorable for labs to do this. It was untouchable five years ago."



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Infants, children at risk for RSV

Every 60 seconds in the U.S. a premature baby is born. These babies have smaller, less developed lungs that put them at a substantially greater risk of respiratory disease. One of the most common and potentially serious respiratory infections that parents of preemies need to be aware of and to take precautions against is RSV, respiratory syncytial virus. Unfortunately, many new parents are unaware of what they need to do to keep their baby healthy and to protect them from this and other respiratory illnesses.

RSV is the most common cause of lower respiratory tract infection in children under five years of age and the number one reason for hospitalization of children under the age of one. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that each year up to 125,000 children are hospitalized with a serious case of RSV disease. Since premature birth interrupts the final stages of lung development, premature infants are at a greater risk for developing serious respiratory problems compared to full-term children.

"The RSV season is now

upon us and it can have a significant impact on the health of premature babies and the lives of their families," said Steve Berman, M.D., former president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Although having a premature child often happens unexpectedly, parents can educate themselves and follow simple steps to keep their baby healthy.

Initially, the symptoms of RSV may be similar to a cold and may include fever, runny nose and coughing. An infected baby can get very sick, very quickly and can develop symptoms such as difficulty breathing, difficulty eating, wheezing (a whistling sound), rapid breathing, and a blue color around the lips. Since RSV complications can strike rapidly, parents of at-risk children need to act fast by calling their pediatrician or healthcare provider immediately if signs of RSV complications appear.

Berman recommends using the acronym CARES as a guideline to help parents protect their premature babies from contracting serious RSV disease. Clean hands before touching the baby. Ask friends

and relatives not to visit if they have a cold, fever or sore throat. Know the signs and symptoms of lower Respiratory diseases, including RSV. Educate yourself, family and friends about what to expect raising a premature baby. Keep your baby away from second-hand smoke. These tips can help keep your entire family healthy.

PreemieCare, an international non-profit organization dedicated to educating and supporting parents of premature infants, encourages parents to take preventive measures to reduce the risk of RSV.

Most people have not heard of RSV until their baby becomes very sick," said Maureen Boyle, executive director of PreemieCare. "If parents were educated about RSV early on, they would know how serious this virus can be and would take preventive measures, especially prior to the start of RSV season."

For more information about RSV, parents can call (877) 848-8512, visit the PreemieCare Web site at www.preemecare.org, or visit the RSV Web site at www.rsvprotection.com

Michigan Eyes to raise awareness of diabetes

More than 130,000 people in Michigan may have a disease that could lead to blindness and they don't even know it. The disease is called diabetic retinopathy, and the only way it can be detected is through a dilated eye exam by a medical professional.

Just as it sounds, diabetic retinopathy occurs in people who have diabetes. Estimates from the Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System indicate that as many as 400,000 people in Michigan have diabetes, but fewer than half of them receive an annual dilated eye examination. The National Institutes of Health estimates that one-third of the people with diabetes in Michigan have diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy is the most com-

mon eye disease among people with diabetes.

That is why the Michigan Department of Community Health's Diabetic Prevention and Control Program, Michigan Optometric Association, SouthEast Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network, the Lions Clubs of Michigan, Optometric Institute and Clinic of Metropolitan Detroit, local retinal specialists and former University of Detroit basketball coach Dick Vitale have all come together to form Michigan Eyes on Diabetes, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of this silent disease that could rob you of your eyesight.

Diabetic retinopathy damages the tiny blood vessels inside the retina, the light sen-

sitive tissue at the back of the eye, leading to blurry vision or blindness. The only way for diabetic retinopathy to be diagnosed is through a dilated eye exam by an eye care professional. Once detected, diabetic retinopathy can usually be treated through laser surgery that seals the leaks.

A typical dilated pupil eye exam costs about \$150, and is covered by most major medical insurance and Medicare for senior citizens. Michigan Eyes on Diabetes has doctors who are willing to provide exams for those people who are uninsured and are without the financial resources to pay for an exam and meet certain requirements. A majority of these exams will be performed at the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Metropolitan

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Tai Chi
Classes from the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter begin soon at four locations: Summit on the Park Canton (734) 394-5460; St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia (734) 655-8947; Miss Helen's Westland Dance (734) 261-3744; and Guardian Martial Arts Garden City (734) 266-0565. All instructors have been trained and certified by the Arthritis Foundation. For more information about schedules and fees, call the site nearest you. Tai Chi classes from the Arthritis

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Winter classes
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In treating pain and inflammation, the standard to work from remains aspirin, acetylsalicylic acid. This medication is out of fashion as it may cause bleeding in the stomach and because its effect on platelets may start bleeding elsewhere in the body.

There is another medication related to aspirin called salsalate that is sufficiently different chemically so that it avoids the bleeding problems associated with aspirin. Aspirin works by stopping an enzyme called cyclooxygenase. Salsalate works by blocking enzymes in the leukotriene cycle. The effect of both aspirin and salsalate is to stop inflammation and block pain receptors. Both drugs do the job equally well but the different chemical pathway of salsalate stops side effects.

Salsalate was popular with physicians in the 1940's/60's but with the rise of other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs use of salsalate dropped. The medication lost further ground with the introduction of the COX-2 drugs such as Celebrex, Vioxx, and Bextra.

With 60 years of experience with salsalate, the medical community knows that problems of bleeding, increased risk for heart attacks and strokes, and sensitivity reaction are rare with this medication. Other advantages of the drug are that you take it only twice a day and it is inexpensive. The cost for a month's supply is under \$20.

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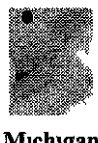
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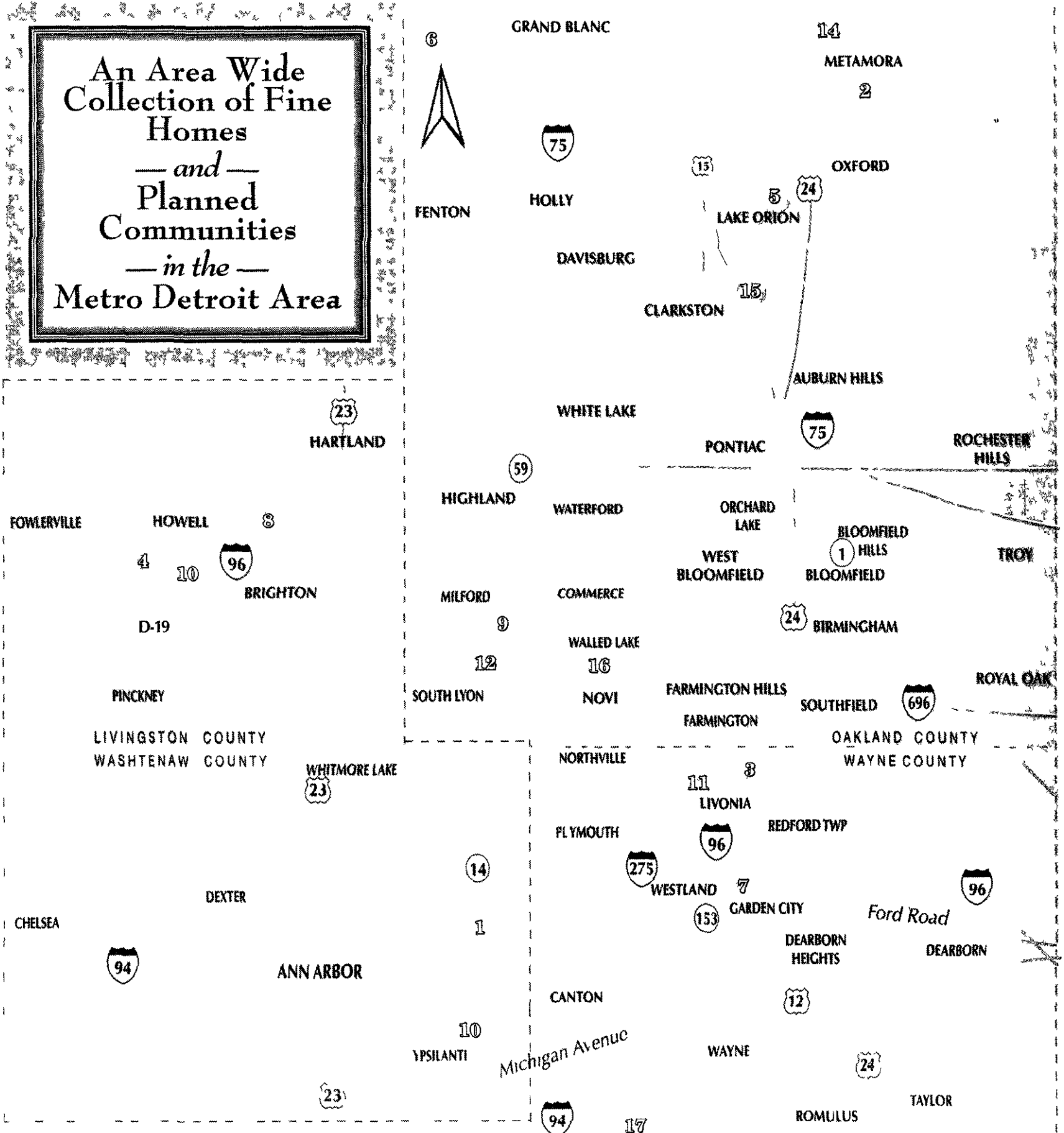


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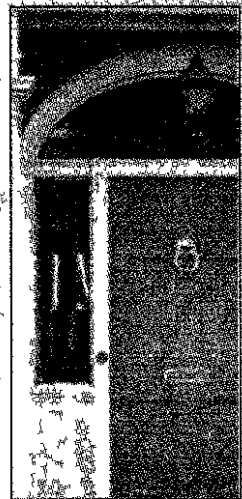


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Ten ways to add value to your home

Improvements can add up

(MS) - Whether you're interested in making a resale investment or just want to enhance your living space, industry experts agree there are a number of easy ways you can add value to your home.

"Home improvement projects always equate to increasing the value of your house," said Don Zeman, host of the home improvement radio show, *Homefront with Don Zeman*. "Whether you're replacing an old dishwasher with a newer, energy-efficient model or simply adding crown molding to a bedroom, every activity you do means you're investing in the future of your home."

A contractor and builder for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated radio show, Zeman knows the best ways to add value to a house. "Research shows that major remodeling projects like adding a bathroom or renovating a basement definitely pay off when it comes time to selling your home," said Zeman. "Those are big projects. Homeowners need to understand that smaller and medium-sized projects can also have huge benefits."

According to Zeman, there are 10 positive home improvement projects that can make life in your current home more enjoyable in the short-term and pay big dividends when selling the home in the future.

Project #1 - Create a designated home office space. Whether it's just part of a room partitioned off with an obscure acrylic block wall to create a private nook or an entire room, home offices are an essential part of today's living. The multi-functional space can be used for children to study, paying bills, writing or for a home business.

Project #2 - Treat your ceilings as the fifth wall in a room. Accent and embellish them with beaded boards, paints or decorative finishes. Consider adding a lightweight urethane ceiling medallion from Fypon(R) around ceiling lights and fans. Two-piece medallions snap into place in less than five minutes to add more ambiance to a room.

Project #3 - Invest in your lawn. Nothing puts forth a better first impression than a well-maintained lawn and continuously-maintained shrubs and flower beds. If you're selling your home, a buyer immediately forms his opinion of how well you have taken care of the interior by the look of the exterior.

Project #4 - Replace old, leaky windows with energy efficient vinyl windows. Energy Star compliant windows help save on heating and cooling bills all year long. And, for added safety and security, consider Simonton StormBreaker Plus impact-resistant windows. Much like a car windshield, when broken the glass in these windows adheres to a heavy invisible plastic interlayer, thus reducing the damage inside the home from storms or crime attempts.

Project #5 - Expand living space by adding a deck or sunroom. Increasing the amount of usable space in a home always equates to adding more value. Whether it's placing an awning over a patio area, converting a screened-in porch to a sunroom or adding a deck, the creation of more living space makes life more enjoyable for you now and adds an appealing selling feature for the future.

Project #6 - Remove mildew from your home's exterior and prevent it from coming back. Start by killing any mildew by using a garden sprayer and Jomax, which contains an EPA-registered mildicide that kills mildew without harming your siding, shrubs or grass. After killing the mildew, prevent it from coming back by using Perma-white Mold and Mildew-Proof Exterior Paint.

Project #7 - Trim out exterior windows and doors. If you have old, rotting wood around windows (or no trim at all) install all-weather millwork.

Project #8 - Upgrade the master bathroom with a tub window. Made of durable acrylic blocks, Hy-Lite's fixed and operable windows provide privacy in the bathroom while allowing light into the room. A decorative bathroom window over the tub serves as a focal point in the room.

Project #9 - Replace rotted columns and porch posts with fiberglass columns. When you start spending several weeks each year repairing and repainting



To add value to your home and enhance your living space, add decorative interior accents such as crown molding and ceiling medallions to any room.

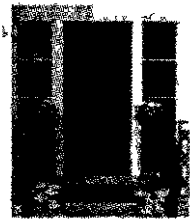
exterior rail systems and columns, it's time to invest in low-maintenance fiberglass columns. Structural load-bearing columns from Dixie-Pacific are an affordable investment. Options include columns with lifetime finishes to eliminate painting and a variety of styles to complement any home design.

Project #10 - Bump out to a bay or bow window. Along with adding extra

living space, bay and bow windows add instant visual interior and exterior appeal to homes. People value the extended space that can highlight a holiday tree, a window seat or simply adds more light to the home.

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Waiting to buy a home may cost you a lot of money

I am interested in buying a house, should I wait for the spring or buy now?



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Michael Aldouby

is to imagine that you are going to buy a snowmobile. If you buy one right before winter, chances are you will pay the maximum price. This is

because it's the beginning of the snowmobile selling season and retailers are the most confident in selling them. However, if you buy a snowmobile at the end of the winter you will have the most chance to get the most for your money. Why? Because after the winter, snowmobile sellers are anxious to get rid of their excess snowmobiles and must, therefore, lower the price.

If you wait until the beginning of the real estate season, sellers will have the most confidence of selling their house for the most money. It will be difficult to significantly negotiate their asking price down. We had a relatively slow real estate market this summer. There are a lot of homes on the market that haven't sold. Sellers have been forced to steadily reduce their asking price.

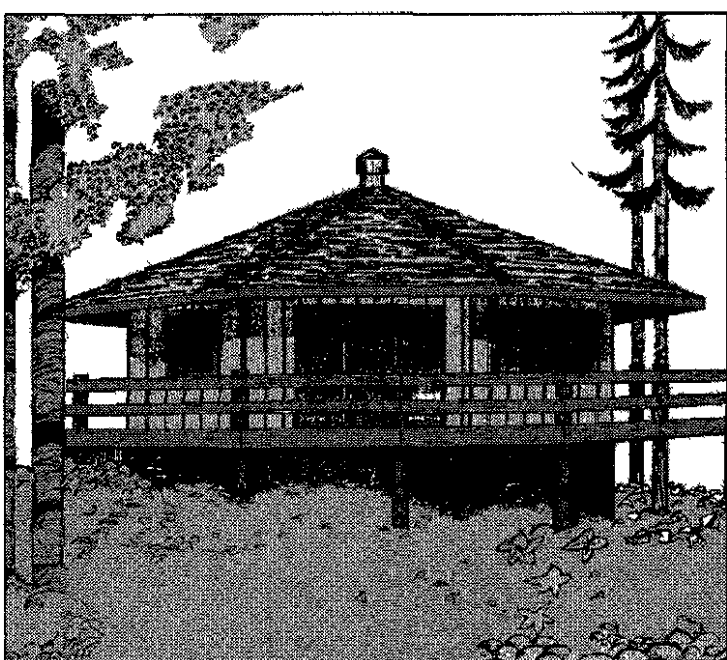
Another potential pitfall concerning waiting is interest rates. Interest rates have been the lowest in 50 years. However, they have been steadily going up and they are predicted to go up significantly in the upcoming year. If interest rates go up just 1 percent, it may mean big bucks to you. Based on a \$250,000 mortgage, an increase of 1 percent, would be an increase of \$2,500 per year, which over 30 years would be \$75,000.

It is difficult to deny that you will have a bigger selection starting spring. If you want to get the best buy, though, now is the time to act.

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Inside the many-sided home, through the sliding glass doors from the deck, is the large, light-filled living room with quite a panoramic view. Centrally located in this area is a masonry fireplace ideal for friends and family to gather after skiing, fishing, or just visiting, bathing this unique home in warmth.

Adjacent to the 308-square-foot living area is the convenient and efficient kitchen. Those small work triangle between sink, refrigerator, and range saves steps as well as time. Next to the kitchen is

the family-sized bathroom, which boasts of a trapezoidal shower and plenty of floor space.

The main bedroom is located next to the bathroom and is comfortable in size, unique in shape, and offers a large wall closet. The second bedroom, while slightly smaller than the main bedroom, holds its own with a unique shape and a good-sized wall closet. The panoramic view floods both bedrooms through the large windows strategically placed

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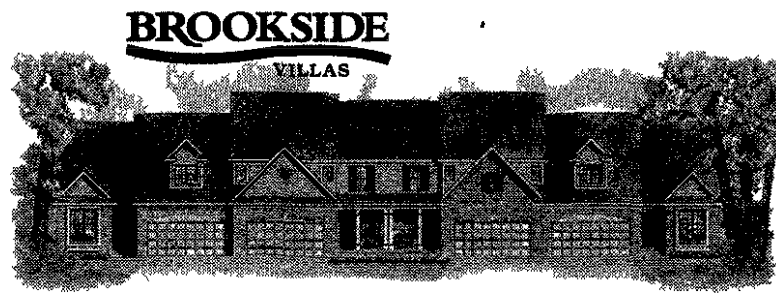
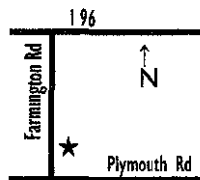
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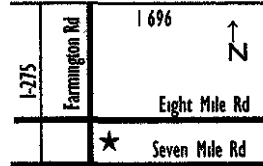


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Keeping up the house: Know when it's time to get new roof

(NAPSI) - The condition of their roof is one thing homeowners should stay on top of. The wind, the rain—even the sun—can all damage shingles and lead to leaks, vermin infestation and high heating and cooling costs.

And not keeping on top of things can wind up costing you big time.

Experts estimate homeowners

spend some would say waste billions of dollars annually just on fixing poorly installed or constructed roofing.

How to avoid that money trap? Well, there are some early predictors of problems ahead—starting with something as simple as whether you can see blistering or peeling paint. Both could possibly be due to

either excessive moisture or high humidity stemming from poor attic ventilation.

Leaks in the attic after a driving rain are another telltale sign. Possible causes include inadequate shingle underlayment or deteriorated flashing.

Other signs of trouble include stains on interior ceilings and walls that are the result of inadequate or faulty

shingles underlayment. Either condition allows leakage to seep through from ice dams and missing, cracked or curling shingle that have reached the end of their useful life.

And the list of telltale signs goes on. Roof problems include roof shingle, sheathing or siding decay. Possible causes include poor attic ventilation. Excessive energy costs can also

be the result of your heating and cooling system running excessively. You should also keep an eye out for dark, dirty looking areas on your roof. Possible causes include environmental pollutants, vegetation, fungus or algae growth, loss of granules due to age of shingles.

Those wasted dollars caused by roof problems can be avoided when a professional roofing

system is correctly installed, according to experts at GAF Materials Corporation, a leading roofing manufacturer.

With this in mind, the company has designed a certification program for roofing contractors.

For more information or to find a certified contractor, visit www.gaf.com.

Stay safe during power outages

(NAPSI) - As consumer reliance on electricity has increased, tolerance for power outages has declined. To combat the havoc wreaked by ice storms, thunderstorms, and high winds, many homeowners turn to portable electric generators.

"Portable electric generators are a good source of power during electrical outages. However, generators that are improperly installed or operated can become deadly," noted Michael G. Clendenin, executive director of the Electrical Safety Foundation International. "People die needlessly every year in accidents that involve portable electric generators. Safety awareness can prevent those deaths."

ESFI recommends following these portable electric generator safety precautions to avoid dangerous situations:

Never operate the generator in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces, including homes, garages and basements.

Never operate the generator in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces, including homes, garages and basements. Generators very quickly produce high levels of carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, deadly gas.

Keep the generator dry. To protect it from moisture, operate on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure.

Plug appliances directly into the generator. Or, use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated in watts or

amps at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads. Do not connect your generator directly to your household wiring, as this can backfeed along the power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including lineworkers making repairs.

Make sure the generator is properly grounded. Do not overload the generator. A portable generator should be used only when necessary and only to power essential equipment or appliances.

Make sure fuel for the generator is stored safely away from living areas, in properly labeled containers and away from fuel-burning appliances. Before refueling, always turn the generator off and let it cool down.

Turn off all appliances powered by the generator before shutting down the generator.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation and maintenance.

Keep children away from portable generators at all times. For these and other electrical safety tips, visit the ESFI Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call (703) 841-3229.

Swallow your pride, call a professional

(NAPSI) - The day started out innocently enough. You just wanted to replace those ugly faucet handles in the upstairs bathtub. But when you tried to install the new handles, you realized they didn't fit. Rather than lose momentum, you attempted to improvise a solution. After two hours of drilling, hammering and frustration, you're now stuck with a tub with no faucet handles and the expensive prospect of replacing all of your faucet hardware. Maybe it would've been wise to call for professional help at the first sign of trouble.

"Homeowners can save themselves a lot of money and aggravation just by knowing when to call a pro," says Keith Hahn of Handyman Connection, one of the nation's leading home repair and maintenance companies.

According to Hahn, there are three common traps that homeowners should watch out for. "The first trap is what we'll call 'uncharted waters,' and the tub faucet story is a perfect example," says Hahn. "If a job takes you into unfamiliar territory, the odds of making an expensive mistake increase greatly."

The second trap, says Hahn, is when you find "more than you bargained for." Hahn shares the story of a homeowner stripping wallpaper from his kitchen walls. Near one corner, the homeowner's stripping knife plunges completely

through the wall, revealing months of water damage. "The smart homeowner stops right there and calls a pro, because water damage can create a multitude of problems in addition to the obvious need for drywall repair—rotten wood, plumbing problems and much more."

Finally, there's the pride trap. Sometimes a small project simply spins out of control. Have you ever hammered a nail into a wall only to see large chunks of plaster fall to the floor? Or have you ever tried to unscrew a stubborn plumbing fixture and watched helplessly as water sprayed from the pipe you dislodged from the wall?

According to Hahn, most home repair blunders fall into the third category. Call a pro instead of letting pride trick you into chasing problems, says Hahn. "Some jobs attempted by homeowners are just doomed from the start, and your frustration may only compound the problem and cost you more money."

"When in doubt," Hahn adds, "it's almost always cheaper to hire a professional handyman rather than learning by trial and error."

Keith Hahn is the chief operating officer of Handyman Connection, a nationwide network of home improvement and repair contractors. For more information, call (800) 466-5530 or visit www.handymanconnection.com.

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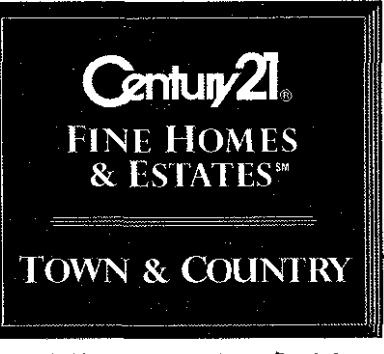
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COMMERCE Lakefront Living
Large lakefront on w/2 story vaulted GR w/lake view Kit w/granite tops & custom cabs Mstr ste w/marble surround jac tub 3 BRs 2.5 BAs 1st floor laundry Entertainer on raised brick paver patio & lg lake frtg
(B23TAN) 248 363 1200 \$674,900



BLOOMFIELD Stunning Renovation in '03
Beautiful landscaping 04 state of the art kitchen opens to family room Living room and dining room w/cove moldings and bay windows Lib w/cust built ins MBR ste w/sitting area/office Fin LL w/cust bath
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SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
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CANTON Premier New Const Cape Cod
4 bdrm 3.5 bath premier home w/4 car attached garage full basement unique staircase in great entrance Large loft overlooking great room w/fireplace hearth room opens to bayed nook a ea off kitchen
(B50ROL) 734 455 5600 \$785,000



OAKLAND Mansion in the Country
Fantastic new build w/eave you breathless with soaring ceilings and ext a tall door walls on first floor Two way fireplace between keeping room & great room granite top Master ste w/2 way triple w/rt pool tub
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COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Custom 5 BR 4 BA home w/breathtaking backyard view We set up for handicap needs opt onal 1st floor master w/cathedral ceiling triple bath Fin shed w/wo w/2nd k t Br den & BA Access 96 Waled Lk Sch s
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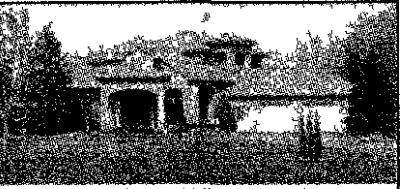
NOVI Private Estate Home
On approx 1 acre of w/custom amenities T/O Extensive use of marble 7 BRs 5 full BAs 2 half baths and 2 MBR suites Fin LL walkout w/2nd kit Gorgeous grounds 18 acre commons & small lake Must see
(B22VAS) 248 642 8100 \$999,000



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4 BR 2.5 BA home with enormous gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets and hardwood floors Warming staircase MBR w/master BA & WIC 2 fireplaces 3 car gar W/O bsmt & dual heating & cool ng
(B65HIL) 248 349-5600 \$679,900



TROY Executive Style Home
5 bedroom 3.5 bath home in NW Troy Island kitchen lib with French doors GR with cathedral ceiling spa staircase Professionally finished lower level entry garage Elegant MBR w/whirlpool tub & sep shower
(B16PHE) 248 524 1600 \$414,900



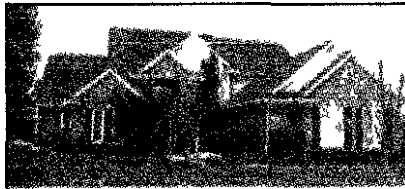
METAMORA Million Dollar View
15 plus acres wooded and rolling with trails and abundant nature indoor and outdoor pools master suite on 1st floor dream kitchen 4 car garage with full bath 3 stunning fireplace fin w/c w/sunna & fireplace
(B70THO) 248 652-8000 \$1,199,999



WHITE LAKE Sunsets on White Lakefront
Updated ranch 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths Walkout LL to over 70 w/2 permanent docks & beachhouse Kit has movable island & doorwall to Eon deck DR has w/ w indows & open to LR & 1b Never 2.5 ca gar
(B55RID) 248 363 1200 \$549,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Wooded Lot
4 bedroom 4 bath ranch w/extensive remodeling on gorgeous wooded lot at very back of prestigious sub Premium privacy end up north facing
(B55FOR) 248-642-8100 \$897,000



NOVI Entertain Indoors & Out
Pride in ownership Custom kitchen & hearth room stainless appl's Brick paver patio (3) electric lawn ng Pool putting green Huge DR FFL gas gens actor w/val for lawn 3.5 ca heated ga age x wide drive
(B37HAZ) 248 349 5600 \$589,900



TROY Newly Built
4 bedroom 3.5 bath two story on huge lot Two way staircase Great Room with gas fireplace Large maple kitchen with granite counters walk in pantry First floor laundry library full basement Troy schools
(B69WIN) 248-524 1600 \$479,900



OAKLAND Custom Quality Craftsmanship
French Tudor with 6 bedrooms 5.2 baths Extensive use of marble granite oak and hickory 3 fireplaces 2 staircases nine foot ceilings throughout finished lower level with full k t theatre rm sauna 1 p c bilard & DR
(B27BAV) 248 652 8000 \$1,100,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Updated in North Maplewoods
Spacious Tudor w/4 BR 3.5 BA 3 car garage and finished basement plumbed for kitchen and wet bar Step down fam y room with fireplace la ge kitchen with island and appls Updates roof w/ndows carpet paint
(B44BAU) 248 626 8800 \$464,000



BIRMINGHAM New Construction
On a premier street High quality construction to detail 4 bedroom 4 bath butler area 2 fireplaces & home theatre Jack & J bath 5th BR & BA in LL Skylights kit w/island formal DR & master suite to die for!!
(B20PLE) 248 642 8100 \$789,900



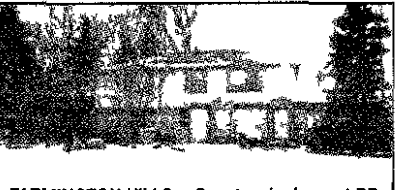
NOVI Autumn Park Colonial
Amazing 4 BR 3.5 BA home on premium wooded lot in one of Novi's finest subs Two story FR w/4 season sunroom x deep bsmt w/day ght windows br ck paver patio kitchen w/Maple cabs to ma DR 2nd fl aund
(B90SUN) 248 349-5600 \$639,900



CLARKSTON New Construction
4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial w/ open floor plan Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite counters 2 story FR with granite su ound gas FP Dual sta case Master BR with pan ce ng & etted tub
(B08HID) 248 524 1600 \$499,900



OAKLAND Dual Staircase
Unique barrel ceiling in entry and dining room arched entryways on first floor Finished walk out basement with full kitchen and bath In ground pool First floor master and two sto y foyer
(B78VIN) 248 652 8000 \$849,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Spectacular Large 4 BR
3 1/2 bath on a Great open floor plan Huge master suite updated kitchen 2003 Love y finished basement Hardwood floors foyer and library many built ins New roof gutters and siding Front courtyard entry
(B89GRE) 248 626 8800 \$449,900



LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
On approx 2.5 acres w/5 BRs & 4 1/2 BA LR DR lg FR w/garden rm & fin LL w/o w/full bar game rm not tub For da m grounds & sauna Lighted basketball ce rnk & pool & steam Apt over 5 car ga age
(B73CUR) 248 642 8100 \$689,000



NOVI Elegant Custom Cape Cod
A grand entry greets you w/ Travertine floor circular staircase cherry cabinets and granite T/O Stainless steel appls an impressive fin W/O LL w/full kitchen No expense spared A definite must see
(B64ROB) 248 349-5600 \$849,900



OAKLAND TWP Stunning Custom Home
On a most 3/4 acre wooded lot Gourmet kitchen with granite stainless appliances Two story great room with soaring w ndows Library with doorwall to deck Master suite w th gas FP W/C and marble bath
(B36WOO) 248-524 1600 \$689,900



OAKLAND TWP Split Level
On wooded lot in secluded sub First floor master suite 3 bedrooms w/pvate bath Dramatic 2 story foyer & GR w/bric many custom features includ ng granite custom cabs crown molding wainscoting & hwd
(B82WOO) 248 652-8000 \$710,000



DETROIT Golf Club Finest
Eng sh Tudor 5 BRs 5 BAs 3 lavs located on the golf course Updated kitchen marble foyer slate floor professionally landscaped Large LR to mal dining lib 2 fam ly rooms 4 1/2 ples 1 n bsmt FFL and mud rm
(B15HAM) 248 626 8800 \$810,000



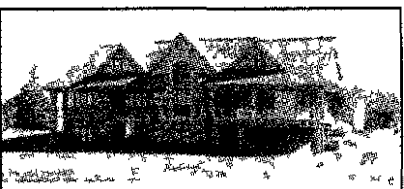
FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Built
Colonial w/5 BRs & 3 1/2 BAs located in Hunter Pointe Large ooms FR w/bar and sunroom off breakfast area Fin W/O lower level w/bedroom and bath herd deck w/hot tub Private and n great neighborhood
(B28HAR) 248 642-8100 \$559,900



GROSSE ILE In a Choice Neighborhood
3 bdrm 2.5 bath rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage basement dining room library w/bay window vaulted ceilings in great room w/fireplace 1st floor laundry oak kitchen w/eppls & 4 season sunroom
(B36LAS) 734 455-5600 \$449,900



WASHINGTON New Construction
4 bedroom colonial with 3.5 baths FFL butler's pantry basement with 3 ares window and a three car side entry garage Gourmet island kitchen with built in appliances Master bedroom bath with Jacuzzi tub
(B84RID) 248 524 1600 \$409,900



HIGHLAND Golfers Paradise
Near Milford 1.5 story contemporary designed by Lubin of Bloomfield Hills Located at 12th green wall of windows soaring ceilings 3 ft doo s huge fin w/o cu ved walls Am sh cabs theater rm/wall 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 two way fireplaces Finished basement 4 car garage
(B07PEG) 248-626 8800 \$899,900



MILFORD Privacy Galore
On approx 1.5 lots of luxury park like retreat Featuring soaring cathedral ceilings hwd floors kit w/island & 1st floor laundry 2 MBR ste one up and one down plus add'l 2 BRs w/fin BA LL w/o & 3 car gar
(B22ANN) 248-642-8100 \$479,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom 3 full & 1.5 bath 19th century colonal on approx 2.9 acres Great master bed room hardwood floors country kitchen & formal dining room Large pole barn pond deck & gazebo A must see
(B66HOM) 734-455 5600 \$519,900



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
Two story with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths walk out basement wooded lot and uppg ades throughout 3 fireplaces master BR with Jacuzz tub and walk in closet Gourmet kitchen with built in appl ances
(B17GRA) 248-524 1600 \$474,900



ROSE TWP/HOLLY Custom 20 Room Home
On approx 8.2 acres defines comfort & luxury 6 bedrooms 7.3 baths A1 on p vate 20 acres 80 deep spring fed lake heated barn for the toys horses welcome Call to make your appointment today
(B65MIL) 248 620 7200 \$1,200,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Pride of Farmington Hills
Unique contemporary with walkout on huge wooded lot 5 bedrooms 3.5 baths cathedral ceilings oak floors Mexican tile granite counters 2nd floor master suite with private extra rooms Met oous turnkey
(B19SHA) 248 626 8800 \$500,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning Euro Townhome
Profes des gned interior builders model w/100K of extras 3 story 3 BR 3.5 BA brick twich w/2 MBR ste both w/WIC 1st fl MBR w/marble fir jetted spa tub granite k t & hwdv frs Fin bsmt & 2.5 car gar
(B90GAT) 248-642-8100 \$444,000



CANTON Luxurious Golf Frontage
G and 2 story entrance hardwood floor 3 baths 2 powder room spectacular view fabulous master suite/jetted tub bright kitchen walk in pantry butler serv ce stat on 2 tier deck 3 car garage
(B88DEL) 734 455-5600 \$519,900



CLARKSTON Charming English Cottage
Overlooks a picturesque nature preserve This cedar & oak split level has custom features and an attractive floor plan Expansive master suite library GR with grand w ndows sitting room w FP W/O basement
(B09PEN) 248-524 1600 \$511,000



COMMERCE Quality - Lake Sherwood
Lakefront living contemp 5 BR 3.5 BA 2 triple elegant FFL master ste w/Jacuzz tub any sep glass block shower Fin LL offers full BA wet bar & kitchenette 3+ att ca gar C ty water/sewer Huron Valley Schls
(C01COM) 248 363-1200 \$899,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD No Earthly Reason
To accept 2nd best when you can ov n this 4 BR 3 1/2 2 ha 1 BA contemp on or me wooded cul de sac lot 3 car gar 1 oot to ce ng w ndows cath ceilings in LR 2 story ceiling n foyer access lights T/O Center is and kit
(B40SWA) 248 626 8800 \$599,900



ROYAL OAK Lovely And Large
Best descr bes this 3 BR 1.5 BA colonal w/living room family room & 3 ex ts to never dock that makes a great floor an Enjoy the convenience of a 2 car attached garage & ovely finished rc rm & fenced yd
(B02GLE) 248 642-8100 \$412,000



PLYMOUTH Woodlore South
4 bdrm home Full brick elevat on Foyer w/curved staircase & hwdv fl GR w/2 story cell marble trimmed gas frcp DR LR w/bay wndw French drs to lib kit w/cherry cabs mstr ste w/BA 3 car att gar & bsmt
(B99MAR) 734 455 5600 \$539,900



OAKLAND Carrollton Hills
Excuse the home on cul de sac backing to pond Move built 4 bedroom 4.2 bath des gner chef's kit butlers pantry to mal vng and dining rooms judges paretling in lib extensive ceiling hghts 1 n W/O w/theatre rm
(B64CRO) 248 652 8000 \$1,850,000



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story colonal has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood 2 furnaces upstairs laundry Extra garage Lower level w/great room and 2nd kitchen and full bath Sun room This is a must see
(B16DRI) 248 363 1200 \$875,000



TROY Super Nice 4 BR Home
Dual staircase 2 story foyer with ceramic tile brick pavers patio 3 car side garage Built in 1994 First floor brok shelf in brary upgraded kitchen All appliances included Also for lease
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Elegant
3 BR 2.5 BA detached condo on wooded cul de sac Open fir plan cath ceilings in LR & MBR W/O w/FR lib & wet ba 2 frpics white kit w/center island DR 3 decks & MBR ste w/WIC All appls 2 car gar & warr
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Here's advice on what to look for in a winter vacation home

(NAPSI) - For snowbirds looking to own a vacation home where the sun always shines, residential communities in Phoenix's new East Valley are an appealing option because of the abundant amenities and tight-knit camaraderie they offer.

Word of mouth has led groups of friends to the East Valley, which is growing popular as a quiet, laid-back alternative to neighboring Scottsdale. Case in point is Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. Located in a spectacular desert setting, the club offers a small-town

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feel, award-winning club facilities, stunning architecture, two Nicklaus-designed golf courses and an emphasis on community. The club welcomes new members with a year-round social calendar that includes

everything from block parties and nature hikes to clam-bakes and black-tie dinners. For Floyd and Pat Hamus from Marshfield, Wis., it was their love of hiking and golfing combined with the expansive

vistas and small-town feel that made the club a perfect match. "The air is cleaner, there's less traffic and it's still close to everything we'd want in the city [It's] a first-class community with top-notch amenities," Floyd said.

When searching for a vacation home, it's important to focus on a few criteria. Steve Elliott, CEO of The Lyle Anderson Company, one of the Southwest's premier developers, recommends the following: Consider the community's character. Ask how many members are from your home state or, better yet, your hometown.

For example, Superstition Mountain attracts members from the Midwest, while Las Campanas, its sister community in Santa Fe, draws members from across the U.S.

Ask about the amenities, both existing and planned. Are you golfers? Tennis players? Hikers? Spa-goers? Knowing which recreational activities you want out of your second home will help you narrow your choices.

Research what the community does to introduce new members. Superstition Mountain, for example, welcomes new members with

housewarming parties the day they move in and hosts activities year-round to promote camaraderie and build friendships.

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For more information about Superstition Mountain or Phoenix's East Valley, visit www.superstitionmtn.com or call (877) 983-3300.

Accentuate your home's architecture with wood

(NUI) - The newest trend in home renovation is to add updates that are true to a home's specific architectural tradition, whether it's Old World Mediterranean, English Tudor, Craftsman or Victorian.

Wood features are especially important in drawing attention to your home's architecture. Because wood is a flexible and durable material, it is commonly used to achieve a cohesive look that accentuates a home's architecture and blends its focal points.

There are plenty of options for homeowners in the market for architecturally correct elements made of wood. Here are some examples:

Windows Regardless of their style, windows are the focal points of a house. Real wood windows help add indelible character to a home.

Doors The front door defines the character of a house. When replacing a front door, select one that reflects the home's architectural design. For example, a knotty alder Craftsman door, distinctive for its thick wood plank design, complements many rustic architectural styles from Mission to Old World. An entry door with

stained-glass sidelights and a transom conveys classic Victorian design. To protect against the elements and call attention to the front door, install an overhang and lighting that projects the same look and feel.

Molding Installing molding is an easy way to give rooms a finished appearance and capture a unique look. Select heavy, detailed molding to convey traditional English design. For a more contemporary feel, use clean-cut, simple molding and trim.

Flooring Hardwood flooring anchors the decor of any room. An antique oak plank floor suits a variety of architectural styles, from French Tudor to Mediterranean, while birch flooring has a more casual look, with clean lines equally at home in classic or contemporary architecture. Hardwood floors require little work to maintain and can be customized with perimeter trim designs.

Nothing evokes a home's vintage charm like real wood design elements. For more information about which wood window and door products best suit the style of your home, visit www.jeld-wen.com.

(NUI) - If you're a homeowner, there are many ways you can cut costs and still live comfortably. The following tips will help lead you to financial success.

First, set a budget. Figure

out exactly how much you spend on the upkeep of your home. Compare each month's expenses with the previous month to get a better idea of how much to budget for each necessity. Then, see what costs

you can cut. Once you set a budget, stick to it.

Save energy You might be losing a substantial amount of energy dollars during the winter and summer because of air leaks. By caulking, sealing and

weather-stripping all cracks and openings, you can save 10 percent or more.

Also, look into replacing older appliances with newer, more energy-efficient alternatives.



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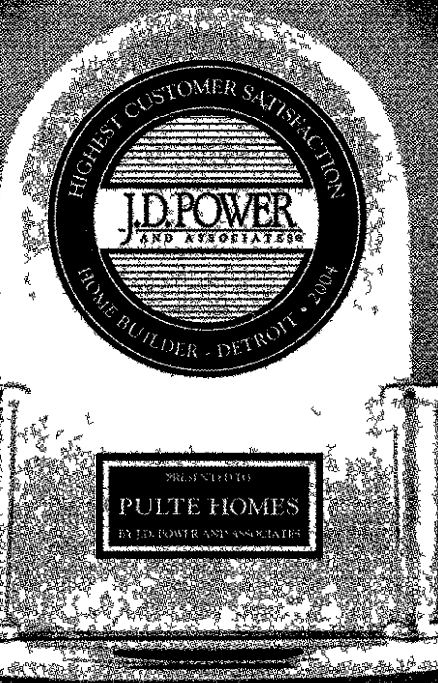
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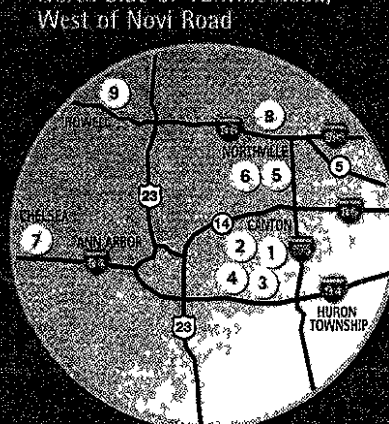
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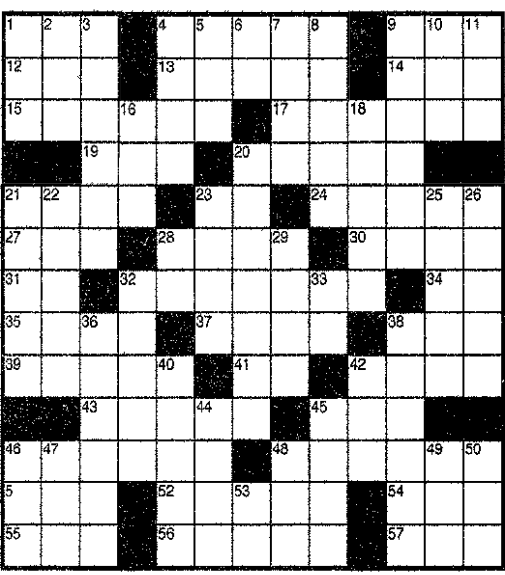


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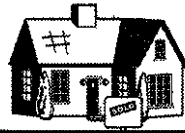
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Interruptions And The 'Gamer' Workforce



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

How will the intensely-focused (digital) Gamer Generation react to interruptions in the workplace? This cohort of

90 million was born 1970 or later, bringing a keen ability to concentrate. Their workstyle feeds upon interruptions, according to John Beck and Mitchell Wade, co-authors of "Got Game: How the Gamer Generation Is Reshaping Business Forever" (Harvard Business, \$27.50).

However, interruptions generally tend to be viewed as completely negative in organizational life. "Work Interrupted," an article published in the Academy of Management Review by Quintus Jett and Jennifer George, explores them more deeply and divides them into four categories:

- Intrusions, temporary and "unexpected" interrupt the flow and continuity of an individual's work.
- Breaks, either "planned or spontaneous" recesses from work, "refresh the individual before returning to the work."
- Distractions, "triggered by external stimuli or secondary activities that interrupt focused concentration on a primary task," compete for a person's attention.
- Discrepancies, conflicting with expectations, disrupt a task altogether.

MULTITASKING

The fact that gamers are consummate multitaskers could lead to the misconception that they're impervious to

interruptions. In fact, they're constantly interrupting themselves. "The available scientific evidence suggests that the brain seldom truly multitasks," according to the book. "When it is moving between tasks, the brain actually stops for a few milliseconds." This generational study posits that concentrating while performing multiple tasks may be a challenge gamers welcome, because games encourage "rapid task switching."

Gamers need to be absorbed in their work. For them, the ultimate in lack of absorption, the greatest interrupter, is dull work, the distraction par excellence. It does not provide relief, nurture the spirit or contribute to what "Work Interrupted" calls the success of "non-taxing work in maintaining emotional well-being, job satisfaction and high levels of work performance."

COMPETITION

A lean workplace might seem to be ideal for a cohort that concentrates and remains on task. There are fewer people to do more work. Will this dearth feed on gamers' competitive skill? "Got Game" says, "To put it mildly, gamers believe that winning matters."

Young workers face routine, repetitive, even boring work. No challenge lies in typing, developing and implementing new filing systems, culling existing files, copying materials or preparing and disseminating mailings. Such tasks constitute some of the most unutterably dull work found at the starting gate that never quite disappears.

It would seem that one duty of established generations in the workforce is

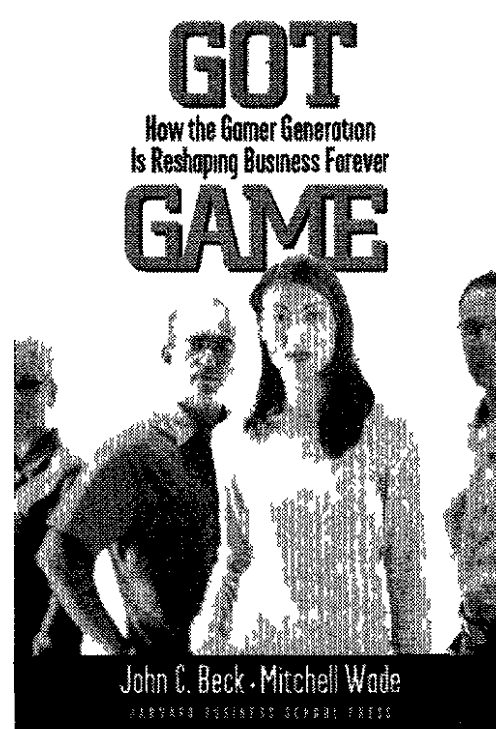
to make work lively again, similar to that of the 1970s and 1980s, when the baby boom surged into the workforce, planting its feet there and subsequently turning it upside down. The challenge now is for seasoned workers to imagine their way out of deadening tasks in the workplace, to rise above them and ask more of gamers, rather than less.

How do we remove the drudgery of work? This is more than a question of rewarding employees or allocating flextime to those who request it. It's a matter of opening up the workplace to the world outside of it so that people see beyond immediate surroundings. Games misrepresent the universe by setting limits in the form of finite boundaries. A broader scope will create a sense of possibility, of challenge. Then the highly competitive gamers themselves will be free to multitask to beat the band.

Seasoned workers must engage this cohort by explaining the competitive nature of particular tasks, of the freedom that results from closing down useless clerical systems and other mind-numbing work. Gamers must see that the competition isn't necessarily the person in the next cubicle or room. It may be a person in another company or on another continent.

We must inspire these workers to -- develop systems to minimize dull tasks, the worst distractions of all, -- define new markets, then run with them, and -- put their own stamp on a particular improvement.

In other words, we must draw out their entrepreneurial spirit and make their



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contributions count. For this group, the greatest reward will be the next exciting task or set of tasks challenging them, once again, to win. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2005 Passage Media.)

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I have fallen in love with satellite radio. It's a great thing for a car to have.

And the two major satellite radio providers have gained phenomenal gains in their subscriber base this year. No wonder. It's the best thing since canned beer and sliced bread.

The two satellite providers in the US are XM and Sirius, yes, as in the dog star.

XM Radio Holdings Inc., based in Washington, has more than tripled its subscriber base this year while Sirius, based in New York, has nearly quadrupled its subscriptions.

XM is clearly the largest, with subscribers topping out at more than 3 million last year. Sirius is lagging behind at just a million subscribers. I suspect cost is the determining factor -- in equipment, in ease of operation and in subscriber monthly costs.

But the two companies have been trying to outdo one another in a big way. Sirius signed a five-year contract to broadcast shock-jock Howard Stern's show starting next year, while XM secured a deal with Major League Baseball for an 11-year stint. Sirius also carries NFL games and the Big Ten college and football games.

The major draw behind satellite radio is the basic fact that it's 100 percent commercial-free. That doesn't mean there isn't any talk between tunes, however. I have to say it is very minimal -- the station you're listening to, maybe what you just heard or what you'll hear next.

There are more than 120 digital channels on XM, for example, which focuses on music, music, music.

Sirius has just about the same number of digital channels that do have music, but also has more talk radio and sports radio to listen to. All of it is available nationwide -- where ever you choose to go -- without ever having to deal with fading stations or pockets of non-coverage.

There's also full time instant traffic and weather for 21 individual markets, including Detroit. Other major markets include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis/St. Paul,



Commercial-free Sirius and XM satellite radio can come factory installed in new vehicles. But there are advantages to having aftermarket stores like Circuit City do it. Anne Fracassa put XM radio into her husband's 2002 Ford Explorer as a Christmas gift and he says it's a great if you want to tune out Detroit radio.

Orlando, Miami, Atlanta, Tampa and most of the major west coast cities.

There are also premium channels, like the adult-based Playboy Radio channel that will cost you about \$3 a month more.

XM charges you \$9.95 a month for the subscription and can cut that if you pay on a yearly basis. Sirius has a similar deal, but you'll pay \$14.95 a month for its service. Pretty reasonable for not having to listen to 45 minutes of commercials after your "35-minute rock block."

More than 15 different automakers have XM factory-installed in their vehicles, while Sirius is counting on Ford Motor Co. to boost its sales.

The unit doesn't necessarily have to come installed in the dash to use it, however. You can purchase satellite radio and have it installed on the top of your instrument panel, like we did in my household on my husband Hawke's Ford Explorer.

I've been forced to listen to CDs when I drive for a long time because there are too many annoying commercials and too many annoying air personalities in Detroit radio. Hawke told me I just want to hear music without stupid comments and without an endless stream of ads. I don't care about XM lets me play ethnic music when I'm in the mood for it, classic music when I need to be soothed and commercial-free sports talk when I want that. When my kids are in the car, they ask me to put on Disney and I love 1960s music. I can get that 24/7 if I want it.

What XM does for me is allow me to play music I want to hear, when I want to hear it. I can go where I want without having to carry around a huge cart of CDs and without having to force myself to listen to the blah,

blah, blah of deejays who say a lot and yet say nothing. The only thing I am disappointed about is that they do not have a channel for Italian music, which I would enjoy.

On the aftermarket-installed models like the one I bought at Circuit City, you also have the option of also using it on your person, attaching it to your home stereo system or installing it on a different vehicle -- switching between the two. In this case, buying aftermarket can have this distinct advantage.

I had the pleasure of installing a portable system on my husband's Ford Explorer as a surprise -- and to my surprise, he loved it. He uses it exclusive apart from his factory-installed stereo system. The intent of getting a portable system is to install it into my sport utility when we need the room to travel up north.

I do have a caveat, however. There are some channels you'll want to monitor for your children. There are channels that tend to use some pretty nasty language you really don't want your kids to be hearing at a tender age. So, be a parent if you get this and be vigilant.

Other than that, I really enjoy satellite radio, even though it was my preference to choose XM to put in his car. That's what I would rather have in my car, too. He's a music nut, not so much talk radio, so it was a perfect fit for him.

Take a look, I think you'll soon buy into it. Oh -- one local radio and electronics giant had the system for under \$100 over Christmas. Glad it's getting even more affordable.

Go see. Go buy. Go enjoy commercial-free radio. It's fun.

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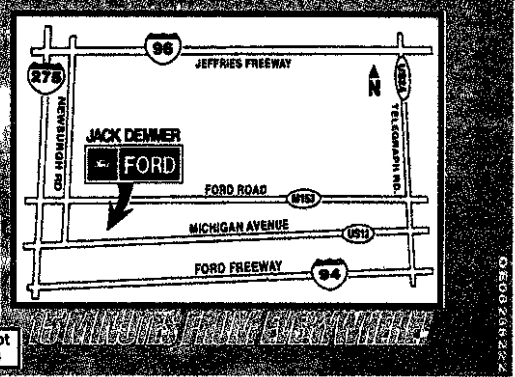
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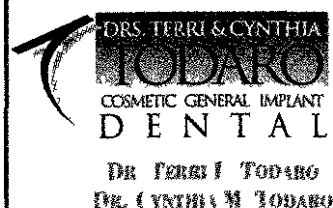
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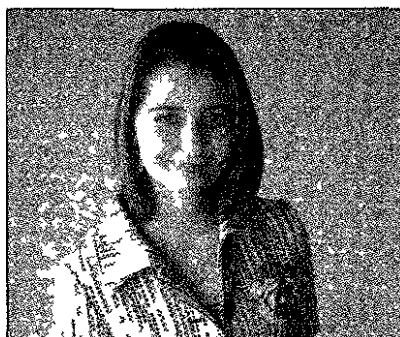


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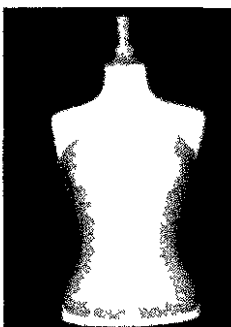
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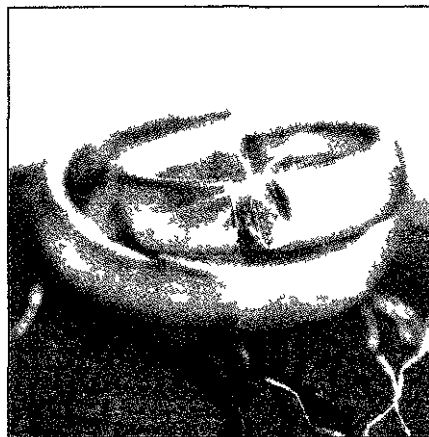
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An extremely beautiful person who accompanies a member of the opposite sex to a party or event, but is not romantically involved with that person (cf. eye candy).

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Artrageous 2005

The Fanclub Arts Foundation will present Artrageous 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road Artrageous — formerly known as Swingtime — will feature live entertainment, local art, delectable food, a live auction and jewelry, handbags and art for sale. A live fashion show will showcase clothing from Dolce Moda, along with wearable art by students from Wayne State University's Fashion Design and Merchandising Department and the International Academy of Design and Technology. Tickets are \$100, benefiting the Fanclub Arts Foundation which puts arts education within everyone's reach. For tickets or information, call 248-584-4150.



It's the season for wedding shows in Metro Detroit

Artseen - Murano Glass

The Founders Junior Council and Young Adult Division of Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Federation will hold Artseen, featuring Murano Glass from the Olmick Spanu Collection, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Detroit Institute of Arts Kresge Court. The party features a private viewing of stunning glass artwork from the Italian island of Murano, hors d'oeuvres, open bar and music by WAREZ. Modern chic attire please. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Call 313-833-3737 or purchase online at www.founderjuniorcouncil.org

BLISS Bridal show

Put together a fabulous wedding at BLISS! Bridal Fest. The event features wedding experts, the latest trends, prizes, strolling hors d'oeuvres, wine tastings, live fashion shows and more, noon-4 p.m. Jan. 30 at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Observer/Eccentric readers get two free tickets — mention code 'PINK' when reserving by phone or enter the code on the website. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Call 888-BLISS-11 or visit www.blissbridalfest.com

Bridal Celebrations

Plan your wedding in an afternoon, from engagement to honeymoon, as 75 area bridal merchants gather 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center, Dearborn. Admission is \$7 advance, \$8 at the door. Call 586-532-9200 or visit www.cbride.com for information and \$2 coupon.

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Marry Me at Twelve

Twelve Oaks Mall is seeking a couple to get married in the Center Court of the mall at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 as part of a unique contest, "Marry Me at Twelve." Winners will receive a wedding prize package worth up to \$50,000, including wedding gown, tuxes, rings, flowers, invitations, beauty services for the bride and more, along with favors, food and beverages for a reception of 100 people. Entry forms, available at the mall, are due Jan. 26. Visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com for more information.

Skin Deep in Technology

Visit Nordstrom on Jan. 22 and learn about the latest skincare treatments and technology from industry experts who will share the latest news. Following a breakfast presentation from 8-9:30 a.m., specialists will conduct one-to-one skincare consultations from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, plus tax. The event will be held in cosmetics on One at Nordstrom, Somerset. Call 248-816-5700 for information.

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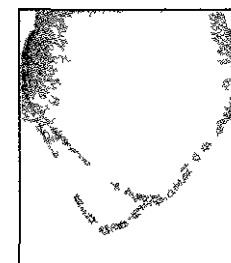
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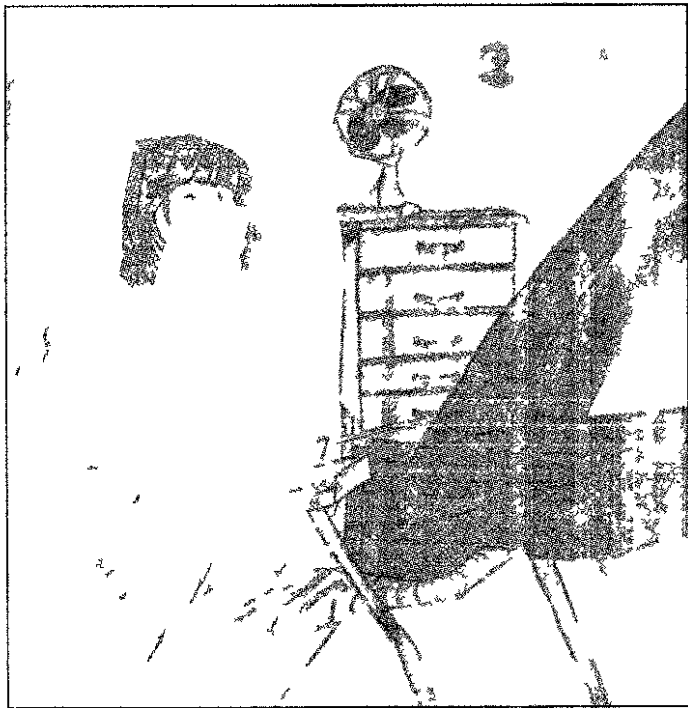
Local artist Anna Cangialosi



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Anna Cangialosi is featured in the new book *Imagemakers* a compilation of work by the 50 best contemporary fashion illustrators in the



Your Biggest Fan

Now when it comes to fashion, Anna Cangialosi's clothes don't scream high-maintenance. You won't find her sporting the latest designer labels, or spending time hunting down the hottest looks. She isn't particularly comfortable being pampered, or hamming it up in front of the camera. Instead, she's more at home in jeans covered with paint. Then why is Cangialosi quickly gaining a reputation as someone to watch in the world of fashion?

Because the 30-year-old artist from Berkley creates images that embody style by transcending trends.

Cangialosi's work — a modern mix of fashion illustration and fine art — is quickly attracting attention throughout Metro Detroit and beyond.

Her editorial illustrations have graced the pages of magazines like *HOUR*, *Detroit*, *Cosmo Girl* and *Nylon*.

At the same time, her fine art paintings have been exhibited in galleries from Detroit to Australia.

Cangialosi earned an associate's degree in fashion design at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Quickly realizing she was more interested in fashion illustration than design, she moved to Pasadena and studied at Art Center College of Design. Then, she returned to Detroit to finish her degree in illustration at the College for Creative Studies. Her paintings are mostly of women, often in awkward poses, placed in vague settings or none at all. She dresses them by piecing together clothing she finds

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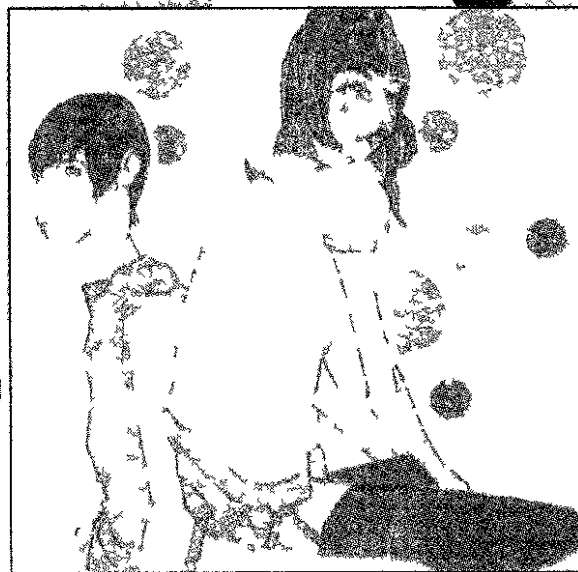
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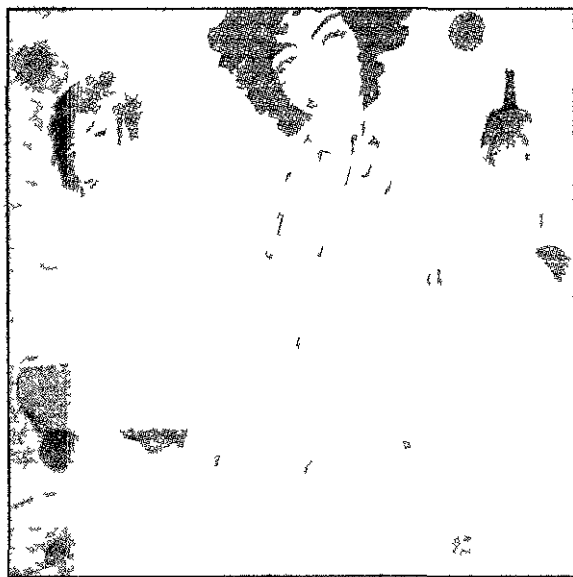
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paints with style

magazines — especially those from her favorite designer, Marc

but doing more retro paintings I'd be inspired by '50s fashion cata-
log of my work is inspired by my time in Japan. I am now concentrat-
ing on modern figures in modern clothing, she said. I don't think there
is a definition of style. I think it is different for everyone and that's
about it. You can be stylish by following trends, but most often it's
a style that is comfortable for you. I feel this also applies to art.”
Cangialosi's work contains her trademark polka dots — floating in
the background, overlapping figures, even dappling her subjects' cheeks.
She often sands or scratches the surface of paintings to add texture.
After experimenting with different mediums, I'd paint over fabric
and it just kind of evolved. Now I paint on wood with tissue and acrylic,
but it's fashion but it's not like your typical high-end, very pretty fashion
painting. It's more deconstructed, rougher.
Cangialosi works with Doner in Southfield doing fashion storyboards
for a retail company, which owns Lord & Taylor, Marshall Field's, and many
other chains across the country.
Her illustration recently was recognized by British fashion expert and
author Martin Dawber, who included her among 50 international artists in his
book *Image Makers: Cutting Edge Fashion Illustration*.
Cangialosi prepares for an exhibit at Gallery 1988 in Los Angeles this year,
and she'll be sharing some of her work with PINK. Let the paintings inspire the



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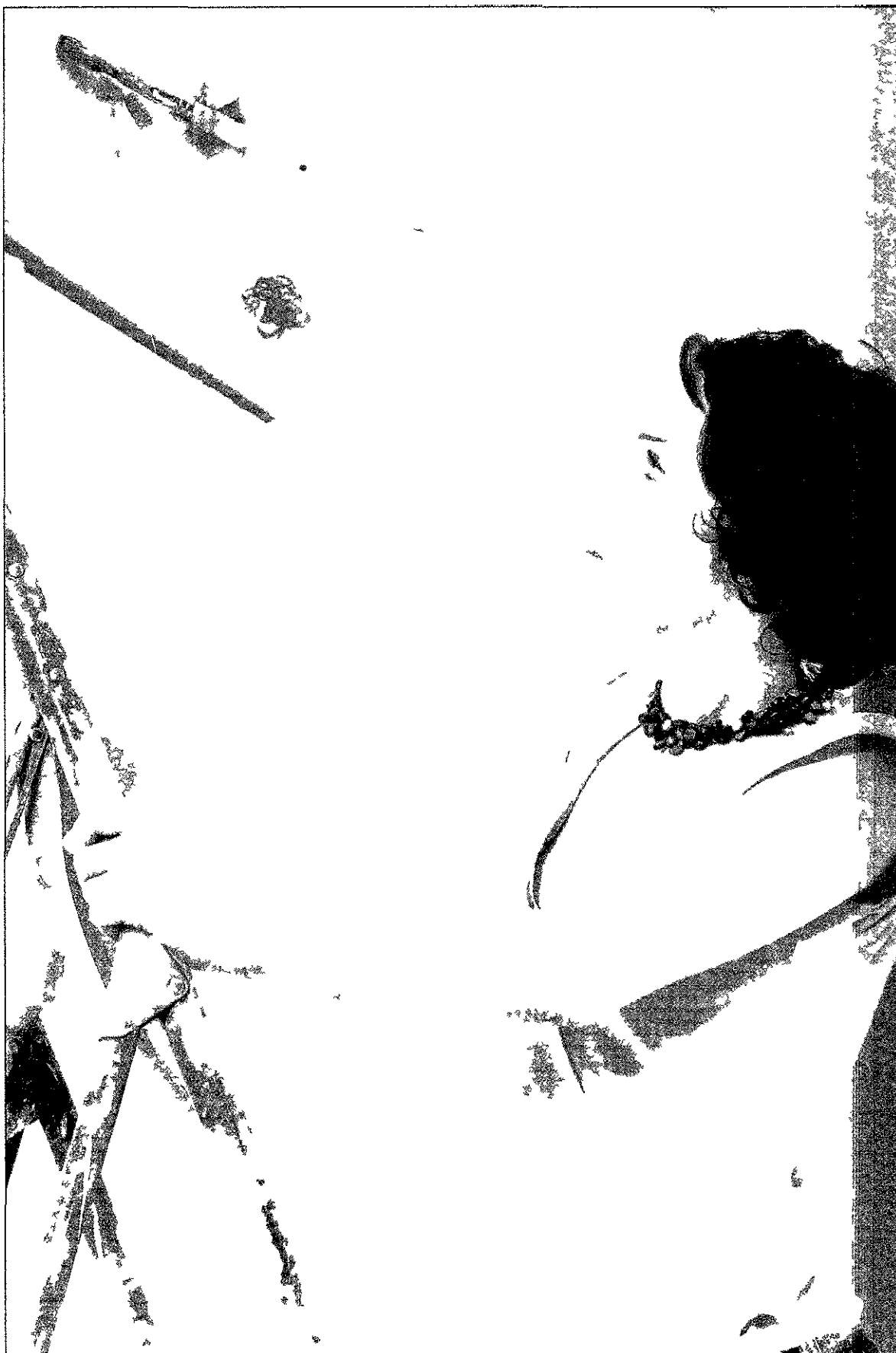


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Anna Cangialosi, used with the artist's permission

Horoscopes for fabulous hair

Aries: (March 21-April 19)

It's easy to get tangled up in other people's drama, but remember you have plenty of matters of your own to deal with first. Play devil's advocate this week and by week's end you'll be free to help again. A great conditioner can do wonders on the pesky tangles in your hair. Aussie 3-minute-miracle is a true tress savior.



Bumble and Bumble Surf adds texture and volume with a light hold. Perfect for Taurus wavy types.

Taurus: (April 20-May 20)

You have everything a girl could possibly need right now, Taurus. Relax, let your hair down, and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Loose waves are a perfect complement for your carefree attitude. The key to perfect waves lies in the product. Bumble and Bumble Surf adds that right amount of texture with little fuss.

Gemini: (May 21-June 22)

Itching for a change, but not quite sure where to begin? Experiment with different hair styles before getting in the chair this week. You might be able to work won-

ders with what you already have. Playful bangs are a great way to freshen up long locks without losing length.

Cancer: (June 23-July 22)

Sure you can battle this one on your own, but even strong Cancer could use a helping hand. Hair will be the last thing you concern yourself with this week, however you can still look chic with a sleek ponytail that will allow you to focus on the task at hand instead of your strands.

Leo: (July 23-Aug 22)

Get yourself noticed this week. You've stuck to those resolutions and now you are beginning to notice the results. A chic haircut, or even an overdue trim, will allow your lovely locks to highlight your accomplishments. You've never been more fabulous, Leo!

Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Now is the time to make yourself happy. Only you can truly make an impact on your own life. A sunny highlight can do wonders to lift the spirits, and brighten your lovely face as well.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23)

Crushes are great, but are you longing for more? Get your crush to notice you this week with romantic curls. A large barrel curling iron works on both straight and curly hair leaving your locks full of bounce and glamour a la Jessica Simpson.

Scorpio: (Oct 24-Nov 21)

Reach for the stars this week, both professionally and personally. You deserve the best after all you've put into your career and relationships. Get

yourself to a salon for a fabulous blow out, or spend the time at home with a boar bristle brush. Either way, glam it up with polish and style.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21)

The grass tends to look greener on the other side of the fence, but sometimes its best to work with what we already have. The same can be said for our hair color. If you're blonde, vamp up your 'do with golden highlights. Brunette? Add an auburn rise, or go darker. Remember to stay within 1-2 shades of your natural color for believable results.

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Your calendar is filling up right before your eyes. Enjoy your social butterfly status, but remember to look the part. A fun updo is a great way to keep it fresh. A loose bun, high pony tail, or a classic twist will keep you the belle of the ball event after event.

Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18)

Feeling adventurous? Go ahead, and live a little. Try new cuisine, take a trip, and step out of your fashion box. If you've ever craved long locks, give extensions a try. All of Hollywood is faking their length, why can't you?

Pisces: (Feb 21-March 20)

Something big is in the air. You have begun to see the whole picture, and a change is in the works. Keep it simple for now, especially regarding the little things. A hydrating shampoo and conditioner will battle the winter frizz and keep your locks fresh wherever life takes you these days.

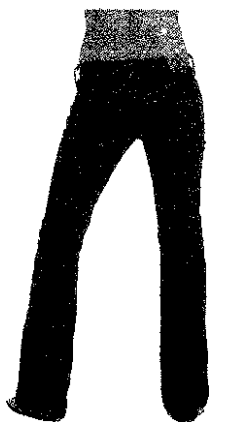


By Kat

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The next big things

NEW YORK — Out with the old — tailored pencil skirts — and in with the new — floor-length casual skirts. That's how Lucky is ushering in the new year.



The magazine's editors make predictions in the January issue of what will be the next big things, and longer, looser skirts, such as Kathy Kemp's lace version — top the list.

Indigo Hand jeans styled with a workman's cut are one of Lucky's picks for the next big thing. \$187 @ revolveclothing.com

Other trends foreseen in 2005 include the romantic Grecian look, achieved with the lines of a classical top or a rope-style belt, coral-colored makeup and Indigo Hand jeans, which have a clean and basic style reminiscent of workman's jeans.

Also look for jewelry that features a smaller sparkly rock within a big earthy stone.

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tried 'n' true

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Leave lines at the department store!

A new year is here, why not resolve to dissolve lines and freshen up your skin? It may seem like an urban myth, but there ARE ways other than surgery to make this happen. Recently popular is StriVectin-SD, known as the ultimate non-surgical way to dramatically diminish lines and stretch marks. It takes a few months and the product must be applied no less than 2-3 times a day. At \$135 a tube I wondered if I should just go for the medically-based treatments to get it over with. Then, the chain drugstore CVS came out with a StriVectin 'knock-off' for less than half the price of the original PreVentin-AT looks and claims to do exactly what StriVectin does, but retails for a mere \$29.99. As with all Tried 'n' Trues, I put the creams to the test by applying one to each side of my face and body twice a day for nearly two months! Each cream has nearly the same texture with its soft peppermint scent and comes in the same size bottle. Both do not provide adequate moisture (which they really

aren't meant to), so I always applied moisturizer and sunscreen over top. Both did exactly what it said they'd do by flattening fine lines, firming skin and correcting the discoloration of stretch marks, BUT the drugstore version did it faster — bottom line. The only advantage to StriVectin is that the company has recently released a formula made just for the eye area by basically taking out the peppermint oil, which can be an irritant to eyes. So, if you want to see results and are not in a hurry (it will take several months and a few tubes to truly erase lines), then yes, these products do the job. Why not pick up PreVentin-AT, the drugstore version (just be careful applying it near the eyes) to get smooth, revived skin for 2005. This way you'll have cash left over to splurge on those to-die-for Oliver Peoples Bella Donna sunglasses that'll expertly show off your smooth, toned and younger looking skin while protecting it from further damage!

StriVectin SD is available at department stores for \$135. PreVentin AT is available at CVS drug stores for \$29.99.

Aviator style

NEW YORK — The bomber jacket that Leonardo DiCaprio wears in *The Aviator* isn't Howard Hughes' original but it is based on a 75-year-old design.

Belstaff's Aviator collection, of which pieces are already being sold at Saks Fifth Avenue, is inspired by archival pieces from the company museum in Stock-on-Trent, England. Belstaff's hallmark is the performance of its fabrics. When it was producing jackets for airmen in the 1930s and 40s, the

jackets needed to be able to protect 'the aviators' from the rain, allow for movement and be adaptable to extreme temperatures.

A full Belstaff Aviator line including sportswear, glasses and boots, will be in stores this spring.

Belstaff actually has a role in three other current movies, *Ocean's Twelve*, *Blade Trinity* and *National Treasure*.

— Associated Press

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Von Dutch Tsunami Relief tee



DON'T Wear It!

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Donna Karen Iconic evening bag in camellia



Jewel It!

Arienne Jeannot seedbead necklaces

Face It!

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See It!

All the film awards contenders

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Red carpet for the Golden Globes (Are you a Star or a Rivers gal?)

Read It!

The Big Show by Steve Pond

Hear It!

Nightbird by Erasure



Drink It!

Chantico at Starbucks

Eat It!

Magical Leek Soup (See 1/9/05 Read It! pick)

Use It!

Yourself! Fitness virtual trainer for Xbox or PC (Playstation version coming soon!)

Do It!

Throw an awards show party at home

Experience It!

Tsunami relief fundraiser at Amici's Pizza and Living Room in Berkeley 1/17 @ 6 p.m.

Understand It!

What happened to Brad and Jen

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- Windtunnel Look

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Ask the Dentist

Q Dr. Levi, I want my children to have the healthiest teeth and gums possible. Will you prescribe a dental care program for my young family?

A Your concern about your family's oral health is very refreshing to a dentist who all too often spends time correcting problems rather than preventing them. Here's a basic outline for promoting sound oral health as your children grow.

Make sure your children have a balanced diet including servings every day of fruits, vegetables and cereals (whole grains). Include dairy products (milk and yogurts), meat and legumes, fish and eggs. This balance of protein, vitamins, minerals and nutrients should also be followed by the whole family. Limit sugars and starches to help prevent decay. Surely they are going to consume candy, ice cream and cake on occasion. After such consumption, encourage rinsing the mouth thoroughly with water.

In the infant period, stimulate their gums daily as teeth begin to erupt with a gentle finger massage while cleaning new teeth with a soft infant toothbrush. This will help soothe the discomfort of erupting teeth. If pain persists, there are alternatives.

I discourage thumb sucking after age 4 as it can cause crowded and crooked teeth. This can lead to orthodontic expenses later.

If your child loses a tooth from an injury, remain calm. Rinse off the tooth, but don't touch the root. If possible, put the tooth in a glass of milk and get to my office immediately.

When children become active in sports or contact activity, get well fitted mouth guards. These preventative measures will protect those precious smiles for years to come.

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Laser Eye Institute

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Ask the Jeweler

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